

# FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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We Are Called To Be

## A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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**+Stand as you are able**

Thought for the day: Is life, for me, just a series of chance occurrences...or perhaps a divine venture played out in my living?

**Prelude**

**+Call to Celebration**

One: And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor."

**ALL: She said to her, "Go, my daughter."**

One: So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers.

**ALL: As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.\***

One: While Ruth was not certain she would find favor...

**ALL: She was certain she provided the opportunity for favor to find her!**

+Hymn: Here in This Place

No. 6

+Opening Prayer

**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings\***

One: Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you."

**ALL: They answered, "The Lord bless you."\***

One: When we have been blessed in a great way it is often easier to pass a part of that blessing onward.

**ALL: Maybe even now?**

One: The Lord be with us!

**ALL: Might we bless the Lord.**

Offertory

+Offertory Response: Songbook - Give Thanks

No. 16

**Offertory Prayer**

**+Hymn:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 70

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**Scripture:** Ruth 2:1-23

**Response\***

One: Then Ruth fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him,

**ALL: "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?"**

One: Boaz answered, "May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!"\*

**Message:** Life...By Accident?

Pastor Jim

**Community Sharing**

Announcements

Concerns and Joys

Morning Prayer

**Challenge**

One: Naomi said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked?"

**ALL: "Blessed be the man who took notice of you."**

One: Then Naomi said to her daughter-in law,

**ALL: "Blessed be he by the Lord, who kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!"\***

One: When God acts directly, or in those who are Godly...

**ALL: It is no accident!**

**+Hymn of Commitment**

We Praise Thee, O God

No. 99

Postlude

\*Responses from Ruth Chapter 2

**+Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks so much to Mike and Mark Ditmer for once again stripping and waxing the fellowship hall and kitchen! We so appreciate your effort.

There is no set date for the sale of the Women's Fellowship Cookbooks, but there are only three left. Do you know anyone you could gift with a cookbook?

The Brethren Housing Association thanks us for our contribution to BHA which helps provide safe housing and supportive services for the individuals and families in their programs. BHA helps see that families have a safe place to live while working on their situations. One of those who received their help and graduated from the program has been offered a full-time supervisor job at an upscale hotel!

August 13 - CCNS Move in Date

August 15<sup>th</sup> Camp Eder - Senior Day - 9:30 - Meet and greet with continental breakfast. 10:00 - Morning program with livestock demo of bees, sheep and geese. 12:00 - Lunch. 1:00 - Afternoon program making cocoa or cookies in a jar. Cost is \$18. Call (717) 642-8256 to register or go to [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org).

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Women's Fellowship's Lititz Day Trip. Sign-Up sheet on bulletin Board.

August 31<sup>st</sup> - Camp Eder - Sept. 2 - Labor Day Family Camp  
Call (717) 642-256 to register or go to [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org).

September 14 - District Conference at Newville

September 16 - Church Picnic

October 6 - is The Brethren Housing's Fall Fundraising Banquet at New Fairview Church of the Brethren in York. Tickets need to be purchased by **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please see a flier on the bulletin board for all the details.

Doris Marks' grandson Austin Marks' college address is: 804 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Chester, PA 19013

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Service

### MONDAY, August 13

CCNS Prepares for school year

### TUESDAY, August 14

7:00 pm Stewards Commission Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, August 15

9:30 am Senior Citizens Day @ Camp Eder

### SUNDAY, August 19

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Service with Guest Speaker

### TUESDAY, August 28

7:00 pm Wampler Bible Study

Pastors Marla and Jim will be out from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.