

Monocacy Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsletter

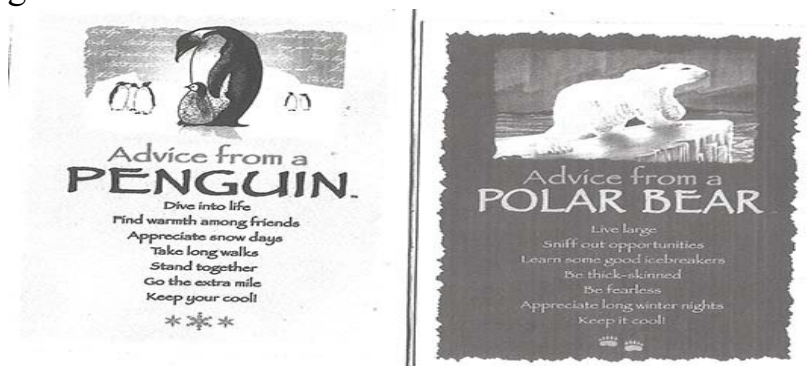
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PASTOR'S NOTES – PASTOR TRACY WISER

This month marks the middle of winter and an emphasis on “Love” as we celebrate St. Valentines Day. The “advise” from the Penguin & Polar Bear below might be helpful in getting through the winter.



As to the subject of Love, it is significant to realize that the Bible has a lot to say about Love! The word “Love” is found in over 275 verses. The word “Loved” over 90 times and in the KJV (King James Version) “loveth” over 55 times. The word appears most often in the O.T. book of the Song of Solomon and in the N.T. Book of 1 John.

-Song of Solomon 2:4 – “His banner over me was love”

1 John 3:1a – “Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we shall be called the sons of God.”

Love is to characterize who we are as Christians. I recall the camp song, “Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love”. One example of this is the Brethren Kiss. While many have gone to only a handshake, it is significant that some of us at MCOB still practice this New Testament command.

Holy Kiss – The Bible records various forms of salutation or greeting used by men and women. From most ancient times, the kiss, touching of the lips have been a token of peace and love in many cultures. It is a symbol for the interchange of tender impulse of Love. Jesus Christ, through his apostles, sanctified the kiss to express the holy love exists between members of his body.

No ordinance of God commanded to be observed in his church Is stated in the New Testament in plainer terms or with more authority than that of the Christian greeting, termed a holy kiss, or a kiss of charity (love). It is a greeting of love and fellowship distinctly commanded to be extended to “one another” and to “all the brethren”

Let us continue to show our love to one another and pass on God’s love to all.

In this love, Pastor Tracy

Pastor Schedule for February

February 2 – Pastor Tracy Wisner

February 9 – Pastor Sam Martz

February 16 – Pastor Tracy Wisner

February 23 – Pastor Sam Martz

Weather Alerts

If there is a weather alert for inclement (snow/ice), it may be necessary to cancel our Sunday School and church services. When this happens, an alert will be posted to our church website (<http://www.monocacychurchofthebrethren.org>) and the church Facebook page. If you don’t have access to a phone or computer device, you can always call Karen Elsey (410) 236-6121) before heading out to come to church.

The Bulletin Board



Aspire
1 night – 3 hours Just for Women
 An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

Author & Bible Teacher
HEATHER DIXON

FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025

RINGGOLD CHURCH
 14416 BARKDOLL RD
 HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

7:00PM SHOW
 8:20PM PANEL TIME
 6:00PM DOORS OPEN

Come early and join us for a 15 minute panel time with all 3 ladies based on Romans 12:2 called **"Transformed"**

Comedy by
MICHELLE MILLER MCNAIR

Music by
MIA KOEHN

ADVANCE TICKETS
 General Admission - \$25
 VIP Reserved - \$35
 For groups of 10 or more, please call the Aspire office at 480-812-1100 to register as a group leader and receive group leader incentives.

VIP Reserved includes reserved seats and a snack bag.

Purchase tickets at 480-812-1100 or online at ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

We hope you have fun and we celebrate 14 years with ASPIRE

Compassion ERP Purpose Path

Aspire

Friday March 21, 2025

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Ringgold Church
 14416 Barkdoll Road
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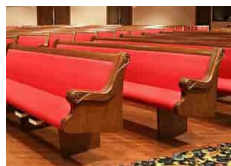
Advance tickets \$25



The Church Cleaning Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help with church cleaning.



Ladies Aid Bake Sale - Rocky Ridge Firehall Activities Building
 February 15 from 6:00 am – 10:00 am
 items at the Rocky Ridge Firehall Activities Building Friday 2/14.
 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.



New pew cushions have been ordered. If anyone has a bench and could use any of the old cushions, please see Karen Elsey by April 1.



Church Council Meeting – February 26 at 7:00 pm. Please plan on attending.



Every Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School Schedule

February 9th and February 23rd

Adult Sunday School

Video Series: Is This the End?

Benny Ferguson, Calvary Assembly of God – Walkersville, Md

February 2 - Rapture Ready

February 9 - Last Days Deception

February 16 - Who is the Antichrist?

February 23 - Who is the False Prophet?



Bible Study

First and third Wednesdays – 10:30 am

February 5

February 19

Come join us and bring a friend.

Survivor Guide

B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126

**AVAILABLE 24/7 | PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED
DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD**



Kelly Kaas 4 th	Lacey Andrew 7 th	Joy Luke 11 th
Vic Kelly 12 th	Cameron Gomer 13 th	Trish Lutz 13 th
Teresa Mason 16 th	Brant Webb 24 th	Josie Kaas 25 th
Shana Beard 27 th	Wayne Hooper 29 th	



Anniversaries

Brian & Lynn Ott 11th Leon & Wilma Stover 14th
Mike & Dawn Free 23rd



Remember Our Servicemen

Elijah Moser – Air Force
Caleb Peters – Marines

Thank You for your service.

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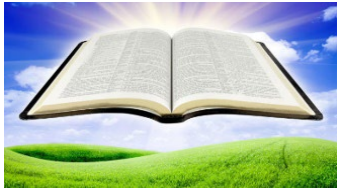
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SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FEBRUARY

1 Exodus 34:24	2 Ezekiel 34:26	3 Ezekiel 34:21
4 Ezekiel 36:26	5 Ezekiel 36:9	6 Galatians 3:26
7 Genesis 12:3	8 Genesis 12:7	9 Genesis 17:7
10 Genesis 28:15	11 Habakkuk 3:19	12 Haggai 2:4
13 Hebrews 10:36	14 Hebrews 12:10	15 Hebrews 13:5
16 Hebrews 13:6	17 Hebrews 6:10	18 Hebrews 7:25
19 Hebrews 9:28	20 Hosea 13:14	21 Hosea 6:3
22 1 Corinthians 15:51-52	23 1 Corinthians 3:8-9	24 1 Corinthians 4:3-5
25 1 Corinthians 10:13	26 1 Corinthians 6:11	27 1 John 1:9
28 1 John 2:23		

Church is Fun

Word Search



Word list:

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| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |

