

# The Dunker

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Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

May 2023

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GREG

“We can do hard things!”

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear...John 20.19a*

Just after that Easter morning the disciples, not understanding what was happening, went back to a room – perhaps it was the very same upper room where Jesus had washed their feet – and locked themselves in because they were afraid. They didn’t know what was going to happen next. In spite of all of the clues that Jesus had given them, and the fact that the Mary had visited the tomb and seen Jesus and reported that back to the disciples, they still cowered in fear. I don’t criticize their actions. It’s easy to become frozen in fear when we don’t know what to do next.

As I mentioned in my April 30 sermon, I am heading on a “grand” adventure. I will run/hike/walk/crawl 50 miles through the Grand Canyon. I readily admit that it’s all a bit silly and over the top (or should I say “over the edge”?).

One of the reasons I do things like this is to remind myself that I can do it. Then, when it comes to the really important and difficult things in life, I am reminded that, with God’s help, I will be able to do those, too.

There will likely come a moment in the adventure when I think, “It’s so hard. I’m so hot. I have nothing left to give. Can I really do this?” And I already know my answer. “Yes, it’s hard. And, yes, you can do it.”

I will remind of the wisdom I shared in the sermon:

- Take the first step.
- Be smart.
- Rely on one another.
- Simplify the next step.
- Have faith.

We can all do hard things, and those same steps usually apply. Whether it’s enduring the pain of a broken friendship, or the frozen grief of losing a loved one that even the warm spring days cannot thaw, or just keeping to our daily and weekly rhythms of faith and practice in this community of faith. We. Can. Do. It.

We know the disciples eventually left that room. In the Gospel of John, Jesus visited them a couple more times, and then – blessed with the Spirit -- they were on their own. And guess what, things got hard! But they kept moving. Thanks be to God, they kept moving.

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## Good Friday Re-Enactment

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We remembered Good Friday with a beautiful and spirit-filled re-enactment of the Last Supper. This was a service that had been done by the men in our church 25 years ago. Most of the original actors who are living came back for a repeat performance; we are grateful for all those who helped recreate those last moments with Jesus. Special thanks to Ethan Grossnickle, who wonderfully portrayed the part of Jesus. Disciples were played by David Doyle, Elvin Stottlemeyer, Carl Thomasson, Fred Rudman, Charles Grossnickle, Marion Leatherman, Scott Grossnickle, Dale Delauter, Gene Gaver, Rick Boyer, Glenn Lantz, and Gene Delauter. Special thanks also to Traci Hanser for directing the play.

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## NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

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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: 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.



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### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION

**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. The auction schedule is available in the auction booklet in the church hallway.

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## Blanket Sunday

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On Sunday, May 14 we will be collecting for the Church World Service blanket program. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Your donation can be in the form of blankets and/or money. \$10 will pay for one CWS blanket and your blankets will be taken to wherever needed.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Back by popular demand!!

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**Meal on Wheels** will be held on May 20, 2023. A delicious meal will be prepared by Brenda Thomasson. The menu is ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert.

Our **Meals on Wheels** will take a break over the summer and start back up in the fall. We look forward to serving you.

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## Graduation Sunday – May 21

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Names received as of this issue of The Dunker are:

High School Graduate: Ella Sage Troxell – graduating from Middletown High School

Those graduating from college are:

Paige Bussard – Master's in Engineering Management – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Gunner Thomas Crawford – Bachelor of Science – Texas A&M University

Noah Grossnickle – Waynesburg University



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## Memorial Sunday – May 28

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Please submit names for our annual Memorial Sunday worship service to remember and celebrate members of our congregation, relatives of members, and persons in the community who have died since the last Memorial Remembrance.

Names can be submitted to the church office at [angie.kline@gcob.org](mailto:angie.kline@gcob.org) or by calling the office at 301-293-9516. Please email or call by Friday, May 19, 2023.

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## ADOPT A ROAD

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The next dates for "Adopt A Road" 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.



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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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.



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## GROWING PROJECT NEWS

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**GROWING  
HOPE**  
GLOBALLY

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.

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## MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

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Do you have a favorite hymn or praise song that you enjoy hearing and singing? The Music and Worship Commission is planning a "Hymn Sing" for our worship service on Sunday, June 25. We would love to include your suggestions for hymns and praise songs! Please look for an insert in the bulletin in the coming weeks so that you can share your favorite choices. There will be a basket on the table in the narthex where the suggestions may be placed. Thank you!



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## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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**Viviendo el amor de Dios  
Viv Lanmou Bondye A  
Rayuwan Kaunar Allah  
Living God's Love**

Ephesians 5:1-2  
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, 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.

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## HEARTS AND HANDS

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Our Hearts and Hands group met for the last time until this coming October. We filled Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!! Many thanks to all the new and faithful friends who joined us to make a difference. Looking forward to new adventures and service this coming Fall.

"Serve One Another in Love"....Galatians 5:13



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## SPLIT WOOD CREW

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On April 12, 2023 the following men showed up to **split wood** for those in the community who need wood to heat their homes: Robert Clemson; Collin Graham, Herb Grimm; Robert Lee, Scott and Ethan Grossnickle; Jimmy Grossnickle, Gene Delauter, Ricky Funk; Glenn Lantz; Marion, Kevin and Andrew Leatherman; Tom Jouannet; Elvin and Steven Stottlemeyer; Carl Thomasson; and Andy Williamson. An awesome chore well done. Many thanks go out to these men.

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## MEAT CANNING PROJECT

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On April 11, 2023 4 men from our church traveled to Ephrata, Pa for the **annual meat canning project**. Those who went were: Glenn Lantz, Dale Delauter, Alan Spade and Marion Leatherman. We processed 2200 2-pound cans of chicken thighs which will be distributed to those in need in our country and in other countries as well. A special thanks to Glenn for providing the transportation and everyone who went and gave their time to this worthwhile project.

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## NOTES OF THANKS

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KATHIE AND ANGIE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for the beautiful Easter flowers.....just in time to enjoy them for the beautiful summer weather. Thank you so much for all of your kindness.



To our wonderful church family and friends:

THANK YOU for the beautiful floral arrangement recently placed on the altar to God's Honor and Glory and to honor both of us by our loving church family. We are privileged to be part of a church family that is so kind, giving, caring, and generous and are honored for the opportunities it presents for all of us do good works in Christ's name. The flowers were absolutely gorgeous and with a little tender loving care Bev was able to keep it for all our family to see for three weeks. THANK YOU!!!!

Bev & Elvin

PAM DOYLE AND FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards on the death of Pam's mother, Geraldine Frey.

The Meals on Wheels dinners brought to me were delicious and I want to thank everyone who donated, worked so hard to prepare and deliver them. Grossnickle Church of the Brethren has many wonderful cooks and dedicated members. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this happen, I really enjoyed everyone's kindness. The meals were delicious and I so appreciated them. Evelyn Pearl

THANK YOU FROM Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren in Westminster, MD for the generous support from Grossnickle Church of the Brethren.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed items to the "**Children's Summer Fun Basket.**" This basket of wonderful, colorful, fun activities from our Grossnickle Church will be auctioned off at the Disaster Auction on May 6, 2023. **Thank you** for your kindness in donating these summer fun items. Truly, this gift will make a family very happy!

A sincere **thank you** to all of you who purchased flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones for our Easter Service. What a beautiful display of colorful, spring flowers graced our sanctuary for our Easter Service. Thank you to Vicki Linton and Jay for ordering the flowers. We all appreciated the quilt of the "Last Supper" and the window quilt hangings that Vicki created for us to all enjoy.

## **MAY WORSHIP HELPERS**

Deacons for the Month of May: Jennie & Kevin Leatherman

<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>
7	Bruce Anderson	Paul Smith
14	Pastor Greg	Mindy Conway
21	Tim Leber	Bobby and Ryker Riggs
28	Pastor Greg	Trina Delauter

<i>Date</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
7	Youth Group	Mollie Hanser	Katie Rudman
14	Rick Funk and Kathy Maddox	Natalie Flook	Sharon Leatherman
21	Nelson and Beverly Harshman	Landon Smith	Kristi Delauter
28	Alan and Tina Spade	Jack Cornell	Abby Grossnickle

## ***Congratulations***

*Congratulations* on the birth of a baby boy on April 6, 2023. Welcome to Oliver John Delauter, His parents are Clay & Katie Delauter. Grandparents are Dan & Pepper Delauter and Great Grandfather is Charles Delauter

## ***Our Christian Sympathy***

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

To the family and friends of Linda Frushour's on the death of her mother, Shirley Maly on March 20, 2023

To the family and friends of Barbara Morrison on her April 6, 2023 death

To the family and friends of Pam Doyle on the death of her mother on April 7, 2023

To the family and friends of Mary Kathryn Barnet on the death of her grandmother who passed in April 2023

To the family and friends of Jane M. (Wolfe) Grossnickle on her April 16, 2023 death.



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## CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY

A look at some activities...

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Hearts & Hands Group Stuffing Easter Eggs



Deacons Preparing for Love Feast





## Good Friday Re-Enactment







# May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Outreach Mtg. 6:30 pm	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6 Disaster Auction 9:00 am Carrol Co. Ag Center
7 My 2¢ for Hunger Offering  Outdoor Worship Serv.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Blanket Sunday	15  Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19  Prep Work for Meals on Wheels (PH) 1 pm to 5 pm	20  Last Meals on Wheels 8:30 – 1:00 pm (PH)
21 Graduation Sunday	22	23	24 Newsletter Crew 9:00 am (PH)	25	26	27
28  Memorial Sunday	29	30	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

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

## Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

### PASTOR GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
pastorgreg@gcob.org

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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Parsonage

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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](http://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 **June 2023 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than **May 15, 2023.**

Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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