

Prayers of Intercession

Scripture promises us that the prayers of God's people are powerful and effective.

In this hope, we call on God's name, saying:

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For those who are sick and suffering . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For those who are burdened by sin . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For nations, crumbling in conflict . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For neighbors, divided by fear . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For the church, longing for renewal . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For the earth, groaning for peace . . .

**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.**

God of new life, raise us up in the power of the risen Lord so that we may lift our hearts again in songs of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Compelling Vision Conversations

Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish (Prov. 29:18a KJV)

CoB Leadership, at both the denominational and district levels, has affirmed calling a team to guide the denomination through a process of conversation and discernment to arrive at a compelling vision rooted in our shared commitment to live as Christ's disciples. The guiding statement for this process is: "Confessing Jesus Christ as Teacher, Redeemer, and Lord, we desire to serve Him by proclaiming, professing, and walking in His way together bringing His peace to our broken world. Join us in reclaiming a new passion for Christ and helping set a course for our future as the Church of the Brethren serving Him in our communities and in the world!"

Conversations began at Annual Conference (AC) this summer and will continue in districts through the fall and winter, culminating at the 2019 AC. The Compelling Vision Process Team (CVPT) seeks to engage as many people as possible in the process, providing opportunities for individuals to give voice to their passions and concerns, listen to one another, and work together to identify common threads and themes that might point to a shared and compelling vision.

Brian Messler, Compelling Vision Process Team member, will lead conversations hosted at churches around the Mid-Atlantic District

- **Easton CoB** **December 1, 10 am – noon**
- **Pleasant Ridge CoB** **January 12th 10-12** (led by Paul Munday)

Each of these times will include worship, as well as gathering in small groups for guided conversation. **Table facilitators are needed for these small groups.** The facilitator serves as the timekeeper, keeps the conversation going, ensures that everyone in the group has an opportunity to speak, and helps the group to summarize their conversation. Please consider volunteering (or help to recruit volunteers). Send your name and email information to MADistrictCVP@gmail.com, or call 717.870.8774. For more information on the Compelling Vision Process, see the website at www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html. We truly do stand at a crossroad – please plan to be a part of discerning our direction. And please pray as we continue this journey together!

Tree of Kindness



We have been challenged to be a "sanctuary" for others that might need kindness. The challenge was presented to perform an act of kindness each and every day until the end of November. Be mindful of your kindness and add your example to our kindness tree that is in the overflow area in the back of the church.

Add as many leaves to the tree as you want. These will be a visual aid to remind others to be kind, and to be an extension of the sanctuary that our God has provided.

We'll enjoy watching our tree blossom and "grow" leaves inside as we watch the leaves are falling outside.

The Family Crisis Center's Shelter Holiday Wish List



Thank you for your support! The Crisis Shelter is a busy place with lots of noise and energy. It's a place of tears and laughter as families leave their homes and the domestic violence that was there to start a new life. It's a place no one wants to come to, but at the same time, are grateful for. The Holidays often compound the worries of both the

moms and the children. Your help throughout the year and during the Holiday Season reaches out to hurting hearts and changes lives. It offers hope and builds courage as families are facing overwhelming conditions.

The following Wish List offers suggestions for gift ideas. Please feel free to be creative. During the Holidays, we can only accept new items. Please do not wrap them—family members are almost as excited to wrap presents for each other as they are to open their own gifts. This list contains all of the clothing and household items. All of the gifts and toys are printed onto ornaments and are located on the Christmas tree in the narthex. If you are willing to provide any of these items, please take the ornament off the tree and replace it with a regular ornament. Bring in the unwrapped gifts/toys and place them on the stage on or before December 9th... Thanks!

Gifts for the Shelter:

Twin-sized sheets, blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, new underwear, new socks, cleaning supplies, paper products, \$45.00 (covers the cost of a night stay at the shelter)

Infants and Toddlers: sleepers, clothing, mittens, hats, nightlights, etc.

Children: Clothing, underwear, socks

Teenage Girls: Clothing, underwear, socks, coats, pajamas, slippers

Teenage Boys: Clothing, underwear, socks, slippers

Women: Clothing, underwear, socks, slippers, pajamas, sweat suits, bath towels, kitchen sets, suitcases, small household items

Announcements:

today: Church Family Thanksgiving Meal

The Annual Church Family Thanksgiving Meal is today. All are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new. Welcome!

Upcoming events: Book Club

Get a jump start on reading the next book club selection, "*Camino Island*" written by John Gresham. The book club will gather at The Wolf's home to discuss and have a time of fellowship on **Friday, December 7th**. All are invited to this causal discussion.

Order ahead: Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias from local area Whitehouse Nursery are on sale to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Final order and payment will be due **Dec. 2nd**. Poinsettias (white, pink or marble) will be \$9.00 apiece. Please see Georgia Smith for more details and/or to provide payment.

Witness: Helping Up Mission

If you have items to donate to Help Up Mission, please put in the wooden box in back of sanctuary by next Sunday November 25th. Ron and Ginger Berninger will be delivering items to the mission that week.

New Windsor - Disaster Kits

If you are interested in going to New Windsor MD to help pack disaster kits please let Ginger Berninger know by November 25th by contacting her at vwberninger@comcast.net. This volunteer opportunity requires traveling to New Windsor where you sit at tables and pack donated supplies during morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch is provided.

Church Calendar this week: November 19, 2018 - November 25, 2018

Monday: Hall Rented 3:30-8pm

Wednesday: Quilters 9:30am

Saturday: Hall Rented 9am-12pm

Sunday: Morning Praise 9:50am

Worship 10am

Sunday School 11:10am