

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MAY 2024

Summer is on its way!

Greetings, friends of the Manassas Church of the Brethren! We are thrilled to present to you the May 2024 edition of our newsletter. This month is filled with exciting events that you won't want to miss!

Kicking off the month, on Thursday May 2nd, is our Cards & Games Club at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Next, on Friday, May 3rd, our softball team will be facing off against All Saints. Come show your support for the team by joining us at the game! Check out page 7 for more details.

On Saturday, May 4th, we invite you to join us for a morning hike at Red Rocks Wilderness Park in Leesburg. Carpool options are available, see page 6 for more information.

Sunday, May 5th, promises to be a busy day at MCOB! It's Senior High Sunday, where our graduating high school seniors will be delivering their sermons. Get to know more about each of our graduates on page 8. Additionally, the youth will be hosting a doughnut breakfast in the Fellowship Center, with a Q&A session on the Congregational Ethics Paper with our Search Committee. After worship, our young adults will be heading to Nando's Peri-Peri in Gainesville (details on page 6), while the deacons will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events this month, including the House of Mercy Workday on the 9th, Lovina Conner Ladies Circle Lunch on May 23rd, and a blood drive on Tuesday, May 14th. More information on each event can be found on Page 5. Don't forget about our retirees' luncheon on May 16th (page 5). Our Congregational Council Meeting will be on May 19th following worship. There will be no Adult Fellowship this month.

Please note that Pastor Mandy will be out of the office May 30th—June 7th and Tina Fisher will be out of the office May 27th—June 1st.

And last but not least, it's VBS time! Check out page 11 & 12 for details on how to register your kids, and yourself if you're interested in volunteering.

We can't wait to see you at these wonderful events at MCOB. Let's make May a month to remember!



Pastor's Page

Every Monday morning, our church staff meets at 11 am. We start our meetings each week praying for everyone on our prayer list. We give updates, if we have any. We share new prayer requests. Each and every week, the prayer list is included in the eNews and the bulletin. I pray that you, too, are taking the time to pray for each and every person named on the list. Praying for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Praying for people experiencing chronic illness, going through cancer treatments, or recovery from a surgery. As part of our prayer on Mondays, we pray that God will offer comfort, peace, healing, and rest as only God can. And we also pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to know how best to offer tender loving care in each circumstance. Each week, it feels as though our prayer list is growing. New names are being added: new hurts, new pains, new illnesses, new grief. Keep praying for each other. Keep seeking ways that the Holy Spirit may guide you to show up for the people on this list. Send a card, send a text, give a phone call, offer to visit. As the pastor, I am keenly aware of many of these prayer requests, and I honestly am never really sure if I have the capacity to really offer the care that is needed. And it never fails, I hear stories of one church member or another checking in on someone from the prayer list. And another story of another church member checking in on someone else. This is church. This is what it is to be in faith community together. No one should ever be alone when they are going through something hard. Nor should one person be relied upon to always be the one person to show up when needed. If you are going throughout your day, and someone comes to your mind and heart, say a prayer and check in on them. If you are going through your day and things feel hard and heavy and overwhelming, say a prayer and tell somebody. To be the church is to show up for one another. You are so loved!

~ Pastor Mandy



Worship Themes

May 5 - Sr. High Sunday

Scripture Text: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Preacher: Graduating Seniors

Worship Leaders: Sr. High

May 12—Peter Heals in Jerusalem

Scripture Text: Acts 3:1-10

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader:

May 19—Pentecost

Scripture Text: Acts 2:1-4, Corinthians 12:1-13

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader:

May 26—Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

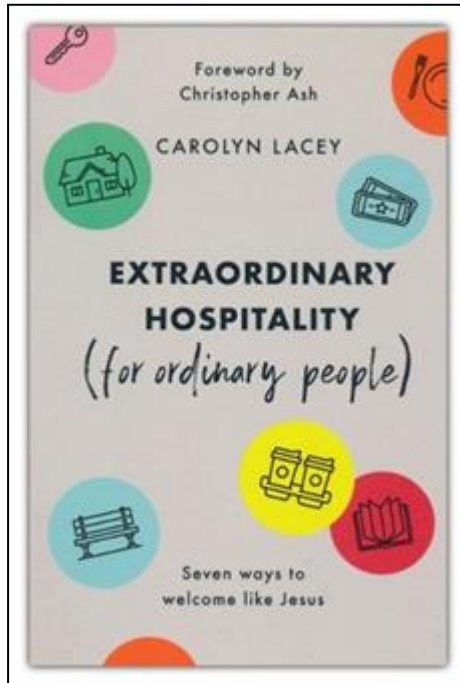
Scripture Text: Acts 8:26-40

Preacher: Pastor Mandy

Worship Leader:

If you would like to serve as a worship leader in May, check out the link to sign-up:
[Manassas Church of the Brethren: Worship Leaders \(signupgenius.com\)](http://www.signupgenius.com)

Adult Sunday School



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Join David S. as we explore extending hospitality during our Sunday School hour at 9:45am throughout May. Come in for some discernment and discussion.

Kids Sunday School

At the top of the stairs, before you get to the balcony, you will find the Kindergarten through Second Grade Sunday School Class. It is led by teachers Megan Anderson, Bonnie Cheshire, and Mary Jane P.. Our regular attendees are Caroline, Raegan, Sarah, Teddy and Owen.

We have been using the Shine: Living in God's Light curriculum published by Brethren Press and MennoMedia. Weekly lessons begin with a Connect to Each Other activity. The opening activity is followed with an introduction to various types of prayers as we emphasize ways to Connect to God. Each week we work on a Bible memory verse as we Connect to the Bible.

During the year from September 2023 through May 2024, we will have studied both Old and New Testament stories. A children's Bible entitled The Peace Table has been used to illustrate and tell the weekly lesson. This year's studies have included these themes: The Family of Abraham and Sarah, Journey to Freedom (stories from Exodus), Advent and Christmas, Following Jesus, Lent and Easter and the Early Church (stories from Acts).

Around 10:30 each Sunday, Mrs. Susan D. meets with the children for music practice. The children are always excited when it's time to share their Christmas play or songs with the congregation. After students return to the classroom, Sunday School ends with a departing prayer.

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY JUNE 2nd

On June 2nd we will have Children's Sunday. You are invited to Doughnut Breakfast at 9:00am. Worship begins at 10:30am. Our children (Pre-K through 5th Grade will be leading the Worship Service). Our Christian Education Coordinator, Terrie C., will be working with the children. Our Junior and Senior High Youth will be staying after worship for a Pizza Party and Youth Room Decorating! Briana B. will be coordinating the Youth Event.

VOICE

Core Team Training Series

VOICE

Building a Relational Team Culture and Organizing Plan

Tuesday May 14

6:30 – 8:30pm

Location: Mt. Olive Baptist Church

[Sign Up](#) **HERE!**

To learn more: <https://voice-va.org/events/coreteamtraining/>

Sr. High Sunday—May 5th



Senior High Youth are leading us in worship on Sunday May 5th! Come and worship with us as our Senior High take over the service with the theme “Your Life; God’s Direction” -Jeremiah 29:11



Events and News



House of Mercy Workday!

May 9th from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Please arrive at the House of Mercy thrift Store at 1:00pm

8170 Flannery Court Manassas, VA 20109



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday May 14th

9:00am – 3:00pm

Click here to sign-up:

www.redcrossblood.org



Lovina Conner Circle Ladies' Lunch

Thursday May 23rd

12:00pm

DEACON'S
Meeting

Deacons Meeting
Sunday May 5th

12:00 pm

April Stewardship by the
Numbers

In-Person Worship: **82.5**
Online Worship: **28**

Weekly Offering: **\$8240.00**

Fellowship

It's time
for hiking

MAY 4TH
8:30AM

RED ROCK
WILDERNESS PARK AT

43098 EDWARDS
FERRY ROAD

LEESBURG.VA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO CARPOOL,
PLEASE CONTACT
TINA FISHER. THE
PLAN IS TO MEET
AT THE CHURCH AT
7:30AM

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Lunch

12:30pm - May 5th

Nando's Peri-Peri

14030 Promenade Commons St Ste D1, Gainesville,
VA 20155



Retirees' Luncheon
(All are welcome!)

Thursday May 16th
1:00pm

Great American Buffet—8365 Sudley
Rd.



**Youth Sponsored
Doughnut Breakfast**

Sunday May 5th—
9:00am

Fellowship Center

Softball



The Spring/Summer church softball season is back in full swing! If you are interested in joining the softball team, please contact Sean N. at ssnorth@gmail.com, so that he can add you to the roster.

May 2024 Schedule

Fri, May 3

VS  [All Saints](#) 8:40 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV1](#)

AT  [All Saints](#) 9:40 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV1](#)

Fri, May 10

VS  [Nokesville Methodist](#) 6:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV4](#)

AT  [Nokesville Methodist](#) 7:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV4](#)


Fri, May 17

AT  [Love Church 2](#) 6:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV2](#)

VS  [Love Church 2](#) 7:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV2](#)

Fri, May 31

VS  [GUMC/Holy Family](#) 6:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV1](#)

AT  [GUMC/Holy Family](#) 7:30 PM EDT [Valley View Park - WV1](#)

Congratulations Graduates!



Jessica G. is graduating high school with high honors in academics, athletics, and dual enrollment. She writes: "Throughout high school, I have spent my time running track and field, playing the guitar, operating my business, and praising God. I want to thank my family and friends for supporting me during this time of my life. Now, I will pursue a degree in finance at Penn State University to one day become an entrepreneur and guitarist."



Grace S. is graduating from West Springfield High School on June 6th. Grace will be attending the University of Lynchburg in the fall while she completes a double major in History and Economics. She is continuing her athletic career on the Lynchburg Women's Golf team. She will also be a member of the Honors College at Lynchburg and is excited for the next steps in her life. Grace wants to thank the congregation for their loving support over the years



Kendall F. is graduating from Patriot High School on May 28. Kendall has enjoyed her classes, her teachers, and the time she spent with friends in school. An avid reader and writer, Kendall likes to help young children and has talked about possibly becoming a teacher one day. She loves dancing and has fostered a love of music from her piano lessons, and she would like to start her own YouTube channel. This summer, Kendall will be looking for opportunities to work and volunteer in the community. Kendall is thankful for the heartfelt support she's received from Manassas Church of the Brethren and the friends she's made.



Olivia Rose M. is graduating from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Business in Marketing

News

Our Cards & Games Club is Back!
First Thursday of every month!

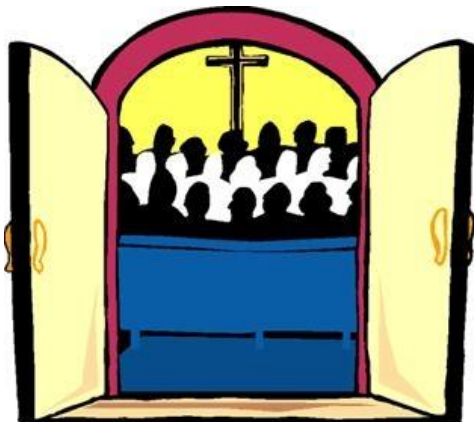
MAY 2, 2024
1PM-4PM



**ALL ARE
INVITED TO
JOIN!**

**MANASSAS CHURCH OF
THE BRETHREN**

**CARDS &
GAMES!**



**Congregational
MEETING**

Congregational Council Meeting

May 19th following worship

Join us for congregational Council Meeting!
Hear reports from our Ministry Teams, Search
Committee, and Needs & Dreams Campaign.
Our Fellowship & Hospitality team will
generously provide lunch.

Spring Clean-up Day



A big thank you to our Property Team and volunteers for getting the Guest House ready for the new residents from Virginia Women & Family Support Center who will be moving into the house later this month. The Property Team installed luxury vinyl plank flooring in the kitchen and a new railing leading down the basement stairs. Virginia Women & Family Support Center is ordering new appliances for the kitchen, which will be delivered soon. Our Trustees are finalizing the lease agreement. We are looking forward to this opportunity to extend hospitality and provide housing for mothers and their children.



VAWFSC

Guest House Partnership with Virginia Women & Family Support Center (VAWFSC)

We are now in the process of developing a lease agreement with them through our Trustees. Rent is expected to be \$1,400 plus utilities per month, and they will move in during May. We are looking for a few good volunteers to join us on Saturday, April 27 during the Spring Clean-Up Day to help us clean the house for our new residents. Our Property Ministry team has updated the flooring, added a banister on the stairs leading to the basement.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Dates: July 8-12



Place: Midland Church of the Brethren

10434 Old Carolina Rd.

Midland, VA 22728



Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm



Grades: Pre-K to Eighth Grade(Completed)



Contact Directors: Trish Utz (540) 270- 6740

Terrie Cox (703) 368-4783



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Details



Vacation Bible School 2024 will be held in partnership with Midland Church of the Brethren

Midland Church of the Brethren July 8-12, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Registration is now open through July 1, 2024. Please use the QR code on the flyer (Pg. 6) to register. We are asking parents to register their children and volunteers to register as well. Use the menu drop-down box to register each individual. Registration will close on July 1, 2024.

Trisha Utz from Midland Church of the Brethren and Terrie Cox from Manassas Church of the Brethren are coordinating VBS. There are many ways to volunteer and support VBS. We are seeking leaders for Recreation, Science, Bible Story time, and a Jr. High Coordinator. We are seeking group leaders and helpers for the children's groups: Pre-K; K-1; 2-3, and 4-5. Please contact Terrie Cox as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer. We are also seeking donations of cardboard, science fair board size and bigger, for decorations by June 2nd. Donations can be given directly to Terrie Cox or dropped off at the Midland Church of the Brethren. Monetary donations will be used to cover snacks and minor expenses outside of the churches' budgets. Please put "VBS 2024" in the memo line. A donation tent will be set up in June for other donation requests.

Midland is hosting a decoration-making day at their church on June 8th beginning at 12:30 PM with lunch provided (hot dogs/hamburgers). Manassas Church of the Brethren has been invited to come and eat lunch and get creative with painting VBS decor! Mark your calendars to come out to Midland and participate.

Contact Terrie Cox at terrie.cox@manassasbrethren.org; text 703-398-5635; or call the church office.

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir Practice	2 1:00pm—Cards & Games Club	3	4 8:30am— Hiking group
5 Sr. High Sunday 9:00am -Donut Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:00pm—Deacons 12:30pm—YA Lunch	6	7 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	8 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:30pm —Choir Practice— LAST Choir Practice	9 1:00pm - House of Mercy Service Day	10	11
12 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship	13 6:15pm—Executive Committee Mtg 7:30pm—Church Board Meeting	14 9am—Blood Drive 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's 6:30pm—VOICE Core Team Training	15 6:30pm—Bible Study	16 1:00pm—Retirees' Luncheon @ Great American	17	18
19 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:00pm— Congregational Council Mtg.	20	21 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	22 6:30pm—Bible Study	23 12 noon—Lovina Conner Circle Lunch @ Cracker Barrel	24	25
26 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am—Worship	27	28 12:00pm —Lunch Bunch @Liberia Arby's	29 6:30pm—Bible Study	30	31	

**MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
10047 NOKESVILLE ROAD
MANASSAS VIRGINIA 20110**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



1-KIM K.
2-KEVIN C.
3-NANCY F.
3-KRISTINE H.
6-SAM K.
7-KIM B.
7-CHRIS E.
7-SHERRIE W.
8-LOIS W.
9-DEBBIE W.
10-RUTH J.
11-BRIANA B.
12-CAROLE RA.
13-BENJAMIN BA.
13-ALISA H.
13-ILLANA N.
15-JOICE B.

19-MANDY N.
22-JEFF C.
22-JOSEPH W.
23-SAMANTHA NOURI—G.
24-LORETTA BRYANT-K.
24-TONI M.
24-ALISON W.
24-LUDIE M.
25-JOHN B.
25-KIRSTEN S.
25-OWEN W.
26-EMILIA A.
26-ANN H.
27-RAMONA V.
27-ALI C.
27-FRED S.
29-SHELLEY T.
31-CONNOR S.

3-PAUL AND RAMONA V.
4-DALE AND MARGARET B.
10-SAM AND MELINDA C.
10-JAMES AND JUDY F.
19-CHRISTIAN AND KIM S.
20-NATHAN AND KRISTA S.
25-TINA F.AND CHRIS E.
27-CHARLES AND GINA M.
28-CHRIS AND SHERRY B.
30-EDGAR AND KATHY S.
31-JOHN AND BRENDA B.
31-CRAIG AND MARALEE P.

**We want to celebrate with you! Please let the Church
Office know your birthday and/or anniversary!**