



MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

MAY 2026

Welcome to May at MCOB

We are delighted to welcome you to the month of May at MCOB. As we transition from spring into summer, there are many meaningful opportunities to stay connected. With blossoms in full bloom and signs of new life all around us, our community is energized by a spirit of renewal and activity.

Our Sunday worship this month begins with Senior High Sunday on May 3. This special service will include a doughnut breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and will celebrate the leadership and gifts of our senior high youth as they guide us in worship.

Throughout May, we will continue to enjoy our regular fellowship groups and activities, including Forgetful Friends Chorus, Cards & Games Club (Cards & Games Club will NOT meet on May 7th. They will meet on May 28th this month), House of Mercy Workday, Retirees' Luncheon, Lovina Conner Circle Lunch, and Young Adult Lunch. Please see pages 5 and 6 for the full schedule, and be sure to learn more about our upcoming Adventure Club Hike on page 3. Also, Cards & Games Club will NOT meet on May 7th. They will meet on May 28th this month.

Our Congregational Council will take place on May 17 immediately following worship (see page 7 for more details). This is one of our most anticipated gatherings of the year, and all members are encouraged to attend. During this time, our youth will host a spaghetti lunch fundraiser. In addition, our MSO team will be assembling Birthday Cake kits during the Sunday School hour on May 17 and welcomes your help.

We also encourage you to sign up to serve during our worship services; volunteer opportunities can be found on page 9. Our church softball team's game schedule is now available on page 8—everyone is invited to participate or come out to support and cheer them on.

We joyfully recognize our graduates on page 4. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please submit a photo and brief bio for inclusion in the June newsletter.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway for Vacation Bible School; see page 8.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful and joy-filled month of May with you,

Pastor's Page

This month is Mental Health Awareness Month, which is a time when we can intentionally educate ourselves and one another about mental health conditions and their impact on our lives, we can reduce the stigma and encourage open conversations which foster acceptance, we can promote early intervention and access to treatment, and we can support each other's mental wellbeing through self-care, community engagement, and advocacy. The 2026 theme for this month is "More Good Days, Together" emphasizing the importance of community support and collective mental wellbeing. On May 31, we will designate a Sunday worship service to Mental Health Awareness, and we invite you to bring your whole self into this sacred space.

Throughout the Psalms, we read passage after passage of the psalmist struggling with depression, anxiety, and other mental health concerns. Through the texts, there are glimmers of solidarity, suffering, and hope. May we always remember that we have been created by God, in God's own image. We are loved and we are God's own children.

If you or a loved one struggles with mental health concerns, please know that you are not alone and there are resources available that can help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Mark, a Deacon, or me. We also have a partnership with Meaningful Change Therapy, LLC so that folks within our church family can have access to at least 3 counseling sessions at no cost to them. You can explore more of that resource here: www.meaningfulchangetherapyllc.com

~ Pastor Mandy



Worship Themes

May 3 - Senior High Sunday

Light Within Us

Scripture Text: Matthew 5:14-16

Worship Leaders: Sr. High Youth

May 10

Scripture Text: Psalms 66:8-20

Preacher: Pastor Mark

Worship Leader: Elisa Pickens

May 17 -Baptisms

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: TBD

May 24—Pentecost

Scripture Text: Acts 2:1-21

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: TBD

May 31—Mental Health Awareness

Scripture Text: Psalm 8

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: TBD

We would love to have you serve as a Worship Leader this month! Please contact Pastor Mandy

Adventure Club

ADVENTURE GROUP



SATURDAY MAY 2ND - 9:30AM

TWIN BRANCHES NATURE TRAIL

TWIN BRANCHES RD, RESTON, VA

MEET AT THE POOL PARKING LOT.



Deacons Meeting

Sunday May 3rd

12:00 pm

April Stewardship by the
Numbers

In-Person Worship: 94.5
Online Worship: 38

Weekly Offering: \$4, 379.00

Congratulations Graduates!




Congratulations!

Lane Revard—Kettle Run High School Class of 2026

Following graduation; Lane plans to become a large equipment diesel mechanic.



Ludie Mouvi—Osborn High School Class of 2026

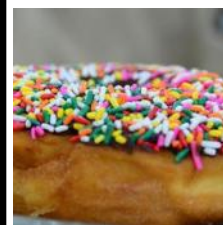
Following graduation, Ludie plans to play volleyball and attend Goucher College with a double major in Psychology and Neuroscience & a minor in legal studies. Ludie plans to potentially go to law school. Her overall goal is to become a criminal/forensic psychologist and an attorney.

Senior High Sunday—May 3rd


**Light
within US**
—Matthew 5:14-16

Senior High Sunday

May 3rd is Senior High Sunday. The Senior High Youth will be leading worship. The Jr. High class will host Donut Breakfast at 9:00 AM. Senior Youth will meet with the pastors in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM.



**Youth Sponsored
Doughnut
Breakfast!**

**Sunday May
3rd**

9:00am—Fellowship Center

**Junior High Youth should
arrive by 8:30 am**

Monthly Events



Workday at House of Mercy

Join us for a workday at House of Mercy on May 14th 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Please meet at the food pantry entrance at 1:00pm and contact the office with any questions.



Retirees' Luncheon
Thursday
May 21st
1:00pm

Great American Buffet at
8365 Sudley Road.
Please join us! All are welcome!!



Forgetful Friends Chorus
1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Manassas Church of the Brethren
Sanctuary
10047 Nokesville Road
Manassas, VA 20110

If you or your loved one has dementia, please join our Forgetful Friends Chorus! Former caregivers are also welcome. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association with support from Manassas Church of the Brethren and the Heritage Hunt Women's Club. Please email with any questions.

Email: forgetfulfriendschorus@gmail.com



Lovina Conner Circle Ladies Lunch

Thursday May 28th
11:30am
Cracker Barrel

10801 Battleview Pkwy, Manassas, VA 20109



MAY 28TH
1:00PM-4:00PM



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CARDS & GAMES!

WITH CONTRACT BRIDGE!

May Fun & Fellowship

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Lunch
12:30pm - May 3rd

Events



ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Sunday May 31st
12:30pm

Sunrise Ridge Winery
15850 Sunshine Rdg Ln.
Gainesville, VA 20155

Assembling Birthday Cake Kits

May 17th

WE WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER THE CAKE KITS DURING
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



Cake Mix



Frosting



12 pack Soda
*Any Flavor, No Diet



Sprinkles



Birthday Card



9 x 13 disposable
cake pan with lid



Candles

Farthest Corners Anniversary Benefit Silent Auction and Dinner

Learn more here:
[2026 Benefit at Vint Hill](#) | [Farthest Corners](#)

Farthest Corners expresses God's love in remote regions of Asia where suffering exists by providing humanitarian aid for the great spiritual, physical and educational needs of the people.



May 2, 2026

The Inn at Vint Hill

4200 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA 20187

20th Anniversary Benefit

5:00pm Silent Auction Opens
6:30pm Dinner Opens
7:00pm Silent Auction Closes
7:30pm Live Auction Begins

\$75 per person

Childcare offered at
Greenwich Church

Two decades of impact.

Spring Congregational Council Meeting

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
SPRING CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*A Year in the life of
Manassas Church of
the Brethren*



**With Youth Spaghetti
Lunch Fundraiser!**

SUNDAY MAY 17TH

12:15PM

FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Softball



May Softball

Contact Sean North if you want to play or come out and support our team!

Valley View Park
11930 Valley View Dr, Nokesville, VA 20181

📅 Schedule

Date	Time	Away	Home	Location
Week 2				
Fri 5/1	6:30 PM	Brethern	Park Valley 2 (Blue)	VV3
Fri 5/1	7:30 PM	Park Valley 2 (Blue)	Brethern	VV3
Week 3				
Fri 5/8	8:40 PM	Chapel Springs	Brethern	VV2
Fri 5/8	9:40 PM	Brethern	Chapel Springs	VV2
Week 4				
Fri 5/15	6:30 PM	Brethern	Mountain Top	VV3
Fri 5/15	7:30 PM	Mountain Top	Brethern	VV3
Week 5				
Memorial Day Holiday				
Week 6				
Fri 5/29	6:30 PM	Brethern	SCCC2	VV1
Fri 5/29	7:30 PM	SCCC2	Brethern	VV1

Vacation Bible School



VBS 2026

July 22—26, 2026

Our theme this year will be Snowball Mountain Challenge using the Cokesbury Curriculum. Get ready to turn your next summer VBS into an unforgettable adventure with *Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026*! This program invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. We will be partnering with Midland and Nokesville Churches of the Brethren, and VBS will be held at Nokesville. Look for more information to come.

Sign-ups

Ways to Serve!

Ushers



Sound Board



Acolytes



Children's Church



Nursery



Worship Leaders



Click Here to Sign-Up!

Acolytes [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Acolytes](#)

Worship Leaders [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Worship Leaders](#)

Sound Board [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Sound Board](#)

Ushers [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Ushers](#)

Children's Church [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Children's Church](#)

Nursery [Manassas Church of the Brethren: Nursery](#)

Affordable Housing

WE WON!

Thank you to everyone
who helped Virginia get
one major step closer to

HOMES FOR ALL

VOICE

Last week, the Governor of Virginia signed the Faith in Housing, ADUs, and Parking Reform pro-homes bills. This victory couldn't have been possible without the dedicated VOICE leaders, congregations, and Commonwealth Housing Coalition partners who showed up time and again to make affordable housing a reality. We're also thankful to the delegates and representatives, as well as the other patrons and champions for these reforms.

In the last 2+ years of the Homes for All campaign, we accomplished: Meeting with 115 legislators and local officials and Organizing thousands of Virginians for pro-homes

priorities!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who made this success possible. Our work isn't done, but this is a moment to celebrate.

Faith & Labor Summit

Between April 23rd-24th, something incredible happened.

Faith leaders, including our own Pastor Mandy, and labor organizers came together to deepen relationships, building on the people power of both movements.

The Faith & Labor Summit, organized by VOICE and Nova Labor, with Virginia Theological Seminary, convened 60+ people dedicated to finding commonalities and opportunities to engage between congregations and working people.

Participants heard from union leaders — including the incredible story from Chris Townsend and Alfonzo Clements of how DASH drivers won a \$10 hourly pay increase in under a year — and committed to connecting on upcoming campaigns to strengthen faith and labor solidarity.

Property Proposal Update

Cannon Branch Property

Our Explorations team is still exploring possibilities of moving back to Cannon Branch. There is a public hearing on May 6 at 5:30 pm at City Hall on the development at the Cannon Branch Location.

Please be advised that a public hearing on this request has been scheduled before the City of Manassas Planning Commission on:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at MANASSAS CITY HALL,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9027 CENTER STREET, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA**

**REZ-2026-0001 – Buchanan Partners and City of Manassas – Manassas Gateway
Landing at Cannon Branch Proffer Amendment**

To amend the proffers of the Gateway Development to clarify residential and commercial development location and phasing, to update the design guidelines to clarify streetscape and building design, and to make technical amendments. The properties are located at 9751 Buchanan Loop, 9800 Godwin Drive, 10500 Gateway Boulevard, and 10580 Gateway Boulevard. The development is located at the intersection of Gateway Boulevard and Godwin Drive. The properties are zoned PMD and are located in the Gateways and Corridors and Godwin Technology Character Areas of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

For additional information or to submit comments, please visit www.manassasva.gov/comhearing, email planningcommission@manassasva.gov, or call the Community Development Office at 703-257-8225 or TTY 7-1-1. In person comments at the meeting are also allowed. The staff report will be available online after 3:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**. For questions on the accessibility of the facility, please contact the City Clerk by telephone at 703-257-8280. Persons needing interpreter services for the deaf must notify the City Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m. **Friday, May 1, 2026**.

Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction



The poster for the 45th Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction features a central circular logo with the text "MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT" and "DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION". Surrounding the logo are several images: a woman holding a quilt, a group of people, a person working at a table, and a person holding a plant. Text boxes around the images list items for sale: "Handmade Quilts & Comforters", "Baked Goods Food & Gifts", "Handcrafts, Artwork & Antiques", and "Plants, Tools, Furniture & more". The date "May 2, 2026" and location "Carroll County Agricultural Center - Shipley Arena Westminster, Maryland" are prominently displayed at the bottom. A small note at the very bottom reads "Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Mid-Atlantic District".

The Mid-Atlantic District is hosting its Annual Disaster Response Auction on May 2nd. Be sure to click the link provided to learn more about this important event.

[Disaster Response Auction | Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP GET-AWAY

Junior and Senior High Youth
(Grades 6-12)

JUNE 12-14, 2026

At least one advisor must attend with any youth registered. Contact Missy for more details.

missygallihugh@gmail.com



Scan the QR Code to
register or learn
more!

Register by June 1st!

Summer Hours!

Our summer schedule will begin June 7th. There will be no Sunday School and Worship begins at **10:30am**. The first Sunday of June will be Children's Sunday with Guest Preacher David Radcliff from New Community Project.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sr. High Sunday 9:00am—Donut B'fast 9:45am – Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30pm—YA Lunch 12:00pm—Deacons Mtg	4	5 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's 3:30pm—Forgetful Friends Chorus	6 6:30pm—Bible Study	7	8 6:30pm—Softball	9
10 9:45am – Sunday School 11:00am—Worship	11 6:15pm – Executive Committee Mtg 7:30pm—Church Board Mtg	12 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	13 6:30pm—Bible Study	14 1:00pm: House of Mercy Workday	15 6:30pm—Softball	16
17 9:45am – Sunday School 11:00am – Worship 12:15pm—Congregational Council Showcase	18	19 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's 3:30pm—Forgetful Friends Chorus	20 6:30pm—Bible Study	21 1:00pm: Retirees' Luncheon	22 6:30pm—Softball	23
24/31 9:45am – Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30pm—Adult Fellowship	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	27 6:30pm—Bible Study	28 11:30am: Lovina Conner Circle Lunch 1:00pm: Cards & Games Club	29 6:30pm—Softball	30

**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.
9-DEBBIE W.
10-RUTH J.
11-BRIANA B.
12-CAROLE R.
13-BENJAMIN B.
13-ALISA H.
13-ILLANA N.

19-MANDY N.
22-JEFF C.
22-JOSEPH W.
23-SAMANTHA G.
24-LORETTA B.
24-TONI M.
24-ALISON W.
24-LUDIE M.
25-JOHN B.
25-KIRSTEN S.
25-OWEN W.
26-EMILIA A.
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.
31-JOHN AND BRENDA B.
31-CRAIG AND MARALEE P.

**We want to celebrate with you! Please let the Church
Office know your birthday and/or anniversary!**