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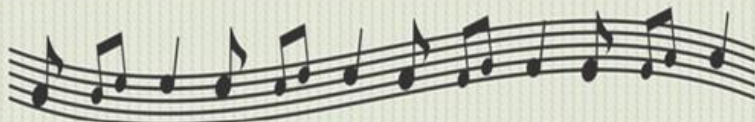
Woodbury Church of the Brethren



Helping people to know God as revealed in His fullness through Jesus Christ and responding to God and mankind in love and service.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

April 2024



The Southern Cove Ministerium Presents...

Concert of Praise

Community Music Service

**Sunday April 7, 2024
at 6:00pm**

Featuring the praise and worship talents of individuals and choirs from several area churches.

Woodbury Church of the Brethren
4359 Woodbury Pike; Woodbury, PA 16695

An offering will be collected for
BEN Blessed Ministries.



Woodbury Church of the Brethren
Vacation Bible School



June 17, 2024 through June 21, 2024
For children ages Pre-K through 5th grade

Online registration is now open at
www.woodburycob.org/vbs

Volunteers will be needed!
See Pastor David Scott for more info.



Women's Fellowship Game Night

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Ladies of all ages are invited to come play Bible Tic-Tac-Toe and some other fun activities, while enjoying refreshments and fellowship time together.

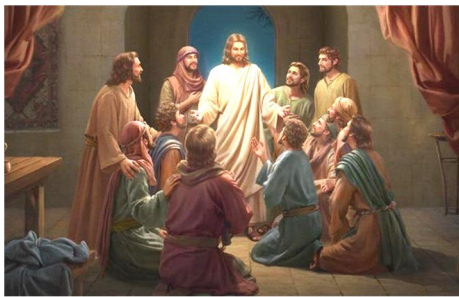
April 2 – Mark 16

In our New Testament Reading Schedule, the reading for April 2 is Mark 16. It's the closing Chapter of Mark's Gospel, and his account of the Resurrection, which is not without a bit of controversy.

In fact, depending on your translation, Mark's Gospel may end after verse 8. If it doesn't end there, it probably has a footnote there saying something like "The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9-20." (NIV) It may even speak to some other alternate endings.

Researchers have been able to uncover very early manuscripts of the Gospel Mark, and they do end at verse 8. Most Biblical scholars agree that verses 9-20 were added later, and based on the style of writing, most likely by someone other than Mark.

So what are we to do with these verses? Should we tear these verses from our Bibles, or simply disregard them? I don't think either is necessary, as these "added" words are largely confirmed elsewhere. The words of verses 9-11, focused mainly on Mary Magdalene, are confirmed in John's Gospel. Verses 12-13 are a summary account of the two men on the road to Emmaus which Luke details in His Gospel. Verse 14 speaks to Jesus' meeting with the Eleven. Several such meetings are recorded in the other Gospels.



We do not have exact confirmation of Jesus' words as recorded in verses 15-18, but they sound like other things Jesus said and other instructions He gave His disciples. Verses 19-20, regarding the Ascension, Jesus' sitting down at the right hand of God and the actions of the New Testament Church, also are right in line with what we know from Scripture.

Perhaps if we want to appreciate what Mark was trying to get across to his readers, we ought to ask the question, why would he stop at verse 8? It seems like a really strange place to end, almost as if there is no ending at all.

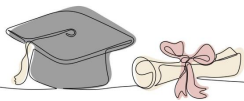
As best we can know, Mark wrote his Gospel at least 25 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. His readers would have clearly understood from oral teaching that the women overcame their fear and delivered the message. They would have known how the disciples responded, and of the subsequent meetings with Jesus, and the eyewitnesses who saw Him. They would have known of the ascension, of Pentecost, of the beginnings of the New Testament church.

Mark was writing to a persecuted church, a church that undoubtedly had many fears to deal with themselves, and he was a preacher. Perhaps the closing note of his message was to force them to confront their own fears, and to consider what would have been lost if these women had allowed fear to control their lives, and never told a soul. Perhaps he wanted them to remember on their own, the great and wonderful things that came about because the women overcame their fear, and to encourage them to carry out what God had given them to do, even in the face of opposition, to resist the inclination to be silent

May those thoughts inspire our witness as well.

My prayer is that this will add to your reading of God's Word.

Pastor David



Attention 2024 High School and College Graduates!

Are you graduating from high school or a post-high program this spring? If so, please let us know by May 19th so that we can highlight your accomplishments in the June newsletter!

Graduates will also be honored during morning worship on June 2, 2024

Forms are located on the window ledge by the secretary's office. *HS grads - please include a photo.*

Return forms and photos to the office, or email to woodburycob@atlanticbb.net.

Board Meeting Updates - February 27, 2024 & March 26, 2024

Treasurer: Monthly budget reports reviewed.

Ministry & Evangelism: Planning events for the coming year including a movie night, Shady Trail worship service, and fall revival services; commission made revisions to community resource booklet that was prepared a few years ago - will look at putting copies at the local community center.

Christian Education: Putting together a "family-friendly" devotional section for the church library; supplied meal for the Pinewood Derby; seeking more info about the camp rep. position from Camp Blue Diamond; discussed hosting a marriage seminar but those plans have been postponed.

Music & Worship: Took orders for tulips & Bibles in early March & ordered palms for Palm Sunday; placed Advent banners in sanctuary and vestibule; helped to compose a survey about Love Feast; preparing for Concert of Praise in April; paid for parts needed to repair sanctuary projector.

Outreach & Service: Planned & hosted annual Easter EggStravaganza (1800 eggs!); assisted with Pinewood Derby; took donations of diapers for Crossroads Pregnancy Center; will give 2024 budgeted Blair Co. Habitat for Humanity donation to the Bedford Co. branch as Blair Co. office is closed.

Property & Finance: Elevator & kitchen fire suppression inspections were completed; prepared list of monthly duties and contractor info for future P&F chairmen; updated duties for maintenance & custodian workers; addressing mouse problem in the kitchen; getting quotes for new basement door & for roof extension over door; emergency exit maps need to be updated; Todd Hoover will paint Fellowship Hall; signs needed for upstairs women's restroom; looking to replace stained ceiling tiles in sanctuary overflow; discussing treasurer duties/responsibilities.

Deacons: Purchased Sheetz gift cards to help congregation members with travel expenses as needed; assisted with the anointing of Pastor David.

Other Business: Board approved giving a monetary gift to Megan Barkman in appreciation of her many years serving as treasurer. Board is still seeking someone willing to provide full or partial treasurer duties - this will likely require outsourcing to a local individual or accounting firm - Steve Ritchey & Dick Appleman will reach out to some local churches to see how they handle treasurer duties. Board discussed security measures at the church, esp. during Sunday morning worship & Wednesday night activities. Agenda needs to be set for spring council meeting.

Full reports posted on the bulletin board

Next Meeting: May 28, 2024 @ 7:00pm



Spring Council Meeting

**Thursday, April 18, 2024
at 7:00pm**

Council Meeting happens twice a year, and everyone from the congregation is invited!

Come out and hear updates from Commissions and the Church Board. You'll have an opportunity to share your ideas and vote on important topics pertaining to our church.

Full agenda is yet to be determined.

Our condolences are with Deb Foor and family upon the passing of her mother,

Susanne Musselman

February 10, 1948—March 1, 2024

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

- Psalm 34:18

April Calendar

Sundays

9:00 Morning Worship
10:15 Sunday School for all ages (and nursery)
6:00 Cove Community Students (MS/HS Youth)

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 Children's Ministry & Singing Groups (PreK - 5th Grade)
6:30 *Adult Bible Study (currently on hiatus)*

Saturdays

7:30am Men's Group (at Community Center)

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- 4/2 - Music & Worship Mtg. 7:00pm
 - 4/3 - Children's Ministries 6:00 - 7:45pm
 - 4/4 - Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm
 - 4/7 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
Concert of Praise 6:00pm
CCS Bowling at Martinsburg Park 5:00 -7:00pm
 - 4/8 - Christian Education Mtg. 6:30pm
 - 4/9 - Women's Fellowship Game Night 7:00pm
 - 4/10 - Children's Ministries 6:00 - 7:45pm
 - 4/11 - Adult Choir Practice
 - 4/14 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
 - 4/15 - Property & Finance Mtg. 7:00pm
 - 4/17 - Children's Ministries 6:00 - 7:45pm
 - 4/18 - Spring Council Meeting 7:00pm
 - 4/21 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
 - 4/24 - Children's Ministries 6:00 - 7:45pm
 - 4/25 - Adult Choir Practice
 - 4/28 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am

April Birthdays

- 1 Beverly Ritchey
- 2 Karlee Diehl
- 4 Cindy Appleman, Larry Graybill
- 9 Dorothy Steele
- 10 Kaden Russell
- 11 Brody Reiningger, Brian Sell
- 12 Declan Oberman, Mark Sell
- 13 Marlee Ritchey
- 14 Nicholas Foor
- 16 Kyle Weaver
- 17 Walter Wertz
- 18 Devon Browell, Janine Teeter
- 22 Arlan Barkman, Ethan Browell,
Matt Snyder
- 23 Ryleigh Teeter
- 26 Delma Over
- 27 Betty Belle Gable, Danelle Pepple
- 28 Dallas Eckert, Don Smith
- 29 Wendy Eckenroad
- 30 Nanette Eshelman, Denise Ott



April Anniversaries

- 18 James & Karla Over
- 22 Jake & Agnes Carper
- 25 Will & Nanette Eshelman
- 26 Richard & Cindy Sell

Save the Date...

**National Day of
Prayer Service**

**Thursday May 2, 2024
@ 7:00pm**

**Woodbury Area
Community Center**

*presented by the
So. Cove Ministerium*



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

**THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**



Camp Blue Diamond Quilt & Craft Weekend

**April 19th, 7:00pm through
April 21st, 1:00pm**

\$95.00 for full weekend

\$55 for Saturday only

"Reflections of the Creator"

**Join us for a weekend of creative
spirit, fellowship, and fun!**

(Registration info on bulletin board)

** Serving in April **

April	7	14	21	28
Front Greeter(s)	Jarryd Rush Kitt Reininger	Dick Appleman Aubrey Holsinger	Nancy Musselman Steve Beck	Norman Miller Linda Miller
Back Greeter	Kara Weaver	Maddie Morningstar	Kyle Weaver	Braylan Barton
Worship Leader	Marlee Ritchey	Pastor David Ulm	Wendy Eckenroad	Lori Ulm
Nursery	Cindy Sell Kara Weaver	Chelsey Ritchey Andrew Ritchey	Karen Claire Joanne Claire	Megan Barkman Audrey Frye
Sound	Ben Hoover	Adam Hoover	Chris Rhodes	Craig Bowman
EZ Worship	Jason Barton	Logan Barkman	Meredith Rhodes	Ryan Claire
Livestream	Deb Foor	Ryan Claire	Logan Barkman	Alan Weaver
Piano	Cindy Barton	Jane Wiesner	Wendy Eckenroad	Lisa Gearhart
Organ	Jean Reighard	Melody Hoover	-----	Melody Hoover
Chorister	Sharon Graybill	Lori Ulm	Lori Ulm	Lori Ulm
Kids WOW	Adrienne Bowman	Pastor Dave Scott	Alexa Ritchey	Bonnie Barton
Kids WOW 2K	Chelsey Ritchey	Naomi Scott	Kitt/Abby Reininger	Brad/Karlee Diehl

April Offering Counters

Diane Hughes & Roger Pepple

If you need transportation to the doctor or grocery store, please contact the deacons of the month: **Lance & Tammy Barkman** (giving them a week's notice is helpful)

April Food Pantry Needs



Canned Vegetables
Pork & Beans



Woodbury Clothing Bank

Next work day: **April 18th, 8-10am**
Fold, hang, and sort clothing.
Service and fellowship for all ages!



Looking ahead... Church Yard Sale

One person's trash is another's treasure!
It's time to start setting your donations aside for the Women's Fellowship Yard Sale, to be held at the church June 7th & 8th.



A Pine Car Derby was held at the church on March 2nd. Nearly 100 people attended to cheer for their favorite cars. It was incredible to see creative talents on display, as participants transformed a simple block of wood into a work of art. Thank you to those who organized and participated in this event!



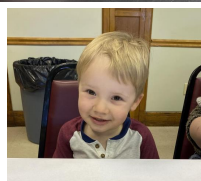
Winners of the Children's Division
Fastest Car: 1. Jaxson Diehl 2. Weston Ritchey 3. Trent Frederick
Best Design: 1. Trent Frederick 2. Aden Zimmerman 3. Emily Wile



Winners of the Outlaw Division
Fastest Car: 1. John Frye 2. Laura Williams 3. Logan Williams
Best Design: 1. Andrew Ritchey 2. Laura Williams 3. Ryan Carbaugh



The Easter EggStravaganza was held at the Woodbury Community Center on March 24th. Children were invited to join us for a Bible story, crafts, refreshments, and an egg hunt. Nearly 50 children and their families attended. Thank you to the Outreach & Service Commission for planning this wonderful event every year!



Faith ~ Service ~ Fellowship



Sunday Mornings @ 9:00am...

Kids Wow: 1st - 5th grade **Wow 2K:** age 2 - Kindergarten

Sunday School classes are also available for all ages.

Cove Community Students is a youth group for kids in 5th - 12th grade.

Meets at WOODBURY COB Sunday evenings in April ... 6:00-8:00pm

CCS is meeting at Martinsburg Memorial Park on April 7th from 5:00-7:00pm for bowling and pizza! Contact Director Dave Scott for more info.



*** Wednesday Night Ministries ***

Children's Groups meet from 6:00pm to 7:45pm



Faith Hope Love (Pre-K to 2nd grade students)

This ministry gives young children the opportunity to grow in FAITH, to experience and give HOPE, and to learn LOVE in new and expansive ways.

Konnect (3rd through 5th grade students)

This program provides a fun atmosphere for kids to hang out together and develop faith and friendships that will help them live out their beliefs in school, extracurricular activities, and life.



~ Adult Bible Study is currently on hiatus ~

~ Children's Groups will take a break May thru August ~

Family Fun Night!

**Children's Ministries
End of Season Event**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:00 - 7:45pm**



All kids and their families are invited to the church for an evening of food, fellowship, and FUN!

**Bounce house! 9-Square in the Air!
Other fun games & activities for all ages!**

This event is open to all families in the congregation, even if your child does not attend Wednesday nights!

Camp Blue Diamond News

Register for Summer Camp!

This year's theme is "Linked by Love". Campers will seek to create and strengthen life-giving relationships, while learning how God links us all together.

For more info: www.campbluediamond.org or check out the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs near the kids' classrooms!

Other upcoming events at camp:
Breakfast with the Birds May 10 & 11, 2024
More details to come!

The **Adult Choir** practices
Thursdays at 7pm
Former and new choir
members always welcome!



Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for important updates and info about local ministries and support groups.

Grace 101 Online Resource

The church has a subscription to the online resource, Grace 101. There is a variety of material available for small group studies, Sunday school classes, and individuals.

www.grace101.org

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Password: woodbury1

You can view Sunday morning services live via the internet! Go to www.woodburycob.org and click the *media tab*. From there, click *service live-stream*. You can also view past services on YouTube. Contact the church office for a DVD copy.



The Christian Ed Commission is looking to develop some family-friendly devotional resources for parents to do with their children of various ages.

They are open to suggestions from the congregation! If you have any suggestions or donations of materials you may have used in the past, please speak with Tammy Barkman or Chelsey Ritchey.

20th Annual Pro-Life Dinner



Friday, April 26th at 6:00pm

Pennwood Bible Church
440 Hospital Drive; Everett, PA

Real "Choosing Life" Experiences
recounted by Bedford Co. residents.

Adults - \$20 Students - \$15 4 & under - free
RSVP to Pam (814)652-6755 by April 19th

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Assoc. Pastor of Children & Youth - David Scott

Sunday

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10:15am Sunday School classes for all ages
6:00pm Cove Community Students (MS/HS Youth)

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Please **"like"** us on Facebook to
see church news and updates!

