
The Light On The Hill



Monthly Newsletter of the First Church of the Brethren, Carlisle, PA

December 2020

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

The Advent Series is entitled "The Thrill Of Hope". Join us as we explore some of the many ways God unfolded His Story to the world of the gift of His Son. We will look at several unique perspectives on the development of that story. From the book of Ruth we see God grafting a foreign woman into the story of redemption. In Zachary we see God using an old couple to present His Good News to the world. Luke gives us the account of Jesus' actual birth and all of us can share the unique ways in which God has touched our lives through the birth of the savior. Join us for The Thrill of Hope: Past, Present and Yet To Come.

November 29 - The Story of Ruth - (Ruth)

Do you remember as a child enduring those days before Christmas? That same dynamic is what made the first Christmas so extraordinary. For generations, men and women had been waiting anxiously for the birth of their Messiah, with no assurance that they would live to see him. They probably wondered, Is this really going to happen? After all, God has been silent for years.

December 6 - The Story of Zachary (Luke 1:5-27)

Do you remember as a child what it was like enduring those days before Christmas? It was the anticipation that made Christmas, Christmas. There's always been a sense of anticipation around Christmas. The first Christmas was no different. Maybe that anticipation is needed. Maybe it's what happens in that waiting that's the most important.

December 13 - Your Story (Galatians 4:4-7)

Are you aware of how much God loves you? Do you know what your real worth is in his eyes? What is your story? In this message, Doug will explain what God did to bring you into his family and make his story, your story.

December 20 - Luke's Story (Luke 2:1-20)

An angel appearing to a virgin? Angels talking to shepherds? How does a star hover over anything? Believing in Christmas is two-sided: emotional and rational. The emotional side of us longs to believe in what is unseen. But the rational side would certainly argue that the Christmas story is, in fact, a myth. What do you believe?

FACILITIES RE-OPENING PLAN
CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
COVID-19 PANDEMIC
July 2020
Amended October 2020

1. High risk individuals, whether staff, volunteers or program participants should continue to shelter in place.
2. Masks will be required to enter and be inside the facility. Masks will be made available to those persons who do not have one.
3. Social distancing is mandated. Persons attending will be required to maintain a social distancing buffer of six feet or more. Seating in the sanctuary will be limited to every other pew. Within the pews social distancing will be required except for family units.
4. Due to a higher risk of spreading virus particles, there will be no congregational singing during church services at this time.
5. All items will be removed from the pew book holders, including Bibles, hymnals, song books, choir books and stationary items (pens, paper, etc.)
6. No Sunday school or children's church activities will be held at this time. The church nursery will be available for use but will not be staffed by church personnel.
7. No bulletins will be printed or distributed. The order of worship and any other necessary information will be displayed on the sanctuary wall via PowerPoint.
8. Offering plates will not be passed at this time. There will be a designated area in the sanctuary where the offering plates will be located and monitored by the head usher.
9. Hand sanitizer will be made available in several locations throughout the church facility, including inside the front entrance doors. All attendees are encouraged to utilize the hand sanitizer upon entering the building. A greeter will be available to aid in the dispensing of the hand sanitizer to reduce handling of the hand sanitizer dispenser.
10. The front entrance door and sanctuary doors will be kept open before and after the church service to minimize touching of the doors. The front entrance door and windows in the sanctuary will remain open when deemed appropriate to maximize air circulation.
11. The hand-held microphone will not be passed among the congregation for the sharing of announcements or joys and concerns.
12. There will be no choir or praise team practices or performances at this time. The directors of these groups will consult with Church Board before resuming activities.
13. There will be an orderly dismissal process at the conclusion of church services. Ushers will dismiss attendees by row, starting in the rear of the sanctuary. Congregants are urged not to remain in the narthex, but rather exit the building for any socializing.

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AMENDMENTS

09/15/2020 – Guideline #4 amended by church board to allow congregational singing while wearing masks. Congregants are encouraged to sing softly to limit any possible spread of COVID-19 particles.

09/15/2020 – Guideline #6 amended by church board to allow Sunday school classes to meet. Children's classes will be conducted under the regulations established by the Carlisle Community Nursery School. Persons attending adult classes must wear masks and conform to social distancing requirements.

10/20/2020 – Guideline #7 amended to allow the use of printed bulletins. Bulletins will not be distributed by the ushers, but will rather be placed in a basket in the narthex for each congregant to pick up.

WITNESS COMMISSION UPDATES

We are working on scheduling dates for next year's Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army. We thank Pam Lebo for her using her skills to prepare the best meals, and chair of this commission, I am so THANKFUL for her expertise and her willingness to serve in this ministry!

We have completed this year's Children's Christmas Child Shoebox Project. Jeanne Bobenage and Gloria Ramirez want to thank everyone for their participation. I especially wish to thank the children for helping to prepare 10 boxes and our youth for packing 10 boxes. We are proud to have our children helping other children. Thanks to the volunteers who donated a \$9.00 processing fee for the boxes. Children helping children....what a great ministry!

The Martin Luther King, Jr. January service that we have supported in the past will not take place this year. However, there will be a virtual Booklet [in which we have often placed an advertisement] where you can view our ad.

The Cookie Pack for the Cumberland County Prison will not happen this year as the prison will not allow anything in unless from an authorized vendor. CARC is paying Giant for buckets of cookies and to repack into containers of 12 per container. The money to pay for this is coming from unused grant funds.

We are hoping to help support the CARES Community by sharing items on the list which Linda Wilson has provided. Hope you picked up a list!

Another opportunity to care for others is to share a "Thinking of You" card with a resident of Claremont Nursing & Rehab. Simply find a card, [some are available in a box on the porch of the church if you don't have any] and place it in the brown envelope near the box after you sign. We want to let those who truly have been locked down know that someone is thinking and praying for them.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We are GRATEFUL we were able to share \$290 to support the Church of the Brethren in Elgin for its various ministries.

“Thinking of You” cards are being collected to share with residents of Claremont Nursing & Rehab for the holiday. Cards will be available in a box on the porch. Signed cards can be put in the brown envelope till mid -December. If you send a card from home, please write on the envelope "Attention - Chaplain". Questions? See Linda Wilson or Gloria Ramirez.

NEEDS LIST FOR COMMUNITY CARES:
There are flyers with the needs list for Community Cares on the table in the narthex. It is to your right as you leave the sanctuary, on the table next to the candy.



On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns this past month to:

Joys to:

Friends of the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

Prayer List:

Persons from the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

Our Record of Faithfulness

November 22, 2020

<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving	Special Giving

Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder.

Romans 12:12

Serving You In December . . .

*Worship
Greeters*

Hospitality
Pat Tritt

Ushers
Justin Shaulis, Landon
Billman, Shyrl Carothers,
Charlie Carothers

Head Ushers
December 6 - Dave Wert
December 13 - Dale Miller
December 20 - Dave Marks
December 27 - Ike Tritt

Worship Leaders
December 6 - Dave Wampler
December 13 - Gloria Ramirez
December 20 - Linda Wilson
December 27 - Linda Young

Nursery I

December 6 - Lisa Billman
December 13 - Linda Wilson
December 20 - Maria Shaulis
December 27 - Pat Tritt

Nursery II

December 6 - Pam Lebo
December 13 - Desiree White
December 20 - Pam Lebo
December 27 -

JUNIOR CHURCH

December 6 - Francine Moody
December 13 - Gloria Ramirez
December 20 - Francine Moody
December 27 - Doris Marks

Sound Room

December 6 -
December 13 - Ike Tritt
December 20 - Michael Strickler
December 27 - Mike Ditmer

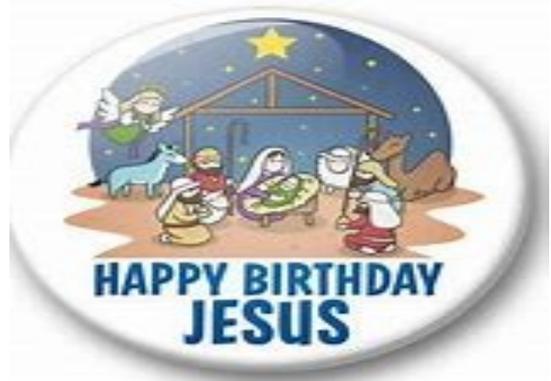
Caramelized Pork Tenderloin

- 1 pork tenderloin (1 pound)
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 4 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 tablespoon Montreal steak seasoning
 - 2 tablespoons butter
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- Cut pork into 4 pieces and pound with a meat mallet to 1/4-in. thickness. In a shallow bowl, mix brown sugar, garlic and steak seasoning. Dip pork in brown sugar mixture, patting to help coating adhere.
 - In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add pork; cook 2-3 minutes on each side or until tender.

Farmhouse Apple Coleslaw

- 4 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 large apple, chopped
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a serving bowl, combine the cabbage, apple, raisins, celery and onion. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

December 2020

Activities are subject to Cancellations
due to Covid-19 precautions

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am PA District Pastors' Mtg 1:30 pm Music/ Worship	2	3	4	5 2:00– 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Party
6	7	8 7:00 pm Stewards Com	9	10 6:30 pm SOPA Dist. Mtg	11 5-9pm Camp Eder Xmas	12 5-9pm Camp Eder Xmas
13	14	15	16	17 6:30 pm SOPA Dist. Mtg	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
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