

Manassas Church of the Brethren October 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to October at MCOB!

Welcome to MCOB in October! We have a lot going on this month. First, we would like you to know that we are locking the doors from 8am—12:30pm Monday-Friday. This is to help keep our preschool kids safe. Also, we will not have a hike this month due to District Conference but we will resume hiking in April!

We will kick off October 1st with a doughnut breakfast at 9:00am, and for our adult Sunday School we welcome Fatimata Gakou, Community Engagement Specialist with Lutheran Social Services to discuss refugee resettlement. Following Sunday School, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday & Love Feast which will begin during the worship service at 11am with communion. After worship, we will have feetwashing and handwashing, as well as a simple meal. See page 3 for more details.

On October 6th and 7th, We will host the Mid-Atlantic District Conference; for more information click here: <http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/> and see page 13.

Our Education & Enrichment team is accepting new scholarship applications. Please see page 4 for more information. Our Christian Education Team is looking for a part-time Christian Ed Coordinator, see page 5.

Our Young Adult group will have lunch at Texas Roadhouse on October 8th at 12:30pm. See page 10. On Saturday, October 15th our new Adult Fellowship Group will meet after worship for games, fellowship, and food. See page 5. Other activities this month include a House of Mercy workday, and our Retirees' luncheon, see page 8.

Our Fall Festival is on Saturday October 21st from 6:00pm—8:00pm in the gym. Please see page 14 for details.

Finally, we will hold our Service Sunday and Blanket Sunday on Sunday October 29th. See page 10.

Stewardship

September Attendance

Average weekly attendance in-person: **81**

Average weekly views online: **26**

Average weekly September 2023 Offering: **\$4266.23**

Pastor's Page

When I am driving through town, I have found that one of my favorite things to do is listen to podcasts. I enjoy the stories that people share about life and faith, and it makes my trip more relaxing and more engaging as I listen to others share about their faith and what is going on in our denomination and local community. I thought I'd share some of the podcasts I've been listening to recently, and I'd love to hear what podcasts you enjoy. Pastors Audrey and Tim Hollenberg-Duffey of Oakton Church of the Brethren release a weekly podcast called *Coffee with the Pastors*. In each episode they each share where they have seen God this week, and then they dive into a topic related to faith, sometimes specifically within our denomination. Every once in a while, they release an episode called *Popcorn with the Pastors* where they talk about a movie or other entertainment and how it ties into our faith.



Another podcast, I have enjoyed is *Breaking Cycles* created by Frances Robin, the executive director of Carried to Full Term. She interviews guests with experience and/or expertise around women empowerment, homelessness, and breaking cycles of poverty and trauma. As a board member for this organization, I was recently featured on one of these episodes.

For nearly ten years, young adults in the Church of the Brethren have released a podcast called *Dunker Punks*. Each episode includes a young adult sharing about topics or issues that are important to them and their relationship with God and the church. Ryan Dommer is a producer, and my own son, Tyler, does the audio editing for this podcast. How do you spend your time in the car? Where have you seen God this week? What are some of your favorite podcasts? ~Pastor Mandy



Worship Themes

October 1: World Communion Sunday Love Feast

Scripture: [John 13:1-17](#)

Speaker: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: Christian S.

October 8: A Third Way To Follow Jesus - Importance of Discipleship

Scripture: [Matthew 16:24-27](#)

Speakers: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: Briana B.

October 15: A Third Way To Follow Jesus - Church Without Class or Division

Scripture: James 2:1-11

Speaker: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: TBD

October 22: A Third Way to Follow Jesus—Belief in Church as Covenant Community

Scripture: [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Speaker: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: TBD

October 29: Creation Care/Blanket Sunday

Scripture: [Genesis 1:1,11-12](#); [Isaiah 24:54](#)

Speaker: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader: Creation Care Team

World Communion Sunday/Love Feast

Love Feast

World Communion* Sunday

October 1, 2023

12:30 pm

**After celebrating communion in worship,
join us for a simple meal and foot washing**

A Simple Meal*

Roast Beef Sandwiches, Raw Veggies with Hummus, and Fruit

***We will have gluten free options during the meal & communion**

Footwashing

Come and participate and/or observe at your comfort level.

There will also be Handwashing Stations

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

(John 13:12-15).



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Education & Enrichment Fall Scholarships



Manassas
Church of the Brethren

Education & Enrichment Scholarships

Apply Now for our Spring 2024 Scholarships!
Applications are due November 1st!

Scan the QR Code to
apply!



MORE INFORMATION:

703-368-4783

office@manassasbrethren.org

APPLY TODAY!

The Education and Enrichment Committee is accepting Spring Scholarship Applications! Scan the QR Code or Click here to apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxCUFyq4XcOKcT6sLDYa8-Ccf8TvuOnxSaUyydndXyhD8ZJw/viewform?usp=sf_link. **Applications are due November 1st**

Christian Education Coordinator

Christian Education Coordinator Job Opening

The position of Christian Education Coordinator is to work with the Pastor and the Christian Education Ministry Team in matters of the church pertaining to Christian Education. The position is for 10 hours per week. Contact the church office for more information: office@manassasbrethren.org



Fellowship



ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Games & Drinks
Sunshine Ridge
Winery



October 15, 2023

12:30pm -
3:30pm

15850 Sunshine Ridge Ln,
Gainesville, VA 20155

Ways to Serve!

Ushers



Sound Board



Acolytes



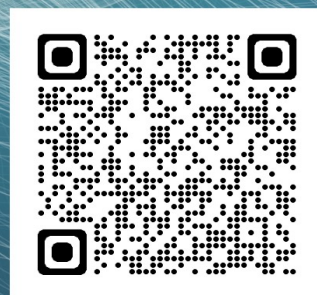
Children's Church



Nursery



Altar Flowers



Click Here to serve as Worship Leader:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45A5AD29ABF94-worship>



CDS Training
October 20-21, 2023
Bridgewater COB



Children's Disaster Services Training

The Brethren Children's Disaster Services is holding a training for those interested, at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Training will take place October 20th and 21st. Click Here: [Workshop dates and locations – Children's Disaster Services](#) ([brethren.org](#)) or scan the QR Code to learn more and register.



Midland
Church of the Brethren
Apple Festival
October 28, 2023
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Apple Dumplings Apple Butter

Fall Bake Sale
To support the Growing Project

Games Craft Vendors
Food Trucks

Celebration & Thanksgiving
of the 2023
Field of Boaz
Growing Project
@ 1:00 PM

Events



Retirees' Luncheon

Thursday October 19th
1:00pm

Great American Buffet

House of Mercy Workday!

Thursday October 12th
1:00pm-4:00pm.

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



8170 Flannery Court
Manassas, VA 20109



Adult Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. You can join in-person or via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 775 568 3646, Passcode: 616882

Adult Sunday School



Our Adult Sunday School options on Sunday mornings are our Creation Care class, Cards and Caring Hands Class, and the handbell choir.

Kids & Youth

DATED CURRICULUM BIBLE OUTLINES

Year 4, Quarter 1 (Fall 2023) Becoming a People of God

| | Date | Session Title | Text | Faith Link |
|---|----------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Family of Abraham and Sarah (stories from Genesis) | | | | |
| 1 | Sept. 3 | Abram and Sarai | Genesis 12:1-9 | We can respond to God's leading. PKK: God is with us wherever we go. |
| 2 | Sept. 10 | Isaac, the Promised Child | Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19; 18:1-15; 21:1-7 | We can trust God's promises. |
| 3 | Sept. 17 | Jacob and Esau, Feuding Brothers | Genesis 25:19-34; 27; 32:1-15, 33:1-17 | We can make peace after a fight. |
| 4 | Sept. 24 | Joseph, the Favored Child | Genesis 37 | We all make mistakes that have consequences. PKK: God loves us even when we make mistakes. |
| 5 | Oct. 1 | Joseph's Rise to Power | Genesis 39, 41 | We can use power to help others. PKK: We can help others. |
| 6 | Oct. 8 | Joseph and His Family Reconcile | Genesis 42-46 | We can forgive. |
| Journey to Freedom (stories from Exodus) | | | | |
| 7 | Oct. 15 | Courageous Women in Egypt | Exodus 1:1- 2:10 | We can boldly do what is right. PKK: God kept baby Moses safe. |
| 8 | Oct. 22 | Moses, God's Chosen Leader | Exodus 3:1-4:17 | We can express our fears and doubts to God. PKK: God chose a helper to free the people. |
| 9 | Oct. 29 | Moses Confronts Pharaoh | Exodus 7:1-12:42 | We can speak out against injustice. PKK: God set the people free. |
| 10 | Nov. 5 | Crossing the Red Sea | Exodus 13:17-15:21 | We can celebrate God's power. |
| 11 | Nov. 12 | In the Wilderness | Exodus 15:22-16:36 | We can ask God for what we need. |
| 12 | Nov. 19 | On Mount Sinai | Exodus 19:1-20:21; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | We can follow God's commandments. |
| 13 | Nov. 26 | Crossing into the Promised Land | Joshua 1:1-9; 3-4 | We can remember God's faithfulness. |

Each week, our children and youth (Pre-K through 12th grade) will be learning these scripture texts and themes during their weekly Sunday School classes. Sunday School starts at 9:45am.



Jr./Sr. High Youth Movie Night!

Following the Fall Festival on Saturday October 21st youth will meet in the fellowship Hall at 8:00pm for movie night!



Save the Date! Service Sunday on October 29, 2023

There will be a variety of service projects in which to participate around the church property and inside during Sunday School hours from 9:45am to 10:45am on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Everyone is welcome to participate!

"Love never fails." - 1 Corinthians 13:8

We will also be commemorating Church World Service blanket Sunday in worship on the same day.

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the Church World Service Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Lunch
12:30pm - October 8th

Texas Roadhouse

9875 Liberia Ave. Manassas, Virginia 20110

Repairing the World



We invite you to a film screening and discussion about how our community can stand together against hate, antisemitism and all forms of bigotry.

Please join Unity in the Community and our collaborators, the Human Rights Commission and the NAACP for a screening and discussion of [*Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life*](#), the new award-winning documentary from [Not In Our Town](#) at Dar Al Noor in Manassas, VA, on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Through the voices of survivors, family members, diverse Pittsburgh residents, and leaders, *Repairing the World* shows the powerful display of unity in a moment of crisis, the resilience of a vibrant city, and a community working together to understand what it means to be "Stronger than Hate."

The screening will be followed by a discussion about what each of us can do to stop hate in Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park. We hope that everyone will leave with a commitment to something they can do.

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/11WDxST7bMv1CD228>.

For more information about the screening, please contact Debbie Bass Rubenstein at (703) 791-3404. To learn more about Not in Our Town, please visit NIOT.org.

Medical Missionaries Fall Festival



**MEDICAL
MISSIONARIES**

*People of all Faiths
Helping the
Poorest of the Poor*

25th

*Anniversary
2022*

Friends of Medical Missionaries
Fall Festival
Windy Knolls Farm, Nokesville, Va.
Saturday, October 21, 2023
2pm - 6pm

Food, beverages, live music,
line dancing, and raffles.
Special musical guests from
Grundy, Appalachia



RSVP Here



Bereaved Parent Group



A Bereaved Parent of the USA NOVA Chapter support group will be starting here at the church in room 207 on Thursday, Oct 5 from 7-9pm. The group will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

This is a national non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope to bereaved parents, grandparents or siblings struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of their children, grandchildren or siblings. Contact Sue Cerrone with any questions at 703-819-8604 or suebcerrone@gmail.com

District Conference



*Left window panel drawings submitted by the children of the Manassas and Fairview congregations.
Right window panel drawings submitted by the children of the Friendship congregation.*

Mid-Atlantic District 2023

District Conference

Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7

Manassas Church of the Brethren

<http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>

We Are All God's Children

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 25-27

Saturday morning Bible Study - Jody Gunn

Friday Evening Concert 7 pm

Livestreamed on You Tube

<https://bit.ly/2023-MAD-Conference-Concert>



We are seeking individuals or groups who would like to share their vocal or instrumental music selections with us either in person or via a recording. If you're a musician or part of a church music group, please send your submission for our Friday evening concert. Please follow this link to a letter sent to churches earlier this year that explains the details.

[Call for Friday Night Concert Performances](#)

**Join us October 6th for a Friday evening concert at
7pm in the Sanctuary!**



2023 Manassas Church of the Brethren Fall Festival!

You are cordially invited to celebrate autumn at Fall Festival 2023! Come enjoy dinner, games, and fun with family and friends in the Manassas Church of the Brethren Fellowship Center on Saturday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Junior and senior high youth are invited to run an activity station. Friends are welcome! All guests are encouraged to wear non-scary costumes and contribute in some way towards the potluck dinner and festival.

You are kindly asked to RSVP on or before Wednesday, October 18 to Sherrie Wampler. Email: the6wamplers@hotmail.com or Call/Text: (703) 309-4651.

Volunteers Needed: Fall Festival Setup on Saturday, October 21 (9:00 AM to Noon), Work Activity Station at Fall Festival (6:30 PM to 7:50 PM), Fall Festival Cleanup (8:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

Potluck Dinner and Festival Items Needed: Main dish; side dish; vegetable tray with dip; fruit tray; cupcakes (for the cupcake walk!); candy (nut free and individually wrapped for hall-way trick or treating!); donation towards the purchase of pizza; small prizes (for the game stations!); share (1) child's wagon for indoor hayride!

October 2023



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>9:00am—Donut Breakfast 9:45: Sunday School 11:00am—Worship W/ Communion 12:30pm—Love Feast</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Arby's 4:00pm—Forgetful Friends Chorus</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir Practice</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> <p>District Conference 7pm—Concert</p> | <p>7</p> <p>District Conference</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>9:45: Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30pm—YA Lunch</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 6:15pm—Executive Committee 7:30pm—Church Board</p> | <p>10</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Arby's</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir Practice</p> | <p>12</p> <p>1:00pm—House of Mercy Workday</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>9:45: Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30—Adult Fellowship Group @ Sunshine Ridge Winery</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Arby's 4:00pm—Forgetful Friends Chorus</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir Practice</p> | <p>19</p> <p>1:00pm—Retirees' Luncheon @ Great American</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:00pm—Fall Festival</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>9:45: Sunday School 11:00am—Worship</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Arby's</p> | <p>25</p> <p>6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir Practice</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Midland COB Apple Festival</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>9:45: Sunday School/Workday 11:00am—Worship Creation care/Service Sunday</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Arby's</p> | | | | |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



2-Julie C.
2-Victor V.
4-Larry F.
4-Julia M.
4-Meredyth R.
5-Tony G.
6-Courtney B.
6-Michelle H.
6-Jacob P.
6-Carroll W.
7-Mary Ellen K.
8-Ryan D.
10-Ben W.
11-Kate M.

12-Tina F.
12-Nancy S.
14-Sam C.
15-Dianne C.
15-Edgar S.
19-Tim K.
20-Noah S.
23-Melanie S.
24-Travis B.
24-Carl P.
25-Vanessa G.
28-Tyler N.
28-Kailea N.
29-Paul O.

29-Melissa B.
29-Jay J.
30-Maria W.
30-Orrin K.
30-Joshua R.
31-Betty B.
31-Dale R.



2-John and Betty P.
16-Luke and Karen C.
18-David and Kris S.
21-Cotton and Ruth J.
27-Mike and Lavonne H.
29-Tyler and Courtney B.