

# The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

June 2020

## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to members of our church family who have officially graduated from High School and College during the 2019-2020 school year! We celebrate with each of you this accomplishment. And we recognize the usual traditions that cannot take place this year for the Class of 2020 -- in-person graduations, large graduation celebrations with family and friends, and the special Graduate Recognition service held at Grossnickle Church to honor the accomplishments of our graduates. With creativity, these traditions are happening in a different way – possibly creating new traditions.

In honor and celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020, we congratulate these graduates for their hard work and achievements and pray God’s blessings upon them as each one begins a new chapter of their life.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Jon Cornell  
Middletown High School



Carson Levitt  
Middletown High School

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

Emily Delauter ..... Associate, Applied Science Surgical Technology, Frederick Community College  
Abby Grossnickle ..... Associate, Emergency Management, Frederick Community College  
Brenda Thomasson ..... Associate, Paralegal Studies, American Public University  
Sarah Bruchey..... Bachelor of Science, Psychology and  
Bachelor of Social Sciences, Sociology, Lebanon Valley College  
Christine (Kline) Hahn..... Masters, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Purdue University Global  
Danny Rumpf ..... Doctorate, Organizational Leadership, Hood College

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

## HIGH SCHOOL REFLECTIONS & A LOOK AHEAD



**JONATHAN DAVID CORNELL . . .** Jon is the son of Angi and Russ Cornell and the grandson of Fred and Wanda Rudman, Jimi Cupino and Carol Cornell. Jon spent two of his four years at MHS at the Frederick County Public Schools Career and Technology Center. While there he learned the trade of HVAC/Plumbing. The experience was by far his favorite. Jon is currently employed as a Plumber Apprentice at Art's Plumbing. Jon plans to continue on this course. He also continues to

work for Rudman's Landscaping. Jon would like to thank his church family for all the support over the years. His favorite moments were the many years he spent in Kids Klub with Lois Ann Glessner.

**CARSON DAVID CLAROS LEVITT . . .** Carson is the son of Suzanne and Cary Levitt and the grandson of Gene and Marilyn Gaver and Neil and Carol Levitt of Frederick, MD. His favorite subject in high school was art where he learned to use clay and different art materials. Mr. Bean, who teaches science, was Carson's favorite teacher. Carson also enjoyed playing on the Unified Sports teams for Tennis, Bocce, and Track for his entire time at MHS. The MHS teams won several titles and medals during these years. Carson's future plans are as yet undecided. He would like to work as an artist drawing comics and graphic novels. In the immediate future he is considering the Sterilization Tech program at FCC or a position working in a library. Carson would like to thank his aides throughout school especially Miss Tari Malifew at Myersville Elementary and Mrs. Valerie Whye and Ms. Angelica Whye at MHS for believing in him. He would also like to thank his Sunday school teachers Danny and Kelly Rumpf and Scott and Doris Grossnickle for their dedication. He will always be grateful for the opportunity to go to work camps and National Youth Conference and especially wants to thank Doris for guiding him through these experiences.

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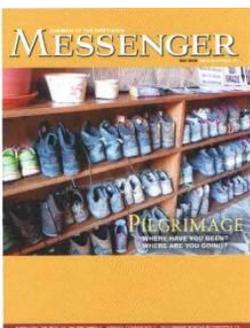
## ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP DAY

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Help us keep Meeting House Road clean while getting some fresh air and exercise! We'll be doing Adopt-a-Road on Saturday June 6th (meeting in the morning, at 8:30, since it is now pretty warm by noon!). If you'd like to help, please call MK Barnet at 404-723-8739 or email her at [mawyle@gmail.com](mailto:mawyle@gmail.com).



### MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION ORDERS AND RENEWALS DUE SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>



It's time once again to renew *Messenger* subscriptions. And, if not already a subscriber, this is your opportunity to begin a new subscription; or give a gift subscription.

- If you sign up through the church, the cost is \$14.50/year or \$27.00 for two years.
- First time subscribers get a 50% discount the 1st year.
- Student rates are \$1.25/issue or \$10 for an 8-month subscription.
- Make checks payable to *Grossnickle COB* and note MESSENGER. Payments (checks) should be delivered to the Church Office.
- Orders due by **Sunday, June 7.**
- Questions? Contact the church office, 301-293-9516.

# HAVE SOME OLD ELECTRONICS YOU WANT TO GET RID OF?

## E-CYCLE DRIVE

**Saturday, June 13, 2020 • 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Have some outdated electronics laying around the house? If so, bring the items to the trailer in the church parking lot on Saturday, June 13, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Pastors Tim and Donna will be there to meet you and help unload.

Items will be taken to E-End in Frederick where they will be recycled. PLEASE NOTE: NO TELEVISIONS (LCD or CRT) and NO MONITORS LCD or CRT). TVs and monitors may be dropped off at e-End in Frederick M-F 9am – 4pm; there is a fee to recycle TVs and monitors. Prices and directions at <https://eendusa.com/>.



We look forward to receiving your materials as an act of caring for God’s Creation during our 8th Annual Drive at the Church. The following items WILL BE accepted:

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	PERSONAL ELECTRONICS
CPUs	Copiers & Fax Machines	Stereo Systems
Towers	Printers, Scanners & Plotters	VCRs
Laptops	Toner Cartridges	Radios
Keyboards	Overhead Projectors	DVD Players
Mice	Calculators	Compact Disc Players
Hard Drives/CDs	Electric Typewriters	Camcorders & Cameras
Shredders	Shredders	Electronic Games
LCD Monitors	COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	Cable TV Boxes
Mainframe Computers	Cellular Phones & Accessories	Speakers
Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)	PDA's	Tape Players
Power Supplies	Answering Machines	Audio/Visual Equipment
Cables & Wire	Telephones	<b>NOT ACCEPTED DURING EVENT</b>
Circuit Boards	Transmitters/Receivers	CRT Monitors
Computer Components	Transceivers	CRT/Tube-Type Televisions
Modems	KSUs	LCD/Plasma Televisions
Peripherals	LNAs, LNBs	LCD Monitors
Bar Coding Equipment	Audio Devices	
Printers	Communication Systems	You may drop them off at e-End.
Routers	RF Equipment	Fees: LCD Monitor \$5.00/ea.
Servers	Satellite Dishes	Fees: LCD TV \$15.00/ea.
		Fees: CRT Monitor \$15.00/ea. TV \$30.00/ea.
		Drop off hours M-F 9:00am – 4:00pm

### OUR GROWING PROJECT NEEDS YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!

Please place your clean, empty aluminum cans in the recycle bin behind the Parish Hall. Funds received from the recycler will be used to help support our **2020 Growing Project for the Colombia Sincelejo Montes de Maria Program.**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the  
Blessing of the Seed  
Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 pm in the Growing Fields,  
11720 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD.**

Celebrate the anticipation as we begin our 15<sup>th</sup> year working to reduce world hunger with this year's program in Colombia Sincelejo Montes de Maria.  
All are welcome.

*As preparations are made for this gathering, precautions are being taken to follow State of Maryland and Frederick County guidelines for gatherings.*



**About the Colombia Sincelejo Montes de Maria Program**

This year we will be supporting the Colombia Sincelejo Montes de Maria program. Located in one of the regions of Colombia that was most affected by the conflict and violence of the early 2000's, this program focuses on increasing food security through improved agricultural practices and peace building. Activities include agricultural training, community organizing, improving access to markets, and advocacy for victims of violence and displacement.

**“Field of Hope”**

**Growing Hope Globally  
Sponsor Form**

I/We will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ acres at the donation rate of \$250 per acre (1/2 acre \$125, 1/4 acre \$62.50).

Persons sharing in sponsorship:

Total pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All pledges due by September 30, 2020.  
Please make checks payable to Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, designated “Field of Hope.”

**Signature**

**Participating Churches**

- Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
- Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
- Edgewood Church of the Brethren
- Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- Hagerstown Church of the Brethren
- Harmony Church of the Brethren
- Holy Family Catholic Community
- Manor Church of the Brethren
- Myersville Church of the Brethren
- Welty Church of the Brethren

Our thanks to Donnie and Donna Grossnickle, farmers for “Field of Hope” and to Jeff and Patty Hurwitz for making land available for the project.

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## PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

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*“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1.*



### PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE –

I wanted to provide a brief update to the congregation on our pastoral search. While ongoing impacts of COVID-19 have affected many areas of our lives, I have had further phone conversations with our District Executive Gene Hagenberger regarding our search. As I noted in a prior update, there are still several potential candidates to provide pastoral leadership in the interim role. Gene

has informed me that a candidate would be interested in serving our congregation. We are making plans for an interview of the interim candidate by the church board in June.

The church board will also nominate members of our congregation to serve on the pastoral search committee at our next meeting in June.

Submitted by Scott Grossnickle, Board Chair

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## UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The finance committee hopes everyone is staying safe and sane during these unprecedented times. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at the appropriate time. We have seen quite an uptick in our online giving since we have entered the lockdown period and we are grateful for those using this option. We also appreciate those members who continue to mail in their donations.

We understand that during these uncertain times, money may be tight for some members of the church, and as we have expected, contributions from January 2020 - April 2020 have declined slightly compared to the same timeframe last year. We expect that trend to continue at least through May. As a result of this trend, the finance committee recommended to the board, and the board approved, applying for the Paycheck Protection Program loan established by the CARES Act. We have received \$32,200 from the program, and we expect to be able to use all of these funds for qualified purposes to allow for the loan to be forgiven at the end of the program. At the conclusion of the program, we will post another update in the newsletter.

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## JUNE & JULY CANCELLATIONS

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These events which had been planned for June & July have been officially cancelled for 2020.

Vacation Bible School  
Church of the Brethren Annual Conference  
Church of the Brethren Workcamps

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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A **Church Picnic** is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 13.

Mark your calendars now for a time of fun and fellowship coordinated and sponsored by the Deacon Fellowship Committee.

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## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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*Eight youth were received into membership through creek baptism on August 25, 2019. These youth were interviewed for the New Members Dinner held in November 2019. Interviews will be shared in The Dunker throughout the year. In this issue we get to know a little more about the sixth of these eight newest members.*



**MACKENZIE GROSSNICKLE** . . . Mackenzie is the daughter of Amy and Jon Grossnickle. She lives with her parents and siblings Weston and Alexa on Highland School Road. She enjoys playing soccer for St. James. In addition to playing soccer, she also enjoys seeking adventures on her dirt bike and utility vehicle ranger. Her favorite food is Sushi from Flaming Grill, but she also loves Taco Bell. Her favorite movie is Grown-Ups 2. When asked who she would like to meet, she said singer Ariana Grande because, "She has been my favorite since I was in 2nd grade." One place that Mackenzie would like to visit is Germany because she is German.

Mackenzie's favorite church memory is being baptized. Her favorite Bible story is Jacob and Esau because she remembers Esau being described as being hairy. Being baptized as a member of Grossnickle is important to her because it is the same church that her family has been a part of for many years and she is glad to carry on that tradition.

Mackenzie became a member of the church on August 25, when she was baptized in Middle Creek. Mackenzie, we welcome you into our church family and we look forward to serving Christ with you as part of the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren.

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## FINDING A "SILVER LINING"

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In difficult times, it is always good to look for the "silver linings." Parish Hall Custodian Gene Delauter took advantage of this time, when there were no activities in the Parish Hall, to do major cleaning. Gene reported a list of projects he worked on which includes:

Week 1: washed, waxed, buffed floor of "big room"

Week 2: dusted the dust created from buffing, clean-mopped the floor and wiped down walls, woodwork, windowsills

Week 3: Kitchen - wiped down walls, fans, polished cabinets, cleaned stovetop, waxed and buffed floor

Week 4: Restrooms - wiped down walls, toilet partitions, fixtures, waxed & buffed floors; Boiler room - cleaned cobwebs, wiped down walls, dusted, "swept behind stuff," polished wall cabinets



Gene has been caring for the Parish Hall since November 2018. Under Gene's tenure, we have heard many comments like, "The Parish Hall has never looked so clean." This is especially true now. Still, we look forward to the time when we can meet back together in the Parish Hall -- and give Gene more work to do!

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## CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY

**Celebration Corner** is a collection of photos highlighting, with joy, events of the previous month or two. This month we celebrate by sharing photos from April and May.



Inspiring message shared by the **Rock Ministry** during April (top left). Communion table adorned with blankets on **Blanket Sunday** (top right); **Memorial Garden** work crew (Glenn Lantz, Sharon Leatherman, Charles and Vicki Grossnickle) on a beautiful day in May (center left) and the results of their labors (center right and bottom left). Another inspirational message from the **Rock Ministry** team was shared during May (bottom right).

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## NOTE OF THANKS

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*THANK YOU FROM VICKI & JAY LINTON... Thanks to everyone involved for the video sermons and updates! Looking forward to when we can all "meet" again!*

*THANK YOU FROM SHARON & MARION LEATHERMAN... Thank you to our church family for all the support given after the passing of my mother, Evelyn Reynolds. Your prayers, cards and phone calls meant so much at a difficult time. Again, our heartfelt thanks for all the love and caring you gave to us. May God bless you and yours.*

*THANK YOU FROM THE DOYLE FAMILY... We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and memories of our mother Florence.*

*THANK YOU FROM SECRETARY KATHIE... Heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your kind words and messages in recognition of Administrative Assistant's Day. Each of you help to make supporting Grossnickle Church a blessing and great joy.*

*THANK YOU FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS... Thanks to all who gave offerings in support of Food Pantry Sunday. \$620.00 was received, all of which will go to Salem United Methodist Church to support their Food Pantry Ministry. Thank you also for gift cards given. GCOB's generosity in this effort is a witness to the world!*

*THANK YOU FROM GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (formerly Foods Resource Bank)... Thank you for your generous donation to Growing Hope Globally. We are grateful. To date (January 2020), we have helped over Two Million people with the training and resources they need to find lasting solutions to hunger. Your gift means even more people will experience the dignity and hope of providing for themselves! With deep gratitude, Max Finberg, President & CEO*

### SHEPHERD'S SPRING NEWS

16869 Taylors Landing Road • Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782 • 301- 223-8193 • [www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org)  
Camp Representative for GCOB: Doris Grossnickle

MESSAGE TO SUMMER CAMP FAMILIES FROM SHEPHERD'S SPRING... We hope you are all doing well during these trying times. After much deliberation and many prayers, it is with a heavy heart that we are canceling summer camp at Shepherd's Spring for 2020. While we will not be holding our traditional summer camp, we would still like to open our facilities up for families as an alternative which is designed to implement social distancing recommendations. Please visit <https://www.shepherdsspring.org/> for more information on Family Retreats this summer. We look forward to seeing you! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

### JUNE AT-A-GLANCE

- 6 – Adopt-a-Road Cleanup
- 7 – "My 2-cents" Offering
- 7 – "Messenger" subscriptions due
- 13 – e-Cycle Drive
- 14 – Blessing of the Seed
- 15 – July/August newsletter info due

*FYI...* The next issue of **The Dunker** will be a combined issue containing **July and August** information. The deadline to submit articles and information for the July/August issue will be Monday, June 15, 2020.

Articles and information for the **September issue** will be due Sunday, August 16, 2020.

Questions? Contact Secretary Kathie, 301-293-9516 or [kathie.tucker@gcob.org](mailto:kathie.tucker@gcob.org).

Tim and Donna Ritchey Martin, Pastors  
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am  
FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
8:00 to 11:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Wed-Thu 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
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Church Secretary – Kathie Tucker

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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 **July/August 2020 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Monday, June 15. Thank you!

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