

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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**September 19, 2021**

**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:** Dale Miller

**Prelude**

**Opening Song:** Songbook #47 Nearer My God To Thee

**Call to Worship:**

L: God, we bring our stories to this place

**C: and we wait to be held by yours.**

L: We bring our faithfulness:

**C: shape it with grace**

L: We bring our success:

**C: shape it with generosity**

L: We bring our weaknesses:

**C: shape them with compassion**

L: We bring our possibilities:

**C: shape them with hope.**

L: We confess, God, that the way is hard and we are tired.

**C: Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace**

L: We confess that the way is unclear and we do not know the path

**C: Speak into our wandering with your story of vision**

L: We confess that we are tired of waiting and we just want to make it happen

**C: Speak into our impatience with your story of wisdom**

**ALL:** Let your story be our story, we pray in Jesus' name.

**Invocation:**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

**Special Music:**

**Children's Story:** Francine Moody

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

**Scripture Lesson:**

Mark 14:27-31, 66-72

**Sharing of Joy & Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**Video**

**Message:**

God Ain't Afraid, Come To Him

(Mark 14:27-31, 66-72)

**Closing Song:** #599 He Leadeth Me

**Benediction:**

May the peace of God enfold us,

The love of God uphold us,

The wisdom of God control us.

**\*Postlude**

**\*Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deacons invite everyone in the congregation to attend Love Feast on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. We have been unable to celebrate this important ordinance in the life of the church since October 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Together we will re-enact the events of the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus as Brethren have done since our origins. This includes feet and hand washing, fellowship meal and bread and cup communion. If you are new to Love Feast, please know that you may participate or observe any portion of the event as you so desire. Children may also attend and participate except the communion is limited to those who profess Jesus as Lord and Savior. We will have drink and crackers for those who do not take the bread and cup. If you have any questions or concerns, consult your deacon or Dave Wampler, deacon chair. Please join us!

The **Annual Business Meeting** will be held on Sunday October 10 at 12:00 noon. Chairs are requested to submit annual reports to Judy by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, preferably via email.

The Wolgamuth COB would like to invite you to their **Trunk or Treat event** on Sunday, October 10 from 3 - 4:30pm. There will be light refreshments, a photo booth and decorated trunks with candy for the kids! We could use a few more trunks to help make this a big success. If you would like to decorate your car for this event, please call Sandy Sampson at 717-350-8737 or Julie Miller at 717-814-0998. Trunks can be as elaborate or as simple as you want. There are lots of good ideas/themes on the internet (trunk or treat ideas) Hope to see you there!

**Hazardous Waste:** Cumberland County has a Household Hazardous Waste Program with Collection Events - Recycling Center, 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA.

Date: Thursday, October 28 from 11am - 5pm

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Deacon Meeting after church  
2:30-7:00 pm Fare for Share @ the Meeting House

### MONDAY, September 20, 2021

Noon - Commission Chair Reports due

### TUESDAY, September 21, 2021

1:00 pm Quilting

### WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

7:00 pm Choir

### THURSDAY, September 23, 2021

6:30 pm SOPA District Meeting

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, September 24 & 25, 2021

Brethren Disaster Relief @ Lebanon Valley Expo

### SUNDAY, September 26, 2021

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service