

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

Long Green and Kanes Rds., near Glen Arm, MD

November 25, 2018

Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:10 am

Large print hymnals are available, please see an usher

This room is equipped with a sound loop for the hearing impaired

What a blessing that in Christ, we can approach God's throne in confidence and find grace.

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) "10,000 Reasons" *video*

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Song "Here I am Lord" *video*

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 8:22-25

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise
(please be brief, and aware of God's listening presence)

Song "10,000 Reasons" *video*

Prayers of the people

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-6

Message Video Message from NYC 2018
Audrey & Tim Hollenberg-Duffey

*Hymn "Amazing Grace" *video*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is embedded in/posted at
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-11-25.htm>

Church Calendar this week: November 26, 2018 – December 2, 2018

Monday: Hall Rented 3:30-8pm

Tuesday: Hall Rented 9-2:30pm

Wednesday: Quilters 9:30am

Hall Rented 3:30-8pm

Thursday: Hall Rented 3:30-8pm

Friday: Hall Rented 3-10pm

Saturday: Hall Rented 12-10pm

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Sunday: Morning Praise 9:50am

Worship 10am

Sunday School 11:10am

Pantry Sunday



Church of the Brethren

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)

December Events



The official first Sunday in Advent is Sunday, December 1st. Join us each Sunday in December as we light the candles in the advent wreath in celebration and anticipation for the miracle and joy of Christmas Day.

December 7th: Book Club @ The Wolf's Home 7pm

December 8th: Pancake Breakfast 8am-11am

December 9th: Deacon Meeting following Sunday School

December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

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!

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:

Next Sunday: Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Pantry Sunday. Please bring an offering of nonperishable food to restock a local food pantry **Sunday, December 2nd.**

Upcoming events: Book Club

Calling all readers! Our next book club selection is "*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.

Pancake Breakfast

The monthly community outreach pancake breakfast will be served on **Saturday, December 8th** from **8-11am** in the fellowship hall. Join us for a home cooked meal of pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, hot & cold drinks and more. The cost of this meal is a free will offering. All are invited, bring a friend! Interested in helping out? Contact Mike Hanna.

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: 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 today 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.

Upcoming meeting: Deacon

All deacons are asked to attend a deacon meeting on **Sunday, December 9th** following the Sunday School hour.