

## Abide in My Love

In late summer of 1990, I boarded a plane bound for Denver, Colorado, along with six youth, my wife, and my pastor. Thus began my journey to National Youth Conference, which was also the beginning of my path toward set-apart ministry. Little did I know how life-changing that conference would be. The words in John 15 speak to this journey as I resisted the call to ministry. I creatively avoided hearing God's voice until my wife responded with her observation that things were changing, meaning I was changing. "Do something about it," she insisted—and so I did!

In John 15 we read the metaphor of the vine and branches and Jesus' insistence of the disciples' unity with him. The unity is a given but cannot exist without the disciples' own participation. Jesus instructs the disciples to abide in him and to bear fruit. He enables them to respond to this command by linking their discipleship with mutual love. This abiding and bearing of fruit bears witness to the mutuality of love among them.

Following almost 35 years of ministry I continue to grow spiritually as I remain steadfast in my love for Christ, and exercise that faith in our beloved Church of the Brethren. Working tirelessly to bear fruit for our Lord, I continue in this life-long journey, working, serving, praying, witnessing. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

*Lord Jesus, fill our youth with the love you gave to the disciples and enable them to abide in you and to bear fruit in your name.*

*May it be so, Amen.*

—Eddie Edmonds  
Martinsburg, West Virginia



*Abide in my love*

"If you keep my commandments, you will *abide in my love*, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love" (John 15:10, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.

# Hanover Church of the Brethren

May 5, 2024

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Fri

9AM - 1 PM

**Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God**

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Blue Hymnal 840

\*Opening Song "Jesus Shall Reign" Blue Hymnal 319

\*Centering Prayer:

**Heavenly Father, I come before you seeking your calming presence to bring peace to my troubled heart. My soul feels like a restless sea, tossing and turning with worries. Please grant me the inner strength and clarity of mind to discover my purpose and follow the path you have planned for me. I place my trust in your boundless love, knowing that you will heal the stress and anxiety that weighs me down and burdens me. Light up the darkness Lord and let your light shine the way for me. We pray in faith in Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*Hymn of Worship Praise medley *on screen, guitar*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 18:1-3 Pew Bible 780

Offering Meditation

**Lord, you have been so good to us! You have given us more than we need and have promised to take care of us. Please accept these gifts and offerings as a way we can say we love you back, and use them to Your glory and our neighbors' good! Amen!**

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story

*Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (Red Hymnal 421) as the kids come forward.*

Children's Church

*every 2nd and 4th Sunday*

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Tis So Sweet" Blue Hymnal 340

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Get All Excited to See the King!" Choir

Scripture Psalm 34:4-5 Pew Bible 796

Message "Calling Home for Help" Pastor Mark

\*Hymn of Response Blue Hymnal 145

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

\*Benediction

\*Sending in Praise Closing chorus *on screen*

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## VISITORS

*Welcome to our service today!*

*We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.*

*Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).*

*Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.*

## Announcements

**Proposed Changes to the Bylaws:** Booklets are in the rear of the sanctuary. Proposed changes are in red. Feel free to take one.

**Council Meeting Packets** are in the rear of the sanctuary. Please take one.

**May Newsletter:** Pick one up in the lobby.

**Deacon Meeting:** Monday, May 6 at 6 pm.

**Mother Daughter/ Others Banquet:** Saturday, May 11 at 6 pm.

**Board Meeting:** Monday, May 13 at 7 pm.

**Over 60's:** Wednesday, May 15 at 12 pm. Join us to hear a musical group from Hanover High School. Bring a dish to share!

**Car Show:** Saturday, May 18 from 10-2.

**Singspiration:** Sunday, May 19.

**Spring Council Meeting:** Sunday, May 19, after service.

**Senior Citizen Banquet:** Sunday, June 9.

**Graduate Recognition:** Sunday, June 9.

**Thank You:** Many thanks for your cards and expressions of love and sympathy in the recent passing of my sister-in-law, Charlotte Worley. She is now at peace. *Pat Conrad*

**Women's Camp Retreat:** Camp Eder, June 3 & 4. Registration forms on the information center.

**District-wide Prayer:** Sunday-June 9, 2024. 6:00 pm, Carlisle COB, 1340 Forge Rd, Carlisle, PA. Questions, call 717-778-2264.

### Assisting Us Today

Pastor.....Mark Bowyer  
Music Director/Pianist.....Roxie Schloyer  
Worship Leader.....Andy Bowman  
Deacon of the Month/Welcomer.....Bob Long  
Head Usher.....Roger Bollinger  
Bulletin Board.....Evelyn Cline & Lily Sneeringer

## Please Uplift in Prayer

### Hanover Hall

Esther Brown - Room 117A

### Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

### Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

### Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets

**Homebound:** Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan, June Dennis

**Others:**

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### Activities This Week

Sunday, May 5

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, May 6

Deacon Meeting - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

AA - 8 pm

Tuesday, May 7

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Choir - 7 pm

Saturday, May 11

Mother/Daughter/Others - 6 pm

### Upcoming Activities

Sunday, May 12

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, May 13

Board Meeting - 7 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

AA - 8 pm

Tuesday, May 14

Over 60's - 12 pm

Wednesday, May 15

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Saturday, May 18

Car Show - 10 am - 2 pm

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### Stewardship Last Week

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 26 Worship - 66

**Giving:** General Fund - \$2,334 Child Area - \$40