
The Light On The Hill



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

January 2018

From the Pastor's Pen . . .

To people in exile facing a new day of deliverance, Isaiah 43:18-19 recounts: "DO NOT REMEMBER THE FORMER THINGS, OR CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. I AM ABOUT TO DO A NEW THING; NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?" January presents us with a new thing, a new moment, a new day for 2018! Ah. . .change. . .how quickly we hope for change from sickness to health! How slowly we wish for a change when we have just arrived someplace, and something else beckons us on! Yet. . . 2018 is before us. Oh if we only knew what the year would hold. Come December 31, 2018 then the year will be known! Until then...

Day by day. . ."I am about to do a new thing. . .!" Since God is doing a new thing day by day. . . Where are we in that process? We sing, "moment by moment, new mercies I see. . ." Do we just live moments of time? Or perhaps moments of truth in the midst of all of our times? Lots of questions we can raise, but also lots of answers so that we can live moment by moment.

As above. . .beginning again in a physical sense is a most welcomed event! Our Hearts beat. . then begin again. Our ears hear, then hear again. Our eyes see, and then see again. Life is in constant flux physically, and a constant reminder that LIFE is in constant faith spiritually.

Try as we might, God is about to do a new thing! What difference does that mean to us day by day? Joseph R. Sizoo writes: "God only asks us to do the best we can with what we have where we are. He judges us not by how near we are to the top of the mountain but by the direction which we are facing."

What is the new thing. . .the new truth. . .the new dynamic that just might be divine that we seek and live today? "NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH!" A happy, faithful new year to each one of us. "DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?" Might it be so for God's Glory and our neighbor's good! A faithful, happy new year to and through each one of us.

See you on the Journey!

Pastor Jim

News Of The Congregation

DEACONS

Love Feast dates for 2018 will be: **March 25th** and **October 7th**.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

On **January 7th** we will be offering Bread and Cup Communion.

WITNESS COMMISSION

We thank those who participated in our cookie drive for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry. We were able to provide 209 bags of cookies with 1/2 dozen in each bag. Great job!

We have completed a year of planning outreach events, such as the Spring Community Yard Sale, the Blessing of the Bikes, Trunk N Treat. The Trunk N Treat and the Christmas Child Shoebox Project were done with the Leadership of the CCNS. We would like feedback on these programs. We need your support and attendance to be successful. Hopefully, you will be able to support our out reach to the Carlisle Community in 2018.

Our next District event to support is the Meat Canning Project in April. We hope we can have some members go to help work, either with packing chicken or adding labels to the canned soup. If you have never helped, you should try it so you know what is being done by and for the district.

On **January 14th**, we support the MLK, Jr. walk and service. Again, if you do not attend, you cannot reap the benefits of an amazing worship service. In the past few years, we have taken hot chocolate to serve the walkers, who often stand around until it is time to do the walk, in the cold. The warm drink is always appreciated. If you could help with this project, please let Gloria Ramirez know ASAP, or we may not be helping with this service evangelism project. We are also placing an ad in the MLK Booklet which is part of the worship service.

Witness Commission is looking for a few good servants to help us as we plan a new year. One of our members left us and we need ideas and help to be successful in our mission and ministry. One of our members was voted into another

WITNESS COMMISSION (continued)

commission, which will leave us as a small commission. You would only be an ad hoc member and not required to attend Board Meetings. Could you help us? Please see Gloria if you would be willing to meet with us on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We do a lot of good things!

We decorated a Christmas Tree for Camp Eder's Christmas Tree Fest. Hope you had an opportunity to see our tree at the camp's festival.

Gloria used some of the yo-yo ornaments and some toy yo-yos to give to the children of Children's Aid Society. Paper products collected at the Christmas Tea were shared with them, as well.

The Two-Cents-A-Meal collection will be: **January 14th, April 8th, July 8th, and October 14th**.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christmas Tea went fairly well. We did eat, drink tea, and be merry. We dined with three kinds of scones: lemon, made by Jeanne Bobenage, plain made by Gloria, and chocolate chip made by Pat Tritt with orange curd, lemon curd, and mock Devonshire cream. The next items served for the meal were two soups prepared by Doris Marks and Linda Wilson. Then we had a winter fruit salad and a small salad of tomato with cole slaw. The next serving were cucumber sandwiches, which Pat Tritt made. We also had egg salad, chicken salad, and apple harvest sandwiches. Next came two quiches: spinach made by Robyn Wampler, and broccoli made by Gloria. Next came desserts: eclairs, cream puffs, cranberry dish made by Doris Marks, and brownies with fruit topping made by Pauline Stump. Needless to say, we ate, drank and were merry. Many thanks to all who attended and who helped with food and helped in the kitchen afterwards.

The Brethren Home was renovated in some areas of the facility, and some of the furniture in those areas are no longer needed. We

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (continued)

were asked if we could use any of those items in our church. The Women's fellowship will make a donation for the items we claimed for our church. So, if you see any new or different furniture in the building, you can enjoy knowing it came from the Brethren Home. Hopefully, the pieces will be comfortable and you will enjoy using them.

The Birthday Breakfast Schedule has been mailed out. If you wish to join us, you can check with Gloria for a copy of the schedule.

Lastly, it is time to think about being a SECRET SISTER for 2018. This past year we had four which was then reduced to three. The three who enjoyed being a secret sister really want to continue but it is hard to do so, especially with just three people. If any of the men would like to participate in this type of program, we could change it to be a Secret Santa exchange. Let me know what you think. Let Gloria know.

STEWARDS

The Stewards Commission designated one Sunday each quarter of 2018 to be set as District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sundays. All funds contributed for these special offerings will be sent directly to the District and Brotherhood. The dates for 2018 are: **February 11th, May 13th, September 9th, and November 11th.**

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Any person not receiving the Messenger Magazine, and would like to subscribe to it for 2018 should contact Bernie Koontz by **January 3, 2018**. The cost is \$14.50 for one year or \$27.00 for two years.

If you are celebrating a Wedding Anniversary of 50, 55, or 60, or above, please let Bernie know at 717-249-4884 so that it might be placed in the magazine.

ROUNDTABLE 2018

This is a Regional Youth Conference for Church of the Brethren high school youth, held

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each spring at Bridgewater College, and is planned by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet. This year the conference will be held **April 6th-8th** at the Bridgewater College. The speaker will be Marcus Harden, who is the Program Director at Camp Ithiel. He is responsible for overseeing the summer camp ministry. The theme for the conference is Unsinkable Faith. There will be carnival, bible study, worship, small groups, workshops, recreation, variety show, and vespers. For more information the website is: lycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc

CAMP EDER

January 26-28—A Winter Blast! Join us for action packed weekend full of camp fun, great food, and friends. Grab your sleds and pack your bags, because we going to have an absolute BLAST! This event is for grades 1st thru 12th. Arrive Friday evening at 7:00 pm and register at Geigley. We will be dismissing on Sunday at 2:00 pm. Come have LOTS of fun.

HERSHEY BEARS

Faith & Family Nights will be held on **February 3rd, and March 15th**. Groups of 15+: 100 Level Seating is \$20.50 or 200 Level Seating is \$15.00. The event will be held at the Giant Center. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

*it's really
cold outside*

On the Personal Side...

The Year of Our Lord

Jesus~

How clearly we see you at
Christmas-time,
Cradled by Mary
Protected by Joseph
Worshipped by shepherds
Honored by kings
Enshrined on the altar
And loved by the world.

But, oh Lord,

Help us look for you, too,
Among the taxes of life
And the wanderings of rootless travelers
In the world's smelly stables
And in makeshift mangers
In sweat-like drops of blood
And rough-hewn crosses, humanly fashioned.
Help us look, Lord ~
And help us find!

Not only at Christmas,

But throughout a New Year that it might become indeed
"The year of our Lord."

Sacraments in my Refrigerator,
Mary Sue Rosenberger

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CABBAGE SALAD (SLAW)

Ingredients:

- 2 pkgs. Beef Ramen Noodles (crunch up the noodles)
- 1 cup Sunflower Seeds
- 1 cup Slivered Almonds (toasted)
- 1 head Cabbage (chopped or use shredded slaw mix)
- 1 bunch Scallions

Preparation

Mix all of the above ingredients together.

Dressing

- 1/2 cup Canola Oil
- 1/3 cup White Vinegar
- 1/2 cup Sugar
- 2 each Flavor packets from the Ramen Noodles

Preparation

Add dressing to the slaw mix right before serving.

From: Phyllis Growden
Jackie Naugle

*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

No Anniversaries this month.

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As we move into 2018 remember:

With God

All things are possible!