

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

VBS 2021

July 7-9



6-8pm with an optional dinner from 5-6 pm

This year's VBS will be a little different. We will be holding an evening, intergenerational program for everyone from 6:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesday July 7th through Friday July 9th. Anna Williams has graciously accepted the VBS Director position.

In addition to the program, we are offering a meal at 5pm if you wish, or you can bring your own, and enjoy it outside before the VBS fun begins!

The menu will be:

Day 1- Sub Sale (turkey, ham, or both)

Day 2- Chicken Nuggets (4, 6, or 10-count)

Day 3- Cookout (hotdogs & ham/cheeseburgers)

Please send orders to the office no later than July 1st.

Come to the Table:

When you eat with Jesus, anything can happen!

Come to the Table, an interactive VBS where we learn that everyone is welcome at God's table!

The Bible stories in this curriculum explore stories about Jesus from the Gospels of Luke and John. These stories show Jesus eating with unexpected people, providing food for a crowd, demonstrating humility, and extending welcome and forgiveness. Through worship and drama, Bible study, hospitality-themed art projects, and active games, all are welcome to taste and share at God's table, where there is always enough! *Come to the Table* invites us all to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges us to share that same love and hospitality in our everyday lives.



Register for VBS Here:

[Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2021 \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)

From the Pastors' Study

The North family is headed to Alaska! New Community Project offers Learning Tours around the world which are intergenerational experiences intended to challenge, change and renew us, while building relationships with our neighbors and a better appreciation for our amazing planet. In 2019, I was able to attend a Learning Tour to East Africa which included stops in South Sudan, Uganda, and Rwanda. We also met with a women's group from the DR of Congo, who traveled to Rwanda for our visit.

For this Learning Tour, the entire North family will be traveling together. We will be in Alaska July 29-August 6 staying in Denali National Park. We will camp at Savage River campground; hike along streams and up a nearby peak; see moose, grizzlies, Dall Sheep, a dogsled demonstration, and (if we're lucky) Denali – the Great One (highest peak in North America). Spend a day doing a volunteer work project; explore environmental issues facing Alaska. In Seward on the SE coast take a day-long fjords cruise to observe whales, walrus, seabirds, and a calving glacier; visit a sea life center; stay (indoors!) in a cozy hostel.

We are looking forward to this time together as a family as we build relationships with the rest of the group traveling with us (including Christine Engelen!). We are also looking forward to learning more about the climate crisis and having the opportunity to teach our children about it by showing it to them firsthand, creating memories that will transform the way we live in this world.

~ Pastor Mandy

Worship Themes

July 4: Annual Conference Worship
God's Adventurous Future
<https://livestream.com/livingstreamcob/ac2021>
Worship Leader: Pastor Mandy

July 11: VBS Sunday w/ Communion
"Come to the Table"
John 21:1-17
Preacher: Pastor Mandy
Worship Leader: Anna W.

July 18: A House Divided
Luke 11:14-28
Preacher: Pastor Mandy
Worship Leader: Jenn F.

July 25: Step Out: Seeking New Paths
Isaiah 43:19
Preacher: Pastor Mandy
Worship Leader: FaithX Participants

June Stewardship by the Numbers

Average views of our online worship services: 84

Average weekly attendance: 74

Average giving: \$4,422.00

Events & News



July Hike

Grab your friends and family--the more the merrier--for a hike on the first Saturday of each month from June through October. Trails will be accessible for all ages and abilities. Members will take turns choosing the location, so this is a great opportunity to explore all that Northern Virginia has to offer! Contact Tina Fisher or Rebecca V. for more information.

Calling all hikers for Saturday, July 3: We will meet at 8:30am at the trailhead located at the Paradise Springs Winery parking lot, in Clifton. Please bring your own water bottle, backpack, and hiking gear. <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/bull-run-occoquan-trail>

[Bull Run Occoquan Trail | Nova Parks](#)

Nature & Wildlife. The forest is left undisturbed as a sanctuary protected by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. It hosts an abundance of wildlife and vegetation and preserves an important watershed area, supplying clean water to county residents before flowing to the environmentally threatened Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. www.novaparks.com

FINAL SOFTBALL GAMES



Come to the games to support our team! Join us in July!

Fri Jul 9 - Grace Church Gainesville: Valley View 4 - 8:00 PM

Fri Jul 9 - @ Bridge Community Church : Valley View 4 - 9:15 PM



Registration is now open for our 2021 Summer Music Camp at Manassas Baptist Church!

Monday, August 2 - Friday, August 6
9 am - noon daily (Drama Cast stays until 12:30 pm.)

Age 4 through completed Kindergarten = Musikgarten (led by MCOB Music Director, Susan Dommer)

Grades 1-8 = Music Camp

To register your children follow these steps:

- Go to weRchurch.com
- On the home page, scroll down to Latest News and Events
- Click on Summer Music Camp 2021

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 30—July 4



God's Adventurous Future

As we gather as the 234th Recorded Annual Conference, we rally around our conference theme: "God's Adventurous Future." Our theme has historical rootage. In 1958, a variation of the theme was the title of Harry K. Zeller's sermon for the opening worship of Standing Committee: "The Adventurous Future." The phrase was subsequently used to title the book edited by Paul H. Bowman to compile the papers, sermons, and addresses of the 250th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren.

As the theme implies, our future is not uneventful; it is marked by "rigorous peaks, rushing currents, and deep valleys"! Thus, there is challenge in the journey that, in all honesty, can be unsettling, even anxiety-producing. Such angst marks, in particular, our pilgrimage as the church. Frankly, we live in one of the most complex, jarring eras in modern ecclesiastical history. Numerous issues not only rumble among us, they tear at us, threatening the very fabric of our denominational being. As we acknowledge such reality, it's hard to be optimistic. But it's wise to be expectant—even hope-full—for God moves among us, calling us beyond our bewilderment and discord. Scripture bears testimony to God's audacious initiative: "Look, I am about to do something new. Now it begins to happen! Do you not recognize it? Yes, I will make a road in the wilderness and paths in the wastelands" (Isaiah 43:19 NET). "... Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes... Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate" (Revelation 21:3-5 MSG).

It's God's dependability and accuracy that charts our course. Yes, much rattles and disrupts; we have our doubts and are afraid. Yet we press on toward God's adventurous future, drawing on the endurance of God. For "The Lord [our] God is in [our] midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over [us] with gladness; he will quiet [us] by his love; he will exult over [us] with loud singing" (Zephaniah 3:17 ESV). It is my prayer that God's divine decibel will captivate us, invading our apprehension, stirring us to trek onward—nevertheless—toward God's new creation in Jesus. For "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, [is] what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9, NRSV).
—Paul Munday

Moderator, Church of the Brethren

Annual Conference will be an online event as our delegates (Terrie Cox and Luke Croushorn) attend business session, insight sessions, and worship services virtually. All are invited to view Annual Conference worship each evening: <https://livestream.com/livingstreamcob/ac2021>. Pastor Mandy has served on the Annual Conference Worship Planning Team.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICES

- Wednesday June 30th—8-9pm—Preacher: Paul Munday
- Thursday July 1—8-9pm—Preacher: Richard Zapata
- Friday July 2—8-9pm—Preachers: Chelsea and Tyler Goss
- Saturday July 3—8-9pm—Preacher: Beth Sollenberger
- Sunday July 4—10-11am—Preacher: Patrick Starkey

Giving Back

SERVE is in need of these specific items:

- For the Hunger Resource Center: **Cooking and baking supplies i.e., cooking spray, cooking oil, flour, salt, pepper, spices, seasonings, and corn starch.**
- For the Family Shelter: **Paper Towels. Toilet Paper. Full size lotion, body wash (for men, women, and children), conditioner (all full size, please) Flip Flops (variety of sizes.), Plastic Travel Soap Containers, Spray sunscreen SPF 30 or higher. Bug spray, Children's sun hats, Reusable water bottles.**

You may drop off donations at the SEVE campus or the church.



Project Mend-A-House

The Mission , Service and Outreach Ministry Team is partnering with Project Mend-A-House this summer to support their work in our community. One way we can support them is to purchase specific tools and supplies that they need to do their work. To that end we have created an Amazon Wishlist to make it convenient for you to purchase the items online. The items range in price from \$35 to \$650 and there is a gift card option also in increments of \$10.

Click here to view the list of requested items.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1W20E566MLOP1?ref_=wl_share

Anything you purchase will be shipped directly to Mary Geisler, the Chair of the Mission, Service, and Outreach Ministry Team. The items purchased will be taken directly to Project Mend-A-House at the end of the fundraising campaign on August 15, 2021.

You may also contribute by donating a financial gift with a check, cash, or online payment through Paypal. Please designate the gift as being for Project Mend-A-House in the memo line or with a note attached to the payment.

A few years ago, PMAH provided a wheelchair for someone in our congregation that had fallen and desperately needed a wheelchair to get around. So, we have first-hand knowledge of the excellent service they provide to our community.

We know how important it is that our houses have a firm foundation. When we have live in stable housing, there is more peace and comfort in our day-to-day living. May this be a time we put our faith into action and love our neighbors through our generous giving to Project Mend-A-House.

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the
FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact Kim Beaty



Manassas Church of the Brethren

Our Church Directory is powered by *Instant Church Directory*.

Our NEW church directory is available to view on your mobile device and online! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. If you would like a paper copy, please email the office.

To download the app to your Apple device, click here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

To download the app to your Android device, click here:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

To view on your PC or Mac Click here: <http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com>

Manassas Church of the
Brethren

RAFFLE

Tickets - \$20/ea.

First Prize: One Week Trip to
Massanutten Resort
July 25th - August 1st

Second Prize: 50% of the proceeds*

To Enter - Submit your name to the
church office, and send your payment
via PayPal or Check.

Winners will be chosen on July 11, 2021 at 3pm

*All other proceeds go to the
MCOB General Budget



Step Out: Seeking New Paths

“Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.” (Isaiah 43:19 (CEB))

This summer MCOB has 7 participants attending a regional FaithX in Northern VA July 18-23. Participants from Manassas COB are: Jeanette S., Levi E. (Jeanette’s grandson), Linda T., Tina F., Pastor Mandy, Joshua C., and Noah S.. We are partnering with participants from Nokesville COB and Oakton COB for a week of service in Northern Virginia. We will be hosting the FaithX coordinator, Chad Whitzel, in the guest house that week.

July

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Let’s Read the Bible in a Year

Here’s a reading schedule:
<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Discipleship-Journal-Bible-Reading-Plan-9781617479083.pdf> The reading schedule for July is pictured here.

Our next Scripture Chat will be **Sunday, July 25th at 12 pm via Zoom/In-Person using our COVID-Conscious Room.** Look for more details to come about the meeting options. Pick the translation of your choice and read with us!

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7755683646?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7755683646?pwd=Yk9ISXdwTGE2NklMekVYQk55ZFNXdz09)
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Meeting ID: 775 568 3646
 Passcode: 932339

Book Talk—July 14th!



“Scruples on the Line” Book Talk with Evie Yoder Miller

On Wednesday July 14th at 7pm via Zoom, we will hold a book talk with Evie Miller Yoder. Evie will go over her “Scruples on the Line” book series.

From the author: Our lives are full of stories. So it was for people living during the American Civil War. My trilogy of historical fiction, called “Scruples on the Line”, comes from some of the experiences of citizens in the 1860s who, because of religious beliefs, refused to fight to kill other humans.

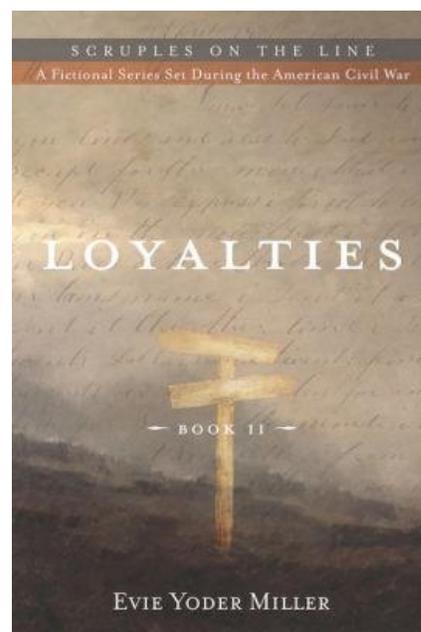
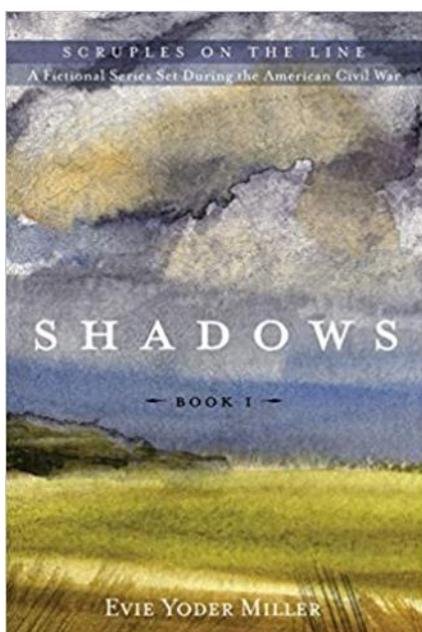
From Mennonites and German Baptists in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, to a young man in Chicago, to a pioneer Amish settlement in Iowa, I’ve created five narrators who weave their stories of courage and resistance. Some of them hide in cellars or flee into the mountains; others pay a fee to be exempt from multiple drafts or they buy a substitute to fight for them. Still others from these communities of conscience join the Union or Confederate Army.

These stories from history and imagination carry the nuance and ambiguity that comes from the complicated mesh of values: obedience to God, obedience to government, desire that all humans might be free .

Here is the Link for the Zoom meeting: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7755683646?pwd=Yk9ISXdwTGE2NklMekVYQk55ZFNXdz09>

Meeting ID: 775 568 3646 Passcode: 932339



In Memorial



James "Jeff" Haydon December 27, 1957-May 5, 2021

Jeff Haydon went to be with the Lord surrounded by his loving family on May 5, 2021.

James Jeffery Haydon was born December 27, 1957 in Germany where the family was stationed. He attended Robinson Secondary High School in Fairfax Virginia, where he was a member of the bowling team and the Marching Band. Jeff graduated in 1975.

Jeff served six years in the United States Air Force in Germany as a weapon technician.

When he left the Air Force he moved to Manassas Virginia where he was active in the community. He was a crew member at Old Dominion Speedway, PTA Volunteer, Sunday School Teacher at Trinity Episcopal Church and choir member at Church of Brethren.

Jeff was named "Ambassador" of the Manassas Harley Owners Group, due to his friendly, gracious, welcoming, kind personality and his love of riding.

He loved to represent the Manassas chapter flying their flags in parades, veteran rides and cross country trips throughout the United States with his riding brothers and sisters. His other passions were photography and the Washington Redskins.

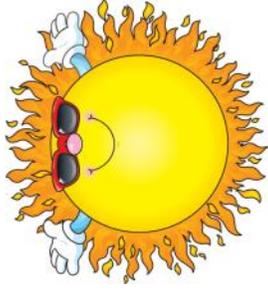
When Parkinson's disease prevented him from riding his motorcycle he did not give up and continued to serve his community. He participated in various Parkinson's groups which included volunteering with the Special Needs Bowlers and bowled with Iron Eagles. He was also a part of the Forgetful Friend Chorus.

Jeff is survived by his wife Sharon Haydon, sister Susan Waldron, his three sons, Richard Haydon (Nea Nea), Patrick Haydon, Kevin Taylor (Kara), two daughters, Kristina Bell (Thomas) and Denise Taylor, 11 Grandchildren, Amber (Eric), Paige, Taylor, Kaitlin, Zachary, Nicholas, Stella, Lyra, Destiny, Arianna, and Rex, 4 Great Grandchildren, Harmonie, Jaymi, Addison, and Carter. He is preceded in death by his parents, Colonel James Frederick Haydon and Barbara Dixon Haydon (Roberts).

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Parkinson's Foundation 200 SE 1st Street Suite 800 Miami FL 33131; Parkinson's.org and the Willing Warriors 16013 Waterfall Road Haymarket VA 20169 Home away from Home Retreat ; Willingwarriors.org.

A Memorial Service was held at Manassas Church of the Brethren on Saturday, June 12.

July 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10:30am— Worship | 5 | 6 | 7 VBS 6-8pm | 8 VBS 6-8pm | 9 VBS 6-8pm | 10 |
| 11 10:30am— Worship | 12 7 pm—Executive Committee Meeting | 13 | 14 7pm—Book Talk w/ Evie Ypder Miller | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 10:30am— Worship | 19 7 pm—Church Board Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 10:30am— Worship 12 noon— Scripture Chat | 26 | 27 Pastor Mandy's Vacation Starts | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



July Birthdays

1-GRACE M.
2-ADDISON R.
2-KIRSTEN J.
3-MEREDITH K.
5-RACHAEL Z.
7-JUSTIN D.
8-ABIGAIL A.
9-JAYLIN K.
9-ZENELLA R.
11-KELLY KROUSE
B.
11-SARAH B.
12-JAMIE B.
12-ROSE C.
12-KRISTA K.
13-ROGER G.
13-SONNY C.

18-RIANNA BARRETT-S.
20-DOUG F.
21-TRAVIS W.
21-CONNIE K.
23-MARY ELLEN C.
23-NATHAN S.
24-PAUL F.
25-SALLY JANE C.
26-BROOKE F.
27-PETER B.
27-MARY O.
29-SHELLY WEACHTER B.
30-JASON K.
30-TYLER W.
31-CHRIS K.
31- JOAN S.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7-KIM AND JAMES B.
10-LOWELL AND BETTY K.
12-IRVIN AND ANN H.
14-LEONARD AND MARY JANE
P.
15-SONNY AND TERRIE C.
18-BEN AND SHERRIE W.
21-DANIEL AND REBECCA H.
22-MATTHEW AND JENNIFER
R.
26-PRESTON AND CHRISTY L.
27-DANIEL AND CHENNON
R.
27-SEAN AND MANDY N.