

The Light On The Hill



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

May 2018

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

This past weekend (April 14-15) I spent with my family in Chardon, Ohio. Marla spent time with her family from near and far in Lebanon, PA. Unintentionally we were fulfilling what the months of May and June have come to mean as “family-oriented” months of the year. According to my Brethren Reminder, mothers and fathers, youth and family, are all uplifted during these months. The “family tree” of each one of us is an inclusive concept, for at some point we have all been a brother, sister, parent, child. Our fulfillment comes as we recognize such relationships! Their fulfillment comes in being in a like relationship to me!

Consider...is it just me or do we live in an increasingly self-centered society, nation, even world? Through “me-centered” glasses, from pictures to attitudes, the world revolves around ME!...or so we think. While recently home, I encouraged my brother Jeff to take a DNA test so we Abes would know our heritage. He wasn’t overly excited at that point, though soon several were checking “Abe” on their laptops! Heritage is the foundation of all of us, and often reminds us of who we are and who we continue to be in our living.

I have often kidded that I am named after Adam! Aren’t we all? Think about it! Everyone after previous persons is named after them! While I/we rejoice in our own personal heritage, the Christian Family Tree goes much deeper. Imagine a DNA as DIVINELY NAMED AWARENESS for all of us. Then we become not just a personal family, but also a people with a family intent and presence for all of the Godly images around us! Yes, as a song goes: “From the door of an orphan to the house of the king — No longer an outcast, a new song I sing; from rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong, I’m not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong.” The Family of God is the song...might our own family heritage always be reaching out to include others into God’s Family. When asked “Why do we love God”? one boy responded, “I don’t know sir, I guess it just runs in our family.”

Praise God for families and might they/we always strive to be worthy of the blessing of God as we live for each other...in our families...in His family!

P.S. How I live today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! Live it and share it wisely!

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

WITNESS COMMISSION NEWS:

The Witness Commission is seeking volunteers for the summer months to help pack grocery bags for home deliveries at Project Share. During Tuesday morning of distribution weeks approximately 120 bags of groceries need to be filled. They will be distributed to homebound recipients on Thursday and Saturday of that week. Volunteers need to report at 9 AM. The work usually takes 90 minutes to complete, depending on the number of volunteers. The Tuesdays of distribution weeks will be June 19, July 17, and August 14. A signup sheet will be placed on the bulletin board by mid-May. If you have any questions about this opportunity to serve, please see Dale Miller.

The Witness Commission is busily preparing for PET DAY scheduled for June 9th. We hope and pray you will be bringing your pet for this fun day. We are in the process of collecting vendors of pet products and planning other events relating to pets. If you know of pet crafts persons who might like to participate, please let us know.

We rejoice in the collection of \$85.00 for the Samaritan Fellowship of the Brethren Home in New Oxford. The funds will go to help those residents who have outlived their resources. I am sure they will appreciate all gifts, large or small.

We thank the following for being willing to be escorts at the Brethren Home on 3 Sundays of April: Gloria Ramirez, Harry Shaw, Lisa Billman, Landon Billman, Marley Billman, Pauline , Michelle, and Elmer Stump, Doris Marks, Dave Marks, Deanna Marks, and Desiree Marks. The coordinators of the escort service are always appreciative of Carlisle's volunteers! Hats off to each of those listed.

We are still interested in creating a survey of Witness Commission events so that we can understand why we should continue or not continue any of the outreach events as we have at-

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On May 11th at 5:00pm will meet at the church's gym for Ladies' Night Out. We will be celebrating birthdays. Invitations have gone out. If you did not receive one, please let Gloria know and she will see that you get one. Bring pictures, if you have them, of one of your birthday pictures. We will have Wengers cater the meal. Gloria is asking each person to donate \$5.00, which is a small portion of the total cost, which will be paid from the Women's Fellowship Account. If you want to bring a friend, just let Gloria know. You will need to return the note at the bottom of the invitation so I have an accurate number for the caterers and to have a count for seating [by seasons of your birth date month]. Come and have a fun, relaxing evening! Final count will be needed by May 4th!

The All Church Gym Sale is coming SOON! Items for the gym sale can be brought in starting June 1st. We will need all the help we can GET for the WEEK of June 15 and June 16th. We will again open the church on Thursday for congregational members from 5 to 8pm. START CLEANING OUT YOUR BASEMENTS, ATTIC, CLOSETS, JEWELRY! On Friday, we will have lunch items and baked goods. Hopefully, you can contribute a baked item.

The Women's Birthday Breakfast will be held on **May 30th** at 9:00 am at the Farmer's Market. Hope to see you there!

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

Butterfly Release—It has become a spring highlight at Cross Keys Village: hundreds of Monarch butterflies taking flight before an appreciative audience, many of whom have sponsored one of the beautiful and delicate creatures in memory or honor of a loved one. Children's activities include face painting and goody bags. The date is Saturday, **May 19th** next to the pond at 10:00 am. The event itself is free and open to the public. For information about butterfly sponsorships or volunteer opportunities, call the Brethren Home Foundation

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

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE (continued)

Guitar and Vocals by Kenneth Lelen, Professional Artists Series. Ken sings love songs and plays acoustic guitars. His concerts combine clever lyrics, memorable melodies and charming anecdotes. His programs follow musical, historic or romantic themes, always with effusive vocals and smooth guitar work. This free concert is open to all. The event will be held in the Nicarry Meetinghouse on Saturday, **May 19th** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

CAMP EDER

May 23rd - Senior Day at Camp Eder from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. 9:30 Meet and greet with continental breakfast; 10:00 Leah Hileman will play hymns; 12:00 Delicious Lunch of ham, parsley potatoes, corn and dessert; 1:00 summer crafts. The cost is \$18 per person, which includes the activities and lunch.

SOUTHERN PA On June 11th and 12th the 69th Annual Women's Camp Retreat will be held at Camp Eder, 914 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield. Registration begins at 8:45 am and the retreat will begin at 9:30am. The cost for the meals and lodging is included on the brochure that is posted on the bulletin board. The registration deadline is **May 15th** and checks should be made out to SO PA District COB and mailed to SO PA District Office, P O Box 218, New Oxford, PA 17350. No refunds after **May 24th**.

STEWARDS

District and Brotherhood Special Offering
Sunday, May 20th is the second Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. The congregation donated a total of **\$978** to the District/Brotherhood during the first quarter of 2018. This amount represents **78%** of the quarterly pledge. Using these special contributions and \$272 from general offerings, the Stewards were able to send checks in the amount of \$625 to each organization. This is a great start towards meeting our 2018 District and Brotherhood commitments of \$2,500 for each organization or an annual total pledge of \$5,000.

Living with the earth

There is always something to learn. Judy, our new secretary, came this morning and told me she heard we shouldn't recycle tin cans. I was surprised, so I looked it up. I looked on the Recycle Nation website* and I quote: "There is often some customer confusion when it comes to recycling soup cans. The soup cans consumers buy at the grocery store these days are made out of steel and tin. While the majority of the product is made of steel, soup cans also have a thin layer of tin coating on their insides, which stops them from corroding and keeps the soup fresh. When they are simply made out of steel and tin, these cans are definitely recyclable. However, many soup cans today are also lined with bisphenol-A, a compound that makes the recycling process more difficult."

You may have heard about the effects of BPA, a chemical to avoid. Children especially should not have contact with this chemical. So how do you know which soup cans to buy? There are waxed paper cartons. Or cans at the grocery store with BPA will be marked with resin code #7, so consumers will know whether or not the compound is in the soup they are buying.

What do you do with the cans you have? Some places do recycle these carefully. But in Carlisle, right now, these cans cannot be recycled. Isn't it frustrating that after years of using regular tin and steel cans, the producers had to put in a dangerous chemical???

In case you don't know about BPA, here is a paragraph on it: "BPA, as you probably know, is an endocrine disruptor. Animal studies link it to cancer and early puberty, and at least one epidemiological study shows that adults with higher levels of BPA in their urine have increased rates of various metabolic disorders (including diabetes and cardiovascular disease)." **https://www.huffingtonpost.com/maia-james/recycled-toilet-paper_b_2822188.html

*<https://recyclenation.com/2014/05/how-recyclable-soup-cans/>

PROJECT SHARE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of 38 cans tuna and pasta.

As a team, we appreciate your generosity which helps us bring joy to the people in our community who feel desperate. Some of our clients come for food and others just need a listening ear; to hear that they are loved and have not been forgotten. Because of you, we are able to continue to respond to our Client needs with assistance and with hope. Thank you for caring and joining us by sharing in our vision of *Nourishing Our Community...Awakening Hope!* We are blessed.

Thank you for your support of the mission of Project SHARE. It is much needed and appreciated.

God Bless, Debra Hess—Dir. of Development and Major Gifts

May 27th is Memorial Sunday. If you have lost a loved one since last Memorial Day, Rita would like you to give her some pictures by May 13th. These will be displayed on the wall during the service. Family members in attendance will receive a rose to honor their loved one.

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, Verne 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, 4th BN Ocd PLT 4025, P.O. Box 16435, Paris Island, SC 29905-6255. Prayers are welcomed!

Mark Ditmer started ten days of chemo and radiation Monday. There is a tiny area of cancer that needs to be eradicated. One takes place at 8:00 and one at 2:30.

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

Serving You In May . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Dave Wampler

Ushers

Dale Miller
Dave Marks
Ike Tritt
Jesse Donnelly

Head Ushers

May 6 Jesse Donnelly
May 13 Dale Miller
May 20 Dave Marks
May 27 Ike Tritt

Children's Time

May 6 Gloria Ramirez
May 13 Doris Marks
May 20 Gloria Ramirez
May 27 Francine Moody

Nursery

May 6 Pat Tritt
May 13 Shyrl Carothers
May 20 Maria Shaulis
May 27 Lisa Billman

Worship Leaders

May 6 Linda Wilson
May 13 Pat Tritt
May 20 Dale Miller
May 27

Sound Room

May 6 Mike Ditmer
May 13
May 20 Mike Strickler
May 27 Dave Marks

Our Record of Faithfulness

April 09	<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund \$34,363.98	<u>2017</u> General Fund \$33,909.43	<u>Y-T-D.</u> Building Fund \$565.00	<u>2017</u> Building Fund \$915.00	<u>2018</u> Special Giving \$4,745.64
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"Knowledge makes us proud of ourselves, while love makes us helpful to others. "
1 Corinthians 8:1

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave."
~Calvin Coolidge

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Antipasto Salad

Ingredients

Red Wine Vinaigrette:

1 bunch fresh basil, stemmed and leaves chopped (about 2 cups)
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 clove garlic
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Antipasto Salad:

1 pound fusilli pasta
1/2 cup hard salami, cut into strips (about 3 ounces)
1/2 cup smoked turkey, cut into strips (about 3 ounces)
1/4 cup provolone cheese, cut into strips
1/4 cup grated Asiago cheese
2 tablespoons green olives, halved and pitted
2 tablespoons roasted red peppers, cut into strips
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Vinaigrette: In a blender, add the basil, vinegar, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper. Blend until the herbs are finely chopped. With the machine running, drizzle in the olive oil until the dressing is smooth.

Pasta: Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until tender but still firm to the bite, stirring occasionally, about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain pasta.

In a large bowl, toss together the cooked pasta with the remaining salad ingredients. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Serve.

~ Food Network

*Happy
Birthday*

- 01 Rita Young
- 03 Glenn Peffer
- 04 Marlene Billman
Glenna Trimmer
- 05 Lisa Zalewski
- 06 Michael Strickler
- 08 Graham Mulholland
- 09 Anna Bixler
- 12 Shane Donnelly
- 21 Marley Billman
- 23 Pearl Ditmer
Elizabeth Gehman
- 24 Carrie Werner
- 25 Marie Maurice
- 26 Brenda Trimmer
- 29 Shirley Peffer

*Happy
Anniversary*

- 16 Carolyn & Steve Riley
- 17 Deanna & Al White
- 19 Coralita & Jeff Wilson
- 30 Robyn & Dave Wampler

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May

Pastors: Jim & Marla Abe
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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Use your voice for kindness,
Your ears for compassion,
Your hands for charity,
Your mind for truth, and
Your Heart for Love.

~ Pintress