

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

## Rocky Ridge Congregation

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### Coping Power



Not sure if we will be able to relax, ever! I actually found this picture in January and was going to use it for March—not sure why I didn't but there is a story to go with it on page 2

*Acting out, Avoidance, Denial, Rationalization, Repression.* All of these are examples of coping mechanisms people use to handle the pressures and difficulties they experience, but none of them cures the root issue. If you have money problems, for instance, avoiding the mailbox that may contain bills will not solve your financial issues.

Some researchers see a direct correlation between increased pressure and coping mechanisms that result in alcoholism, drug addiction, divorce, abuse, and other social problems. Is there something that can free us from these worries and tensions, so we can better handle them in a healthy way. Jesus confronted head-on the issue of handling everyday problems. He said that people should give God—who already knows their needs—the central place in their lives, and these concerns will then be cared for. “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need” (Matthew 6:33).

This advice runs counter to our inclinations. Many of us get frenzied over our problems—both real and imagined. We don't feel we have time for God because our energy becomes depleted by simply coping—just getting by in this crazy world. But when we make God our number one priority, he gives us the resources and strength to successfully face the demands of each day.

You assign God first place by believing that although your sin has separated you from him (Romans 3:23), Jesus Christ, the Son of God sacrificed his life to pay the debt for your sin (John 3:16).

Admit to God your need for him and trust in Jesus as the one who rescues you from sin. Give God control of your life and live as the Bible, God's Word, instructs you.

When you do that, you have obeyed the command to seek his Kingdom above all else, and God will provide the rest. He becomes your Lord, and his strength will empower you to meet what ever problems you will face.

The gospel isn't a coping mechanism. It is the truth that will set you free.

Jim Kraus





*Photo credit Lisa Reed; Bethel Church Cascade, MD*

I encourage everyone to be in touch via phone calls, emails, Facebook and visit the church website for previous sermons (Web: <http://www.monocacychurchofthebrethren.org/>). Pat and I have been watching Dr. Charles Stanley on Sunday mornings and other local church livestreams.

At this point in time, we will remain closed (probably through April) until Governor Hogan gives us the word to meet again.

Note what God said through the Prophet Isaiah, “Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.” (26:20)

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Easter—Jesus is still risen for which we can celebrate!

We anxiously wait until the time we can gather again to worship the Lord together.

Take care, be well and may God bless you and yours!

Pastor Tracy

A boy ask his father: Dad what is the size of GOD?

The father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son: what is the size of that plane?

The boy replied: it is very small. I can hardly see it.

The father took the son to the airport and as they approached a plane he asked: Now, son, how big is this plane?

The boy replied: WOW dad, it's huge!

The father told him: GOD's size depends on how close or far you are to him. The closer you are to him, the Greater and Greater he will be in your life!

Ladies Aid

We have one Senior for the 2020 year and that is Tyler Free

Our next meeting will be schedule for sometime in May, I hope!

Sunday School - Fast and Furious Food Drive

With so many people out of work the FOOD BANK is more than likely taking a big hit! Let's do a **fast and furious food drive!** **Remember check the expiration dates and cans can not be dented!**

**soups, peanut butter, instant potatoes, instant packets of noodles, cereals, spaghetti O's...anything that would help in making a meal**

Collection date is **Monday, April 6th at 5:00 pm, at the CHURCH!** if that date and time does not work for you call me (Deb) at 301-271-7396.

VBS news

Due to the virus, the Spaghetti Dinner for April 19th has been cancelled. At this time we do not know if it will be re-scheduled.

Contact Tammy Orndorff or Kelly Kaas for your refund!

Thank you for supporting Rocky Ridge Vacation Bible School

Due to the coronavirus,

**The joint Meat Canning Project of the Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA Districts has been cancelled for 2020.**

The canning committee will focus on planning for the project when it resumes in 2021. Donations for canning and volunteer meals received for this year's canning will be put towards next year's project.

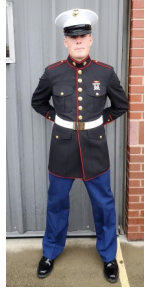
Please keep this project, the volunteers, the organizations that distribute the chicken and all those who depend on those organizations in your prayers.

Also, please continue to support next year's project. With additional funds for 2021, more chicken can be purchased and more canning days planned.

You'll receive an update for next year as soon as information is available.



**Elijah Moser**  
Air Force



**Caleb Peters**  
Marine



**Kyle Petrosky**  
Navy



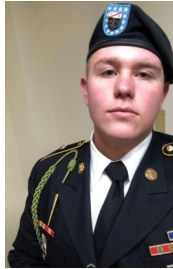
**Matthew Stephens**  
Marine



**Joseph Speck**  
Navy



**Isaiah Fannin**  
Marine



**Jacob Fannin**  
Army



If you know anyone in the service and would like to add them to our Military page, please send me their name and a service picture. It is nice to have the names associated with a face.

We need to keep praying for our Nation and those who decided ON THEIR OWN to protect us!

**Thank you for your service!**

## **Military**

**Tyler Ramey, Marines**

**Alex Nee**

**Travis Smith**

**Michael Hobbs**

**Robert Wolfe, Air Force**

**Sgt. Kara Stambaugh**

**Sgt. Alexander Stambaugh**

# APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Matthew 26:36-37	<b>2</b> Luke 22:44	<b>3</b> John 11: 25-26	<b>4</b> Ephesians 1:19-20
<b>5</b> Isaiah 53:5	<b>6</b> 1 Corinthians 15:3-4	<b>7</b> 2 Timothy 1:10	<b>8</b> Ephesians 1:3	<b>9</b> 1 Corinthians 1:18	<b>10</b> Galatians 6:14	<b>11</b> 1 Corinthians 6:19
<b>12</b> Luke 6:38	<b>13</b> 1 Corinthians 6:1-2	<b>14</b> Matthew 6:25, 32	<b>15</b> Romans 13:7	<b>16</b> Mark 12:42-44	<b>17</b> Philippians 1:21	<b>18</b> 1 Samuel 17:45
<b>19</b> Luke 6:47-48	<b>20</b> Psalm 63:3-4	<b>21</b> Revelation 3:20	<b>22</b> Matthew 16:24	<b>23</b> 1 Corinthians 9:16	<b>24</b> Philippians 2:4	<b>25</b> Matthew 24:42
<b>26</b> Exodus 20:1-2	<b>27</b> Matthew 24:14	<b>28</b> Matthew 6-7	<b>29</b> John 15:7	<b>30</b> 1 Samuel 12:23		

Steve Wolfe 1st

Wilton Smith 11 2nd

Terry Free 2nd

Joshua Free 8th

Justin Andrew 9th

Sam Lookingbill 9th

Lynn Ott 13th

Kevin Orndorff 15th

Richard Simpson 15th

Darlene Fogle 16th

Alec Boone 17th

Pam Kilcoyne 18th

April Smith 19th

Cotey Eyler 27th

Adrian Ott Grube 29th

Carrreanne Eyler 29th

Donna Sinnott 30th



Greg & Diane Stambaugh 2nd

Paul & JoAnn Hurley 4th

Jason & Denise Cook 6th

Curtis & Tammy Hartman 18th

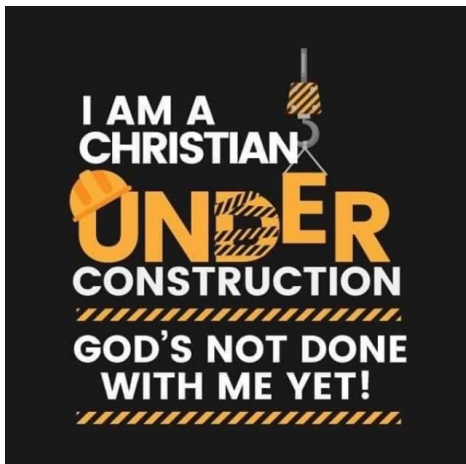
Joey & Karen Andrew 19th

Don & Kathryn Carnes 20th

Donnie & Teressa Kaas 21st

Bob & Joy Luke 22nd

Harold & Trish Lutz 30th



## Shut-Ins

Louise Blair

Millie Saylor

1000 Capistrano Court

Apartment 101

Frederick, MD 21703

301-360-5124

Donna Sinnott

c/o Don & Pam Brant

6499 Debold Road

Sabillasville, MD 21780

Cancelled for April



Join Us For

### **Breakfast & Bibles**

*we feed the tummy & the soul*



First Sunday of every month join us from 9:30 – 9:45 for  
Breakfast, Bible verse & Prayer

Parents are welcome to join as we share some morning  
fellowship before Sunday school

Check us out on the WEB you can hear the sermons here also

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