

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MAY 2022



Spring has Sprung!

This past month, we've had a lot of activities! Beginning in March we have celebrated Lent, held a Love Feast, celebrated Palm Sunday with a cookout and Easter egg hunt, and had a spring Work & Walk day to beautify the church inside and out and walk to support Church World Service and Ukraine refugees.

Now as we continue through May, we will discern how to best use our time and resources. The Stewardship Ministry Team, Property Ministry Team, and Goals & Purposes Committee have begun our 2022 Capital Campaign to raise money for improvements to the church and grounds. Among the issues, are a new boiler system, roof repairs, and parking lot re-pavement. We have also had a lot of other great ideas. You can read more about the campaign on page 4.

This month we celebrate our 2022 Graduates, beginning with Sr. High Sunday on May 1st! Please see our graduates on page 3. We love to celebrate our graduates! If someone you or a loved one are graduating, please let us know! Congratulations to all!

On May 7th, we will have our monthly hike at Silver Lake Regional Park in Haymarket. See page 5 for more details. Also on May 7th is the 41st Mid-Atlantic District Annual Disaster Auction. Pick up a booklet from the narthex, or see page 12.

On May 15th, following worship, the deacons will hold their monthly meeting, and on May 22nd we will hold our congregational council meeting, immediately following worship. Find out more on page 5.

Additionally, Unity in the Community is hosting a town hall Zoom meeting on May 15th at 6:30pm. The flyer is on page 10 with all of the information. Look for Zoom information to come.

As summer gets closer we are also preparing for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year, is *Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God*. The registration is now available, see page 6 for information and the registration link. We are also looking for volunteers for the nursery and children's church. See page 7 for the link to volunteer.



Pastor's Page

A Church that Works Together

On Saturday, April 23 starting before 9 am, more than 30 members of our church family gathered to work together. Some mulched and weeded outside, while some cleaned and organized various rooms and closets in the church, while still others prepared lunch for everyone. Throughout the morning, I was able to circulate around the building, visiting the various work projects taking place. I saw our youth cleaning the youth room to make it their own space. I saw children working with adults to clean the sports equipment closet in the Fellowship Center and set-up tables and chairs for lunch. I saw young adults and older adults working together to organize spaces in our church that haven't been used much in the past two years because of the pandemic. And through all our working together, I heard conversations as stories were told about the history of our church or memories were shared about items found during the clean-up. I heard laughter and joy. I saw groups of people working together who don't ordinarily choose to work together. I saw relationships deepening and community together.

While we can certainly celebrate all the great work that we were able to accomplish on Saturday, April 23, the greatest joy is the community that came together to do the work. Thank you for being a community of care, where relationships matter, and Christian discipleship counts. I'm looking forward to the ways that God will continue to use this church that works together.

~Pastor Mandy



Worship Themes

May 1—Sr. High Sunday

Colossians 2:5-7
"Foundational"
Preacher: Gabby C.
Worship Leaders: Youth

May 8

Deuteronomy 5:11-22
Romans 13:8-10
"Love Fulfills the Law"
Preacher: Pastor Mandy
Worship Leader: TBD

May 15

2 Corinthians 4:7-12
"Jars of Clay"
Preacher: Mandy North
Worship Leader: Illana N.

May 22

John 11:17-44
"Alive in Christ"
Preacher: Mandy North
Worship Leader: TBD

May 29

Acts 1:1-11
"Jesus' Ascension"
Preacher: Mandy North
Worship Leader: TBD

Sr. High Sunday—May 1st



Senior High Youth are leading us in worship this Sunday! Come and worship with us as our Senior High take over the service with the theme “Foundational” from Colossians 2:5-7. Gabby C. will deliver the sermon.

Congratulations Graduates!



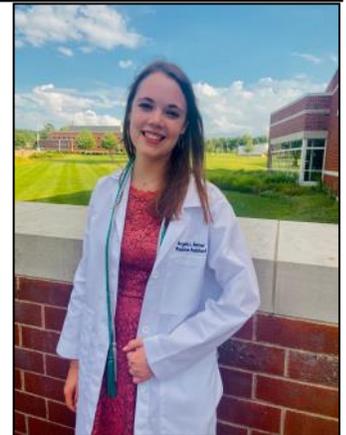
Dr. Katelyn W. is graduating with a medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine. Following graduation, Katelyn will be participating in the Pediatric Residency Program at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, WV



Gabby C. is graduating from Brentsville High School and will be attending Lord Fairfax Community College in the fall. After two years, she plans on attending Mary Washington University, wherein she plans to study Sports Medicine.



Brad H. will be graduating from James Madison University in May. He will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance with a concentration in Financial Analysis. He plans to work for an Investment Company upon graduation.



Angela H. graduated from DeSales University in August.

She is now living in Maryland and is enjoying working as a Physician Assistant at Capital Neurology and Sleep Medicine.



Tina F. will be receiving her Graduate Certificate in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination from Bethany Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 7th. Theopoetics suggests that religion's nearest analogue is art and therefore practices theology as *poiesis*: an inspired, inventive, intuitive and imaginative act of composition performed by authors.



Abigail A. is graduating from Bridgewater. Her degree is Family and Consumer Sciences w/ Concentrations in Gerontology and Nutritional Sciences. She plans to stay in the surrounding Bridgewater area, and would like to eventually pursue a managerial role in a retirement home after interning at VMRC this semester.

2022 MCOB Capital Campaign

As we celebrate nearly a year of being back together in person for worship following the pandemic, we look forward to the ways that God continues to call us to be a community of care, where relationships matter and Christian discipleship counts.

A vision years ago was to have a facility open to the community for recreation and fellowship. This vision became a reality close to 25 years ago with the completion of our Fellowship Center, which provides space for carry-in meals and other church activities. Maintaining our facilities is a way of extending hospitality to our community and we have the opportunity to support this ongoing ministry with a Capital Campaign. The Stewardship team is partnering with the Property team and Goals & Purpose committee with support from the Church Board to launch a Capital Campaign to provide a source of funding for major building and program enhancements as well as maintenance and repair projects.

The goal is to raise at least \$150,000 over the next 2 years above and beyond our general budget. A very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has pledged to match the first \$50,000 of donations towards this campaign.

The Stewardship and Property Ministry Teams and Goals & Purpose Committee held four listening sessions to answer questions and receive your input to the campaign and the potential projects. These projects will be discussed among the committee and an update will be presented at the Congregational Council Meeting on May 22nd.

We are inviting you to be a part of this campaign, to prayerfully consider how you might take a step of faith and support this ministry opportunity. You should have received a pledge card in the mail, or you can use the one below. Please take some time to fill out the card. There is one for you to keep as a reminder of your pledge and another for you to turn into the church. Pledge cards can be turned into the church office or placed in the offering plates in the sanctuary from now through June 5, 2022. June 5th is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the birth of the Church. As we celebrate this year, we look forward to our future ministry together as the Manassas Church of the Brethren.

For Your Records



Manassas
Church of the Brethren

I am able to pledge: \$ _____ for the Capital Campaign above and beyond my current giving, to be paid by June 2024.

I currently give \$ _____ Weekly/Monthly/Yearly to support the church's general budget.

Date: _____ Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____



Manassas Church of the Brethren

Bring to Church



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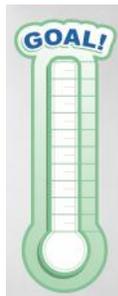
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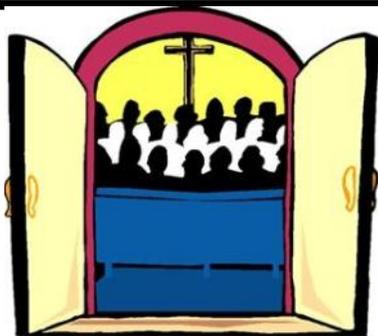
May Hike—Silver Lake Regional Park
May 7, 2022
8:30am

16198 Silver Lake Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

Steve and Linda H. will be leading the Hiking Group on Saturday, May 7 at 8:30am at Silver Lake Park in Haymarket, VA.

<https://www.visitpwc.com/listing/silver-lake-regional-park/460/>

**Everyone will meet in the large parking lot at the end of Silver Lake Road no later than 8:30am **



**Congregational
MEETING**

Spring 2022 Congregational Council Meeting
Sunday May 22, 2022
After Worship

Join us for our spring congregational council meeting. On the agenda is an update on the Capital Campaign, affirming new deacons, ministry reports, and financial reports. We hope to see all of you there! You can attend in person in the Sanctuary or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 775 568 3646

Passcode: 932339



Deacons Meeting

Sunday May 15th

12:30 pm

April Stewardship by the
Numbers

In-Person Worship: 85
Online Worship: 54

Weekly Offering: \$5160.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MCOB Mystery Island VBS 2022

Is there just one God? ... Who is God?... What is God like?... Does God love me?... Can I know God?

Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what God is like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing God is through the pages of Scripture.

Mystery Island VBS is packed with teaching that connects the Bible to the real world and gives kids a better understanding of our awe-inspiring Creator and the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

Each day, kids will learn more about one of God's amazing attributes (great, almighty, ruler, Emmanuel, trustworthy) and how that applies to their lives.

Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island!

July 18th-22nd, Manassas Church of the Brethren will hold Mystery Island VBS from 5:30-8:00pm! Please come for a provided kid-friendly dinner at 5:00 as you are able! All registrations for Mystery Island VBS, from participants to volunteers will be available on the website, the link for which will be provided below. If you are for whatever reason unable to use the website, paper copies will be available in the narthex.

VBS LINK→ <https://mcobvbs.myanswers.com/mystery-island/>



Sunday School



Summer Children's Education

June 5th is Children's Sunday! This means that both virtual and in-person Sunday School will be coming to an end for the summer. However, starting June 12th, we will reintroduce Children's Church to children in grades K-2. The nursery will also provide childcare to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers throughout worship. Please help us fill the need for volunteers to help fulfill this summer endeavor! There are 2 separate sign-up geniuses for both the nursery and children's

church; please see the links below and sign up as you are able!

NURSERY Sign-Up→ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45A5AD29ABF94-mcob1>

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sign-Up→ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45A5AD29ABF94-mcob2>

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study will continue to use our scripture each week for Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall or Zoom through June 1st.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 775 568 3646

Passcode: 932339

Youth Sunday School

Our youth will meet on Sundays at 6:30pm via Zoom. They will be using the Shine Curriculum and planning for

FaithX June 19th—23rd and NYC July 23-28.



Ministry Moments

On Saturday, April 23, the Mission, Service and Outreach Ministry Team invited everyone to participate in a special CROP Walk for Ukraine. We collected over \$1650 in donations to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine suffering from the tragedy of war. Thanks to all those who walked and all those who generously donated funds for this cause. The funds are providing critical support in Chişinău, Balti and Soroca. Thank you for providing food, shelter, mental health counseling, supplies and support!

In addition to funds donated to Ukraine, we were able to collect blankets, gloves, socks, and coats to Ukrainian Refugees.



House of Mercy Workday

On April 14th we had a group work at House of Mercy Thrift Shop and Food Pantry.



Spring Clean-up Workday

Also on April 23rd, the Property Team hosted a Spring clean-up workday! We had a lot of volunteers and were successful in clearing the grounds, mulching and weeding, cleaning the flower room, resource room, and youth room. We also worked on the library and the office.



Unity in the Community



Unity in the Community

Presents a Town Hall Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 6:30 pm

Prince William County School System's

Vision 2025: Launching Thriving Futures

Welcome: Taalibah Hassan, Unity in the Community, Chairperson

Moderator: Atif Qarni, 19th Virginia Secretary of Education. Atif Qarni currently serves as Managing Director of External Affairs at Temple University's Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice.

Presenter: Dr. La Tanya McDade

Prince William County Schools Superintendant

Panel:

- Dr. Babur Lateef, PWC School Board Chairperson
- Abdullah Usufzai, PWC Human Rights Student Leadership Council
- Rev. Mandy North, Former PWCS Math Teacher, Parent of two school aged students in PWCS and Pastor of Manassas Church of the Brethren
- Jaylen Waithe, President of PWC Black Student Union Coalition
- Curtis Porter, PWC Human Rights Commission Chairperson
- Jake Waldman, Jewish Student Representative, Congregation Ner Shalom

Women for Women Concert



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2022 | 4.00 PM



**All donations benefitting
New Community Project's
Keep 'Em Safe Campaign**

**Want to perform?
Contact Susan Dommer
susanwdommer@gmail.com
for more details.**

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



Scan the QR code for more information on
the Keep 'Em Safe Campaign

MADCOB AUCTION

41st Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response **Auction**

www.madcob.com/disaster-response-auction



May 7, 2022

**Carroll County Agricultural Center - Shipley Arena
Westminster, Maryland**

Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Mid-Atlantic District

Click here for more Information:

[Disaster Response Auction | Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren
\(madcob.com\)](http://Disaster Response Auction | Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren (madcob.com))

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sr. High Sunday 9:00am — Kids SS 9:30 am Coffee Connections 11:00am — Worship 6:30pm — Youth Zoom	2	3 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	4 6:30pm —Adult Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir	5	6	7 8:30am— Hiking at Silver Lake Regional Park in Haymarket
8 9:00am — Kids SS 11:00am —Worship 6:30pm — Youth Zoom	9 6:15 pm — Executive Committee Mtg 7:30 pm —Church Board Mtg	10 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	11 6:30pm —Adult Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir	12	13	14
15 9:00am — Kids SS 11:00am —Worship 12:30pm —Deacons 4:00pm —Concert 6:30pm — Youth Zoom	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	18 6:30pm —Adult Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir	19	20	21
22 9:00am Kids SS 11:00am —Worship 12:00pm Congregational Council Mtg 6:30pm — Youth Zoom	23	24 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	25 6:30pm —Adult Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir	26	27	28
29 9:00am — Kids SS 11:00am —Worship 6:30pm — Youth Zoom	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.
8-LOIS W.
9-DEBBIE W.
10-RUTH J.
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 BRYANT-K.
24-TONI M.
24-ALISON .
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.