

FAMILY VINE

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Upcoming Events

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. -
Nursery available as well as
Children's Church.

Coffee/Donuts 10:05 a.m. (1st
and 3rd Sunday)

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Youth Night (5th through 8th
grades) 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(1st and 3rd Monday, October-
April)

Heart to Heart Women's Ministry
5:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday)

Bible Study 6:00 p.m. every
Wednesday

June Events

June 2 - American Red Cross
Blood Drive 12:30 p.m. - 6:00
p.m.

June 7 - Bread and Cup
Communion and Graduate
Recognition During Service

June 8 - Board Meeting 6:30
p.m.



From the Office of Pastor Chris...

Greetings Church Family,

"April showers bring May flowers." As time marches on, we once again find ourselves in the midst of spring and witnessing God's majesty through new beginnings. We see once-dead trees blooming with new life, flowers growing, gardens producing fruit, and grass growing that constantly needs to be attended to.

Over the past several weeks, we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and most recently, Pentecost—an event in history that created a new beginning and a new way for believers to spread the Good News of the Gospel through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our church family has been very busy over the past few months. We had a very successful Revival led by Pastor Paul Munday, along with special music provided by Samuel Vance, Rob Galpin, and members of our church family. Our Mother/Daughter Banquet was also a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of the men who helped make it possible.

June 8-21 - Pastor Chris on Vacation

June 14 - Steve Wagoner Preaching

June 20 - Father's Day Event at Pavilion 5:00 p.m.

June 21- Bob Kay Preaching

June 28 - Nathan West Preaching

June 28-July 2 - Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, IN

July Events

July 6-10 - Vacation Bible School 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

July 13 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

July 18-23 - National Youth Conference in Estes Park, CO

August Events

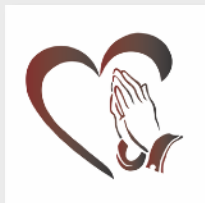
August 10 - Commissions Meetings 6:30 p.m.

August 22 - Church Benefit Auction and Food Stand

August 23 - Promotion Sunday and Anointing Service

August 30 - Second Mile Servants Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Prayer Concerns



Please continue to pray for the individuals listed weekly in the bulletin.

In the coming months, God's work will not slow down. Even though summer is often a time for vacations, swimming, and banana splits, here at The Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship, we will continue to fellowship together and spread the Good News of the Gospel using the gifts God has given us.

In just a few short weeks, we will be holding our Father's Day event at the pavilion, and we are already beginning plans for this year's Vacation Bible School. Additionally, please keep an eye open for our next Membership and Baptism opportunity, which will be held on September 27 and October 4, 11, and 18. If you have any questions, please feel free to come see me.

It is also important to recognize and thank everyone who has been using their gifts and talents around the church. Thank you to everyone who participated in our spring workday, to those who faithfully serve in the kitchen, to our teachers, administrative workers, and musicians who put in countless hours to further God's Kingdom. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

I will be on vacation from June 8 through June 21. I will then be attending Annual Conference from June 27 through July 5, where Colby and I will be serving as delegates for our church. Even though my family and I will be away, we will continue to hold our church family in prayer.

In my absence, if any pastoral needs arise, please contact your Second Mile Servant. If you are unsure who your Second Mile Servant is, please reach out to me, and I will make sure you have their contact information.

Until we speak again, please continue to pray with me for our church family and for all those who are sick, hurting, or struggling—whether spiritually or physically.

Know that I love each of you very deeply, and I continually thank God for bringing me to The Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chris



**Witness to the Host City
for Annual Conference**



Alive Community Outreach is a faith-based organization in Fort Wayne, IN with a mission to cultivate a community of nonviolence through relationships and education.

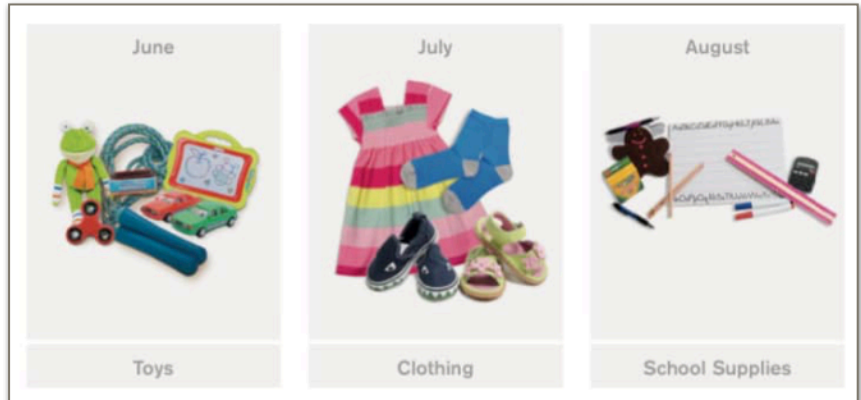
The following items will be collected in a tote in the Fellowship Hall during the month of June to be taken to Annual Conference to support this outreach:

- ✦ **Art supplies for Peace Rooms at Schools.** Specific ideas are: Colored pencils, markers, pens, paper in different colors, glue, and paint pens that can paint on walls, as they often do murals.
- ✦ **Snacks for the Peace Rooms.** Any kind of individually packaged, shelf-stable snacks that people think teens would enjoy are welcome.
- ✦ **Feminine Products for Peace Rooms.** Students are often caught without products and this is another resource we can have available to help the space feel welcoming and supportive.



Ways to Give

The church is continuing year-round collection for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Donations may be placed in the container provided in the fellowship hall.



Do you shop at Martin's? If you do, please consider purchasing Martin's gift cards through the church for all of your grocery and gas purchasing needs. If you do, Martins will donate \$5.00 per \$100 in gift cards to the church.

Cash for Causes is a great way to support our church by leveraging the spending you are already budgeting.

Please see Bernie Burkett to purchase gift cards or for more information.



Please submit quarterly newsletter submissions to Teresa Mohler at tjmohler78@gmail.com.

- March - due by February 21
- June - due by May 23
- September - due by August 22
- December - due by November 21

Happy 90th Birthday to Betty Lou Wasson!



Our Church Family In the News!

Washington County
MARYLAND

Crown Stone Farm Named Maryland Century Farm and Recognized as Washington County's Oldest Dairy Operation

14010 Greencastle Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740

American Red Cross | Community of Giving

Community Blood Drive

June 2, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship
14010 Greencastle Pike Hagerstown, MD 21740

Give the Gift of Life

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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First Time Ever...

OLDER ADULT Retreat

in the Mid-Atlantic District
Ages: 50+

At the Mid-Atlantic District Older Adult Retreat at Shepherd's Spring, with a theme of "Creating Peace", the retreat will explore creating peace with our neighbors, creation, and ourselves. Each day will offer a presentation along with many activities from which to choose.

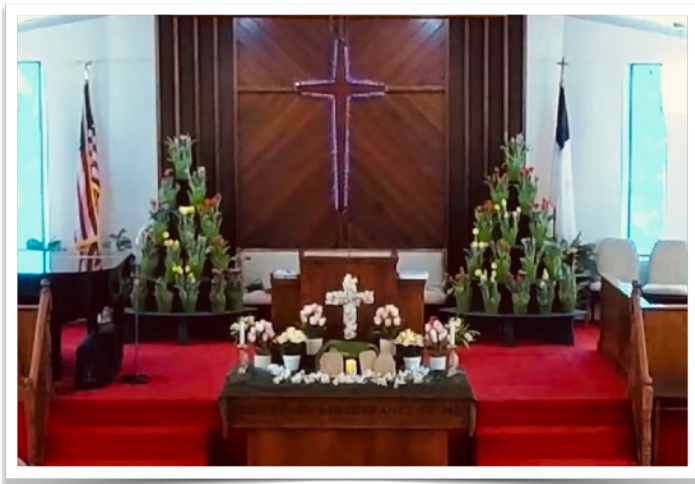
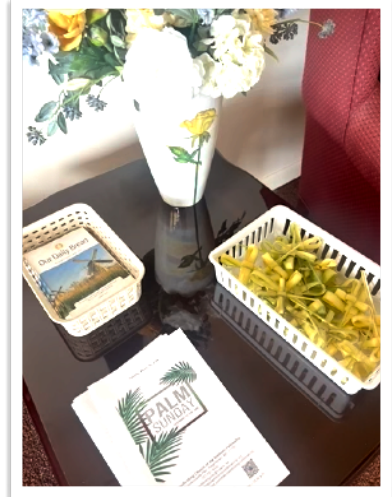
- ✓ Fellowship & Worship
- ✓ Learn & Serve
- ✓ Relax & Rejuvenate

- 📅 **SEPTEMBER 14-16**
- 📍 **SHEPHERD'S SPRING**
16869 Taylors Landing Rd.
Sharpsburg, MD 21782
- 🌐 Registration
<https://shepherdsspring.campbrainregistration.com/>

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Celebrating our Risen Savior

We're so grateful for everyone who helped make the celebration of the Easter season so joyful!



Mother Daughter Banquet

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the celebration of the women in our church! It was a wonderful time filled with fun, delicious food, and fellowship, all while being waited on by the men of the church.



News from afar...



Spring 2026



"Providing opportunities for people to experience life-change through personal encounters with God"



Lois Ann Glessner
BA Training and Curriculum
Coordinator

Dear friends,

We are rolling through another year of Bible Adventure Programs, Equipping Coordinator Training, Volunteer Leadership Trainings and Retreats...MINISTRY! God has provided 3,500+ students in our programs. Bible lessons are taught and scripture is memorized.

We trained 255 of our volunteers during January/February, in six locations. *Spiritual Warfare, How To Have Hard Conversations, Equipping Kids with Confident Faith in a Secular Culture, and We Must Love the Truth...* were among the topics presented. We also heard God honoring testimonies and spent time in prayer, worship, and scripture.



Volunteers attending a training

One Student's Perception of RIGHTEOUSNESS

I am blessed to have twins in Bible Adventure who are very knowledgeable of the Bible and are well behaved. At the end of Bible Adventure one week another student in the class came to me and said,



Listening Group at Bible Adventure

"You know the twins, They are not unrighteous anymore, right?" I was trying to process her hesitant words and line up thirty students for the bus. It took a moment. I responded, "you mean, do they love Jesus?" That was her question. She wanted to invite



Ministry continues on the bus

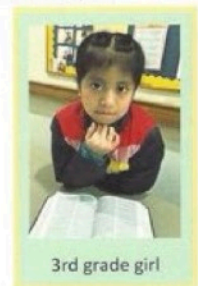
Jesus into her life. She looked at the testimony of the twins and wanted what they have. Our verse was Psalm 23:3- "*He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.*" **Is your testimony shining to bring others to Jesus?**

Prayers and Praises
Praise for great attendance in Bible Adventure and CIA.
Praise for students enthusiasm in learning God's Word.
Praise God for His provision!
Praise for volunteers advancing the Kingdom of God.
Praise for family and friends.

A student must have permission, signed by a parent to participate in Bible Adventure. One week a 5th grade girl arrived at Bible Adventure with a sheet of paper carefully folded. At the end of class she handed me the note, "I was wondering if I could have 48 Bible Adventure invitations. I want to give to both (5th grade) classes." I gave her available forms, then mailed enough for both classes. The following week one of those classmates arrived with form in hand. It was wonderful to see her taking the initiative to invite classmates, especially since speaking is difficult and she never speaks above a whisper.

Lois Ann Glessner

Lois Ann Glessner



3rd grade girl

"Igniting a Generation That Seeks Him"

News from afar...(CONTINUED)

An excerpt from an email from Bob Kay:

We thank you so much for Broadfording's gift to Crossworld that you gave in late March for our ministry! We deeply appreciate your support and trust that God is blessing you for it!

We really look forward to visiting you June 21, the third Sunday of June!

We had a great service on Easter Sunday. We had a guest pastor from El Salvador preach. He told stories of how God provided for him as he is a missionary in Honduras. I was thrilled to see how God used his message in the lives of our congregation. They connected with the Hispanic pastor; five of our members are from El Salvador. He planted churches in Honduras, trained local leaders to shepherd and once they were ready, he left for another location.

The Ladysmith church pastor is a gringo who does not speak Spanish. Judy and I speak Spanish, but we are not Latino. Our ministry has been built on the philosophy that we help train leaders for the local church. After 18 months with the Ladysmith church, it's time to start those steps. Please pray that the congregation will embrace a Bible study methods course on HOW to study the Bible. If they learn HOW to study the Bible, they can feed themselves and teach others.

I have been preaching through Galatians to ground the people in what the LORD Jesus Christ did to save us. I preach Galatians 3.10-14 next, "The just will live by his faith." Zoe, the Greek word for live means far more than mere existence; it means life with energy and vitality. Faith in Christ gives us among other things, energy!

Judy just had an in-person women's meeting with 13 in attendance. We continue our Bible studies on Wednesday night via Zoom. Judy teaches 1 Peter and I am teaching Mark, both of us doing this verse-by-verse.

May God bless you as you serve Him and thank you for making this ministry possible!

IN Christ,
Bob and Judy Kay



News from afar..(CONTINUED)

In the Shadow

Rivers In the Desert

"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth, shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19 NKJV

"We make plans but God decides." Most humans like making plans, five or ten year visions, or carefully curated spreadsheets detailing our schemes and dreams. We like everything to be orderly and in the place we think it ought. We may ask the Lord to bless our work and assist us in making these plans come to reality. Sounds good, right?

While that is not a bad outlook, what if there is another, Spirit-led approach out there? What if we came with an open heart, listening ears, and obedient spirit before the King of our lives seeking His guidance instead of asking Him to "bless our hustle"? How different our lives could look! My friend, God has been teaching me this important lesson over the past few months.

I entered the lush green YWAM campus for Discipleship Training School (DTS) expecting to leave after five months equipped with practical skills for evangelism wielding a certificate, going back into the same ministry I had been doing. While I certainly gained a certificate coupled with practical skills, God spoke to me throughout my time there. Though He has always been speaking to me, in the past I often neglected to stop and listen for His dear voice.



Indeed, He used that time to bring me closer to Him and be in tune to listening for His voice.

A new chapter of my life is unfolding before me. I was asked to assist with staffing during the next term of DTS. After prayer, thought, and discussion with various key people, I agreed. Staffing involves guiding and mentoring students in their journey of discipleship in Jesus. I am excited to see what God will do in my own life and in the lives of those who enter this program.

In conclusion, I ask for prayer over myself in this season of transition. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and continual renewal in the Spirit for the days to come. Pray for all the students who come to DTS. Life and ministry is not always easy, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us - how to be abased and how to abound, in times of need or in times of plenty. He has never left us, and neither shall He forsake us. *"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:11-13) A God who can make rivers in the desert. A literal river in a desert or a symbolic one in the souls of mankind. Hallelujah!

With praise to the living God, Grace Elliott