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# The Light On The Hill



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

July 2020

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

### Ready for Worship

*Hip-Hip-Hooray! Re-opening worship services are scheduled for Sunday, July 12 at 10:15. To safeguard the health of everyone who attends, Church Board has approved the guidelines printed below. These guidelines will be in "flux" and may be revised as Church Board sees the need to do so. We trust that you will familiarize yourself with the guidelines and honor them with your support for the sake of everyone's health. For those who choose to remain "sheltered in place", worship services will continue to be available on our church's web site.*

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. Congregants may place their tithes and offerings in the plates at any time before or after the church service, being careful to obey the social distancing guidelines. Mailing your contributions to Robyn Wampler will remain an option.
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.

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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.
14. If church leadership becomes aware of a person or persons who have been in the church building and who are infected with COVID-19, the congregation will be informed without providing name(s). Congregational leadership, including the Pastor and executive committee chairperson will cooperate fully with contact tracers.

*Pastor Jerry*

Brother and sisters in Christ,

The church Executive Board and the Church Board have been planning for the re-opening of our church for corporate worship. After considerable research and prayerful study the Executive Board developed a set of recommendations to be adopted so that we can re-open the church in a manner that would provide maximum safety for those who use our building for worship or any other activities. This list was presented to the Church Board at our meeting on June 16. The board approved the recommendations, thus making them the church's guidelines necessary to be followed for the church building to re-open. A copy of these guidelines has been provided with this letter so that everyone can become familiar with them prior to our first service together. These guidelines are now the official policy of the church in the re-opening process and we sincerely ask that everyone in attendance would adhere to them in the interest of the safety of everyone within our community of faith. The guidelines will be reviewed on a regular basis and amended as conditions change.

Upon approval of the re-opening guidelines the Church Board then set a tentative target

date of Sunday July 12 as the date of our first church service in the building. As always, we welcome all members and friends of the congregation to be in attendance for this service as we celebrate the ability to once again worship together in our sanctuary. In addition, with the re-opening of the building we are now able to once again move forward in our search for new pastoral leadership for the congregation. As such we have invited our Southern Pennsylvania district executive, Rev. Dr. William Waugh, to be in attendance on July 12 to make a presentation concerning our search for a new pastor. After hearing this presentation we will convene a short congregational business meeting to act solely upon the information presented to us by Rev. Waugh. As per our church by-laws, we are utilizing this letter to provide the required two week written notice of the congregational business meeting, and hope that due to the importance of this process that we have as many church members as possible in attendance to participate in this decision-making process.

We look forward to seeing you at our church service on July 12 as we not only re-open our facility but also deal with a very important matter of church business. For those who are unable to attend in person, we will continue to provide access to the sermon by audio or audio/video via our church website. We ask for your continued prayers for those in church leadership positions as we continue to work at providing a vibrant worship experience during this time of uncertainty and challenge.

In Christ's Love,

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Church Board chairperson

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

The Witness Commission had previously decided on a donation to one of Franklin Graham's Ministry for Disaster Relief in Nashville and other areas having disasters. We had planned to donate \$100 from the Witness Budget and \$200 from the Women's Fellowship Fund (with their approval). Women were going to vote on that back in March. An informational sheet was to have been shared with the women of the church the following week. Unfortunately, the church was closed due to the virus the next week. To speed this project along, we are asking all women of the church to let Gloria Ramirez know ASAP by phone or e-mail if you object to using \$200 for disaster relief aid to his ministries for disasters by mid July. Thanks for your cooperation. In past years, the Women's Fellowship has shared funding with a variety of agencies locally and abroad. We hope to continue to do so.

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The community thanksgiving service sponsored by CARC will be a virtual service this year. It will be on Thanksgiving Eve organized by Gale DuPont, chairperson of CARC. More information closer to the time.

### **PROJECT SHARE**

Due to Covid-19 more people in our community need food assistance. There are those who on occasion are unable to pick up their food and have no one to pick it up for them. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with this. Responsibilities would be:

- (1) a two hour commitment on Project Share Distribution Days.
- (2) receive calls and dispatch drivers for food delivery or deliver food from the distribution center to clients.

**MUST HAVE A CELL PHONE AND A VEHICLE.** For more information contact Sherwood McGinnis at [SHERWOOD-MCG@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SHERWOOD-MCG@HOTMAIL.COM) or 740-877-3921.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

A men's Bible Study has begun on Wednesday evenings from 6 -7 PM. Any male who has access to a computer or smartphone is welcome to join. Just send a text or email to Pastor Jerry or Dave Wampler indicating your interest and we'll send you the link to the meetings. You don't have to be a member of the church. All you need is a Bible and a curious interest in God's Word.

***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:***

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

**July 5, 2020**

**Sermon Title:** "Temporary Inconvenience; Permanent Improvement"  
**Scripture:** Psalm 30: 1-5

**July 19, 2020**

**Sermon Title:** "Endless Hope"  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1-6

**July 12, 2020 Re-Opening Worship Service**

**Sermon Title:** "Ready!"  
**Scripture:** Joshua 3:14-17

**July 26, 2020**

**Sermon Title and Scripture to be determined**

***Our Record of Faithfulness***

*June 21, 2020*

Y-T-D  
General Fund

2019  
General Fund

Y-T-D  
Building Fund

2019  
Building Fund

Y-T-D  
Special Giving

2019  
Special Giv.

PATIO PIINTOS

- 1/2 pound bacon strips, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 6 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, rinsed & drained
- 4 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. In a Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard drippings, reserving 2 tablespoons in pan.

Add onion to drippings; cook and stir over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in beans, tomato sauce, green chilies, brown sugar and seasonings. Sprinkle top with bacon. Bake, covered, 60 - 70 minutes or until heated through. Freeze option: Freeze cooled bean mixture in freezer containers. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat through in a saucepan, stirring occasionally and adding a little water if necessary.



*Happy  
Birthday*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

# July 2020

Activities are subject to Cancellations due to Covid-19 Precautions

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			<b>1 6:00 pm</b> Men's Zoom Bible Study	<b>2 7:00 pm</b> Music and Worship (Zoom)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 6:00 pm</b> Men's Zoom Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 10:15am</b> <b>Re-opening of worship ser- vices!</b>  Global Food Initi- ative Offering	<b>13</b>	<b>14 7:00 pm</b> Stew- ards Mtg	<b>15 6:00 pm</b> Men's Zoom Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 10:15am</b> Worship Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21 7:00 pm</b> Church Board	<b>22 6:00 pm</b> Men's Zoom Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 10:15am</b> Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 9:00 am</b> Birthday Breakfast @ Walnut Bot- tom Diner  <b>6:00 pm</b> Men's Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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## *The Light On The Hill*

Address Service Requested



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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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