

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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Welcome & Announcements (Updates – Not in bulletin)

Worship Leader: Dave Wampler

Prelude

Call to Worship:

L: We are filled with a mixture of feelings today.

C: **Some of us are rejoicing; while others continue to seek relief from the burdens and worries that they bear.**

L: All of us stand in need of your refreshing and nourishing love and forgiveness.

C: **You know how many times we have turned our backs on those in need; we have been too busy, too preoccupied with our own problems. Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else.**

L: Give us strength and courage to truly be your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others.

C: **Forgive us when we stray from the paths of righteousness and peace. These things we offer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Invocation:

Saving God, we come to you this day from times that are hectic. We are pulled in many directions. Open our hearts to receive you. Deliver us from the temptation to just give up and flounder in the

rough waters of life. Reach out to us with your strength and power and bring us closer to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: God Will Make Away

(SB 18)

Special Music

Give Thanks

(The Bell Choir)

Children's Story: Pat Tritt

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

A Time Of Sharing & A Time Of Prayer

Closing Hymn: When We Walk With the Lord (Hymnal #544)

Message: The Habit of Open Handedness

Matthew 14:13-21

Video

Benediction:

The Lord has forgiven and restored you. You are strengthened for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Go in peace and may God's peace flow through you to others. AMEN.

***Postlude**

***Stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns with regard to the recent family sicknesses and hospitalizations of our sister Pam and our son-in-law Mitch. We are happy and thankful to report that they are both now recuperating at home, their families are well and they are resuming their normal daily routines. We only ask prayer now for their complete recoveries... Greg and Phyllis Growden

The Women's Fellowship "Conversations with Women" meeting is being held at Nell Royer's home on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm. If you need help finding her home, please see Gloria.

November 14th is the fourth quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first three quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$2,708 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 72% of the congregation's \$3,750 total contribution to date, and some of these offerings were received during the COVID-19 shutdown of the church. Our 2021 District and Brotherhood total commitment is \$5,000

Camp Eder Christian Camp & Retreat Center's Senior's Day Wednesday, November 10th (new date). \$18 per person. RSVP by calling (717) 642-8256 or mkovas@campeder.org. Flyer on bulletin board showing more detail.

The Nurture Commission is having a Church Lunch on **Nov. 14th** @ 12:00 noon at Red Robin. Please sign on the sign-up sheet if you would like to go.

The United Methodist Women of Otterbein cordially invite you to their annual Ladies' Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, **November 20** at 9:00 a.m. at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Road in Carlisle. See the invitation on the bulletin board.

It's that time of year again; time to start packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoeboxes are available in

the narthex. Inside each box is a paper with suggestions of things to put in the boxes. The deadline for returning the boxes is Sunday, November 21. This program started in Ecuador. Many who enroll in the program become pastors and start churches in their country.

There will be a Church decorating day on Tuesday, **November 23rd** beginning at 10:30 am. Feel free to join us as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. Please note that there will not be a Hanging of the Greens service this year. If there are any questions regarding the change in the service direct them to Jeanne Bobenage or Rita Young, Music and Worship co-chairs.

Camp Eder's Christmas Tree Festival Friday & Saturday, December 10 & 11 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Flyer on bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Deacon Meeting
Daylight Savings Time ends

TUESDAY, November 9, 2021

8:00-12:00 PA Food Bank

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021

9:30 am Camp Eder's Senior's Day
7:00 pm Stewards Commission

SUNDAY, November 14, 2021

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Special Offering Sunday
12:00 noon Lunch @ Red Robin
2:00 pm Women's Fellowship - Conversations with Women @ Nell Royer's home