## Parish News



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

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## Easter Happenings

Lent Bible Study Wednesdays: 1:00pm Feb. 21 – March 27th Online & in-person Pastor Scott will be leading an afternoon Bible Study themed, A Lenten Journey. This will be a hybrid option; you can use the zoom link to call in or join online. You can also join us in the sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt March 23rd: 11:00am UB Community Center Dream Big is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Union Bridge Community Center. There will be a chili cook-off, small lunch, and activities for the kids.

Love Feast March 27th: 7:00pm Sanctuary This year St. James Lutheran Church along with others from the community are invited to join us for love feast. We will begin in the sanctuary at 7:00pm and transition to the fellowship hall.

Easter Service March 31st: 10:30am Sanctuary Our Easter Service will be held in the Sanctuary starting at 10:30am. Be sure to order your Easter flowers from Alice. These flowers help create the worship center for our Easter service!

There will be no Sonrise service this year.

#### **March Scripture Passages**

#### Sermon Series – Lent "On the Road" March 3, 2024

Luke 15:11-32 "Stuck on the Road"

#### March 10, 2024

Luke 24:13-31 "The Road to No Where"

#### March 17, 2024

Acts 9:1-9

"The Road to Redemption"

#### March 24, 2024

Luke 19:28-38 "The Road of Triumph"

#### Easter March, 31, 2024

Luke 24:1-12 "And Still they Doubted"

#### **Church Contacts**

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Pastor's office hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon (Pastor Scott off on Tuesday; Pastor Britnee off on Thursday) Email address unionbridgepastors@gmail.com

Amber's office hours

Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Sue Albaugh, Eleanor Black, Emmert Claar, the family of Nancy Forney, Sandy Grable, Melissa & Rick Greene, Donna Healey, Nancy McCuller, Jack Moxley, Lance Rill, Elizabeth & Opal Snyder, Donny Smith, Paul & Shirley Soper, Mike Straub, Lyle Stutzman, Connie Welsh, Dot Hess-Zepp

#### March Birthdays

- 3 Jacob Moser John Davis
- 4 Abigail Hemler
- 6 Barbara Claar
- 8 Jessica Replogle
- 10 Kaye Horr
- Wilbur Reese
- 13 Shane Weeks
- 14 Pam Tressler
- 17 Bruce Hollenberg
- 18 Jolinda Beers
- 19 Richard Grossnickle
- 20 Sara Black Amanda Leiphart
- 21 Robert McCuller Rob Dickason
- 23 Scott Yingling
- 24 Karen Dargavel
- 26 Tom HouckAmanda Davis
- 27 Sandra Miller
- John Laudermilch
- 29 Melissa Greene
- 30 Susan Reese
- 31 Catherine Mercado

#### March Anniversaries

- 2 2000 Robert & Lydia Grossnickle
- 9 1975 Ken & Debbie Black
- 14 1964 William & Linda Sinnott
- 25 1995 Kris & Katrina Anderson
- 29 1959 Byron & Ginny Grossnickle
- 31 1968 Wilbur & Susan Reese

#### **Nursery Volunteers**

Sunday School Hour
March 3 Jo
Kaye
March 10 Need volunteer
March 17 Need volunteer
March 24 Kaye
March 31 Need volunteer
Need volunteer
Need volunteer
Need volunteer





## upcoming events

March 5	6:00 pm Witness Commission	
March 6	1:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	
	7:00 pm Deacons Meeting	
	7:00 pm Stewards Commission	
March 7	12 noon M&M Meeting	
March 10	12 noon Kids Movie Matinee	
	6:45 pm Area Lent Service	
March 13	1:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	
	7:00 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	
March 14	12 noon M&M Meeting	
March 20	1:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	
	7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	
March 22	12 noon Blood Drive	
March 27	10:00 am Chat N' Chew	
	1:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	
	7:00 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	
March 28	7:00 pm Community Love Feast	

#### **Choir Announcement**

There will be no choir practice Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Kids Movie Matinee**

We would also love to have you join us in March for a Kids Movie Matinee and light lunch - Sunday, March 10th at 12:00 noon.

#### M & M Meeting

The M and M Meeting will be held Thursday, March 14, 2024. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in the Church Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for a time of fun, fellowship and food. Invite a friend or a neighbor. If you plan to attend please sign up on the pad in the church office, or call 410-775-2717.

#### **Blood Drive**



The Union Bridge Lions Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, March 22, 2024, to be held in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations must be scheduled with the Red Cross at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

#### **Save the Date**

Church Work Day – Saturday, April 6th Mother, Daughter and Friends Luncheon Saturday, May 11th.

## Meating Canning this year to be held April 1-4 in Ephrata, PA.

The Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA Districts will again work together to process canned chicken. Our church has assembled a team of 5 to work on Thursday April 4. There is still a need for more volunteers, especially on Wed. April 3<sup>rd</sup> for second shift (9:00 am to 2:00 PM) if anyone else is interested. We support the Meat Canning project in our annual church budget. Last year 9,670 2 lb. cans were processed and distributed between the 2 districts and the country of Haiti. Steve Horr would be happy to answer your questions.

Individuals may also support this District outreach opportunity by placing a check in the offering, with a notation for Meat Canning on the memo line. Thank you for caring!

#### Art Afternoon – RSVP by April 1st

Come join us in the fellowship hall, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm for a fun afternoon of painting your own artwork. We will be be guided by instructor Deanna Schaeffer. Cost is \$25.00 and includes all supplies needed to paint on a 12x16 canvas. Light refreshments will be available. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex, along with payment due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Beth Bowman or anyone in the Nurture Committee with questions.

#### **Brethren Disaster Ministry Trip**

This year we are encouraging our congregation to join Bush Creek CoB on a week in the field. We have seven spots to fill as we venture out of our town of Union Bridge to an area in recovery. Will you be one of those seven!? The location has yet to be decided, but we will go **April 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be having an information session Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am to 12. Join Jeff McKee and Pastor Britnee with any and all questions you might have about joining the BDM trip. We will meet in the fireside room.

#### Giving Progress as of February 7, 2024

	2024	2023
Budget-to-date	\$21,194.50	\$20,034.15
Actual Giving	\$22,238.00	\$37,052.60
Ahead/(Behind)	\$1,043.50	\$17,018.45
Actual Expenses	\$16,588.59	\$26,353.68
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,649.41	\$10,698.92

#### **Changes for the Church Directory**

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#### **March Witness Outreach**

Our witness outreach this month will be going to Phoenix Recovery Academy. In August 2020, they were able to open the only Recovery High School in Maryland thanks to their generous community and the Ausherman Family Foundation.

In short, recovery high schools are secondary schools designed specifically for students in recovery from substance use disorder or dependency. Although each school operates differently depending on available community resources and state standards, each recovery high school shares the following goals:

- 1. To educate all available and eligible students who are in recovery from substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders such as anxiety, depression, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.
- 2. To meet state requirements for awarding a secondary school diploma.
- 3. To support students in working a strong program of recovery.

The staff of recovery high schools most often includes directors, teachers, and an (RPS) Registered Peer Supervisor that each play a critical role in supporting their students. Additionally, recovery schools provide support for families learning how to live with, and provide support for, their teens entering into the recovery lifestyle.

Their program principles are these 12 steps: honesty, hope, faith, love, integrity, wellness, spirituality, service, discipline, perseverance, humility, and courage.

Phoenix Recovery Academy is committed to each student and their family, to support them in their path of recovery and academically. They enroll and admit students in high school that meet the academic requirements for 9th through 12th grade. Given that they are a recovery high school, they admit and enroll students who demonstrate a commitment to both their education and their sobriety.

We hope you will participate in supporting this incredible program that supports the families and students of those dealing with a struggle that is far beyond anything someone can imagine, but somehow they find a way to bring life back to those on this challenging journey.

Phoenixrecoveryacademy.org

#### **Social Justice**

The Social Justice emphasis for March is Gender Equality. We read in Galatians 3:28 that "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (NIV). Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chili, said "One of the factors a country's economy depends on is human capital. If we don't provide women with adequate access to healthcare, education, and employment, we lose at least half of our potential. So, gender equality and women's empowerment bring huge economic benefits." Check out the March bulletin board in the narthex to see some of the women who have been influential in the life of the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren.



## 2024 Lenten Services Area 5 Church of the Brethren

Congregational Hymn Sing @ 6:45 pm Worship Service Starts @ 7:00 pm

Feb. 25, 2024 - Edgewood COB

Speaker: Jennifer Summy, Director, Camp Mardela

Mar. 3, 2024 - Piney Creek COB Speaker: Rev. Paul Leatherman, Jr., Pastor, Sam's Creek & Edgewood COB

Mar. 10, 2024 - Union Bridge COB

Speaker: Jess Mosholder,

(Youth Service\*) Member, Union Bridge COB

Mar. 17, 2024 - Glade Valley COB

Speaker: Bruce Anderson

Director, Shepherd Spring Outdoor Ministry Ctr.

Childcare will be provided.
Refreshments & Fellowship after each service.

(\*) Youth and families are to gather at 5:00 pm for practice and a pizza party.

Please let Jan Walker (walkerjank@hotmail.com) know if you have Youth that can participate.

Offering designation for each service as follows:

2/25 & 3/3: Camp Mardela

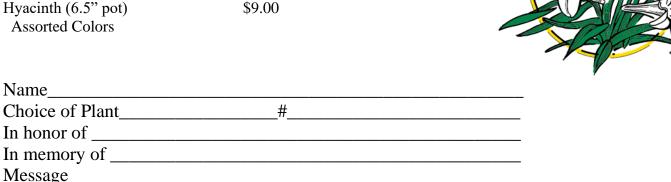
3/10 & 3/17: Shepherd Spring Outdoor Ministry Center

## Easter 2024 Flower Order Form

The Easter Garden will be created with a variety of spring flowers for March 31st. We will use lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils in spring colors. Please see the enclosed order form for prices. If you have questions, you may contact Alice Houck, 240-750-4307 or abhouck1@gmail.com. So that we can be assured that our garden will be filled with the colors and scents of new life, the deadline for orders and payments will be Sunday, March 3.

#### **Easter Garden Order Form**

Lily (6.5" pot)	\$10.00
Tulips (6.5" pot)	\$9.00
Assorted Colors	
Daffodils (6.5" pot)	\$9.00
Hyacinth (6.5" pot)	\$9.00
Assorted Colors	

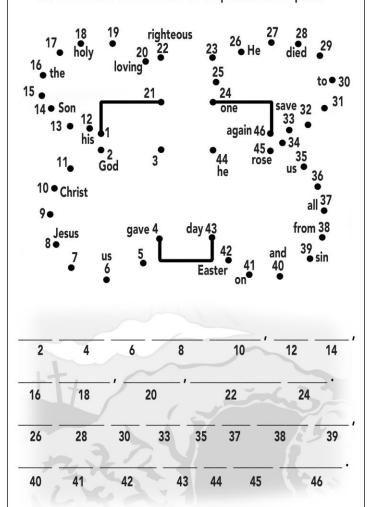


Give order form and payment to Alice Houck. Deadline is Sunday, March 3, 2024. Checks payable to UBCOB



# Puzz]e!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



and on Easter day he rose again.

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin,