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# The Light On The Hill



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

June 2020

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

### **The Difference Between Mother's Day and Father's Day**

I've learned from my wife who grew up in close proximity to the Chesapeake Bay that there was a significant difference between Mother's Day and Father's Day in her part of the country:

*"On Mother's Day, churches are full, and the Bay is vacant. But on Father's Day, churches are emptier, and the Bay is full of boats"*

Have you noticed that the above quote is a bit critical of men? Forgive me for momentarily joining the masses of people who demean them. But when was the last time you saw a respectable father-figure in a movie or TV show? It's a rarity, for sure!

Because of all the hubbub around the virus, Father's Day on June 21, 2020 will probably be celebrated uniquely. I would encourage Christian fathers to look at fatherly qualities that Jesus portrayed as he emulated our heavenly Father:

- Jesus loved children. He criticized His disciples when they tried to shoo them away. I don't doubt that He played with them whenever He had the opportunity.
- Growing up beside his carpenter father, Jesus probably played with scrap wood from Joseph's projects. I wouldn't be surprised if He made some wooden toys to give to children.
- A carpenter in Israel was a craftsman of every kind of material. I can picture Jesus helping homeowners repair a leaky roof, a broken chair, a stone foundation, or a rotting door.
- Jesus retreated to the mountain frequently just to have prayer and intimate time with His heavenly Father. Our God would love alone-time with us too.
- Scripture documents that Jesus' Father is a singer. No question in my mind that Jesus was, too. It's okay to be a man and sing, even if only in the shower.
- Scripture records Jesus crying (Luke 19:41, John 11:35, Hebrews 5:7). When we cry, we are in good company.
- Jesus loved food. He especially enjoyed providing food for others. Dads, when was the last time you grew or prepared food for someone other than yourself?

Fathers, I would encourage you to prove to your world that you aren't a typical stereotyped-by-media man or father. Choose two or more of the manly qualities above and honor the life Jesus lived by putting them into practice in your life. I'll do the same, and then swap notes with you.

Pastor Jerry

## *News Of The Congregation*

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The Witness Commission has no plans at this time other than reaching out to various people in our congregation through phone calls and notes. We want everyone to know we are praying for everyone in the congregation.....for good health and knowing your needs. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. The Prayer Chain continues to send out a variety of names needing prayer. If you have not used this prayer chain, please feel free to call Gloria Ramirez so we can pray or help you in some way. We pray this pandemic is SOON OVER. We wonder how it will change our lives in various ways, as well. We remember that God is still in charge!

### WITNESS COMMISSION REPORT

The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen previously scheduled for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> was successfully completed. 100 packed meals were prepared from 2:00 to 3:30pm. Pam Lebo had gathered all the items to be placed into bags for bag lunches - 60 ham and cheese sandwiches and 40 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The sandwiches, chips, cookies, applesauce, spoons, and napkins were then placed in larger bags and boxed to be delivered to Salvation Army at approximately 3:45. Drinks were supplied for the peanut butter and jelly sandwich meals. Helpers included Pam and Dave Wert, Doris Marks, and Gloria Ramirez. Everyone wore masks and gloves and completed the tasks with good order. We had three different work stations which gave us distancing as we worked. Hats off to Pam Lebo!!! Gloria delivered the meals and Dave and Pam helped unload the boxes when delivered to the Salvation Army Building.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Annual Gym Sale will or will not be held in August. A date will be given after other groups' schedules have been decided and depending on permission from the board. Various parts of the sale will need to be modified. Put your brains to work and offer some suggestions about what changes we need to make to help it be more successful and safe, such as maybe moving more things outdoors in the pavilion. You all have an assignment to prepare for August. Gloria is anxious to hear them all. Thanks! You have plenty of time to continue cleaning out closets, basements, attics, etc.

The Quilting Ladies are still working at quilt projects. Hopefully, one day you will see them all. Pat Tritt and Pam Wert are helping with some cross-stitch blocks that can be put into a quilt, for which we are thankful.

### LETTER FROM CAMP EDER:

CAMP EDER (along with Camp Swatara) is so sorry to tell you, due to COVID 19, we must cancel our traditional summer camp for 2020. There will however, be other opportunities for you to enjoy our wonderful outdoor experiences. Please look for these as they come available. Thank you for your amazing support, both financially and with prayers. We ask that they will continue. We pray that you and your family are well and tolerating the quarantine. THE CAMP EDER

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 GRADUATES!**

Marley Billman is a 2020 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a minor in rehabilitation and human services. She has accepted a position as an upper-level psychiatric technician at Merakey in Carlisle and hopes to continue as a research assistant at Briarcrest Eating Disorder Clinic at Hershey Medical Center once the COVID -19 situation improves. She will be applying to graduate programs in the fall. Marley is the daughter of Randy & Lisa Billman of Carlisle.

Kirsten Shaulis is a 2020 graduate of Boiling Springs High School. She will be attending Harrisburg University of Science and Technology with a major in Interactive Media. Kirsten is the daughter of Justin & Maria Shaulis of Carlisle.

Landon Billman is a 2020 graduate of Boiling Springs High School. He plans to attend Millersville University in the fall to study Business and play football as an offensive lineman. He is owner of Landscapes by Landon and is busy working in landscaping until then. Landon is the son of Randy & Lisa Billman of Carlisle.

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### **Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will not be held this summer.**

The Standing Committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference met by video conference call for a specially called meeting on Thursday, May 7. The Standing Committee, which is made up of district delegates to Annual Conference, discussed a recommendation from the denomination's Leadership Team, in consultation with the Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, to cancel the Annual Conference scheduled for July 1-5 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

As previous news releases regarding Annual Conference have indicated, the safety and health of Conference participants have been the highest priority. It became apparent within the past few weeks that because of the unsettling character and demands of the COVID-19 crisis, the denomination could not safely have a large gathering in July. This special meeting of Standing Committee was called because, by Church of the Brethren polity, Standing Committee is given the authority to make decisions for the Annual Conference between Conferences.

The decision included a deferring of the Annual Conference theme, program, and featured leadership to the 2021 Annual Conference scheduled to take place in Greensboro, N.C., on June 30-July 4. The business of the 2020 Annual Conference, such as affirming the Compelling Vision, is deferred to the 2021 Annual Conference.

The Nominating Committee of Standing Committee also brought a recommendation to the full Standing Committee that the ballot that would have been presented for election in 2020 will be presented to the 2021 Conference instead. The Nominating Committee will be contacting each

person on the ballot to ask if they are willing for their name to be considered in the 2021 vote. People holding positions elected by Annual Conference whose terms expire in 2020 will be asked if they are willing to extend their terms one additional year until the election in 2021 can determine who will replace them.

The Annual Conference Office is preparing to offer full refunds of registration and all other fees paid by those who already had registered for Annual Conference this year. Refund information, and an option to donate, will be sent by email.

We are blessed that our host facilities in Grand Rapids have agreed to waive over a half million dollars in cancellation penalties if Annual Conference will return to Grand Rapids in our next open year. The Program and Arrangements Committee is glad to announce that Annual Conference will be back in Grand Rapids on July 3-7, 2024.

The Program and Arrangements Committee is working on plans for one or two online gatherings as a denomination during the week of July 1-5 when Annual Conference would have been held, although no business will be conducted. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

This will be the first time in the 233 years of recorded Church of the Brethren annual meetings that the Brethren will not be able to meet together in person. Even throughout the Civil War years, World Wars I and II, the Great Depression, and more, Brethren have gathered each summer to discern God's will, worship, and fellowship together. We mourn that this year the pandemic makes such a gathering impossible.

## *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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*NOTE: Sermons for June are subject to revision pending permission received by the authorities to begin corporate worship services.*

**June 7, 2020**

**Sermon Title:** “Angel of ‘light’ ”  
**Scripture:** Isaiah 14: 12-15; II Corinthians 11:14-15

**June 21, 2020**

**Father’s Day**

**Sermon Title:** “Know Your Enemy: Part 2, Our Weakness”  
**Scripture:** Genesis 3: 1-6; Luke 4:1-13

**June 14, 2020**

**Sermon Title:** “Know Your Enemy: Part 1, His Strength”  
**Scripture:** I Peter 5:8-11

**June 28, 2020**

**Sermon Title:** “Know Your Enemy: Part 3, ‘V-E Day’ ”  
**Scripture:** Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10

### ***Our Record of Faithfulness***

	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>
	General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving
May 24, 2020					

## GREEK SALAD

- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 16 oz pasta (rotini, cavatappi or bow ties),  
wheat or gluten-free
- 1/2 cup halved pitted kalamata olives,  
plus 2 tablespoons brine
- 1/3 cup red onion, diced
- 3 cups English cucumber, diced
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, cubed  
fresh oregano, optional garnish

Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions for al dente, adding an extra minute.

Drain and rinse under cold water, drain. Meanwhile, In a large bowl, combine the dressing ingredients.

Add the olives, red onion and brine from the olives and mix to combine.

Stir in the pasta with the cucumber, tomatoes and bell pepper and toss well. Add the cheese just before ready to serve.



**BIRTHDAYS**  
THIS MONTH

*Happy  
Birthday*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

# June 2020

Activities are subject to Cancellations due to Covid-19 Precautions

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 7pm</b> Stewards	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 7pm</b> Church Board Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 9:00 am</b> Birthday Breakfast @ Middlesex Diner	<b>25</b>	<b>26 6:30 pm</b> SOPA Meeting	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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