

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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**September 4, 2022**

**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:** Dave Wampler

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**P: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

L: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**P: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

**P: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn:** # 507 "Gracious Spirit"

**Invocation:**

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformational

opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.

**Scripture:** Mark 10:46-52

**Children's Story:** Dave Wampler

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

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

(Those not previously shared or in the bulletin)

**Morning Prayer**

**Video:** "Perfection," by Switch

**Sermon:** A Simple Prayer

(Matthew 6:5-15, Mark 10:46-52)

**Closing Hymn:** # 517 "Open My Eyes"

**Benediction:**

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve. AMEN.

**\*Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to a last minute switch of the dates to have the Soup Kitchen from December 10 to **TODAY**, help will be needed about 1:30 this afternoon for about an hour to get the casserole parts put together. Also, if anyone would like to come to the Salvation Army Facility around 5pm to help pass out the meals and drinks, that would be appreciated.

The Witness Commission is still asking for donations of tuna for Project Share and wipes for Community CARES. Thank you.

September 11<sup>th</sup> is the third quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first two quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$2,194 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 88% of the congregation's \$2,500 total contribution to date. At this point, we are on schedule to meet our 2022 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling \$5,000, helped immensely by these special offerings!

The junior church program will have some changes for the fall. Children will continue to leave the sanctuary as they have been, but all will be in the big classroom at the end of the hall. Teachers have been moving furniture to set up age-appropriate areas for K-5. The first Sunday for the fall session will be September 4. In accordance with the district Safe Sanctuary policy, there will be two adults in the room each Sunday. The schedule for September is as follows:

September 4 Francine Moody and Pam Lebo  
September 11 Doris Marks and Deanna White  
September 18 Francine Moody and Elaine McCoy  
September 25 Pat Tritt and Doris Marks

If there are any questions, concerns, or comments, please bring them to Francine.

“At the Feet of Jesus” - a Bible Study for Women - meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from noon to 1:00. All are welcome. Come when you can!

Upcoming Events: Deadline for Disaster Relief Theme Basket - September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Disaster Relief Auction - Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Church Picnic - September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Eder's Fall Festival, October 15<sup>th</sup>

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **TODAY**

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

### **MONDAY, September 5, 2022**

Labor Day - Office Closed

### **TUESDAY, September 6, 2022**

1:30 Music & Worship

### **WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022**

12:00 pm Bible Study

### **THURSDAY, September 8, 2022**

10:00 am Witness  
2:00 pm Nurture  
6:30 pm SOPA

### **SUNDAY, September 11, 2022**

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