
The Light On The Hill



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

November 2018

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

November with its Halloween past and Thanksgiving coming is a rather busy month! But whether we give thanks for our nation being discovered (though it wasn't lost but already inhabited) or as children give thanks for goblins, ghosts and candy, "thanks" is appropriate throughout the month. Consider some biblical thanksgiving moments!

With what does the psalmist tell us to enter into the Lord's gates? Psalm 100:4
Who prayed and gave thanks to God for revealing a king's dream? Daniel 2:23
How many times each day did Daniel schedule to pray and give thanks to God?
Daniel 6:10

Jesus gave thanks that certain things were hid from whom? Matthew 11:25 At what feast did Jesus take the cup and give thanks? Matthew 26:19,27 How many lepers returned to give thanks to Jesus for healing them? Luke 17:15-16 Who said he was thankful not to be like other men? Luke 18:11 What did Jesus do after receiving the loaves at the feeding of the 5,000? John 6:11

At whose grave did Jesus lift up his eyes to give thanks? John 11:14,41 Who thanked God and took courage after a long voyage? Acts 28:15 We are instructed in II Corinthians 9:15 to give thanks to God for his unspeakable _____.

We are to give thanks always for what? Ephesians 5:20?

What are we to include with prayer and supplication to God? Philippians 4:6 It is the will of God that we give thanks in what? I Thessalonians 5;18 In regard to gratefulness, what will be one of the signs in the last days? II Timothy 3:2

My biblical concordance lists many more times of thanks and thanksgiving. It seems like the best living is in that thankful fashion. Choose a text from above that speaks to your heart, lips and living. Even Jesus lived a thankful life! Can we live in a lesser fashion?

See you on the journey (thankfully). Pastor Jim

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

WE WANT TO THANK PAM LEBO for the excellent tasty meal prepared for the September Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen. We are also grateful for those who helped Pam prepare the meal and those who delivered the meal to share with the recipients.

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT ITEMS FOR CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY with the amount of goods totaling \$139.00. We had a variety of items ranging from construction paper, to kitchen trash bags, to canned pasta and fruit, to jelly, and children's supplies. They were delivered on Tuesday, following the end of October's collection. Our gifts were most appreciated! Here is part of their Thank You letter:

“Each of the programs at Children’s Aid Society work to help children who are at risk of being abused. Our Art Therapy program helps children cope with the challenges life has put before them and children who learn positive coping skills grow up to be adults with good problem-solving abilities. Our Parent Support Group program helps parents learn positive parenting techniques and gives them a support system to lean on when they need a friend. So, whether your gift means that we will save money because we don’t have to buy supplies or your donation provides a needed item to a family, you have helped us in our mission. You have kept a child safe, comforted a child who has been hurt, and helped a parent to be strong. Thank you for making our community a better place for children to grow up and for families to live.”

In November, we will provide a response to the disasters created by Hurricanes Florence and Michael which have hit the Carolinas and Florida with a lot of damage, changing the lives of so many people who live and work there. We will provide an opportunity to prepare 2 to 3 CLEAN UP BUCKETS to send there. The Witness Commission will prepare one bucket and we hope to have help preparing one or two more. Each bucket has the value of about \$75 to \$80. Thus, there will be a TEAR-OFF SHEET CONTAINING ITEMS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY AND LATER PLACED IN A BUCKET. An enlarged sheet will have the total listing but we ask you provide the parts to make two more buckets. Some of our leftover budget funds will also go toward the clean up buckets. Other leftover funds will go to Brethren initiative of providing micronutrients, called 'Grow Right' for children in Nigeria.

In December, the Salvation Army will provide us with a family for their Adopt A Family Program. Look for news about this program in late November. Thanks ahead for your assisting in sharing a little Christmas love with these family members.

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

District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sunday, November 11th:

November 11th is the fourth quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the previous three quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$3,055.50 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 81.5 % of the church's \$3,750 contribution to date. At this point, we are on track to meet our 2018 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling \$5,000, helped immensely by these special offerings!

Cross Keys Village - On November 17th, comes the Lancaster Trombone Quartet & Drums. On December 15th, the Hershey Handbells Ensemble will perform at the Nicarry Meetinghouse. Great stuff!

Sadler Health Center is sponsoring a new group meeting called GRANDS, a confidential and safe environment to provide support for family members raising children due to the impact of the Opioid Crisis. These meetings are being held the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the YWCA, 301 G Street in Carlisle, starting October 2nd. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. For more information, call (717) 243-3818 or info@ywcacarlisle.org.

Search Committee

The initial meeting of the search committee for finding new church leadership will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 pm in the board room at church. Bill Waugh, District Executive for the Southern District of the Church of the Brethren, will be here to get us started with the process. If you haven't already shown an interest in helping with the venture, it's not too late to be involved. Just come to the meeting on November 1st. Thanks, Dale

The Multi-Cultural Conversations are being planned for upcoming months. Linda Wilson will be in charge of the discussion for October. If you would like to join in any of these discussions, please let Linda Wilson know and she will provide the information you need.

There is a Veteran's Day service on Nov. 8 at 6 PM at the Army Heritage Center, co-sponsored by CARC.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For 25 years Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered shoebox gifts to children around the world. These simple boxes, filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, have been distributed in 160 countries to more than 157 million needy children. Our church will be participating again this year. There are a few Samaritan's Purse boxes left from last year which I will make available, but most of you will need to use a regular shoe box and wrap it in brightly colored paper. See me, Jeanne Bobenage, for a brochure that contains packing instructions, labels, and a donation envelope for each box. They are asking for a \$9 donation per box this year. The deadline for dropping off a shoebox at the church will be Sunday, November 18. This is a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus with children around the world, and I am always encourage by the good response from our church.

The folks at Camp Eder want to thank Carlisle First Church of the Brethren for our gift of \$100 towards changing lives outdoors for the sake of the Gospel.

Project SHARE would like to give thanks for our donation of 37 cans of Tuna Fish towards their response to their client needs with assistance and hope in sharing in their vision of *Nourishing Our Community*.

On Earth Peace thanks the church for supporting the ministries for the gift of \$100, which will ensure their message of peace and justice continues to spread.

Saturday, November 17 @ 9:00 am—Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle—The United Methodist Women of Otterbein invite us to their annual Ladies' Thanksgiving Breakfast. There will be a light meal provided, followed by a short presentation and a time of fellowship. Please let Judy Moore know by November 11th if you would like to attend. The flyer is on the bulletin board.

On Friday, November 30 we have been invited to pack items for Church World Service located in New Windsor, Maryland. We will be leaving at 7:30 and returning by 5:00. All workers will receive a hot lunch while there. Please sign up on the flyer on the bulletin board if you would like to go along.

WAYS TO REUSE:

Bubble Wrap: (not popped!)

- place on the bottom of the bowl as a cushion when you put fruit in.
- if your toilet “sweats” a lot, line the tank with bubble wrap for insulation
- burglar alarm: place it under your windows and the pops will alert you to a break in.
- if you have multiple handbags, fill the unused ones with the wraps to keep their shape.
- mat under your sleeping bag when camping.
- protect outdoor pots by wrapping them in bubble wrap...come over the top to keep it even warmer.*

Plastic Water Bottles:

- fill them with water and put in the toilet tank to save water if you have an older toilet.
- holder for a recharging cell phone (cut to size and hang)
- use two ends to make holders for baked goods such as cookies, muffins, etc.
- make a planter using the bottom half.

Cardboard boxes:

- cover with contact paper or material to make storage boxes
- cut out letters and cover with glitter to make a greeting sign, such as Merry Christmas.
- or use metallic paper to make it shine, maybe spell out “Angel”.
- train or houses for children or cats!
- build a cardboard city for matchbox cars or dolls.
- drawer dividers.
- Christmas trees, cut two and use slit to bring them together for a tree that stands up.

*<https://earth911.com/home-garden/is-bubble-wrap-recyclable/>
<http://www.foxmovingnashville.com/blog/after-you-move/16-clever-ways-repurpose-cardboard-boxes/>
<https://www.diyncrafts.com/27010/repurpose/35-brilliant-diy-repurposing-ideas-cardboard-boxes>

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include: 230+ Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram. Dorcas Yakubu remains in captivity after three years. Her family holds little hope for her return, but we can continue praying that God bless and protect her.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH TO:

Prayer List: PERSONS FROM THE CONGREGATION who have been ill, hospitalized, or needing prayer this past month include:

SYMPATHIES TO THE

Serving You In November . .

***Worship
Greeters***

Children's Time

Hospitality

Nursery

Ushers

Head Ushers

Worship Leaders

Sound Room

Our Record of Faithfulness

September 2018	<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund	<u>2017</u> General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Building Fund	<u>2017</u> Building Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Special Giving
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“I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.”
Psalm 4:8

““As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”
John F. Kennedy

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

2 cups chicken (cooked)
16 oz box thin spaghetti (or vermicelli)
2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup chicken broth
¼ teaspoon celery salt
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can mushrooms (sliced)
¼ cup parmesan
¼ cup cheddar cheese
salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Prepare chicken using method of choice.

Prepare pasta according to package directions

In a sauce pan over medium heat melt butter and stir in flour, cook for one minute

Add broth, soup and seasonings to mixture and continue cooking until slightly thickened

Drain pasta from pot and return add chicken and mushrooms and stir together

Transfer into a 9x13 dish, prepared with cooking spray

Sprinkle cheese over the top and bake at 350° for 30 minutes

*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

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Worship 10:15 AM
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 3:00 pm Nurture Com 7:00 pm Search Com-	2	3
4 8:30 am Coffee Time	5	6 9:00 am Central PA Pastors' Mtg 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Music & Worship	7 7:00 pm Choir	8	9	10
11 Special Offer- ing—District Brotherhood	12 1:00 pm Witness Commission	13 9:00 am Quilting 1:00-3:00 pm Kitchen Clean-Up 7:00 pm Stewards	14 9:30 am Senior Citi- zen Day @ Camp Eder 7:00 Choir	15	16	17 3:00 pm CCNS Toy Cleaning
18	19	20 9:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm Church Board Mtg	21 Office Closed CCNS No School 7:00 pm	22 THANKS- GIVING Office Closed CCNS No School	23 Office Closed CCNS No School	24
25	26 Carlisle Truck Stop Cookie Col- lection CCNS No School	27 9:00 am Quilting 6:30 pm Chambers- burg COB 7:00 Wam- pler Bible	28 9:00 am Birthday Breakfast @ Farmers Mkt 7:00 pm Choir	29 6:30 pm SOPA Dist. Min. Commission	30 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Church World Ser- vice, New Windsor	