

# The Light On The Hill



November 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

### November 2022 Preaching Schedule

October 30, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Question - What is the Wise Decision? Ephesians 3:8-17  
It's human nature to snuggle up to the edge of irresponsibility or disaster and stay there as long as possible. But instead of wondering how close we can get before crossing the line, we need to ask ourselves perhaps the most important question we can ever ask.

November 5, 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> Question – What Does Love Require Of Me? (Jn 13:31-35, Phil. 2:1-11)

There is one final question we should ask to seek out the best decisions we can make. It is a question you can ask yourself that will bring inescapable clarity to just about every relational decision you'll bump up against. But a word of warning: it's not for the faint of heart.

November 12, 2022 - Jesus Christ: The Church's One Foundation (I Corinthians 3:-7-11)

Join us as we look at Jesus Christ, the Church's One Foundation but also the One Foundation of our Christian lives and discipleship. The One Foundation of our hope of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

November 19, 2022 – A Service Of Christian Stewardship (Matthew 25:14-30)

Well, our \$25 Gift Challenge is now complete. Now all we need is the accounting of what was done with the original gifts. This will be the Sunday. Each of our families will be invited to come forward and tell us what they did with the gift they were given. What were the challenges? What was the outcome? And what did God teach them along the way. Following their sharing we will look into God's word to see how we should look at every dollar God entrusts to us.

November 26, 2022 – Advent Season Begins!

Still working on bringing my thoughts together, however, hopefully we will have them for you before the last weekend of the month!

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

From the two questions placed in the Sunday Bulletin and the October Newsletter concerning an interest in being a sponsor for immigrants, we have had no positive responses. For having a fall festival and the willingness to participate in October, we received no volunteers.

We had our Clean-Up Bucket Brigade Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish to thank Mike Lebo, Dale Miller, and Gloria Ramirez who counted everything to be ready for Sunday's bucket brigade. Gloria prepared some tuna, chicken, and egg salads and orange jello salad, along with the pizza. Plenty to choose from. We are sending some of the lap quilts, which can also be used for children's blankets, along to be distributed by Church World Service.

Thanks to Mike Lebo, Mary Miller, and Gloria Ramirez, who worked at Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg in October.

We have shared donations with Bethany Seminary, Martin Luther King Booklets to be passed out at the MLK Service in January, Meals on Wheels.

We encourage everyone who can buy or bake cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Packing for the Truckers, start your baking...(it keeps the house warmer). They need to be in the church kitchen for the last Sunday in November (Nov. 27). They will be packed in cookie bags on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in the 9 to 10:15 time slot and will be delivered the next day. Your help with baking and bagging cookies is needed! The truckers have had another difficult year...please help us show them some thanks!

We will be working this coming year to update the information on items in our hospitality mugs. We are trying to plan for the rest of this year and for next year. We thank everyone who donated to the quarterly Global Food Crisis. Also, thanks to everyone who donated tuna, wipes, gloves and supported Project SHARE or CARES.

Pat Tritt has a request from the Salvation Army that we again sponsor a family for Christmas. Gift ideas for the family will soon be available on the bulletin board.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Quilting Ladies are still working on the same quilt provided by Ginny Wilson. We keep her in our prayers and pray for her continued strength. We are also grateful for the work of Georgia Thorn and Susan Stake who work on the quilt and Agnes Miller, who has been knotting all the lap quilts shared by Ginny Wilson. Keep her in your prayers!

November's Birthday Breakfast will be at the Fairground Diner on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is interested in starting a Card/Game Day on a monthly basis, please let Gloria Ramirez ASAP. It might be nice to play a card game in someone's home now and then. Get back to me if interested. Gloria Ramirez

**A Thanksgiving Story.** A long time ago in the year 1620, a whole bunch of people embarked on a journey to find a place where they could live in peace and harmony and worship whoever they wished. These people were known as pilgrims. As they sailed on the boat called Mayflower for days, they finally landed in America at Plymouth. They soon started settling down by building homes and also began searching food sources. As winter set in, many pilgrims died because of harsh weather conditions. Squanto, an Indian came to their rescue and taught them how to sow corn plants and other such kinds of crops. The harvest was bountiful and they not only had enough to eat but they stocked up for the coming winters. The people were elated and decided to celebrate. A day was declared for offering prayers and thanksgiving by Governor Bradford. Indians were also invited in the merrymaking as everyone indulged in a three-day long festival of fun and frolic.



There will be a luncheon held at Marcello's at 900 Calvary Road, after church on November 13. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet if you plan on attending.

The Stewards Commission thanks the following persons for maintaining the church lawn this season:, Dave Wampler, Mike Strickler, Craig Wert, Dale Miller and Mike Lebo. Landon Billman's company also mowed the church property several times. Also thanks to Gloria Ramirez for planting the flowers around the main entrance to the church.

Children's Aid Society has recognized Carlisle First Church of the Brethren as a recipient of one of their 2021/2022 Samaritan Awards, specifically Mike Lebo, Sue Scott and Doug Miller for the chicken barbecue fundraiser this summer. A Samaritan is a person or organization who is charitable or helpful, who goes above and beyond in their service to CAS.

CWS sent a thank you note for our donation of \$100, saying our help means they can quickly and effectively get supplies into the hands of the people who need them after a crisis.

Safe Harbour would also like to say thank you to Carlisle First Church of the Brethren for the \$150 donation to help in the assisting of homeless individuals and families in the area.

Church of the Brethren district office has thanked us for our \$100 gift toward the Annual Conference webcasting ministry. "There is significant cost in expanding our reach so those who cannot travel and attend Annual Conference in-person can participate in 'the Big Meeting' virtually. Your gift helped make that possible."

Project SHARE appreciates our donations of cans of tuna, as they go toward the fight against hunger.

### Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 4 - Special Cong. Business Mtg.
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Dinner after church
- Dec. 6 - Music & Worship
- Dec 13 - Stewards Meeting

**District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> is the fourth quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first three quarters of 2022, the congregation donated a total of        in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 85% of the congregation's total contribution to date. At this point, we are on schedule to meet our 2022 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling        , helped immensely by these special offerings!**

A special congregational business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday December 4 to begin immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to take action on a recommendation from the church board to revert to our previous schedule for adult Sunday school and the morning worship service beginning on Sunday January 1, 2023. The church board is recommending that adult Sunday school begin at 9:00 A.M. rather than the current start time of 9:15 A.M. In addition, morning worship would begin at 10:15 A.M. rather than the current time of 10:30 A.M. Since Pastor Doug will no longer be pastoring at the Wolfgangmuth church he will be available to the Carlisle church at the earlier times. We look forward to seeing you at this special meeting and hearing your opinion on this matter.

Ike Tritt

Church board chairperson

**CROSS KEYS VILLAGE news (flyers on bulletin board)**

**Garment sale** - orders must be returned no later than November 3rd. Please Cindy Goodling for garment specs at 717-633-1350.

**Brethren Home Community Annual Meeting** on November 12 at 10:00 am at the Nicarry Meetinghouse.

**Annual Naylor's Candy Sale** - Orders due Friday, November 18 - Make checks out to "Friends of CKV." Call Cindy Goodling at (717) 887-3432.

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

*October 23, 2022*

<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund \$	<u>2021</u> General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Building Fund	<u>2021</u> Building Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Special Giving	<u>2021</u> Special Giving
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*"When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord."*

*Jeremiah 29:13*

## ***Serving You In November . . .***

*Worship  
Greeter*

Gloria Ramirez  
*Hospitality*  
Sue Scott

*Head Ushers*

November 6 - Dave Wert  
November 13 - Dale Miller  
November 20 - Dave Marks  
November 27 - Ike Tritt

*Worship Leaders*

November 6 - Brandon Miller  
November 13 - Ike Tritt  
November 20 - Dale Miller  
November 27

*JUNIOR CHURCH*

November 6 - Francine Moody &  
Pam Lebo  
November 13 - Doris Marks and  
Deanna White  
November 20 - Francine Moody &  
Elaine McCoy  
November 27 - Pat Tritt & Doris  
Marks

*Sound Room*

November 6 - Mike Ditmer  
November 13 - Dave Marks  
November 20 -  
November 27 -

## SLOW COOKER BALSAMIC BRUSSELS SPROUTS

**½ cup** balsamic vinegar  
**2 tablespoons** brown sugar, *packed*  
**2 pounds** brussel sprouts, *trimmed and halved*  
**2 tablespoons** olive oil  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
**2 tablespoons** unsalted butter, *cut into cubes*  
**¼ cup** freshly grated Parmesan cheese

- To make the balsamic reduction, add balsamic vinegar and brown sugar to a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a slight boil and reduce by half, about 6-8 minutes; set aside and let cool.
- Place brussel sprouts into a 3-qt slow cooker. Stir in olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top with butter.
- Cover and cook on low heat for 3-4 hours or high for 1-2 hours.
- Serve immediately, drizzled with balsamic reduction and topped with Parmesan.

## SLOW COOKER SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

**¼ cup** unsalted butter, *melted*  
**¼ cup** brown sugar, *packed*  
**2 teaspoons** ground cinnamon  
**1 teaspoon** vanilla extract  
**¼ teaspoon** ground nutmeg  
**¼ teaspoon** ground allspice  
**4 pounds** sweet potatoes, *peeled and diced*  
**1 ½ cups** miniature marshmallows

In a medium bowl, whisk together butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg and allspice.

Place sweet potatoes into a 4-qt slow cooker. Stir in butter mixture.

Cover and cook on low heat for 7-8 hours or high heat for 3-4 hours, or until tender.

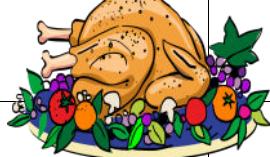
Top with marshmallows. Cover and cook on low heat for an additional 5-10 minutes, or until melted. Serve immediately.



Happy  
Birthday

Happy  
Anniversary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 1:30 pm Music and Worship	<b>2</b> Noon Ladies' Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> After church Deacons' Mtg	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Stewards Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8-5:00 Marley Billman & Brandon Miller's wedding
<b>13</b> Lunch after church at Marcello's  <b>6:00-7:00pm</b> District Prayer Meeting in sanctuary	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Church Board	<b>16</b> Noon Ladies' Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:30pm SOPA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am Birthday Breakfast @ Fair-ground			

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## *The Light On The Hill*

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A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

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