
The Light On The Hill



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

October 2020

New Pastor and New Start Time

On Sunday October 4 Pastor Doug Miller will begin his duties as part-time pastor of the Carlisle First Church of the Brethren. We warmly welcome Pastor Doug and his wife Julie to our church family and look forward to sharing our Christian journey with them. **The service will begin at a new start time of 10:30 A.M. to accommodate Pastor Doug, who will also be conducting morning worship at the Wolgamuth Church of the Brethren. All of our services during the month of October are currently planned to start at 10:30 A.M. A decision on the permanent start time after October will be made at the church congregational business meeting on Sunday October 11.**

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Christmas Child Shoebox Project is gearing up for this year. We encourage you to find your shoeboxes and start filling them. Plastic and cardboard boxes will be available beginning the first week of October. They are due to be sent to head-quarters in mid-November. **The Shoebox Store**, located in Shippensburg, can help you find things to put into your shoeboxes at a reduced price. The following information can be found online. Hours are to be 9 to 12noon, but you may want to call beforehand to verify:

Every other Saturday - October 3, 17, 31 and November, 14

Every other Thursday - October 8, 22 and November 5

Mondays - October 5, 19, 26, November 2 and November 9

Phone: 717-477-5134

ADDRESS: 208 Lurgan Avenue, Shippensburg

If you are interested in going together, let Gloria Ramirez know and dates will be scheduled accordingly.

Jeanne and Gloria are working together to make this a banner year for Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We have obtained plastic shoeboxes or the decorated shoeboxes for you to use. Last year we prepared 26 boxes. We want to make a challenge of 50 boxes. We will be asking the Sunday-School children to prepare 10 boxes and the youth to prepare 10 boxes (materials will be provided). We are asking everyone to help supply the materials for the boxes. If you are in the store, can you buy 5 to 10 of certain items for the boxes? We would like you to put them in a box in the NARTHEX marked Christmas Child Shoebox Materials. A list of supplies will be available.

Let's try to support our Brethren agencies, one of which is the Camp Eder fall festival. They are looking for donations such as pies, bake sale items, pumpkins, turkeys, gallons of cider, chip bags, candy for children's games, paper products, fall decora-

tions. You can even be a yard sale vendor for \$15.00 a space. If you would like to share any of these items, please notify Gloria Ramirez know and she will see that the camp gets those materials. They would need to be given to her by October 23rd.

The Commission has learned that the Truck Stop Chapel on the Carlisle Pike has reopened, which has made some truckers very happy! We will need to wait and see if the cookie gift bags will be reinstated or not.

We have also learned that a new CEO for the Fruitbelt Farmers Ministry has been named - Christian Aquilar of Harrisburg.

We will be looking for volunteers for the Soup Kitchen, scheduled on October 11th. Please let someone on the Witness Commission know if you have a little time to help prepare and pack the bag lunches. We will start about 1:30.

We welcome Marley Billman as an ad hoc member of the Witness Commission. Thank you for being willing to serve our congregation on this commission. We would be happy to welcome anyone else willing to get the word out that God is Awesome!

The Church Board has also given permission to resume the Sunday-school class which Gloria had previously taught. We will meet either at the pavilion or in the Multi-Purpose Room starting the first Sunday in October. If you would like to join us, please let Gloria Ramirez know. The first Sunday will be a time of sharing all that the children have felt, learned, and experienced during the pandemic.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/03 Sale from 7:30-2:00 Could anyone help with parking or getting tables out for us? Do you have canopies that we could use? Please let Gloria know.
- 10/08 Witness Commission Meeting
- 10/11 Two-Cents A Meal (Global Food Initiative) Offering
- 10/11 Soup Kitchen preparation at 1:30pm
- 10/17 Camp Eder fall festival
- 10/30 Birthday Breakfast at Fair-ground Diner

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Because of the Covid-19 Virus, the Women's Fellowship did not have very many things scheduled. We managed to have a couple Birthday Breakfasts at the beginning of the year. At the last breakfast we had, we gave a card shower to Carolyn Madeira as she was getting ready to move to Palmyra.

However, the quilting ladies continued to quilt at home. One quilt was taken off the frame and completed at home. Ginny Wilson continued to make lap blankets for the folks at the Brethren Home at Cross Keys Village. Mary Miller knots those blankets for Ginny. Gloria Ramirez made ABC children's blankets that will either be sold or donated to Camp Eder for their auction or donated to Children's Aid Society. We also made a donation to the Disaster Relief Auction for the quilt sale that never took place. Pat Tritt and Pam Wert were working on cross-stitching 12 material blocks that will be assembled later in a quilt.

COVID-19 Guidelines Update

At the church board meeting on September 15 the board passed two motions changing the COVID-19 guidelines for the church. First, a motion was passed to allow congregational singing during the morning service. Masks must remain in place while singing and congregants are asked to sing softly to help prevent the possible spread of virus particles. Secondly, a motion was passed to allow Sunday school classes to begin meeting again on Sunday mornings. The guidelines for children's Sunday school classes will be the same guidelines which are being followed by the nursery school classes that meet in our building. Children's temperatures will be taken upon entering the building and masks and social distancing will be required in the classes. If parents have any concerns about their children's health they should not have them attend Sunday school classes. Adult Sunday school classes are now also permitted, with masks and social distancing rules also applicable to these classes.

Church Congregational Business Meeting

The date for the church congregational business meeting has been set for Sunday October 11 beginning at 12:30 P.M with Moderator Pastor John Hess conducting the meeting. Agenda items include the calling of church leadership, calling of Deacons, annual reports of church officials and groups, and the passage of the proposed church budget for 2021. In addition, **we will be voting on a change in the start time of our Sunday morning worship service based on our new yoked relationship with the Wolgamuth Church of the Brethren.** All members of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting if possible to participate in the important process of determining leadership roles and policies for the future.



A Message from the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

As you may already know, the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction (BDRA) held at the Lebanon EXPO Center has been cancelled for 2020, due to health and safety concerns caused by the Coronavirus. Many of our auction workers and our attendees are considered part of the vulnerable generation and are at a higher health risk. This year would have been the 44th year for our auction. Although other organizations have held, or are planning to hold, virtual on-line auctions, our board did not believe that option was appropriate. We fully intend to hold a live auction next year on September 24-25, 2021.

Although we will not meet in person, we ask that you do not forget about us and our mission. Disasters continue to affect many people and Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is continuing to maintain limited work projects. BDM has been active in many disaster areas, including those affected by Hurricane Harvey, earthquakes in Haiti, the hurricane in Puerto Rico, fires in California and many other local natural disasters. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is a major supporter of BDM. The primary source of income to the BDRA is through the live auction; however, we continue to receive direct contributions from churches and individuals. It is expected that we will be able to make a significant contribution to Brethren Disaster Ministries by the end of this year.

Here is where you can become part of this effort. Perhaps as a local church, it may be possible to conduct some smaller, specific fund-raising activities to benefit the auction. In some cases, churches have taken special offerings to support the auction's mission. Significant contributions have already been made through special offerings in the district churches.

Please prayerfully consider ways in which you could support the auction this year so the important work of helping those who have suffered loss related to natural disasters can continue.

Donations can be sent directly to:

Treasurer, BDRA
164 Vinegar Ferry Road Marietta,
PA 17547

Through our Facebook Page: We encourage you to share with your Facebook friends

Or through the BDRA Website:
www.BrethrenAuction.org

From the Board of Directors, Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.



**THE 2020 Cumberland County 50plus
EXPO**
October 22 - October 25

Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, the Cumberland County 50plus EXPO has been moved to a virtual event. It will be the same great event and will still include seminars, entertainment, demonstrations, selling opportunities and much more.

For more information, call (717) 285-1350 or visit www.50plusexpopa.com

Admission: none

Online hours: 10:00 AM - 06:00 PM

Address: Go Pro to view

On Earth Peace wants to thank Carlisle First Church of the Brethren for our gift of \$100. Our gift will continue to spread their message of peace and justice to the individuals groups and congregations they serve.

Samaritan Fellowship has been awarded a grant from Cumberland County as a part of the Renew Cumberland's Covid-19 Response. The purpose of the grant is to help financially stressed residents avoid eviction from rental units and to help financially stressed homeowners avoid mortgage foreclosures.

People who apply for assistance must be a resident of Carlisle Borough, South Middleton, or Middlesex. To apply for assistance the resident must call (717) 579-6697 any Saturday morning between 7:00 to 11:00 to arrange for a telephone interview by a Samaritan Fellowship Board Member. It will be necessary to have a copy of the eviction or mortgage foreclosure notice. Samaritan Fellowship will make the payment directly to the landlord or mortgage holder.

CARC (Carlisle Area Religious Council) has a page on Facebook. To access this page, type in "Carlisle Area Religious Council" in the Facebook Search Bar. When it comes up you can scroll down and see their posts. "Like" the page and then every time CARC makes a post it should go into your newsfeed.

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns this past month to:

Joys to: The congregation voted to call Pastor Doug Miller to be our part-time pastor. His duties will begin on Sunday, October 4th. We will also be having communion on that day but no Love Feast at this time. The church board voted to allow (quiet) singing with masks on. Also, it voted to allow Sunday School and Children's Church to begin meeting. Adult Sunday School will begin at 9:15.

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:

WORSHIP LEADERS

October 4 -
October 11 -
October 18 -
October 25 -

SOUND ROOM

October 4 -
October 11 -
October 18 -
October 25 -

USHERS

NURSERY I

October 4 -
October 11 -
October 18 -
October 25 -

JUNIOR CHURCH

NURSERY II

October 4 -
October 11 -
October 18 -
October 25 - ks

October 4 -
October 11 -
October 18 -
October 25 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

September 20, 2020

<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving	Special Giving

COWBOY CANDY CONDIMENT
RECIPE & CANNING INSTRUCTIONS

3 lbs Jalapeno peppers, fresh and firm
2 cups cider vinegar
6 cups granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
3 teaspoons granulated garlic
1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

- Wearing gloves, remove the stems from all of the jalapeno peppers. The easiest way to do this is to slice a small disc off of the stem-end along with the stem. Discard the stems.
- Slice the peppers into uniform 1/8-1/4 inch rounds. Set aside.
- In a large pot, bring cider vinegar, white sugar, turmeric, celery seed, granulated garlic and cayenne pepper to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
- Add the pepper slices and simmer for exactly 4 minutes.
- Use a slotted spoon to transfer the peppers, loading into clean, sterile canning jars to within 1/4 inch of the upper rim of the jar.
- Turn heat up under the pot with the syrup and bring to a full rolling boil. Boil hard for 6 minutes.

Use a ladle to pour the boiling syrup into the jars over the jalapeno slices. Insert a cooking chopstick to the bottom of the jar two or three times to release any trapped pockets of air. Adjust the level of the syrup if necessary. Wipe the rims of the jars with a clean, damp paper towel and fix on new, two-piece lids to finger-tip tightness.

- *If you have leftover syrup, and it is likely that you will, you may can it in half-pint or pint jars, too. It's wonderful brushed on meat on the grill or added to potato salad or, or, or... In short, don't toss it out!
- Place jars in a canner, cover with water by 2-inches. Bring the water to a full rolling boil. When it reaches a full rolling boil, set the timer for 10 minutes for half-pints or 15 minutes for pints.

When timer goes off, use canning tongs to transfer the jars to a cooling rack. Leave them to cool, undisturbed, for 24 hours. When fully cooled, wipe them with a clean, damp washcloth then label.

Allow to mellow for at least two weeks, but preferably a month before eating. Or don't.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

October 2020

**Activities are subject to Cancellations
due to Covid-19 precautions**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7:30am to 2:00 pm Outside Yard Sale
4 Communion & Love Feast	5	6 1:30 Nurture Com. 1:30 pm Music and Worship	7	8 2:30pm Witness Com- mission	9	10
11 2 Cents- A-Meal Global Food Initia- tive Offering Soup Kitchen	12	13 7pm Stewards	14	15	16	17 Camp Eder Fall Festival 10am-3pm
18	19	20 7pm Church Board	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 9am Birthday Breakfast @ Fairground Diner	29	30	31

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Address Service Requested

October



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A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
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