

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

Welcome and thought for the day:

“Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord. The Lord will reward you for what you have done.” ([Proverbs 19:17 \(ICB\)](#))

+Call to Worship:

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

ALL: THAT WE DO JUSTICE, AND LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

ALL: TO REMEMBER THAT NOW IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT TIME TO DO THESE THINGS.

One: Come, you who thirst for grace.

ALL: COME, YOU WHO HUNGER FOR JUSTICE.

One: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

ALL: COME, YOU WHO ARE LIKE A CHILD AT HOME.

One: Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

ALL: WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP GOD.

One: Then let us worship well.*

+Songbook: Lo a Gleam From Yonder Heaven No. 42

+Prayer

Tithes and Offerings:

One: It is the will of God that no one should go away hungry or thirsty.

ALL: IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT ALL WHO ASK WILL BE RECEIVED.

One: It is the will of God that none should be driven out of their homes and communities.

ALL: IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT CHRIST’S LOVE BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE WORLD.

One: It is the will of God that we should be light to a waiting and broken world.

ALL: IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT WE LOVE THE WORLD AS CHRIST HAS LOVED US. **

Knowing it is God’s will that we share generously, let us share in our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

+Hymnal: Lord Bless the hands, No 93

+Prayer

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22

Hymnal: Precious Lord Take My Hand, No. 575

Message: Whither Thou Goest Pastor Marla

+Songbook: God Will Make a Way No. 18

Community Sharing:

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

+Songbook: His Eye is on the Sparrow No. 25

Challenge: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. [Romans 15:7 \(NIV\)](#)

*<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

**<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=43967>

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Annual Conference Report by Dale Miller

The Compelling Vision Process began at the 2018 Annual Conference, involving delegates and non-delegates during two sections of the business sessions. The process is intended to move us beyond our conversations, debates, and official statements into the experience of vision and purpose as we proclaim and serve Christ together. While we cannot anticipate how God will work through a body of believers seeking God's vision, we can answer that such a vision can only be anchored in Jesus Christ. Dates and locations are:

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| Sept. 29 - 9:00 - 11:00 am | Bunkertown COB |
| Sept. 29 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm | York First COB |
| Sept. 30 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Brandts COB |
| Oct. 6 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Faith Community of The Brethren Home |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

The Witness Commission is running a servant evangelism project for Project SHARE with a collection of school articles until August 9th. Most needed articles include: book-bags, mechanical pencils, 2 inch and 3 ring lined loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, hand tissue packs, highlighters, glue sticks, and rulers. Crayons and colored pencils are also helpful. This collection will start immediately as items need to be turned into SHARE by August 9th. A Blue Box has been placed in the Narthex for the objects. Thank you for your helpfulness to support SHARE's mission for the children.

Cross Keys Village - August 11th - Annual Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale and Car Show, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ice Cream dippers are still needed for both shifts - 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-4:00. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

There is no set date for the sale of the Women's Fellowship Cookbooks. They are on sale until all are gone.

Camp Eder - August 15th - Senior Day

Saturday, 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 22nd. Please see a flier on the bulletin board for all the details.

Camp Eder - August 31 - Sept. 2 - Labor Day Family Camp

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Service

Dessert Cookbooks for sale here - \$20 each - only 6 left!

SATURDAY, August 11

Annual Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale and Car Show @ Cross Keys Village

SUNDAY, August 12

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Service Scripture - Ruth 2:1-23