

**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**

**Thought:** In scripture the "Day of the Lord" proclaims the Day when God will return in power to renew the earth. Think the book of Revelation. Until that cataclysmic day imagine ourselves being the people of the Lord in this time and place. What a comfort! What a challenge!

**Prelude**

**+Call to Celebration** Scriptures from Exodus 14

One: The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt...

**ALL: LORD...LOOSEN OUR HEARTS TO FOLLOW YOU.**

One: ...and he pursued the Israelites...

**ALL: WHEN WE FOLLOW YOU, O LORD, WE ARE  
ALREADY WITH YOU.**

One: ...who were going out boldly.

**ALL: MIGHT OUR HEARTS BE HOLY AS WE SEEK TO LIVE  
IN YOUR PRSENCE.**

**+Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation No. 567

**+Opening Prayer**

**Sharing of Tithes and Offerings:**

One: As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back,

**ALL: WHAT A WAY TO GO FORWARD DRIVING IN  
REVERSE!**

One: ...and there were the Egyptians advancing on them.

**ALL: OF COURSE THE PAST COMES NEARER IF WE ARE  
TOO BUSY TO GO FORWARD IN FAITH.**

One: In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord.

**ALL: THE BEST WAY TO FACE GREAT FEAR IS WITH  
FAITH IN GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US.**

One: Draw near to us O God.

**ALL: AND WE WILL SHARE YOUR PRESENCE THROUGH  
US.**

Offertory

+Offertory Response: We Give Thee Thanks No. 53

Offertory Prayer

**+Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah No. 582

+Choir: I will Exalt You, Lord Roger Thrower,  
Arr. Dan Edwards

Junior Church Dismissed

**Scripture:** Exodus 14

**Message:** Lord of the Impossible Pastor Jim

**Community Sharing**

- Announcements
- Concerns and Joys
- Morning Prayer

**Challenge:**

One: Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to go forward."

**ALL: THEN MOSES STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND OVER THE  
SEA. THE LORD DROVE THE SEA BACK.**

One: Thus the Lord saved Israel.

**ALL: SO THE PEOPLE FEARED THE LORD AND BELIEVED  
IN THE LORD AND IN HIS SERVANT MOSES.**

**Commitment:** He Leadeth Me No. 599

**Postlude**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Witness Commission is reminding you that the items that are posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board for Children's Aid Society are due. This organization is under the umbrella of the Southern District of the Church of the Brethren. Can you help us care for the children which they encounter every day?

October 4 - is The Brethren Housing's Fall Fundraising Banquet at Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. Please see a flier on the bulletin board for all the details.

More people are welcome to the Compelling Vision hearings. We would like to take two cars full to Faith Community on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

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.

Plan to join us for our Fall Love Feast Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. This service is open fully to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We also invite others to come and to join us at the tables as we share in the ordinances of feetwashing, the agape meal and the bread and cup of communion. Together, let us share in this experience, which proclaims our trust in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ for us all. Our older children are welcome to join us at the tables to observe and experience the gathering. Childcare for younger children will be provided.

The Brethren Home is preparing for their Apple Butter Festival, being held on October 13 from 8am to 1pm. The Carlisle congregation is being asked for apple peelers on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH FROM 9:30AM TILL DONE. A sign up chart has been placed on the hall bulletin board. If you can peel an apple, we need you! We will carpool from the church that day and get a free lunch in the Terrace Dining Hall for our help.

ALSO, they are asking for baked goods, as the baked goods table is one of the most productive of this event. Any items will

need to be marked with ingredients used along with the name of the item. Items would need to be brought to the church kitchen by Thursday, October 11. Thanks for your help to serve the residents of the Cross Keys Village. Questions? Call Gloria Ramirez.

Congregational Business Meeting - Plan to be with us following the 10:15 worship on October 14<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be provided. The meeting will begin as close to 12:30 pm as is feasible, and will include elections for church positions and the consideration of our 2019 budget. While only members can vote, all are welcome to participate and to contribute during the meeting.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm Deacon Meeting

### MONDAY, October 1

7:00 pm Emergency Planning Meeting

### TUESDAY, October 2

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

### WEDNESDAY, October 3

8:00 am Joy El Ministries Bible Adventure Get Together

### THURSDAY, October 4

3:00 pm Nurture Commission

The Brethren Housing Fall Fundraising Banquet at Red Lion Hotel

### SATURDAY, October 6

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Banquet at New Fairview COB

1:30 Compelling Vision Hearings at Faith Community

### SUNDAY, October 7

8:30 am Coffee Time  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship Service: God brings Israel as on Eagle's wings Decalogue

Two Cents a Meal Offering

5:00 pm Love Feast & Communion

**Attendance for Sunday, September 23, 2018**