

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

April 2023

Holy Week & Easter Happenings



HOLY WEEK begins on April 2 with **Palm Sunday Worship** at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Krista Geiger will lead us in worship on Palm Sunday as we recount Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted by people waving palm branches. The children will sing several joyous songs about Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate **Spring Love Feast and Communion**. The service will be in the sanctuary. We will remember our Lord's Last Supper with a service of self-examination, feet washing, a simple meal, and Holy Communion. The option of washing one another's hands will be offered for those who are unable to participate in feet washing. All members and other baptized Christians are welcome to participate fully at the Lord's Table. Children and those who are not baptized are especially invited to come observe, sharing in the meal. Babysitting will be provided in the Parish Hall for very young children.

On April 7 there will be a **Good Friday Service** in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. The service will center around portrayal of the Last Supper, along with a time of remembrance of the cross and Jesus' sacrifice for each of us. Come and join us for this very moving and meaningful service.

On Easter Day, April 9, a **Community Sunrise Service** will be held at 6:30 a.m. It will be held at Salem's pavilion at the rear of the building. There will be a welcoming fire in the fireplace. Hope to see you there.



Later Easter Sunday at 10:30 you will not want to miss **Easter Worship** in our sanctuary. Pastor Greg will bring the message and we will have a choir to celebrate the risen Christ!



Join us at Grossnickle COB Easter Morning

Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am

Together we will rejoice, "The Lord is Risen – the Lord is Risen Indeed!"

A Message from Pastor Greg....

It is hard for me to imagine a more generous and warm welcome into this beloved community of faith. From the very first meeting with the Church Board to my first Sunday and through all of the moments in between and beyond, you have opened your arms wide to me as we begin our ministry together.

As I said that first Sunday morning, I know that you have been through some very difficult times in the last years by way of COVID and pastoral transitions. And here's what I see: through these transitions you are exemplifying what it is to be a community of mutual love, support, and strength. Each is pitching in to offer their God-given gifts. Each is practicing Jesus-like compassion. Each is celebrating meaning of Easter!

Every Easter we are reminded how God works. Darkness, difficulties and death do not have the last say; life, hope, and grace rule the day. This life is the wellspring of our faith. This hope is what encourages us forward. This faith is what sustains.

Thank you for showing me – and the world – what it is to be Easter people!

Easter Love to Each and All, Pastor Greg

A note from Pastor Greg: I would enjoy getting to know more of you and your hopes and dreams for GCOB. Please reach out to me any time. I am in the office Wednesdays from 9-3 (traffic depending) and love visitors. I will also be around before and after worship most Sundays if you'd like to sit down and talk. You can reach me at pastorgreg@gcob.org any time.

HEARTS AND HANDS

On April 4 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, we will meet in the Parish Hall. Activities will be announced at that date, but one thing is certain: we will engage one another in a spirit of friendship and service, and it is FUN! This is an opportunity to spend time with your church family while we help others. Please clear your calendars and 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, or Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629 or pamjouannet@gmail.com.



CALLING ALL KIDS



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th from 9-11. There will be light refreshments, the egg hunt, crafts and games. As always we will be having a cake walk and we need cake donations from anyone interested! Please drop them off the morning of the Easter egg hunt. We hope to see everyone there for this fun time!



MEAT CANNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **2023 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 Tuesday, April 11. 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 2023 Meat Canning Project, please contact Marion Leatherman at 301-293-4266.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

As we continue to grow and change over time, it has occurred to us (the Ministry commission) that we need a new photo directory. A pictorial directory is very helpful to new members as well as to new Pastors. This is a tool that allows pastors to put a name to a face. We are not coordinating with a company, but instead have asked Brooke Smith to share her talents with us, who has graciously accepted. She will be taking family/individual photos of members after church on the following Sundays: April 2, May 21, June 18 and June 25. I will have a sign-up sheet for each of these Sundays. Our hope is to put together google slides that can be shared with the congregation online and/or printed.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Back by popular demand!!



Meal on Wheels was held on March 18, 2023. We had a delicious meal prepared by Brenda Thomasson. Her helpers included Glenn Lantz, Carl Thomasson, and Thomas Jouannet. We prepared 36 meals! Our delivery team helpers were Hazel Early, Christy Kehlbeck, Angie Kline (our secretary) and her friend Chris Frank. Drivers included Dale and Sheila Delauter, Betty and Robert Lee Grossnickle, Vicki and Charles Grossnickle, Nelson and Beverly Harshman, Fred and Wanda Rudman, and Karen Riggs. Many thanks to Darlene Frushour for donating the turkey and to all who helped make this meal special. Thank you to Mae Wilson for writing the inspiring Bible verses that were included with each meal.

Thanks to Karen Riggs and her Sunday School kiddos for supplying their artwork which had verses on them. We're sure this artwork brought much joy to our meals on wheels recipients.

Our next **Meals on Wheels** this month will be April 15. If you missed it and know of someone who would benefit from a meal please call Brenda Thomasson at 301-293-2647 or Pam Jouannet at 301-293-3629.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PROJECT FOR DISASTER AUCTION

The children and Youth Sunday School classes are collecting items to fill a **"Children's Summer Fun Activities Basket"** for the Disaster Auction to be held in May. This basket will represent our Grossnickle Church and will be auctioned off that day. If you would like to help, please bring your item(s) to church and place in the box that will be labeled as "Children's Summer Fun Activities." Suggestions are: sidewalk chalk, water toys, bubbles, jump ropes, any type of outside or inside game, etc. Just use your imagination! Please bring in your donation by April 30. Thank you so very much!



GRADUATE SUNDAY IS MAY 21

If you, or a family member, are graduating from High School or college this spring, please contact Traci Hanser or Angie Kline. We will need the graduate's name, phone number and email information. Please have all names submitted by April 15th. Thank you.



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:00 am

Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster

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.

ADOPT A ROAD

We picked up trash on March 4 on Meeting House Road. Many thanks to Karen and Robert Riggs. They picked up 2 bags of trash. The next dates are as follows: June 3rd, September 9th, and December 2nd. If exercise was on your resolution list, this is the ticket. We walk, talk, pick up trash and make our piece of paradise a little cleaner. Please call Pam Jouannet at 301-293-3629 if you are interested or need more information. Thank you.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16



Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School for June 12-16 and plan to join us for this year's adventure.

Children from ages PreK through Grade 5 are invited to enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, and fun!

If you are interested in being a helper for VBS, please contact Brooke Smith or Katie Rudman.



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Viviendo el amor de Dios
Viv Lanmou Bondye A
Rayuwan Kaunar Allah
Living God's Love
Ephesians 5:1-2
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Haitian, English

This year, Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio July 4 – 8, 2023. This year's theme will be, "Living God's Love" based on Ephesians 5:1-2. Kelly and Danny Rumpf will serve as delegates for Grossnickle Church.

Annual Conference information is online at <https://www.brethren.org/ac2023/> for anyone who has interest in learning more about Annual Conference.

GROWING PROJECT NEWS

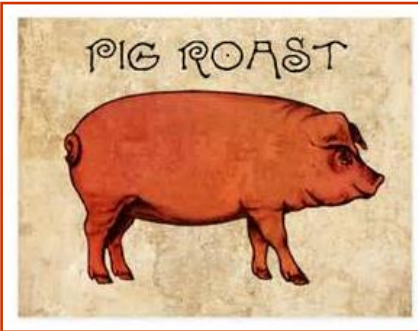


The Growing Project committee is looking forward to another successful year in 2023, raising funds for Growing Hope Globally. This is our seventeenth year of working toward helping our brothers and sisters rise out of hunger and poverty. We know we have made a real difference in the lives of many people around the globe. Please continue to support the Growing Project through your prayers, donations, and presence at our events throughout the Year.

This year we will be supporting a program in Tanzania that works with women farmers to improve their agricultural outputs and teaches them best business practices for their farms. Our Blessing of the Seed will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 pm and the Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2:30 pm.

Please look for more information in the bulletins and future newsletters to learn how you can support our Project.

PIG ROAST AND SILENT AUCTION



Our annual Pig Roast was back this year with 145 people in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious meal of pork barbecue, hog maul and ham and bean soup, along with an assortment of carry-in sides and desserts. Special thanks to Elvin Stottlemeyer and Glenn Lantz for all their help organizing, securing ingredients, and putting in a long hard day of preparation. Thanks also to Nelson Harshman for his help, and all the deacons who worked to make this meal a success. The Youth Silent Auction was the featured attraction for the evening.

On behalf of our youth and advisors, we thank you for your donations and financial support for the Silent Auction. There were over 90 items donated and we raised a total of \$2,536. Another \$443.00 was donated at the food table. Together we raised \$2,979.00. The highest auction item was the Will, Living Will and POA packet donated by Salisbury, McLister and Foley for \$325.00. The second highest item was a quilted wall hanging started by Dolores Grossnickle and finished by Betty Grossnickle and sold for \$200.00.

With the money raised, ten junior and senior high youth and two adults will be attending Work camp in Winston-Salem, NC July 30 - August 4.

Suzanne Levitt and Cathie Clemson helped to set the Silent Auction up on Saturday and I cannot thank them enough for all of their support. Kelly collected items before the auction. Thanks to the youth who helped with the bid sheets the night of the auction and for Lilly announcing all of the winners. Thank you Pastor Sandy for helping me keep my head on straight and organizing the bid sheets.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

The Music and worship Commission invites you to share your favorite hymns/songs/praise songs with them as they prepare for a HYMN SING service on Sunday, June 25. We are looking forward to sharing a little background on each favorite hymn/song selected and to enjoy singing the hymns together. We are hoping for a joyful, musical Sunday!

NOTES OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE from the bottom of my heart for the phone calls, cards, visits and prayers. I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring faith family. Thank you. Lori Cline

THANK YOU from June Himes to my church family and friends for the phone calls and cards after the sudden death of my nephew. Also, thank you for the get well cards when I had Covid.

THANK YOU from the missions and ministries of the Church of the Brethren for Grossnickle Church of the Brethren's support and offerings for 2022.



THANK YOU from Growing Hope Globally to Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for its charitable donations throughout 2022.

THANK YOU from The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs for Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for their monetary gift. This gift makes The Religious Coalition's work possible.

THANK YOU to Traci Hanser for preparing the worship service and scripts for the GOOD FRIDAY service. THANK YOU to Marion Leatherman for building the extra wooden stools needed for the portrayal of the LAST SUPPER. THANK YOU to Vicki Linton for designing the beautiful "Last Supper" quilt that will hang in the baptistry of our sanctuary. Also, we appreciate the smaller quilts that will hang in the sanctuary windows. We are grateful for the lovely showcase displays that she and Jay prepare with each season of the year....so pretty and inspirational to view.

THANK YOU to everyone who ordered a spring flower "in memory of or in honor of a loved one." These beautiful flowers will grace the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

APRIL WORSHIP HELPERS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
2	Grimm Family	Drew Leatherman	Sharon Leatherman
9	Smith Family	Paige Leatherman	Kristie Delauter
16	Ahalt Family	Lilly Rumpf	Abby Grossnickle
23	Cornell Family	Allison Rumpf	Doris Grossnickle
30	Denise and Rick Boyer	Matthew Lewis	Brooke Smith

<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>
April 2 Palm Sunday	Guest: Krista Geiger	Owen & Landon Smith
April 6 Maundy Thursday	Pastor Greg- Love Feast	7:00 pm in Sanctuary
April 7 Good Friday	Last Supper Portrayal	7:00 pm in Sanctuary
April 9 Easter	Pastor Greg	Nelson Harshman
April 16	Pastor Bruce Anderson	Thomas Jouannet
April 23 Children's Day Sunday	Speaker Lois Ann Glessner	Cathie Clemson
April 30	Pastor Greg	Ethan Grossnickle

The **2023 Flower Chart** is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship for the coming year, reserve your date now. Questions? Contact the church office, 301-293-9516.

CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY

A look at some March activities...

Pig Roast and Silent Auction



Outreach Preparing Food and Making Blankets





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 My 2¢ for Hunger Offering Palm Sunday	3	4 Hearts & Hands 9 to 11 am (PH)	5	6 Spring Love Feast 7:00 pm Sanctuary	7 Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship Portrayal of The Last Supper in Sanctuary	8 CEC Easter Egg Hunt 9 – 11 am (PH)
9 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am Salem's pavilion- rear of bldg.	10	11 Meat Canning Meet 6:45 am (PH)	12	13	14 Prep Work for Meals on Wheels (PH) 1 pm to 5 pm	15 Meals on Wheels 8:30 – 1:00 pm (PH) Newsltr Deadline
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Newsletter Crew 9:00 am	27	28	29
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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

Secretary Angie: Tue-Wed-Thu ▪ 9am-4pm; Fri • 9am-2pm

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PASTOR GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am
SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Wed-Thu 9 am to 4 pm & Fri 9 am to 2 pm
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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 **May 2023 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Sun. April 16, 2023.

Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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