
The Light On The Hill



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

February 2020

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Heart Sentry

Proverbs 4:20-27 ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. ²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Foods that I love: crab cakes and carrot cake, buttered popcorn and buttered corn-on-the-cob, peach pie and shepherd's pie. I know, I know. Not all of those foods are good for me to eat, but I just love *to eat!*

Can I really "love" food *and* "love" my wife, Donna? Well, maybe. But they are completely different kinds of "love". After all, I took a vow to love Donna "in sickness and in health". And, although I *really* enjoy eating, I really don't "love" food. But both *do* seem to originate in my heart. Hm-m-m-m.

In the Scripture above, Solomon gives us advice for our heart and several other parts of our bodies: our mouth (keep "free of perversity", meaning don't be unreasonable or argumentative), our lips ("keep corrupt talk far from" them), our eyes ("look straight ahead", meaning don't be distracted), and our feet ("keep your foot from evil"). But in verse twenty-three, he starts by advising, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." I think he may be saying that if you guard your heart, the rest of your body parts will follow suit.

BUT WAIT!?! I thought *the Lord* guarded our heart when we become saved. I thought when I turned my heart over to the Lord, *He* governed and protected my heart automatically.

Hm-m-m-m. I'd like to believe that, but that's not what God's Word says in Proverbs 4:23. Guarding my heart (my mind) is up to me, and that's a command. Whoa, Nelly! I have some rethinking to do. It's up to *me* to guard what I'm allowing *into* my heart. The Holy Spirit *does* nudge me when I'm negligent: when I allow unwholesome emotions to control my heart, or when I should have turned off a movie I was watching, or when I want to gossip about someone's faults. *I* need to take the initiative to protect my heart in each of these circumstances. Allowing unhealthy influences in my life will contaminate my heart, just as unhealthy food will contaminate my *physical* heart.

Prayer: *Lord, forgive me for disappointing You when it comes to guarding my heart. I need your help. I need You to give me the will power to listen to your Holy Spirit when He reminds me of the danger that is lurking. I want my heart to reflect what is in Your heart. I can't make this change without Your help. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. Amen.*

Pastor Jerry

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission is spreading the remaining Christmas mugs with our church neighbors or as a Valentine to share. This is a reminder that you still have time to share your mug and a simple gift or card with someone who might need a pick me up or a blessing.

Our Christmas Kettle Ringing brought in \$149.66 for the December 23rd date that we helped Salvation Army. Thanks to Glenna Trimmer, Lisa Billman, Dale Miller, Gloria Ramirez, and Jesse and Shane Donnelly. We received a thank you from Salvation Army.

For a servant evangelism activity, in February, our commission will be sharing a thank you lunch treat for the State Policeman based in Carlisle. If you would like to help with this treat of appreciation for their services on February 13th, please let Gloria Ramirez know ASAP. It will be delivered just after the meal is prepared. If anyone would like to share a thank you note or card, please share it with Gloria.

The Meat Canning Day is approaching on April 16th. We have once again been asked if our church could prepare a meal for the workers. We have not helped with a meal for a couple years. If you would be interested in helping to plan and prepare a meal, please let Gloria know ASAP so that we can respond to the district's request. If you have any ideas for a simple meal, you may also share that with Gloria.

SOUPER BOWL is approaching on February 2nd. We hope you have responded to the food needs of the community with lots of soup cans. Thank you for your help!

The witness commission is sponsoring a benefit concert for Carlisle Cares (homeless) put on by the Unity Singers of Carlisle on Sunday, March 22 @ 4pm in the church sanctuary. Snow date is March 29. Free will donation, light refreshments to follow in the multi-purpose room.

Linda asked Oliver Hazan, one of the group's leaders, to write a description of the group which is found below:

The Unity Singers of Carlisle is an all volunteer community-based gospel choir based in Carlisle, Pa. and founded in February 2011 by director Russel Ward. The unity singers of Carlisle perform gospel music, old and new, that follows the tradition originally pioneered by American worshipers of African descent.

The choir performs regularly at community events, in area churches, and especially enjoys appearing in local health care centers. They rehearse at New Life Community Church in Carlisle, where Russel Ward is a member, every other Monday evening. Choir members are a diverse group from a variety of area churches, who all share a passion for keeping alive an imperiled worship-music tradition.

The farthest they have ever traveled to sing together was at the Brethren Home in New Oxford, and they feel honored to appear for the first time at the Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Oliver Hazan

Join two anti-racism groups MOVING CIRCLES and NOT IN OUR TOWN in an exploration and community conversation with the (CRN) Community Responders Network from Harrisburg. They will tell their story and share what has worked and what hasn't and explore how Carlisle might create a response network. MOVING CIRCLES was created in 2018 in response to Martin Luther King Day and his vision of "the Beloved Community". NOT IN OUR TOWN is an offshoot of MOVING CIRCLES in response to a hate incident that occurred last February when Ku Klux Klan literature was distributed in various neighborhoods. Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Cumberland County Historical Society. 21 North Pitt St. Carlisle Pa. submitted by Linda Wilson

NURTURE COMMISSION

February 9 - Lighten-Up Lunch: bring a healthy dish and the Nurture Commission will provide drink and tableware.

Should anyone need help in their heating bills this winter, please sign up for LIHEAP through the Cumberland County Assistance office (800) 269-0173 or <http://www.dhs.pa.gov>. If that help is not sufficient, United Way of Carlisle is available for further assistance. See Pastor Jerry for more information or call (717) 486-4121 (55 years or older) or (717) 243-4805 (under 55).

It is time to set up our Secret Sisters program for 2020. Last year we had 7 volunteers and we hope to have at least 8 to 10 for this coming year. Please use the sign-up sheet in order to see how many we can have be a part of this fun program of supporting the women of the church.

Thanks! Questions? See Gloria Ramirez.

If anyone wants to add their name to the phone chain or the online chain, please let Gloria Ramirez know as soon as possible. If anyone wants their name removed from either chain, please let Gloria know as soon as possible

NURTURE COMMISSION

Winter Bake Sale, to sponsor fund for 2022 youth conference on March 8 right after church. Items we will sell are soups, baked goods, barbeque, brownies and cupcakes. Doris will be calling you to help.

There is now a container for loose change for you conference by the bulletins. Thank you.

If you need help in spring cleaning, call Doris Marks or Michelle Stump or one of our youths. Donations will go to youth conference in April and May.

Birthday Biddies Breakfast Schedule For 2020

January 29	Walnut Bottom Diner
February 26	Fairground Diner
March 25	Carlisle Diner
April 29	Fay's Country Kitchen
May 27	Fairground Diner
June 24	Middlesex Diner
July 29	Walnut Bottom Diner
August 19	Cracker Barrel
September 30	Fairground Diner
October 28	Middlesex Diner
November 18	Carlisle Diner
December 30	Cracker Barrel

In the event of inclement weather during the winter months, any cancellation or alteration of our regular Sunday morning schedule will be announced via local television stations CBS-21 and ABC-27. Our church name will be listed as "Carlisle Church of the Brethren".

Get warmed up for church! On February 2nd, you are invited to wear a sweatshirt or sweater to church. It is Super Bowl Sunday, so any team apparel is acceptable, as well as any sweat-shirts or sweaters. Jeans are okay too as we can consider this to be a "dress down" day. Let's see how many different colors we can display!

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center is holding a Shoe Drive from now until March 15th. New or gently worn shoes may be placed in the box in the narthex. The Center receives a stipend from the Funds2Orgs organization for the amount of shoes collected. The shoes are then sent to third world countries and distributed to families who can sell them to provide income for their families. Any questions may be directed to Pat Tritt. Thank you for your help!

Project SHARE wishes to thank Carlisle First Church of the Brethren for the donations of cans of tuna, wipes and baby items over the last several months. “Your contribution and that of others like you, help us remain on the front line in the fight against hunger—not only providing nourishment for the body—but also for the mind and the spirit. Your confidence in us, arms us with strength to continue serving these families in a manner that awakens their hope with a sense of security, dignity and respect on their journey to freedom from want.”

***CARLISLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SERMON DETAILS***

February 2, 2020

Sermon Title: “Hearing Deficits”

Scripture: Matthew 13: 18-23

You may have noticed I wear two hearing aids. Hearing deficits can be corrected, but the first step is learning to listen. Jesus describes four conditions of hearing in the parable of the sower and identifies the cause of each. Let’s do some self-diagnosing to determine if one describes us.

February 9, 2020

Sermon Title: “Finding the Lost”

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

“Honey, have you seen my car keys anywhere?” Embarrassing to admit, it’s a common question heard by my dear wife. Jesus shares a parable in chapter 15 of Luke that identifies three different items that were lost. But interestingly, the happy result for all three represent God’s intervention and grace.

February 16, 2020

**Guest Minister - Gale DuPont, President of
Carlisle Area Religious Council**

Sermon Title: “God is Always Just”

Scripture: Luke 18: 1-8

February 23, 2020

Sermon Title: “Choosing Mercy”

Scripture: Matthew 18:23-35

I have a weakness; and I hate to admit it. Every time I try to hide it, Jesus reminds me of my sinful tendency. The verses of this parable and corresponding teachings by our Lord in the New Testament drive me to my knees . . . again . . . and again.

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:

Serving You In February . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Ushers

Head Ushers

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Sound Room

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Worship Leaders

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Children's Time

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Nursery I

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Nursery II

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Children's Story

February 2 -
February 9 -
February 16 -
February 23 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

Y-T-D
General Fund

2019
General Fund

Y-T-D
Building Fund

2019
Building Fund

Y-T-D
Special Giving

January 19, 2020

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see, the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.
Augustine 354 - 430

VEAL or PORK PICATA / FRANCAISE

2 tablespoons **olive oil**
2 tablespoons **butter**
8 **veal scallopini**
Add **flour** (mixed with)
add **salt & pepper** (for dredging)
2 **eggs** (and)
2 tablespoons **water** (whisked)
1 cup **chicken broth**
1 **lemon** (juiced)
1 **lemon** (sliced for garnish)
add **fresh parsley** (to garnish)
2 tablespoons **butter**

- preheat oven to 200.
- mix flour with salt and pepper to taste.
*(see below for Francaise instructions)
- dredge veal in flour***.
- in a large skillet heat oil and butter, add 4 scallopine to skillet, cook 2 mins, flip and cook 2 minutes more.
- remove to ovenproof plate and place in pre-heated oven to keep warm.
- repeat with 4 scallopine.
- meanwhile add broth to pan, reduce by half.
- squeeze the juice of 1 lemon into broth, reduce until thickened, about 5 mins add butter a bit at a time and whisk into sauce to thicken.
- add veal back into pan, toss to coat.

*For francaise beat 2 eggs, set aside. Dip the floured scallops into the eggs, and place in the pan, following the instructions.

hello
february

Happy
Birthday

Happy
Anniversary

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A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
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February 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Super Bowl Sunday Dress Down	3	4 7:00 pm Music/Worship	5 9:30 am Nurture Com. 6:00pm Praise Band 7pm Choir	6	7	8 11am Set up for Lighten-Up lunch
9 Lighten-Up Lunch	10	11 Pastor Jerry out until Feb. 17th 7pm Stewards Commission	12 12:30 Witness 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir	13 6:30 pm SOPA	14	15
16	17	18 7:00 pm Church Board	19 6:00pm Praise Band 7pm Choir	20	21	22 Man2Man Workshop
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday 9am B'day Breakfast @ Fairground Diner 6:00pm Praise Band 7pm Choir	27 6:30 pm SOPA	28	29
