

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

February 3rd, 2019

Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:10 am

Large print hymnals are available see an usher

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

“As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples, the Holy Spirit has called us – to this time of worship and to life in God’s love always. Welcome.”

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “Lord, whose love in humble service” 369

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship *written by Ben Bear, BVS Unit #277*

One: We are the beloved children of God.

All: Gifted with abilities and skills to serve one another.

One: Yet that is not enough.

All: There is more we can do.

One: Remember the mustard seed?

All: The smallest of the seeds?

One: It did not stop growing after a few leaves.

All: It set its roots and put forth many new branches.

One: We, too, shall not settle for a few leaves
to gather the sunlight.

**All: But will strive for branches & boughs
reaching skyward.**

One: May we seek the light that gives us life.

All: There is growing to do!

*Hymn “God of the fertile fields” 390

*Invocation *written by Monica McFadden, BVS Unit #319*

Reading *written by Emmett Witkovsky-Eldred, BVS Unit #321*

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

*Hymn “As saints of old” 386

*Prayer *written by Pauline Liu, BVS Unit 319*

Scripture 2 Peter 1:5-8 *from The Message*

Reading *written by Stephen Miller, BVS Unit #316*

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

Hymn “Spirit of the living God” 349

Prayer *written by Judy Stout, BVS Unit #319*

Reading *written by Caitlin O’Quinn, BVS Unit #319*

Message “Service Sunday” Robyn Hunt

*Hymn “We are people of God’s peace” 407

*Benediction *written by Tori Bateman, BVS Unit #316*

Leader: Go now and engage with the world as servants.

People: When we serve, we grow as individuals.

Leader: Go now and speak up in support of peace and justice.

People: When we serve, we grow as a community.

Leader: Go now and use the gifts God has given you to serve others.

People: When we serve, we grow in faith.

*Postlude

***Rise in body or in spirit**

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sermon is embedded in/posted at
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2019/19-02-03.htm>

Announcements:

Today: Guest Speaker

Today, we are blessed to have Robyn Hunt filling the pulpit to share the message!

Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Pantry Sunday. Please place your offering of nonperishable food to restock a local food pantry in the cabinet located in the entryway **today**. A monetary gift is just as useful. Please place your well-marked gift in the offering.

With love: Keeping warm during church

If you get a little chilly during the worship service, we have got you covered. The sanctuary can become a little drafty during the winter months. **Beth Kagarise** made lap blankets for the congregation to use during worship as a service project for Girl Scouts. There is a shelf with bins in the back corner of the sanctuary area – please borrow for the service and return to the bins afterwards. Thank you, Beth, for your service project that provides warmth, and was made with love!

This week: Pancake Breakfast

The monthly community outreach pancake breakfast will be served on **Saturday, February 9th** 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, invite a friend! Interested in helping out? Contact Mike Hanna.

Upcoming Events: Book Club

Looking for a great book to read? Our book club's next reading selection is "*Being Mortal*" by Atul Gawande. The book addresses hospice care and the current state of care about age-related frailty, serious illness and impending death. Gawande's reflections are interspersed with personal stories. Join the book club for the discussion at the Wheatley's home on **Friday, February 22nd** at **7pm**. All attending is asked to bring a snack to share with the group. Completion of reading is not required to enjoy this social event. All are welcomed.

Potluck Meal

Weather permitting, we will be having a potluck meal after Sunday school hour on **Sunday, February 24th** to chase away the winter blues. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. All are welcomed to the meal.

Roundtable 2019

Roundtable 2019, held at Bridgewater College in Virginia, will be held **Friday March 1st to Sunday March 3rd**. This is a senior high youth retreat planned by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet. This year's guest speaker is Dennis Beckner. The retreat includes worship services, workshops, and lots of fun! The cost for registration for the entire weekend is \$60 and is due on **Friday, February 22nd**. Registration can be completed online at <https://goo.gl/forms/KITXJBe7arpBsqrF2>. Any questions? Contact Meghan Knight.

Deadline: March Newsletter

Please have all items to be included in the March newsletter submitted to the church office by **Friday, February 22nd**.

Church Calendar this week: February 4, 2019 – February 10, 2019

Wednesday – Quilters – 9:30am

Saturday – Pancake Breakfast - 8am-11am

Sunday – Morning Praise – 9:50am

Worship – 10am *Guest Speaker: Rusty Curling*

Sunday School 11:10am

Long Green Church Directory

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Ministers

The People of this congregation

Pastor

Pete Haynes (410-592-6343)

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Guest Speaker

Robyn Hunt

Worship Leaders

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Organist

Kay Kearns

Head Ushers

Karl Huber and Mel Horst