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We Are Called To Be

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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WELCOME

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is easy to consider what appeals to just MY...eyes, ears, mouth, and mind...a worthwhile venture. But suppose GODLY efforts inspired my eyes, ears, mouth, and mind...would my efforts change?

PRELUDE

CALL TO CELEBRATION

One: Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

ALL: PLACE IN MY HANDS THE WONDERFUL KEY THAT SHALL UNCLASP, AND SET ME FREE.

One: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

ALL: OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN This is My Father's World No. 154

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

One: Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;

ALL: AND WHILE THE WAVENOTES FALL ON MY EAR, EVERYTHING FALSE WILL DISAPPEAR.

One: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

ALL: OPEN MY EARS, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!

OFFERTORY RESPONSE O Come, Let Us Adore Him No. 212
Chorus Only

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord No. 76 vs. 1

SPECIAL MUSIC

CD'S

Dale Miller

HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See No. 517

SCRIPTURE Revelation 6:1-8, 7:9-17

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

REFLECTION

One: Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;

ALL: OPEN MY HEART AND LET ME PREPARE LOVE WITH THY CHILDREN THUS TO SHARE.

One: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

ALL: OPEN MY HEART, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!

MESSAGE "Visions of Glory"* Pastor Jim

COMMUNITY SHARING

Announcements

Concerns and Joys

Prayer

REFLECTION

One: Open my mind that I may read more of thy love in word and deed;

ALL: WHAT SHALL I FEAR WHILE YET THOU DOST LEAD? ONLY FOR LIGHT FROM THEE I PLEAD.

One: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

ALL: OPEN MY MIND, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!

SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

**GOOD NEWS, CHARIOT'S A-COMING
AND I DON'T WANT IT TO LEAVE ME BEHIND!**

**THERE'S A GOLDEN HARP IN HEAVEN, I KNOW
THERE'S A STARRY CROWN IN HEAVEN, I KNOW
THERE'S A LONG WHITE ROBE IN HEAVEN, I KNOW**

POSTLUDE

*Title from David J. Wieand Book "Vision of Glory" studies in the book of Revelation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 27 - At Noon, the church picnic will be held at the Pavilion. Nurture Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share. This will be a great time to fellowship with each other!

August 30 - The monthly Birthday Breakfast will be held at the Fairgrounds Diner at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there!

August 30 - Senior Citizen Day at Camp Eder. The event will start at 9:30 am and will feature a musical guest, Skip Crowther, in the morning and a presentation from Grey Hound Rescue with Dave Wolf in the afternoon. The cost is \$18/person which covers all activities and lunch. Please register at campeder@campeder.org or call 717-642-8256.

August 30 - Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 pm. We welcome anyone who likes to sing and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Thank you!

September 1-3 - Make memories with your family! Come to Camp Eder for a long weekend of quality time, adventure, and fun! Activities will be planned for different age groups and abilities. Lodging will be in the Tree of Peace Lodge - \$149, Tent Camping - \$75 and Saturday Only - \$50. All of the above options are per family and include meals and activities.

September 3 - A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board for those who want to attend the musical "Mennonite Women Know How to Cook." This program is being presented at the Bird In Hand Dinner Theater. We will probably eat lunch at the Buffet on the main floor of the Dinner Theater. You need to respond by choosing a date that best works for you by September 3rd.

September 7 - The Sonbeam Class is once again working on theme baskets for the Disaster Relief Auction which will be held in Lebanon. The first basket from the class is a "Mix It Up" basket. We are collecting items such as cake, bread, muffin, dessert, sauces, dips, flour, sugar, spices, and tools to mix, stir, bake, etc. to place in the basket. If you can help us with our basket, we would really appreciate your donations. Gloria is preparing a "Bag It" theme basket. It will have gift bags, ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, cellophane, tissue paper, etc. Anyone can contribute to either of these theme baskets. Our class is trying to help the Disaster Relief Auction Ministry. Will you help us? Please place items in our classroom, at the back of the church, by September 7th.

September 10 - Rally Day and Grandparents Day - Let's fill the pews!

Invite your family and friends to this great event. There will be prizes awarded for: 1st - Who has the most people attending? - 2nd - Who invited the most people? - 3rd - Largest percentage of grandchildren with them. See posters for more details. Sounds like a lot of fun! There will be a pot luck luncheon to follow. Nurture will provide the drinks and everyone else should bring a dish to share. Come join us!

Gloria Ramirez would like to thank: Ike & Pat Tritt, Dave & Doris Marks, Mike Strickler & Jeanne Bobenage, Dave & Pam Wert, Richard Miller, and Dale Miller for selling ice cream, pie, and root beer floats from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Brethren Home in Cross Keys for their Chicken BBQ Day on August 12th. It was a warm day and great for selling ice cream.

To each member of the Church of the Brethren in Southern Pennsylvania District: You, as a member of Children's Aid Society, are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the members of Children's Aid Society, scheduled in conjunction with the annual conference of the Church of the Brethren of the Southern District of Pennsylvania will be held on September 15, 2017 at 11:15 am at: New Fairview Church of the Brethren, 1873 New Fairview Church Road, York, PA 17403 for the purpose(s) of receiving the annual report of Children's Aid Society, electing three (3) directors for a three-year term to the Children's Aid Society Board of Directors, and acting upon such other business as may come before the meeting.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, August 20

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

WEDNESDAY, August 23

Articles are due for the Newsletter

CCNS Move In Day

THURSDAY, August 24

6:30 pm District Ministry Committee

SATURDAY, August 26

11:00 am - 3:00 pm Linda Young (Class on Water Colors)

SUNDAY, August 27

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

Noon - Church Picnic @ the pavilion

Scripture - Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5