
The Light On The Hill



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

March 2018

From the Pastor's Pen . . .

As I write this on February 21 we are in midst of a rather warm and wet week. HOWEVER, the day and week give me hope that we are one day and week closer to springtime! I must be getting old with my lessening appreciation of cold weather! Anyway...

This season of Lent leads us onward to springtime. Springtime and newness are synonymous to me, for there renewal, rebirth, and resurrection flower abundantly. Is springtime merely a season to hope for or an attitude of life, even in the midst of a rather cold winter?

I hear springtime in Psalm 33:3. "Sing a new song unto the Lord...Because first God put a new song in my mouth."...Psalm 40:3

Isaiah 43:19 calls us to awareness: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Could the new thing be the nation of Judah..."and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give." Isaiah 62:2. If so, the new thing, and new name come because..."The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentation 3:22

Not to be outdone Ezekiel 11:19 maintains that when the exiled people return home..."God will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them." Don't you just like "new"? A new tool...a new dress...a new car...a new vacation...a new...add your own and we are on our way.

But of all the newness hoped for is the reality of what can be: "When any is joined to Christ, he/she is a new being: the old is gone, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Welcome to the springtime of the heart! Prepared by God. Served by Jesus Christ. Sustained by the Holy Spirit. Celebrated by each one of us! Let the new be now and let the new be known. "Behold I make all things new!" Revelation 21:5

See you on the journey to springtime, and newness!
Pastor Jim

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission thanks everyone who helped make the Souper Bowl Sunday Collection of Soup and Monetary gifts as successful as it was! We collected 51 cans of soup and approximately \$200. Of the 51 cans, 33 went to the Eagles and 18 to the Patriots.

March 4th we will be serving the homeless at Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen. Pam Lebo has graciously accepted the task of preparing the meal. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the meal starting at 1:30 pm. We will also need volunteers to transport and serve the food at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet has been put on the bulletin board. If you have the time and are willing to serve Christ through this ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. The next opportunity will occur in September.

During the **first three Sundays in March**, the Witness Commission will be supporting the Good Samaritan Fellowship of the Brethren Home with special offerings during the worship time. This fund is a large part of the Brethren Home's budget. Please put your offering in a brown envelope found in the pew pocket. Mark the envelope with Good Samaritan Fellowship.

We are preparing our next outreach event with a pet day, scheduled for May. The commission brainstormed some ideas but would like to offer you a chance to have some input. If you have ideas to help us with this event, please come to the next meeting on **March 12th** at 12:30 pm. We would also like to try a Bicycle Day and would like to hear ideas from anyone who rides bicycles as to how to make this an outreach event in August.

A concern about helping Kolu (Linda Wilson's neighbor) with some conversational skills with the English language are being worked out. Marla and Linda Wilson will schedule some talk times with her and others in her neighborhood. If you would like to join those talk times, please let Marla or Linda Wilson know of your interest.

Meat Canning is approaching in April. We hope to have a group of six go along to Christian Aid Ministries to help with labeling or other tasks

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involved in processing the chicken for shipping to various places to feed the needy. We depart early but everyone that goes always has a good time and feels glad they helped. Check your calendar and see if you can help.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be a craft time on **March 4th** from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm. Carolyn Riley has agreed to share her talent by helping us to make cards. Carolyn will bring a snack and you are welcome to bring a soda or water. We will meet in the two Sunday School classrooms at the back of the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, as we need a count to ensure there are enough materials. I have seen her work and we are fortunate to have her work with us. Hope to see you there for a fun afternoon of relaxing and producing something to share with others. It will be fun!

The monthly birthday breakfast will be held at the Fairgrounds Diner on Wednesday, **March 28th** at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there.

Check you calendars for **April 15th** or **April 22nd** and see if you are available to help transport residents at the Brethren Home in Cross Keys. We need about 4 to 5 volunteers to assist with this ministry.

In April, we will support one of the local restaurants for a lunch. If you have an idea of which one you would like to try, let Gloria know.

In May, we will have a Ladies' Night Out Banquet. Plans are in the making. We will, however, have a Birthday Theme! More details to follow.

On **June 15th** and **June 16th**, will be the Annual Gym Sale. Start collecting items for this outreach event. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

NURTURE COMMISSION

March 4th we will be having Coffee Hour starting at 8:30 am.

March 11th the Deacons will be meeting after worship and there will be a luncheon to follow.

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

NURTURE COMMISSION (continued)

The luncheon schedule is S, M, L - should bring a Casserole or Meat Dish, W, T - should bring a salad or vegetable, A, C - should bring a dessert. Hope to see you there.

March 18th we will sponsor a Hot Soup and Homemade Bread luncheon at Noon. Doris Marks will be calling for cooks to make the soup and homemade bread. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board, since a count will be needed.

UPDATES—ADDRESSES

Pam and Dave Wert Pam (c) 717-422-0770
228 W. Ridge Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

Glenna Trimmer (effective 2/20/18)
215 Todd Circle
Carlisle, PA 17013

PROJECT SHARE EVENTS

Sponsor a Family for Easter Dinner!

Your financial donations are expanded by wholesales purchases, gleaning and other means. A \$1 donation equals \$10 of buying power.

A typical dinner will consist of: ham, green beans, yams, potatoes, juice, fruit mix, bread or mix, and dessert mix. The dinners should be delivered by **March 9th**.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board if you are interested in donating.

2018 KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

This is a monthly educational opportunity for all kids aged 4 to 17 under the direction of the Project SHARE's Nutrition Coordinator.

Tots in the Kitchen (Ages 4-8 Wednesdays after Distribution from 4:30-6:00 pm) Students will learn basic nutrition and build a healthy relationship with food through interactive worksheets, and hands-on activities.

Cubs in the Kitchen (Ages 8-12 Mondays after Distribution from 4:30-6:00 pm) Students will learn the basic culinary skills like at

PROJECT SHARE EVENTS (continued)

measuring, mixing, and assembling, but will also explore mathematics and science through the lens of nutrition and food.

Young Chefs in the Kitchen (Ages 12-17 First Thursday of the month from 4:30-6:00 pm) Students will learn skills such as proper knife techniques, sautéing, baking, steaming, and much more.

For further details check out our website at www.projectSHAREpa.org/kitchen

PROJECT SHARE

Dear Friends,

Project SHARE is blessed to have your generous support.

Thank you for your donation of 70 cans of Tuna and 41 cans of Soup.

On behalf of all the Clients we serve, thank you for your investment and commitment to our mission. We could not do it with YOU!

Happy New YEAR!

Warmest Regards,

Debra Hess

Direct of Development

SVMC CONTINUING EDUCATION

A major challenge for Christian thinking is bringing together the world of science and the world of God's Spirit. By focusing mainly on ministry with youth and adults—the church of the future, which is also the church today—this seminar offers information and insights into key areas of science and theology. The seminar will be held on **March 24th** from 9:00 am—4:00 pm at Elizabethtown College, in the Susquehanna Room. The presenter will be Dr. Russell Haight, Professor of Christian Education, from Bethany Theological Seminary. The cost is \$60 which includes light breakfast, lunch and .6 CEUs. Please register by **March 16th**.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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

office@carlislecob.org

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

The York County Gospel Choir was formed with an inspiration and guidance from the Holy Spirit. The choir is made up of the body of Christ through different denomination, liturgical traditions and cultures, all coming together to worship and praise the Lord, while also minister God to others. This free event is open to the public and will be held on **March 17th** from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm in the Nicarry Meeting-house.

FRIENDS OF CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

The Spring Meeting of The Friends will be held on **March 3rd** at 10:00 am in the Nicarry Meeting house. The program will feature Rev. Christian Elliott, from the Knobsville Church of the Brethren. He will speak about his mission work in Africa. A light lunch will follow the meeting. A free will offering will be taken. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Paint Night will be held on **March 15th** at 6:00 pm in the Gallery Room, 2nd Floor of Mission Point. Let your inner artist shine! Levato “Cookie” Shaw will be the instructor and will guide us step-by-step in painting a “Robin in Spring” canvas. The cost is \$35 per person and is limited to 30 villagers, family, and friends. Proceeds will benefit the Friend of Cross Keys Village. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

CAMP EDER

March 21 - Senior Day at Camp Eder from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. There will be glass blowing demonstration with Michael Poluso in the morning. Lunch will be served at Noon: Menu is: ham, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, salad, deviled eggs, and a St. Patty dessert. After lunch “The History of Ordinary Things” with Jon Marietta. The cost is \$18 per person, which includes the activities and lunch.

Don't forget the Summer Camps will be starting in June. You can register on-line now .

SERRV WORK DAYS

Our next SERRV work days will be **March 16th** and **March 30th**. We will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 am and return around 5:00 pm.

SERRV WORK DAYS (continued)

Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY, INC.

Dear Ministry Supporter:

We trust that you had a blessed Christmas with family and friends, and pray that God will be gracious to you in this new year.

Our cookie collection this past holiday season was a great success thanks to all of you. We collected and distributed over 14,000 bags of cookies to truckers and travelers—a new record! We have received many calls, emails and notes from the recipients and their families telling us how much they appreciated being remembered with a “taste of home” while on the road. With a tract, note or scripture verse in each bag, individuals have been presented the gospel message, some perhaps for the first time. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will use the Word to convict the hearts of many.

We continue to see the Lord working through the Ministry as we experience certain “God Moments” turn into lasting relationships. Many times, the Chaplains receive calls or visits from drivers who say, “I just had to get in touch with you while I was in the area. Our time together in the past has really helped me.” Little do we realize how much a word of encouragement or spiritual counsel can impact someone's life.

We are looking forward to our Spring Fundraising Dinner Concert which will be held at the Plainfield First Church of God on **May 5th**. Mark your calendar! This event will allow us to gather together as a “ministry family” to enjoy good food and fellowship around the table. And it's a blessing to hear what God is doing.

CHAMBERSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

March 3rd from 4:00 pm—6:30 pm they will be holding a Chicken and Waffle Dinner. There will be a free-will offering, which will benefit the Southern PA District Meat Canning project. All are invited. The address is 260 S. Fourth Street, Chambersburg. No reservation needed.

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

On the Personal Side...

SAVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT AND YOURSELF

We all know the environment is the space we live in, and saving our environment from pollution is our responsibility, because our health depends on the environment. How do we save the environment!? We can save it by teaching our kids how to keep our environment clean. First, we need to love our environment, and then save it.

The main reason for pollution is the human. The pollution affects humans, but it also it also affects other living things. The pollution happens exclusively because of everyday human activities. There are many different kinds and levels of the environmental pollution, like air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution, and other combined types of pollution.

There are many ways to keep our environment clean and healthy, and the most common and important are 3Rs: REUSE – REDUCE – RECYCLE. Which means:

- Reuse: We can use some products like cans, bottles, plates, paper, etc., a second time for the same or a different purpose.
- Reduce: We can reduce using the things that cause the environmental pollution, for example, plastic bags. We can use paper bags or multi-use (reusable) bags that can be used many times. Also, we can reduce usage of disposable (plastic or styrofoam) plates, cups, cutlery, which are not easily decomposed.
- Recycle: Some products can be used as raw material for producing completely different products after undergoing certain processes. We can achieve all that by separating the household garbage so that it becomes easy and ready to transport to a recycling facility and, later, to a manufacturing facility where it can be used for manufacturing other products.

These 3Rs are the basis of what we need to apply in our daily life to save our environment, and it does not cost us anything. We just need to commit to this.

Sure, these are not the only changes we need to make to save our environment. There are many other types of pollution, and they need to be stopped and many environmental problems solved using different processes.

But, as we know, big things start from small things, and this is exactly where we need to start from – changing ourselves. We need to start by changing our own behavior in order to save ourselves and our planet.

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pepper Soup

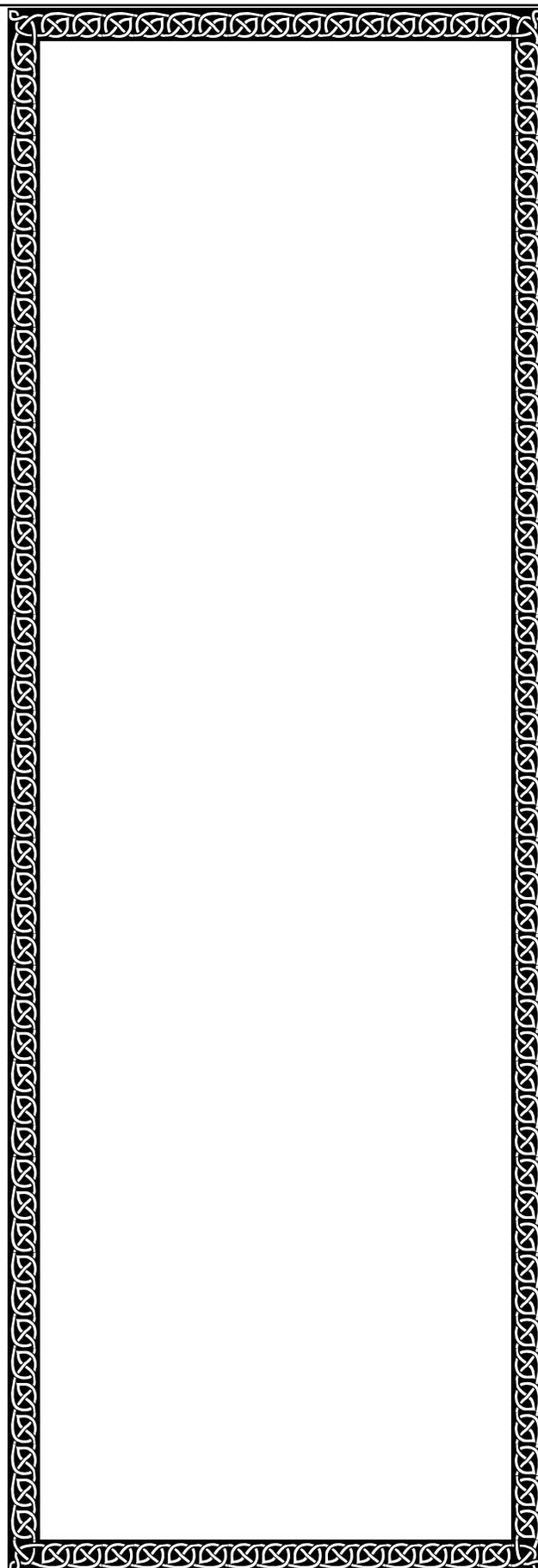
Ingredients:

1 1/2 lb. Red Bell Peppers
4 tbsp. Unsalted Butter
3 cups Chicken Broth (plus more if needed)
5 oz. Cream Cheese (at room temperature)
Kosher Salt
Pinch Cayenne Pepper (optional)

Preparation:

- ◆ Steam the peppers then quarter them lengthwise. Cut out and discard seeds and membranes. Slice peppers lengthwise into 1/2 inch wide strips to yield about 5 cups.
- ◆ In a large, heavy pot over low heat, melt butter. When hot, add peppers and stir to coat well with butter, 1 to 2 minutes. Cook, stirring occasionally, until peppers are very soft but not browned, 45 to 50 minutes or more.
- ◆ Add broth, then whisk in cream cheese. Cook, stirring, until cream cheese has melted and soup is just barely warm, only a few minutes. (Don't worry if there are still specks of cream cheese.)
- ◆ Puree the soup in batches in a food processor or blender, then return it to the pot. There may be tiny bits of red pepper remaining after the soup is pureed. If soup is too thick, thin with a few tablespoons of broth or water. Season with salt to taste and a pinch cayenne for extra heat. (The soup can be prepared one day ahead. Cook to this stage, cool, cover, and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature to serve or reheat if serving warm. If serving chilled, season with more salt if needed since chilled soups often need extra seasoning.)

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“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”

~ 1 John 4:10-12