

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

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### Be Honest About It

“God isn’t listening to me. It’s like there is a wall between us. So why even bother?” Have you heard that complaint before? Or perhaps you have thought the exact same thing.

The Bible describes that precise situation in unmistakable words: “It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore” (Isaiah 59:2)

It’s easy to make excuses about why we don’t have a relationship with God, but what really comes between us and God is personal sin that we simply do not want to give up.

Jesus accurately points out that we keep our distance from God because we fear that he might possibly illuminate our wrong doings. “All who do evil hate God’s light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed” (John 3:20).

Sin—nothing else—cuts you off from God. So you have a simple, straightforward choice to make if you are serious about being reconciled with God. Is your sin more important to you than he is? If you choose God over sin, you still need a way to him, because “everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard” (Romans 3:23). No one is qualified to receive God’s salvation. But Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has provided the way for us. There is no other way to be saved (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Why not admit to God that you are a sinner, ask for forgiveness, and open your heart to him? When you do, he will make you part of his family (1 John 1:9).

Admitting and repenting of your sins is essential. Jesus died for each person’s sins (1 Peter 3:18) in order to clear a way for us to become God’s children. When you stop hiding in the darkness of your sin, you allow God’s light to shine through you.

*Jim Kraus*

November is the month of Gratitude!

We are thankful for time, Daylight Savings Sunday, November 1st

...for the opportunity to vote Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd

...for those who serve Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th

...for an extra Sunday to worship this month; November has 5 Sundays!

...for an opportunity to give to a needy child; OCC shoeboxes due Sunday, November 22nd

...and for our many blessings; Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving is truly one of the most American holidays!

When Halloween and Christmas merchandise fill the store shelves, we Christians should not over look the importance of taking a day to give God thanks!

Count your many blessings as you gather around your table and say thanks to a good Heavenly Father for health, family and friends.

We are blessed at Monocacy COB by your faithfulness in attendance, giving, prayers and continued support during this pandemic.

May our great God bless you and yours!

Be well & Take Care!

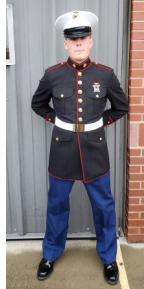
Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Tracy

<b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b>   Hebrews 9:27	<b>2</b> Matthew 5:18	<b>3</b> Job 10:1	<b>4</b> James 2:19	<b>5</b> Romans 5:8	<b>6</b> Psalm 63:6	<b>7</b> 1 Thessalonians 5:12
<b>8</b> Proverbs 29:22	<b>9</b> Isaiah 5:20	<b>10</b> Acts 24:25	<b>11</b> 1 John 5:11-12	<b>12</b> Deuteronomy 5:16	<b>13</b> Luke 9:23	<b>14</b> 1 Kings 19:4
<b>15</b> Psalm 90:10	<b>16</b> Proverbs 22:6	<b>17</b> Ephesians 5:23	<b>18</b> Romans 1:20	<b>19</b> 2 Samuel 19:32	<b>20</b> John 20:31	<b>21</b> Hebrews 3:1-2
<b>22</b> Psalm 107:1	<b>23</b> Philippians 4:12	<b>24</b> 1 Chronicles 29:13	<b>25</b> 2 Corinthians 9:15	<b>26</b> Psalm 100:4	<b>27</b> 1 John 3:17	<b>28</b> Acts 14:17
<b>29</b> Matthew 28:20	<b>30</b> Matthew 18: 2-4					



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**Kyle Petrosky**  
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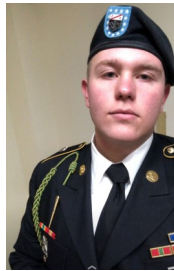
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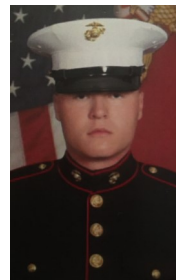
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**Isaiah Fannin**  
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**Jacob Fannin**  
Army



**Bryce Estell**  
Marine



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!**

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## Shut-Ins

Donna Sinnott  
c/o Don & Pam Brant  
6499 Debold Road  
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It's that time of the year again to support this Organization trying to end world hunger and poverty. There is a donation container in the back of the church.



I am sad to say there will not be a Calendar Fundraiser this year.

### Happy Birthday

- Matthew Wiser 6th
- Delores Wolfe 11th
- Doris Simpson 12th
- Brian Ott 14th
- Ernest Snyder 14th
- Tobey Eyler 16th
- Morgan Orndorff 16th
- Bracen Webb 16th
- Bob Luke 24th
- Rachel Mantz 27th
- Mark Moser 28th
- Caleb Luke 29th

### Happy Anniversary

- Bob & Linda Free 24th

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