

Anointed for Healing

I have been anointed with oil on several occasions. Sometimes my request has been for physical healing, other times for emotional or spiritual wellness. Though the circumstances may change, my desire for a deeper relationship with God is found in the asking.

Anointing begins with initiating a request for others to minister to me in ways that I cannot minister to myself. Then time is spent in quiet reflection: How am I sick? Where am I experiencing pain in my life? Where am I wounded? How have I hurt or wounded another? A confessional faith statement follows.

After this time of self-reflection and honest confession, I seek the care of the “elders” (v. 14). Wise spiritual mentors gently rub oil on my head and petition: “For the forgiveness of your sins, for the strengthening of your faith, and for healing and wholeness according to God’s grace and wisdom” (*For All Who Minister*, p. 262). These words of grace, encouragement, and hope are followed by the laying on of hands. Brief intercessory prayers for physical healing and spiritual wellness mingle with the application of the oil.

Anointing does not come with a guarantee. The oil holds no magical powers. Yet this deeply personal, intimate meeting between God and self—in the presence of loving, grace-filled, un-anxious representatives of the faith community—holds infinite possibilities for healing and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Indeed, Christ will raise us up. Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Anoint us, Lord

No. 631, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

Prayer of Preparation

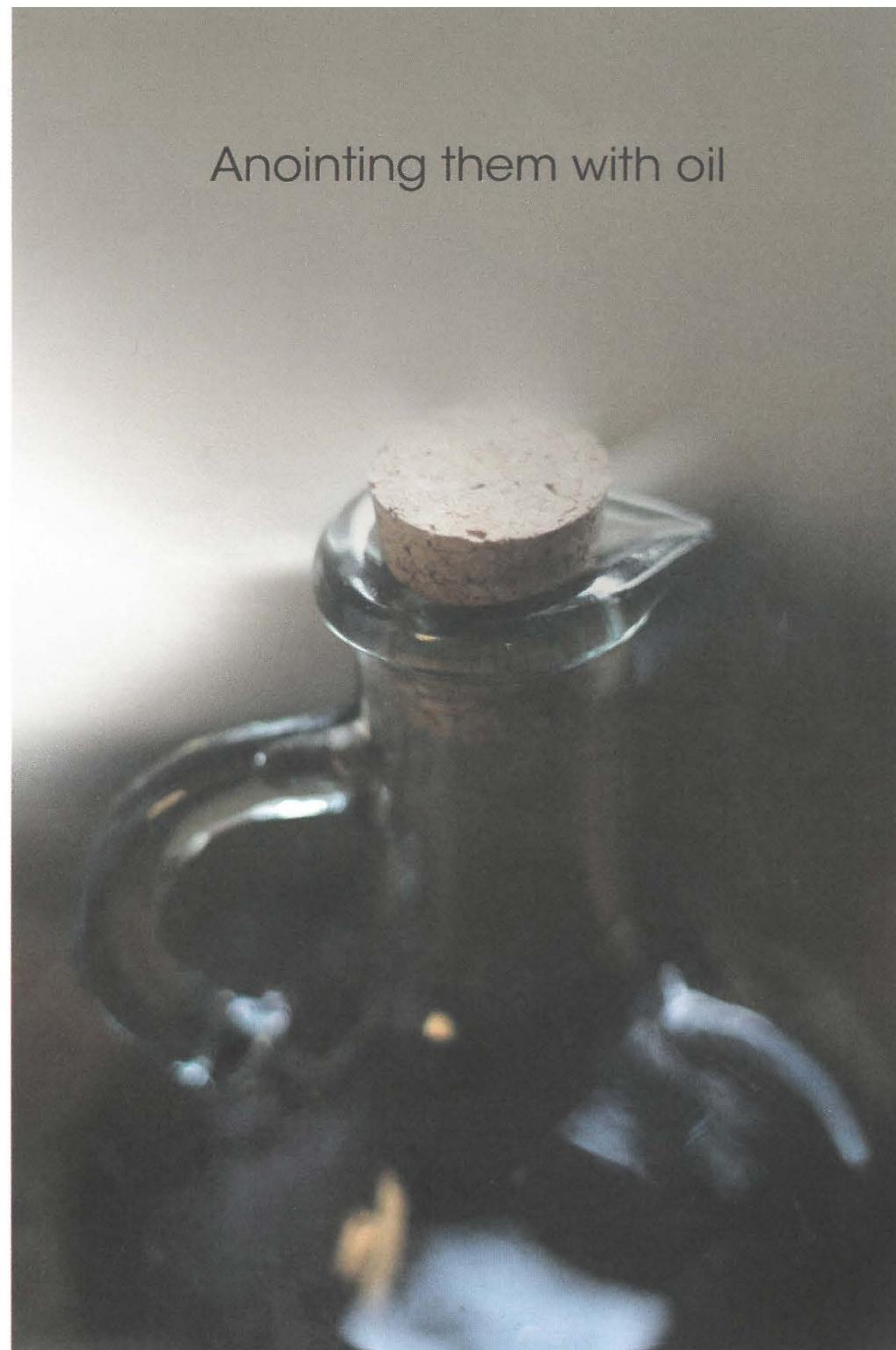
Loving and gracious God, we seek your forgiveness and healing. We bear no pain beyond the sphere of your healing presence. Through your mercy we are restored. Amen.

—Kathy Gingrich, chaplain
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
Downers Grove, Illinois

Text for today: “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, *anointing them with oil* in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5:14-16, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

09-27-15

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship August 20, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Biblical Sonata *Johann Kuhnau*
The Sickness unto Death and Returning Health
of King Hezekiah
1. The lamentation...
2. His confidence in God
3. The speedy convalescence

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle
of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us.
After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***HYMN # 310** *How good a thing it is* VENICE

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Josh Eye
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time
of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

ANTHEM (11:00) The Earth Is The Lord's *Carl J. Nygard, Jr.*

OFFERING

Invitation
Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Prelude on SHANTI ("We walk by faith") *David Cherwien*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133 *NRSV*

***HYMN # 631** *Anoint us, Lord* ANOINT US, LORD

SERMON "Anointing" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

SERVICE OF ANOINTING

Invitation
Hymn # 377 *Healer of our every ill*
Anointing, Meditation, and Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Chris Zepp
concluding with The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

***HYMN # 367** *For the healing of the nations* REGENT SQUARE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Prelude on ASH GROVE *G. Winston Cassler*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

The flowers on the worship center are in celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of Lee & Lev Norford on August 15.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT TRANSLATION: Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

All creatures who live on the earth are the Lord's. Alleluia.

For who can rightly ascend the hill of the Lord,

And who may enter His house to hear His word?

The pure in heart and hand.

Such are the people of God, who understand.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Alleluia.

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MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

August 20-26, 2017 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Office Reception
	3:00	B.C. Alumni Choir Concert	Sanctuary
Wed.	6:30	Witness & Renewal Commission	Open Door Room
	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge
Thurs.	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sat.	6:30-9	Pool Party @ Ashby Recreation Association Pool	

NEXT SUNDAY– August 27, 2017 – *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “Building A Living Church”

Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20 & Romans 12:1-8

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

POOL PARTY

The Fellowship & Recreation Commission invites you to join church friends for a pool party this Saturday, August 26, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Ashby Recreation Association Pool. The Commission will supply drinks and paper products. Bring snacks and games to share as you wish and are able. It’s a good time to say goodbye to summer with a pool party – hope to see everyone there!

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 08/13/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 23	11:00 – 190	Sunday School: 103
Pledges & Envelope Giving		\$7,576.00
Loose Offering		364.50
Youth Programs		120.00
Backpack Program		200.00

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor’s good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

Glenna Wampler – Business Manager

PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

John Barr – Organist

Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children’s Choir Director

Ellsworth Neff – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

Curtis Nolley – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

Clarke & Hope Staton – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Devin Bowman

Decorators – Missy Hipps & Lev Norford

Deacon Caregiver – Erin Dalrymple

Van Driver – Brad Neher

ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

The Bridgewater College Alumni Choir will present a concert this afternoon at 3 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Since 1980, Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires or any natural or human caused disaster. Bridgewater Church of the Brethren will be hosting a volunteer training session for CDS on September 22-23. For more information or to register no later than September 1, check out the website at www.brethren.org/cds or contact the on-site coordinator, Gladys Remnant, at 540-810-4999.

"THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT" NEEDS OUR HELP!!!

On Saturday, September 2

WE WILL BE PAINTING THE HOUSE!

(Located at the Corner of Mason St. & Summit St., Dayton, VA)

Painting Volunteers

Please call TERRY SLAUBAUGH (828-2924)

8 AM – 2 people needed to "cut in" the walls & ceilings

painting experience preferred

9 AM-noon – 7 people needed

painting experience helpful

12:30-3:30 – 7 people needed

painting experience helpful

Food/Meal Volunteers

Please call KATHY ZIMMERMAN (434-0465)

- 30 sandwiches, in individual baggies
 - Meat & Cheese, 20 needed
 - Pimento Cheese, 10 needed
- 30 Small bags of chips
- Fresh fruit, easy to eat, 30 pieces or cut up in baggies
- Raw vegetables in small baggies, for 30 people
- Cookies, 30 baggies, 2 cookies in each bag
- Bottled water – 60 bottles needed

Please bring labeled food items to the church and leave in the kitchen and in the refrigerator by Saturday morning, Sept 2, at 8 am

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THE HOUSE
AT 4-4:30 PM TO
SEE THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE!**