
The Light On The Hill



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

September 2020

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Get Out!

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.” Psalm 42:1

News reported on March 17, 2020 “A shelter-in-place order is when, during an extreme public health emergency, residents of a specific city or region are asked to stay indoors in their homes or other safe spaces.”

News reported on April 1, 2020 “Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday placed all of Pennsylvania under an order to stay at home, dramatically expanding the geographic footprint of the quarantine as state officials combat the coronavirus pandemic.”

BUT. . .the book of Psalms reminds us of the benefits of escaping our four walls.

23:2-3a “He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul”

42:6 “O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar”

42:7-8 “Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me. The Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me.”

121:1-2 “I will lift up my eyes to the hills - from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.”

- + Have you listened lately to the chorus of a song bird?
- + Have you recently studied the amazing anatomy of a sunflower?
- + Have you in recent days studied wildlife in their natural habitat?
- + Have you this summer experienced a thunderstorm outside from the view of your porch?
- + Have you recently walked on a forest path or next to a babbling brook?
- + Have you this summer listened to the night calls of crickets or katydids?
- + Have you recently gazed at a cloudless nighttime sky?

Do we “pant” for God? Let’s not be trapped by the confines of our four walls. There’s nothing like God’s creation to remind us that He is in ultimate control. Commune with Him there. Soak in His medicine. Restore our hope in Him. He will satisfy our soul.

Pastor Jerry

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission met on August 19. We had to change the date of the One Great Hour of Sharing from September 13 to the 27th. Gloria will place a labeled box from which you can pick up the information card with the envelope on the first Sunday and hope people will return on the last Sunday of September. A basket will be available inside the church for the returned envelopes.

We shared our budget with the Stewards at the Church Board meeting. Hopefully it will be approved at the October Congregational Meeting.

The October Soup Kitchen will be held on October 11th. If other events are scheduled, we will be using only the kitchen. The meal will be another packed meal.

Next year's budget changes include: Servant Evangelism will go from \$400 to \$300, Missions Fund from \$1,000 to \$800, and Meat Canning from \$300 to \$200. All other accounts will stay the same. So far, this year, we have sent \$100 to On Earth Peace, \$100 to Carlisle Area Religious Council, and \$100 to Bethany. We will also be sharing \$300 from the Missions Fund's activities that have been hit hard with the virus. We are adding our church's name and information to the Sentinel's "Welcome to Cumberland Valley" edition.

To our knowledge, the Christmas Child Shoebox Project may still be happening, so we are encouraging as many as we can to prepare as many boxes as we did last year. They are due in November which may come faster than we think.

We are waiting to hear if the Truck Stop Ministry will be looking for cookie bags for November. We are also waiting to

hear if Project SHARE will be passing containers of cookies for the Prison Ministry in December. Autumn and winter are approaching quickly.

On October 3rd, we are planning to try a YARD SALE in a rather non-traditional way. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the hall bulletin board to see if any of the congregation will be willing to participate. We are trying to make it safe and fun. We are planning to use the picnic tables in the pavilion and tables under canopies in the parking lot. For the pavilion, each table will have one person's belongings. If using a canopy, you will have to bring a table, or use one of the church's older tables. Each person participating will use their money to give change. You will keep what you earn and then we ask that each person prayerfully share a tithe (10%) with one of the church's committees. If you want to contribute more, that would be fine, also. Items for sale will need to be brought to a canopy or pavilion by 6am for the sale scheduled for 7:30 to 2pm.

We are hoping to get a food truck for those who are looking for something to eat. We are providing paper bags with stickers naming our church and placing one of our new flyers in the bags. We will mostly be outside, so we invite you to wear your mask.

We had once talked about having a scriptural walk around the parking lot on a Sunday afternoon for a month, but, because of doing the yard sale, we decided to place little scriptures on poster cards and invite people to walk around to check on the scriptures. We will have the cards to use if we have an afternoon for a scriptural walk time.

We will advertise in a variety of ways: hanging informational sheets in local grocery stores, asking people who do Facebook if they can share the information on Facebook, and the Sentinel during the two days before the weekend of the Yard Sale. If you wish to bring things to sell and do not want to do a table or canopy, please bring those items to Gloria Ramirez, and she will see that they get sold at the Yard Sale. WE WILL TRY TO SANITIZE EVERY HOUR...If you have any questions, please see Gloria Ramirez.

DEACON UPDATE

The deacons met in July for the first time since the Corona virus pandemic has required social distancing. We are sorry that the epidemic has caused the church to miss having Love Feast in April and Communion in June. Since social distancing requirements appear to be in place for at least several more months, we are planning to have a "no touch" bread and cup communion during worship on October 4, Worldwide Communion Sunday. We are still working on how best to safely serve communion, but plan on attending October 4 to receive this ordinance.

We are happy to report that Gloria Ramirez has rejoined the deacons. She will be assisting Dave Wampler with Cluster 2.

The Samaritan's Purse wants to thank Carlisle First Church of the Brethren for its \$200 gift that goes towards reaching into places of despair and hopelessness, and caring for people who are hungry, sick or impoverished

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Parents will bring the children to the classrooms when called.

Front door, entrance way to Sunday school rooms. Health screening before going to class. *Temperatures will be taken.

Have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell.

Been in contact with anyone with these symptoms.

Been exposed to anyone who has Covid-19.

(Fever is determined by a thermometer reading of 100.4 or higher or signs of flushed cheeks, fatigue, extreme fussiness, chills, shivering, sweating, achiness, headache or not eating or drinking, exposed to someone who has symptoms.)

Children will wash hands/sanitize their hands before going to class.

All teachers and children will wear masks.

Nursery II will be back classroom 3-5 years.

Jr church – Kindergarten to 5th grade.

Each child will have individual material/s that they won't share with other children (crayons, pencils, glue, markers, etc). All items will be cleaned and disinfected if shared and hands sanitized.

Water bottles are at the water fountains.

Social distance will be practiced – 6 feet apart.

These policies were developed using guidelines of the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. They may change without notice.

CAMP EDER MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Camp Eder exists to be used by God to transform the lives of people for his purpose and his glory. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the camp to cancel their 2020 camping program including senior activities, FallFest and the Christmas Tree Festival. Since the camp is not running, the camp is losing a lot of natural funds that help pay the monthly bills. These bills are normal everyday bills that help keep the camp running during the "off" season.

Camp Eder is asking all churches of the Southern PA District to donate the funds they would normally pay for campers to help pay the "normal" bills at the camp. Church Board has voted to donate the money we would have spent for the 2020 camperships from our General Fund. Stewards ask that individuals also consider making additional contributions so we can give Camp Eder an infusion of cash to get them through these trying times. Mark your contributions "Camp Eder Mission" and place in the offering plate or send them directly to Robyn Wampler, Financial Secretary at 1125 Shannon Ln, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Follow this link for an inspiring video of Camp Eder: <http://www.carlislecob.org/changing-the-world/camp-eder/>

District and Brotherhood Special Offering Sunday, September 6th:

September 6th 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 \$1,554 in special offerings for the District and Brotherhood. These special offerings represent 62% of the congregation's \$2,500 total contribution to date, and much of this during the COVID-19 shutdown of the church. At this point, we are on schedule to meet our 2020 District and Brotherhood commitments totaling \$5,000, helped immensely by these special offerings!

September 27 is Promotion Sunday. We will list our teachers and children. We will set off balloons at the end of service outside and everyone will get a cupcake when leaving.

There will be a fundraiser for the youth conference that will be taking place in July 2022. We will be having a Silent Auction out on picnic tables under the pavilion on September 27th. Please bring items to be auctioned off (no clothing) on September 26th starting at 9:00 am. Place all items on picnic tables. More details coming...

CARC / COMMUNITY NEWS

Please remember to respond to the **census** if you haven't already. The census helps determine how much federal government funding our government gets for schools, hospitals, roads, and first responders. Deadline is Sept 30,2020.

United Way and Cumberland County recently received federal funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The funding is through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter Nat'l Bd. Program. A local volunteer board will administer distribution of the funds among the emergency food and shelter programs ran by local agencies.

In the past , funds have been awarded to the Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland County and Perry County, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Safe Harbour, Todd Baird Lindsey Foundation, New Life Community Church, New Hope Ministries, and Project Share.

Gale Dupont, chairperson of CARC, put together a list of local churches currently having services. You will find this list on CARC's Facebook page. Type in "Carlisle Area Religious Council" in the search bar at the top of Facebook. It will come up. You should be able to scroll down and find your information. "Like" it and then you should get new information whenever a new post is put on.

Community Response Network (CRN)

CRN is a subcommittee or offshoot of Moving Circles/Beloved Community which is sponsored by CARC. Gale DuPont and David Luo are co-chairing the task force which approved a name for the network - the Greater Carlisle Community Responders Network.

Finalized mission statement - the **GCCRN** is a grassroots coalition committed to responding to bias incidents with action, advocacy and care and have begun to create a list of the components needed for the foundation and framework of the organization. Created a list of "Who's Not At The Table" which is a list of potential target groups of bias who are represented on the Task Force or in the volunteer group.

A temporary structure has been put in place should they receive a bias event report. They are currently looking for a place to house GCCRN. If you are interested in furthering your education in this area, contact Linda Wilson who can provide resources.

The **WE CARE TEAM** of St. Paul's Lutheran Church is inviting people from the community to join them in a Bible Study offered by The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. It is called **Transformed Community Freed and Empowered for Radical Welcome**. It is based on the kind of transformation that Paul went through - Living Counterculturally rather than conforming to the world as we know it.

This kind of faithfulness requires a group effort. The study will focus on the nature and character of a Christian community and how it challenges individual members and at the same time supports radical generosity, inclusion, justice, and compassion. The goal is to engage congregations in conversation about how these practices of radical discipleship will shape their relationship with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in their communities. **If you are interested in participating in this ZOOM study on Wednesday nights at 7pm contact Holly Hoffman at holly-mom@earthlink.net who will send the Zoom link and course materials to your email address.** This is a 6 week course which started last week but you are still welcome to join.

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:

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 6 -
September 13 -
September 20 -
September 27 -

SOUND ROOM

September 6 -
September 13 -
September 20 -
September 27 -

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Our Record of Faithfulness

August 23, 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

CRISPY PARMESAN GARLIC CHICKEN WITH ZUCCHINI

2 chicken breasts, sliced in half,
or 4 thin chicken breasts
1/2 c. plus 1 T. Parmesan cheese
8 T. butter, divided
1/4 c. flour
1/2 c. Italian bread crumbs
2 medium zucchini, sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced

In large skillet melt 2 T. butter. In a shallow dish melt 4 T. butter. In another dish mix bread crumbs, cheese and flour. Dip the chicken in the butter then coat with bread crumb mixture and place in skillet. Cook on **each** side until crispy and cooked through. Set on plate. Add 2 T. butter to skillet and saute the garlic for a minute. Add the zucchini to the skillet and saute until tender. Add salt and pepper to taste and add 1 T. cheese. Add chicken back to the skillet and heat for a minute or two.

ZUCCHINI CARROT OATMEAL COOKIES

Beat: 3/4c. butter,
1/2 c. sugar,
1/2 c. brown sugar,
2 eggs, and
1 t. vanilla.

Mix: 1 1/2 c. flour,
1 t. cinnamon,
1/2 t. baking soda,
1/2 t. salt.

Add this mixture to the wet mixture.
Grate 1 c. zucchini and squeeze between paper towels to remove water.
Add zucchini,
1 c. oatmeal,
1/2 c. shredded carrots and
1/2 c. dried cranberries to above mixture.

Drop by spoonfuls 2" apart onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.
Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Let cool slightly and remove to wire racks.



*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Anniversary*

September 2020

Activities are subject
to Cancellations due to Covid-19 Precautions

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 1:00 pm Music/ Worship	2	3	4	5
		1:30 pm Nurture Com.				
6	7	8 7:00 pm Stewards	9	10 6:30pm SOPA Mtg	11	12
13	14	15 7:00pm Church Board	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 6:30pm SOPA Mtg	25	26
27	28	29	30 9:00 am Birth- day Breakfast @ Fair- grounds Din- er			

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A Christian Community Sharing the Love of God

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
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