
The Light On The Hill



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

April 2018

From the Pastor's Pen . . .

Recently, the board considered the question: "Why should someone be part of this church?" If we don't know the answer to that, it will be difficult to be active in inviting others to join us.

One of the issues we face is that of being a small church, that can't offer the big spectacular music, or the children or youth programs. In some ways, comparing large churches with small churches is like comparing an apple and an orange. They are different in taste and nutrition.

Many people go to big churches and get lost in the crowd. They like the anonymity of just attending, not taking any roles in the church. In our church, we are a place, just as the old Cheers ad said, "A place where everyone knows our name." There are lots of places to be anonymous, but worshiping together, knowing each other's stories, joys, needs and gifts makes a whole different style of congregation.

A smaller church allows one to have influence and participate in decision making. It allows people to do small things, to fail and not hurt their reputation. It is easier to be in leadership. "We are the church" is much clearer.

One advantage small churches have is a clear relationship with leadership. The pastor/s probably know you by name. You know about their lives, and interact often with them. I am often amazed when former members leave for the big churches but then call us for personal care, like deaths or major illness. They barely know their pastors.

Our church follows the Bible's call to care for the widows, to feed the poor and provide homes for the homeless. We serve at SERRV, which helps third world businesses stop poverty, can chicken soup to give to the hungry, and care for the elderly both here and in nursing homes. We give cans of tuna and anti-germ wipes to the homeless. We have a great choir.

Most of all, we love each other (usually!) through thick and thin, pray for each other and are there when there are needs. I am pretty proud of what God is doing among us...hope you are too!

Pastor Marla

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission met in March and worked on the PET DAY, which we moved from **May 12th to June 9th** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are currently looking for vendors of pet things. We also pray that the members of our church will attend with their pets, too! We are intending to have a pet blessing, and some vaccines will be given. We want this to be a community outreach event. Also, there are many things being held around town for Mother's Day. The Garden Club, of which Gloria is a member, has their May Mart on **May 12th**. This makes for a busy weekend for many of us.

We would like to celebrate the work being done at the SERRV Warehouse in New Windsor. We had 5 helpers on the first workday and got through about 9 projects. On the second workday, we had 7 helpers and we worked on wooden cats almost the whole time. We ended the day cutting up cardboard for shredding. We are grateful for our service time at New Windsor.

We give special thanks to Pam Lebo for her unforgettable chicken meal which was served at My Brother's Kitchen at the Salvation Army. We heard it was a wonderful meal. So, thanks to Pam, who seems to have a gift for unforgettable meals!

We hope our collection of funds for the Samaritan Fellowship at the Brethren Home will be successful. There are several residents that need our help.

April 8th is the next date for the Two Cents-A-Meal Collection date.

Meat Canning will be coming around quickly. The date is **April 26th**, if you have not signed up to help and are interested, please speak to Dale Miller. We are planning to carpool. It really is a lot of fun and we are helping the District's Meat Canning Event.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PLEASE START USING THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE OFFICE:

office@carlislecob.org

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will be eating out at a local eatery- probably the Hamilton, on **April 24th** at noon. Hope you can join us for that historic restaurant!

April 25th will be the next Birthday Breakfast which will be held at the Carlisle Diner. Hope to see you there!

The District's Women's Spring Luncheon is to be held at the Newville Church of the Brethren, with registration from 9:00 am to 9:30 am on **April 28th**. The topic is "Squaring Up Fitness" according to the gospel of Luke. Jill Davis will present the fitness lesson with Brenda Line bringing the music. Newville is close enough that we should have at least 6 to 8 attendees from Carlisle. Please let Gloria know if you can attend and give your \$10 along with your registration information to Gloria by April 16th.

The Women's Fellowship may be having their Ladies' Night Out on **May 11th**. More information to come

NURTURE COMMISSION

April 1st the Nurture Commission is planning the Annual Easter Breakfast. The breakfast will be held at 8:00 am., after the 7:30 am Sunrise service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, if you are interested in helping with the breakfast. Any questions, please see Doris Marks.

CARLISLE AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

April 10th at 7:00 pm the First Lutheran Church, Corner of E. High and S. Bedford Street will sponsor the Holocaust Remembrance Service. The guest speaker will be Deborah Kravitz and she will present the story of her mother Regina Fields, who survived the Holocaust in hiding in Germany. Light refreshments will follow the service.

THANK YOU

From the Ditmer Family, we want to express our gratitude to the church family for your prayers and cards during our loss. Thank you all so much.

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

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

During the month of April, the Carlisle Church is being asked to help escort residents to the worship service on **April 8th, 15th, and 22nd**. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board for volunteers. Approximately 4 helpers are needed on these dates. Please don't wait until the last minute as Gloria needs to notify the Volunteer Office if we can help with volunteers or not.

A Previously-Read Book Sale is being held on Friday, **April 20th** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Nicarry Meetinghouse. Nearly all books are \$1.00 if hardback and \$.50 if paperback. If you are interested in going along over and perhaps stopping at Hobby Lobby in Hanover afterward, please let Gloria know.

Violinist Picard-Boecker and pianist Kim are accomplished musicians with a long list of highly praised performances. They will be performing at the Nicarry Meetinghouse on Saturday, **April 21st** from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. This is a free concert and open to all.

Cross Keys Village is the home of a historical 1869 one-manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ, rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. This year is the 15th annual concert series on this invaluable instrument. Adric, from St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Timonium, MD, is our guest performer on **April 29th** from 2:30 pm—3:30 pm. The event will be held in the Nicarry Meetinghouse. A free-will offering will be accepted and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in helping with the Brethren Home's Plant and Flower Sale Fundraiser on Thursday, **May 3rd** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, an order form and the Plant and Flower Sale flyer have been posted on the bulletin board. All pre-orders need to be given to the Bee Hive Gift Shop by **April 20th**.

CAMP EDER

April 7th - Will be the Mother/Daughter, Father/Son day . Bring your child for an enriching day of camp fun! Saturday morning will start with a Trap Shoot. We will enjoy a delicious lunch together and conclude our day with building a

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house for our blue feathered friend—the bluebirds? The Event will be from 10:00 am—1:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per parent & child, \$10 for every additional child.

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY, INC.

Dear Ministry Supporters:

What an unusual winter this has been - a few weeks of really cold temperatures and then record-breaking high temperatures; a little snow here and some sleet and rain there. What a blessing it is for us as Christians to know that even the weather is controlled by our God. We are told in Luke that while Jesus slept in a boat, a fierce gale of wind came upon the lake and His disciples were in fear of drowning. They woke Jesus "And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm." (Luke 8: 24) We are instructed in Psalm 147 to "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God," "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains." "He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes, He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before his cold? He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow." What a comfort to know that our God controls every drop of rain and every flake of snow!

But our God is not just sovereign over the weather, He is sovereign over everything and everyone. Sometimes as we look around our world today, we do not understand why God is allowing certain things to happen. We acknowledge that we live in a fallen and sinful world that is in the grip of Satan, "the prince of the power of the air." However, it is God Himself who has established the powers and authorities that rule in this world and we are instructed in scripture to respect, honor and pray for our leaders and to obey the laws of the land as long as they do not go against God's laws.

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We are to seek first the kingdom of God.

Our evening's program will have a patriotic theme that acknowledges our God as Creator, Sustainer, Savior and King. We invite you to join us on Saturday, **May 5th** at 5:30 pm for an evening of great food, fellowship and music. George Jumper will be our featured vocalist. His songs are based on scripture and have a message for all ages.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert. The deadline for ticket sales is **April 25th**.

God Bless,
Dave D. Bell, Sec./Treas.

CARLISLE AREA FAMILY LIFE CENTER

"Bingo for Babies" returns! This fundraiser is Carlisle's only crisis pregnancy and family resource center, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. It will be held Friday, April 13th at St. Patrick Church, Carlisle, in the Warrell Hall. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. They can be purchased at the center, which is located at 155 N. Hanover Street. Prizes include a fabulous array of gift cards, tickets and certificates from local and area businesses and attractions. Please join us for a fun, family evening! For more information please call the center at 717-243-6544 or email at carlisleafc@embarqmail.com.

A PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Lord God,

You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace

Of Easter Sunday, everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness

For your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen

~ Rachel Marie Stone

On the Personal Side...

When to plant your vegetables:

Have you ever heard the word “phenology”? The definition is: “The study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life.” Basically this means letting nature and not a calendar schedule the right times to plant. It may have been the first day of spring on March 20th, but it was snowing!

- When the crocus bloom, it is time to plant radishes parsnips, and spinach. They tolerate the cool soil, and actually prefer cooler weather.
- When the daffodils bloom, beets, carrots, and chard can be planted.
- Forsythia in bloom, plant peas, onion sets and lettuce.
- When the dandelions appear, it is time to plant potatoes.
- When maple leaves bloom out, it is a good time to plant perennials. They can also be divided and moved.
- Blooming quince signifies the planting time for broccoli, cabbage and other brassica plants.
- Blooming apple trees mean it is now okay to plant bush beans. But the pole beans and cucumbers should wait until those blossoms fall.
- By the time the lilacs are in full bloom, it will be safe to plant tender annual flowers and squashes.
- When the lilacs are in full bloom, you can plant the summer squashes and tender annual flowers.
- The lily-of-the-valley flower is in full bloom, time to transplant the tomatoes!
- Morning glories can be planted when maple leaves are full size.
- Blooming irises signify the time for eggplants and green peppers.
- Peonies in bloom, time to get the cantaloupe in the ground.

These suggestions come from the Old Farmer’s Almanac. However, no method is full proof... weather always catches us by surprise. If nothing else, this method helps us pay attention to the slow changes in creation happening all around us.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Cheeseburger Casserole

400 Degrees 9X13 Baking Dish (spray with cooking spray)

Yield: 8-10 servings

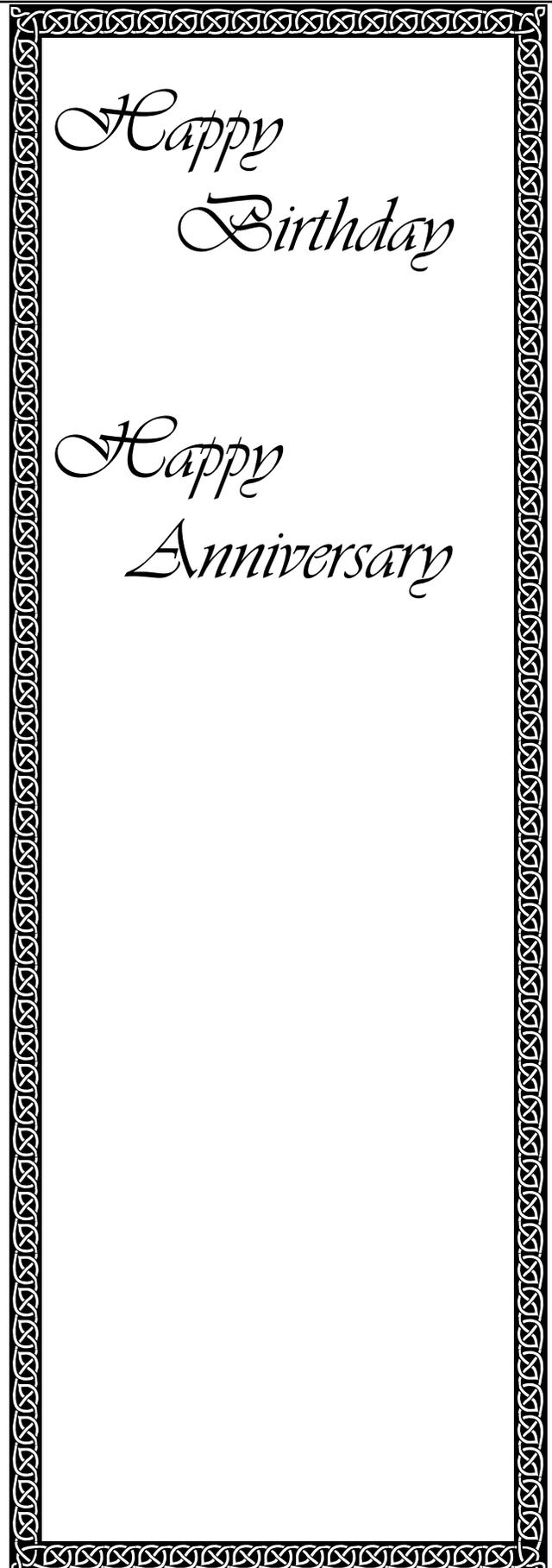
Ingredients:

2 lb. Ground Beef
1 large Onion (chopped)
1/2 cup Ketchup
2-3 Tbsp. Mustard
1/2 tsp. Salt
1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) Cheddar Cheese, shredded
1 cup Bisquick
2 cups Milk
4 Eggs
1 Tbsp. Sesame Seeds, optional
Extra ketchup and mustard for serving

Preparation:

- ◆ In a skillet, brown and crumble the beef with the onion until meat is no longer pink, drain. Stir in the salt, ketchup and mustard. Spread into the prepared pan. Top with cheese.
- ◆ In a medium bowl, combine the Bisquick, milk and eggs with a wire whisk or a fork until thoroughly combined. Pour evenly over the top of the cheese. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.
- ◆ Bake 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

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And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in they did not find the *body* of the Lord Jesus.
That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,
having the eyes of your hearts ...