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# The Light On The Hill



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

November 2019

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

### 'The Honeymoon'

When Donna and I were planning our honeymoon, we both agreed that it would be exciting to go someplace where we'd never been. And so we swapped notes of our traveling history. We learned that places where Donna hadn't been, I HAD been. And places where I hadn't been, Donna HAD been. It was difficult to find a place we BOTH hadn't visited.

And then it happened. We stumbled upon a place where NEITHER of us had gone! And it was right here in Pennsylvania! It was a place where we could enjoy the beauty of God's creation (a "must have" criteria), and a place that we could afford (another "must have"), and a place where we could 'do' stuff (a definite "must have"). *The Pocono Mountains!* We couldn't believe it. Neither of us had spent time in the Pocono Mountains, even though I had spent my whole life residing in this state?!

This exercise of historical proportions in our life reminds me of a similar exercise that would benefit our congregation. At this transitional time in our church's history, we need to know where we are headed. Where should our congregation be going in future ministry? To answer that question effectively and accurately, we need to ask questions such as: "Where have we been?", "Where have we already gone?", "What have we already done?"

I'm not encouraging us to look in our rear-view mirrors to long for the past and the good-ole' days. Gazing in rear-view mirrors while trying to drive forward is a recipe for disaster. However, lessons from 'days of milk and honey' as-well-as days of 'drought and dearth' can be helpful when plotting the future. Quick glances at where we have been *can* help us determine what 'tweaking' should be done while 'steering' our ministries forward, and ultimately helps us know where we should be going. Girded in prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance, our Lord will reveal where and how we could be serving Him.

Will you partner with me in prayer for His leading? And if you are interested in helping plot a timeline of our congregation's heritage to help discern God's will for future mission and ministry, please send an email ([jerryunderkoffler@gmail.com](mailto:jerryunderkoffler@gmail.com)) or text (717) 552-7266. I'm convinced He has plans to take us where we've never been!

**Pastor Jerry**

## *News Of The Congregation*

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### WITNESS COMMISSION

The October collection for LeTort and Hamilton Schools listed the following items to share with the students in these schools - white socks, slacks, underwear, gloves, and lice kits. Thank you to everyone who took time to help students with those items. This project is a way to serve Christ and let the church's light shine.

We will be working on preparing gifts to share with congregation on Christmas Eve AND we will ask you to 'pay it forward.' Directions for the project will be included in the gift.

A wedding card was shared with Mr. & Mrs. Evan Baum, our church's new neighbors, who were recently married. Evan is Phyllis Givler's grandson. If you would like to send a Wedding or Christmas Card with our new neighbors, feel free to share the blessings of friends from the church community. A welcome basket was shared with them. This is a reminder to you to keep a watch out for someone who might move in close to the church or to your neighborhood.

Our new Church flyers are ready for our hospitality mugs and hopefully you will see them soon.

We are hoping to send more Christmas Child Shoeboxes to many children around the world. HAVE YOU PREPARED AT LEAST ONE? Brochures explaining contents, share labels for you to add to the side of the box have been placed on the narthex table, Be sure to put either a check or cash [which covers mailing costs] in an envelope and place in the shoebox. If you have any questions, see Jeanne Bobenage.

We have often said that we would like people to be involved and supportive of the district's ministries. Just to keep you informed, the two theme baskets which the Sunbeam's Sunday School Class prepared with some of your help netted \$160.00 for one and \$60.00 for the other. Two quilts donated by Gloria Ramirez brought in about \$450.00. Our gifts

Brought about \$600 to Disaster Relief Ministries. When we ask for help and we work together, we can a MAKE DIFFERENCE! I The Sonbeams Class is preparing a bag for Project SHARE'S Thanksgiving Collection. You an share tems as well. Will God move you to remember others with a meal? Or small parts of a meal?

The Truck Stop Ministry will be requesting cookies for the holiday travelers during the month of November. Last year, the Sonbeams Class prepared over 150 bags of cookies but we cannot support this ministry without your help. We will need cookies by November 23<sup>rd</sup> so they can be bagged on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Will you help us?

**November 13** - The Carlisle Area Religious Council will sponsor a Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner and Service on November 13<sup>th</sup> to be hosted by the Second Presbyterian Church, located at 528 Garland Drive, Carlisle. The theme will be "Welcoming the Stranger with the Spirit of Thanksgiving". Dinner will be at 6pm and the service at 7pm. Service will include music, prayers and readings from many faith traditions in our community. Cost for dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and will be catered by Chef Exclusive. To RSVP for the dinner, go to [Grow-WithSecond.org](http://Grow-WithSecond.org). Payment at the door. **IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY OR HAVE QUESTIONS SEE OR CALL LINDA WILSON 717-243-0455 or [linengwil@yahoo.com](mailto:linengwil@yahoo.com).** I plan on going.

I (Linda Wilson) would like to schedule some multicultural conversations on the practical level-like where to shop, language worksheets, how to buy a house etc. Based on past experience, scheduling was and probably will continue to be the major obstacle. If anyone has any ideas on this and would like to participate or has a topic they would like considered please contact me in person, at 717-243-0455 or [lingwil@yahoo.com](mailto:lingwil@yahoo.com). Right now I'm leaning towards one Saturday morning a month.  
Linda

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Pat Tritt will soon be sharing information on the family we adopt through the Salvation Army. Stay tuned to see some ways you can help a family for the holidays this year.**

**Secret Sisters: You have one month left to share some blessings with the name you had chosen this past winter. We will meet, once again, after the Deacon Christmas Dinner on December 8, weather permitting.**

**Another thank you to Virginia Wilson, who has sewn together several more lap blankets to contribute to the residents at the Brethren Home in Cross Keys. Thanks to help from Mary Miller, 4 or 5 of them were knotted, and they look very nice. Thanks, Ginny and Mary.**

**November 14 - Paparazzi Jewelry sale by The Friends of CKV-TBHC at the Nicarry Meetinghouse, 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA Everything is \$5.00 plus tax! Cash or checks.**

**November 3** – Please join us for lunch at Hickory Ridge on Carlisle Pike. There is a Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for all who wish to attend.

**November 1-3** – Joy El' s “Masquerade,” Music Camp Retreat for middle and high school children.

**November 9, 2019:** Children' s Aid Society Banquet at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 5:30-9:00 pm. For more information, please contact Brandon Gething at (717) 624-4461 or [bgething@cassd.org](mailto:bgething@cassd.org)

### **District and Brotherhood Special Offering**

November 10<sup>th</sup> is the fourth quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first three quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$3,020 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent over 80% of the congregation's \$3,750 total pledge paid to date. At this point, we are on schedule to meet our 2019 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling \$5,000, helped immensely by these special offerings!

***CARLISLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN SER-  
MON DETAILS***

The Stewards Commission thanks the following persons for mowing the church property this season: Bernie Koontz, Dick Miller, Dave Wampler, Mike Strickler, Gary Damiter, Elmer Stump, Landon Billman and Dale Miller.

**November 3, 2019**

**Sermon Title: "Gideon? You've Got to be Kiddin' "**

**Scripture: Judges 6: 11-17**

No, God was not blind when he chose Gideon. He just had selective vision, seeing his potential, just like He sees ours. Now if we could only trust His eyesight.

**November 10, 2019**

**Sermon Title: "Fleece or Fleet?"**

**Scripture: Judges 6: 36-40**

The disciple, Thomas, got all the flack for his gold-medal doubting performance. But wait! He came in second place to Gideon! Well, then, there might be hope for us!

**November 17, 2019**

**Sermon Title: "135,000 Ways to Leave Your Enemy"**

**Scripture: Judges 7: 2-7**

Feeling outnumbered during these last days? That's because we are, just like Gideon's lowly army. But don't start knitting your white flags of surrender just yet. The fun has just begun!

**November 24, 2019**

**Sermon Title: "Voted Least Likely to Enter the Hall of Fame"**

**Scripture: Hebrews 11: 27-34**

Phenomenal lifetime batting average? Outstanding lifetime free-throw shooting percentage? Most tackles as a defensive lineman? Believe it or not, Gideon entered the Hebrews 11 Hall of Fame for what he WASN'T good at. If Gideon could do that, there might be hope for us!

***On the Personal Side...***

***Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns this past month to:***

***Joys to:***

***Friends of the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:***

***Prayer List:***

***Persons from the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:***

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## *Serving You In November . . .*

### ***Worship Greeters***

### ***Hospitality***

### ***Ushers***

### ***Head Ushers***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Sound Room***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Children's Time***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Nursery I***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Nursery II***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Worship Leaders***

November 3 -  
November 10 -  
November 17 -  
November 24 -

### ***Lawn Care***

November 3 -  
November 10 -

## ***Our Record of Faithfulness***

**Y-T-D**  
General Fund

**2018**  
General Fund

**Y-T-D**  
Building Fund

**2018**  
Building Fund

**Y-T-D**  
Special Giving

October 20, 2019

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us"  
Augustine

## COCK-A-LEEKIE SOUP

6 pitted Prunes  
4 tsp Scotch  
1 3-1/2 Chicken, cut into 8 pc's  
1 tsp Kosher Salt plus more to taste  
Pepper  
4 tbsp unsalted Butter  
6 medium Leeks (light green & white only),  
    halved and cut into 1/2 inch slices  
10 springs flat-leaf Parsley  
3 sprigs fresh Thyme  
1 Bay leaf  
5 cups Chicken Broth

In small bowl combine prunes with Scotch and 2 TBSP water and set aside. Season chicken with 1 tsp Salt and the pepper. Place a large soup pot over medium heat and melt 2 TBSP of the Butter. Saute chicken on each side until well-browned, about 10 minutes. Transfer chicken to plate, and pour off any fat left in pan. Add remaining butter to the pan, saute the leeks over medium-low until tender, about 25 minutes. Tie the Parsley, Thyme, and Bay leaf with a piece of twine. Add the herb bundle, the chicken and broth to the pot. Bring to a boil, and then lower heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cover & cook soup until the chicken is cooked through and tender, about 20 minutes. Remove the chicken, set aside to cook slight. Remove the herb bundle and discard. Skim any fat from the surface of the soup with a ladle, if needed. Remove the chicken meat from the bones and cut into 1-inch chunks. Add chicken cubes, the prunes, and their liquid to the soup. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 minutes. To serve divide the soup evenly among 6 warm soup bowls.



*Happy  
Birthday*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

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## *The Light On The Hill*

Address Service Requested



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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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# November 2019

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> CCNS Fall Festival
<b>3</b> 8:45 am Coffee Time  Hickory Ridge Lunch	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Central PA Pastors' Mtg <b>2pm</b> Nurture <b>6:30</b> CCNS Board Mtg <b>7pm</b> Music/ Worship	<b>6</b> 6pm Praise Team  <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> District/ Brotherhood Special Offer- ing  Deacon Mtg after church	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm Stewards Com	<b>13</b> 6pm Praise Team <b>12:30 pm</b> Wit- ness Commis- sion <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 3pm CCNS Toy Cleaning
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7pm Church Board	<b>20</b> 6pm Praise Team  <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 am B-day Break- fast @ Fair- ground Diner <b>6:30 pm</b> SOPA Nurture Com <b>6&amp;7</b> Choir / Praise Team CCNS No Class	<b>28</b>  Happy Thanksgiving!  CCNS No Classes	<b>29</b>  CCNS No Classes	<b>30</b>

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