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# *The Light On The Hill*



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

*August 2021*

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## *From the Pastor's Desk . . .*

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### **August 2021 Preaching Schedule**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 – Anger Management (Eph. 4:26, Prov.16:32, Rom. 8:9,26, Gal. 5:22-23, James 1:19)**

We all deal with anger—but the way we deal with it can change our lives drastically. When we know how to handle ourselves when we get angry, we can begin to live the way God intended us to live.

**August 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Depression and Anxiety (I Kings 19)**

Depression and anxiety are becoming more and more common in our society, and knowing how to navigate mental health in ourselves and others can be especially crucial. God knows our struggles even better than we do, and he knows how to walk through them with us if we're willing to reach out.

**August 15<sup>th</sup> – Slow To Anger (Psalm 103)**

When it comes to how we view God, our perception can alter how we see everything in the world. We may have the idea that God is a ticking time bomb, constantly angered by all the things we do that don't follow his guidance. But the truth is that God is slow to anger, and his reasoning goes beyond frustration, leading to his love for us. And while his anger has limits, his love does not.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Like A Father (Psalm 103, Luke 15)**

When we look at God from a human perspective, our view is often clouded by what's going on in our own atmosphere. It's easy to buy into the idea that God is remote and distant, but the entire message of the Old Testament tells us that we matter to God. When we realize that he is searching for us with intensity, that we are valuable to him, we can see the true nature of God—that he loves us like a father.

**August 29<sup>th</sup> – Keeping Score (Psalm 103, 2 Sam. 11,12, Psalm 51)**

The idea that God is a scorekeeper, constantly keeping track of our sin, keeps us from knowing the truth about how he views us. While justice condemns the wrong and the wrongdoer, God removes our sin so that he can condemn the sin, but love us. When we realize this, we can begin to truly experience the forgiveness he has given us—and see the true image of God through the distortion.

### **WITNESS COMMISSION NEWS:**

The Witness Commission had decided trying to reach a goal of 50 hygiene kits and praying we can do so by the end of July. Otherwise, the Witness Commission will take funds from our mission account to do so. The Woglemuth church took our kits, along with their clean-up kits, to the New Windsor collection facility at the end of July.

We were able to send a donation to Global Food Initiative (2 Cents a Meal program) of \$60.50 for the first half of the year. We thank those who participated in this program.

We also evaluated the yard sale held this past year. Gloria shared that people to help with sorting and scheduling to work on the day of the sale was slim in number, the donations were less than usual, and clean up day was more difficult because of the family that had cleared everything away did not respond to several phone calls. As of July 18, the items have been removed from the pavilion.

On a positive note, we thank everyone for their donations for this yard sale. We shared our leftover items with several groups...Family Life Center, Christian Aid Ministries, Shoes for Africa, Community Aid, and Salvation Army. Another positive note included comments from those who attended and were hoping for a second

day next year. Our church was the first church of the Carlisle area to have a church yard sale and many were delighted to be able to attend. Many of our customers were people who come every year and were glad to be able to do so. Another positive was how much we raised in one day. We were definitely over \$1,200. The food from the kitchen soups, sandwiches, and snacks were tasty and we thank Doris Marks and her commission for providing food for the helpers and customers who were in attendance for inside and outside the gym from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm. Thanks, also, for those who helped bag items for the Christian Aid Ministry. Richard Yeager comes year after year to take much of what is left to the Christian Aid Ministry, for which we are most grateful! The books were shared with Bosler Library this year. Some of our left-over trash bags were given to C.A.R.E.S. since they were looking for trash bags. Several of the small bags were taken to grocery stores to recycle.

All the other items needed to be moved out to the pavilion which turned out to be quite a task! Thanks to each of those helpers who came out early Monday morning to move the leftover sale items to the Pavilion tables and who helped find places for some of the items. A special thank

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you to our church secretary, Judy Moore, who helped on a couple days when help was not available and she worked on Friday at the yard sale, as well...Gloria was most appreciative!

The youth were able to raise \$200.00 for youth activities and the youth conference and we thank Debbie Meenan for staffing that table.

If someone would like to take charge of the yard sale next year, please let Gloria know. It can be a thankless, time-consuming ministry! Well worth it though after it is all said and done!

Project S.H.A.R.E.'s Stuff-the-Bus program is beginning this month. You are welcome to contribute any school supplies to S.H.A.R.E., and the Witness Commission will be donating \$100.00 for school supplies.

The Witness Commission would love to have additional members to help with different ministries with which we have scheduled in previous years. If you would like to help with any of the programs, projects, etc., you don't need to be a member of the commission. The small details of ministry projects are in the planning stages and Gloria, the current Chair, would treasure your opinions and ideas. See her if interested.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

The Birthday Breakfast will be the last Wednesday of the month, August 25th, at 9:00 am at the Carlisle Diner.

CARC hopes to have a faith walk this fall.

CLAREMONT FARMS sale is pending.. In order for the Cumberland County Commissioners to sell Claremont to a for profit company, the land on which Claremont is located had to be re-zoned by Middlesex Township. On July 9th the supervisors voted to rezone the land so this could happen. However, several floors at Claremont are now closed down due to lack of residents. They have moved elsewhere. 39 were lost to Covid.

MOVING CIRCLES and CRT (Critical Race Theory). I, Linda Wilson, recently attended a Moving Circles meeting where we had a meaningful discussion on CRT. It is becoming an issue in some of the school districts in the area where it is being taught in history classes. Many parents are upset about this. We came to the conclusion that many people don't really understand what it is and that there needs to be public education events presented by those knowledgeable on CRT (for example, professors from the law school and war college who would give an unbiased presentation). The traditional definition of CRT is that CRT is an intellectual movement and loosely organized framework of legal analysis based on the premise that race is not a natural biologically grounded feature of physically distinct subgroups of human beings but a socially constructed (culturally invented )category that is used to oppress and exploit people of color. It has traditionally been taught on the graduate school level.

Submitted by Linda Wilson

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### **District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

September 12<sup>th</sup> is the third quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first two quarters of 2021, the congregation donated a total of \$1,887.50 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 75.5% of the congregation's \$2,500 total contribution to date and portions of these funds were donated during the COVID-19 shutdown of the church. Our District and Brotherhood total commitment for 2021 is \$5,000, helped significantly by these special offerings.

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center thanks our church for donating all the toys, children's furniture, clothing and blankets that didn't sell from our yard sale. Their clients will be thrilled to receive all these items.



### **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CARES**

The homeless families will soon be housed in a building in Shippensburg as soon as all the permits are in order. Single men and women will continue to stay in The American Legion in Carlisle.. Donations are still needed and will continue on as we have been doing. The items appropriate for families will be transported to Shippensburg.. I confirmed this information with the Community Cares administration office. Thanks Linda Wilson

### **WELLNESS ON DEMAND**

Exercise on demand, at your convenience! Go to:  
[www.crosskeysvillage.org/ondemand/](http://www.crosskeysvillage.org/ondemand/)

Austin Marks has a new address. Please update your directory to reflect this change:  
Austin Marks

*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:***

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***Our Record of Faithfulness***

*July 18, 2021*

<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2020</u>
General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving	Special Giving

God smiles when we love him supremely, trust him completely, obey him wholeheartedly, and praise and thank him continually.

Genesis 9:1,3

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## *Serving You In July . . .*

### *Worship Greeters*

*Hospitality*  
Dale Miller

*Ushers*  
Bernie Koontz, Mike Lebo,  
Pam Lebo

*Head Ushers*  
August 1 - Dave Wert  
August 8 - Dale Miller  
August 15 - Dave Marks  
August 22 - Ike Tritt  
August 29 - Dale Miller

*Worship Leaders*  
August 1 - Gloria Ramirez  
August 8 - Dave Wampler  
August 15 - Dale Miller  
August 22 -  
August 29 -

### *Nursery I*

August 1 - Lisa Billman  
August 8 -  
August 15 - Maria Shaulis  
August 22 - Pat Tritt  
August 29 -

### *Nursery II*

August 1 - Pam Lebo  
August 8 - Desiree White  
August 15 - Pat Tritt  
August 22 - Desiree White  
August 29 - Pam Lebo

### *JUNIOR CHURCH*

August 1 - Francine Moody  
August 8 - Doris Marks  
August 15 - Francine Moody  
August 22 - Doris Marks  
August 29 - Maria Shaulis

### *Sound Room*

August 1 - Mike Ditmer  
August 8 - Ike Tritt  
August 15 -  
August 22 - Dave Marks  
August 29 -

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## VEGGIE PIZZA

- 2 8 oz. cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup small fresh broccoli florets
- 1/3 cup quartered cucumber slices
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, quartered
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot
- Any other veggie, i.e. black olives, cauliflower, etc.

1. Heat oven to 375°F.
2. Unroll both cans of dough and separate dough into long rectangles.
3. Place rectangles of dough in an ungreased large rimmed baking sheet. Pinch the seams and press the dough into the corners and up the sides to form a crust.
4. Bake 13 to 17 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
5. In small bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, dill and garlic powder until well incorporated. Spread evenly over the crust.
6. Cut the crust into squares (7 rows by 4 rows).
7. Top with vegetables.
8. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate before serving.



Happy  
Birthday

Happy  
Anniversary

# August 2021

Activities are subject to Cancellations  
due to Covid-19 precautions

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 1:30 pm</b> Music and Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5 9:30 am</b> Witness Com.	<b>6</b> Fellowship Hall cleaning & waxing - Mike & Mark	<b>7</b> Fellowship Hall cleaning & waxing - Mike & Mark
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 7:00 pm</b> Church Board Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 9:00</b> am Birthday Breakfast @ Carlisle Diner	<b>26 6:30 -</b> <b>9:30 pm</b> SOPA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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