

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Expression of Thanksgiving...

Thank you all so much for the beautiful prayer shawl! During this difficult time, we feel overwhelmed by your love and generosity. We are very blessed and will cherish your gift during and well after our time of healing. Wishing you health and love, Courtney, Alex, Evelyn, & Audrey Adkins (Courtney is Steve and Cindy Spitzer's granddaughter, Alex is her husband.)

Thank you artwork
by Steve and Cindy
Spitzer's
Great-granddaughter,
Evelyn, who is 3 years
old.



Offering Envelopes and Devotional Packets will be available for pick-up starting Monday, November 23rd! We have offering envelopes, Advent devotionals, and the Our Daily Bread 3-month devotionals all in one packet for you to pick up at the church. Look for the containers by the front doors to find yours. If you would prefer to have your packet delivered to you, or if you do not see one with your name on it, please contact the office.

The SCOB Search Committee has been meeting via Zoom and making progress toward securing a pastor for our church. We have been reviewing profiles of interested candidates and coordinating with our District representatives regarding interviews with prospective pastors. Please continue to pray for God's guidance as we move forward in this process. ~Search Committee

The Mary Martha Circle is offering specials for the holidays ahead. All Happy Home flavorings are \$2.00, and apple butter is now \$5.00 a quart and \$4.00 a pint. Please call Margaret Curry at 480-4358 or Debbie Landes at 248-1223. They will be available on Mondays at 9:30 am at the church for orders. If necessary, home deliveries will be made.

Have Joys and Concerns you would like to share with your church family? Please submit your joys and concerns to the office via postal mail or email Annie at: scobsecretary@gmail.com

During these COVID days, the church office is still operating.

Annie is there most mornings, 8:30-1:00, Mondays through Thursdays, but is also working remotely some. If you call the office and she is out or away from her desk, please leave a message or send an email as those are checked frequently throughout the day. If you cannot reach the office and have an emergency, please contact Mark Lane, the Board Chair, at the phone number listed below, or a member of the caregiving team found in your church directory.

Bittersweet Child Sponsorships: Even with physical schools being closed, there is hope to return in person instruction in January 2021. We hope to continue to promote education by supporting children to attend school during the 21-22 school year. Please fill out the form on page 9 of your November newsletter and return it with your donation to SCOB. We will be collecting donations through December 20, 2020.

EYN Sunday is November 29, which is also the First Sunday of Advent. EYN donations can be mailed directly to the church office.

Please see the next page for an invitation from Mountain View Fellowship. It is for TODAY!

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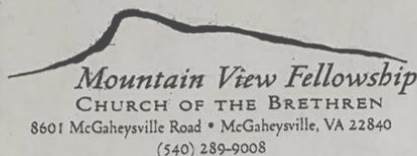
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Dear *Staunton Church of the Brethren friends,*

You received a letter from us in early 2007 inviting you to attend a dedication service for our new Mountain View Fellowship church building. We are extremely grateful for the support that you gave us during those years as we were preparing to build and following the completion our building in late 2006.

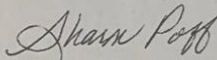
We remember, and again express our sincere thanks for your generous gifts in the amount of *\$ 2,940 from Dinner Day, classes, and children's books.*

Because of the support of many congregations and individuals we were able to reduce the amount of our mortgage. We are pleased to report that the mortgage, along with a loan from one congregation, has now been paid-in-full, ahead of schedule, and we are debt-free.

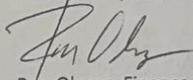
In this time of Covid-19 we will not be able to have a large celebration of this milestone, but we are planning an outdoor Mortgage Burning Service at 5 PM on Sunday, November 22. The Sunday before Thanksgiving seems like an appropriate time for such a service because we have so much for which to be thankful.

We invite you to attend this outdoor service if you desire. We will provide some refreshments and time for fellowship (with appropriate social distancing). Just dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair for seating. We hope you can attend, but most of all we wish to convey to you our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and financial support you gave us in those early days that helped us to move forward in faith.

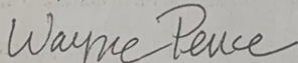
As we stated in that letter in 2007, this building would not have been possible without the support of many people beyond our congregation. Your financial and prayer support gave us great encouragement then and has continued to do so. We want to thank you once again as we lift up what God has done and continues to do at Mountain View Fellowship. We invite you to come and be a part of the celebration as we burn our mortgage and re-dedicate our church building to the glory of God and our neighbor's good.



Sharon Poff, leadership Team chair



Ron Oleyar, Finance Team chair



Wayne Pence, Pastor