

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.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

March 2024



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

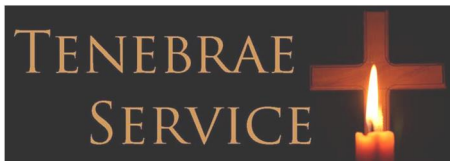
9:00am

**Special Performance by the
Adult Choir**

*Children who wish to participate in
the palm processional should meet
downstairs prior to the worship service.*

Good Friday

March 29, 2024 7:00pm



Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 9:00am



Easter Egg Stravaganza

Sunday March 24, 2024 at 2:00pm

Woodbury Community Center

4100 Woodbury Pike; Woodbury, PA

Hosted by Woodbury Church of the Brethren

(814)793-2288 woodburycob@atlanticbb.net

Easter Egg Hunt! Games!

Crafts! Easter "Sundae" Bar!

Family Fun!

Fun activities for children ages

Pre-K through 5th Grade.

Attendees will be split into age groups to
rotate through the different stations.

All are welcome!



Happy Easter

The Outreach & Service Commission is accepting donations of small, individually wrapped candy (preferably without nuts or peanut butter) for the Easter Egg Stravaganza.

Donations can be placed in the basket in the gathering area now through March 17th.



March 4 – Ephesians 1

In our New Testament Reading Schedule, the reading for March 4 is Ephesians 1. It's the opening chapter of Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus, probably written in the early 60's AD, from Paul's prison cell in Rome. This letter doesn't appear to be linked to any particular occasion, or to correct any particular problem, as some of Paul's letters are.

Paul begins by identifying himself and sharing a warm greeting.

***To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***

What an encouraging and challenging greeting, referring to them as "God's holy people," and "the faithful in Jesus Christ." How would you respond to that kind of greeting in a letter, or if some day the pastor addressed his message in that fashion? Hmm, I might have to try that.

In verses 3-14, Paul offers praise to God for the spiritual blessings that we have in Christ. I'm sure that in addition to praise, Paul was also reminding the Ephesian church of the impressive list of blessings we have in Jesus. In fact, Paul writes that we have "every spiritual blessing in Christ." So we don't need to look anywhere else. Many people in our world look for spiritual blessings in crystals, "feel good" new age notions, eastern meditation techniques, spirit guides and cults. But the holy and faithful need look no further than Jesus.



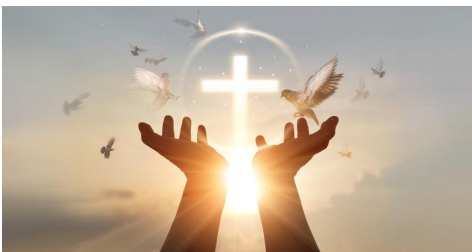
In Him, we have been chosen. Imagine a perfect and holy God choosing weak and sinful people like you and me. We have been made holy and blameless, only because of His sacrifice on the cross. We have been adopted as children of God and joint heirs with Jesus. We have been granted the grace of God's deliverance in two parts: our sins have been forgiven and we have been redeemed (purchased, bought back) through His blood. He has given us His Holy Spirit to live in us. He has revealed His will to us through His Word and His Spirit. And He has given us an eternal inheritance in His heavenly kingdom.

In verses 15-23, Paul gives thanks for their faith, and lets them know that he prays for them, and what those prayers look like.

***I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.***

Holy and faithful believers need to be growing in their knowledge of God, and their personal relationship with Him.

***I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know
the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his
holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.***



We are also built up and encouraged as we begin to grasp more and more the reality of the hope that we have in Christ, and the great power that is available to us as believers.

What a powerful beginning to this letter! My prayer is that this will add to your reading of God's Word.

Pastor David

Easter Flowers and Gideon Bibles

The Music & Worship Commission will be taking orders for Easter tulips and Gideon Bibles the first two Sundays in March (3/3/24 & 3/10/24).

The tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary, and can be taken home with you on Easter. The Bibles can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone.

Bibles will be purchased and donated directly through the Gideons' organization.



Undershepherd Program

Serving as an Undershepherd is a great way to encourage and connect with others in the congregation. ***This is a flexible ministry for all ages.*** If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to pray for a few "sheep," please contact Marlee Ritchey (814)502-7509.



Glad Tidings India "Dollar-A-Day" Project Off to a Good Start

To date, we have collected \$3,241.00 for the GTi Hope "Dollar-A-Day" project in 2024. These funds are helping missionaries to set up churches and share valuable education to people in remote areas of India.



Your financial help is greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers.

Special Offering Update

The first special offering of 2024 was collected on February 4th. Thanks to the generous support of the congregation, **\$6,965.00** has been donated to our ministry partners. *Breakdowns are as follows:*

Hispanic/Haitian Ministries: \$925.00

Global Food Initiative: \$455.00

PCAP: \$1,160.00

Emergency Disaster Ministries: \$1,255.00

Village at Morrison's Cove: \$225.00

Brethren World Missions: \$320.00

Wycliffe Bible Translators: \$2,075.00

Nigerian Crisis Response: \$550.00

The next special offering will be collected June 23, 2024

~~~~~ Pine Car Derby ~~~~~

Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00am
Church Fellowship Hall

Separate divisions for children and youth/adults
Children have been building cars during Weds. Night Ministries with help from their teachers & volunteers.



Come out and cheer for your favorite cars during this family-friendly event!

The Pine Car Derby is sponsored by Wednesday Night Ministries along with the Outreach & Service, Christian Education, and Ministry & Evangelism Commissions.

Have you done a nice family devotional with your children in the past?



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 the materials you used, please speak with Tammy Barkman or Chelsey Ritchey.

March 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

Saturdays

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

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- 3/2 - Pine Car Derby 10:00am
3/3 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
3/6 - Children's Ministries 6:00pm - 7:45pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30pm
3/7 - Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm
3/10 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
Daylight Savings Time Begins
3/13 - Children's Ministries 6:00pm - 7:45pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30pm
3/14 - Adult Choir Practice
3/17 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
3/18 - Property & Finance Meeting 7:00pm
Outreach & Service Meeting 7:00pm
3/19 - Ministry & Evangelism Meeting 7:00pm
3/20 - Children's Ministries 6:00pm - 7:45pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30pm
3/21 - Adult Choir Practice
3/24 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
Palm Sunday
Easter Eggstravaganza at W.C.C. 2:00pm
3/26 - Board of Administration Meeting 7:00pm
3/27 - Children's Ministries 6:00pm - 7:45pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30pm
3/28 - Adult Choir Practice
3/29 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00pm
3/31 - Morning Worship / Sunday School 9:00am/10:15am
Easter



From the Outreach & Service Commission...

Volunteers are welcome to join us on March 18th at 7:00pm to stuff Easter eggs. We anticipate filling around 1000 eggs for the Easter Eggstravaganza!

March Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Musselman
4 Waylon Wile
6 Lance Barkman
7 Becky Smith
8 Bernice Engler
11 Lydia Barton, Nash Reininger, Justine Clouse
12 David Swanseen
15 Jethro Smith
16 Mary Musselman
17 Abby Reininger
19 Jolene Rush
22 Loreda Eckert
23 Audrey Cooper
24 Logan Barkman
27 Logan Williams, Brooks Ritchey
28 Herman Ritchey
31 Rachel Clouse

Let's **Celebrate!**

March Anniversaries

- 18 Larry & Sharon Graybill

Spring Forward! March 10, 2024
Daylight Savings Time Begins

*Turn your clocks ahead
one hour.*



**** Serving in March ****

March	3	10	17	24	31
Front Greeter(s)	Norman Miller Linda Miller	Dick Appleman Lydia Barton	Steve Beck Audrey Frye	George Stapleton Tom Foor	Steve Ritchey Steve Over
Back Greeter	Kyle Weaver	Kaylee Barton	John Frye	Nash Reininger	Erik Swanseen
Worship Leader	Wendy Eckenroad	Logan Barkman	Lori Ulm	Pastor David Scott	Gary Eckenroad
Nursery	Lisa Gearhart Audrey Frye	Megan Rush Tammy Barkman	Rosetta Smith Steve Smith	Jeri Ritchey Audrey Cooper	Sharon Graybill Nancy Musselman
Sound	Adam Hoover	Craig Bowman	Alan Weaver	Todd Hoover	Ryan Wertz
EZ Worship	Ryan Claire	Jason Barton	Logan Barkman	Meredith Rhodes	Ryan Claire
Livestream	Alan Weaver	Deb Foor	Ryan Claire	Logan Barkman	Alan Weaver
Piano	Cindy Barton	Wendy Eckenroad	Lisa Gearhart	Karen Claire	Wendy Eckenroad
Organ	Jean Reighard	-----	Melody Hoover	Jean Reighard	Melody Hoover
Chorister	Sharon Graybill	Lori Ulm	Lori Ulm	Lori Ulm	Lori Ulm
Kids WOW	Adrienne Bowman	Pastor David Scott	Laura Williams	Pastor David Scott	Bonnie Barton
Kids WOW 2K	Chelsey Ritchey	Kitt/Abby Reininger	Naomi Scott	Brad/Karlee Diehl	Jessica Holsinger

March Offering Counters

Jolene Rush & Craig Bowman

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

March Food Pantry Needs



Canned Fruit
Jiffy Baking Mixes



Woodbury Clothing Bank

Next work day: **March 21st, 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 in early June.



Church of the Brethren Nursing Scholarship Program

Attention Nursing Students!

The Church of the Brethren offers scholarships of up to \$2,000 for RN and graduate nurse candidates and up to \$1,000 for LPN candidates.

These scholarships are only available to members of the Church of the Brethren.

Applications are due by April 1, 2024
www.brethren.org/nursingscholarships



Membership Drive

The 2024 VMC Auxiliary membership drive is now open. The cost is \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family, and \$100.00 for a lifetime membership. Money is due to Jean Reighard by April 1st.



Community Concert of Praise

April 7, 2024 at 6:00pm

Woodbury Church of the Brethren

Sponsored by So. Cove Ministerium

More info to come!

Camp Blue Diamond Annual Dinners

March 15, 2024 at 6:00pm and March 16, 2024 at 5:00pm

Meal includes Hors D'ouerves, Fresh Garden Salad, Swiss Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Applesauce, Dinner Roll, and Lemon Bundt Cake with Strawberry Sauce.



Entertainment by Bil Lepp ... award-winning storyteller, author, recording artist, and host of History Channel's "Man vs. History"

\$50.00 donation per person ... call (914)667-2355 for reservations

All proceeds support the mission of Camp Blue Diamond, and help to maintain affordable summer camp prices for all campers



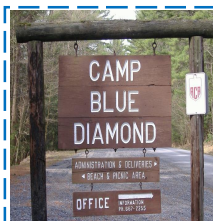
Precious Life Annual Banquet

March 22, 2024 at 6:00pm

Jaffa Mosque, Altoona

Keynote Speaker Jay Watts is a former "pro-choice atheist" turned "pro-life advocate". His message and testimony will be an encouragement to all!

**For tickets or more information
call (814)944-2669**



District Junior Retreat

- At Camp Blue Diamond -
For students in 3rd-5th grade

"The Missing Link"

Connecting last year's summer camp theme "Fruits of the Spirit" with this year's theme "Linked by Love".

*Kids will enjoy favorite summer camp activities
and some winter fun as well!*

Fri. March 1, 2024 (7:00pm) through
Sun. March 3, 2024 (1:30pm)

More info & registration forms on bulletin board

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 local youth group for kids in 5th - 12th grade.

Meeting at WOODBURY COB Sunday evenings in March ... 6:00-8:00pm

Contact Director Dave Scott for more info.



***** Wednesday Night Ministries *****

Kids: 6:00 - 7:45pm Adults: 6:30 - 7:30pm



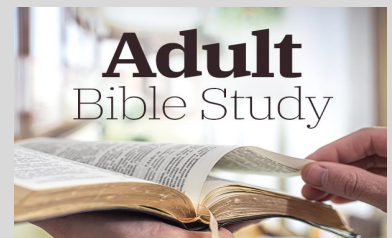
Faith Hope Love (Pre-K to 2nd grade students)

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.



Konnnect (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

Adult Bible Study for all ages, led by Pastor David Ulm weekly.

Woodbury Church of the Brethren Vacation Bible School



June 17, 2024 through June 21, 2024

For children ages Pre-K through 5th grade

Volunteers will be needed!

See Pastor David Scott for more info.

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:

Quilt & Craft Camp April 19-21, 2024

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

Username: woodburycob

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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.

Would you like to receive prayer chain calls or emails? We would be happy to add you!

Just reach out to the church office at (814)793-2288 or email us at woodburycob@atlanticbb.net.

Also, please let us know if you find yourself listed incorrectly (or not listed at all!) on our birthday or anniversary lists. We also appreciate knowing change of address, phone number, email, etc. to keep our records up-to-date. Thank you!

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Assoc. Pastor of Children & Youth - David Scott

Sunday

9:00am Worship Service with children's church

10:15am Sunday School classes for all ages

6:00pm Cove Community Students (MS/HS Youth)
@ various locations

Wednesday

6:00 - 7:45pm Children's Ministries (PreK - 5th gr.)

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

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

