

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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CONSIDER how wonderful to arrive as a more completed person, place or time. But just as soon, we realize the best of person, place or time is farther on. By God's grace... providence...with Paul and many others...we press on.

+Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

+CALL TO CELEBRATION: Based on the Book of Ruth

One: So Naomi started to return with her daughters in-law from the country of Moab...

ALL: SO THE TWO OF THEM WENT ON UNTIL THEY CAME TO BETHEHEM.

One: They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

ALL: SOMETIMES HOPE IS CLOUDED BY A TIME OF SUFFERING. BUT A PERSON, PLACE, OR TIME OF SUFFERING IS NOT BEYOND GOD'S CARE.

+Hymn: We Plow the Fields and Scatter No. 96

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

One: Ruth said, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sign I may find favor."

ALL: AND BOAZ SAID, "THE LORD BE WITH YOU."

One: Then Ruth said to Boaz, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me a foreigner?"

ALL: SOMETIMES HOPE IS WAITING FOR A PERSON, PLACE OR TIME TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING...AND THEN PASS ON SOME OF THAT BLESSING TO OTHERS. WE CAN DO THAT NOW.

Offertory

+Offertory Response Chorus All Good Gifts No. 96

Offertory Prayer

+Hymn: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go No. 577

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Response

One: Boaz said to Ruth, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter..."

ALL: AND NOW, MY DAUGHTER, I WILL DO FOR YOU ALL THAT YOU ASK...

One: I will act as next-of-kin for you.

ALL: SOMETIMES HOPE IS BEST FOUND BY A PERSON, PLACE OR THING WHEN A PETITION IS HEARD, GRANTED, AND WAITING TO BE RECEIVED.

Scripture: Ruth 4:1-22 Chapter 4

Sermon "Providence in Progress" Pastor Jim

COMMUNITY SHARING

- Announcements
- Concerns and Joys
- Morning Prayer

Challenge

One: Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite,..."

ALL: AT THIS, THE NEXT-OF-KIN SAID, "I CANNOT REDEEM IT FOR MYSELF WITHOUT DAMAGING MY OWN INHERITANCE."

One: Today Boaz said, "I have acquired the land and Ruth, to be my wife to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance,..."

ALL: WHEN THERE IS HOPE IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD (BOAZ HERE) THEN REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR FOR ANY PERSON, PLACE OR TIME.

Hymn of Committal: Awake, My Soul No. 609

PS! Obed became the father of Jesse, the father of David. To be continued

POSTLUDE

+Stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 9th is the third quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the previous two quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$1,940 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 77.6% of the church's \$2,500 contribution to date. At the halfway point, we are on track to meet our 2018 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling \$5,000, helped enormously by these special offerings!

On September 9th, Pastor Marla will be preaching on The Flood. It would be fun to have members bring "pairs" of items to be displayed in the front of the church on a table. Start looking around your home for such items. Let's see how many "pairs" we can display!

September 9 - God's Work, Our Hands - Presentation to develop and spread awareness of our refugee family crisis. 4:00-6:00 pm at St. Paul Evangelical Church - Simple meal will be offered. RSVP to 717-243-2319 or churchoffice@stpaulcarlisle.org

September 14 - District Conference at the Newville COB.

September 16 - Church Picnic

October 4 - 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. **(Please note that 8/26's bulletin had incorrect date of 10/6.)**

October 6 - The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Banquet at the New Fairview Church of the Brethren. Tickets can be ordered from Gloria Ramirez but you need to call ASAP.

Marley Billman's new address starting 8/18/18:
501 Vairo Boulevard, Apt. 1022
State College, PA 16803

Evelyn Reed's new address is:
8 Clifton Terrace
Carlisle, PA 17015
(717) 249-2458 is the same

Austin Mark's new address is:
804 E. 14th Street
Chester, PA 19013

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service

MONDAY, September 3

Labor Day - Office is closed

TUESDAY, September 4

9:00 am Central PA Pastors' Meeting
7:00 pm Music/Worship

WEDNESDAY, September 5

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 6

CCNS Back to School Picnic

SUNDAY, September 9

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service -

Noah, the Flood and the
Promise of the Rainbow