
The Light On The Hill



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

April 2019

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

IGNITING HOPE THROUGH MICRO-FINANCE

Paul and Becky Gadzama are known for the Education Must Continue Initiative that has helped Chibok schoolgirls and others affected by the Boko Haram insurgency. They have started two schools for primary and secondary-age students in Yola and in Lassa, and are among those encouraging EYN churches to start schools. They have also begun a system where people can get micro-loans in order to improve their lives.

A committee found investors and organized a shareholder meeting. That meeting elected directors, who were vetted by the Central Bank. A follow-up step was recruitment and hiring of management staff. The technical committee disbanded, but Gadzama's work was not done—he was elected to the board.

"It's a poor person's bank," he explained, intended to serve "basically the poorest of the poor." "Minimum wage in Nigeria is Naira 18,000...about \$50 a month. The poorest of the poor are below that. They are at the mercy of nature."

Many clients are subsistence farmers and craftspeople who barely make an income, can feed their families only once or twice a day, are unable to pay for education for their children, and cannot afford medical care. Clients also come from among those who are a step up, living in rural areas, semi-employed, doing a lot of farming and trading.

Micro-loans "can break the cycle of poverty," Gadzama said. Small amounts of money to help people purchase just enough of what they need to generate income. For example, a subsistence farmer may get a loan to purchase fertilizer in hopes of increasing crop yield. The term allowed to pay back the loan may be enough time to plant and fertilize a crop, bring in an increased harvest, and sell some for cash. Then, ideally, the farmer pays back the bank and has a small amount of new income for family needs.

The bank gives loans to people who have been assessed as able to repay over time. However, it encourages formation of cooperatives, which serve as security and guarantors to people who might not be approved for loans. EYN congregations are facilitating formation of cooperatives. Becky Gadzame heads the Economic Empowerment Committee of a church in Jos, which has helped create five such cooperatives. All have benefited by taking loans from the bank and have started repayments.

The bank is intended to generate income for its investors, Paul Gadzame emphasized. "Do good with your money and make money while you do," he told investor prospects. While many investors are well-to-do, others are less affluent church members who have seen an opportunity for their small investments to do good too.

Gadzama expects the bank to do well as a business and as a church ministry. "We will invest at a good return. The business environment is not too friendly, but if you understand it you can do a lot.

The bank will increase the spiritual capital of EYN, he added. "People's hope in God has been ignited."

News Of The Congregation

INTERIM PASTOR

The church board is pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with Rev. Gerald Underkoffler to be our interim pastor. While the search committee continues the search for new permanent pastoral leadership, Rev. Underkoffler will lead the congregation in the interim period. Jerry is an ordained Church of the Brethren minister and is currently serving as the associate pastor at the Shippensburg Church of the Brethren in Shippensburg, PA. He has also served over the years in many capacities within the Southern Pennsylvania district, including as a member of the district board. Prior to his ordination into the ministry Jerry worked as both an elementary school teacher and principal in the Big Spring School district for over thirty years. He and his wife Donna currently reside in Shippensburg and are looking forward to this next step in their lives. Jerry possesses many spiritual gifts and leadership skills and will bring a positive attitude and a real enthusiasm for ministerial work as he joins us and works with the congregation in this exciting and challenging time for the Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

The interim position is a part-time position and Jerry will be working approximately two and a half days during the week plus Sundays. His primary responsibilities will be preaching and pastoral care, including some visitation. Jerry will begin his tenure at Carlisle on Sunday May 19. The church board is very excited about having Jerry and Donna as part of our congregation and look forward with great anticipation to our time together.

WITNESS COMMISSION

Members of the Witness Commission planted flowers in the large pots at the front door for Easter. Other plants were added but scattered for Easter. It's refreshing seeing Johnny Jump Ups, Daffodils, Pansies at spring time. Hopefully, you will feel the spring colors as you enter the church! How we take care of our building occasionally reflects how we serve each other – with love and care.

We have shared \$100 with WAR [Women AT RISK]] from our Mission Fund. This is based in Michigan, is nonprofit, and was established to create circles of protection around those at risk. They provide safe places from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and time to heal. They provide a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand-out.'

We hope everyone considers participating in the Global Food Initiative, often named "Two Cents A Meal." Boxes are available on the shelves in the Narthex. Every penny counts! Funds are collected every quarter.

We wish to remind you that Welcome Baskets are available to share with those in our neighborhoods. Please see one of the Witness Members if you are interested in sharing one and we will see that you get a basket.

We reviewed the activities provided by the Carlisle Area Religious Council: the Good Friday Services and the Holocaust Service at the First Evangelical Church on April 30th. If you have never attended any of the Carlisle Area Religious Council meetings,, you are not always hearing about the ways available to serve in the community. Linda Wilson and Gloria Ramirez have both attended meetings and try to share information from CARC.

The Multi-Cultural Conversations will continue with Linda's leadership. The next one will be held on May 25th from 4-6pm.

Meat Canning will take place on April 30 and May 1st, with 4 people going on two different days. We pray for their safety and mission. We have also asked for 20 cases of chicken soup for Project SHARE.

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

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Night Out this year will be a Mother / Fathers Day banquet. The program begins at 5pm on May 18th. Al White is preparing the meal for us this year, and it will, I am sure, be delicious. Everyone will be expected to clean up after themselves after the meal. The program will be about The Ark Encounter. William Hoover, from the Brethren Home, will present information and a DVD about the Ark that had been built in Williamstown, Kentucky. Gloria has also been to tour it and loved it. For those of you who have never been to Kentucky and THE ARK built there, you will find it most interesting. Hopefully everyone will enjoy it, along with a great meal.

The Annual Yard Sale will be held June 14th & 15th. Congregational members will be able to shop Thursday evening, as before. There will be some changes for the sale. Tables will be set up ahead of the sorting week (June 10 - June 14). You may start to bring items on June 2nd.

Areas will be labeled and if you would like to unpack your own stuff, you are welcome to place your items where the labels for the tables are located. We will also have a table all the items you usually bring for \$10 items, for \$5 items, for \$3 items, and the 50 cent table. Items that go outside will be priced separately.

If you do not want to unpack your own items, place your boxes at the back of the fellowship hall under the basketball net. As usual, we will expect you to help with the unpacking and anything else that needs done. Yes, this is May, but we are trying to save time for pricing and we want you to think about ways to help us be more efficient. Start your spring cleaning to see what you can bring to this year's Gym Sale

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry is holding its Spring Dinner Concert on May 4th, 5:30 pm @ First Church of God, 2089 Newville Road, Plainfield, featuring The Gabriels. For details, see flyer on bulletin board.

Plant and flower sale Thursday, May 2 from 10am until 4pm in the Nicarry Meetinghouse. Order ahead of time with an order form (available at the Bee Hive Gift Shop or across from the mail area in Harmony Ridge). Your order must be submitted to the Bee Hive Gift Shop by April 19 with cash or a check made payable to *The Friends of CKV-TBHC*. If you don't want to preorder, come by Nicarry Meetinghouse on May 2 and select from available supply. New this year—patio pots!

FROM JERRY UNDERKOFFLER

May 19, 2019 Sermon Details

Sermon Title: "Prisoners of Hope"

Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-13

How exciting it is to remember the covenant God makes with His children, not just in Old Testament epochs, but also in 2019. With the help of the Holy Spirit, let's compare the similarities of both, and be encouraged by what God has planned.

May 26, 2019 Sermon Details

Sermon Title: "When First is Second"

Scripture: Daniel 6:6-10

Together we'll study personal habits of Daniel, David, and Jesus as recorded in the scriptures, and compare them to what my mother preached to me as I was growing up. I never wanted to admit it then, but I know now she was right.

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

Free Memory Screening

Thursday, May 2, 2019

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Memory Care Suite (Across Almost New Shop)

We partner with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's National Memory Screening Program to offer free, confidential memory screenings in the Memory Care Suite in Mission Point. Screenings consist of a series of questions and tasks administered by qualified healthcare professionals, and will take 10 to 30 minutes to complete. Pre-registration is required. Please call 717-624-5474 to reserve a time slot.

Annual Butterfly Release

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cross Keys Village Pond

Hundreds of Monarch butterflies take flight before an appreciative audience, sponsored in memory or honor of a loved one. Children's activities include face painting and goody bags. Free and open to the public. To sponsor a butterfly, call the Brethren Home Foundation at 717-624-5208. (Butterflies will also be available for sponsoring at the event.)

Concorde Vocal Ensemble

Saturday, May 18, 2019

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Nicarry Meetinghouse

The 40-member Concorde Vocal Ensemble is part of the prestigious York County Senior Honors Choir. They were selected in a nationwide competition as one of two high school groups to perform in the National High School Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall, serving as choral ambassadors of York County. Free concert, open to all.

CAMP EDER

Women's Camp Retreat, June 10 & 11 at Camp Eder, 914 Mt Hope Rd, Fairfield, PA. Guest Speaker will be Amy Gall Ritchie. Registration deadline is May 15. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Greensboro is looking for DR.'s, RN's, LPN's and EMT's who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Jane Laprade is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Greensboro and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at:

d.laprade@b2xonline.com

NURTURE COMMISSSION:

On May 19 we will be having a potluck welcoming the interim pastor, Jerry (Gerald) Underkoffler from Shippensburg right after church, at noon. Please bring hot and cold dish to share. Nurture will supply coffee and drinks and tableware.

ON MAY 26 THERE WILL BE A LUNCH AT THE NEW HOSS'S ON WALNUT BOTTOM ROAD AFTER CHURCH.

ATTN: District Youth:

Buffalo Valley COB is planning a Youth retreat at Camp Eder and has extended an invitation to other Youth groups in the District. Contact Eric Kauffman for more info at eric-mk22@gmail.com.

Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York City and Washington DC. The theme comes from 1 Peter 3:11: "...seek peace and pursue it." This event is for Senior High Youth (grades 9-12). For more info, go to brethren.org/yya/ccs/.

The Mother / Father Banquet on May 18th is approaching quickly. Gloria will be needing an idea of how many meals to plan for by **May 5th**. Please sign up on the tablet chart on the hall bulletin board. All adults and children are welcome to attend. Please include how many in your family will be attending. The program is being presented here by William Hoover of the Brethren Village at Cross Keys. Learn more about "The Ark Encounter" [Noah's Ark, that is]. A \$5.00 donation for each family will be appreciated.

Navigating Change: Proceed with Caution: SVMC's Continuing Education, being held May 6, Cross Keys Village 9am-3:00pm. Every 3 seconds someone around the world develops symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or another related dementia. Preparing for change is critical and inevitable. Together we will learn best practices to steer the conversation when driving poses challenging, how to effectively manage a hospital stay, and best approaches to use when behaviors pose as a treat. Registration due by April 22: \$60 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs) or \$50 (includes light breakfast, lunch and NO CEUs).

The registration forms are on the bulletin board. Make checks to SVMC. Mail completed registration form and payment to: Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Contact them at 717-361-1450 or [SVMC @etown.edu](mailto:SVMC@etown.edu) with questions

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2nd is National Day of Prayer, with the Theme, "Love One Another" and Key Verse: "Love one another, just as I have loved you." John 13:34

We will be meeting at the Old Courthouse from 12:15pm to 12:45 pm. Millions of Americans will be meeting all across our land to pray for our nation.

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

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 remains in captivity after three years. Her family holds little hope for her return, but we can continue praying that God bless and protect her.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH TO:

Prayer List:

PERSONS FROM THE CONGREGATION who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

Serving You In May . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Ushers

Head Ushers

May 5 -
May 12 -
May 19 -
May 26 -

Children's Time

May 5 -
May 12 -
May 19 -
May 26 -

Nursery

May 5 -
May 12 -
May 19 -
May 26 -

Worship Leaders

May 5 -
May 12 -
May 19 -
May 26 -

Sound Room

May 5 -
May 12 - May 19 -
May 26 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

April 21, 2019	<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund	<u>2018</u> General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Building Fund	<u>2018</u> Building Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Special Giving
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*"Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience.
1 Corinthians 10:13*

*Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning.
James 4:17*

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

Pineapple & Cream Cheese Bread Pudding

1 can (20 ounces) unsweetened pineapple chunks, undrained
10 cups cubed dinner rolls (about 17 rolls)
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
5 large Eggland's Best eggs
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

SAUCE:

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup butter, cubed
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/3 cup juice. Place half of the bread cubes in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; drop by tablespoonful over bread cubes. Top with remaining bread cubes and pineapple. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, cream, vanilla and reserved pineapple juice until blended; pour over pineapple. Refrigerate, covered, several hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350°. Remove bread pudding from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake, uncovered, until lightly browned, 25-35 minutes. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter is melted. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Just before serving, drizzle over warm bread pudding.



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Birthday*

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Anniversary*

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Worship 10:15 AM
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May 2019

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			1 7:30— 3:30 Meat Canning	2	3	4 5:30 Car- lisle Truck Stop Ministry, 1st Church of God, Newville Amani Festival
5 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen	6	7 9:00 Central PA Pastors Mtg 1:00 Quilting/ Puzzle Social 7pm Music/Wor	8	9	10	11
12 District/ Brotherhood Special Offering	13 1:00pm Witness	14 9:00 am Quilting 7pm Stewards	15	16	17	18 5:00 pm Mothers/ Fathers Ban- quet on the Ark Encounter
19 Deacons Mtg after church Interim Pastor Jerry Under- koffler begins Pot luck dinner	20	21 9:00 am Quilting 1-3pm Puzzle Social 7:00 pm Church Board	22	23 6:30 Dist. Ministry Mtg 7:00 CCNS Graduation	24	25 4:30- 6:00 Multi- Cultural Con- versation
26 Noon lunch @ the new Hoss's on Wal- nut Bottom Rd	27	28 9:00 am Quilting	29 9am Birthday Breakfast @ Carlisle Din- er	30	31	
