



The First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, PA

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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.

In the gospel of Matthew Jesus warns against giving to the needy for the purpose of gaining honor for ourselves. “They already have their reward,” he says of such people. And so, sometimes we in the Church of the Brethren, and here at First Church, do not always do an adequate job of letting it be known what we are doing to be “the hands and feet” of Christ.

So, for the purpose of perhaps encouraging others who did not know these things were happening to join in, and because “it ain’t bragging if it’s the truth” ... did you know that:

- Members of First Church have long generously supported local food banks with regular donations. Food items brought to church and placed in the blue barrel just inside the back door typically are taken monthly to Claysburg, but financial support and requested items are also shared with the Roaring Spring Food Bank. In addition, the congregation has been very generous in providing food, paper products and cleaning items for the Box located just off the parking lot. The yearly Youth “Souper Bowl Sunday” also provides food items for these locations.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits prayer shawls to be given to those who are experiencing health concerns as a reminder that the church is praying for them. They also knit items that given to Obstetrics Department until their recent closure. These are now slated to go to the Roaring Spring Library Winter Clothes drive.
- Several members of the church are regular participants in the Brethren Disaster Relief Ministries, not only spending a week rebuilding in Ohio, Tennessee and South Carolina, but also have constructed over 20 ramps this year for residents that are in need of accessibility to their homes.
- Men’s Fellowship regularly mows several lawns and does other chores for individuals unable to do that for themselves.
- Roughly half of the children and adults who attend our Recharge program for fellowship, a meal, and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings are community members.
- Our Good Grief group which meets monthly to provide support for those dealing with loss is also split roughly in half between church members and community members. (Continued on page 2)



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- During the Pandemic, Women's Fellowship cooked and delivered meals on several occasions to church members AND community members in need.
- Christmas clothing drives support local children in need of warm winter clothing. This past year winter coats were included. The congregation also provided backpacks with needed supplies to children schools.
- Our church's Outreach giving budgeted each year provides funds to Camp Blue Diamond, Bethany Seminary, Heifer Project, The Village at Morrisons Cove and the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.
- The Deacons, Sunday School classes and individuals provide aid to our church and community members.

While we are always searching for additional ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us in need, we also encourage you to continue to participate in the many ways First Church is serving those around us!

Pastor Dave

Reverse Advent Calendar

Dec 1- Box of Cereal	Dec 13- Canned Beans
Dec 2- Peanut Butter	Dec 14- Box of Crackers
Dec 3- Stuffing Mix	Dec 15- Package of Rice
Dec 4- Boxed Potatoes	Dec 16- Package of Oatmeal
Dec 5- Macaroni & Cheese	Dec 17- Package of Pasta
Dec 6- Canned Fruit	Dec 18- Spaghetti Sauce
Dec 7- Canned Tomatoes	Dec 19- Chicken Noodle Soup
Dec 8- Canned Tuna	Dec 20- Tomato Soup
Dec 9- Dessert Mix	Dec 21- Can Corn
Dec 10- Applesauce	Dec 22- Can Mixed Vegetables
Dec 11- Canned Sweet Potatoes	Dec 23- Can Carrots
Dec 12- Cranberry Sauce	Dec 24- Can Green Beans

Add an item each day to a box and drop off at a local food bank at the end of December.



Christ
was Love
...and He still is

Church of the Brethren Beliefs

Baptism: Baptism by triple immersion is an ordinance performed on adults, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Brethren see baptism as a commitment to live Jesus' teachings responsibly and joyfully.

Bible: The Brethren use the New Testament as their guidebook for living. They believe the Bible is divinely inspired and hold that the Old Testament lays out God's purpose and desires for humanity.

Communion: Communion is an expression of love, modeled after Christ's last supper with his disciples. The Brethren partake in bread and wine, celebrating agape, the selfless love Jesus showed to the world.

Creed: The Brethren do not follow a Christian creed. Rather, they use the entire New Testament to affirm their beliefs and to glean instruction on how to live.

God: God the Father is viewed by Brethren as "Creator and loving Sustainer."

Healing: The practice of anointing is an ordinance within the Church of the Brethren, and includes the minister laying on hands for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. The laying on of hands symbolizes the prayers and support of the entire congregation.

Holy Spirit: Brethren hold that the Holy Spirit is an integral part of the believer's life: "We seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life, thought, and mission."

Jesus Christ: All Brethren "affirm their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior." Living a life patterned after the life of Christ is of paramount importance to the Brethren as they seek to emulate his humble service and unconditional love.

Peace: All war is a sin, according to the Church of the Brethren. Brethren are conscientious objectors and seek to promote nonviolent solutions to conflict, ranging from personal disagreements to international threats.

Salvation: God's plan of salvation is that people are pardoned from their sins through believing in the atoning death of Jesus Christ. God provided his only Son as the perfect sacrifice in our place. Jesus promises believers in him a place in heaven.

Trinity: Brethren believe in the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one God.

A MILLION LETTERS OF HOPE

The Village at Morrisons Cove has launched "A Million Letters of Hope" campaign to brighten the life of those who call the Village "home" and to continue its mission of caring for residents without resources.

Write a letter of care and love to a resident, (Or have your child draw a picture for them). Be creative!

To further the mission of caring for residents without resources, you're asked to make a donation of at least \$2 per letter. Enclose your donation with your letter or drawing and mail it or drop it off at the Village at Morrisons Cove, c/o Liz Foster, 429 South Market Street, Martinsburg PA 16662 Our goal is to receive a million letters of hope along with funds to continue the mission. Thanks in advance for your part in this effort!

Those Serving in November

Greeters

Don Bookhammer

Deacon Greeters

Linda Steele

Candlelighter

Jr High Youth

November	6	13	20	27
Organist		Cathy Petre	Barb Wineland	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck	Terry Hershberger
Storyteller	Traci Totillo	Pastor Dave	Janie Myers	Pattie Conlon
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Worship Leader				Kaye Russell
Children's Church	Jodie Dellinger		Jodie Dellinger	MaryAnn Meetze
Flowers		Memory of Lowell & Delma Witkovsky	Memory of Martha Brumbaugh	
Bulletins	Memory of Eugene McKinney	Memory of Alfred Hoover	Memory of Martha Brumbaugh	
Parking Lot	Don Bookhammer	Earl Bryson	Dan Hammel	Earl Bryson



November 20, 2022

Packets available November 6th

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Meeting was held 10-4-22.

Next meeting is 11-1-22.

Pastor Dave was contacted by the local Gideons group asking to speak at a Sunday morning worship service. The Team agreed to this request. Pastor Dave will provide an article in the upcoming newsletter outlining the many ways in which our congregation is involved in outreach ministries.

Recent Lovefeast was served to 63 persons by the Deacons. Deacon calling will be held on 10-9-22 and on 10-23-22.

Hospitality & Communications has several events planned between now and the end of 2022. Please watch your bulletins for updated information. Nursery care volunteers have been secured beginning 1-1-23 for the worship hour. This means that the church will no longer be needing to secure coverage from the Faith & Grace Center after 12-31-22. The Nursery age children will combine with the Pre-K class for the SS hour. If you are interested in helping in the Nursery during the worship hour, please reach out to Mindy Wagner. Mindy Wagner will be writing an article for an upcoming edition of the MC Herald outlining the happenings at First Church.

Finance & Facility is waiting on yet another bid on a roof replacement. A recent inspection was done of the building's fire detectors and extinguishers. All checked satisfactorily. If you need to fill out a voucher for a reimbursement from the church, please secure the voucher from the church office and once completed, place in the mail slot for Don Bookhammer.

Hanging of the Greens will be held during our morning worship service on 11-27-22. Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays this year. We will be holding worship at 10am with no SS hour following. Recent Heritage Fair sales from our church's participation is at \$1040.00. It was a productive event, but our church needs to secure more help for next year. Valerie Smith is checking with the local elementary schools for winter-wear needs throughout the Christmas season. Please watch your bulletins for updates on this outreach. The Blessing Box continues to be stocked by families within the church. If you are interested in helping for a future month, please speak with Kaye Russell.

ReCharge has started as of 10-5-22. Children's Church will now be offered every Sunday as we have now secured 4 volunteer groups to each cover 1 week per month. Jill Brumbaugh and Traci Totillo will be substituting as SS teachers during the temporary absence of one of the elementary teachers.

A group has been formed to evaluate the future of the church's website, social media avenues, and IT concerns. They will meet with Bryce Nooyen and Travis Russell to begin assessments. A CPR class will be offered to the Leadership team in the near future.

Team leaders are working on their annual reports and 2023 budget proposals for the 11-20-22 Congregational Forum.

Gifts Discernment team is working on securing volunteers for the open 2023 positions within the church. Please consider donating your time if approached.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair

Announcements and Information

November 19, 2022

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

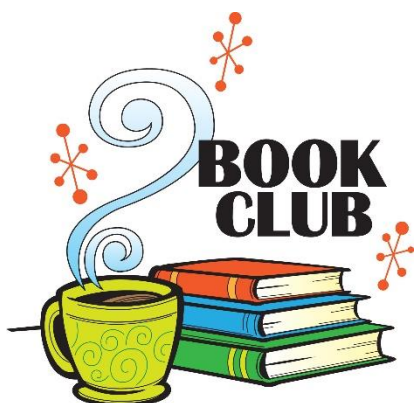


November 15, 2022

6 pm

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RSVP to Janet Imes or
Valerie Smith by 11/13



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

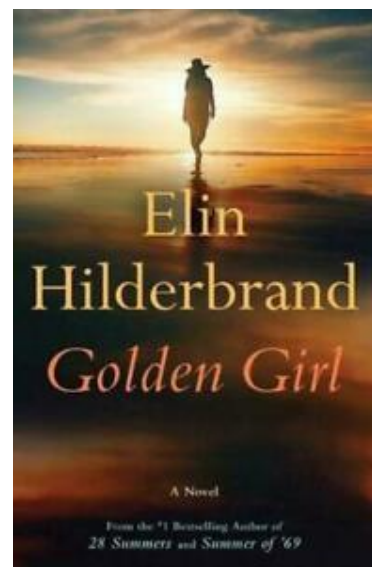
November's Selection:

Golden Girl

by Elin Hilderbrand

On a perfect June day, Vivian Howe, author of thirteen beach novels and mother of three nearly grown children, is killed in a hit-and-run car accident while jogging near her home on Nantucket. She ascends to the Beyond where she's assigned to a Person named Martha, who allows Vivi to watch what happens below for one last summer. Vivi also is granted three "nudges" to change the outcome of events on earth, and with her daughter Willa on her third miscarriage, Carson partying until all hours, and Leo currently "off again" with his high-maintenance girlfriend, she'll have to think carefully where to use them.

From the Beyond, Vivi watches "The Chief" Ed Kapenash investigate her death, but her greatest worry is her final book, which contains a secret from her own youth that could be disastrous for her reputation. But when hidden truths come to light, Vivi's family will have to sort out their past and present mistakes—with or without a nudge of help from above—while Vivi finally lets them grow without her.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

11/1 Kenny Brumbaugh
Doug Detwiler
11/4 Darlene Wyland
Dennis Igou
11/7 Brenda Fluke- Garber
11/10 Mary Anne Smith
11/11 Barry Hoffman
Mike Bianconi

11/11 Ben Beers
11/12 Pat Frazier
11/16 Jake Yingling
Elijah Walter
11/18 Dave Loucks
Bobbi Beers
11/20 Carsen Mowery
11/21 Aiden Hershberger

11/22 Haven Thompson
11/26 Mark Robertson
Bella Dellinger
11/30 Signe Dellinger
Adam Loucks
Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred



11/23 Curt & Sherry Piper



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join with us as we sing favorite

hymns and Christmas carols.

Light refreshments available

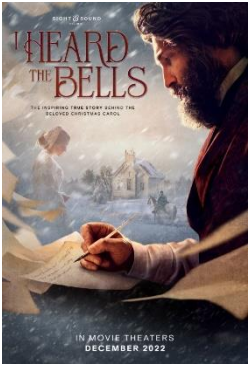


Decorate the Church



First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022



Sight and Sound film "*I Heard the Bells*"

The inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas Carol and its author Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and the debut of the first Sight and Sound feature film will be coming to movie theatres this December. Known as America's Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow leads an idyllic life...until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith.

Check out www.IheardTheBellsMovie.com for locations. It will be shown in State College.



All children who are in 5th grade and under are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for games, crafts, food and fun.
Sign up at the Welcome Center

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Team	2 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	3 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	4	5
6 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Prayer 12:00pm Older Servants Dinner Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 7:00pm - 8:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	8 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Good Grief	9 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	10 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	11 Office Closed	12
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"Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow." —Michael Ramsey

"I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church." —Rachel Held Evans

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." —G.K. Chesterton



**"FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM."**

LUKE 20:38, NKJV

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