

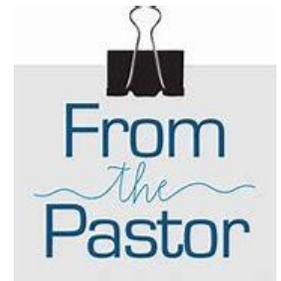
The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN...

Aubrie asked me a question a while back and I have to admit, like most of her questions it was a good one. She asked why does God give us free will and then require us to believe in His Son in order to get to heaven? Wouldn't it be more loving to make us so we all get to heaven? You've got to love smart, discerning teenagers, right? At the moment I wanted to say let me get back to you, but she wanted an answer now!



Little did she know that I have been wrestling with this same question for years as I have always struggled with the verse in Exodus that says God hardened Pharaoh's heart. When I first read that I thought, God didn't even give the man a chance to change. However, as I have exhaustively studied the subject I have come to a few conclusions. One that I think is the best is that the translation from Hebrew to English is flawed. Most scholars agree that it should read more like the thought of God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Pharaoh was consumed with pride and his pride would not allow him to submit to anyone.

Back to Aubrie's question, why does God give us free will and then require we believe in His Son to get to heaven? I don't believe we are to look at this as being set up for failure, but more as being set up for success. You see the only reason someone would not choose Jesus as their Savior once they are introduced to Him is pride. Pride makes us think we are in charge. Pride makes us think we are gods. Pride makes us think we need no help. So the thought of God makes our hearts harden. However, we remove our pride and we open our world to a whole new perspective. We are not alone. We are not in charge. This is not all there is.

Why does God allow us free will? So we can make the choice to be free in deed, in Him and Him alone. I pray that as we take this journey of faith together that our pride takes a back seat to our faith. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Pastor Dan Johnson

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday—a call for Christians around the world, of all backgrounds and theological traditions, to remember that we are, in fact, all one in Christ and that the table from which we receive is God’s table, not our own. During the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, October 2, we will receive the Bread and Cup.

Next month, on Sunday evening, November 13, at 6:00 pm we will share in the full Love Feast and Communion around tables in the Parish Hall.

Whenever we receive the broken Bread and poured Cup we proclaim, “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...” (Ephesians 4:5). All are welcome at the Table of the Lord!

OUTREACH NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER... On September 6 our group met for the first meeting of the 2022-23 season and did a planning session. Also, our group signed up for September’s Rock Ministry message. Lots of good works are in process. Way to go ladies!! During our October meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, we will be making soups to share and, also, making blankets to donate. Please join us! This caring ministry meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. Helping hands and hearts of all ages are always welcome and useful! To learn more, speak with Wanda Rudman or Pam Jouannet.

HEALTH KITS REPORT... Thank you to all who helped support the CWS Health Kits Drive over the summer. A total of 37 kits were collected! The kits will be delivered soon to New Windsor for distribution. Thank you once again to all who participated in this annual Outreach project!

FAHRNEY KEEDY YARDSALE REPORT... September 10th was a beautiful day and lots of good stuff was sold! The sale brought in \$2,000 (which is about average). Many thanks to Ruth & Ray Hinkle, Sara Wolfe, Mark Hinkle, Francene, Mike and Olivia Zeigler, Kelsey Stansbury, Cathie Clemson, Pam Jouannet, and Kay. Thinking of Fall cleaning? Fahrney Keedy is always looking for items in good, sellable condition. Please contact Ruth Hinkle, 301-293-1026, if you have donations.

ROCK MINISTRY... We will continue this work next year and are requesting volunteers for 2023. Please let Pam Jouannet (301-293-3629) or Diane Moser (240-397-1652) know if you would be willing to help out with this ministry to our community.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE



The 55th district conference for the Church of the Brethren’s Mid-Atlantic District will be held October 14-15, 2022 at Easton Church of the Brethren in Easton, Maryland. Some hybrid options will be available. The theme will be “In Step with Each Other,” based on Colossians 3:15-17. Ellen Wile will serve as Moderator.

GCOB needs four people to serve as delegates for the business meeting. If you are willing and able to represent us, please call the church office, 301-293-9516, or contact Church Board Chair, Danny Rumpf.



2022 Growing Project

Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 23 @ 2:30 pm

Growing Project Farm

11720 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773

Please join in the fun as we gather to celebrate and thank God for another bountiful harvest.

Service of Thanksgiving @ 3:00 pm

Cake Auction

American and Timorese Foods

Scarecrow Workshop

Games

Hayride*

(*hayride tour at the farm leaves promptly at 2:30)



During 2022 we are supporting a program in Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of malnutrition in the world, with 46% of children under five suffering from chronic malnutrition/stunting. Many subsistence households experience annual food shortages, largely due to poor agricultural productivity and insufficient outputs. This program is working to improve child nutrition and the overall family food security of poor and vulnerable farmer families in the District of Liquica.

A LOOK AHEAD FOR CHRISTIAN ED

***Practice for this year's Christmas play** will start Sunday, October 30th. It will be held from 9-9:30am in the sanctuary. Harmony will be directing once again. Please be watching for more information.

*The **Children's Christmas Program** will take place December 11th during the worship hour.

*The annual **Advent Dinner** will be held directly after church on December 11th. Chicken will be provided and we ask everyone to bring a dish to share. There will be kids' crafts, singing, bingo, and more. Come share in this seasonal tradition with our church family.

*We are bringing back **Reverse Advent!** This will be announced mid-October. We will once again be collecting items to benefit our local schools (Wolfsville, Myersville, Middletown, Smithsburg and Lincoln Elementary Schools). Lists of needed items will be supplied soon. All items are due by December 11th.

2022-23 WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Grossnickle Church is pleased to announce the following two mid-week programs will start up the 2022-23 sessions in November.

KIDS KLUB for all children K-5th grade will be kicking off November 2nd. Kids Klub will meet every Wednesday** from 6:30-8pm from November through March. Lois Ann Glessner will once again be leading the children through lessons, games, crafts and fun.

JUNIOR HIGH GOD SQUAD (#JHGS) will also be starting November 2nd. This group will meet bi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays** from November through the end of March. This year, we are delighted to have Jeanine Harshman as our fearless leader. #JHGS is for all middle school aged children. #JHGS will meet from 6:30-8pm on the following dates:

Nov 2 * Nov 16 * Dec 7 * Dec 21 * Jan 4 * Jan 18 * Feb 1 * Feb 15 * Mar 1 * Mar 15 * Mar 29 (closing)

There will be a **closing for both groups of students and their families** on March 29th. We hope to have lots of our youth take advantage of these great mid-week programs!

Welcome letters and Registration forms will be sent out via email in mid-October. **Please note these groups do not meet when Frederick County Public Schools are closed.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- 01 – Hands & Hearts Together
- 02 – Kids Klub & #JHGS begin
- 03 – Congregational Business Meeting
- 06 – New Members Dinner
- 13 – Fall Love Feast
- 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service @ Salem UMC
- 27 – Hunger Meal hosted by the Youth
- 27 – Advent begins

CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTOS



CREEK BAPTISMS

On Sunday, August 28th three adults and ten children were baptized in Middle Creek at the back of the Hurwitz Farm. Many folks came to witness the baptisms and support the new members as they took this important step in their faith development. Following the service of baptism a light meal and s'mores were available for all who attended.

(Photos continued on next page.)



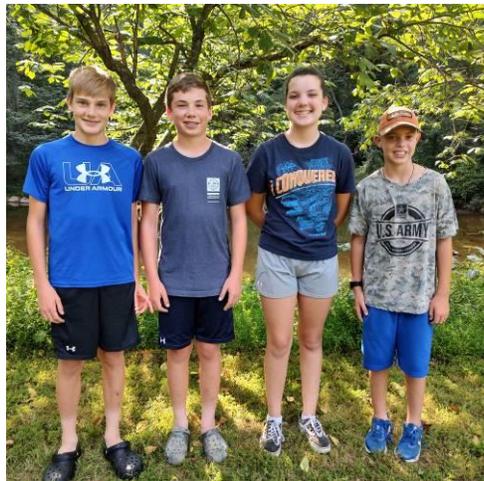
Certificate of Baptism

*"When you were buried with him in baptism,
you were also raised with him through faith
in the power of God."*

—Colossians 2:12

In the Church of the Brethren, baptism is for people old enough and mature enough to understand the meaning of choosing to follow Jesus Christ. We call this "believers' baptism." We understand baptism to be:

- A response to God's saving act through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- An act of obedience to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ
- A symbol of cleansing and new life
- A public witness of the covenant relationship with God
- An initiation rite into the church, the body of Christ
- An ordination into ministry
- A beginning—not something completed, but the start of the Christian's pilgrimage of faith.



NEW MEMBERS DINNER

A New Members Dinner will be held after worship on November 6. This will be a time of fellowship for the whole church family and an opportunity to learn more about our new members who were received into membership through creek baptism on August 28, 2022.

Please mark your calendar and plan to share in this time of celebration with our new members: Amanda Ahalt, Caroline Ahalt, Layla Ahalt, Jack Cornell, Shepherd Flook, Connor Grimm, Jamison Grossnickle, Jackson Hanser, Mollie Hanser, Andrew Leatherman, Allison Rumpf, and Brock Skeen.

NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU... It's hard to put into words how thankful we are for all the love and support you've shown us in the last few weeks since Robert's passing. We are so thankful for our church family! - The Delauter Family

THANK YOU... With heartfelt thanks to the kind and caring family at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for the cards, prayers and thoughts and many kind gestures shown our family at the passing of my beloved mother, Grace Garver. Also thanks so much for the same love shown to me during this time of recovery with vein issues in my legs. Your prayers are at work as I persevere through these days knowing that the Lord is ever present. With Love and sincere gratitude, Donna Lee Grossnickle

THANK YOU... I would like to thank the people who traveled to Waverly, Tennessee to do BDM work to rebuild homes damaged by a flood. That area received 17 inches of rain in 24 hours in 2021. We teamed up with a crew from Southern Ohio District and together we were able to work on six different homes. Those who gave of their time and talents were: Kevin Leatherman, Justin Riggs, David Doyle, Kevin Self, Steve Loiacono, Wayne Fisher and Marion Leatherman. It was a very productive week with lots of good fellowship. Again, many thanks.
- Marion Leatherman, BDM Coordinator



THANK YOU... We offer our gratitude to the Trustees and other 'worker bees' who continue to work on projects around the church. Thank you to all who helped install the new doors on the front of the church building and, also, repair the window ledge in the church office. Thanks, also, to all who lend a hand around the church in so many ways to keep the church running so Grossnickle Church can continue the work of Jesus. May God Bless you abundantly!

THANK YOU... On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you for your generous gift of \$895.00 on August 29, 2022, which will be applied to Ukraine Crisis 2022. Support from companies like yours is truly making an impact in the lives of those we serve every day. I am profoundly grateful for your commitment to the Red Cross mission. Thank you once again for standing with us to help turn heartbreak into hope. Sincerely, Gail J. McGovern, President and CEO, American Red Cross

THANK YOU... We are deeply grateful to your congregation for supporting Bridgewater College. The Church of the Brethren's values of community and service to others form the bedrock of who we are and are instilled in our students every day. With your help we will continue to foster educated citizens who are innovative, adaptable and courageous---ready to tackle the issues of today's global society and make the world a better place. Sincerely, Tyler J. Bradley M '21, Director of Engagement & Annual Giving

CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFERING OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

Bruce Henry . . . August 22, 2022

(Husband of Pastor Rebecca "Becky" Henry, ordained minister in the Mid-Atlantic District.)

George Calvin Pearl, Sr . . . September 2, 2022

Linda (Leatherman) Delaughter . . . September 9, 2022

OCTOBER 2022 WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & HELPERS						
DATE	SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE	WORSHIP LEADER	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
02	2 Timothy 1:1-14 "Legacy"	Karen Riggs	Elvin Stottlemeyer	Pam & Thomas Jouannet	Paige Leatherman	Katie Rudman
	USHERS: Finance Commission					
09	Jeremiah 29:1-7 "Moving and grooving with God"	Kayla Riggs	Justin Riggs	Brock Skeen & Steve Loiacono	Landon Smith	Sharon Leatherman
	USHERS: Vicki Grossnickle, Vicki Linton, Jennifer Blickenstaff, Christy Kehlbeck					
16	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 "Preach the message"	Ethan Grossnickle	Kelly Rumpf	Patsy & TJ Houck	Allison Rumpf	Kristie Delauter
	USHERS: Karen Riggs, Diane Harne, Diane Moser, Kim Horine					
23	Message by Sophie Cornell Lethbridge	Fred Rudman	Myralee Wiles	Eugene & Kevin Delauter	Shepherd Flook	Abby Grossnickle
	USHERS: Tom Westwood, David Delauter, Keith Delauter, Dale Delauter					
30	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 "Prayers to shine in the dark"	Ellie Grossnickle	Harmony Johnson	David & Amanda Ahalt & family	Shannon Mahoney	TBD
	USHERS: The Johnson family – Dan, Harmony, Aubrie, Wesley					

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



Would you like to brighten the Sanctuary with flowers during Sunday morning worship? If so, please check the flower chart on the hallway bulletin board for available dates and write your name beside the date(s) you will provide flowers.

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Do this in Remembrance of Me

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Bread & Cup offered during worship

PARISH HALL USAGE

The Parish Hall was built by the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren to provide a place for the fellowship life of the congregation. Use of the facility also is available to members, by reservation, for gatherings (i.e. family events, reunions, and wedding receptions). Use by non-profits in the community must be pre-approved by the Church Board and requires a usage fee of \$150. We do not rent to the general public.

All Parish Hall use must be arranged through the church office. After availability is confirmed, a reservation form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the church office before the reservation will be accepted. Also, a fee of \$75, payable to the custodian, is due at the time of reservation. This fee is refundable if the parish hall is left in the same condition it was found.

Please note that when an emergency church event (i.e. funeral meal) needs to take place, it is understood that such a church event will take priority over other scheduled activities.

Copies of the PARISH HALL RESERVATION FORM are available in the rack beside the church office. You may contact the church office at 301-293-9516 or kathie.tucker@gcob.org to inquire about reserving the Parish Hall.

OCTOBER 2022

Deacon of the Month: Myralee Wiles

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>My 2¢ for Hunger</i> offering Worldwide Communion Sunday Bread & Cup during worship	3	4 Hands & Hearts Together, 9-11a (PH) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Secretary Kathie off</div>	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Secretary Kathie off</div>	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Secretary Kathie off</div>	7	8
9 Parish Hall reserved, 12n-5p	10	11	12	13 November newsletter articles due	14 15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Mid-Atlantic District Conference October 14-15, 2022 Easton Church of the Brethren</div>	
16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	18 Board meeting, 7p <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>
23 Harvest Festival, 2:30p <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Pastor Dan off</div>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9-9:30a Christmas Play Practice (sanctuary)	31					

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

55th Annual Mid-Atlantic 2022

District Conference

October 14 & 15
Easton, MD

CHANGE OF VENUE!

Easton Church of the Brethren

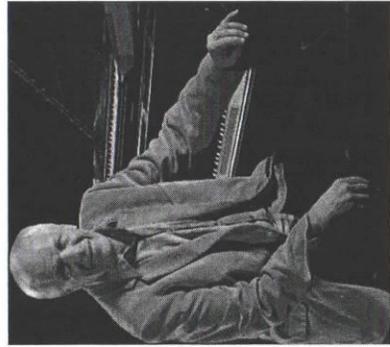
412 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601-2805

- In-person attendance limited to 125
- Face masks required
- Hybrid options will be available
- Delegates may attend and vote by zoom



Featuring Ken Medema

Friday Evening Concert • 8 PM



For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled.

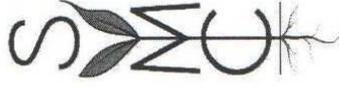
One of the most creative and authentic artists performing today, Ken custom designs every musical moment of his performance with brilliant improvisation that defies description. With an ever-growing circle of friends around the world, Ken's vocal and piano artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to 50,000 people in 49 United States and in more than 15 countries on four continents.

A virtual concert option will be available

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

“God Calls Ordinary People”

SVMC is a partnership for ministry education between five Church of the Brethren districts: Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA, as well as Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary.



SVMC provides Church of the Brethren ministry training . . . Graduate and certificate-level classes are offered locally—all grounded in the principles and practices of Brethren tradition. We anticipate offering 14 courses in the 2022-23 academic year. Most students who complete their training apply for ordination and minister within our geographic area.

SVMC offers lifelong learning . . .

Continuing education events offer growth opportunities for pastors, but anyone is welcome to attend. Registration is required. Visit the SVMC website for registration details. Upcoming events:

- **Preaching and Spiritual Care**
Monday, October 10, 2022, Juniata College
Presenter: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm
- **Violent Extremism: Radicalization and Boko Haram**
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Stone CoB
Presenter: Dr. Amr Abdalla
- **Brethren Heritage: A virtual tour from Schwarzenau to North America**
Monday, October 24, 2022, Zoom
Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum

SVMC needs you . . .

- to identify and call forth leaders for ministry service
- to support these efforts with prayer
- to undergird the work with your gifts

Tuition covers only one-fourth of SVMC's operating expenses. Your individual and congregational support helps us to keep costs affordable for the next generation of Brethren leaders.

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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am
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

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

Parsonage – 301-508-7242
11318 Meeting House Road, Myersville, MD 21773

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 **November 2022 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Thursday, October 13th.

Thank you!

October 2022

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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