

WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a biblically grounded community committed to
Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together. By:*
~creatively worshiping God with a unified Spirit;
~expansively studying what it means to be Christian;
~willingly reaching out to others in service, locally and globally;
~intentionally supporting each other; and
~honoring Christ's call to be peacemakers.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Early Service – 8:25am; Sunday School – 9:30am; Late Service – 10:45am

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an Usher.

We welcome all who are seeking and who desire to live out a faith in Jesus Christ. This is a place to learn, to grow, to serve and to love. We strive together to be a loving and supportive fellowship.

For those who are **visiting**, thank you for blessing us with your presence. May your time with us be a source of inspiration. We invite you to join us again for worship or any activity. Please sign the attendance pad found on the pew; Include your address, contact number, and email so we can stay in touch.

There are **Activity Bags** at each sanctuary entrance for children who are in pre-school through 5th grade to use during worship. **Nursery care** is available for infants and children who do not turn 3 before September 1.

Persons interested in committing their lives to the way of Jesus and becoming members of this congregation are invited to an **INQUIRER'S CLASS**; to enroll, talk with the Pastor. Individuals may unite with us in one of three ways:

Believer's Baptism, Transfer of Church Letter, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows

LAST WEEK'S PARTICIPATION

Worship Attendance Sunday: 3/22/15

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Loaves and Fishes (soup kitchen) on Saturday 3/21/15

Meal prepared by: St. Paul's of New Windsor

Hosts: Jeanne Dussault and Gary Honeman

Needed Each Week in 2014: \$4,980.00

Offering on Sunday: \$5,722.72

Average giving through 3/15/2015 \$4,259.23



Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland currently has subsidized openings for homebound seniors and disabled adults who could benefit from our home delivered meals in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties.

You may want to consider referring individuals to Meals on Wheels because:

- We can deliver healthy, complete, ready-to-eat, prepared meals to them at home (most folks eat way better once they get our meals.)
- We check on folks when we deliver the meals and immediately call emergency contacts when someone unexpectedly fails to answer the door
- We reduce isolation (and that may help reduce depression)
- We offer free additional services to clients who receive our meals such as
 - * Volunteer shoppers
 - * Pet food deliveries
 - * Volunteer companions
 - * Phone pals
 - * Case Management

We serve homebound folks who are unable to prepare their own food of all ages and incomes. (We have a sliding fee scale based on disposable income, and sometimes have subsidies available that allow us to provide meals on a "donation only". So economic challenges should not be a barrier to service.) We can serve folks who need our services long-term or short-term while they recover from surgery or illness.

For more information, or to apply, I recommend going to our web site: www.mealsonwheelsmd.org. (We can also send you brochures or flyers if you need them.)

Worship Team Needs Help

The Worship Committee is seeking people interested in helping out with the various aspects of our Worship service. The main areas are Music, Drama, Creativity, and Technology. Read on to find the fabulous opportunities within each of these work groups.

Music Work Group

Primary Responsibility: Coordinate the various musical experiences for worship to include, but not be limited to:

- Gathering Music
- Prelude
- Special Music (vocal and instrumental)
- Anthems
- Hymns
- Praise Songs
- Bell Choir

Drama Work Group

Primary Responsibility: Coordinate various dramatic experiences for worship to include but not be limited to:

- Skits
- Sacred Dance
- Children's Time
- Scripture Jams
- Other experiences as needed

Creativity Work Group

Primary Responsibility: Coordinate creative worship experiences that may include, but not be limited to:

- Visual Arts
- Worship Centers
- Banners
- Sanctuary enrichment
 - ⇒ Seasonal Flower Displays (Christmas, Easter, others as appropriate)
 - ⇒ Creating visual art with a sacred theme – individually or corporately
 - ⇒ Other imaginative visual experiences /activities

Technology Work Group

Primary responsibility includes but is not limited to:

- Recruiting people to be technicians
- Training technicians in all aspects of enhancing the service
- Scheduling technicians for worship services
- Scheduling technicians as needed for special worship services, weddings, and other needs of people using the sanctuary

If you are interested in helping with one of these Work Groups, let **Judy Braune** know by either calling her at 410 596-8697 or sending her an email at jmbezon@gmail.com.

The first meeting of these groups will be **Tuesday, April 7th at 7PM** in the Conference Room. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled at the convenience of each work group.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Message with a Beat!

March 29, 2015

8:25am

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."
(Psalm 118:1)*

WELCOME to a time of Joyous Worship!

WELCOME & GREETING ONE ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Everyone is encouraged to take a moment to sign the attendance pad.)

GATHERING SONGS: *"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" (Baloche & Brown)*
"Mighty to Save" (Morgan & Fielding)

INVOCATION

SONG: *"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (Baloche)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING FROM THE PSALTER: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG: *"Love Came Down"*
(Johnson, Riddle, McIntosh, & Edwardson)

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-17

MESSAGE: *"Give us eyes to see."*

SENDING SONG: *"This is Amazing Grace" (Farro, Wickham, & Riddle)*

CLOSING WORDS

Preacher: Glenn McCrickard

Music Coordinator: Don Rowe

Musicians: Scott Hodgdon, guitar; Matthew Hodgdon, bass,

Thaddeus Franzén, keyboard

Vocalists: Liz Haff, Don Rowe, Lisa Pirone, John Rinehart, Judy Braune

Worship Leader: Liz Haff

Nursery:

***Please use the offering plates at the sanctuary entrances
to share your tithes and offerings. Thank you.***

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

March 29, 2015

10:45am

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."
(Psalm 118:1)*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"The Palms"* *Fauré*

*CALL TO WORSHIP back of the bulletin

*HYMN *"Hosanna, loud hosanna"* 238

*INVOCATION back of the bulletin

CHILDREN'S TIME

INVITATION TO GIVING

For thirty pieces of silver, Jesus Christ was betrayed. And still today he is denied in the way we use the resources entrusted to us. God does not ask of us a token of support. We are called to give our all, of which our offering here is but a symbol. Will our gifts shout good news to the world?

(Lavon Bayler in *Taught by Love*)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Tierce en Taille"* *Dandrieu*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE PSALTER: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

HYMN *"Ride on, ride on in majesty"* 239

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Time for Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM *"God So Loved the World"* *Bidwell*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-17



Good Friday
CROSS WALK
Friday, April 3, 2015



"Jesus' Journey to the Cross"

STARTS: 11:00am Grace Lutheran Church
21 Carroll Street, Westminster

ENDS: Noon Service St. John Catholic Church
43 Monroe Street, Westminster

*You are welcome to join at the beginning of the walk,
along the way, or at the noon service.*

For more information contact
Pastor Glenn McCrickard,
Westminster Church of the Brethren, 410-848-8090



2015 Volunteer Needs

(Please see Nancy McCrickard if interested in volunteering.)

April 10: Room cleaning/laundry for Retreat Groups

April 10-11: Host for Lodge Retreat Group

April 13-17: Daily kitchen/food service assistance for Road Scholar program

April 17: Room cleaning/laundry for Retreat Group

April 17-18: Host for Lodge Retreat Group

April 20-24: Daily kitchen/food service assistance for Road Scholar program

April 24: Room cleaning/laundry for Retreat Group

June 17-August 15: Daily/weekly opportunities to help with Summer Camp
program—counselor, food service, special activities

August 15: Summer Festival

Plus, actively seeking young adults (18 and over) to serve as **summer camp counselors** (June 6-August 15). These are paid positions with training. Please contact the camp if you are interested in learning more about these positions.

Hold in prayer these new requests:

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the families of...

MESSAGE: "Give us eyes to see."

*HYMN "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

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*BENEDICTION

ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Preacher: Glenn McCrickard

Worship Leader: Lisa Groff Paris

Children's Time: Liz Haff

Organist: Ann Young

Head Usher: Ralph Dull

Pianist: Betsy Yount

Nursery:

Senior Choir Directors: Julie Richard & Barbara Groff

Greeters: Adam & Jennifer Hollenburg

Streams of Joy Director: Don Rowe

Closer: Jim Young

Belle Grove Legato Director: Ronald Douglass

Weekly Calendar

Today: - Pick up your pre-ordered cinnamon rolls

Wednesday: 6:45pm - Streams of Joy Rehearsal

7:45pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 6:30pm - Children's Chimes Practice at St. Paul's

7:00pm - Love Feast at WCoB

7:00pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal at St. Paul's

Friday: 11:00am - Cross Walk starts at Grace Lutheran Church

12:00pm - Good Friday Service at
St. John's Catholic Church

Sunday: 8:30am - Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

- Happy Easter! He Has Risen!

Announcements

Today is the final day of **Fahrney-Keedy Home Auxiliary's Membership Drive**. Membership dues are \$2/person/year. You can renew or start your membership by putting \$2 in a Special Offering envelope. Be sure to write "Fahrney-Keedy Home" and your name on the envelope.

Join us on Thursday 2 for **Love Feast** at 7:00pm. "Maundy Thursday is the time when Brethren gather to celebrate the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. As we gather together, it is a time to examine our personal relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to wash each other's feet as loving servants of Jesus. We then eat a simple agape meal, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving, the breaking of bread, and the drinking of the cup." (Nancy Faus-Mullen, Living Word Bulletin Series). Come experience these loving acts of obedience and faithfulness.

We begin our **new worship schedule** on Easter Sunday (next week).

Worship - 9:30-10:30am

Morning Mingle/Transition Time - 10:30-11:00am

Sunday School - 11:00am-12:00pm

Join the Youth for **Easter Morning Breakfast** - next Sunday at 8:30am. On the menu will be various egg casseroles (one made with egg substitute), pastries/muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be collected to support the Senior High Youth Workcamp trip in July.

Next Sunday, you are encouraged to bring cut flowers or flowering branches to adorn the cross to make it a **"Living Cross"** in celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This year the cross will be displayed in the sanctuary as a worship center. You will receive instructions when to place your flowers on the cross. After worship, the cross will be moved to the front lawn to provide a living witness to our community.

The **Worship Ministry Team** invites everyone to share ideas and suggestions during Listening Time and at the Quarterly Conversations. Individuals are being sought to join the Worship Ministry Team and to serve on task groups that will focus on specific areas of worship: drama, visual worship aids, music coordination and youth/adult participation. Together we will envision and fashion a creative and meaningful worship experience.

There will be a **Called Congregational Business Meeting** on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30am. The agenda will include approving funds for two projects:

1. Lower Level Renovation and Repairs
2. New Church Signs and Improvement to Existing Sign

It's time to start thinking about camping! **Camping at Friendship Village in Bedford, PA will be July 15-20.** If you are planning on going, send your deposit of \$47 (with checks made out to Friendship Village) to Sandy Tenney, 7 N. Church Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Please write your arrival and departure dates in the "Memo" area of your check. Money is needed no later than April 23.

Thank you for your donations of plastic bags and egg cartons, but please **do not** bring any additional ones until further notice. We are overflowing with both.

We are receiving donations to support the **Mid-Atlantic District Meat Canning Project** on April 6-9 at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA. Approximately 45,000 pounds of chicken will be canned in 4 days. Please make your check payable to Westminster Church of the Brethren and make a note that it is for meat canning. Our Loaves & Fishes ministry uses some of the canned chicken.

The **2015 Carroll County CROP Walk** will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00pm in New Windsor. Please see Nancy McCrickard if you'd like to participate in this event. The McCrickard Family will also be walking and are looking for sponsors. We're also looking for people who are willing to **donate homemade cookies for the CROP walkers** on after they finish the walk. Please let Nancy McCrickard know if you're interested in helping with this project.

As a part of our **Celebration of Women** events in May, we'll be putting together Safe Motherhood Kits for IMA World Health. Needed are the following donations to put these kits together: flannel blankets (handmade, 30-inches x 30-inches), handmade cotton or flannel tunics, bars of Ivory soap and adult wash-cloths. Please see Nancy McCrickard if you're interested in being involved in these preparations - she has the patterns for each of the handmade items.

On June 13, the Senior High Youth will be having a **Yard Sale Fundraiser**. As you're doing your spring cleaning, please be sure to save items that can be donated to the Yard Sale. Items can be brought to the Church at any time (we have a room dedicated to their storage until the sale) - if you need us to, we'll even come pick up your donated items. Your support is greatly appreciated!

A reminder to the folks who have signed up to go camping at **Old Mill Stream Campground** June 26-28 - deposits are due. Please reach out to the Camp directly at 717-299-2314 to make the necessary arrangements. If you haven't signed up yet, but are interested in attending - please see Nancy McCrickard. It's sure to be a fun weekend with vespers, potluck meals, a book discussion (Amish Grace), walking with Nancy at 5:30am & more (both full hook up & tent sites have been reserved).

Cooks for **Loaves and Fishes** are needed for September 5. If you know of a church or an organization who would like to be involved in this outreach, please let Lisa Blevins know as soon as possible. Thanks so much.