

# The Light On The Hill



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

June 2018

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

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Every evening, before the humidity hit, so the windows were open, I could hear birds singing from both sides of the house. What a joyful way to end the day! We hear them singing now, as we sit on our front porch and take some quiet time.

I found this poem by Sara Teasdale: Called "Dusk in June":

Evening, and all the birds  
In a chorus of shimmering sound  
Are easing their hearts of joy  
For miles around.

The air is blue and sweet,  
The few first stars are white,--  
Oh let me like the birds  
Sing before night.

Maybe that is the role of the evening time, looking at glorious sunsets or cloud formations, rustling trees, and brightly colored flowers? It is a time to stop and give thanks to God for all the good things that happened that day. It is also a time to thank God for helping you through the tough times that you may have had that day.

The Psalmist tells us in Psalm 141:

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me!  
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

God is trustworthy, God's love is trustworthy, and we can trust in God's care for the next day, weeks and month. I think of the verse from the Sermon on the Mount, as I watch the birds, from Matthew 6:26.

"Look at the birds in the sky:

They do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them.  
Aren't you more valuable than they are?"

Then we can lay ourselves down for a restful night, contemplating these words as we fall asleep:

"In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Enjoy your June!  
Pastor Marla

# News Of The Congregation

## CAMP EDER

June 11 & 12—70th Annual Women's Camp Retreat, Fairfield, PA

## NURTURE COMMITTEE

June 3—Strawberry Social 4:00 in the church pavilion. Strawberries, drinks, provided; cakes and homemade ice cream ; I will be calling folks to help.

June 15-16 Church yard sale. My committee will be supplying soups, hotdogs, barbecue—help is needed in the kitchen Friday the 16th only.

July 22—Planning on going to Cracker Barrel after church (sign-up sheets will be posted to let Cracker Barrel know how many are coming).

Upcoming Event - September 16 will be the church picnic. at the pavilion; Hamburgers, hotdogs, potluck, etc. (sign up sheet will be posted in September).

## PET FUN DAY

June 9<sup>th</sup> - From 10:00 to 2:00 You are all invited to the first 'PET FUN DAY.' If you have a pet, bring it over (with a leash). We want to meet it. The Witness Commission has planned a community service event with pets. We have some vendors selling pet products, a K 9 Demonstration, Summit Rescue Dogs, a food fundraiser by the pre-school staff, a gift basket that will be part of a Silent Auction, Cindy Roth Photography, a veterinarian that will provide a low cost vaccine, pony rides, a Pet Parade, Speranza, and a Blessing of the Pets. We really need your support and your attendance. If you have any questions, please check with Gloria, Lisa Billman, Linda Wilson, or Dale Miller. A complete listing with times will be available next week.

## GYM / YARD SALE—JUNE 15 & 16

The GYM/YARD SALE IS COMING SOONER THAN LATER! Gloria has been checking the sign up sheet on the hall bulletin board and has not seen any names added to any particular task....Unless you want Gloria to start pulling out her hair worrying about whether she has any helpers or not.....check your schedules as to when and where you can help. Baked goods are needed for Friday, the 15th. Congregational members are permitted to shop on Thursday evening [for the early birds]. We are looking for items which are clean and that work, if plugged in. Old jewelry is needed, as well. Help is needed on Monday morning of that week to start organizing all the treasures that are coming in as of June 1st. Helpers on Monday through Thursday will receive a ticket for a free drink OR sandwich on Friday. Helpers ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY will receive a ticket for a free soup, sandwich and drink, on Friday, and a free drink and a snack on Saturday. Large items that can be placed outside in the pavilion, should place it at the end of the pavilion which is closest to the gym doorway. The veterinarian giving low cost vaccines will be using the other half of the pavilion. Those putting items in the gym starting on June 1st should place them under the basketball net and then to the right of the net....Cindy Roth will be using the area closest to the doorway for her photography area for the PET FUN DAY. Come and help each day of the week when you have time...there is always PLENTY to do!!!! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Gloria.

## *News Of The Congregation, Community & Letters We Get . . .*

### CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

**Thomas Pandolfi** is an exciting virtuoso who, with each passing season, is becoming more and more sought after by audiences worldwide. A graduate of The Juilliard School, Pandolfi regularly earns reviews that are peppered with superlatives for his passionate artistry and amazing technique in both the classical and the Pops repertoires. This free event is open to all.- Saturday, June 16, 2018, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Nicarry Meetinghouse

Cross Keys Village is the (non-retirement) home of a historical 1869 one-manual **George Jardine** (NY) tracker action organ, rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. This year is the 15th annual concert series on this invaluable instrument. Victor Fields, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in York is our guest performer in June. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! Sunday, June 24, 2018, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Nicarry Meetinghouse

### MEAT CANNING PROJECT

The meat canning project for 2018 has been completed with 53,120 pounds of chicken canned. The District Witness Commission and Meat Canning Committee wants to thank everyone - nearly 250 volunteers helped carry out this project. There was \$39,934.04 donated toward funding the 2018 project.

Four skids of canned chicken were sent to Honduras and Cuba. The Southern PA and Mid-Atlantic Districts each received over 390 cases to distribute to various agencies, food banks and congregations to help local people in need.

Please thank all those who helped make this year's meat canning a success by sending volunteers and for the congregation's total donation of \$200. Contributions toward the 2019 meat canning project would be appreciated and may be mailed to the District Office. In addition, if your congregation would like to volunteer to provide lunch during the 2019 meat canning event please let us know.

### BEING BRETHREN

This is a quick story on being Brethren. When our son Joel moved to Roanoke, I asked some Brethren in the area if they knew any realtors. They gave the name of a nice young man, married with kids close in age to my grandchild. But Joel didn't want Mom's choice, and only rented anyhow. So then talk resumed of buying a house. I said I knew a nice realtor. This weekend, I said, "You do know I have a realtor who is Brethren that you would like." My son said they could find their own and indeed had one now. I asked his name...it is the Brethren guy. What happened is that these two met on the street and got into a conversation and really liked each other. So Joel contacted him. I just smiled because usually Brethren feel very comfortable with other Brethren, so no wonder they made friends so fast! And the fact they even intersected on the street is God at work! Pastor Marla

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

Our church again this year will be hosting the Carlisle CARES emergency men's homeless shelter for the month of July. The Witness Commission is seeking host volunteers to open the church and welcome the Carlisle CARES staff, volunteers and residents each night. A July calendar will be posted so people can sign up. According to the guidelines, the host volunteers should be here from 8:15 to 9:45 pm. Responsibilities would be to open the doors at approximately 8:30 pm and welcome guests, show the overnight volunteers where the restrooms, etc. are located, and lock the front door at 9:45 pm. Hosts will also be asked to provide ice water in pitchers to the guests. CARES is allowing healthy snacks if the host that night wants to provide it.

A more detailed copy of the host volunteer guidelines will be available to all who sign up. Carlisle CARES is requesting that new persons interested in hosting should complete a Volunteer Disclosure Agreement. If you were a host last summer, you probably don't have to fill one out. Also, if there is interest in becoming trained to be an overnight volunteer or as a van driver for CARES, please contact Dale Miller.

### ***More recycling hints:***

We like our pets, so how do we recycle their food containers?

Both aluminum and steel (or "tin") cans are recyclable. Check the label to see which material is being used. Purina products made from aluminum say so directly on the can. If it's steel, that information is printed on the label. (Quick tip: If a magnet attaches to the can, it's steel. If not, it's aluminum.) In any event, both go into the metal recycling.

Our dog's food comes in plastic boxes. I thought they were recyclable, but then noticed they have no triangle with a number stamped on them. So they, like lids and caps, must go into the garbage.

What about those "paper" bags? Purina and other pet food manufacturers are increasingly turning to flexible plastic materials like polypropylene for pet-food bags. It is more durable than paper and lightweight. Unfortunately, most curbside recycling programs don't accept this material because recycle places can't sort it. Pet food that comes in a paper bag might not be recyclable either, if it's been reinforced with a plastic coating. One recycling center offers this hint - "If you can't tear it, it's probably not recyclable". Some manufacturers, like Purina do have a site where you can check what is recyclable or not.

Sadly, kitty litter is not recyclable, and the clay varieties are strip mined. There are some now that can be used for composting. You could look for those varieties. Our church secretary Judy, uses horse bedding from Tractor Supply and you can ask her about it. Before store-bought kitty litter, people used sawdust, sand or shredded papers. I research this information mainly on Recycle Nation. Pets are great!

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## ***On the Personal Side...***

### ***Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns***

**PERSONS FROM THE CONGREGATION** who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include: *Sara VanAsdlen, Virginia McCoy, Clair Tritt, Ruth Young, Mark Ditmer, Verna George*

**FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION** who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include: *230+ Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram, Dorcas Yakubu has been seen on the latest video release by Boko Haram.*

#### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS TO:**

**Dave & Doris Marks'** granddaughter, Selena, who left last week for basic training in the Marines. Her address is: RCT Marks, Selena, 4<sup>th</sup> BN Ocd PLT 4025, P.O. Box 16435, Paris Island, SC 29905-6255. Prayers are welcomed!

**Mark Ditmer** had ten days of chemo and radiation on a tiny area of cancer that needed eradicated.

**Pam Lebo** thanks everyone for the tremendous support of the church following the death of her father, Bob Royer.

**Gene Roth** has a new great niece and new great nephew, thanks to his brother Paul's son, Aaron...the two new additions are Ryan and Elaine.

**Nell Royer** - I would like to say a special thanks for all the many cards, words of condolences, prayers and love of a church family with Bob's passing. I am still in a state of shock to think that this even happened. Bob was slowly progressing in all his medical ailments where we were starting to see some hope. Then all of a sudden he took a turn for the worse with a massive stroke. He died peacefully with all of his family by his side and is now home with his beloved Lord. He will be missed very much, but we know he is with us spiritually and we will see him once again. May God bless you all. Nell

Congratulations goes to Conrad Wilson who graduated from Boiling Springs High School on Friday, June 1. Class of 2018!

# Serving You In June . . .

## **Worship Greeters**

## **Hospitality**

Linda Wilson

## **Ushers**

Patsy Myers  
Shyrl Carothers  
Eldon Myers  
Charlie Carothers

## **Head Ushers**

June 3 Jesse Donnelly  
June 10 Dale Miller  
June 17 Dave Marks  
June 24 Ike Tritt

## **Children's Time**

June 3 Gloria Ramirez  
June 10 Doris Marks  
June 17 Gloria Ramirez  
June 24 Francine Moody

## **Nursery**

June 3 Maria Shaulis  
June 10 Shyrl Carothers  
June 17 Pat Tritt  
June 24 Lisa Billman

## **Worship Leaders**

June 3  
June 10  
June 17 Dale Miller  
June 24

## **Sound Room**

June 3 Mike Ditmer  
June 10  
June 17 Dale Miller  
June 24 Dave Marks

## **Our Record of Faithfulness**

June 18

**Y-T-D**  
General Fund  
\$ 44,495.10

**2017**  
General Fund  
\$33,909.43

**Y-T-D.**  
Building Fund  
\$775.00

**2017**  
Building Fund  
\$915.00

**2018**  
Special Giving  
\$ \$6,785.40

**“Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”**  
**Deuteronomy 6.5 NIV**

**“I love the Lord! Because... he first loved me.”**

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**VEGETABLE PIZZA**

2 (8 ounce) cans Pillsbury Refrigerated Crescent Dinner Rolls

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 cup sour cream

1 (1 ounce) packet hidden valley ranch dressing mix

2 tablespoons Miracle Whip

Vegetables (any that you desire such as green peppers, tomatoes, carrots, celery, green onions, broccoli, and cauliflower)

1 (12 ounce) package cheddar cheese

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spread the crescent rolls out on cookie sheets to make large rectangles.

Cook for 10 minutes or until golden brown and then cool.

Mix the cream cheese, sour cream, dressing mix, and Miracle Whip together.

Spread on top of the cooled crescent rolls.

Chop your veggies (I like to use the food processor).

Spread your veggies on top of the mixture on the crescent rolls.

Sprinkle the Cheddar Cheese on the top. With sharp knife cut in half and enjoy.

*Happy  
Birthday*

- 01 Lyndsey Mulholland
- 02 Charlie Carothers
- 07 Joan Mulholland
- 15 Justin Shaulis
- 16 Linda Nenninger
- 18 Kurt Henry
- 20 Mark Ditmer
- 20 Lyle Miller
- 20 Lynn Miller
- 21 Lyle King
- 21 Eldon Myers
- 22 Debbie Meenan
- 23 Bernie Koontz
- 26 Clair Tritt

*Happy  
Anniversary*

- 4 Wendy & Mike Murray
- 6 Pam & Mike Lebo
- 6 Carole & Dick Miller
- 8 Marla & Jim Abe
- 17 Francine & Howard Moody
- 18 Joan & Graham Mulholland
- 21 Mary & Dale Miller
- 23 Wilma & Bernie Koontz

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is the language  
**WHICH**  
the Deaf can hear  
&  
the Blind can see.