
The Light On The Hill



Monthly Newsletter of the First Church of the Brethren, Carlisle, PA

April 2020

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

DIFFICULT TIMES

As 2019 came to a close and 2020 began to dawn, few realized that many of us would be quarantined in our own homes. While many of us are unaware of this reality, our earth has suffered from numerous epidemics and pandemics. With society's insatiable desire to travel in the 21st century, COVID-19 quickly became a pandemic.

This virus is scarier than most. It's more contagious than the flu, and it's many times more deadly. People who are infected will infect others whether they know they have the virus or not. COVID-19 symptoms will appear between 2 to 14 days after the person is infected. In the interim, even without symptoms, an infected person can spread the disease to others around them.

It is for the COVID-19 qualities described above, as well as recommendations by Federal and State agencies, that meetings, worship services and preschool classes in our church have been cancelled. As I write this on March 22, these activities and others on the church calendar (including reservations by outside groups) will remain cancelled until further notice.

I would encourage everyone who is reading this newsletter to keep self-monitoring for the symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), and to please continue to communicate with your cluster deacon or me to share your needs, concerns, and/or prayer requests. A congregation that prays together stays together. 2 Corinthians 6:2 *For He says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.*

NOTE: Audio recordings of weekly sermons will be available on our church's webpage during these closures by typing this address in your browser: <http://www.carlislecob.org/sermons>

Pastor Jerry

Qualities of COVID-19 in this paragraph were acquired from Sunday, March 22, 2020 edition of the Public Opinion Newspaper article "Coronavirus is not the flu; it's worse"
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News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

Our Witness Commission is looking for 8 good, willing helpers to help at the MEAT CANNING EVENT IN LANCASTER [HONEYBROOK WHICH IS NEAR EPHRATA] on April 16th. We will mostly be labeling cans of chicken soup. Women need to wear a dress or skirt but you may put slacks on underneath. We will leave early in the morning to work on the second shift. Lunch will be provided. On the way home, we usually stop for ice cream on the way home. We will try to carpool to and from. Some of the cans we label come back to the Carlisle Church to share with Project SHARE. Each year, the cans of soup are designated to go to different areas of the world. If you have never helped before, you will learn a lot and will feel great helping with this servanthood role.

We will be sharing funds with Tennessee to help with their tornado disasters... in Nashville and Brookville. The commission is donating \$100.00 from their budget. If the survey passed out in worship service approves, the Women's Fellowship will donate \$200.00, making a total donation of \$300, which will be sent to Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse organization, who has already sent help to Nashville, Tennessee. Funds are needed.

The next Global Food Initiative collection will be held on April 5th. Get your 2 Cents a Meal pennies ready to share.

ON April 21st, Carlisle Area Religious Council will join with Congregation Beth Tikvah to sponsor the annual HOLOCAUST SERVICE. The speaker will be Lillian Rappaport, Holocaust Educator for the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, whose presentation will focus on the Warsaw Ghetto. Musical

interludes will be provided by Lori Elliott, flutist for the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by Susan Miller, also on flute. **THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN CANCELED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR 2021.**

On April 18th, it would be great to support Camp Eder's Summer Camp Scholarship Fund Dinner. This scholarship helps make summer camp financially possible for all families. Following the dinner, we will be playing pickle ball inside of Geigley Lodge along with other types of games, even board games. Don't know how to play pickle ball? No worries, they will teach you. Please come and support Camp Eder! Dinner Cost- Donation Only
RSVP 717-642-8256 or
mkovacs@campeder.org

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Quilting Ladies have removed one more quilt off the quilting frame. Finishing the border requires us to spread it out on the tables in the Board Room. This quilt and one more quilt to still do, have come from Gloria's cousin, Julia Fetterman. We are not sure where these quilts will go at the time. I am sure we will find a great home for them. Ginny continues to make lap quilts to go to various places, mostly to the Brethren Home. She has also prepared a couple baby quilts. Thank you to Mary Miller who has been knotting several that have gone to the Brethren Home.

The Women's District Spring Luncheon is approaching! April 25th...at Hanover Church of the Brethren. If you are interested in attending, please let Gloria know and she will give you a registration form. The registration deadline is April 15th and the cost is \$10. The speaker will be Leah Hileman. If interested, we can car-pool! Let Gloria know ASAP!

Hats off to Pat Tritt, who has been collecting shoes for Family Life Center to ship overseas to be resold by local communities needing funds.

If anyone can think of a topic to use for a Conversation with Women day, please share with Gloria. Would anyone like to host a meeting at their home?

John 20:20 *When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

Unbelievable Belief

Donna might tell you that I'm one of the most skeptical persons she's ever known. She'll share that I have a proclivity to doubt just about anything I hear or read. For example, I doubt Consumer Reports is "non-profit and independent". I doubt Snopes is the "internet's go-to source for discerning what is true and what is total nonsense." I doubt that FactCheck.org is a "nonpartisan, nonprofit consumer advocate for voters". And I doubt that the Dallas Cowboys are "America's Team"! And yet, I have no problem believing Jesus rose from the dead!

You might ask, what is wrong with this man's brain? He should live in the "Show-me State", Missouri. (That's their state motto because people there only believe what they can see.) That would also describe my skeptic nature, because those in scripture who doubted the Resurrection saw Jesus after His resurrection. Because of their sight and belief, I too believe. And it wasn't just a few that saw Jesus; He was seen by "over five hundred brethren" (I Corinthians 15: 4-8).

Probably the most convincing evidence comes from my hero, "doubting" Thomas; that disciple who gets a bum rap for being a skeptic like I am (John 20: 24-31). Jesus made a return visit through locked doors just to convince Thomas that he didn't have to doubt any longer; that he didn't have to "move to Missouri." After Jesus invited him to "reach your finger here...and reach your hand here and put it into My side...", John never recorded that Thomas did as Jesus suggested. The only reaction Thomas had was to utter in total belief, "My Lord and my God!"

Believing that a man could be raised from the dead was totally foreign to the Roman culture in 33 A.D., just as foreign as it is here in America in 2020! And yet, it is a central fact of Christianity. Without the Resurrection, there would be no promise of victory over death and no promise of eternal life in heaven. The Resurrection assures us Christ is alive TODAY and actively ruling His kingdom. I would challenge anyone to "show me" otherwise!

Pastor Jerry

<https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm>
<https://www.snopes.com/>
<https://www.factcheck.org/about/our-mission/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/America%27s_Team
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/mo/es_mo_subj.html

We are so sorry that we had to postpone the Unity Singers benefit concert for Community Cares. We still plan on re-scheduling when life gets back to normal. And it will; but when? Only God knows at this point.

Community Cares is in need of plastic/paper plates, cups and bowls. If you have some to spare they can be dropped off at Community Cares Resource Center, 50 West Penn St. Carlisle. Put on the table under the tarp and ring the contact bell. Or call Linda at 717-243-0455.

The Moving Circles/NIOT meeting scheduled for April 16th has been postponed to be rescheduled at a later date.

Census 2020 is now underway. You should have received instructions in the mail by now to complete the census online and also a questionnaire which you can complete and return by mail if you choose. You have a choice. Also Bosler Library is going to have a Census Center where people can go and complete a questionnaire. However at this point they are closed into April. CARC is urging everyone to complete the census. **THE DATA COLLECTED IN THE CENSUS IS THE BASIS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.**

There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board describing Maranatha which is a worthy non-profit organization assisting those in the community with sound financial management services. This service enables those with limited income to live independently while maintaining financial stability.

Linda Wilson

The Stewards Commission is seeking volunteers again this year to help with lawn care. If you helped last season, you will be contacted to see if you want to continue with this volunteer opportunity. If you would like to help with lawn care and haven't helped in the past, please contact Dale Miller before April 12. Training is available to run the big mowers for anyone who hasn't operated a 60" mower. After the number of volunteers is compiled, a schedule for the entire season will be developed. If you have any other questions about our lawn care procedures, please contact Dale Miller at 717-243-8572.

COMMUNITY CARES:

CARES has taken the drastic steps to shelter about 60 people during the day and night being cared for entirely by Staff to protect the volunteers. Beth Kempf, Director of Community CARES, is actively looking for alternative housing (friends, family, motels) for vulnerable members of the homeless population.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Disposable Plates
Disposable Cups (Hot & Cold)
Disposable Bowls
Plastic Silverware

CARES is requesting daily hot meals to feed about 50 people.

Suggestion: form a team to do a meal – beverages, fruit, vegetable, dessert, main dish. Have your team share a recipe for the main dish (if your recipe serves 10, have 4-5 people make the same main dish)

Emily will call those who sign up to let them know how many people to plan meal for. Drop off meals on table under tent outside the Community CARES building between 5:00–6:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094eacac22a1f49-meal>

NURTURE COMMISSION

**Birthday Biddies Breakfast
Schedule for 2020**

April 29	Fay's Country Kitchen
May 27	Fairground Diner
June 24	Middlesex Diner
July 29	Walnut Bottom Diner
August 19	Cracker Barrel
Sept. 30	Fairground Diner
October 28	Middlesex Diner
Nov. 18	Carlisle Diner
Dec. 30	Cracker Barrel

The Lehman Center Auxiliary's 29th Annual Auction benefiting the Children's Aid Society will be on Tuesday, April 28th at the Lehman Center, York County 4-H Center, 771 Stoverstown Road, York. The Auction items and food can be previewed at 12:00 noon, and Live Auction will be at 5:00 pm. The silent auction includes art collectibles, theme baskets, gift certificates, etc. The Live Auction features art collectibles, sports items, household items and new merchandise. The kitchen will be serving homemade soup, bar-b-que, homemade pies, etc. For more information, please call 717-845-5771 or go to www.cassd.org.

Giant Grocery Stores and Karns Grocery Stores both are offering "Senior Hour" shopping for senior citizens and those immune-compromised. Giant holds it's from 6:00-7:00 am and Karns is from 7:00-8:00. Weis Stores are not offering it yet but may in the near future.

April 2—The Previously-Read Book Sale at Nicarry Meeting-house 8 am to 2pm.

Project SHARE wants to thank Carlisle COB for our recent support of cans of tuna and soup in their fight against hunger.

Please make the following change in your directory: Mary Jane King's email address should be: kinglm@centurylink.net. (The "l" is missing from the newest directory.)

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns this past month to:

Joys to: .

Friends of the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

Prayer List:

Persons from the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

***CARLISLE CHURCH OF THE
BRETHREN SERMON DETAILS***

April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday / Love Feast 5:00 PM

Sermon Title: "The Last Week"

Scripture: Excerpts from John 12:1-John 19:30 (focusing on the Last Supper in John 13)

Summary: The Passion was no play. Each component, each event had significant importance to the main event, the sacrifice of the Son.

April 12, 2020 Easter / Resurrection Sunday

Sermon Title: "Ain't No Way"

Scripture: Matthew 27: 65-66, Acts 12:2

Summary: Yes Way! Jesus DID rise from the dead! We'll review three arguments supporting the Resurrection being factious, and try to find evidence to disprove each.

April 19, 2020

Sermon Title: "More Reasons to Believe"

Scripture: Isaiah 53

Summary: Just like we learned about Christ's birth being foretold in the Old Testament, we'll study prophecy in the Old Testament to find evidence of the Resurrection being foreshadowed.

April 26, 2020

Sermon Title: "Introducing the angel of light"

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-13

Summary: Not all angels are created equal. It's good to know the difference between the angel of light, and the Lord of Light. This sermon will serve as an introduction to a series of messages Jerry will be

Serving You In March . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Ushers

Head Ushers

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Sound Room

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Worship Leaders

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Children's Time

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Nursery I

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Nursery II

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Children's Story

April 5 -
April 12 -
April 19 -
April 26 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
	General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving
March 8, 2020					

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

ONE-POT CHICKEN BOG

2 tablespoons Unsalted Butter
6 Bone-In Skin-On Chicken Thighs
14 ounces
Smoked Kielbasa Sausage (Cut into 1/4 to 1/2-Inch Rounds)
1 stalk Celery (Cut in Half Lengthwise and Sliced)
1 Onion (Diced)
4 cloves Garlic (Minced)
4 1/4 cups Low-Sodium Chicken Broth
1 teaspoon Smoked Paprika
1 teaspoon Kosher Sea Salt
1/2 teaspoon Black Pepper (Ground)
1/2 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder
2 Bay Leaves
2 cups White Rice

In a large pot or Dutch oven set over medium heat, melt butter. Cook thighs, skin side down until browned, about 7-9 minutes (the chicken will not be fully cooked). Transfer to a plate and discard the skin.

Add the sausage, celery and onion and cook until browned, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Pour in the chicken broth. Add the chicken thighs along with the paprika, salt, pepper, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, and bay leaves. Turn the heat up to medium-high and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and allow to simmer for 20 minutes.

Remove the thighs from the pot along with the bay leaves. Pour the rice into the simmering mixture, cover and cook for about 20 minutes or until the rice is tender. Meanwhile, pull the chicken from the bone and shred. Return the chicken to the pot, stir to combine. Cover, remove from the heat and allow to sit for 5 minutes before serving.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*



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Worship 10:15 AM
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April 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		Activities listed Apr15 through Apr30 is subject to cancellation	1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Love Feast CANCELLED	6	7 7:00 pm Music & Wor- ship home mtg w/Zoom app	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday Global Food Initiative Offering	13	14	15 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	16 7:30- 4:00 pm Meat Canning 6:30 SOPA Meeting	17	18
19	20	21 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting	22 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	23 6:30 pm SOPA Meeting	24	25
26	27	28 Children's Aid Society: Auc- tion Preview Noon; Live Auction 5:00	29 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Re- hearsal 9:00 Birthday Breakfast Fay's Country Kitchen	30		
