
The Light On The Hill



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

May 2020

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Adulterers and Adulteresses

“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think the scriptures say in vain; “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously.”? James 4:4-5

My marriage with Donna is approaching the six year mark this June. We are truly thankful God has brought us together, especially after we both lost spouses to cancer. But as we grew in our relationship, we learned there was some ‘house cleaning’ we needed to do.

For example, I became jealous when I learned that Donna was still Facebook ‘friends’ with men she had dated. When she learned how I felt, and how she felt about me being ‘friends’ with girls I had dated, we both ‘cleaned house’ by removing those ‘friends’ from our contacts. After all, we had chosen to love each other, and be devoted to each other, and only to each other. There was no reason to keep email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. of those former ‘flames’. Keeping them as Facebook ‘friends’ would only allow us to continue to follow them, reminding us of days when they might have been heartthrobs. ‘Cleaning house’ helped remove that possible temptation.

Examining my relationship with Jesus can be similar. There are some activities, some movies, some gossiping, some pridefulness, some gluttony, some materialism . . . that I’ve been tempted to hang on to. Yes, I love Jesus, but I also want to enjoy some worldly garbage once-in-a-while. I actually want a relationship with our Lord at the same time I want His permission for me to get in bed with the enemy! That’s how James describes it. James 4:4 reminds me that I am actually an ‘adulterer’ when I behave like that.

There’s a place in the American southwest that allows you to be in four states at the same time. Called ‘Four Corners’, you can use your two feet and two hands, and getting down on all fours, you can be in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah . . . all at the same time! But if you think you could build a house there and claim to be a resident of all four states, you’ll be disappointed. The land is owned by Native Americans and is registered as a National Monument. You would be required to choose just one of those states in which to live and claim residency.

God wants the same kind of relationship. When we choose Him, He doesn’t want to have to share our passions, our minds, or our hearts with any worldly attraction or **distraction**. I think I know how I would feel if I were in a polygamous relationship – having to share my spouse with another person. Well, our God feels the same way; especially when we are attracted to an ‘adulterous’ relationship with materialism, or pride, or anything else Satan uses to attract us. Intimate with the devil? Heavens, NO! I want to be ‘all in’ for my Jesus. After all, He’s ‘all in’ for me.

Pastor Jerry

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

Our Commission has missed meetings together and we pray that our congregational members are still safe. Please know that if you need to call for help, you are welcome to call your deacon or the prayer chain.

There will be plenty of things to re-schedule, for sure. We missed April's 2-Cents A Meal Fund Collection (Global Food Initiative). It would be helpful to send your funding for that project to our Financial Secretary's home (Robyn Wampler) at 709 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013 or wait until we see one another again.

We also will need to find a time to re-schedule the Benefit Concert with the Unity Singers for C.A.R.E.S.

Some plants are being planted along the Sanctuary's side of the church and other flowers/plants in the Peace Pole Garden and the urns as you enter the building. The cold snap was a shocker!

Just to let you know, the Witness Commission was still serving the community by sharing with C.A.R.E.S. organization during this stressful time. If you responded to the CARES requests, we appreciate your help. Linda Wilson and Gloria Ramirez shared a lot of paper goods, lots of plastic silverware, and some foods.

There are several programs being offered by Franklin Graham and if offering funds for any or all of them, we will do so from the Women's Fellowship Funds, if approved by the sheet originally prepared to pass out to the women for a vote. Hopefully, we can come back to church soon and take the vote.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Quilting Ladies have been busy despite the stay at home orders. Ginny Wilson has put together several lap quilts and has had Mary Miller knot several of them. We miss seeing Phyllis and Susan and each other. Gloria has been completing a beautiful quilt that was started by her deceased cousin. Pat Tritt completed a cross-stitch wall hanging. Gloria added the quilting to it. We thank each of the quilters for their ongoing efforts. Pat and Pam Wert are working on 18 different blocks with unfinished cross-stitching picture that will eventually become a quilt when the stitching is complete. If you would like to help with any of our projects, please let Gloria or Ginny Wilson know.

A question has been raised about this year's Yard/Gym Sale and no decision can be made until guidelines have been given. If it is possible, Gloria would like to have the Sale, but a lot of new rules and guidelines would have to be added. Time will tell! I bet the Birthday Breakfast Ladies are anxious to reunite, also!

"Hey take a look at whose on FACE-BOOK! We've got a new Carlisle Church of the Brethren Face Book page. If you are on that social media, you can check it out and be able to see what's going on in the life of the church. To see the page, search for "Carlisle Church Of The Brethren". There are a few photos there already plus the weekly sermon link is there which when you click on it, will take you to the church website to listen to the sermon.

You'll be able to post something of interest or photos there but it will be moderated for approval. Before you try to post a photo, be sure you have permission from everyone in the photograph; especially the parent of a child. Here's the link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/CarlisleChurchoftheBrethren>
The moderators are Jerry Underkoffler, Rita Young and me, Linda Young."

Below please find information on emergency housing should you be aware of anyone that is in need.:

https://nhm-pa.org/news/emergency-housing-assistance/?fbclid=IwAR1_12dosrlBauOSKXd1t7Wuj913ZdI5MQro2CsMyaVmWit4Vn8RhSUt7B4

<https://aidinpa.org/resources/>

Here is a memo from CARC that may be of interest:

Are you familiar with 2-1-1? It would be great if we could have volunteers from various churches get trained to help provide assistance over the phone with individuals seeking help. It is a safe way to volunteer without leaving the safety of one's home.

Several training sessions were held already and are taking a break to get those who participated on the phones, but we are thinking we will have another session next week. They will need to complete a volunteer application and criminal background check.

To work from home, they will need a computer, headset with a microphone and stable Internet. In preparation for the training, we send out materials and several videos they need to watch. Then the training is 2 two hour sessions. After training, we have several worksheets they need to complete to determine adequate understand. If that all works out, then supervised calls. Here is information on what it means to volunteer/requirements for CONTACT Helpline/2-1-1, or contact Jess Poe of United Way at 717-243-4805.

UNEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS AND RESOURCES—COVID-19

For any questions you may have about your rights under the Unemployment Laws, please go to: file:///C:/Users/Marla/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/T71E3GV3/Unemployment%20Rights%20and%20Resources%20%20COVID-19%20(004).pdf

FINANCIAL SECRETARY RECEIVING MAILED OFFERINGS

During closure of our church doors, the congregation must continue to pay ongoing expenses including phone, internet, website, gas, electric, water, sewer, and trash utility bills; payroll and payroll taxes; maintenance, bookkeeping fees, insurance, and outreach commitments.

Given these ongoing expenses, it is important that we continue with our financial support of the church. To this end, our Financial Secretary, **Robyn Wampler** is receiving **offerings** mailed to her home. Robyn's mailing address is **709 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013**. We hope all prayerfully consider using this method to continue their financial support for the mission of Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

QUERY: ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR OFFERINGS?

The COVID-19 coronavirus crisis has made it necessary to temporarily close our church doors and suspend face to face worship services. As a result, we're currently receiving reduced offerings, yet expenses are on-going. We have made arrangements to receive offering mailed directly to our Financial Secretary. Additionally, a method of online payments was suggested.

The Stewards Commission is considering establishing an online payment system to allow members and friends of the congregation to make offerings to the church from the safety and convenience of their homes. If an online payment system, such as PayPal or equal, were offered, would you use the payment system or prefer to continue using the mailed check method? Please add your voice to this decision:

YES, I'm interested in an online payment system to make my offerings to the church.

NO, I'm not interested in an online payment system to make my offerings to the church. I prefer to use the mailed check method.

If an online payment system were established, the mailed checks system would still be offered. Please send your response to email address Davidmarks@embarqmail.com or leave a message or send a text to **717-386-9671**. Thank You,

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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:

**CARLISLE CHURCH OF THE
BRETHREN SERMON DETAILS**

May 3, 2020

Sermon Title: "Foolish Wisdom"
Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-31

**May 24, 2020 Memorial Day
Weekend**

May 10, 2020 Mother's Day

Sermon Title: "Honoring the Living"
Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-12

Sermon Title: "Hidden Treasure"
Scripture: Luke 10: 21-24

May 31, 2020

May 17, 2020

Sermon Title: "Diving in the Deep
End"
Scripture: I Corinthians 2: 10-16

Sermon Title: "Declaring
Chapter 11"
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:29-31,
2: 1-5

Our Record of Faithfulness

Y-T-D 2019 Y-T-D 2019 Y-T-D
General Fund General Fund Building Fund Building Fund Special Giving

April 19, 2020

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK

1 1/4 pound - Ground Round (Lean)

1/2 to 1 cup - Flour (Any kind)

1/4 to 1/3 cup - Ground flax seed

2 cups - Milk Salt Pepper

Onion Powder

Shape meat into thin oblong burgers and salt & pepper. Flour the burgers in flour. If you have it, mix flour with a couple tablespoons of Flax Seed; the flax seed keeps the burgers crisp and moist. Sprinkle with onion powder and flour them really well. Cover bottom of pan with oil and turn burner on medium—add burgers when hot. Fry until brown, about 10 minutes on each side. Keep warm in oven while preparing gravy.

Drain off all but 2 tablespoons of grease. Add leftover flour to soak up the remaining grease. Salt and pepper and sprinkle onion powder and mix in 2 cups milk (or mixture of milk and stock). Stir constantly until thick.

Serve with mashed potatoes.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

May 2020

Activities are subject to Cancellations due to Covid-19 Precautions

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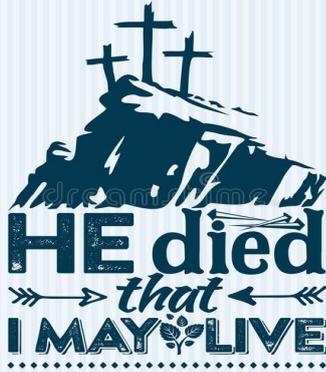
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3 BH Escorts	4	5 9am Central PA Pastors' Meeting 1pm Nurture Commission 7:00 pm Music & Worship	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 pm Stewards Mtg	13 12:30 pm Witness Commission	14	15	16
17 2pm Soup Kitchen (4 helpers to pack bags)	18	19 7:00 pm Church Board	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 9:00 am Birthday Breakfast @ Fair-ground Diner	28 6:30 pm SOPA	29	30
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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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