

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

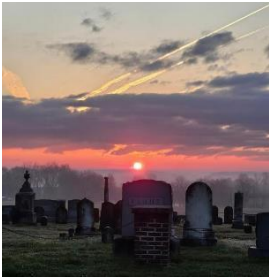
APRIL 2024



*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together*

## Church News:

Thank you for everyone who joined our beautiful sunrise and easter service.



Picture Credit to  
Danny Peters

2024 high school/college graduates  
please see deb Eyler or Wanda Stover

class of  
**2024**

If anyone has anything to add to the May Newsletter or updated birthdays or anniversaries, please let me know by April 25th!

## Community Events

Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co.  
Monthly Money Bingo

Saturday April 13th  
Doors Open at 5 PM  
Games start at 7 PM



The **Mother Seton School Home and School Association** is traveling back in time...and we want **YOU** to join us!

**Saturday, April 20**

**5:30-10:00 P.M.**

**@ Mother Seton School**

**\$40/ticket or \$280/Table of 8**

*Enjoy a night of dinner,  
dancing, and games!*

- Catered by Bollinger's
- Entertainment by Cruizin' Chris
- Raffles & Games
- Silent Auction

Including a Beach House stay, Private Chef, All Expenses Paid Summer Camp, Poconos vacation, class projects, and more!

[MotherSetonSchool.org/gala](https://MotherSetonSchool.org/gala)



Anyone interested in attending please see Kelly Sumner by April 12th!

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Edah Sarah 1st

Wilton Smith II 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 Eyles 27th

Adrian Ott Grube 29th

Carreanne Eyles 29th

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



## *Adult Sunday School Lessons*

Begin Hope and help for your turbulent times  
by Max Lucado

When Ron returns, he will start the god you  
may not know by David Jeremiah



Sunday April 7th

Sunday April 21st

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## *Prayers for Our Military*



Monocacy Church of the Brethren has a history that stretches back over 160 years, and over those years many people have sat in these pews, and preached from behind this pulpit. But one thing these brothers and sisters now with the Lord did was to *work together*. Did they always agree? Almost certainly not. Were they always of one mind? Probably not. But their love for God kept them knitted together, as their life as a church made a sweet savor to the Lord and the community.

Consider Exodus 30, starting at verse 22 and the Lord's command to make a consecrating oil and a sacred incense for worship. First of all, this sacred oil must have had a very pleasing aroma. We all know what cinnamon smells like, right? (Think of warm cinnamon buns in the morning). Cassia is the dried flowers of the cinnamon tree, so that doubles that smell; myrrh smells kind of sweet and musky; cane I have no idea what it smells like, but God tells Moses that a skilled perfumer was to take all these ingredients plus pure olive oil and compound the anointing oil. You didn't know there were perfumers among the Israelites, did you? We shouldn't be surprised because the Egyptians were famed for their perfumes and oils for embalming, and they certainly used Israelite slaves in their shops - some of whom were among those around Mt. Sinai. This anointing oil was used on all the Temple furnishings and equipment, all the altars, and upon the priests. It was reserved for this holy use alone, and generations of scholars have tried to discover what it was like, but we will never know for sure.

The second essential item was the sacred incense, which we don't use or consider. But if the worship of God is to involve our whole person, why would our noses be left out? This incense must have been a treat to the nose, because according to the rabbis in the Talmud, the women of Jerusalem needed to wear no perfumes because the odor of it filled the Temple and permeated the entire city. If you look up the various components of the incense it will be a mystery because scholars are not exactly sure what some of these ingredients were, but it too was sacred and its use restricted to the Temple; it was made up by a perfumer, dried, ground to a powder, then burned in the worship services.

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It must have been quite a messy job to make this incense and anointing oil. Pounding, grinding, stirring, getting the raw materials out of their component plants, and everything that goes into making all the parts into a lovely, sweet-smelling whole - but somebody had to get messy, right? That sloppy job had to be done so that all could enjoy the scents in worship and in following God. Nowadays we must work *together in* order for our church to be a good testimony and witness. We *al/must* gather in the harvest, we *al/must* get involved in the dirty work, we *al/have* a role to play, and when we cooperate and work together we

produce lives that fill the Lord's house with a sweet aroma and please the Father. So let's  
all pull together, whatever our differences, and thus give glory to God and live for our  
neighbor's good. Pastor Ed

# April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Judges 13-15</b>	<b>Judges 16-18</b>	<b>Judges 19-21 97 Ruth</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1-3</b>	<b>1 Samuel 4-8</b>	<b>1 Samuel 9-12</b>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>1 Samuel 13-14</b>	<b>1 Samuel 15-17</b>	<b>1 Samuel 18-20; Psalms 11, 59</b>	<b>1 Samuel 21-24</b>	<b>Psalms 7, 27, 31, 34, 52</b>	<b>Psalms 56, 120, 140-142</b>	<b>1 Samuel 25-27</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63</b>	<b>1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18</b>	<b>Psalms 121, 123-125, 128-130</b>	<b>2 Samuel 1-4</b>	<b>Psalms 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 1-2</b>	<b>Psalms 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>1 Chronicles 3-5</b>	<b>Psalms 73, 77-78</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 6</b>	<b>Psalms 81, 88, 92-93</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 7-10</b>	<b>Psalms 102-104</b>	<b>2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 11-12 122. Psalm 133</b>
28	29	30				
<b>Psalms 106-107</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 13-16</b>	<b>Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68</b>				