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# The Light On The Hill



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

March 2020

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

### “In Like a Lamb” or, “In Like a Lion”?

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*

The traditional layman’s forecast for March is summed up in the folklore, “In like a lamb, out like a lion” or, “In like a lion, out like a lamb.”

Our local weather groundhog prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil, predicted that we would have an early spring. But spring doesn’t officially begin until March 19 (about six weeks after Groundhog Day). The Farmer’s Almanac predicts March will be “very unsettled with snow and rain” throughout the month. I guess *your* prediction for March is as good as anyone’s.

Checking the spiritual climate for this world is a different matter. When it comes to Lamb and Lion predictions in Scripture, those are guaranteed! Jesus came as a Lamb in His first advent, and will also be recognized as a Lion in His second advent. John, in Revelation, witnessed Jesus as both forms in back-to-back verses:

Revelation 5:5 *“But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”*

Revelation 5:6 *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

When predicting the coming decade(s), they appear to be “very unsettled” as well. But, let’s follow the advice of our Lord, and not fear\*. Knowing and believing the **Lamb** died for our sins, we can be prepared to celebrate Christ as “*the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David.*” We can have 20/20 vision in the year 2020 if we remain His warrior, and not a worrier.

\*John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

*Pastor Jerry*

Check out the song “The Lion and the Lamb” by Big Daddy Weave on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iuUff4LOOE> .

## *News Of The Congregation*

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### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

We are happy to report that 103 cans of soup were collected for Project S.H.A.R.E. during our Souper Bowl Sunday events. Thanks to everyone who participated.

On February 14, Valentine's Day, members of the witness commission shared a luncheon with the state police in Carlisle to show them we appreciate their service and that we pray for them and for their safety. They were treated with wraps, chips, pies, and sodas. A flyer about our church and a Valentine Thank You were also shared.

We were happy to have passed along \$107.51 to the Global Food Initiative. We will also be sharing a donation to the Samaritan Fund at the Brethren Home for those who have outlived their resources.

We want everyone to keep some dates in mind in hopes that you will be able to help serve in these events...so put these dates in your datebook: **March 22** for the Unity Singers benefit concert to help C.A.R.E.S. We may need some helpers to pass out posters when they are ready to post. **May 17th** we will need helpers for the soup kitchen and **May 3** and **May 10**, helpers will be needed to escort residents to worship at the Brethren Home. In **April** we will need 8 volunteers to help with the meat canning project in Ephrata. It really can be a fun day! These are several ways to serve the local and world communities!

The Witness Commission is seeking 8 volunteers to help with the District Meat Canning project at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA on Thursday, April 16, 2020. We may be working on canning of chicken, labeling, or packing of the cans of chicken. Plan to leave the church at 7:15AM and we should be home by 3:30 PM, unless we decide to

have an ice cream treat on the way home. If interested, please contact Dale Miller. It is a rewarding experience so we encourage you to participate if you never have helped before with this outreach ministry.

NOTE: Because this is a Mennonite facility, women are encouraged to wear a skirt over their slacks and men should wear a long sleeve shirt.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

On March 5, Gloria will be going to the Papparazzi Jewelry sale at the Brethren Home. If anyone would like to attend that and also shop at the Hanover Hobby Lobby shop, please let Gloria Ramirez know ASAP.

If anyone has nice used clothes, they can be given to the Brethren Home's almost-new shop. These items can be taken on the March 5th date.

The women's District Spring Luncheon is approaching! If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please let Gloria know and she will give you a registration form. The registration deadline is April 15th and the cost is \$10.00. The speaker will be Leah Hileman.

Secret Sisters have been exchanged and we hope everyone will uplift the person who may need a little encouragement from time to time. Hold them in prayer, as well. Thanks to everyone who decided to be a secret sister!

**NOT IN OUR TOWN and MOVING CIRCLES:**  
Two local anti-racism groups presented a program, "Building Coalitions Against Oppression 2020 - What does that look like?" on January 28th. Around 70 people attended the event and 49 completed cards expressing interest in being involved either by attending future follow-up meetings, serving on an actual response team offering various talents or resources to the cause, serving as a leader, or serving as a contact person for their group.

The community clearly expressed an interest and need to create a response network, so steps are being taken in that direction. A task force has been created to focus on creating a response network. Plans are underway to have a meeting of those interested. Anyone who would like to attend future meetings or participate in this endeavor are invited to contact Marcia Berry, the leader of Not In Our Town Group. Her phone number is 717-774-0959 or email her at [jmarcia.berry@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarcia.berry@yahoo.com).

Fine Arts at First is sponsoring the Westminster Kantorei for a concert on **March 1st**. The Westminster Kantorei is a choral ensemble which specializes in early and contemporary music at Westminster Choir College located in Princeton, NJ. Fine Arts at First is an outreach ministry consisting of a series of concerts which supports local worthy and charitable organizations. The Westminster Kantorei will perform Sunday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at 4:00 pm at First Lutheran, 21 South Bedford Street in Carlisle. Free with donation. Reception will follow performance.

The UNITY SINGERS OF CARLISLE will be at Carlisle First Church of the Brethren on **March 22 at 4:pm; Snow date March 29**. Our church COB and THE UNITY SINGERS are reaching out to help **COMMUNITY CARES**, an agency providing emergency shelter and resources. The Unity Singers will be performing a concert of both old and new gospel music. This free concert is open to all and the free-will donations will go to Community Cares. Light refreshments will follow. Come and enjoy yourselves listening to The Unity Singers while supporting a worthy cause. Question or concerns contact Linda Wilson.

**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).**

**If anyone wants to add their name to the phone chain or the online chain, or 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. Please bring food Saturday, March 7th, by noon so the committee can set it up.

There is now a container for loose change for the youth group 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**

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
Sept. 30	Fairground Diner
October 28	Middlesex Diner
Nov. 18	Carlisle Diner
Dec. 30	Cracker Barrel

**Bethany Theological Seminary wants to thank us for our \$100 donation towards preparing students to serve in a variety of ways.**

**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!**

**March 5 - Jewelry sale at Nicarry Meetinghouse 7 am - 3 pm. Everything is \$5.00!**

**March 28—The Spring Meeting of the Friends at Nicarry Meetinghouse 10 am Please RSVP by 3/20 to volunteer services.**

**April 2—The Previously-Read Book Sale at Nicarry Meetinghouse 8 am to 2pm.**

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".

***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***

**March 1, 2020**  
**Sermon Title: "Immature Children"**  
**Scripture: Ephesians 4:7, 11-16**

**March 8, 2020**  
**Sermon Title: "Walking Dead"**  
**Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-24**

**March 15, 2020**  
**Sermon Title: "Holiness 101"**  
**Scripture: Ephesians 4: 25-32**

**March 22, 2020**  
**Sermon Title: "Light Exercise"**  
**Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-15**

**March 29, 2020**  
**Sermon Title: "Loving the Irritable"**  
**Scripture: Luke 6:27-36**



## *Serving You In March . . .*

### **Worship Greeters**

### **Hospitality**

### **Ushers**

### **Head Ushers**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

### **Sound Room**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

### **Worship Leaders**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

### **Children's Time**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

### **Nursery I**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

### **Nursery II**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 - March 29 -

### **Children's Story**

March 1 -  
March 8 -  
March 15 -  
March 22 -  
March 29 -

## ***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

February 16, 2020

If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Matthew 18:12-14

## Chicken, Rice, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole

- 1 ½ cups long grain white rice, cooked
  - ½ small onion, finely chopped
  - 1- pound chicken breasts or thighs
  - 2 TBS unsalted butter
  - 1/3 cup sour cream
  - 1 10 oz cream of chicken soup
  - ¾ cup chicken broth
  - 2 cups broccoli florets
  - 1/2 cup tomatoes, cubed
  - 1/3 cup red pepper, cubed
  - 8 oz cheese, grated
  - 1 tsp salt or to taste
  - 1/4 tsp ground black pepper or to taste
  - 3 TBS breadcrumbs or crushed crackers
- Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cut chicken thighs or breasts into bite-sized pieces. Sauté chicken pieces with cubed onion and butter until chicken is fully cooked, stirring as needed. Lightly season with salt and pepper.

- In a small bowl, combine cream sour cream, chicken soup, chicken broth, salt and pepper.
- Add the cooked rice, chicken pieces, soup mixture, broccoli florets, tomatoes, red pepper and 1/3 of the grated cheese to a 9"x13" casserole dish. Mix well to combine. Add remaining cheese over top of casserole. Sprinkle bread crumbs over cheese (or crushed crackers).
- Cover casserole dish with foil, bake 20 minutes. Remove foil, bake another 15-20 minutes until ingredients bubble and cheese melts and is golden in color.
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*Happy  
Birthday*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

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Address Service Requested



Interim Pastor: Jerry Underkoffler  
Secretary: Judy Moore  
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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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office@carlislecob.org

# March 2020

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<b>1</b> 8:30 am Coffee Time	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Pastors' Meeting 1-3pm Puzzle 1:30 Nurture 7:00 Music/ Worship Com.	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Re- hearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Food for bake sale to arrive by noon.
<b>8</b> Winter Bake Sale for Youth Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1 - 3pm Puzzle Time  7:00 Stewards Commission	<b>11</b> 12:30 Witness Com. 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1 - 3pm Puzzle Time  7pm Church Board	<b>18</b> 10-Noon Susquehanna. Valley Ministry 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4:00 pm Carlisle Unity Singers here— snow date 3/29	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1 - 3pm Puzzle Time	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Birthday B'fast @Carlisle Diner 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am Deacons making Communion Bread
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1 - 3pm Puzzle Time				

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