
The Light On The Hill



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

September 2019

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Spiritual Grafting

- graft (noun) 1. a shoot or twig inserted into a slit on the trunk or stem of a living plant, from which it receives sap
2. a piece of living tissue that is transplanted surgically*

Wanting to choose trees that would grow in their natural habitat here in Cumberland County, I learned that crabapple trees were native to our region. So – off to Boyer Nurseries I went. After planting two trees and protecting them from local deer with a 5 foot high wire fence, I carefully fertilized and watered them in their infancy. I was excited to see them grow heartily...until the third year of their life.

That year we had an unusually bitter winter. I was unfamiliar with the effect that winters had on fruit trees (and rodents) until the snowpack began melting later that spring. I discovered several narrow paths leading up to the trees. To my chagrin, starving mice had tunneled through the snow and had chewed the bark off the tree trunks.

The result: my two crabapple trees started growing non-apple foliage. Little did I realize that the apple trees that I had purchased were grafted (see definition #1 above). The rooted non-apple twig to which the apple branches were grafted had survived and was now proudly growing non-apple tree leaves. Aargh! I should have protected them with a rodent guard, not just a wire fence to protect them from deer.

Enter Jesus and His vine/branch parable in chapter 15 of John.

⁴ "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (NRSV)

I am reminded that we are branches that need to be 'grafted' into Jesus' vine because 1) we can't bear fruit by ourselves, and 2) He needs to be the source of our spiritual nutrition. If He is our rooted vine, and we are His branch, His sustenance will flow through His vine into our lives via His Holy Spirit. We are 'grafted' when we accept His gift of salvation.

The second definition above can also be applicable. As we remain "grafted" to His vine, it's as if "a piece of living tissue is transplanted" as the Holy Spirit shares our Father's heart with us. As we grow in the faith, we reflect God's heart in our actions and love toward others.

As we enter this season of fall, let's be prepared for the inevitable frigid winters and rodents of life by being fed, protected, and loved by our Master and Lord.

- Pastor Jerry

*Oxford Dictionaries; lexico.com/en/definition/graft

News Of The Congregation

WITNESS COMMISSION

Our next Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will be held on September 22nd. Helpers are need to assist Pam in cooking one of those delicious meals and will be prepared around 1:30pm to 2:00pm, to be served at 5pm. Help is also needed to transport the food around 4:30pm. Check your schedules to see if you are able to assist with any of these tasks.

Gloria shares a big THANK YOU to those who helped work at the pie and ice cream booth at the Brethren Home's Chicken BBQ. Chicken dinners were sold out early but ice cream, pie, and root beer floats continued to be served until 3:15 when the people traffic slowed somewhat and things were being prepared to be put away for another year. I arrived a little late but when I arrived I found that Mike Strickler and Jeanne Bobenage had all the items the booth needed and were just waiting for a couple items to be found. What a relief for Gloria! Despite three people not able to handle the 11:30 to 1:30 shift, the busiest time slot of the day, some wonderful volunteers (Linda and John Pitman, and Ike Tritt) stepped forward. Only two people had signed up for the 1:30 to 3:30 shift but thankfully, Mike and Pam Lebo came early and stayed until the end of the day, being close to 4pm. When my first phone calls for replacement volunteers were mostly no's, I sent my concern via the prayer chain and let God know the success of Carlisle's participation in this event was up to Him. Another moment of the week where God handled Gloria's concerns!

The Sonbeam's Disaster Relief Theme Basket is filling up with blue things.

Thank you to everyone who has found some interesting blue things to put in our BLUE BASKET. Gloria is preparing a 'Dear Friend' Basket with journals, letter writing items, pretty envelopes, pens, etc. If you would like to contribute to that basket, all items would be appreciated. There are 2 lists of items for each basket, listing the name of the item, and about how much the item costs which are found on the classroom table for you to sign. Other wise, Gloria will place an estimate for each item. We hope to have the baskets filled by the second week of September. They will be taken to the Disaster Relief Auctions in Lebanon. There are many different types of auctions being held but the Theme Baskets are really interesting to watch. In October, Witness Commission is once again planning to do a service evangelism project of collecting items for two of Carlisle's Elementary Schools. A listing of items such as socks, children's underwear, jackets, lice kits are some of the items these schools often ask to have in the nurse's and counseling offices.

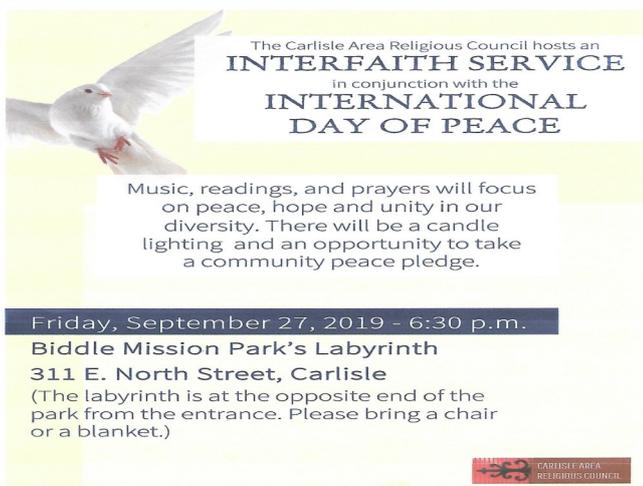
Keep working on the Christmas Child Shoebox gifts that will need to be ready by November. Questions regarding the contents can be directed to Jeanne Bobenage. There are different age groups for which you can bless a child. Shoeboxes have been placed on the Coat Racks in the Narthex for you to use.

Once again, if you know of someone who has moved into your neighborhood or someone near to the church, please check with Gloria to get your Welcome Basket to share. Thanks!

We hope everyone is enjoying the flowers and plants in the island with the Peace Pole. The Canna Lilies have those beautiful red blossoms at the top, the Sun Patience'

pink flowers spread out nicely, and recently a few mums were added for a fall look. If you enjoy pulling weeds, Gloria and Dale would appreciate your efforts to do so. If you see something that needs watered, feel free to get a bucket in the church kitchen to get water for those colorful gifts from God. We are hoping for a little more rain but until that happens, you can help. If you have a perennial that you would like to donate, let Gloria know and she will get it planted.

'The flyer below is for the Witness Commission's multicultural event for September. Our church will be one of the participating churches'. - Linda Wilson



The Carlisle Area Religious Council hosts an
INTERFAITH SERVICE
in conjunction with the
**INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF PEACE**

Music, readings, and prayers will focus on peace, hope and unity in our diversity. There will be a candle lighting and an opportunity to take a community peace pledge.

Friday, September 27, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Biddle Mission Park's Labyrinth
311 E. North Street, Carlisle
(The labyrinth is at the opposite end of the park from the entrance. Please bring a chair or a blanket.)

CARLISLE AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For the first time in many years, the women were able to share a quilt for the Brethren Home's Quilt Auction. Unfortunately, there were several quilts there, which lowered the price of quilts being purchased. We were hoping it would bring a higher price. Ours was a blue and white quilt, which Ginny Wilson had put together for the quilting ladies to quilt. The gentleman

sold shared that this blue quilt was his favorite. It sold for \$135.00. Also shared for the silent auction, was an embroidered tablecloth with matching napkins that Gloria's cousin, Julia Fetterman, had made before she passed away. For both items, though, we hoped to sell for a higher amount to benefit the Home's projects and needs. We still made something to benefit the Friends of the Brethren Home, for which we are grateful.

For any women who love comedy, Luhr's Center in Shippensburg, will have Jeanne Robertson perform on Friday, November 8, 2019. The brochure says, "At 76 years young, Jeanne Robertson continues to charm audiences with her humorous observations about life. This former six-foot two Miss Carolina, has a vivacious personality, heart, and sense of humor. She tours nationally, appears regularly on Grand 'Ole Opry. She has nine nationally released DVD's, three books, hundreds of hours on Sirius XM satellite radio and over 72 million YouTube views. Robertson's witty depiction of everyday situations never fails to have audiences of all ages rolling with laughter. Don't miss this performance by a truly funny lady. Tickets are \$39, \$49, and \$59.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, LET GLORIA KNOW WHICH PRICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY, AND GLORIA WILL ORDER THE TICKETS BY END OF SEPTEMBER!!!! A SIGN UP LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE HALL BULLETIN BOARD!

MUSIC & WORSHIP **COMMISSION**

At a recent Music and Worship Commission meeting, we discussed the practice of sharing joys and concerns. We decided on the following guidelines:

Prayer Request Guidelines

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." I Corinthians 12:26

We encourage those worshiping with us to share prayer requests by either: 1) using the blue prayer cards provided in pew racks (collected in offering plates during the offertory) or 2) shared during joys and concerns in the 'Community Sharing' time of our service.

It's important to remember when sharing personal information about others, please only do so with their permission (HIPAA compliant). Also, be concise and considerate when sharing to allow time for others who may need to share.

The Music and Worship Commission is looking for people who would like to be Greeters to welcome Sunday morning worshippers as they enter the building. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board if you feel led to help out in this position.

District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sunday, September 8th

September 8th is the third quarter Special Offering Sunday to donate funds to the District and Brotherhood. During the first two quarters, the congregation donated a total of \$1,852 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 74% of the congregation's \$2,500 total contribution 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!

Selena and Hernan Flores had their baby daughter on August 9 in North Carolina; Kali Aracely Zoelle Flores, at 6 pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches long. This makes Dave and Doris GREAT grandparents and Alphonzo and Deanna White grandparents! Please change Selena's home address in the directory to read:

217 Carolina Forest Blvd
Apartment 6-107
Jacksonville, NC 28546

**CARLISLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SERMON DETAILS**

DISPOSING OF WASTE PRODUCTS

Cumberland County is offering one more date when residents may dispose of hazardous waste. That date is Thursday, **September 19th** from 12:00-6:00; APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED and fee of \$0.30 per pound will be charged. Feel free to take a flyer from the bulletin board which gives appointment information as well as what can and CANNOT be brought to the recycling center on Claremont Road.

The Church of the Brethren wants to thank us for our \$75 gift to the ministry of Annual Conference. The mission of Annual Conference is "To unite, strengthen, and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus." This summer's Annual Conference was the 233rd recorded Annual meeting of the Brethren. We pray that God's spirit will inspire all of us toward greater faithfulness as we seek to proclaim Christ and Reclaim Passion."

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday October 13, at 12:30 pm (potluck luncheon at 11:30 am). Chairs are requested to submit annual reports to Judy by Sept. 15th, preferably via email.

September 1, 2019

Sermon Title: "Worry Warts"

Scripture: Luke 12: 22-34

"...they have misled my people, saying "Peace!", when there is no peace." (Ezekiel 13:10a) As 'do-it-yourselfers', we're not very good at living in peace. Sermons in the month of September will focus on Godly peace. Jesus outlines a simple but 'Masterful' plan for peace in this week's scripture.

September 8, 2019

Sermon Title: "Alleviating Angst"

Scripture: Philippians 4: 6-9

Paul shares a recipe of action when dealing with worry. After identifying that recipe, we'll make practical applications to situations when we are inundated by Satan's tactics.

September 15, 2019 Guest Minister

Pastor Jan Custer, retired minister from the Huntsdale Church of the Brethren will be sharing God's Word in the message this Sunday.

September 22, 2019

Sermon Title: "God's Blueprints"

Scripture: Zechariah 2: 1-13

Peace is a byproduct of hope. And hope is a byproduct of planning. And good planning is a result of good research. We'll research the scriptures to see how God's plans are the foundation for hopeful peace, in spite of the condition of our sinful world.

September 29, 2019

Sermon Title: "Peaceful Servanthood"

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-24, I Corinthians 11: 27-29

Next Sunday, October 6, we will be worshipping our Lord through Communion and Love Feast. Traditions used by believers for this important service are supported by scripture. We'll study the scriptures to understand why we do what we do, and why servanthood is seed for peace.

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:*

Serving You In September . . .

Worship Greeters

Hospitality

Ushers

Head Ushers

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Lawn Care

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Children's Time

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Nursery

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Worship Leaders

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Sound Room

September 1 -
September 8 -
September 15 -
September 22 -
September 29 -

Our Record of Faithfulness

August 18, 2019	<u>Y-T-D</u> General Fund	<u>2018</u> General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Building Fund	<u>2018</u> Building Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> Special Giving
-----------------	------------------------------	-----------------------------	-------------------------------	------------------------------	--------------------------------

"Your faith can move mountains and your doubts can create them."
Anonymous

LEMON CHICKEN

4 pounds chicken *parts* (thighs and legs recommended, skin-on, bone-in, trimmed of excess fat)
4 teaspoons lemon zest (about zest from 2 lemons)
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 cloves garlic (crushed)
2 tablespoons thyme (fresh chopped, or 2 tsp dried)
2 teaspoons rosemary (fresh chopped, or 1/2 tsp dried)
1 tsp kosher salt
1 tsp black pepper
2 TBS melted butter (Add lemon slices for garnish)

Marinate chicken: Place lemon juice, lemon zest, garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt, and pepper in a large, non-reactive bowl, whisk to combine.

With the tip of a sharp knife, cut into the underside (skinless) of each chicken piece one or two times by about 1/2 an inch. (This will help the marinade penetrate.) Place the chicken pieces in the bowl and turn to coat with the marinade. Place in the refrigerator and marinate for 1 to 2 hours.

Place chicken in baking dish, brush with butter: Pre-heat oven to 425°F. Remove chicken from marinade and place in a single layer in a large baking dish, skin side up. Reserve the marinade. Use a pastry brush to brush melted butter on each piece of chicken.

Bake and baste with marinade: Bake for 20 minutes and baste the chicken pieces generously with the reserved marinade. Continue baking for another 15 to 25 minutes (a total of 35 to 45 minutes), until the skins are crispy brown, and the chicken is cooked through, juices running clear (internal temperature of 165°F).

Depending on the size of the breasts (if using), they may be ready before the thighs, so if you are cooking a mix of chicken parts, keep that in mind, you may have to take them out of the oven before the thighs. Let rest, covered in foil, for 10 minutes before serving.

Save meat juices to serve with chicken: Pour the juices from the pan into a serving bowl. Use a tablespoon to skim the fat off the top (save the fat for cooking with later, or discard). Serve the chicken with the juices on the side or a little poured over the top of the chicken.

Serve alone, or with steamed rice, buttered noodles, pasta, or mashed potatoes.



Happy
Birthday

Happy
Anniversary

First Church of the Brethren
1340 Forge Road
Carlisle, PA 17013



The Light On The Hill

Address Service Requested



© Can Stock Photo - csp14791814

Interim Pastor: Gerald Underkoffler
Secretary: Judy Moore
Church Office: 717-243-4984
A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
carlislecob.org
office@carlislecob.org

September 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 9am Central PA Pastors' Mtg 6:30 CCNS Board Mtg 7:00 Music & Worship	4 9am Quilting 12:30pm Witness Com. 6-8pm CCNS Mtg- Sanctuary	5 2pm Nur- ture Com 7pm Stew- ards Mtg 7pm Cohort Meeting	6 8:30-noon Carpet Cleaning	7
8 District Brotherhood Special Offer- ing	9 6:30 pm Emergency Planning Com	10	11 Pastor Jerry on vaca- tion—back Sept. 16th	12 9am CCNS Orienta- tion 6:30 Dist. Ex- ec. Com.	13 9:30 CCNS Orienta- tion	14
15 Jan Cus- ter, Minister	16 CCNS First Day of Classes Pastor Jerry back from vacation	17 4pm Cohort Mtg 7pm Church Board Mtg	18	19 Noon– 6:00 pm Waste Dispos- al, Claremont Road	20	21
22 Salva- tion Army Soup Kitchen	23	24	25 9am Birthday Breakfast @ Walnut Bot- tom Diner	26 6:30 pm District Ministry Com.	27 6:30 pm Labyrinth Event in honor of Int'l Peace & Prayer Day @ Biddle Mission Park Disaster Relief Auction	28 Disaster Relief Auc- tion (2 days)
29 Noon Deacon Lunch	30					
