
The Light On The Hill



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

August 2019

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Fruit Farming

John 15:16a *"I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last."*

Donna and I were required to downsize when we got married 5 years ago. First and foremost – we had all of our own furniture and keepsakes amassed by just being alive for the past 63 years. But both of us also had truck loads of 'stuff' from deceased parents and spouses that somehow found its way into our garages, basements and attics. We gave away as much as was wanted by others, and then hauled the rest of the "stuff" to spend its last days in the landfill.

I'm convinced that someday ALL of our 'stuff' will eventually find its way to a landfill. Gasp!

And then I read what Jesus told His disciples in John 15:16. How in the world are we expected to "bear fruit that will last"? I know the "fruit" in this passage is figurative fruit. After all, a sizable portion of the fruit that I ever grew ended up being eaten by fruit flies, worms, or ground hogs! I can't even keep bananas from spoiling in my kitchen faster than I can eat them!

Nothing we've done seems to last . . . painting, renovations, gardening, savings accounts, keeping our bodies in shape . . . NOTHING is permanent, or so it seems.

Enter Elsie (Smith) Underkoffler (AKA my mother). She had very few decorations hanging on our walls at home as we grew up. But there was one item that graced my mother's kitchen for all of my 17 years at home. Emblazoned on a trivet that hung close to our electric range was the phrase "Only one life, twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." * I'm positive that quote will 'last' in my brain until my dying day.

Jesus wouldn't have given this instruction if it wasn't possible. So back to the scripture I go.

Looking at the verses before and after John 15:16, I can understand the prerequisites required for lasting fruit. First - Jesus commanded us to "Love one another" (vs. 12, 13 & 17); Secondly – Jesus announced that "I chose and appointed you" (vs. 16 & 19); and Third – Jesus required that we "Ask the Father" in His name (vs. 16b). If we focus on actions that are approved and supported by our Heavenly Father . . . and if the actions are done out of love for another . . . since we are chosen and directed by Jesus Christ, what we have done will not be hauled to a landfill!

This doesn't mean that I can now stop painting, stop renovating, stop gardening, spend down my savings, and become a couch potato . . . But it does mean that I need to examine my priorities and motivation for everything that I do. I need to be a fruit farmer; farming for fruit that will have longevity longer than my bananas.

*Credit is given to Charles T. Studd (1860-1931), a British Christian missionary, for authoring this quote.

Pastor Jerry

News Of The Congregation

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Quilting Ladies are now up to 4...YEAH! We welcomed Susan Stake to our quilter group. We have just taken a quilt off the rack and are working on the edging as we spread it out on the tables in the Board Room. It was rather large and thus we needed to try a different option to complete it. Ginny has prepared the triangular blocks needed to make this quilt. It has very pretty colors, which make this quilt fun to work on. Thank you, Ginny. She also prepared the one that is being given to the Brethren Home Chicken BBQ Quilt Auction. Look for it if you come to the Brethren Home on August 10th

HOSS' FUNDRAISER—AUGUST 27TH AT THE ENOLA HOSS'—THE NORTH CAPITAL AREA **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TEAM** WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. LAST YEAR THEY WERE ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$645 TO HELP SUPPORT THE MISSION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANKS TO ALL OF YOU. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THEM AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE EVENT GOES FROM 11:00 AM TO 9:00 PM. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR TO THE ENOLA HOSS'. COME AND GET A GOOD MEAL AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE—SHOEBOXES!!! ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO QC-CNCAP@CENTURTYLINK.NET OR LORI WHEELER, AREA COORDINATOR AT (717) 776-7786.

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission is hoping everyone will support the Brethren Home's Chicken BBQ on August 10th, EITHER by your attendance, donations of pies, breads, or other baked goods. Please give them to Gloria to deliver. You can come over and help with the ice cream & pie booth, too. The Quilting Ladies have prepared a quilt to place in the Quilt Auction, which you could come and bid on.

We also hope you will support the Disaster Relief Auction being held in Lebanon on September 27th and 28th. The Sonbeam's Class will be preparing a Theme Basket for the Theme Baskets Auction. We have a blue trimmed basket which we hope to fill with BLUE THINGS. (could be foods, pens, ribbon, books, bags, wrapping paper, envelopes, etc.) Use your imagination and help us make a beautiful blue basket. Thanks!

Start looking for shoeboxes and things to put into shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Shoebox gifts sent in November. When you find something on sale, get one item to start your box with and build on it until you reach the due date in November. Saves time and money.

The Witness Commission thanks the following persons who served as hosts for Community CARES during July, Mike Lebo, Dave and Doris Marks, Debbie and Mike Meenan, Dale Miller, Gloria Ramirez, Ike and Pat Tritt, Jerry Underkoffler and Dave Wampler.

The residents of Community CARES really appreciated your hospitality, snacks, and air conditioned sleeping arrangements

DISPOSING OF WASTE PRODUCTS

Cumberland County is offering two dates when residents may dispose of hazardous waste. The dates are Saturday, **August 17th** from 9:00-3:00 and Thursday, **September 19th** from 12:00-6:00; APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED and fee of \$0.30 per pound will be charged. Feel free to take a flyer from the bulletin board which gives appointment information as well as what can and CANNOT be brought to the recycling center on Claremont Road.

The Music and Worship Commission is looking for people who would like to be Greeters to welcome Sunday morning worshippers as they enter the building. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board if you feel led to help out in this position.

Sadler Night Out - Friday, August 9 from 5:00-8:00 pm Sadler Health Center will be holding a "Night-Out" for the whole community. This is free and includes health screenings, food, games, prizes, music, magic and more. Sadler's Night Out will be on the corner of Hanover & High Streets in downtown Carlisle.

The Brethren Home Chicken BBQ, Car Show & Auction is being held on Saturday, August 10th. Once again we will be responsible for the Ice Cream and Pie Booth, and a schedule has been placed on the bulletin board. About 2 to 4 helpers are needed for each shift. Please check your calendars to see if you are able to help with serving pie, ice cream, and root beer floats. The Brethren Home is asking for donations for Patron page or Sponsorships. Please take a form from bulletin board & send in.

Thought of the Day:

One day at a time, this
is enough.

Do not look back and
grieve over the past,
for it is gone.

And do not be troubled
about the future, for
it has not yet come.

Live in the present, and
make it so beautiful
it will be worth remembering.

**A perfect summer day is when the sun
is shining, the breeze is blowing, the
birds are singing, and the lawn mower is
broken.**

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

August 4, 2019 Sermon Title: **‘Our
God: Preeminent Lover’ (Part 2)**

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Last Sunday, we identified times when we
don’t feel God’s love in our lives. This Sun-
day, we’ll use scripture to help us understand
why that happens, and we can do to prevent
future occurrences.

August 11, 2019 Sermon Title: **‘Our God:
The Musician’**

Scripture: Zephaniah 3: 14-17

We’ll let our fingers do some walking through
the scripture and find proof of God’s support of
worshipping while making music. And would
you believe, He even loves to sing?

August 18, 2019 Sermon Title: **‘Our God:
The Forgetter’**

Scripture: Hebrews 10: 11-18

As I age, my forgetter is quite active. But with
our Heavenly Father, there’s one way His for-
getter becomes active. That’s right, our God
can be quite forgetful. Selfishly, this attribute
is the best attribute we sinners could ever hope
for. We’ll understand why when we peruse the
scriptures.

August 25, 2019 Sermon Title: **‘Our God:
Our All in All’**

Scripture: Daniel 4: 34-35

Back in 1977, I’m not sure if Chrysler Corpora-
tion knew the meaning of the name they as-
signed to their Dodge subcompact car. The
name is used three times to describe our God –
and they have become my favorite. And yet,
they’re the hardest for my brain to comprehend.
We’ve heard about them, and they come with
simple definitions, but our finite minds will
never fully understand.

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include: 230+ Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram. **Dorcas Yakubu** remains in captivity after three years. Her family holds little hope for her return, but we can continue praying that God bless and protect her.

Update on Dorcas Yakubu—in 2016 most of the hostages were released; however, Dorcas (21) had married one of her captives and chose not to return to her family.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH TO:

Prayer List: Clair Tritt, Blanche Shenk and Pearl Ditmer

PERSONS FROM THE CONGREGATION who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

Serving You In August . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Ushers

Head Ushers

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
August 25 -

Lawn Care

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
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Children's Time

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
August 25 -

Nursery

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
August 25 -

Worship Leaders

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
August 25 -

Sound Room

August 4 -
August 11 -
August 18 -
August 25 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

July 21, 2019	<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund	<u>2018</u> General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Building Fund	<u>2018</u> Building Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Special Giving
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"Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praises: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable."

Philippians 4:8

"Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now."

Proverbs 3:28

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

Cream of Carrot Soup

Makes about 8 cups

- 2 lbs. **carrots**, peeled and chopped
- 3 14.5-oz. cans **chicken broth**
- 1/2 Cup **fresh dill**, finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons **sugar**
- 1/2 teaspoon **salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon **freshly ground pepper**

- 1/4 Cup **butter**
- 1 **medium onion**, finely chopped
- 1/4 Cup **all purpose flour**

- 1 Cup **heavy whipping cream**
- 1 Cup **milk**

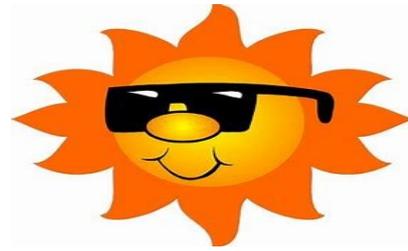
Bring carrots, broth, dill, sugar, salt and pepper to a boil in a large pot or Dutch oven. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes until carrots are tender. (You can save some of the carrot skins, or peel one carrot into strips with a vegetable peeler and sauté these in butter to put on the top of the soup as a garnish when served.)

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook 4 – 5 minutes until softened, and just beginning to brown. Add the flour and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Stir into carrot mixture until well combined.

Puree carrot mixture in a blender in small batches – don't fill to the top because the heat from the soup will cause it to expand and will blow the top off your blender! Transfer each batch into a large bowl and then return to the large pot, or Dutch oven. Stir in heavy whipping cream and milk.* Cook over medium heat until thoroughly heated through – do not bring to a boil.

Garnish with fresh dill sprigs and sautéed carrot strips.

*If you are making it ahead of time, just add the whipping cream and milk when you reheat it.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

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August 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 2:00 pm Nurture Com	2 Fellow- ship Hall and Kitchen Cleaning & waxing (Mike and Mark)	3 Fellow- ship Hall and Kitchen Cleaning & waxing (Mike and Mark)
4	5	6 1:00 pm Witness Com. 6pm Music/ Worship	7	8	9 5pm-8pm Sadler Night Out	10 Brethren Home Chick- en BBQ
11	12	13 7:00 pm Stewards	14	15	16	17 9-3pm Waste Dis- posal @ Claremont Road
18 6-8pm Witness Com- mission event at Biddle Mis- sion Park, Labyrinth	19	20 7pm Church Board	21	22 6:30 pm District Ministry	23	24
25	26	27 11-9pm Enola Hoss's Operation Christmas Child	28 9am Birthday Breakfast @ the Farmers' Market	29	30	31
