



WAKEMANS GROVE  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## News From the Grove

### OCTOBER 2024

Serving Christ, Together!

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August 29, 2024

The Search Committee for a new District Executive Minister(s) for the Shenandoah District brings you warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. As we discern the way forward together, we are asking for input and help from each congregation. We are inviting people from each congregation to fill out a survey about the experiences, skills, characteristics, and background we might want in our next District Executive.

In conversation with the District Leadership Team, we are asking the following people to complete this survey:

Pastor/s from each congregation and board chair from each congregation (or persons of similar title)

District Leadership, regardless of congregation (e.g., District Leadership Team)

Congregational Members

A paper copy of this survey is on its way to churches now and should be received later this week. Please make as many copies as you need to distribute to your congregation. Paper copies should be returned to the District Office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. A digital version of the survey can be filled out immediately at this link: <https://forms.gle/5eUjT7riURzdAqFt6> or by scanning the QR code below:



The digital survey will be open through October 8th.

Both paper and digital versions are offered to ensure the widest possible response rate from congregations. The search committee asks people to please utilize the digital survey whenever possible.

Thank you for your participation as we discern the will of the district body and the Lord together!

Sincerely,

Shenandoah's District Executive Minister Search Committee

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 1 Karen Hoffman  
 1 Steve Payne  
 2 D.J. Barb  
 2 Karen Greenagel  
 2 Ashle Dirting  
 2 Eric Proskey  
 2 Jacob Proskey  
 3 Brent Miller  
 4 Landon Dirting  
 6 Sophia Dodson  
 9 William Eberly  
 11 Evelyn Good  
 11 Judy Greene  
 12 Kenny Wakeman  
 12 Cecil Holler, Jr.  
 12 Adam Zirkle  
 15 Cameron Baker  
 16 Barbara Garber  
 16 Dakota Baker  
 17 Tim Cline  
 19 Maggie Miller  
 20 Bartley Hoffman  
 21 Donald Hoffman  
 21 Ronald Hoffman  
 22 Sharon Foltz  
 22 Melanie Payne  
 22 Anthony Minnick  
 23 Lee Ann Zirkle  
 23 Casey Carper  
 23 Abby Tusing  
 26 P.J. Wakeman  
 26 Tommy Lam  
 27 Phil Estep  
 27 Mike Marston  
 27 Jama Wakeman  
 30 Teresa Minnick  
 31 Haley Tharp  
 31 Cody Burkholder



Please contact the Church Office with corrections or additions to the birthday or anniversary lists.

Oct.

2 Mr. & Mrs. Philip Baker  
 2 Mr. & Mrs. Barry Baker  
 11 Mr. & Mrs. John Hollar  
 13 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hollar  
 17 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Mace  
 29 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wakeman



### Welcome New Member(s)

- Taylor Payne

Who was baptized in August.  
 Check out her *new member profile*  
 featured on Page 6.

### Cookbooks

Need a birthday present, a great Christmas gift for that special person, or just a little gift that says “thank you” for being special? Remember we still have plenty of cookbooks and only \$8.00. See Sharon Foltz or Dawn in the church office if you are interested.



### Turkey & Oyster Supper

sponsored by Men’s Fellowship Group

**November 9, 2024**

**4:00pm—until**

*Dine In—free will offering*

*Carry Out:*

**Oyster Meal \$20.00**

**Turkey & Oyster Meal \$15.00**

**Turkey Meal \$12.00**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive

We will be collecting filled shoeboxes through November 3rd.

See our display table in the vestibule for your resources!

If you want to participate but not actually do the shopping to fill a box or two, you can give your monetary donations to either Lori Carroll or Dawn Baker and we will do the shopping for you!

Remember, please **DO NOT** include the \$9 to cover shipping costs in your returned boxes—WGCoB covers that for you!

Children in third world countries will receive these boxes just in time for Christmas and look forward to when they are delivered to their villages!

Let's bless them with the love of Christ!



### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I will continue to use it wisely for my schooling. The first semester of my senior year at VT is going well. So far I have all A's and hope to keep it that way. This scholarship money has allowed me to focus on my studies and not worry about money. I really appreciate the thoughts and prayers as I finish my last year of college. Thank you again; I hope I am making my Grove Family proud!

Morgan Hollar

### **FALL WORK DAY**

At Camp Brethren Woods  
October 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Come on out to camp on Saturday, October 19 and help us as we continue to wrap-up our busy summer season. The day will start at 8 am and continue until the last person leaves in the afternoon. We will provide coffee, hot chocolate and donuts in the morning and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

To sign up contact the camp office by phone at 540.269.2741 or email [camp@brethrenwoods.org](mailto:camp@brethrenwoods.org) or you can register on their website.



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The **Fall Congregational Business Meeting** will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 27. Make plans to attend this important business meeting as we seek God's will and direction for His church.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA:**

- Approval of Minutes—April 7, 2024
- Treasurer's Report—Angie Vann
- New Business
  - 2025 Ballot
  - 2025 Budget
- Old Business
- Deacons Report—Wayne Stewart
- Commission Reports
- Committee Reports
- Group Reports

The Jr Highs will serve a soup & sandwich lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to the meeting. A free-will offering will be taken to support youth programs/trips, etc. **Desserts are appreciated!**

**APPLE BUTTER TIME!!!**

The weather is getting colder, the leaves are changing color and football is the game of choice...it must be time for APPLE BUTTER!! Friday, **October 25** peeling and snitting and then on Saturday, **October 26**, boiling the applebutter.

We will need volunteers to make this a success. Lunch on Saturday will be provided. Sign up sheets for donations of food items needed are on the bulletin board. Order forms are on the bulletin board. We will be accepting donations of jars, RINGS & LIDS. **Please have your JARS, RINGS & LIDS**

labeled and at the church by Friday, October 25th. **The cost will be \$10/quart, \$6/pint and \$40/gallon.** There is a 3-gallon limit per person.

The CBYF thanks everyone for their support of this event!



**IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE**

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,

Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like,

If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!"

"I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.

"I'll give my orders to the sun—cut off the heat supply!"

"And to the moon—give no more light, and run the oceans dry."

"Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,

"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,

For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain

Than God, and yet He carries on supplying you and me

With all the favors of His grace and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,

But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.

We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;

But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike. - Anonymous

From The Grove Cookbook:

## APPLE CRISP

In Memory of Cindy Burner

(Pg. 96)



1 C. Oatmeal

1 C. Flour

1 1/2 C. Brown Sugar

1/2 C. Sugar

1 C. Butter or Margarine

6 C. Sliced Apples

(add salt & cinnamon to taste)

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Combine oatmeal, flour, brown sugar, sugar and butter. Blend together until crumbly. Place apples in a 8x13 inch pan. Top with oatmeal mixture. Sprinkle with salt and cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Yield: 12 servings

**Special Called Congregational Business/Town Hall Meeting  
with the Building Committee**

**Friday, October 11**

**7:00 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

*Agenda:*

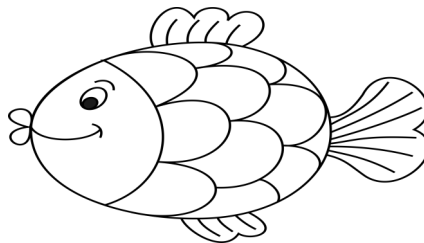
1. Building Concept Presentation by Donnie Hoffman
2. Building Committee to recommend "Team Build" for this Fellowship Hall/Kitchen project.

*Please bring a snack to share!*

## New Member Profiles:

My name is Taylor Payne. I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade. Some of the things I enjoy are summer swim team, to go to the park, playing with my sister and reading. At my dad's I have a kitten named Ginger and at my mom's we have four fish named after my favorite country singers Zach Bryan, Morgan Wallen, Lainey Wilson and Kacey Musgraves. When I grow up I want to be a detective because I like exploring and solving mysteries.

*Watch for more New Member Profiles in the coming weeks! We have 3 more children who will be baptized this month.*



## **CAMP BRETHERN WOODS**

### **2024 Fall Wish List:**

- Utility Vehicle (ex. Mule)
- Blu-Ray Player
- Golf Cart
- Replacement Tent Parts
- Drone for Camp Photography
- Digging/Dirt Shovels
- Snow Shovels
- Leaf Rakes & Mulch Forks
- Front Load Washers & Dryers

### **PLEASE JOIN US:**

#### **PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 13

*In Honor of Pastor Deb Horst*

We will have a covered-dish meal immediately following the morning worship service.





Saturday  
November 16th

Maurertown  
PARK

All ages are welcome!



Family Promise of Shenandoah County invites you to the  
1st Annual Run/Walk to support families in Shenandoah  
County facing homelessness

**RACE DAY INFORMATION**  
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.  
5K Run begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Walker start will follow runners

\$35.00 per participant  
\$25.00 (12 and under)

includes long sleeve  
race t-shirt (in-person and virtual)  
if registered by November 4th

Register to participate  
in-person



SCAN ME



Can't make it to our in-person  
event? No worries!  
You can still participate in  
the fun and support a  
great cause by joining our  
**Virtual 5K Turkey Trot!**



Questions: Call 540-459-4599



### Witness Commission

Witness Commission will sponsor a **Food Drive** for local food banks **throughout the month of November 2024**. Thank YOU for always sharing and giving back to OUR community. Please bring canned and non-perishable food items to collection receptacles located just inside of the vestibule for your convenience.



### 2024 AUCTION STATS from Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren Ministries Auction

Total Revenue for Auction: \$248,317.45

*Praise be to God who provides! Thank you to everyone who took part in this event!*

From the Scholarship Committee:

*A collective total of \$16,450.00 was disbursed in September, from the Lula Wakeman Hardy Scholarship Fund, to the following students:*

- Emma Eberly*
- Will Lam*
- Morgan Hollar*
- Georgia Wakeman*
- Meredith Bauserman*

*The Committee thanks each of you for your hard work and dedication to your studies and to your church. We will continue to keep you in our prayers as you work to achieve your goals!*

From the Witness Commission:

*We are asking for submissions from YOU for the upcoming 2024 Advent Devotional.*

*Advent begins on*

*December 1 and runs through January 6 (Epiphany). Please prayerfully consider sharing your story of "What does the blessing of Christ's birth mean to you personally?"*

*The Deadline for submissions is October 12th.*



## Youth Club—Fall Session

Attention Children Grades K-5th

### Join us for Youth Club!!

Every Wednesday  
4:30p.m.—7:00p.m.

Bible Lesson, Recreation, Supper, Jr. Choir  
and FUN!

If you are interested in helping with this program, please see one of the committee members below.

**Youth Club Committee:**

- Jamie Lam**
- Meredith Bauserman**
- Dawn Baker**
- Cindy Smelser**
- Lori Carroll, Nurture Liaison**



Special thanks to our teachers, kitchen staff and volunteers each week!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00a HIS Co-Op 5-7p Fac In Use (Ruritan Dinner) 7:00p Nurture	2 9 Piecemakers 4:30 Youth Club 6:30 Witness Com 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Youth Band 8:00 Adult Choir	3	4	5 8:00a Deacons Prayer Breakfast
6 6:00p Love Feast & Holy Communion	7	8 8:00a HIS Co-Op	9 9 Piecemakers 4:30 Youth Club 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Youth Band 8:00 Adult Choir	10	11 7:00p Special Called CBM/ Town Hall Mtg w/Building Committee	12
13 <b>PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY</b> 11:30a Covered-dish meal	14 6:30p Executive Committee Mtg	15 8:00a HIS Co-Op	16 9 Piecemakers 4:30 Youth Club 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Youth Band 8:00 Adult Choir	17 9:00a HIS Group	18 Fac. In Use (Ruritans)	19 8:00a Fall Workday @ Camp Brethren Woods Fac. In Use (Ruritans)
20	21	22 8:00a HIS Co-Op	23 9 Piecemakers 4:30 Youth Club 6:15 Worship Com 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Youth Band 8:00 Adult Choir	24	25 APPLE SNITTING	26 APPLE BUTTER BOILING
27 11:30 Lunch provided prior to 1:00p Fall Congregational Business Meeting	28	29 8:00a HIS Co-Op	30 9 Piecemakers 4:30 Youth Club 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Youth Band 8:00 Adult Choir	31		

**Love Feast**  
**October 6, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

-Are you still in the faith as you declared at your baptism?

-Are you, as far as you know, in peace & union with the church?

-Will you still labor with the Brethren for an increase of holiness both in yourself and others?

Your Pastor & Deacons are available prior to this holy service to answer any questions.

*~ childcare provided upon request*

**Fall Food Drive**

-Sponsored by the Witness Commission

What: Canned & non-perishable food items

When: November 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Collection boxes will be placed in the vestibule for your generous donations.

Thank you in advance!



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