

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

March 2022

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN...

Didn't we just finish Christmas? I find myself preparing for Lent now and it just seems so fast from birth of Jesus to the death and resurrection. None the less here we are preparing for our Lenten journey together. Yes, it is a journey and sometimes I think we miss that in the hurry to get to Easter. I understand the need to get to resurrection and skip the harder parts of the journey. However if we do that we miss the point of Lent.



Joel 2:12-14 says, "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing — grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God."

Early Brethren would take this time very serious and even to the point that the Deacons would go home to home and ask folks about their spiritual well-being. I wish to some extent we still checked in on each other in such a way.

Brothers and Sisters I hope that you will join me this Lenten season in revisiting the journey to the cross. We will be having services March 2 - Ash Wednesday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday, April 15 - Good Friday, April 16 - Holy Saturday --- all at 7:00 p.m. and, of course, April 17 - Easter. Ash Wednesday is to remind us the importance of repentance of our sins. Maundy Thursday is to remind us to be servants. Good Friday is reminding us the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf. Holy Saturday reminds us that not even Hell can hold us back in Christ. Easter reminds us that even in the greatest darkness there is great light in Christ. I will also be offering a Wednesday morning Lenten study at 10am at the Church starting on March 9th. I hope you will make time to participate in each one of these and I guarantee that your life will be forever changed.

Pastor Dan Johnson

HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER



During their February meeting, the Hands and Hearts ministry put together Valentine packages to our church family who are in college. Packages were mailed that contain post-it notes, Kleenex, chap-stick, antimicrobial wipes, tic-tacs, Hershey kisses, gummies, a pen, and chewing gum. We also enclosed a letter signed by the group that told them how proud we are of them along with a prayer that G-d would protect them.

For some of the 'seniors' in our congregation, we created big heart signs to put in their front yards. One side says, "YOU ARE A BLESSING" and the other side says, "WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." Heart signs were also delivered to some of our church family living in nursing homes. A photo taken during the February meeting is included on page 4.

All are invited to come and participate in this caring ministry that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. This month's gathering will be on March 1. We would love to have you join us! If you need a ride or would like additional information about this group, contact Wanda Rudman, 301-508-7530 or wandarudman@gmail.com.

This group meets through April. Please mark your calendar and join us again on April 5th for our last gathering until fall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd this year. Grossnickle Church will be offering two Ash Wednesday services – 2pm and 7pm, in hopes that you can attend one of them.

Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten season in which we observe certain practices to remind us to focus on God. Ash Wednesday's focus is on our sinful nature and the need for repentance. In the service you will be reminded that we are all from ash and to ash we will return. Life is fleeting and we need to "get right" with the Lord sooner than later. The sign of the ash cross on our foreheads is to show that we are repentant of our sin.

Please come and join in this reflective time and the start of the wondrous season of Lent.

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP



The Outreach Commission is always looking for extra help with Adopt-A-Road. If you've been thinking about joining us, we surely would love to have you. It is a fun way to get out and enjoy Mother Nature. Please contact Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629, if you can help with our next cleanup on Saturday, March 5th, starting at 8:30am.

Grossnickle Church commits to picking up trash along Meeting House Road four times each year. Please mark your calendar now and plan to participate in one or all future cleanups during 2022 – June 4, September 17, and December 3.

SPRING FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



Our Outreach Commission invites everyone to participate in our Spring Food Pantry Drive on Sunday, March 27 to benefit Salem United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Salem's Pantry is currently well stocked in most items, but we are told that items they could really use now are: laundry detergent, dishwasher soap, bar soap, hand soap, and shampoo. Other items they can always use, but are not needed as urgently are toilet paper and paper towels.

The Pantry is very well stocked in most foods but food items that could be used are condiments, salad dressing, snack items, and beverages like tea, coffee, and juice boxes.

Grocery store gift cards are welcome and help make the purchase of meats and fresh fruits and vegetables possible. Please place gift cards in the wooden locked box hanging on the wall in the narthex.

Please check expiration dates on all products. Expired food will not be delivered to the Pantry. Thanks so much for supporting this wonderful effort! Salem UMC tells us the families that visit are always so appreciative.

OUTREACH NEWS

NEW PROJECT... OUTREACH is entering into a new project with CWS! We are going to be collecting **Emergency Clean-up Buckets** to aid in Disaster Response. "When Disasters strike, your help makes all the difference". CWS Emergency Clean-up Buckets cost approximately \$75.00 each, plus \$3.00 for shipping per bucket. Items purchased must be new and sealed. Individuals can either purchase a whole bucket, or can help fill a bucket with the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This project will run for the entire month of April. Please consider participating in this worthy cause. Questions, please call Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629, or Diane Moser, 240-397-1652.

Hebrews 13:16 - And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need.

"YOUNG AT HEART" MEALS ON WHEELS has **canceled** all remaining meals for the 2021-22 season as a precautionary measure to help lessen the risk of spreading Covid during this time of increased cases. The Outreach Commission and the Meals on Wheels team will re-evaluate later this year. It is their hope to resume Meals on Wheels deliveries in the fall for the 2022-23 season of this ministry.

MID-WEEK PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

KIDS KLUB (K-5th grade)

March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 (closing program)

Program leader: Lois Ann Glessner

#JHGS (6th-8th grades)

March 2, 16 and 30 (closing program)

Program leader: Amy Flook

Kids Klub meets weekly on Wednesday and **#JHGS** meets bi-monthly on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Both groups meet from 6:30-8:00 pm and both groups will meet through the end of March, concluding with a **special closing program on March 30th.**

MEAT CANNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The 2022 Meat Canning Project will be canning chicken at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, Pennsylvania during the week after Easter. The goal of the canning project is to help feed people experiencing food insecurity, both locally and overseas.

Grossnickle Church has signed on to provide volunteers on Wednesday, April 20. We will leave from the parish hall parking lot at 6:45 in the morning to arrive for the 9:00-2:30 shift. If you would like to help with the 2022 Meat Canning Project, please contact Marion Leatherman at 301-293-4266.

PREPARATIONS FOR GRADUATE SUNDAY

The CEC would like to have the names of students in our church family who will be graduating from high school or college this spring. Names, and if you are a HS or college grad, are needed so preparations can be made for the meaningful celebration we offer our graduates.



Please provide this information to the church office as soon as possible. Please have names in by April 1st. Letters will be sent out to graduates the first week of April.

41ST ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION

Mark your calendar! The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held Saturday, May 7, starting at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Last year, \$72,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.



Bring your friends and family and bid on the beautiful quilts, browse through a variety of items available for purchase, enjoy some delicious food, and support this annual effort.



HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER assembled packages for college students and signs for 'seniors' in our church family during their February meeting.

REMINDER...
Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 13.
Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

APRIL AT-A-GLANCE

- 5 – Hands & Hearts Together
- 9 – Easter Egg Hunt
- 10 – Children’s Easter Program
- 10 – 17 – **HOLY WEEK** (see events listed on page 6)
- 17 – **EASTER DAY**
- 20 – Meat Canning (Ephrata, PA)
- 24 – Children’s Sunday / Ventriloquist



NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU for the many beautiful cards, kind thoughts and wonderful phone calls that I received on my birthday. I have enjoyed reading the lovely cards and deeply appreciate you thinking of me. I miss being in church with you all. God bless you all. With love, Mae Wilson

THANK YOU... The family of Lee Wolf would like to thank the church for the cards, support, and all your prayers shown to us during the difficult time since Lee's passing.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

OFFERING OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend heartfelt sympathy to family & friends of the following individual(s) on their recent death.

Michelle Rogers . . . January 21, 2022

Hazel Barkdoll . . . January 29, 2022

Hazel was the wife of Stan Barkdoll, a longtime pastor in the Church of the Brethren.

OFFERING OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We offer congratulations to the family of the following new little bundle of joy.

Chase Rodman Myers. . . January 23, 2022

Parents: Abbey & Daniel Myers. Grandparents: Denny & Kathy Moser. Great-grandmother: Grace Moser.

2022 Easter Flower Order Form



Let's fill our worship space with beautiful flowers on Easter Day, April 17. A variety of flower options are available from T&C Greenhouses. Please complete the order information below. Also, please include a phone number where you can be reached if there is a question about your order. A list of persons honored and remembered will be included in the Easter worship bulletin.

Make checks payable to "Grossnickle Church of the Brethren." Indicate "for Easter flowers."

Please submit order forms to Vicki Linton or Myralee Wiles no later than **Sunday, March 6**. Orders may also be submitted by phone or email to: Vicki at 301-797-1094 or velquitter@gmail.com or to Myralee at 301-293-1037 or myraleeqw@comcast.net.

Please indicate the total number of each color you are ordering:

- LILIES: \$ 9.50 each ___ white ___ yellow ___ red ___ orange
- TULIPS: \$ 8.50 each ___ purple ___ pink ___ pink ___ white
- HYACINTHS: \$ 8.50 each ___ purple ___ pink ___ light purple
- MUMS: \$ 8.50 each ___ yellow ___ light purple
- DAFFODILS: \$10.00 each ___ daffodils*

(*Daffodil quantities are limited. Speak with Vicki Linton before ordering.)

1) In HONOR or MEMORY of _____
 (please circle one) Flower & color: _____
 Given by _____

2) In HONOR or MEMORY of _____
 (please circle one) Flower & color: _____
 Given by _____

3) In HONOR or MEMORY of _____
 (please circle one) Flower & color: _____
 Given by _____

Please check here if continuing order on back or on a separate form.

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Name of person ordering: _____

Phone number of person ordering: _____

MARCH 2022 WORSHIP



**GROSSNICKLE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**Ash
Wednesday
Services**

**March 2, 2022
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 10 Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
 April 14 Maundy Thursday Love Feast, 7:00 pm
 April 15 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
 April 16 Holy Saturday Service, 7:00 pm
 April 17 Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
 April 17 Easter Worship, 10:30 am

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

MARCH 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE & HELPERS						
DATE	MESSAGE • SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
6	"Welcome to Church" Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Ethan Grossnickle	Elvin Stottlemeyer	Denny Webb	Jack Cornell	Sharon Hipkins
13	"Focus" Luke 13:31-35	Kayla Riggs	Justin Riggs	Hanser family	Patrick Mahoney	Doris Grossnickle
20	"Come and get yourself together" Isaiah 55:1-9	Bobby Riggs	Harmony Johnson	Jeff & Patty Hurwitz	Grace Ellis	Jennifer Blickenstaff
27	"Ambassadors" 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Harmony Johnson	Katie Rudman	Tanya Miller	Olivia Zeigler	Christy Kehlbeck

MARCH SPECIAL MUSIC



Join us during worship for...

Karen Riggs – March 13
 Fertile Soil – March 20

... and enjoy the musical gifts they will share.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



The 2022 Flower Chart is posted on the hallway bulletin board. To provide flowers for Sunday morning worship during the coming year, please sign-up now.

Contact the church office, 301-293-9516, with any questions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are hoping Sunday mornings this winter will be free of snow and ice. But, if it ever seems wise to cancel Sunday School and/or Sunday morning worship, there will be a message on the church answering machine (301- 293-9516) and the information will be posted on the website (gcob.org) and on Facebook. We trust that people will use good judgment about traveling on winter roads and walking across a parking lot that may still be snow-covered. We want our church to be open and available for worship whenever safely possible. -The Church Board

MARCH 2022

Deacons of the Month: Patty & Jeff Hurwitz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9a-11a Hands & Hearts Together (PH) 7p Board meeting	2 2p & 7p Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30p-8p Kids Klub ▪ #JHGS	3	4	5 8:30a Adopt-A-Road
6 <i>My 2¢ for Hunger</i> offering Easter Flower orders due	7	8 7p James Gang meeting	9 10a-11a Lenten Study 6:30p-8p Kids Klub 6:30p-7:30p Revelation Study	10 7p Outreach meeting	11	12 7a-1p Meals on Wheels prep (PH) CANCELED
13	14	15 April newsletter articles due	16 10a-11a Lenten Study 6:30p-8p Kids Klub ▪ #JHGS 6:30p-7:30p Revelation Study	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 10a-11a Lenten Study 6:30p-8p Kids Klub	24	25	26
27 Food Pantry Drive	28	29	30 10a-11a Lenten Study 6:30p-8p Kids Klub ▪ #JHGS Closing Activities	31 1p Music & Worship meeting		

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School † 10:30 a.m. – Family Worship

A recording of the worship service will be made available by email and on Facebook on Sunday afternoons.

GENERAL IN-OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Dan: Tue-Wed-Thu ▪ 9am-12pm † Secretary Kathie: Tue-Wed-Thu ▪ 8am-4pm

SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

PASTOR DAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Wed-Thu 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone – 301-293-9516

Church Secretary – Kathie Tucker

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Pastor Dan's email: pastord10972@gcob.org

Secretary Kathie's email: kathie.tucker@gcob.org

Parsonage – 301-508-7242

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GIVING THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offerings to GCOB can be presented in the following ways:

Offering plate – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate during worship and Sunday school.

Online – Visit www.gcob.org and click on DONATE.

Mail – Send checks to Grossnickle COB, P.O. Box 575, Myersville, MD 21773. Indicate "offering" on check.

Make checks payable to "Grossnickle COB." Thank you!

Please submit news items for the **April 2022 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than **Tuesday, March 15th.**

Thank you!

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