

# *Parish News*



## **Union Bridge Church of the Brethren**

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### **Reaping and the Harvest**

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever one sows, this they will also reap. For the one who sows to their own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

I cannot speak for the rest of you, but when I hear the word reaping, I cannot help but think of death. Perhaps it is some connection with the Grim Reaper that I am making from the word, but in truth, reaping is about harvest. That which we have already planted and nourished is that which will be able to be harvested come the appropriate season.

It is in September and October that all the Great Judaic feasts occur one of them, the Feast of Booths also known as Sukkot is entirely about the harvest. The celebration takes place after the reaping. A time of celebration and rest occurs to commemorate the hard work of the year and to ask God to ensure that what they have already reaped would be enough.

In Christ, we see a different idea around the reaping. In John 7, Jesus talks about living water flowing from them that have received the Spirit and follows Christ. In this vein, we must think about preparing for the harvest in a different sense. The harvest is not all about storing up perishable goods for the winter, but for our spiritual well-being.

"We reap what we sow" is so often used in a negative context in a light of retributive justice. A sense of you are going to get what you deserve. This is perhaps true, but the light painted by Christ is one of reaping the reward for the good that we have done. Storing up harvests built from work, but more importantly from the faithful observation of following Christ's teachings. Let us consider this season the good things that we have stored up and how our work year-round should build toward God's harvest on this world.

Amen.

Pastor Scott

*"Continuing the work of Jesus Christ by inviting people to...  
discover...grow...share...live...God's Word...God's Love...God's Grace."*

## October Scripture Passages

### October 3

Hebrews 1:1-4 and Hebrews 2:5-12  
*"The Greatest Testimony"*

### October 10

Hebrews 4:12-16  
*"A Double Edged Sword"*

### October 17

Hebrews 5:1-10  
*"A High Priest of God"*

### October 24

Mark 10:35-45  
*"To Serve or Be Served"*

### October 31

*"A Conversation with the Pastors"*

## Church Contacts

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### Pastor's office hours

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Email address unionbridgepastors@gmail.com

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Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to noon

## WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

*Ira Albaugh, Sue Albaugh, Shirley Altvater,  
Ruth Aukerman, Sara Black, Emmert Claar,  
Shirley Furry, Melissa & Rick Greene, Jim Havrilla,  
Marilyn Havrilla, Donna Healey, Joe Hughes,  
Tom & Margie Legg, Thurston Myers,  
Family & Friends of Jerry Shipley,  
Paul & Shirley Soper, Gene Straub and family,  
Lyle & June Stutzman, Ruth Thomas,  
Sharon Weeks, Dale and Sandy Yingling  
and Dot Hess-Zepp*



## October Birthdays

1 Gary Mosholder  
3 Ronald Hook  
Brenda Whipp  
4 Terry Grable, Jr.  
Donna Healey  
5 Michael Pfaltzgraff  
Sean Dickason  
6 Roy Domer  
7 Vickie Mastalerz  
8 Eleanor Black  
Frances Wimmer  
9 Diane Davis  
Nancy McCuller  
11 Dale Yingling  
12 Shirley Altvater  
Ed Palsgrove  
14 Michael Poffenberger  
18 Dawn Faudale  
21 Sandi Evans Rogers  
23 Ira Albaugh  
Jean Cradlin  
Julie McCuller  
Andrea Wilson  
26 Amanda Smith  
27 Jay Fritz  
Anne Himes  
Ryan Ricketts  
28 Kevin Dotterer  
Gene Straub  
29 Dean Altvater  
Stephen Lee  
31 Wayne Adams  
Jason Fritz



## October Anniversaries

1 – 2011 Kevin & Megan Poffenberger  
3 – 1987 John & Diane Davis  
20 – 2001 Phil & Noel Morsberger  
24 – 1998 Charley & Michelle Miller

## Giving Progress as of September 12, 2021

	2021	2020
Budget-to-date	\$134,408.16	\$131,076.72
Actual Giving	\$117,572.00	\$127,907.00
Ahead/(Behind)	\$(16,836.16)	\$(3,169.72)
Actual Expenses	\$122,508.98	\$119,196.87
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(4,936.98)	\$8,710.13

## Thank You Notes

"We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards, text messages, food and snacks for Mike during his emergency surgery, hospitalization and since he is back home. We are extremely grateful for everyone's concern for us during this time. A special thanks to Pastor Scott for his phone calls and prayers during those first few days; it meant more than you may realize. We are so thankful for answered prayers and a smooth and quick recovery. He is doing really well and back into the swing of things here on the farm."

Mike & Julie McCuller and family

The Selection Committee for the  
Joanne Grossnickle Scholarship from  
Union Bridge Church of the Brethren,

Greetings from Bridgewater College!

I want to take this time to sincerely thank you for selecting me as a 2021-22 recipient of the Joanne Grossnickle Scholarship. Your generous scholarship award has made a considerable impact and I am extremely grateful!

Thank you for your extended patience while I was trying to make some very difficult life decisions about whether I was returning to college at all this semester, or even if it would be to Bridgewater College. I also applied for and was accepted at Shenandoah University and Frederick Community College this semester, too. When I initially applied for the scholarship, I never thought I would be at the crossroads I was about a month ago. The pandemic and it's changes to the educational environment had me second-guessing if I wanted to even return to campus at all, much less, continue on my path of becoming a teacher.

I am pleased to inform you that I am back at Bridgewater College and continuing my path towards becoming a teacher. I did, however, decide not to return to playing football this year. I have been awarded an on-campus work-study job for the first time in my college years. I work as a Guest Relations assistant at the Information Center a few hours per week now. This and off-site visits to local schools for one of my college teaching courses, will help to fill some of the time that football used to take.

Thank you for who you are and what you offer to the local Frederick community graduates. I attended Walkersville feeder schools my entire K-12 educational years. It's nice to be part of such a strong community, which I am still feeling, by being awarded such a generous scholarship. Again, my sincerest thanks!

Myles Roberts

## Note from the Quilters

Before leaving fabric, quilt tops, etc. in quilting room please let one of us know.

Also, now that our quilting group is quilting 3 times a week we have time available to quilt personal projects as well as for the auction. If you have a project you would like us to quilt for you please contact one of us.

Thanks,

Kaye Horr, Brenda Palsgrove and Connie Welsh

## Deacons Fund

The Deacon's Fund is used by the Deacons to provide funds to those church members who are in financial need. Due to several recent distributions, the fund balance is very low and is now unable to provide further assistance at this time. We are asking the congregation to pray on this matter, and to consider donating to this fund so that further assistance to our members can be provided. Your prayers, thoughts and care will be much appreciated.

Love and blessings, Gene Straub, Deacon Chair

## Fall Clothing Drive

It's time to get ready for the change of seasons, which means it's time for our Fall Clothing Collection in the month of October. Please bag and mark coats so we can donate them were most needed. Children's clothing is always needed. And we are collecting NEW socks, all sizes for men and women, for the Carroll County Cold Weather Shelter.



Donations will be accepted thru October 31 and then delivered to Second Chances and Rescue Mission in Westminster. Please place donations under the coat racks in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact the church office or see a member of the Witness Commission.

### Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Wednesday night prayer meeting over zoom will begin October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Check the worship email for the zoom link. Pastor Britnee looks forward to starting back up.



### M & M Meeting

The M and M Meeting will be held Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Come join us for a time of fellowship, good food and fun. A program will be held. We look forward to seeing each other again. If you plan to attend please sign on the pad in the church office or call 410-775-2717.

### Mid-Atlantic Disaster Annual Benefit Dinner

Saturday, October 16, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.  
Co-Hosted by: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren and Bush Creek Church of the Brethren  
4821 Green Valley Road, Monrovia MD  
(Green Valley Road is MD Route 75)  
Fine Dining & Auction of Special Treats  
\$35.00 per person. Please contact Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958 or jamckee26@msn.com for tickets or more information. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

### Clean-Up Buckets - Sharing God's Love and Hope:

Hurricane season has caused much devastation in the US this fall already. Church World Service reports their inventory of Clean-Up Buckets is very low so the need for more clean-up buckets is high. Each bucket is valued at \$75 by CWS and a \$3 processing fee is requested. The Witness Team has set our goal to fill 20 Clean-Up Buckets. We know you will help us make this happen!!



We are requesting donations of money and we will do the shopping. Buying in bulk can be cost effective and we want everyone to stay safe and healthy. If additional monies are received, we will make a donation to Church World Service. Please be sure to note "Clean-Up Buckets" on your donation envelope and checks should be payable to the church. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Witness Team: Sara Black, Karen Dargavel, Kaye Horr, Rhonda Smith and Pam Tressler.

### UNICEF Collection- October 31

On Sunday, October 31, we will have a UNICEF Collection **during our worship service.** The United Nations Children's Fund (started in 1950) believes that "all children have a right to survive, thrive and fulfill their potential". The organization is actively helping children in 190 countries and territories.



Keep in mind: 25 cents will provide 10 kids clean water to drink for a day; \$5.00 will buy a backpack for a child to go to school, \$17.00 keeps kids safe from 6 diseases. UNICEF is working hard so all children will have healthy food, clean water, medicine and a chance to thrive! You can help.

### Congregational Business Meeting October 31, 2021

All members please stay after church for our annual decision making. We will be affirming new leadership, passing a budget, and talking about how we will be discerning the future vision of the congregation.



### Support Afghan Refugees

Please see the attached flyer. Tim and Audrey Hollenberg-Duffy, co-pastors at Oakton CoB in Northern Virginia, have shared this Outreach opportunity. Please contact Kaye Horr if you have any questions.

