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Living out our faith

Being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with open minds and hearts.

We exist to be a community of welcome and worship where people find peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ.

What do you think of when you think of the month of February? Does the realization of the “shortest month” come to mind? Or maybe you think of “the coldest month.” Taking a positive slant, maybe Valentine’s Day is what jumps out at you this time of year.

Maybe for we Christians, it is a version of ALL of those that we should think about this, and every, month.

Let us never fail to keep on the forefront of our minds that for this relatively short journey in this life, we will indeed travel to many cold, dark places. But it is the love of God that gets us through with the promises of blessings to the spring and summer days ahead.

When God established His covenant with Moses, he told him to explain to the people that His name was “I am Who I Am.” (Exodus 3). Many scholars suggest that this name conveys and emphasizes His continuing presence with His people. And that presence--- that love if you will--- continues. It continues in the form of His Son Jesus Christ and all that He has done and is doing for us. It continues in the form of your church family. It continues in the form of your biological family.

His presence, His love for His people has continued through poor decisions on our part. It has continued through health, financial and relationship problems. When we look to Him, he continues to count us as “His people.”

So, no matter how tired of winter you get this month, let the reminder of the love of Christ warm you and help you through the cold and dark to blessings ahead!

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GOD
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COMPLETE IN US.

1 JOHN 4:12, NIV



Pastor Dave

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Meeting was held 1-3-23. Next meeting is 2-7-23.

Newly formed Young Adult SS Class is going well. Advent books were made available to families. And the Children's Christmas party was successful. Travis Russell will be assisting Dave Imes with SS needs.

The outdoor "Giving Box" continues to be stocked and utilized by the community. All outreach commitments for 2022 have been met. White Gift from 12-24-22 was almost \$6000 and 5 very large bags of winter wear have been donated to the RS Library for those in need.

All the fall 2022 fraud money from our accounts has been returned to the church in full. The contract for the Elevator Upgrade has been signed and a deposit submitted. Material to repair the flat roof leaks has been ordered. A reminder that if anyone needs to order any type of supplies for church use, please ask the church office to place the order so that we do not pay sales tax or shipping fees.

Yearly activity lists have been developed and given to the church office and placed in the Jan. newsletter. 5th Sunday luncheon this month will include recognizing Pastor Dave's 5th year of ministry at Roaring Spring.

Barb Wineland's last day as church organist was 12-25-22. She was acknowledged with flowers and a gift from the church. A/V still needs volunteers.

Deacons that were called last fall were installed on 1-1-23. Those included were Mike & Becky Bianconi, Dave & Valerie Smith, and Paul & Julie Witkovsky.

Pastor Dave finished up the 2022 Advent Season. He was pleased with the season and with those present on Christmas eve.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair



FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Greeters Herb Burns

Deacon Greeters Paul & Julie Witkovsky

Candlelighters Children's Ministry

Fellowship Time Generation Hope

February	5	12	19	26
Organist				Cathy Petre
Pianist	Terry Hershberger	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Stephen Hershberger			Linda Steele
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Marlys Hershberger	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Terra Gartman Melinda Green	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Hank & MaryAnn Meetze
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	J D Barry	Earl Bryson		Earl Bryson
Flowers	Derek & Abby Martin Anniversary	Memory of C. Wesley Lingenfelter		Memory of Anna Ferne McConahy
Bulletins			Memory of David Hammel	

THE HISTORY CORNER

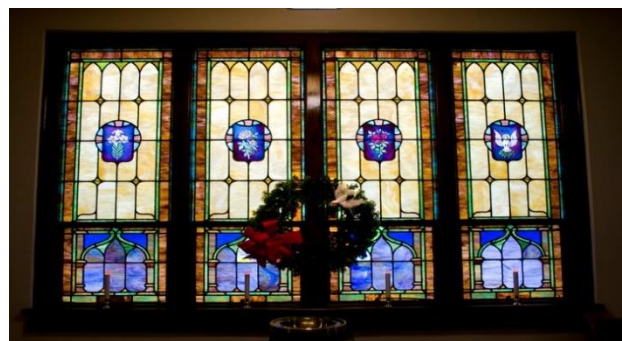
History Team Statement of Purpose:

The Church History Team is responsible for the collection, preservation, interpreting and exhibiting both tangible and intangible heritage of the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren for the purpose of keeping alive our institutional history and its place in the Brethren Community.

In performing this responsibility Team members maintain a History and Research Center on the Church second floor as a primary facility for accessible documents, photos, reference books, bibles and pamphlets pertaining to our church and Brethren History.

Exhibits of historical items changed periodically are located on the first-floor church entrance.

Current History Team members are: Linda Frederick, Betsy Garach, Hank Meetze, Linda Steele, Krista Snyder



WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....



February 21, 2022

6 pm

Park Hills Country Club

RSVP to Janet Imes or

Valerie Smith

No later than February

18th

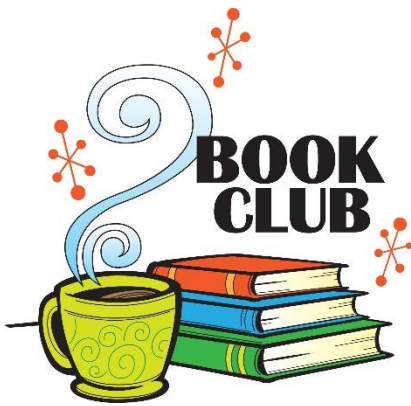
February 18

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



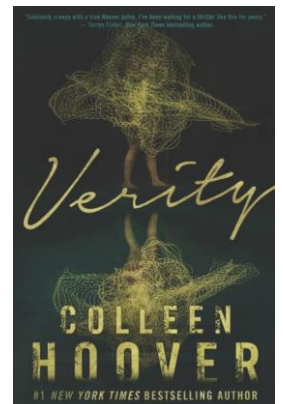
Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection.

February's Selection: Verity by Colleen Hoover

Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish.

Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of what really happened the day her daughter died.

Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents would devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognizes all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue to love her.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2/4 Nathan Walter
2/5 Dylan Bianconi
2/7 Natalie Ebersole
2/13 Jordy Burns
2/14 Paige Glunt

2/15 Annabelle Hoffman
2/16 Abby Martin
2/17 Bobbi Price
2/19 Doris Albright
2/20 Barbara Roush

2/20 Mateo Padilla
2/22 Georgia Hagstrom
2/26 Barbara Wineland
2/27 Rusty Hoover



2/2 Derek & Abby Martin
2/14 Don Bookhammer & Nancy Mobley

The Good Grief support group would like to extend their gratitude to the Deacons for preparing and serving a wonderful fellowship meal on December 13. There were 12 folks in attendance and the opportunity for fellowship was well received and a very meaningful and healthy opportunity for us. Thank you each again for your willingness to share your hearts, time, and talents.



Family Bowling

February 25th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Huntsman Bowling Alley (MCMP Martinsburg)

Bring your family, a drink and a snack and join your church family for a fun evening of bowling. Pizza will be provided. A donation basket will be available for those wishing to contribute to the cost of this event.



Those who are 55 and older are invited to escape the cold of winter & join us for the warmth of lunch, fellowship & board games on Sunday, February 19th after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in February.

To my church family,

MANY, Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and gift card in commemoration of my retirement. Plus all the personal thank you's and appreciative comments. It has indeed been my pleasure serving you. I love all of you.
Barbara Wineland

Margaret Sell thanks her church family for all the beautiful cards that were sent for her 90th birthday and for the gift bag at Christmas time. It is a blessing to be a part of First Church's family.


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Bible Quiz

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Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is _____; love is _____. ... it keeps no record of _____."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs

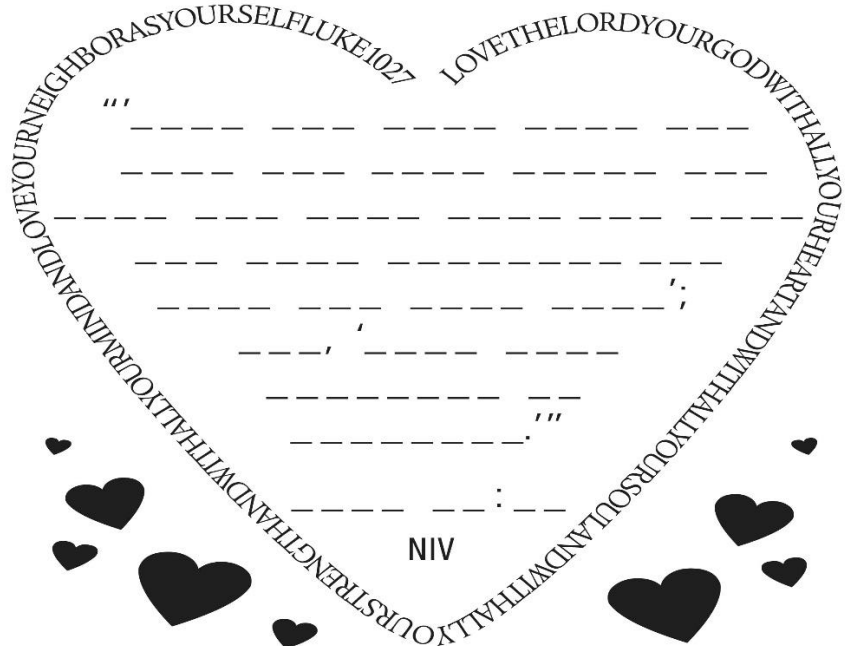


REVISED SCHEDULE

	Fellowship Time	Candlelighter
January	Genesis Class	Alpha Class
February	Generation Hope	Children's Ministry
March	Youth	Genesis Class
April	Palm Sunday -Deacons	Youth
May	Alpha Class	Men's Fellowship
June	Generation Hope	
July	Not Held	
August	Not Held	
September	Not Held -Rally Day	Generation Hope
October	Genesis Class	Deacons
November	Alpha Class	Youth
December	Youth	Youth

Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal	30	31 9:30am Bible Study	1 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	3	4
5 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	6	7 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	8 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	9 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	10	11
12 Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Fellowship Time	13 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	14 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Good Grief	15 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30pm - 7:45pm Escape Room Youth Activity 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	16 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	17	18 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
19 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am JOY Event 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	20 Office Closed 10:00am Book Group	21 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Sisters of Faith	22 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	23 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	24	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30pm - 8:30pm Bowling
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"It is about as hard to absolve yourself of your own guilt as it is to sit in your own lap."

—Frederick Buechner

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

—Sally Koch

"To love another person is to help them love God."

—Søren Kierkegaard


"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."

—Indira Gandhi



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