

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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Any New Announcement Not Printed in the Bulletin

Worship Leader: Linda Young

Prelude:

***Call to Worship:**

L: What offering do we need to bring to God? God does not look for sacrifices or offerings, but for open ears, like channels for the truth.

C: Grand gestures and offerings are not required, but a heart-felt delight in doing the will of God.

L: My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: God has put a new song in my mouth, placed a new melody on my tongue.

L: The love of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn: Lo, A Gleam From Yonder Heaven

***Invocation:**

God, who is the Most High Lord of all, you have a surprising preference for people who are small and humble and who expect everything from you.

Through your Holy Spirit make us aware of the poverty of our hearts, that we may be open, welcoming, and ready to serve you and your plans. Help us to expect everything from you. Come to us and give yourself to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Story: Dave Wampler

(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children's Church)

Scripture Lesson: John 1:19-28

Sharing & Prayer

Bell Choir:

Message: What Is Forgiveness?
(John 1:19-28)

Closing Hymn: I Know Not Why God's Wonderous Love

Benediction:

As we leave this space, grant us the courage to confront a world where people are cruel and life is harsh with your justice. Give us the faith to go into a world where people are weak and life is barren and speak of courage. Grant us the strength to go into a world where people are weary and life is empty and speak of hope. And grant that in our ministry to your people, we will recognize the Christ on the road.

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special congregational business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd, immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a proposal for updating our current church sign to a digital display format. Our church board has approved this proposal and will now recommend it to the entire congregation for acceptance. All church members are encouraged to attend this meeting if possible to participate in the decision making process. Thank you.

April 12th is the Clean-up Day in the kitchen. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you'd like to participate.

April 17th is Easter breakfast. The menu will be pancakes and omelets, prepared by Alphonzo White. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Donations welcome.

The SOPA's 2022 District Women's Spring Luncheon is being held at the Hanover Church of the Brethren on Saturday, April 23 @ 9:00 am. The theme is "God Is Doing a New Thing!" and will host guest speaker Leah J. Hileman, author of contemporary Christian songs. If you would like to attend, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

The Hoagie Sale that was scheduled for April 24th has been cancelled and in its place will be Bake Sale, which will include cookies, pies, cupcakes, etc. This is a fundraiser for NYC. Any items you'd like to bring in to sell should already be wrapped and brought in on April 24th.

We will be assembling hygiene kits and clean up buckets on the first Sunday of April. We have enough band aids and towels for the first set of 50 hygiene kits and enough towels and handi-wipes for the first set of 50 clean-up buckets. A lunch of pizza, drinks, and ice cream cups will be provided. Your help is needed with two kits to assemble. Both kits are helpful for disaster relief with tragedies around the world. All the other items for both kits are already available.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Deacon Lunch Meeting after church

THURSDAY, March 24, 2022

1:00 pm Quilting
6:30 pm SOPA

SATURDAY, March 26, 2022

9:00-3:30 pm Susquehanna Valley Ministries' class

SUNDAY, March 27, 2022

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Hickory Ridge lunch after church