

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

Prelude and thought: "Then God establishes his Covenant with Noah, and with his sons, "and with every living creature." Many recall the Covenant with Noah, but forget the Covenant with all other living Beings. However, God does not forget it. He repeats the terms "all flesh" and "every living creature" a number of times, to make sure we get the point. Margaret Atwood.

+Call to Worship:

One: We come together to read the old stories.

MANY: WE ARE LOOKING FOR GOD'S WORD TO ALL PEOPLE, LONG AGO AND TODAY.

One: Some of the stories we remember from Sunday School.

MANY: THE LORD SAID TO NOAH, THERE'S GONNA BE A FLOODY FLOODY!

One: Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

MANY: GET THOSE CHILDREN OUT OF THE MUDDY MUDDY!

One: Children of the Lord, let us worship God together. *

+Hymnal This is My Father's World No. 154

Confession:

Holy One, you made the Earth and all that is in it. We give thanks for the sky and the seas, the mountains and the valleys, the trees and the flowers, the birds that fly and the fish that swim and all the animals that walk or crawl or creep on the land. You called on human beings to care for Creation, to serve you and praise you by loving all you have made.

We don't always do it well.

We remember the story of Noah, and a time when people forgot to take care of the Earth and each other. We ask forgiveness for the ways we fail to love your world with our whole hearts. Help us to do better, one step at a time, just the way Noah built the ark one cubit at a time.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord said to Noah, "But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." God made a covenant with Noah, and God keeps a covenant with us. No one will ever be left behind again. Come into the ark of forgiveness, beloved Children of God!*

Prayer

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

"Generous to a fault, you lavish your favor on all creatures." (MSG)

Not only do we as humans experience God's generosity, but all living things, plants and animals, experience it." Clarence Remple

Offertory: District and Brotherhood Special Offering

+Hymnal: O Master Let Me Walk with Thee No. 357

+Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-22; Genesis 9:8-17

Choir: Who Built the Ark?

Message: Broken promises, Promises Pastor Marla

+Songbook: God will take care of you. No. 19

Community Sharing:

Announcements,
Joys and Concerns
Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Blessing in Song: God put a Rainbow in the Cloud
Blessings: Go with God. Stand firmly in God's love and care.

*<https://marthaspong.com/2014/08/26/all-age-liturgy-noahs-ark>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement, cards, calls and most important your prayers and support during the recent passing of our dear Mother, Verna. Peace and God Bless, The Family of Verna George.

The date for the September Birthdays Breakfast will be moved to September 19th rather than the 26th. Gloria will be out of town during the last Wednesday of the month. The breakfast will still be held at the Fairground Diner at 9am.

Reminder: All reports for the congregational business meeting on October 14 should be handed in to the church office no later than Friday, September 21.

Today - 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, The annual corporation meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held on September 14, 2018 at 11:10 am at the Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA 17241

September 16 - Church Picnic - Reminder - Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and what you plan on bringing. The church will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, lemonade, coffee and tableware.

October 4 - is The Brethren Housing's Fall Fundraising Banquet at Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg in York **corrected location from last week's bulletin** . Tickets need to be purchased by September 22nd. Please see a flier on the bulletin board for all the details.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

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

MONDAY, September 10

Church carpet cleaning
7:00 pm Emergency Planning Commission

WEDNESDAY, September 12

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 13

9:30 am CCNS Orientation 3 day

FRIDAY, September 14

9:30 am CCNS Orientation 5 day
District Conference, Newville

SATURDAY, September 15

3:00-4:00 pm Witness Commission, Multicultural Event
District Conference, Newville

SUNDAY, September 16

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
Call of Abraham, promise of land,
descendants, blessing to the nations.

Church Picnic