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Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41: 10*

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. The will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

John 8:12

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope".

Jeremiah 29:11

God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.

Isaiah 12:2

Greetings in Christ Jesus to you all. Grace, mercy and love from God our Heavenly Father!

Thanks to everyone for your support during this pandemic time, (tithe/offering checks can be sent to Carol Simpson 5517 Mountville Road in Adamstown, MD 21710, checks payable to MCoB).

I have been sending out weekly devotions by email, so if you aren't getting them or know of someone who isn't, please send me their email address, if they have one, and I'll add them to my list.

My address is tracy.wiser@gmail.com

This is a surreal event to go through and you might be getting some "cabin fever" staying home more than usual.

Please know that there were times when God's people had to "shelter at home" like the night of Passover.

Remember God is with us and for us as His children by faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rely on the LORD and His Word as you read again Psalm 91 for comfort and support.

"Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence." (v.3)

I want to wish all our moms a "Happy Mother's Day" on May 10th.

May God bless you for all you do for and mean to your family!

Our life began with you and we will always love you Mom!

Take care, be well and see you soon!

Pastor Tracy

A little addition to you all of what I just learned in a Zoom meeting, on April 29th, with our District Ex. Minister Gene Hagenberger and some district pastors.

He and our District Team are recommending that we NOT have church thru the end of JUNE.

It is thought by some that our virus high point will hit around Mother's Day (May 10-15).

A re-evaluation will be made in mid-June as to when we can have "church" again.

Sorry as this is not the news we want to hear, but to help keep our people safe, I feel we should do.

I encourage our deacons to make calls and for all members to be in touch with each other via phone and email and be aware of any needs that may arise.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to give me a call.

Pastor Tracy

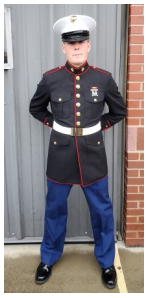
MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1 Timothy 2:1-2	2 Matthew 6:8
3 Matthew 14:23	**4** Hebrews 4:16	**5** Romans 5:1-2	**6** Psalm 85:6	**7** Daniel 9:26	**8** 1 John 4:7	9 James 1:5
10 2 Kings 19:19, 35	**11** Luke 18:7	**12** Isaiah 55:11	**13** 1 Timothy 6:11	**14** 2 Timothy 3:16	**15** John 3:16	16 Matthew 5:13-14
17 Mark 10:47	**18** John 16:8	**19** John 14:3	**20** Micah 4:3	**21** Ephesians 2:8	**22** Revelation 20:15	23 1 John 4:18
24 2 Corinthians 5:21	**25** Revelation 1:3	**26** Hebrews 4:13	**27** John 16:33	**28** Romans 3:10	**29** 1 Corinthians 10:11	30 Colossians 4:6
31 Acts 2:3-4						

Alice Eyler 3rd
Wilton Smith III 2nd
Nancy Anders 9th
RJ Smith 9th
Wesley Wiser 13th
Kathryn Carnes 15th
Dale Reed 19th
Greg Stambaugh 20th
Elijah Moser 21st
Alan Simpson 23rd
Kayla Reed Petrosky 30th
Pat Wiser 30th
Linda Troxell 30th

Bernie & Dawn Hobbs 5th
Nelson & Tina Smith 9th
Wilton & Tammy Smith 9th
Josh & Tracey Gormer 19th

Elijah Moser
Air Force



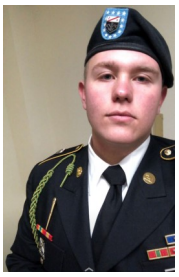
Caleb Peters
Marine

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

District Communication from the Moderator Re: 2020 District Conference

Blessings to each and every one of my brothers and sisters in Christ in the Church of the Brethren, Mid-Atlantic District. To say these are challenging times is somewhat of an understatement. All of our respective states are currently under some version of 'stay at home' Executive Orders. Travel is limited to essential services and many businesses are temporarily closed. Routine medical appointments are being rescheduled for later dates, beauty parlors and barber shops are closed, a vast majority of retail establishments are closed or have reduced hours, and restaurants are limited to curbside or carryout service only. Wow! COVID-19 has definitely impacted our daily lives.

In the midst of all this, I remind myself regularly that God is still in control! He is on the throne and I am not. He is faithful. He does and will provide. AND, He will see us through this. He promises to be by our side and never leave us.

Your Program & Arrangements Committee has met recently and we are planning for our District Conference, scheduled for October 9 & 10 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren in Frederick, Maryland, as if the event will be held. We have discussed the potential of some type of alternative virtual format if that were necessary. We had contracted with Ken Medema, prior to the disruption of COVID-19, to be our guest spiritual leader at the Friday evening worship service and at the conference on Saturday in the morning and afternoon. We are in communication with Ken's media group regarding a potential cancellation in a manner that minimizes any penalty, and they have agreed to maintain open conversation.

We have confirmed six (6) workshops and are working to confirm a seventh for the Saturday Conference. Topics include Sunday School Attendance, Personal Finance, The Missional Church, Spiritual Care, Youth Mentoring, and the District Budget. We are working to identify leadership for one more workshop. The Frederick Church has formed an onsite coordination team and stands ready to support the conference in the event we do indeed meet in-person. We are also in the process of lining up the usual exhibits found at District Conference and the Continuing Education Task Team is planning the Pastor's Conference for Friday.

This P&A Committee, the District staff, and the Leadership Team will continue to monitor circumstances as they unfold in the coming weeks and months. At this point, Conference is just under six months away – and admittedly, a lot can happen between now and then. For planning purposes, we realize that a decision on whether we hold District Conference in-person or virtually will need to be made no later than mid-August.

We had anticipated a whole different type of communication to be delivered to the District by mid-April than this message. However, God is in control! He will be with us every step of the way through this.

Take care. Be safe. Be well. God Bless.
Allen O'Hara, District Moderator

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Ladies Aid

Hope everyone is doing well and healthy!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

We will resume meetings as soon as we are given the green light!

Bless you all and stay safe.

Alice

Join Us For

Breakfast & Bibles

we feed the tummy & the soul

CANCELLED FOR MAY 2020

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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Check us out on Facebook Monocacy Church of the Brethren

If you have anything to put in the newsletter, please contact Lisa Reed 240-315-5331 or email mcobnewsletter@gmail.com