



The Lamplighter

Staunton Church of the Brethren
1615 North Coalter Street, Staunton, VA

April 2026

Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace, Serving the World with Love

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR APRIL

April 5 - EASTER

The Good News Is Alive in the World
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10
Worship Leader: Donna Wells

April 12

Touch and See
Scripture: John 20:19-31
Worship Leader: Mark Sager
Children's Story: Spike and Friend

April 19

Guest Speaker: J. D. Glick
Scripture:
Worship Leader: Monica Zinn

April 26

Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done
Scripture: Acts 1:1-26
Worship Leader: Larry Simmons

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Holy Week & Easter Services

You are invited to
experience the passion,
death, and resurrection of
Jesus through the Liturgy.

**Staunton Church of the
Brethren**



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

- Regular Sunday Service at 11:00 am

Thursday, April 2, 2026

- Celebrate in a traditional Maundy-Thursdays Lovefest at 6:30 pm
- Fellowship with a simple meal, feet washing, and communion

Friday, April 3, 2026

- Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5, 2026

- Sunrise Service at 8:00 am
 - Celebrate the joy of Easter morning and bring flowers to place on the Living Cross.
- Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 am
 - Find fellowship in a pancake breakfast hosted by Men's Fellowship.
- Sunday School Hour
 - Join a Sunday school class and join in the fellowship and lessons of Jesus
- Easter Service at 11:00 am

HAPPY
Holy Week





**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS
IN APRIL**

1	Cam Herz	15	Maddie Nolley
2	John Foster		Julie Sanger
3	Heather Landes-Hypes	16	John Fultz
5	Amy Farthing	21	Will Hamblet
	Lee Showalter	24	Bill Abshire
7	Scott Shomo		Delmer Botkin
8	Dixie Daniel	27	Fred Wilkerson
9	Bob Weiss	28	Steve Ballew
	Don Crickenberger	29	Janet Cline
10	Timothy Melton	30	Isaac Sanger
11	Cleo Simmons		
	Teresa Showalter		



**THOSE CELEBRATING
ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL**

3	Claude & Sue Simmons	1971
9	Steve & Dawn Hurst Stultz	1994
26	Justin & Cynthia Shomo	2003
27	John & Katrina Huerth	2013
29	Rob & Janet Longacher	1967

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING: Our spring CBM will be held on Sunday, April 26 following worship and lunch provided by the youth. Reports will be given by each of the commissions and groups within the church.



Our Appreciation to Our April Helpers

Ushers: Don Crickenberger, Larry Adams, Scott & Sally Shomo, Wyatt Shomo

Counters: Sue Simmons & Nancy Bowman

Nursery Helpers:

April 5 Nancy Bowman & Sue Simmons

April 12 Katrina Huerth, Darlene Allman, & Hannah Simmons

April 19 Debbie Clark, Lauren Herz, & Nancy Ralston

April 26 Candy Smith, Amanda Simmons, & Chandra Lane

Please Keep in your Prayers and Thoughts



Pray for Delmer Botkin, Shirley Cobb, Judy Cook, Carrie Finch-Smith, John Foster, Nancy Gehr, Justin Gibson, Charlotte Kennedy, Phyllis Lunsford, Mark Lunsford, Alice Patler, A.J. Sandridge, Jr., Amanda Simmons, Cleo Simmons, Hannah Simmons, Dawn Stultz, George Sullivan, Chris Washington, Bob Weiss, Sue Whisman, Fred Wilkerson, Jr., Fred Wilkerson, Sr. Please pray for Jennifer Dunkle, who lost her sister. Members of the Walnut Grove COB in Damascus.

*Please contact the church office or the Pastor if you would like to add someone to the prayer list or to remove a name.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

SACRA - Donations of hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc. can be placed in the cart located in the Narthex on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month.

VALLEY MISSION - Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the cart located in the Narthex on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month.

SHOES FOR KENYA - Bring gently used shoes and place in the bin in the south hallway. The shoes are sold and the proceeds benefit widows and their children with land and homes.

BATTERIES - Bring your dead batteries for recycling, placing them in the bucket in the north hallway.

EYEGLASSES - Place your old eyeglasses in the box in the south hallway for donation to the Lion's Club.

BULLETINS/PAPER - A recycling basket is provided in the Narthex for old bulletins and paper. There is a tote in the hallway under the coat rack as well for paper to be recycled.

Financial Report

January 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026

Actual Income

Envelope Giving:	\$ 53,776.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 814.60
Interest Income	\$ 9.02
Pastor's Housing Allowance:	\$ 12,000.00
Total Income:	\$ 66,599.62
Total Expenses:	\$ 65,659.93
Budget Income over Expenses:	\$ 939.69

Capital Campaign Fund

Carry Over Balance from 2025	\$ 37,424.97
Donations	\$ 6,320.00
Total	\$ 43,764.97

Expenses - Interest/Payment on Loan	\$
Balance	\$ 43,764.97

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our ministry.

SCOB REMINDERS AND MEETINGS

APRIL

Wednesday, April 1 - 11 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, April 2 - 6:30 p.m. Love Feast

Friday, April 3 - 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Monday, April 6 - 5 p.m. - Worship & Fellowship Commission Meeting.

Monday, April 6 - 7 p.m. - Nurture Commission Meeting

7 p.m. - Stewards Commission Meeting

7 p.m. - Witness Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 7 - 7 p.m. Church Board

April 15—NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, April 26 - Congregational Business Meeting

Thursdays: 8 a.m. - TOPS

6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FIRST WEDNESDAY—The SCOB “Olympics” in early March were a hit with a terrific turnout of 49 persons who enjoyed a great Pancake meal, and, friendly competition during the “Games.” Team Donkey were the Gold Medalists with the narrowest victory “by a nose” in the final event, Ice Relay, over Team Snowbirds who earned the Silver Medal, with Team Avengers securing the Bronze Medal.

Due to Holy Week activities in early April this year there will not be a First Wednesday activity on April 1st (no “fooling!”). We hope to see everyone on Wednesday, May 6th!



WHAT IS BITTERSWEET MINISTRIES?

(From the Bittersweet Ministries Website)

“Bittersweet Ministries is a non-profit organization working to address economic hardship in Tijuana, Mexico through community partnership. We work alongside two community-run outreach centers that provide daily meals, access to educational and health resources, and a safe environment for families and children. The centers are 100% led by local women’s cooperatives.”

“At the heart of Bittersweet’s work are children. By providing them with food, school supplies, and uniforms, kids are given the opportunity to pursue an education and positively impact their families and community. We (Bittersweet) currently support around 200 children every year, from kindergarten through the university level.”

BITTERSWEET STUDENTS NEED YOU!!

Staunton Church of the Brethren has the opportunity to provide 20 Bittersweet student sponsorships this year, for a donation of \$200 per child. Please check out the display board in the Narthex and choose the child(ren) you would like to support. Your check should be made out to Staunton Church of the Brethren, with the memo line “student sponsorship” The due date for all sponsorship money is Sunday, April 19.



HEATS AND SWEETS YOUTH NYC FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, March 1, the Youth hosted a fundraiser for NYC. It was a huge success with \$1,150.00 received that day! Thank you to each of you who provided a soup, chili, or dessert and for the youth and adults that helped with this fundraiser. A huge thanks for all those who supported our youth monetary as well. Our winners were, Larry Simmons, for his soup; Scott Duffey for his chili; and Lauren Herz for her dessert. Below are a few of the pictures from the event.



YOUTH NEWS

Monthly updates for youth in grades 6-12 (and those who love them)



APRIL YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Love Feast

Want an opportunity grow in your faith during Holy Week? Come to Love Feast, a reenactment of the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. A simple meal is provided in the fellowship hall on April 6th at 6:30pm.



Fundraiser

Youth and parents will be providing the meal before the Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, April 26th. Stay tuned for for more info. Please plan to be at Sunday School that day to set up and cook!



Youth Sunday

All the youth are invited to be a part of Youth Sunday on May 3rd. This year's theme is "Be the Light," the NYC theme. Mark this day on your calendars - more info will be sent about practice in the coming weeks.

ROUNDTABLE 2026

Bethany House, Naomi Edwards, and Carrie Finch-Smith attended Roundtable, a youth conference that was held at Bridgewater College Feb 27th-March 1st.

Clockwise from right: Naomi playing a game, Bethany leading singing, Carrie crocheting during a workshop



THE GOOD NEWS IS ALIVE IN THE WORLD

Matthew 28:1-15

Where have you seen God or felt the Spirit's presence in recent weeks? Take note:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 3

Youth Sunday

Summer

Jr. & Sr. High Youth camps at Brethren Woods. Have you registered?

July 18-23

National Youth Conference in Estes Park, Colorado

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ...

The Youth Planning Team needs ideas from YOU about what youth activities you want this spring and summer! Do you want to go on a picnic, swim in a lake, volunteer at a soup kitchen, listen to a concert, have Bible Study?

Please share your ideas with Pastor Beth, Carrie, Scott, Mark, Hannah, or Emily soon!

Spring Festival



2026 Saturday, April 25

**Brethren
Woods**

camp and retreat center

**Come Explore Brethren Woods, Eat Great Food, Meet Summer Staff,
and Be a Part Of Another Great Year At Camp!!**

Fishing Contest

7:00am - 9:30am
Catch a Trout! Prizes!

Yard Sale

7:00am - 12:30pm
Find Treasure and Support Camp!

Dunk the Dunkard

9:00am - 11:30am
Raise \$150 per Timeslot!

Hike-a-Thon and Scavenger Hunt

8:30am check in
Collect Sponsors. Hike! Scavenger Hunt!

Activities for All

9:30am-1:30pm
Petting Zoo, Mini Golf, High Ropes & Zipline, Kid's
Games and Crafts, Hay Rides, Climbing Tower, Pedal
Boat Rides, Emergency Vehicles, Bounce House &
Obstacle Course

Kiss the Cow

11:30am - 11:45am
\$150 to Kiss Miss Mool!

Auction

11:45am-2pm
Bring Donations. Come Bid!



Let's Eat!

Pancake Breakfast
7:30am-10am

**BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork Tenderloin,
Popcorn & Pretzels, Homemade Ice Cream,
Nachos, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Fruit Cups, Salad
Bar, Baked Potato Bar, Baked Goods**
7:30am-10am

Spend the Night!

Our summer cabins are available to stay on Friday and/or Saturday
night of Spring Festival for a donation to Camp. Contact Brethren
Woods to reserve your spot as space is limited.



For More Info:

(540)269-2741

Camp@BrethrenWoods.org

BrethrenWoods.org/SpringFestival

4896 Armentrout Path, Keezletown, VA, 22832

Minimum age for Climbing Tower, High Ropes
and Zipline is 12. Participants must have closed
toed shoes and a signed waiver which can be
found on our website.



APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11 a.m. Lenten Bible Study	2 8 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Love Feast	3 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service	4
5 EASTER 8 a.m. Sunrise Service 9 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	6 5 p.m. Worship & Fellowship Commission 7 p.m. Nurture Commission Stewards Commission Witness Commission	7 7 p.m. Church Board	8	9 8 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	13	14	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 8 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17	18
PASTOR BETH VACATION APRIL 13 - 19						
19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Breakfast for "Get to Know You"	20	21	22	23 8 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship CBM following worship/ lunch	27	28	29	30 8 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

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Return Service Requested

Please note: All events shared in this newsletter are non-profit events.

