
The Light On The Hill



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

August 2018

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Pastors' Desk: Musing while driving

Due to my fall, my regular glasses had to be repaired, and due to the surgery and the splint on my nose, the old glasses were high on my face, so I couldn't see well enough to drive for quite awhile. Jim has been a great driver for us! But on the 18th of July, I had two places to go to, and my regular glasses were now working. So I was on the road!

I always pay attention to the yield signs...but more as someone who is driving in a lane where someone else will want to merge in. "Yield" is a big word in living a Christian life. We yield to God, but we also try to make way for others' ways and opinions. Do we have to have it our own way in every detail, or can we let others take charge?

Safe assured distance is a big word for driving. That means leaving space in front of you for other cars to maneuver...and so you don't hit them if there is a sudden stop in traffic. Too often people rush, getting right up to the car in front of them as if that will push them to go faster than they are comfortable going. Why don't we leave space, so people can avoid an accident by coming over, or be allowing space for people to enter?

I count it as a point when I can let someone safely come over into the space in front of me. The same is true for other people....don't push, don't hurry, allow them space to maneuver, plan, and enter.

Many of my young African friends love scriptures like, "Delight in the Lord, and God will give you your heart's desires." At first glance, it looks like a formula for success. "Just tell God you love God, or show up at worship a lot" and in return, whatever you want, you will get. We are trying to manipulate God to do things we dream of, rather than entering into God's dreams for us. The biggest delight we have is our salvation and our ability to talk to a God who cares for us in often unexpected ways!

My mother often quoted the saying, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." Andy Rooney is given credit for "Keep your words sweet and tender, for tomorrow you may have to eat them." The point is that we can have good dialogue in our heated political climate, if we don't call names, make all issues black and white, and pray for those we may not appreciate. Even in our interactions with each other, we can be slow to take offense, and quick to show appreciation.

Drive on, my brothers and sisters, and go with God.

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission is working on two servant evangelism projects. For the rest of July until August 9th we are collecting school supplies for Project SHARE's Back to School event. A blue box will be placed in the narthex for any of the following items: book bags, mechanical pencils, 2 inch 3 ring lined paper, rulers, tissue hand packs, pocket folders, highlighters, and glue sticks. Let's see if we can get a great collection to help the kids feel good about starting school with some supplies!

In September, we will make a collection of items for Children's Aid Society. They would also appreciate some school supplies, along with the following items: canned fruits and vegetables, canned pasta [ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs], peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, baby wash, Lysol wipes, kitchen trash bags, and construction paper. We will be sharing that the first week of October.

The September Soup Kitchen is coming soon - September 23.....check your schedules to see if you might be available to help.

The Commission also decided to help the Brethren Housing Association with a \$200 donation to help with some water line and sinkhole issues which hit them with extra funds being overwhelming.

From the last Global Food Initiative [or our quarterly 2 Cents a Meal Collection], we were able to send \$60.37. Every little bit helps!

We also support the Truck Stop Ministry in many ways. Two banquets are held each year....one is local and the largest banquet [Fairview COB] is usually held in October [this year it is scheduled for October 12]. Barb Lehigh needs to know ASAP to save you a seat. Please let Gloria know if you are interested in attending for a great meal and great music.

Another special Brethren event is the Chicken BBQ at the Brethren Home on August 11th. We are usually asked to help with the Ice Cream and Pie Sale, Check your schedule to see what hours you might be able to help. Strong arms for dipping out that delicious ice cream is helpful! Guys....that means you! A schedule will be coming VERY SOON - WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST!

The Sonbeam's Class will be collecting items for two Theme Baskets for the Disaster Relief Auction, being held September 21 & 22nd. Gloria usually makes one and the one she is making is an album basket. The class is making a Movie Theater Theme Basket for the Auction. If you would like to contribute items for either of these baskets, place them in the Sonbeam's classroom at the back of the church but we need to have the price of any item for the form used by the auctioneers. If anyone would like to go along on either day, let Gloria Ramirez know and she will tell you what her schedule might entail.

From the Pet Fun Day Theme Basket silent auction, we are grateful to have collected \$110 and were able to send that amount to ASPCA. Thanks for all those who attended and helped purchase a theme basket. Thanks to Marley Billman and Gloria Ramirez for those 5 theme baskets!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

TIME FOR A LITITZ DAY TRIP: Anyone interested on taking a day trip to Lititz will need to sign up ahead of timeGloria has room for 4 besides herself. If anymore than that sign up, an extra driver will be needed. An itinerary is being developed and you will hear more as we head toward WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND. WE WOULD NEED TO DEPART BY 8:30AM. Return might be around 4 to 5pm.

THE DESSERT COOKBOOKS have arrived and will be ready for purchase starting the first Sunday of August!!!

The Witness Commission thanks those persons who served as hosts for Carlisle CARES during July. The residents of CARES really appreciated your hospitality, snacks, and air conditioned sleeping arrangements

News Of The Congregation, Community & Letters We Get . . .

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

Ohana Ukulele Ensemble

Details:

Enjoy an afternoon of music in a mellow mood with this unique Gettysburg-based ensemble, returning to Nicarry after well-received appearances in the past. This is a free event. No registration is necessary, and everyone is welcome.

*Nicarry Meetinghouse, Friday, August 3, 2018,
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM*

58th Annual Chicken BBQ, Car Show and Auction

Details:

Plan on being at Cross Keys Village for a great time at the 58th annual Chicken BBQ, Car Show & Auction. The food will be a treat, there will be opportunities to shop in any price range, live music will be available most of the day, and the classic car buffs can check out those Chevys, T-Birds and DeSotos in all their shining glory. This is the greatest family event of the season. Pond Area & Nicarry Meetinghouse, Saturday, August 11, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CARE OF CREATION & SAVING MONEY

I personally like to buy organic whenever possible, to save chemical applications being used at all. But some find this way too expensive. I also like to shop local fruit and vegetable stands, and can't guarantee they are pesticide free. Two ways to remove the pesticide are helpful. Fill a bowl with four parts water and one part vinegar, and let the fruit sit for a half hour minimum. Then rinse and scrub with cold water. My favorite is the baking soda soak, a bowl of water with a few tablespoons of baking soda., and let sit up to fifteen minutes.

Other hints to save money....cloth napkins can be reused, so no money wasting on buying new paper napkins. Cook with residual heat...turn off the oven five minutes before the bell rings, or turn off the burner under pasta after boiling for five minutes. Let it sit for five more minutes.

All the paper products we use cost us money. Paper plates, plastic glasses, plastic silverware, plastic tablecloths, etc are unnecessary purchases. If you have a crowd, enjoy the fellowship of the kitchen sink! My family of 42 people shares meals when we go on retreat together, and everything gets washed while great conversations go on.

I know this is difficult to believe, but tap water is drinkable! We simply don't need those plastic water bottles. When we lived in Nigeria, we were limited to our own boiled water. I was so surprised coming home that I could drink out of any tap. I met a BVSer who had lived in Nigeria for three years. We sat at a table with ice water in pitchers and glasses. She looked at me, and asked, "Is this water safe to drink?" Did you know that it takes three times the amount of water in a bottle to produce just one?

Other ways to save money....line dry! I love being able to take the sweet smelling clothes down when I want to, not when the buzzer goes off. Large inside drying racks work for winter or rain. Turn off lights when you leave a room. Turn off the TV unless it is something you really want to watch.

Amazing how many things are just going back to the days before "conveniences"? The traditional ways are still the best!

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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.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS TO:

Prayer List: Dean Roth, Virginia McCoy, Blanche Shenk, Clair Tritt, Ruth Young, and Tessie Shrawder.

The biggest joy was baptizing **Selena Marks**, on a ten day leave from the Marines, after her graduation from boot camp. Selena wanted to surprise her grandmother and Aunt Gloria and she succeeded. We are so happy to welcome her to our church family, even if she is heading back to S. Carolina!

Linda Shindledecker's - Husband **Ron** has had testing and bone cancer has gone through his body. However, they met a lot of people who had great treatment through Sloan Kettering and hope to get his treatment there.

Judy Moore's daughter-in-law, **Jaime Hutto**, is in ICU with pneumonia.

Marla Abe - Thanks so much for prayer, cards, calls and meals. Healing is progressing.

Serving You In August . . .

Worship Greeters

Dale Miller

Hospitality

Dale Miller

Ushers

Pauline Stump
Wilma Koontz
Elmer Stump
Bernie Koontz

Head Ushers

August 5 Jesse Donnelly
August 12 Dale Miller
August 19 Dave Marks
August 26 Ike Tritt

Children's Time

August 5 Gloria Ramirez
August 12 Doris Marks
August 19 Gloria Ramirez
August 26 Francine Moody

Nursery

August 5 Pat Tritt
August 12 Shyrl Carothers
August 19 Lisa Billman
August 26 Maria Shaulis

Worship Leaders

August 5
August 12
August 19 Pat Tritt
August 26

Sound Room

August 5 Mike Strickler
August 12 Mike Ditmer
August 19
August 26 Dave Marks

Our Record of Faithfulness

	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Y-T-D.</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
July 2018	General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving
	\$59,098.00	\$66,904.68	\$1,085.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,039.00

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15

“Nothing is so strong as gentleness and nothing is so gentle as real strength.

-Ralph W. Sockman”

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

Beef Casserole with Pork and Beans

1 1/2 lbs ground beef
1 tsp salt
16 oz can pork & beans
3/4 cup barbeque sauce
2 Tbs brown sugar
1 Tbs minced onion
1 tube can of flaky biscuits
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Brown beef and drain. Stir in next 5 ingredients. Pour into 2 quart casserole. Cut biscuits in half and place cut side down on top of mixture and sprinkle cheese on top. Bake 25-30 minutes until browned. Serves 4-6

From Shyrl Carothers

*Happy
Birthday*

05	John Pitman
07	Jeanne Bobenage
07	Patsy Myers
07	Nancy Stuck
08	Dale Miller
09	Chester Scott
09	Blanche Shenk
10	Lisa Sheaffer
19	Jesse Donnelly
20	Cindy Roth
20	Chrissy Wampler
22	Virginia Wilson
27	Mary Jane King
28	Jim Abe

*Happy
Anniversary*

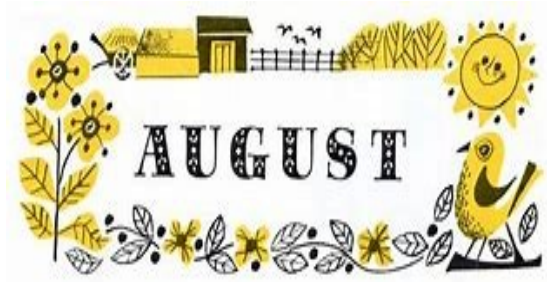
15	Pam & Dave Wert
19	Pat & Ike Tritt
24	Shirley & Glenn Pepper

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