News From the Grove

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Serving Christ, Together!

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"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

"It is easy to fall into thinking that the most vital work into which we can invest our energy and time is our career, our ministry, of the tasks of running an organization, supporting political causes, or managing a household. But prayer is the most important work of all, and it's worth our effort, our time, our persistence, and our wholehearted passion." *Praying through the Bible, October 8.*

Lord, draw us close to You; apart from You we can do nothing. But if we live in You and You live in us, then we will bear much fruit. So, fill us with faith that overflows into good works. Fill us with love that overflows into service to others. Fill us with hope that overflows into courage to do Your will. *John 15:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

Pray that we will remain completely reliant on God for everything. Pray that we will remain committed to God as one body; heart, mind, strength, and soul.

Pray that The Grove is a place where all God's people know they are holy, blessed, chosen, and treasured by our Heavenly Father. Pray that the name of Jesus Christ is lifted above every earthly thing in our fellowship and in our lives, and that we who are blessed will go forth to bless everyone we encounter.

Pray that the Word of the Lord will dominate all activities at The Grove. Pray that as we hear, read, study, memorize, and meditate on the Word that we grow into the people God has called us to be—faithful stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for unity and peace among our church family. Pray that we will be ministers of life in the church, the community, our nation, and the world, to further God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Pray for Pastor Deb and for all the leaders and members of Commissions and Committees;
Pray for all our teachers and youth sponsors;
Pray for the protection of our children and youth,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1 Carolyn Dove
2 Brady Baker
2 Georgia Wakeman
3 Majesta Good
4 Lillian Shirkey
5 Gary Shipe
6 Gwyneth Thomas
7 Pam McCubbin
8 Randie DeBoard
8 Donna Lear
9 Gail Payne
10 Jackie Hoffman
12 Nancy Miller
14 Mike Dirting
14 Todd Crowder
18 Paula Lam
18 Elenor Bauserman
20 Andy Wakeman
22 Aaron Eberly
22 John Trelawny
24 Tom Myrtle
25 Rebecca Webert
25 Haylie McCaffrey
26 Earle Didawick
26 Jimmy Hollar
26 Alicia Bly
27 Sam Funkhouser
27 Angie Vann
27 Cole Baker
27 Gamaliel Cook
27 Ronnie Ross
28 George Daugharty Sr.
28 Bob Horst
28 Teresa Underwood
30 Nathaniel Dirting
31 Quinn Neff
31 Luke Miller

If your birthday or anniversary gets accidentally missed, please let Dawn Baker in the church office know.

Anniversaries:

May 2 Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Funkhouser
8 Mr. & Mrs. John Dove
10 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Funkhouser
11 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Foltz
12 Mr. & Mrs. Kent Tamkin
14 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Webert
16 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Roberts
18 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burner
19 Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Underwood
20 Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Wakeman
25 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wakeman
27 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Miller

Worship Schedule

Please join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:30am for worship service.
9:00am Sunday Social
9:30am Sunday School for all ages

We are also on YOUTUBE and FaceBook Live!
Simply go to YouTube and search
"Wakemans Grove Church"

Wakemans Grove Church—
Hello, My name is Corinna and I just wanted to take the time to share how much I enjoyed the service/play "Bow the Knee" - I saw the flyer at Wholesome Butcher and we went on Friday night. VERY excellent and I will come again and encourage others to do so. Have a blessed week!
Corinna, Edinburg

Check out our new QR Code!
This new QR Code will be located in your weekly service bulletins under the "*Stewardship Record*" section. It will allow you immediate access to the website where you can give your monetary donations/tithes online quickly & efficiently! Please let us know if you have any questions or issues utilizing this new tool.

Dear Wakemans Grove Members & "Bow the Knee" Cast—
Daniel and I wanted to thank you all so very much for your outpouring of love during our recent loss of our son, Benjamin. The peace lily you sent is gorgeous and will be a sweet remembrance of Ben. The service flowers were lovely also.
Love in Christ, Daniel & Ronda Mace & Family

Dear Wakemans Grove Church—

Thank you so much for allowing us to have the service for Russell L. Gochenour, Jr. at your church. We appreciate your outpouring of sympathy for our family.

The Family of Russell L. Gochenour, Jr.

Vacation Bible School 2024—CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

Our theme for Vacation Bible School for 2024 will be "*The Great Jungle Journey*" We will experience life in the mighty jungle! We will have Bible School Sunday through Thursday with our picnic on Friday **(June 9—14) from 6:30pm—8:30pm. Dinner will be served beforehand on Monday—Thursday.** If you would be interested in helping in some way, please let one of us know. We are looking for donations of cardboard (boxes), toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls. Collection bags will be placed in the vestibule for your donations.

Please contact one of the ladies on the Bible School Committee: Karey Mullins, Melanie Payne or Kristi Zirkle

Bits and Pieces

From the Piecemakers:

The Piecemakers have continued to meet every Wednesday working to make quilts for the community. This ministry truly meets with the Church's theme of "Meet them where they are". In addition to sending quilts to the hospitals, nursing homes, and our "usual" outlets, we also sent 9 large quilts to the Mennonite Central Committee to help them meet their goal for the "Great Winter Warm-up". These quilts are sent out into the world to provide comfort and to serve as a reminder for those suffering, they are not alone and not forgotten. The quilt is a tangible reminder of God's love.

We also connected with Holly Cooley, who is teaching ladies and girls in West Africa to sew. Can you imagine not knowing how to thread a needle or not having a safety pin to keep your clothes in place? In addition to providing Holly with some extra fabric and supplies, we cut up our scraps and assembled 40 fabric kits for female personal hygiene. These kits will be going with Holly on her next trip and have a dual purpose. First, it is easy sewing so the ladies can learn to sew for themselves. Think of the sense of accomplishment of learning a new skill. Secondly, the creation of the hygiene products allows for the girls to attend school consistently as well as provide a healthy alternative to coping with their monthly cycles.

We are working to share God's love, both within our community and further afield. We would enjoy having you join us for fellowship on Wednesday mornings. If you can't join us but want to help, please let us know. And if you say, "I'm not a quilter", but I'd love to see what you do, come on down and visit!

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smelser

Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren 31st Annual Disaster Response Auction May 17 & 18, 2024

Schedule of Events:

Friday, May 17: Beginning at 1:00pm
Baked Items, priced items, plants for sale
1:00pm—3:00pm Inside Silent Auction #1
1:00pm—8:00pm Outside Tent Sale
4:00pm—6:30pm Plate Dinner
5:00pm—7:00pm Inside Silent Auction #2
6:15pm- Devotions and 6:30pm Livestock Auction
6:30pm- Auction: Arts, Furniture & selected handwork

Saturday, May 18: Beginning at 7:00am –10:00am Breakfast
8:00am—Baked Items, priced items, plants for sale
7:00am—8:30am Silent Auction #3
8:30am—until Outside Tent Sale
8:45am—Worship Service
9:00am- Main Auction Begins
10:00am—Quilt Sales Begin
10:30am—Third Annual Coin Auction
11:00am—Plate Lunch BBQ Chicken or Pork & Auction of Large items on display
1:00pm—Theme Basket Auction

Teams from the Shenandoah District will be making several trips to Brethren Disaster project sites in 2024. Volunteers are needed to create crews to serve. **Let Jerry Ruff (540) 447-0306 or Galen Halterman (540) 256-9356 or Henry Elsea (540) 271-1533** know that you are ready to make such a commitment to serve.

Prospective volunteers are needed for these service trips. Volunteers may use the website to download a volunteer form to sign up for work projects. Information may be typed and saved to your computer. The completed form may be given to Gary Shipe or email to the District Office. Please note that you will need to provide an original signature on the form before leaving on a trip.

Contact the District Office at 540.234.8555 to learn more about becoming involved in service project trips.

FROM THE WAKEMANS GROVE COOKBOOK:

Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake

~Submitted by Pam McCubbin

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1 C. margarine	1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 1/4 C. sugar	TOPPING:
2 eggs	1/4 C. granulated sugar
1 C. sour cream	1/3 C. brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla	1 tsp. cinnamon
2 1/2 C. flour	1/2 C. chopped nuts
1 tsp. baking powder	1/2 C. chocolate chips

Cream together the margarine and sugar. Add eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Mix in flour, baking powder and baking soda until well blended. Set aside. Mix together all topping ingredients and set aside. Place 1/2 of the batter in a greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 of topping mixture. Pour remaining batter on top and sprinkle with the rest of the topping. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 min.

Note: Church Cookbooks make GREAT gifts for graduates, new brides, mothers, etc. Cost is **$8.00** each and money can be given to either Sharon Foltz or Dawn Baker in the church office. Cookbooks are located on the information table.

CBYF REPORT

The CBYF continues to meet on Wednesday evenings for dinner and Bible study. We are hoping that by spending more time together, we will be better bonded and ready for our trip to Momentum. We need some help with ingredients for our dinners. The sign-up lists for these are on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help with this!

As we prepare for our trip to Momentum, we will need prayer warriors to form a prayer team for our kids. If this is something that you feel called to be a part of, please let us know before we leave. We need to pray over these kids before, during and after their trip so that they may be transformed by the experience!

Thank you for all you do for our kids!

In His Service, Adam and Kristi Zirkle

VBS Reminder For You:

We invite you to join us on a Jungle Journey June 9-14 as we explore the 7 C's of the Bible. Haven't heard that term before? Come out to VBS and find out what they are! We will have classes from preschooler (ages 3 and potty-trained) through Jr. High. We are hoping to have an adult class also! To make this journey, we will need lots of help. We need people in the mess hall, tour guides and even a scientist (our usual scientist is unavailable this year). We also need someone to work with the older tourists! If you feel called to help in any way, please talk to someone on the committee. We will find you a job that fits your comfort level!

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES:

William Eberly—Central High School

Triston Dodson—Central High School

Tucker Markley—Central High School

Emma Haycock—Central High School

Georgia Wakeman—Seventh Day Adventist School

Conner Kabler—Seventh Day Adventist School

Haley Tharp—Home Schooled

We extend our LOVE and BEST WISHES to each of these high school GRADUATES!

Wakemans Grove CoB will honor these grads on ***Graduate Sunday*, May 26th**, during the morning worship service. We invite you to remain after service and fellowship with them and their families during a covered-dish meal being held in their honor.

Please bring a dish if you are able.

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Pray for all who are involved in serving our church and those who serve our community in various ways, using the gifts and skills God has provided.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." *Philippians 1:9-11*

Pray specifically for the Building Committee:
Thank God for those who are serving on the building committee; Mike Dirting, Todd Lam, Sharon Foltz, Ronnie Hoffman, Judi Wakeman, Donnie Hoffman, and Jerry Funkhouser. Pray that they will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in all of their meetings, decision making, and planning, committed to the cause and working as a team to further The Grove's mission and vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them confidence that the Lord is involved, and He is in control. Pray that the Building Committee will be able to clearly communicate the vision and plan so the congregation may understand.

Pray that God will provide all the finances and resources that we will need to build a building that provides space that will promote spiritual growth, development, relaxation, worship, and fellowship. Pray that God will provide adequate funding, competent professionals, and skilled laborers for the construction.

Pray against the schemes of the devil who only wants to steal, kill, divide, and destroy our congregation; but we declare that Jesus Christ has conquered and destroyed the enemy and that He gives us life, and we have it to the full. *John 10:10*

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" *Romans 15:5-6,* in whose precious Name we pray, AMEN.

I'm praying for YOU,

Pastor Deb

SPRING REVIVAL IS HERE!!

The Witness Commission would love for you and your family to be a part of the upcoming *Spring Revival* with Pastor Karl Magenhofer! He will be bringing the good news **starting Sunday, May 5** at the 10:30 am service, with a covered dish meal to follow-so please provide a shared dish and/or dessert and come fellowship with us. He will return **Sunday evening at 7 pm and on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm**. Please be in prayer for Revival and all involved with making this happen.

We will have a *special offering* on **May 19 & 26** to benefit COB/*Pentecost* There will be envelopes available to use or earmark your donation as such.

The commission will be providing a bus trip to Lancaster, PA on September 11 to Sight & Sound Theatre to see "*Daniel*" for those who signed up. For reference, "*Noah*" will be shown in 2025.

As always, if you have suggestions, questions, or any concern with any of the work the Witness Commission does, please contact any of the commission members: Barbara Garber, Chair, Bryan Wakeman, Diane Burner and Missy Hollar, Secretary

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a Piecemakers 6p Worship 7p Prayer Mtg/Youth Band 7:30p BTK Watch Party	2 9:30a Morning Bible Study	3	4 8:00a Deacons Prayer Breakfast 9:30 All-Church Clean Up
5 Spring Revival Service w/ Pastor Karl Magenhofer 12 Covered Dish Lunch 7p Revival	6 7p Spring Revival Service	7 5-7p Ruritan Meet/Dinner 6:30p Worship 7p Nurture	8 9a Piecemakers 6p CPR Class 7p Prayer Mtg/Youth Band 8p Adult Choir	9 9:30a Morning Bible Study 6p CPR Class	10 Smallwood/ Foltz Wedding Rehearsal	11 3p Smallwood/ Foltz Wedding
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	13 7:00 Church Board Meeting	14 7p 4-H	15 9a Piecemakers 7p Prayer Mtg/Youth Band 8p Adult Choir	16 9:30a Morning Bible Study	17 Disaster Ministries Auction— Rockingham County Fairground	18 Disaster Ministries Auction— Rockingham County Fairground
19	20	21 6:30p Safety & Security Committee	22 9a Piecemakers 7p Prayer Mtg/Youth Band 8p Adult Choir	23 9:30a Morning Bible Study NEWS-LETTER ARTICLES	24	25 Noon—? Fac In Use
26 *GRADUATE SUNDAY w/ covered dish lunch* 4p UNDER THE OAKS	27	28	29 9a Piecemakers 7p Prayer Mtg/Youth Band 8p Adult Choir	30 9:30a Morning Bible Study	31	June 1 8 Deacons Prayer Breakfast— all are welcome!

All Are Invited to an Evening of

Fellowship & Fun

Sunday May 26 2024

Under The Oaks

4:30 pm Games, Burgers, Dawgs, Beans & Home-made Ice Cream—Plus an Old Fashioned Cake Walk!

6:00 pm OUTDOOR CONCERT

Featuring The Grove Youth Band and a very special performance by the Gospel Brothers

Under the direction of Libby Rocco

Free-Will Offering to benefit Family Promise of Shenandoah County

Please bring a blanket or lawn chair for this outdoor event.

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