

The Lamplighter

Staunton Church of the Brethren
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May 2024

Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
Serving the World with Love

Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am



CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 19 12 P.M.

Reports from each commission and groups within the church will be given. Treasurer's report and Pastor's report will also be given. The

meeting will be held immediately following worship in the sanctuary. There will be no lunch provided.

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WORSHIP SERVICES FOR MAY

May 5—Youth Sunday

Guest Speaker: Madlyn Metzger

Scripture:

Worship Leader: Marilyn Garber

Children's Story: Puppets

May 12

Dreamweaver

Scripture: Daniel 2:1-16

Worship Leader: Penny Rachiell

Children's Story:

May 19

In The Heat

Scripture: Daniel 3

Worship Leader: Mark Sager

Children's Story: Bob Armbruster

May 26 - Graduate Recognition

Timber!

Scripture: Daniel 4:1-18

Worship Leader: Scott Shomo

Children's Story: Pastor Beth





The Staunton Church of the Brethren welcomes Rebecca House as our Associate Pastor. Rebecca comes to us with 20 years of experience working with youth and children. She received her BA from Bridgewater College in 2000 with a double major in Philosophy and Religion and Business Administration. After graduation she was called to serve as the youth Director at Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren.

In 2001, Rebecca married Daniel House and they moved to Richmond, Indiana to begin their studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. In 2002, they were called to serve as Co-Pastors at the Piqua (OH) Church of the Brethren while continuing their studies. In 2006 they moved to Maryland, called to separate churches.

Rebecca served at Union Bridge Church of the Brethren while finishing her studies and graduating from Bethany Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 2007. She served as Associate Pastor at Union Bridge for 9 1/2 years. While there, in 2009, their daughter, Bethany was born.

In 2016, Rebecca was called as the Youth Pastor at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren. She is currently serving as Administrative Pastor and Youth Pastor at Pleasant Valley while they are going through a pastoral transition. In 2023 Rebecca also began serving the Shenandoah District in the role of Director of District Conference and Youth Services. In this capacity she coordinates area youth activities for the district as a whole, bringing together youth from multiple congregations in the valley.

Along with her husband, Daniel, Rebecca resides in Weyers Cave. Rebecca and Daniel's daughter, Bethany, attends Stewart Middle School in the Fort Defiance school district.

Rebecca is a huge supporter of Outdoor Ministry. She volunteers with and speaks about Brethren Woods often. She loves taking time to read, play games, relax, enjoy nature, crochet, listen to music, and sing. Rebecca also volunteers as a Parent Assistant for the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir, helping with rehearsals, performances, and trips. Her daughter, Bethany, has been a part of the choir for 6 years. She also enjoys ecumenical activities and relationships and working alongside others in creative ministry.

The Staunton Church looks forward to having Rebecca as our Associate Pastor. She will begin in her role on June 15 working 3/4 time at SCOB and 1/4 time for the District.



A NOTE OF THANKS:

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to celebrate my 100th birthday with me. Your presence and well wishes truly filled my day with joy and are a testament to the wonderful family and friends I'm fortunate to have. I am eternally grateful to have you as a part of my life. A special thank you to all my kids for their part of making such a wonderful day possible with my sister Wanda, nieces, nephews, and their families. To my church family I feel your love. May God bless each and everyone of you. Cleo Simmons



A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,
I am so thankful for each and everyone of you as I recently went through back surgery. Your phone calls, card, meals and especially your prayers meant so much. I am so blessed to be loved and supported by my church family.
With love to all, Ferral Quick



We as a congregation recognize and celebrate Bill and his years of teaching at Bridgewater College.

July 1 will be the official retirement date from Bridgewater College for Bill Abshire but once graduation is over and grades are in, life should slow down considerably. Bill began teaching at Bridgewater College part time in 1987 while working on his PhD at UVA. When he began working full time in 1989, the family moved across the mountain and settled in Mt. Sidney.

Some of the classes in Religion Bill has taught are New Testament, Reformation Thought, Violence and Peace, Religions of the Near East and Religions of the Far East. In Philosophy he's taught the Philosophy of Religion, Professional Ethics, and Postmodernism.

Bill has taught a number of students who went on to be pastors and at least two members of the congregation!

Bill has been an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren since 1990.

SCOB MEETINGS AND REMINDERS

Wednesday, May 1 - 5:30 p.m. - First Wednesday
 Monday, May 6 - 7 p.m. Stewards and Nurture Commission Meeting
 7 p.m. - Witness Commission
 Tuesday, May 7 - 5 p.m. - Worship & Fellowship Commission
 Tuesday, May 14 - 7 p.m. - Executive Committee
 Wednesday, May 15 - 12 noon - Sr. Adult Program and Meal
MAY 15 - NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE
Sunday, May 19 - Congregational Business Meeting
 Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - TOPS
 Thursdays 6:30pm - Contemporary Chorus
 Thursdays 7:30pm - Choir rehearsal

FIRST WEDNESDAY

We will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30. Dinner will consist of spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. The youth will be sharing the devotions. Linetta Alley, from Brethren Woods, will be providing the program. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Sr. Adults will be meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at 12 noon for a carry in meal. There will be no program, but a time of fellowship with those in attendance. **There will be no meeting in June or August.** The July meeting, Nancy Sorrells will have the program.

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY



5	Bruce & Nancy Bowman	1979
7	Robert & Kimberly McLearn	2011
11	Scott & Sally Shomo	1996
	Bryan & Kelly Shomo	2019
15	Scott & Becky Duffey	1976
19	Mark & Chandra Lane	2001
20	Timothy & Cheryl Melton	1989
	Timothy & Erica Morris	2016
23	Bennie & Carol Howdysell	1975
24	Larry & Isabel Adams	1980
25	Chris & Carrie Washington	2014

Please Keep in your Prayers and Thoughts



Pray for Alice Patler, Delmer Botkin, Melba Cline, Cleo Simmons, Sue Whisman, Phyllis Lunsford, Charlotte Kennedy, Carrie and Jamie Smith, Norma Shoemaker, Judy Cook, Cindi Spitzer, Fred Wilkerson, Jr., George Sullivan, A.J. Sandridge, Jr., Nancy Gehr, Mary Seay, Chris Washington, Ferral Quick, Fred Wilkerson, Sr., Dors Wampler

*Please contact the church office or the Pastor if you would like to add someone to the prayer list or to remove a name.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY



5	John Wampler	24	Robin Hottinger
	Keith Wenger		Galen Halterman
8	Chris Curry		Kevin Halterman
9	Weston Shomo		Larry Layman
11	Nancy Hain	25	Michael Sellers
12	Linda Abshire		David MacMillan
16	Diane Livick	27	Carrie Washington
19	Allen Sandridge, Jr.	28	Justin Shomo
20	Alan Shull	29	Gerry Kester
	Darlene Allman	30	Eric Nolley
		31	Carson Sellers

Our Appreciation to Our May Helpers

Ushers: Galen & Carolyn Halterman, Frank & Darlene Allman, and Naomi Edwards

Counters: Sally Shomo and Galen Halterman

Nursery Helpers:

May 5: Donna Wells and Carrie Washington

May 12: Faith Ballew and Sue Simmons

May 19: Hannah Simmons and Nancy Bowman

May 26: Amy Farthing and Nancy Ralston

Financial Report

January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Actual Income

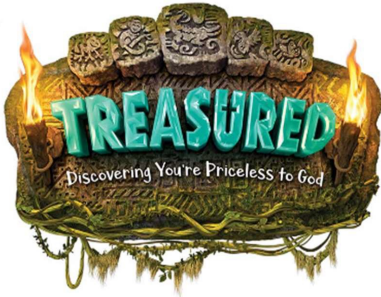
Envelope Giving:	\$ 92,544.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 1,603.66
Interest Income	\$ 39,86
Pastor's Housing Allowance:	\$ 12,000.00
Total Income:	\$ 106,187.52
Total Expenses:	\$ 78,948.56
Budget Income over Expense:	\$ 27,238.96

Capital Campaign Fund

Donations	\$ 6,105.00
Capital Fund Bank Withdraws	
Eder Distributions	\$ 34,200.00
Total	\$ 40,305.00
HVAC Expenses	\$ 34,200.00
Solar Expenses	\$ 500.00
Loan Payments	
Total	\$ 34,700.00
Project Income over Expenses	\$ 5,605.00

Capital Expenditures Fund \$ 1,905.00

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our ministry.



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School is Monday, June 24th - Friday, June 28th
Mark your calendar, tell your friends and invite your grandkids for the week! Sign-ups will begin in May.

Dinner will begin at 5:15 pm each evening; VBS is from 6-8pm

It is important that we pre-register as many attendees as possible so that we have a head count for dinner and snack!

Look for a List of needs in **early May**—sign up opportunities include VBS Supplies, snack items, decorations and more!

If you work in any way with children at SCOB, (including Vacation Bible School) please complete the training required by our Child Protection Plan and get your certificate of completion to the church office in a timely manner. The link is on our church website. Thanks!



NEWS FOR STUDENTS: SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE

Prospective and current college, apprentice program, trade school, and graduate school students are encouraged to apply for Church Scholarship money. Deadline is May 5, 2024. The Scholarship applications can be found at www.stauntonbrethren.org (follow Education tab to Youth) or in the church office.

Direct any questions to the Nurture Commission: Candy Smith, Mark Lane, Amanda Elsea, Faith Ballew, Debbie Clark or Sue Simmons. Staunton Church of the Brethren supports education and its students both spiritually and financially. We hope you will take advantage of this program
SCOB Scholarship recipients will be recognized in the June newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Sydney Herz, will be graduating from Shenandoah Valley Governor's School and Wilson Memorial High School on May 20, 2024.

Carson Sellers will be graduating from Bridgewater College with a double major in Accounting and Finance.

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 26 during the morning worship service.

May 5 is National Youth Sunday. Our youth will be assisting with worship that day. We thank them for being a vital part of our congregation!



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

SACRA - Donations of hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc can be placed in the cart the located in the Narthex 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month.

VALLEY MISSION - Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the cart located in the Narthex the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month.

SHOES FOR KENYA - Bring gently used shoes and place in the bin in the south hallway. The shoes are sold and the proceeds benefit widows and their children with land and homes.

BATTERIES - Bring your dead batteries for recycling, placing them in the bucket in the north hallway.

EYEGASSES AND MEDICINE BOTTLES - Place your old eyeglasses and plastic medicine bottles in the box in the south hallway for donation to the Lion's Club.

BULLETINS/PAPER - A recycling basket is provided in the Narthex for old bulletins and paper. There is a tote in the church office for paper to be recycled as well.

Staunton Church of the Brethren
Executive Meeting
April 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Larry Simmons, Nancy Bowman, Candy Smith, Joani Layman, Emily Edwards, Wallace Clark, Katrina Huerth, Sally Shomo

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina Huerth

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Total Budget Income \$106,187.52

Total Budget Expenses \$ 78,948.56

Budget Income OVER Expenses \$ 27,238.96

Suggestion to change the bulletin concerning giving to a monthly status instead of weekly giving.

Spring Congregational Business Meeting will be held On May 19, 2024, immediately following worship service in the sanctuary.

Dunkers' Day 2024 will be held on September 28, 2024.

Nurture: Candy Smith

May 5th is National Youth Sunday.

Scholarship applications will be accepted until May 5, 2024.

Graduate Recognition will be on May 26.

Vacation Bible School – June 24-28.

Witness: Joani Layman

24 children were sponsored for Bittersweet Ministries.

Participation for WARM meals was a success!

Sponsoring a Yard Sale for members at the Spring Festival.

Planning a Ramp Building activity for the church.

Asking for participation in RAM Event.

Still collecting shoes and batteries.

Worship and Fellowship: Emily Edwards

Discussion on contracts for David MacMillion and Gaylon Hevener.

Adding two appointees to W & F from the decorating committee and First Wednesday.

Madlyn Metzger will be filling the pulpit on May 5 th .

Lent and Holy Week activities were well attended.

Looking into a Summer Sunday school elective with Alan Shull on blending together in 4-part harmony.

There is a mistake in Beth's contract concerning paid holidays, changing from 7 to 10. This has been corrected.

Stewards: Wallace Clark

Waiting to sign a contract for elevator inspection – pending price.

Necessary changes in our electrical system is estimated to cost \$30,000.

This amount was projected in the costs associated with our Capital project.

The loan with City Bank for the Capital project should be done by the middle of May.

Other items:

Suggestion of ringing the bell at 10:40 for choir release and again at 10:50 for Sunday School release on Sunday mornings.

Reminder of Spring Festival activities on April 27th .

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Shomo, Clerk

Approved: April 15, 2024

Church of the Brethren

AUCTION & SALE

**Rockingham Co.
Fairgrounds**

MAY 17 + 18

May 17: SDDA Golf Tournament at Heritage Oaks in Harrisonburg, 7:30 a.m.

Early morning drop off for auction items, please plan to arrive prior to noon.

The fast food booth opens at 11:30 a.m.

Auction and Sale open at 1 p.m. to include the first silent auction and purchase of arts, crafts, baked goods, plants at the pavilion, outside tent sales, and the quilt display preview for Saturday's auction will be open.

Plate Dinner begins at 4 p.m.

Silent Auction #2 begins at 5 p.m.

Livestock Auction: The concession stand opens at 5 p.m., Devotions at 6:15 p.m., and the auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Main Auction: 6:30 p.m. featuring arts, furniture and selected handiworks

May 18: Auction and Sale opens at 7 a.m. with breakfast and third silent auction from 7 – 8:30 a.m.

Donuts, arts, crafts, baked goods and plant sales open at 8 a.m.

Outside tent sales begin at 8:30 a.m.

Worship service at 8:45 a.m.

Main auction begins with arts, crafts, handmade furniture.

Quilts added to auction items beginning at 10 a.m.

Children's activities under the big white tent from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Silent Auction # 4 is open from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Fast food booth operates from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Coin Auction at 10:30 a.m. in the rear of the exhibit building.

Strawberry pie by the slice will be available at 10:30 a.m.

Plate lunch and BBQ chicken and pulled pork on sale

Large item auction begins at 11 a.m.

Theme basket auction begins at 1 p.m.

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 p.m. First Wednesday	2 9:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Youth Sunday	6 7 p.m. Nurture Commis- sion Stewards Com- mission Witness Commis- sion	7 5 p.m. Worship & Fellowship Com- mission	8	9 9:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	13	14 7 p.m. Executive Committee	15 12 noon Sr. Adult meal/program NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 9:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 Shenandoah District Disaster Auction— Rockingham County Fair- grounds	18 Shenandoah District Disaster Auction— Rockingham County Fair- grounds
19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship SPRING CON- GREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING follow- ing worship	20	21	22	23 9:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Graduate Recogni- tion	27 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30 9:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31	

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