
WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Mission of the Westminster Church of the Brethren is to be a Christ-centered community that seeks to strengthen relationships and to be of service to God, to each other and to our neighbors.”

GUEST INFORMATION

This congregation welcomes all who are seeking and who desire to live out a faith in Jesus Christ. This is a place to learn, a place to grow, a place to serve and a place to love. We strive together to be a loving and supportive fellowship.

If you are a guest today, please sign our attendance books found in the pews and include your address, telephone number, and email so we can share our hospitality with you. We are glad you have come and hope you will want to join us again next week or in whatever activities and ministries you are interested.

Persons interested in committing their lives to the way of Jesus Christ and become members of this congregation are invited to an **“INQUIRER’S CLASS SERIES”**. Talk with a Pastor if you are interested. At the conclusion, persons ready to make a commitment can do so in one of three ways:

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM

TRANSFER OF CHURCH LETTER

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

Please call the church office if you are interested in the classes.

LAST WEEK’S PARTICIPATION

Sunday School Attendance Sunday 9/11/11:	53
Combined Worship Attendance Sunday 9/11/11:	123
Saturday Loaves and Fishes on 9/10/11 hosted by: Uniontown Bible Church	115

Offering Sunday 9/11/11 \$ 5,025.00

Needed each week: \$ 6,539.00

EARLY WORSHIP
Message With a Beat!

September 18, 2011

8:25 AM

WELCOME to a time of Joyous Worship!

Please share your name, address, and email on the attendance pad in the pews. Share your tithes and offerings in the plates at the doors as you leave. Pick up a bulletin and make sure you check the rest of the church news. There are activity bags for children preschool thru 5th grade. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary.

“I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.”
- Psalm 145:1

WELCOME AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

“May The Lord God Bless You Real Good”
“As The Deer” (Nystrom)

READING FROM THE PSALTER: Psalm 145:1-9

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

“Yes, Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

VIDEO: “Do Not Pass Me By” (McHammer)

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Matthew 20:1-16

“Levees And God’s Mercy”

PARTING SONG

“Days Of Elijah”

CLOSING WORDS

Preacher: Pastor Glenn McCrickard

Music Coordinator: Shelley Ensor

Nursery: Marilyn Ebaugh

Musicians: Scott Hodgdon, guitar, Don Rowe, trumpet & flugle horn; Alice Dorsey, keyboard

Vocalists: Liz Haff, Don Rowe, Larry Brumfield, John Rinehart, Lisa Pirone, Louise Scalzi,
Twyla Rowe

Worship Leader: Gary Honeman

Sound: Gary Saville, Michael Scalzi

Video Tech: Matthew Hodgdon

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September 18, 2011
AM

10:45

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GATHERING MUSIC

*WELCOME AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE “On Eagle’s Wings” Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Left: We have gathered to hear the story of God and God’s people.

One: It is a story of God’s mercy and steadfast love.

Right: It is our story, for we are God’s people.

All: Inspire us, our God, to faithfulness, to mercy, to steadfast love. Let us become a people who reflect your image.

- Peggy McClanahan in *Flames of the*

Spirit

*HYMN “Great Is The Lord” 87

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God provides generously for all of us. We are blessed with pure water and nourishing food. We have found joy in the faith that sustains our spirits. Let us now expand the circle of opportunity as we share what God has promised.

- Lavon Bayler in *Taught by Love*

There are Activity Bags for children who are in preschool through 5th grade available for use during the worship. They can be found at both entrances to the sanctuary. There is also a Nursery available for infants and children who do not turn 3 before Sept. 1.

The flowers on the communion table today are from Julie Hollenberg & Tom Richard's wedding yesterday. *Congratulations, Rev. & Mrs. Richard!*

Remember those who have special needs for our prayers:

(This list will be completely refreshed at the end of each month. Please notify the office if you wish to continue your concern for another month.)

Terri Meushaw, continuing treatment; please pray for her and her family

Wayne Fink's mother, Vera, suffering bone breaks and pain

Wayne Fink's sister, Linda Getz, (Vera's caretaker), suffering emotional issues

Barbara Darsch's aunt, Helen Saulton, that she have a peaceful death

George Ecker was moved to Transitions for physical therapy

Jim Carlisle moved to: The Woods, 3830 Baker Road, Westminster, MD 21157

Phyllis Dull, recuperating from foot surgery and doing well at home

Deane Myers, home and recuperating from knee replacement

Max Myers, dealing with several health issues

Continuing prayers for:

The Franzen family, Christy Dull, Barbara Fink, Doris Konig, Jordy Davis, Paul Beard, Gladys Clemens, Rachel Heath, Connie Hill, Ginny Young, Karl & Betsy Yount, Roy Johnson, Eleanor Rowe, Tam Haifley, Joan Little, Catherine Fitze, Helen Carlisle, Rachel Black, Marie Campbell, Susan Williamson, Kevin & Trisha Wagman, Tom Brinkman, Miriam Lane, Virginia Whitehead, Bill & Myrtle Hoff, Mabel Braune, Rose Smith & family, Vivian Yingling, Bob Williams, Diana Latané's mother, sister and niece, Karolyn Sanders, Robert White, Hope Cullison, Ariella Shipley

There will be a Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, October 2, at 12 Noon, in the sanctuary. We will vote on the leadership slate of names for 2012 and reconsider previous vote concerning the tree near the playground.

Don't forget to sign up for an appointment to have your photograph taken for our pictorial directory. Sign-up is today or next Sunday, September 25, before or after both services. If you are unable to attend church, you may contact

Susie Scott at 410-848-6885, to set up your appointment by phone. Our Olan Mills representative has suggested that it is best to avoid wearing white clothing or any thing with busy patterns when you have your photograph taken. If you have digital photos of church activities, please email them to JoAnn Landon at john@landongraphics.com. If you have actual photographs to share, please put your name on the back of each one and give them to JoAnn Landon or Susie Scott. I am sorry that we cannot guarantee that you will get the photographs back or that it will be used in the directory.

Lynn will be on vacation the week of October 10. Ann will be working on Monday and Friday of that week. If you can cover the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, from 8:30 AM-1:00 PM, please call Lynn to volunteer. *THANK YOU!*

“A Time to Remember” - Audrey and Tim Hollenberg-Duffey need our help with completing a project for a course, "Exegeting the Call and Culture of Ministry." For this congregational study, they are creating a timeline. During this time together, we will talk about the church's history, strengths, weaknesses and a few other ideas of interest that will aid Audrey and Tim's reflection and project preparation. **Please be with us TODAY** following the second service in the fellowship hall. This is a “BYOL” affair (bring your own lunch). Dessert will be provided.

C.A.N. will take place this Wednesday, September 21, beginning with our meal at 5:15 PM. **Please call the church office if you plan to join us for dinner.** This week our menu will be baked potatoes with toppings, salad, fruit and dessert. Coffee, tea and milk are served each week. The cost per adult is \$3.00, \$2.00 per child, and children 3 and under eat for free.

Also on Wednesday, September 21, we recognize the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Please join with people around the world expressing a commitment to stop violence and build peace at home and with neighbors and adversaries around the world.

Please volunteer: Assistants for the preschool teachers are needed to help supervise the children and to be a second person in the classroom. No teaching will be required of you. **Please sign up today to help.** There is a sign up sheet on the Education bulletin board in the library.

Streams of Joy is looking for some musicians to help with the Early Service music. In particular, they need a drummer and a bass or guitar player. If you or someone you know is interested, please talk to one of the pastors. Also, the Early Worship

Task Team wants to know if you have any favorite contemporary Christian rock songs that you would like us to sing in the early service. If so, please email the titles to either Pastor Glenn (glenn.mccrickard@westminsterbrethren.org) or Pastor Twyla (twyla.rowe@westminsterbrethren.org).

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOP: Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 13, for the Worship Leader Training Workshop. A light supper will be provided at 6:00 PM, and the workshop training will begin at 7:00 PM and end around 8:00 PM. Pastor Glenn will be conducting the workshop training. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to receive new skills to contribute to the life of our church community. If you are planning to attend the training session, please RSVP to Linda Witter by Sunday, October 9, at 410-840-0037 or campmh@verizon.net.

On Friday, October 7, from 5:30-8:00 PM, St. Paul's United Church of Christ has invited our congregation to join them for their Annual Fall Evening at Bullock's Farm. It will be a fun evening of crafts, pumpkin carving, games, fishing, food and a hayride. This is for EVERYONE, not just families with children. The only things you need to bring are hot dogs and buns and a pumpkin to carve. Please see the large bulletin board in the library for sign up and more details.

Many of you probably own or have seen a copy of the *Inglenook Cookbook*. It was first published over one hundred years ago and contained recipes that were submitted by Brethren cooks from all over the country. Brethren Press is proud to share this legacy and is asking us to help them create a brand new cookbook for a new generation. Please submit your best recipes and share your memories of cooking and eating together and apply to join their team of volunteer recipe testers. There are many ways to get involved. For more details, see the October newsletter or visit the Inglenook website at www.inglenookcookbook.org. The deadline for recipe submissions is **October 15, 2011**.

Brethren Voices for the month of August features "Heifer International" hosted by Brent Carlson. Heifer International which actually had its beginnings 65 years ago with the work of the Church of the Brethren's Dan West. During the Spanish Civil War, Dan provided humanitarian aid to both sides of the conflict. He returned to the U.S. and in 1944, with the help of some Indiana farmers, organized the first Heifer Project shipment of livestock. This first shipment was actually sent to Puerto Rico.

Following the ending of World War II, Heifer Project shipments were sent to war ravaged Europe for two years. Having received its start in the Church of the Brethren, Heifer International is widely appreciated by millions of people around the world. The program is shown four times per week on Channel 19, the public access channel on Comcast, the Carroll County cable provider. The times are 11:30 AM Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday and 6:30 PM on Thursday. The programming schedule is also available online at www.carrollcountytv.org or see Lynn to borrow a copy from the church office.

The September CD should be arriving soon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	10:00 AM – Toddler Play Group 6:30 PM – Westminster Ringers 7:00 PM – Finance Ministry Team
Tuesday	9:00 AM – XYZ carpooling to Mason-Dixon Dairy
Wednesday	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE 5:15 PM – C.A.N. Activities 7:00 PM – Carroll County Concert Assoc. in F.H.
Thursday	6:30 PM – Westminster Ringers
Saturday	11:00-1:00 PM – Organ Rehearsal 12:00-1:00 PM – Loaves and Fishes

Dates to remember:

Sunday, October 2, 12 Noon – Congregational Business Meeting

7:00 PM – Love Feast

Friday & Saturday, October 7 & 8 – District Conference

**Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, October 7, 8, 10, 11 – Photos for
Pictorial Directory**

Sunday, October 30 – Celebration Sunday

Your deacons are here as a care-giving ministry for this congregation. When a situation arises in which you need our help, please call one of the following:

Pastor Glenn	443-721-0449 or 410-848-8090
Pastor Twyla	443-789-1092 or 410-848-8090
Ann Young	410-795-5310
Norma Jean Swam	410-871-0741

The Finance Ministry Team invites you to ponder what it means to be good stewards of God's gifts. Each week, there will be a stewardship devotion in the bulletin to guide your contemplation. May you and our church be blessed by our shared reflection on these devotions.

**“Each man should give what he has
in his heart to give, not reluctantly decided or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
--2 Corinthians 9:7**

Giving to the causes of God's Kingdom is always a matter of the heart and is between the believer and God. God desires a right attitude, not for us to feel coerced into giving.

Paul demonstrates two principles of giving in this verse. First, what a person gives should be deliberate, a matter of thought and planning. A gift given on impulse may be regretted at a later time. One might regret that he has committed too much and cannot keep his pledge. On the other hand, had the giver planned properly, he might find he could have given more. Deliberate planning will be helpful in deciding

how liberal we should be in our gifts. Secondly, the gift should be given freely, not grudgingly or out of necessity. Any manner of unwillingness spoils the act of giving. We should give cheerfully, being glad we have the ability and an opportunity to give.

We are objects of God's divine love and his unmerited favor. We will never lose by doing that which pleases God. The love and favor of God is better than anything; even life itself.

The Pastors, Elders and Deacons of
Sunshine Community Church
Of Grand Rapids, MI

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