

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MAY 2023

God's Beautiful Creation

As we get further into spring and with summer upon us, we have opportunities to enjoy nature and God's creation. Our first chance to enjoy the outdoors will be on May 5th for Softball. Please see page 9. On May 6th, we will have some fun at our monthly hike. See page 5 for more details.

On May 7th, we celebrate Sr. High Sunday beginning with Donut Breakfast at 9:00am. Also on May 7th, the Young Adult group will be meeting for lunch at Honey Pig, see page 5 for more information.

May 11th is our monthly workday at House of Mercy, and we have a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 23rd, see page 4 for information on these events.

On Saturday May 13th we have the opportunity for family, fun, and fellowship with an afternoon of mini-golf and ice cream! See page 10.

We would like to take the time to celebrate our 2023 Graduates! See page 7 to check out our graduate's future plans.

Furthermore, VBS is getting closer! Our theme this year is "Food Truck Party" Please see page 6 for information on registering and volunteering.

Finally, Pastor Mandy will be on Sabbatical beginning May 14th and returning August 7th. Please see page 3 for more information.

We look forward to a beautiful Spring with you, while we continue to be a community of care, where relationships matter, and Christian discipleship counts.



Pastor's Page

From the "Guidelines for Sabbath Rest: 2002 Church of the Brethren" Statement:

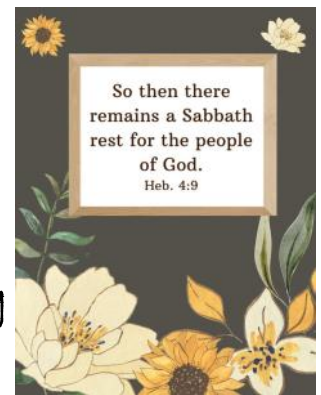
"The term sabbath comes from the Hebrew verb *shabbat*, which means primarily to cease. A second meaning is rest. God "rested on the seventh day from all his work," implying that those whom God should do the same by ceasing to work and resting on the seventh day. The people of Israel understood it that way. Observing the sabbath was a special celebration for them.

One of the Ten Commandments is about the sabbath. This Exodus passage goes on to say the entire family, the servants, and even the animals are to observe the sabbath.

The sabbath is a time to abstain completely from everyday work. It is a time to relax mind, body, and soul in order to be filled, nourished, and freed from worry about how one is doing. Like the biblical sabbath, sabbath rest is not running away from life and its problems; it is an opportunity to receive grace to face them. It is a time to rely on God, a time to let God be God in one's living. Life becomes meaningless and humdrum without God at the center. The hectic daily pace affects the lives of everyone, including pastors, causing people to lose contact with their core values and commitments. Tensions drain away when one is able and willing to commit all things into God's hands, especially during the time of a special sabbath rest. As the pastoral leader spends time immersing herself in God's love, she can return to work with a renewed sense of joy about ministry."

As I enter into my 12-week Sabbatical, I invite all of us into a time of Sabbath Rest. We have a great line-up of preachers for Sunday worship who will offer a new voice for listening to God's Word. My prayer is that you will come with ears open to hear, hearts open to each other, and minds open to learn something new. When I return on August 7th, I am looking forward to hearing all your stories during this sabbath rest, and I will share mine!

~Pastor Mandy



Worship Themes

May 7 Senior High Sunday

Title: Stand Up, Even if you Stand Out

Scripture Text: Romans 12:2

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leaders: Senior High Youth

May 14

Title: Alongside

Scripture Text: John 14: 15-21

Preacher: Kim M..

(Mid-Atlantic District Interim District Executive)

Worship Leader: Tina F.

May 21

Title: The Story of Everything

Preacher: David S.

Worship Leader: Briana B.

May 28

Title: The Humans

Preacher: David S.

Worship Leader: Rob D.

Sr. High Sunday—May 7th



Senior High Youth are leading us in worship on Sunday May 7th! Come and worship with us as our Senior High take over the service with the theme “Stand up, even if you stand out” from Romans 12:2.

Card Shower!



Fred and Nancy S. will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on June 7th. Their daughters and families are requesting we celebrate with them by showering them with cards. Please send cards by June 5th to them at:

102 W. Rainbow Dr.
Bridgewater, VA 22812

Pastor Mandy Sabbatical



Beginning May 14th, Pastor Mandy will be on Sabbatical and will return on August 7th. During this time, Pastor Mandy will not be available for texts, phone calls, and emails. Our Worship and Music Ministry team, along with Pastor Mandy have lined up preachers and worship leaders throughout her extended leave. We ask that you contact the office or a deacon if you have any questions or needs. We wish Mandy a peaceful time, and look forward to her return.

Ways to Give



House of Mercy Workday!

May 11th from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Please arrive at the House of Mercy thrift Store at 1:00pm

8170 Flannery Court Manassas, VA 20109



Red Cross Blood Drive!

May 23rd

9:00am – 3:00pm

Please click here to sign-up to donate blood: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Healthy Families Greater Prince William Area Summer Play Group



Wednesday, June 7, 2023

In case of inclement weather, the group will be rescheduled for Thursday, June 8th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Signal Hill Park Pavilion
9300 Signal View Drive
Manassas Park, VA 20111

Please RSVP with your worker by May 24th

We hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

Healthy Families

Summer Play Group

June 7th

5:00pm—7:00pm

Click Here to Volunteer

[Northern Virginia Family Service \(volunteerhub.com\)](https://www.volunteerhub.com)

Fellowship

It's time for hiking!



MAY 6TH - 8:30 AM

STONE BRIDGE LOOP TRAIL
MANASSAS NATIONAL
BATTLEFIELD PARK

WE WILL MEET THERE BY 8:30 AM
IN THE PARKING LOT BESIDE THE
ENTRANCE TO BULL RUN WINERY.



Youth Sponsored Donut Breakfast

May 7th

9:00am in the Fellowship
Center



Retirees' Luncheon
(All are welcome!)

Thursday May 18th

1:00pm

Great American Buffet
8365 Sudley Road



Young Adult Lunch—Sunday May 7th at 12:30pm

Honey Pig Hot Pot & Korean BBQ

9765 Liberia Ave, Manassas, VA 20110

Vacation Bible School!

Volunteers
Needed!



July 24, 2023 - July 28, 2023

5:00pm - 7:30pm

At Manassas Church of the Brethren

10047 Nokesville Road Manassas, VA 20110

Scan the QR Code for
Volunteer Sign-Up, Child
Registration, and more
details!



VBS is Coming! Sign-up to volunteer or register for VBS. Click Here:
[Located at Manassas Church of the Brethren · My Cokesbury VBS.](#)

Congratulations Graduates!



Ben and Sherrie W, are proud to announce the graduation of their son Matthew W, from the University of Virginia (UVA) in May 2023 with a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Physics. Matthew's research interests include Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics and Theoretical Quantum Information. He accepted a postdoctoral position in the Department of Physics at The University of Cambridge in England. His new job as a "Research Associate" begins in September.



Ben and Sherrie W, are proud to announce the graduation of their son Joseph W. from Bridgewater College (BC) in April 2023. Joseph successfully completed the requirements of the Flory Fellows Honors Program and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in the major of Pre-Health Biology and minor of Music, Summa Cum Laude. He will begin the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in August. Joseph's career goal is to become a zoo/wildlife veterinarian – treating patients at a zoo, or wildlife clinic, while doing conservation research.



Lauren K. graduated with honors from Bridgewater College on April 29, 2023. Lauren earned a Bachelor of Arts in Digital Media with a Minor in Communications. She is pursuing a career in digital media marketing or social media production. She is looking for local opportunities and is excited for the next steps in her life. Lauren wanted to thank the congregation for their loving support over the years

If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please let us know, and we will feature them in the June Newsletter!



Deacons Meeting

Sunday May 21st

12:30 pm

April Stewardship by the Numbers

In-Person Worship: **87**

Online Worship: **49**

Weekly Offering: **\$9138.00**

District Events

Connecting with Your Mid-Atlantic District

April 2023

“Blessings!” from Your Mid-Atlantic District Leadership Team (LT): From time to time, the LT will share with you what is happening in the District, as well as items of business we are considering. If your church has something you would like to share, please contact Jo Ann Landon in the District office at aamad@brethren.org.

LT Meeting: The LT met on January 28 in the District office. It was wonderful to meet in person for the first time since the pandemic (with a zoom option). One of the highlights on our agenda were interviews with Philip Curran (University Park) and Scott Linton (Union Bridge) who were seeking ordination. They each gave a meditation and described their journey of faith. The LT had an opportunity to ask them questions about their application for ordination and then we voted unanimously to accept them for ordination. The next step will be a vote in their congregations. Other agenda items included a discussion of the District’s financial status, progress on interim and pastoral placements, and a report from the District Executive Minister (DEM) Search Committee. Melvin Cheshire, our District Moderator, discussed planning efforts already underway for District conference, which will be at Manassas COB on October 6 and 7.

Jesus in the Neighborhood: One of the inspiring "Jesus in the neighborhood" stories in our District is what Martin and Sharon Hutchison and Community of Joy have been doing in Salisbury, MD. Martin received the Wicomico County Public Schools Friend of Education award recently for the many ways his congregation has partnered with the community. The video of Martin getting the award (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9CTAbWnhlc>), is really about the larger effort, where they are partnering actively with a local school system in ways that just keep growing. The video mentions many things the congregation has done over the past 10 years or so—providing meals, tutoring, teacher support, prayers, community garden, etc.

If you have a “Jesus in the neighborhood” story to tell, please contact the District office so we can share it with all our congregations.

District Website: Finally, we encourage you to visit the District’s website at www.madcob.com to learn about current District events. And while you’re there, take a look at your church’s profile to ensure it’s up to date. If you see corrections that need to be made, or if you’d like to add a picture of your church, please contact Jo Ann Landon in the District office.

Coming up on the Calendar:

Disaster Response Auction, Saturday, May 6, Carroll County Agricultural Center

Bittersweet Gospel Band, Friday, May 5, 7 pm, Hagerstown Church of the Brethren

Camp Mardela Appreciation Day, Sunday, May 21, 4 – 8 pm, 301 Deep Shore Road, Denton, MD

The District office welcomes announcements about special programs planned by the Mid-Atlantic congregations. Let us help your church extend an invitation to attend your event.

Softball



The Spring/Summer church softball season is back in full swing! If you are interested in joining the softball team, please contact Sean N. at ssnorth@gmail.com, so that he can add you to the roster.

Brethren 2023 Spring Season Regular Season Game Schedule

Date	Result	Opponent	Location	Status
Fri Apr 14	-	1st Baptist	Valley View 4	8:40 PM EDT
Fri Apr 14	-	@ 1st Baptist	Valley View 4	9:40 PM EDT
Fri Apr 21	-	@ Chapel Springs	Valley View 2	6:30 PM EDT
Fri Apr 21	-	Chapel Springs	Valley View 2	7:30 PM EDT
Fri Apr 28	-	1st Baptist	Valley View 2	8:40 PM EDT
Fri Apr 28	-	@ 1st Baptist	Valley View 2	9:40 PM EDT
Fri May 5	-	Nokesville Methodists	Valley View 1	6:45 PM EDT
Fri May 5	-	@ GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 1	8:00 PM EDT
Fri May 12	-	@ GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 4	6:45 PM EDT
Fri May 12	-	Chapel Springs	Valley View 4	9:15 PM EDT
Fri May 19	-	@ GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 1	6:30 PM EDT
Fri May 19	-	GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 1	7:30 PM EDT
Fri Jun 2	-	Nokesville Methodists	Valley View 4	6:45 PM EDT
Fri Jun 2	-	@ GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 4	9:15 PM EDT
Fri Jun 9	-	@ Chapel Springs	Valley View 2	6:30 PM EDT
Fri Jun 9	-	Chapel Springs	Valley View 2	7:30 PM EDT
Fri Jun 16	-	GUMC/Holy Family	Valley View 1	8:00 PM EDT
Fri Jun 16	-	@ 1st Baptist	Valley View 1	9:15 PM EDT
Fri Jun 23	-	@ Nokesville Methodists	Valley View 1	6:30 PM EDT
Fri Jun 23	-	Nokesville Methodists	Valley View 1	7:30 PM EDT
Fri Jun 30	-	@ Nokesville Methodists	Valley View 1	6:45 PM EDT
Fri Jun 30	-	1st Baptist	Valley View 1	8:00 PM EDT

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN FAMILY FUN DAY!



*MINI GOLF
&
ICE CREAM*



Saturday May 13th at 3:00pm

Mini Golf at The Magic Putting Place on Mathis Ave. Following golf, we will go next door to Nathans for some ice cream!

All are welcome!



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	3 7:30pm —Choir Practice	4	5	6 8:30am— Hiking group
7 Sr. High Sunday 9:00am—Onut Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30pm—YA Lunch	8 6:15pm—Executive Committee Mtg 7:30pm—Church Board Meeting	9 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	10 7:30pm —Choir Practice	11 1:00pm - House of Mercy Service Day	12	13 3:00pm— Family Fun Putt-putt golf and ice cream
14 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship	15	16 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	17 7:30pm — LAST Choir Practice	18 1:00pm—Retirees' Luncheon @ Great American	19	20
21 9:45am LAST Day of Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:00pm —Deacon Meeting	22	23 12:00pm — Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's 9:00am—Blood Drive	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am—Worship	29	30 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	31			

**MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
10047 NOKESVILLE ROAD
MANASSAS VIRGINIA 20110**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



1-KIM K.
2-KEVIN C.
3-NANCY F.
3-KRISTINE H.
6-SAM K.
7-KIM B.
7-CHRIS E.
7-SHERRIE W.
8-LOIS W.
9-DEBBIE W.
10-RUTH J.
11-BRIANA B.
12-CAROLE R.
13-BENJAMIN B.
13-ALISA H.
13-ILLANA N.
15-JOICE B.

19-MANDY N.
22-JEFF C.
22-JOSEPH W.
23-SAMANTHA N.
24-LORETTA B.
24-TONI M.
24-ALISON W.
24-LUDIE M.
25-JOHN B.
25-KIRSTEN S.
25-OWEN W.
26-ANN H.
27-RAMONA V.
27-ALI C.
27-FRED S.
29-SHELLEY T.
31-CONNOR S.

3-PAUL AND RAMONA V.
4-DALE AND MARGARET B.
10-SAM AND MELINDA C.
10-JAMES AND JUDY F.
19-CHRISTIAN AND KIM S.
20-NATHAN AND KRISTA S.
25-TINA FISHER AND CHRIS E.
27-CHARLES AND GINA M.
28-CHRIS AND SHERRY B.
30-EDGAR AND KATHY S.
31-JOHN AND BRENDA B.
31-CRAIG AND MARALEE P.