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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.

It's October, and while others focus on this month as the beginning of Fall and the month of Trick or Treat, the Brethren also consider this the month of another important celebration. Since 1933 the first Sunday of October has been designated as World Wide Communion Sunday. This designation celebrates and promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation around the many denominations which also celebrate the event. And while ANYTHING that brings people together can be a good thing, we can't forget that the act of Communion itself is a great thing that brings us as individuals to an ongoing renewal of our personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Our Deacons have been preparing for Love Feast and Communion for Sunday evening October 2 at 6:30 pm. Of course, we take part in all the usual aspects of the ordinance, the washing of feet to symbolize humbling ourselves for service, the Agape Meal to celebrate the importance of community within the church, and taking the Bread and Cup as a means of remembering and drawing closer to Jesus Christ.

And of course, we cannot forget the fourth part of this special ordinance, the self-examination that goes into the prayer and reflection as we gauge where we are in our walk with Christ. It's not too early to begin examining our hearts to see if we have grown closer to Christ over the last year, and to act on our own evaluations of self to recommit to following his teachings where needed.

So. Celebrate the unity that we can find in Jesus Christ across denominations, nations, genders, races and politics. But more importantly, take advantage of this reminder to examine where you are in your walk with Christ and make any adjustments that need made.

Pastor Dave



Those Serving in October

Greeters

Sandy Burket and Bobbi Beers

Deacon Greeter

Don Bookhammer

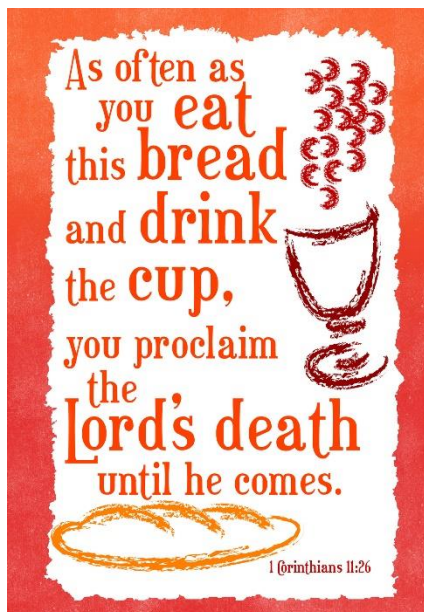
Candlelighter

Deacons

Fellowship Time

Genesis Class

October	2	9	16	23	30
Organist	Cathy Petre		Barb Wineland	Barb Wineland	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Cathy Neal	Terry Hersberger
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Natalie Ebersole	Bethann Frederick	Pattie Conlon
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Worship Leader					
Children's Church	Jodie Dellinger	Not held	Jodie Dellinger	MaryAnn Meetze	Amy Nooyen
Flowers					
Bulletins					
Parking Lot			Earl Bryson	Guy Forshey	Don Bookhammer



World Communion Sunday

Love Feast

October 2, 2022

6:30 pm

The Deacons would like to invite you to attend Love Feast & Communion in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

If you would like transportation, please be in contact with your Shepherd or with any Deacon and we will be glad to secure transportation for you.

We are looking forward to having you join us.

Childcare will be provided.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Meeting was held 9-12-22.

In the absence of a Missions & Service Team chair, the **Finance & Facility Team** will be taking care of sending out the remaining congregational pledges for 2022. A laptop will soon become available for reproducing worship CD's for shut-ins. This ministry is still needed for those who cannot access YouTube. The church building's fire system will have it's annual testing done soon. Phone lines are going to be transferred from a landline to an internet provider, saving the church approx. \$800 per year. Teams have begun working on their 2023 budget proposals.

The **Worship Team** will continue to provide special music, perhaps monthly. A reminder to the ushers that the pew Friendship pads need to be refilled by the ushers. Terry will advise as to the location of the replacement pads.

The 5th Sunday luncheon will be held on 10-31-22. Dates for our annual fall Older Servant's Dinner are being considered. Worship Nursery coverage will be assessed by the **Hospitality & Communications Team**. Volunteers were listed on the recent Gifts & Talents Survey. Faith & Grace will continue to provide worship coverage through December. Pre-K SS teachers will include any Nursery children for the SS hour.

Rally Day was a successful day with a lot of momentum and enthusiasm. The **Christian Ed Team** is hopeful that the momentum will continue and that the SS program will grow. Children's Church will be offered each Sunday, with the exception of the 2nd Sunday of each month. A new SS class is being offered; it is for post-high & young adults; it is called "Let's Talk". The Team has begun to look at ideas for the Advent & Christmas seasons.

White Gift offering opportunity will again be available. Envelopes will be provided for contributions. This offering is typically used to help us meet our year-end outreach pledges. Valerie Smith will look into the need for mittens, scarves & hats for a giving tree outreach in the absence of a **M&S Team** chair.

Deacons will be making communion bread on 9-27-22.

Pastor Dave will be officiating at a wedding on 9-17-22 and will then attend District Conference. He will give a requested brief oral presentation on our church & "Jesus in the Neighborhood". There is a nice article in the Sept. Messenger regarding his recent career change and ordination.

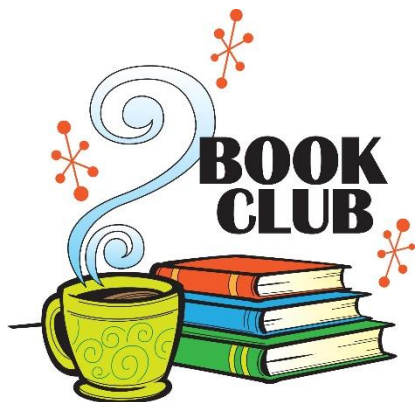
Paper supplies in the kitchen need to be restocked; looking into who is responsible for this.

Discussion was held on the need for volunteers for several positions within the church. We all need to be in prayer regarding folks either stepping forward or accepting the invitation when approached. Otherwise, the programs to encourage our faith growth may not be possible. Please consider making time to help where you can.

Next meeting is 10-4-22.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair

Announcements and Information



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

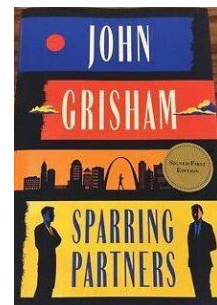
October's Selection:

Sparring Partners by John Grisham

"Homecoming" takes us back to Ford County, the fictional setting of many of John Grisham's unforgettable stories. Jake Brigance is back, but he's not in the courtroom. He's called upon to help an old friend, Mack Stafford, a former lawyer in Clanton, who three years earlier became a local legend when he stole money from his clients, divorced his wife, filed for bankruptcy, and left his family in the middle of the night, never to be heard from again—until now. Now Mack is back, and he's leaning on his old pals, Jake and Harry Rex, to help him return. His homecoming does not go as planned.

In "Strawberry Moon," we meet Cody Wallace, a young death row inmate only three hours away from execution. His lawyers can't save him, the courts slam the door, and the governor says no to a last-minute request for clemency. As the clock winds down, Cody has one final request.

The "Sparring Partners" are the Malloy brothers, Kirk and Rusty, two successful young lawyers who inherited a once prosperous firm when its founder, their father, was sent to prison. Kirk and Rusty loathe each other, and speak to each other only when necessary. As the firm disintegrates, the resulting fiasco falls into the lap of Diantha Bradshaw, the only person the partners trust. Can she save the Malloys, or does she take a stand for the first time in her career and try to save herself?



ReCharge

Wednesday evenings 5:45-7:30 starting October 5

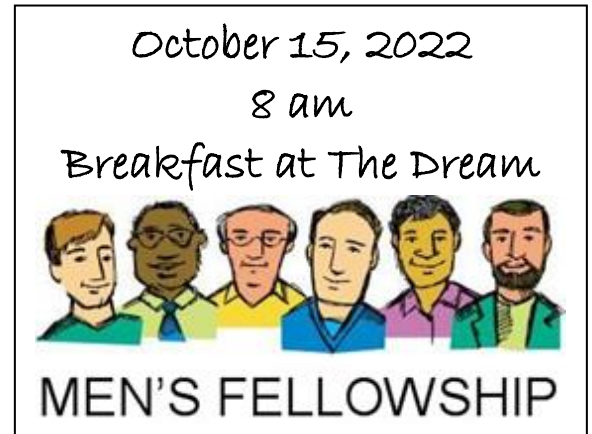
Children from nursery through 5th grade are invited to join us as we dig into ***Epic Teachings of the Bible***, starting with the *Fruits of the Spirit*. Families can have dinner, attend Bible studies, and the children wrap up the evening with some wild and crazy music. Please join us. Be sure to invite your families, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome; even if they attend a different church on Sunday mornings. Let Angie Russell know if anybody needs transportation to get recharged in their faith midweek!

We have a growing number of children in our congregation, but we need your support to keep that moving in a positive direction. We cannot have programs such as ReCharge without help to bring these children closer to God and to grow their faith. Please consider giving one or two Wednesday evenings a month to help teach or to be a helper for a small group of children. We promise you the benefits of the smiles and energy of these children will not disappoint. Be in contact with Angie Russell who will help find you a perfect place to help with these lessons!





October 18, 2022
6 pm
U S Hotel
RSVP by October 16
to Janet Imes or
Valerie Smith



10/1 Cathie Pollard
10/2 Rick Dillon
10/7 Bill Hagstrom
10/10 Jona Gartmann
Ken Miller
Ava Hershberger
10/12 Elaine Frazier
Carl Hoover



10/14 Bonnie Butler
Sandy Smith
Carolyn Grubb
10/16 Crystal Burns
10/18 Dan Hammel
10/23 Alexander Eicher
10/31 Liliana Padilla

10/2 Gary & Connie Fluke
Pattie & Jerome Conlon
10/3 Andy & Amanda Keith
10/5 Ramon & Kaye Burket
10/9 Jon & Terra Gartmann
10/10 Earl & Becky Bryson



10/10 Mitchell & Danielle Conrath
10/15 Terry & Jodie Dellinger
10/17 Doug & Brenda Garber
10/20 Ken & Barbara Miller
10/21 Mike & Crystal Burns
10/27 Mike & Becky Bianconi



5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
11:45 am October 30, 2022
Fellowship Hall



Katie & Donnie Roudabush
1948 Everett Road
East Freedom, PA 16637



Jane Thompson thanks her church family for all the prayers and cards while she has been recovering and healing from her issues with severe pain. It is a slow process, but she is healing, thanks be to God!

A prayer for pumpkin people

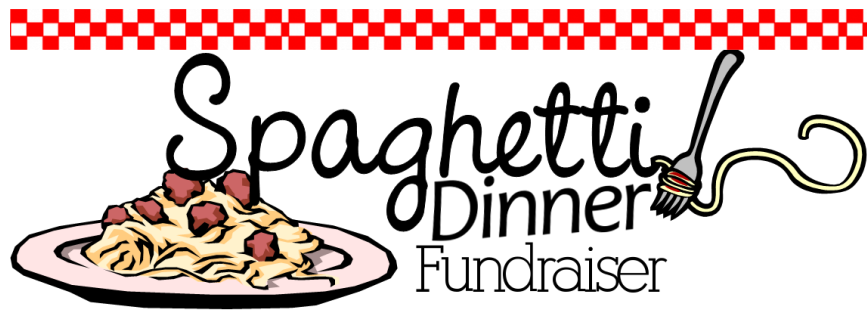
After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



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and the Middle PA District Church of the Brethren*

October 15, 2022

4 - 7 pm \$ 11 Donation

Memorial Church of the Brethren

210 N. Wall Street, Martinsburg

Fall Prayer and Praise

**Tuesday
October 18, 2022
7:00 pm**

**Faith Assembly
4870 Cove Mountain Road
Roaring Spring, PA**

Join us in one accord as
we pray for our churches,
pastors and leaders,
communities,
schools and teachers,
our nation and all nations
of the world.

No tickets required



Praise and Worship led by Mike and Laura Clark

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*They must first be tested,
and then if there is nothing against them,
let them serve as deacons.
1 Timothy 3:10*

Deacons

We will be requesting names of those you would like to see called as Deacons on October 9th, so we ask that you prayerfully consider those in our midst who you feel are called to serve First Church and its ministries. Please read what the Constitution states about Deacons as you make your decisions. Then on October 23rd we will be voting on names submitted.

From our Constitution

SECTION 10 - Deacons

1. The Deacon Body shall consist of all duly called and installed Deacons of the church as defined by Annual Conference and the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The duties of this body shall be to assist the Pastor(s) in counseling and ministering to the sick, the unfortunate, and the needy; to assume general oversight of the physical arrangements for observing the ordinances of Baptism and Lovefeast; to cooperate with the Pastor(s) in the visitation of members to maintain the standards for credentials of membership; and to counsel and approve all candidates for the ministry.
2. Any member of the congregation in good standing is eligible to be called to the Deacon Ministry. (A member in good standing shall be defined as one who is faithfully fulfilling his/her baptismal vows. These vows are confessions of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and worshipping, serving, and sharing in the programs of the congregation by prayer, regular attendance, loyal service, outreach, and faithful stewardship).
3. Deacons shall be called to a term of 5 years of office, with no limit to the number of terms to which they may be called. Any Deacon serving 20 or more years may elect to become Deacon emeritus. The process of calling Deacons shall be detailed in the Deacon minutes. Changes to the process must be approved by the congregation at a Congregational Forum.
4. The Deacons shall elect their own chairperson/officers. The Senior Pastor (and Associate Pastor) shall serve as ex-officio members of the Deacon Body.



November 20, 2022

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	26	27 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Deacon Communion Break Making	28 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	29 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	30 9:00pm 5th Quarter	1
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Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.

Be loyal to your friends.

Be strong enough to face the world each day.

Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.

Be generous to those who need your help.

Be frugal with what you need for yourself.

Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.

Be open enough to believe in miracles.

Be willing to share your joys.

Be eager to share the sorrows of others.

Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.

Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.

Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.

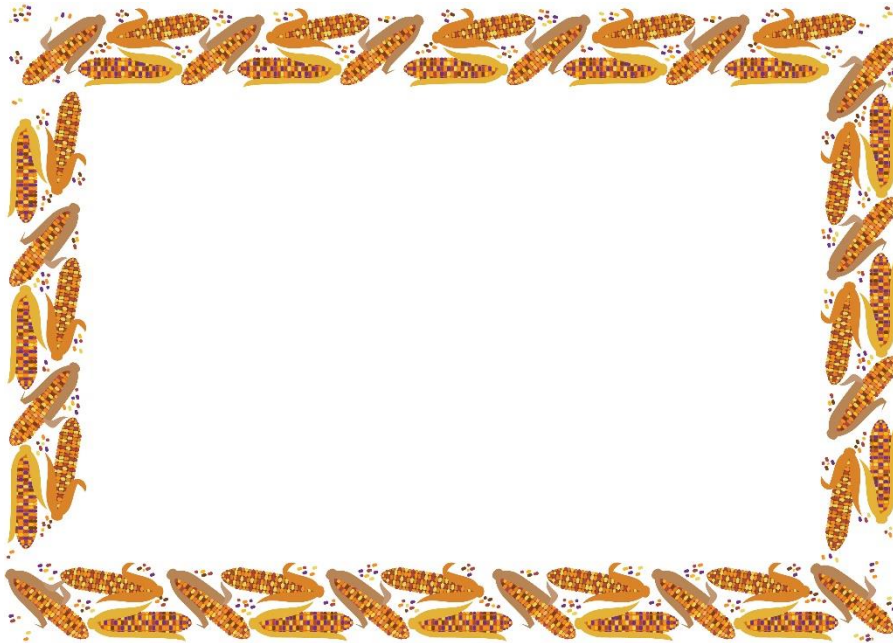
Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.

Be yourself, above all.

—Author unknown

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