
The Light On The Hill



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

October 2018

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Whenever I drive back and forth to Roanoke, VA, I am privileged to see the valleys and mountains of both Pennsylvania and Virginia. I love the turnpike going out to Western PA as the mountains are a spectacular scenery. The same beauty shows up in middle to southern Virginia.

Yes, there are slight variations. The North and South Mountains of our Cumberland valley seem more to be a solid wall, with the wide valley in between. The mountains in the Roanoke Valley seem more separated. They are more jagged and defined. They surround Roanoke completely.

Both are mountain views! Churches are the same way...they vary in small or major ways. Think of the Rockies versus the Appalachians! But they all have beauty. A friend of mine recently moved from the West Coast ocean views to Maine and the East Coast views. And we know those beach views in Maine are not the same as those in Ocean City.

Accepting differences among ourselves is often difficult. But a lot of our differences are preferences. My co-mother-in-law wanted badly to retire near the ocean. Jim wants a lake view but will settle for mountains. (hmm, wish we could find both!) The way we do church can be a preference. Our political issues can be preference. Let's accept the variations among us!

The scripture reminds us we share one Spirit, one hope, one faith. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Jesus prays for unity among his followers. "Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you, so that God will be given glory."
(Romans 15:7 NLT) Find the beauty in variations!

Pastor Marla

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission thanks everyone who helped serve a delicious meal to the Soup Kitchen at Salvation Army. Hats off to Pam Lebo for another great meal for the recipients using the Soup Kitchen.

The Witness Commission has had their first Multi Cultural Conversations event and thanks those who were able to participate.

Giant is inviting supporters of Project SHARE to an October receipts campaign! When you shop at Giant be sure to save all your food and gas receipts **dated between October 1-31**. Giant, a generous partner with SHARE, will then donate \$1 for each receipt, up to \$5,000, to enable Project SHARE to "Nourish Our Community..." Carlisle Church of the Brethren will place a collection box in the Narthex for its congregation to deposit their receipts. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Receipts will be delivered to Project SHARE at the end of the month for their redemption with Giant. Their goal is to collect 5,000 receipts.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held after church at 12:30 pm on Sunday, October 14, 2018. This is a very important meeting for all church members. The main items of business will be approval of the 2019 church budget, approval of new members of the church board and deacons. Lunch will be provided by the Nurture Commission after church for those people wishing to stay for the meeting.

NURTURE COMMISSION

The Nurture Commission will provide lunch for the Business Meeting being held on October 14th, which will include pizza, subs, and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet posted so we know who is bringing what. We will also be making pies for the October 20th Camp Eder's Fall Festival.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women are being asked to help peel apples once again at the Brethren Home as they prepare for their Annual Apple Butter Festival being held on Saturday, October 13th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will need to come prepared with knives or equipment to peel and core on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH at 9:30am. Lunch will be provided in the Terrace Dining Cafe, and this year we will be able to stay and enjoy a nice meal. Gloria needs to RESPOND TO THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1ST. PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN UP LIST IN THE HALLWAY! AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

Friends of Cross Keys Village wants to thank us for our help at the Chicken Barbeque, Auction and Car Show. We brought good fellowship and good food to Residents of the Village and the wider community. They especially thank us for making the quilt for the next year's auction, providing volunteers to sell ice cream, pie and root beer floats all day, and for baking and bringing pies and other baked items. The auction brought in over \$9,000.

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

CROSS KEYS VILLAGE (cont'd)

The Friends of Cross Keys Village will have their Annual **Candy Sale** in October. Orders are due BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th. Gloria Ramirez has the order forms if you are interested in purchasing any of the Naylor's Peanut, Cashew Crunch, or Buttermint products.

Also, on November 1st in the Nicarry Meetinghouse, the Friends of Cross Keys will have a **Paparazzi Jewelry Sale** from 8am to 3pm. EVERYTHING IS \$5.00. NICE JEWELRY, TOO!!! ANYONE INTERESTED IN GOING, SEE GLORIA!

Apple Butter Festival, October 13—8:00 am to 1:00 pm - Outside Nicarry Entrance of Nicarry Meetinghouse. The sights, smells and tastes of the season will mix with fun family activities .. Members of the Replogle family still make apple butter the old fashioned way – boiled in a copper pot over an open fire – and you can buy some, along with baked goods and more. An indoor yard sale and a vast selection of previously-read books will also be part of this fun-for-the-whole-family event. Admission and parking are free. IF YOU WOULD WANT TO PRE-ORDER QUARTS OF SOUP (Chicken Corn or Ham & Bean Soup), you need to call the Bee Hive Gift Shop by October 3rd.

Jardine Organ Concert, October 14—2:30 to 4:00 pm—Nicarry Meetinghouse. Cross Keys Village is the (non-retirement) home of a historical 1869 one-manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ, rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. This year is the 15th annual concert series on this invaluable instrument. Michael Britt, Director of Music and Organist at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, will present a free, public concert in Nicarry Meetinghouse. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Camp Eder Fall Festival & Benefit Auction, October 20—10:00-4:00 pm—Live and silent auction begins 10:30 am. Pig roast, turkey fest; Lots of kids' activities; Bake sale, apple dumplings & apple bombs; Candy treasure hunt; Petting zoo; Food concessions; Live music; Local vendors. 814 Mt. Hope Road, Fairfield, PA 717-642-8256.

Brad Crum as the King, October 20—7:00 to 8:30 pm—Nicarry Meetinghouse. Professional Artists Series presents a big stage production with "The King" and his backup band, right here in Central PA. Brad channels Elvis with the genuine sound, look, and feel of the man himself, and you also can get a little of 'Brad' in the performance by the Lancaster Trombone Quartet & Drums ensemble next month! This free concert is open to all.

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

Using our clothing well:

The fashion industry is the second dirtiest in the world, next to big oil. Cotton production is extremely resource intensive, and synthetic fabrics use petroleum products. Cotton will eventually rot, unlike synthetic fabrics. Other natural fibers like linen, bamboo, silk, cashmere, hemp and wool can be composted. How can we be ecologically helpful in our garb?

Most of the energy associated with washing clothes goes to heating the wash water. Washing your clothes in cold water is a great way to save energy, lower your utility bills, and extend the life of your clothes. In fact, warm water tends to fade and bleed colors, causing clothes to age more quickly. Cold water is also more effective in removing stains.

No surprise! Line drying saves energy. When the weather is bad, you can set up clothes racks inside the house. These add much needed moisture in dry winter months.

Most dry cleaners use the chemical perchloroethylene (PERC). Unfortunately, it is also considered a likely human carcinogen. Clothes that were recently cleaned with PERC can off-gas, contaminating the air in your home. (I call it the “cat pee smell.”) The chemical can also be absorbed through the skin while wearing garments laundered in PERC. Look for dry cleaners who use the label “green”.

Purchase used clothing. Many people outgrow or become tired of clothing before it is worn out. Many second-hand stores are run by charities, making them a great way to support local nonprofit organizations and community programs.

Shopping at locally-owned stores helps your local economy. It is said that if you spend \$100 at a locally-owned store, \$68 will stay in your community. If you shop at a nationally-owned chain store, a mere \$43 remains close to home. Supporting locally-owned stores also helps make your community unique and keeps your sales tax dollars close to home (compared to online shopping).

Consider what you are buying. Some clothing purchases help women build businesses abroad, often recycling fabrics. Some clothing companies have shown a large commitment to sustainable practices. (Patagonia is making jackets out of recycled bottles, and LS&Co is encouraging consumers to wash clothes in cold water, line dry, and donate or recycle.) Etsy products are hand-made, supporting the artisan community. The hungersite.com gives free food away for purchases.

Donate your used clothing. A staggering 16 million tons of clothing and textiles go to landfills each year in the U.S., according to the EPA. Donating unwanted but usable clothing is a great way to save resources. Goodwill and Salvation Army recycle some materials. Depending on the fabric, it can be donated as rags to garages, veterinarians, animal shelters. Cleaning rags reuse clothing and save paper.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

With the Retirement/Resignation of Pastors Jim and Marla Abe effective March 3, 2019 , plans are being made to decide on future pastoral leadership. A search committee is being formed to work with our district executive, Bill Waugh, to begin this process. If you would like to participate or have questions about this important endeavor, please contact Dale Miller, board chairperson, by October 15th.

The church needs your help!

In preparation for the annual Congregational Business Meeting, the Nominating and Personnel Committee is looking for people willing to serve in church leadership. A variety of positions on commissions and committees are currently available to members, as well as some appointed positions for any interested person. Contact Michael Strickler if you are a member and willing to consider serving the church in a leadership capacity and nobody has contacted you, and we can explore what positions may be of interest you. Thanks for your consideration!

The Carlisle Area Religious Council wishes to thank you for your very generous donation of \$200 which will assist in its mission to increase understanding between faiths in our community through various interfaith events and involvement in community projects.

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement, cards, calls and most important your prayers and support during the recent passing of our dear Mother, Verna.

Peace and God Bless
The Family of Verna George.

CARC will be sponsoring a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 13 at 2 PM at the Labyrinth on October 13 @ 2:00 pm (raindate,- October 14 @ 2:00 pm) Please see the flyer on the bulletin board. and contact Gloria Ramirez for more info or if you want to share a flyer with your friends and families. We wanted to try and showcase the Labyrinth one more time before the end of the season and offer an opportunity for people to learn about the fund-raising project for trees around the Labyrinth and to donate if they chose. CARC is also distributing the flyers to local vet practices so if you have a pet and take them to a particular practice, please help by dropping off a flyer to them.

On the Personal Side...

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

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