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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 has long been valued tradition here at First Church to produce and distribute a pictorial directory of our members every so many years.

If you are like me, you may not like being forced to look at pictures of yourself, but such a publication helps provide a sense of community, and helps us to learn to know, identify and feel closer to the brothers and sisters who worship with us. Now that we are, hopefully, putting the worst of the pandemic behind us, and are able to schedule more activities, the Leadership Team has expressed the opinion that an updated pictorial directory may help new members learn to better know existing members, and help those existing members help to better identify the newer members.

Unfortunately, or perhaps maybe fortunately, companies that take pictures and organize in directories seem to have been a casualty of the pandemic. Therefore, we have taken on the task of putting together our own pictorial directory.

In the coming weeks, if you have a favorite photo of your family that you would like to have included with your names, addresses and contact information, please send or bring it to Pastor Dave or the church office. All photos will be returned. If you do not have a favorite photo, I will try to catch you sometime here at church to take one that I hope you will find acceptable.

Another part of this effort is that the Leadership Team has asked me to start to include again in monthly newsletters a short introduction of perhaps one newer member and one longer tenured member each month so we can learn to know each other better. There will be no rhyme or reason to who and when individuals are asked to consider being included, but we hope you will be ok with being part of this effort!

*Pastor Dave*



## LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Meeting was held 27-23. Next meeting is 3-7-23.

Ushers for morning worship will be asked to light the worship center candles in the absence of an assigned candlelighter. They will also be asked to secure candlelighters prior to the start of worship each week during June, July & August.

Outdoor "Blessing Box" continues to be stocked by persons or families from within the congregation. If you would like to volunteer for a month, please see Don Bookhammer.

F&F will be asked to address the ongoing issue of sporadic nonworking church phone lines. A new phone line carrier continues to be discussed.

There is no 2023 Leadership Team retreat scheduled at this time. It was felt that all those that are serving have been serving for several years, and are well equipped to carry their teams for this year.

Some requests were made to alter the weekly volunteer schedule in the bulletins and newsletters so that everyone is aware and reminded of their responsibilities and that those in worship are aware that all aspects are covered.

The company Impel, that was hired to develop and/or update our social media continues to work at upgrading and updating. The church's website is in need of completion, and work on that will happen during this next month.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair.



## The Power of "I"

### I WILL DO MORE

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

And what I can do, I ought to do.

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.

I will do more than belong...I will participate.

I will do more than care...I will help.

I will do more than believe...I will practice.

I will do more than be fair...I will be kind.

I will do more than dream...I will work.

I will do more than teach...I will inspire.

I will do more than earn...I will enrich.

I will do more than give...I will serve.

I will do more than live...I will grow.

I will do more than talk...I will act.

I will be more than good...I will be good for something.

- Anonymous

# HELPING HANDS IN MARCH

Greeters Cathie & Michael Pollard Candlelighters Genesis Class  
 Deacon Greeters Mike & Becky Bianconi Fellowship Time Youth

March	5	12	19	26
Organist			Terry Hershberger	Terry Hershberger
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Stephen Hershberger	Sandy Norris	Angie Russell	Kaye Russell
Storyteller	Marlys Hershberger	Pastor Dave	Bonnie Butler	Pattie Conlon
Children's Church	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Hank & Mary Ann Meetze
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Nursery	Mindy Wagner	Mindy Wagner	Mindy Wagner	Mindy Wagner
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer	Don Myers	Earl Bryson	
Flowers	Memory of Carol Weyandt			Alpha Class
Bulletins	Memory of Carol Weyandt	Memory of Don Imes		

If you are involved with any activities within the life of this congregation and which involve children or youth, it is imperative that you have your clearances on file with the Pastor.

It is a requirement from the Middle PA District, who may, at any time, ask to review our records. There are applications at the welcome center, or you may ask the church office, or speak with Kaye Russell to secure an application. There is no cost to apply for the clearances and they are valid for 5 years. Questions may be directed to Kaye Russell.



## Monthly Group Activities

Sunday Worship  
 Sunday School  
 Tuesday morning Bible Study  
 Ladies Quilting  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday morning Breakfast  
 Fellowship  
 Sisters of Faith Dinner  
 Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
 Thursday evening knitting group

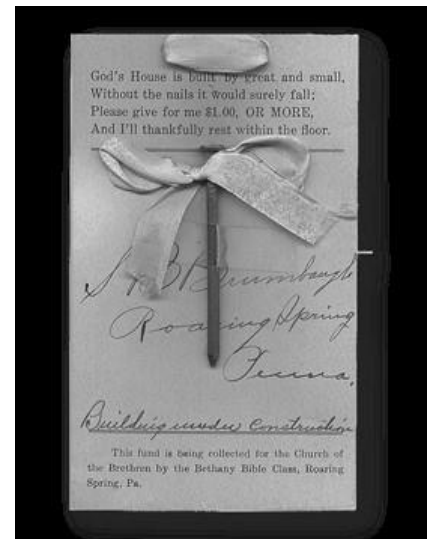
Book Group  
 Good Grief  
 ReCharge!  
 Chancel Choir Practice  
 Middle PA Disaster Response Mtg.

## A few moments of History...

It is with pride I present for you a snippet of the history of the Church (Brethren/First Church). The Church of the Brethren was founded in 1708 in Schwarzenau, Germany. Individuals who wished to escape from rigid religious customs of this period decided to meet secretly in small groups to study the Bible and pray. They felt that Christianity was to be lived, not merely talked about. This belief led Alexander Mack and seven others to begin what we know as Brethren. The first Brethren to set foot in America was Peter Becker in 1719 in Germantown, Pa, but it was not until after the American Revolution that Brethren settled in the Middle District.

Our local history shows that the Clover Creek Church (est.1790) was considered our "Mother Church". Eventually, the Albright Church right outside of town was established in 1898 and was the initial Brethren Church in Roaring Spring. However, the women, especially the young women who had to walk their young children from downtown Roaring Spring twice a day on Sunday and then again on Wednesday if not more complained of the distance and wished for a Church in town. These women admired the pipe organ and the beautiful music and singing at the Methodist Church in town. So a group of very strong minded women met at the home of Susan Replogle and decided they would raise the necessary funds to purchase a plot of ground in the borough to establish a Church. Although, the men felt the ground on the Lower Farm was too much, and would still be on a hill they were extremely concerned that the congregation of the Albright Church may be offended.

But the women of the Sisters Sewing Society were very determined and began selling bonnets, aprons, prayer coverings, quilts and vanilla for 2 years until they raised enough money to purchase two plots of land for \$250 each in 1908. The ladies turned around and sold the land to the new Church Board for \$1.00. Our history shows that a group of approximately 60 men and women worked together to raise \$9000 to build the original structure of our church which was 62'X 66' in size and consisted of the Sanctuary, Ladies Aid Room and a Sunday School room and was heated by steam and had electric lights. Dedicated on October 30, 1910, this is how the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren came to be. Stay tuned for our next moment in our history that shows how quickly the Church attendance grew!



## Thanking our local first responders



We are grateful to all first responders for their services of caring and we will honor those working in the Roaring Spring area – Friendship Fire Company, AMED, and Roaring Spring Police – with gifts and prayers of blessing on Sunday, April 16 during morning worship. Our Mission and Service Team invites you to bring snacks and gift cards (not chips and pretzels; cards for local eateries and grocery stores) in March and early April. Deadline: April 9. Place the snacks in a collection box to be placed in the overflow room. Please give gift cards to the church office, Pastor Dave, or Don Bookhammer. We hope these gifts will help sustain their work in a joy-filled way.

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED....



*March 21, 2022*

*6 pm*

*Location TBA*

*RSVP to Janet Imes  
or Valerie Smith*

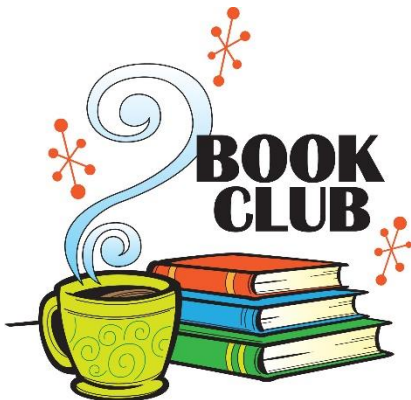
March 18<sup>th</sup>

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



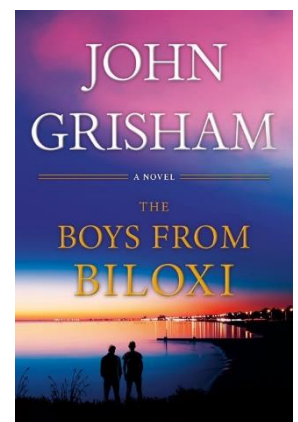
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.  
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection. Join us March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**March's Selection:** The Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham

For most of the last hundred years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts, and seafood industry. But it had a darker side. It was also notorious for corruption and vice, everything from gambling, prostitution, bootleg liquor, and drugs to contract killings. The vice was controlled by small cabal of mobsters, many of them rumored to be members of the Dixie Mafia.

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the sixties and were childhood friends, as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives took them in different directions. Keith's father became a legendary prosecutor, determined to "clean up the Coast." Hugh's father became the "Boss" of Biloxi's criminal underground. Keith went to law school and followed in his father's footsteps. Hugh preferred the nightlife and worked in his father's clubs. The two families were headed for a showdown, one that would happen in a courtroom.

Life itself hangs in the balance in The Boys from Biloxi, a sweeping saga rich with history and with a large cast of unforgettable characters.







3/1 Dylan Butler  
 3/3 Ethel Burket  
     Julianna Flamish  
 3/10 Brandon Dick-Giordano  
     Linda Frederick  
 3/12 Mark Garach  
 3/14 John Coates  
 3/15 Katy Roudabush

3/17 Emanuel Walter  
 3/22 Julie Dick  
 3/23 Janis Thompson  
     Chris Wagner  
     Missy Glunt  
 3/24 Emma Frederick  
 3/27 Joan Johnson  
 3/29 Shari Ritchey

3/29 Cindy Shaw  
 3/30 Doug Garber  
 3/31 Aidan Baird  
     David Albright  
     Amy Nooyen  
     Chris Avvampato



3/17 Dave & Janet Imes  
 3/19 Dan & Sharon Hammel  
 3/20 Jerry & Shari Ritchey



JOY Group (55+) please join us for a warm lunch and fellowship after Fellowship Time on March 12. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center.

**A free Soup luncheon** will be held on Sunday, March 5th after worship and Sunday school. This is being offered as part of Avery Smith's Senior Project.

Easter Flower order forms will be available in bulletins and at the Welcome Center in March.



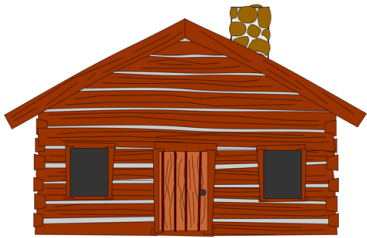
**Annual Dinners**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$50 Donation**

Meal features Shawnee's wedding chicken  
 Entertainment by Jimmy Swogger and his friend

The Church of the Brethren offers nursing scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,000 for church members who are enrolled in LPN, RN, or nursing graduate programs. A limited number of scholarships are awarded each year. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 for RN and graduate nurse candidates, and up to \$1,000 for LPN candidates, will be awarded. A preference is given to new applications. Also, preference is given to nursing students who are in their second year of an associate's degree or third year of a baccalaureate program. Scholarship recipients are eligible for only one scholarship per degree. Nominees must be members of the Church of the Brethren.

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted by April 1. Candidates awarded scholarships will be notified in July and funds will be sent directly to the appropriate school for the fall term.

Find the application form and more information at [www.brethren.org/discipleshipmin/nursingscholarships](http://www.brethren.org/discipleshipmin/nursingscholarships).



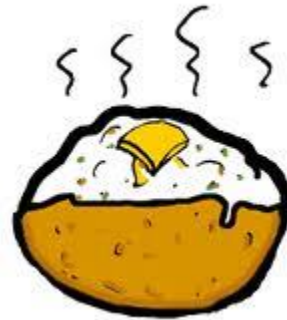
CABIN FEVER

GAME NIGHT

6 - 8 PM

MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

Bring your favorite game to play  
Light refreshments will be available



Baked Potato & Chili Fest  
March 26<sup>th</sup>

Following worship and Sunday  
School

Eat in or take out available

**March 19, 2023**  
**Mentoring Celebration**  
**8:25 am in the Fellowship Hall**

All mentors and mentees are invited for breakfast.

We will celebrate our Senior Teams.



**Mentoring Teams**



## Hymn Sing

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm

## Fellowship Hall

All who like to sing are invited to a Hymn sing in our Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.



- Food Bank donations - non-perishable goods or monetary donations
- Sign up to be a monthly greeter
- Donate items to put in Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteer to help at the Carnival
- Be a Vacation Bible School helper or teacher
- Learn to operate the Audio System

On March 26<sup>th</sup> our children will perform an Easter Skit. Be sure to contact Mindy Wagner or Amy Nooyen ASAP if your child would like to participate.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 6 pm, Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please have any donations of candy and small tokens at the round table in the Overflow Room no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>.



We are holding a Carnival at Albright Church of the Brethren on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with games for the kiddos. We also need donations of prizes, such as candy, balls, crayons, small stuffed animals, bubbles, Play-Doh, cards, dolls, etc. Please see Mindy Wagner or the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.



Twists and Turns VBS will be held the week of July 30<sup>th</sup> at our church. We will have our “Kick Off” during Sunday school that morning. If you can help in any way, please see Mindy Wagner or the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. A list of needed items will be available soon.

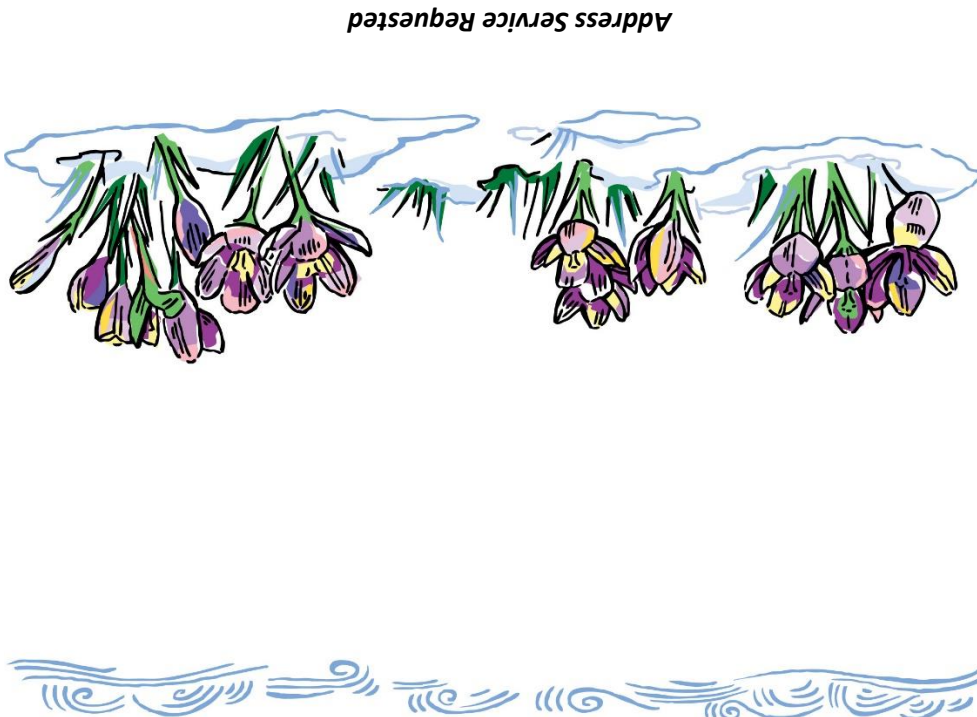


# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:00pm Dan Hershberger Memorial Service
<b>5</b> 9:25am Worship 10:30am Luncheon Project 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	<b>6</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Cabin Fever Game Night
<b>12</b> Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Fellowship Time 11:30am JOY Event	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Deacon Executive Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved 7:00pm Disaster Response Mtg	<b>14</b> 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Good Grief	<b>15</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>19</b> 8:00am Mentoring Celebration 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Meeting 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	<b>20</b> 10:00am Book Group 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved	<b>21</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Sisters of Faith	<b>22</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>24</b> 6:00pm CBD Annual Dinner	<b>25</b> 5:00pm CBD Annual Dinner
<b>26</b> 9:25am Worship 10:30am Men's Fellowship Chili & Potato Fest 10:30am Sunday School 6:30pm Hymn Sing	<b>27</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved	<b>28</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm Recharge! 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>31</b>	

# Lighthearted blessings

- May the hinges of your friendship never grow rusty.
- May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights and the highway you travel be lined with green lights.
- As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May you be in heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!
- May good luck be your friend in whatever you do, and may trouble be always a stranger to you.
- May the good saints protect you and bless you today, and may troubles ignore you each step of the way.



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