

Invitation to listen and respond

The International Day of Peace is observed worldwide on September 21 each year. This day was established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution to remember and strengthen the ideals of peace within and among all nations and peoples. This day provides a date on which we can share our common humanity worldwide, showing our commitment to building a culture of peace, irrespective of culture and creed.

Our reading from the prophet Isaiah gives us a vision of the invitation and implications of working for peace. Working for peace can invite suffering for the sake of peace. The prophet invites servants to speak God's word to sustain the weary.

Although the prophet's call may sound like a lament, it is undoubtedly an invitation for the use of soft power as distinct from military power. Instead of crushing the wicked, the prophet's invitation is for us to listen; instead of hiding from suffering, we are invited to take courage in the face of suffering as we confront the forces of evil. Instead of striking back, we are asked to turn the other cheek.

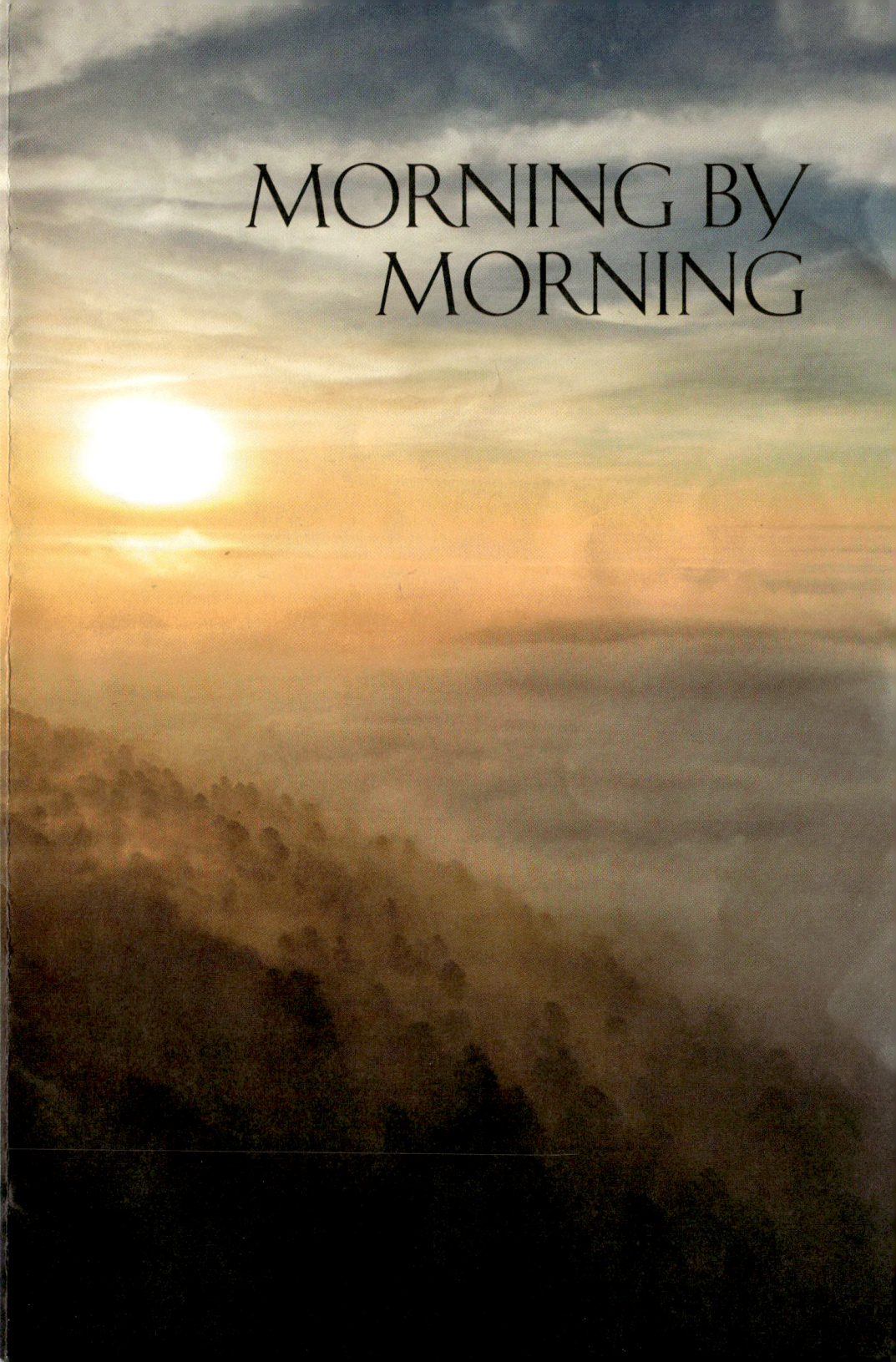
History is replete with examples of men and women who turned the other cheek, taking on a nonviolent posture, like Jesus, who first modeled that to us. Their hopeful vision empowered them to endure struggles, to pour out their lives as they became light to the nations.

Where have you seen hostility and aggression in your community? Could that be an invitation for you to participate with the Creator to bring peace to where you are planted?

—Samuel Sarpiya
Toronto, Canada

"The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. *Morning by morning* he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught" (Isaiah 50:4, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

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MORNING BY MORNING

Summit Church of the Brethren

September 13, 2026

Sunday School 10:00 AM

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"The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him..." - Exodus 15:2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP - Reading on Monitors

*HYMN: "Come Thou Fount" #521 B

CHILDRENS' STORY Jolene Farrar

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

*HYMN: "Jesus Paid It All" #131 G

MESSAGE: "What are you hungry for?"
John 6:22-35

*HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #582 B

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates standing for those who are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who have come to worship our Lord! We ask our visitors to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Also, please use these cards for prayer requests.

SERVING TODAY

NEXT WEEK

Organist: Judy Stoddard.....Cindy Farrish

Pianist: Brenda Showalter.....Brenda Showalter

Greeters Today: Greg & Jolene Farrar

Greeter Next Sunday: Nancy Farmer

Nursery: Lillie & Cindy.....Lillie & Cindy

Offering Counters: Greg & Jolene.....Joe & Stanley

Altar: Altar Committee.....Altar Committee

Deacon of the Month: Fred & Anita Shank

PRAYER LIST: Jack Albert, Janet Bergdoll, Barbara Bosserman, Midge Craun, Roger Eutsler, Ruth Fifer, Mary Ellen Foster, Leigh Ann Geppert, Don & Sandy Knicely, Nancy Knight, the situation in Iran, Kim Meadows, Margaret Monk, Brenda Morris, our nation, Chad Pettit, Susan Schuckman, John Senger, Tony Stovall, and the situation in Ukraine.

Happy Birthday to Kase Ritchie!

Happy Anniversary to Greg & Jolene Farrar!

Bible Study will take place on Thursday at 7 pm in the library.

Willie Morris will give a presentation about his recent Ghana trip at 10 am on Sunday, September 27th. Breakfast will be served at 9 am.

Men's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 pm in the fellowship hall to discuss plans for the auction on November 7th.

Community Fall Festival & Movie Night will be held at Summit on October 10th. Activities such as games, bounce houses and hayrides will begin at 4:30, and an outdoor movie will be shown at 7. This is a free event; food will be available for purchase.

The September newsletter is available in the basket next to the bulletin board in the foyer for those who did not request an email copy.

A signup sheet for greeters for the months of September and October is on the bulletin board. Please sign up today!

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would be willing to provide a children's story on an upcoming Sunday. We appreciate all who are willing to help!

We collected 58 tubes of toothpaste to be donated to Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach. Thank you to all who donated!

The proceeds from this year's auction will be donated to East Gate Ministries, which is a Christian ministry that provides housing for pregnant women or women who have recently given birth. While living here, classes are offered for life skills such as finances & budgeting, cooking, art, sewing, GED classes and Bible classes. The goal is to edify these women and change their future for the better. The ministry has been in Bridgewater for 13 years and is located at 401 N Main St. They plan to use this facility as offices and are looking to buy the house at 111 S. Main St. for shelter and classes.

The green baptistry drapes, altar table and pulpit covering are gifts from the family of Winona Wimer in her memory. Also, other altar supplies were given through Winona's Memoria Fund.

New contact info for Ancel & Martha Knotts:

103 Harmon Place
Stephens City, VA 22655
540-773-1302

Offering for September 7th:

Regular:	\$2,294.54
Revival:	\$ 150
Betty Cramer Memorial:	\$ 100
Fellowship Hall:	<u>\$ 35</u>
Total:	\$2,579.54

Weekly amount needed to make budget: \$2,890

Bulletin information can be given to Pastor Tim at 540-828-6262 or you can email tcraver01@gmail.com. Please have information to him by Friday morning.