



# First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, PA

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April 2023

## 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 the Easter season and there's a lot to think about and even more to be done. So, let's make this as simple and to the point as we possibly can so that we can move on with everything that needs done.

I Corinthians 15:14 wraps it all up in a neat little package for us. *"And if Christ has not been raised our preaching is useless and so is your faith."*

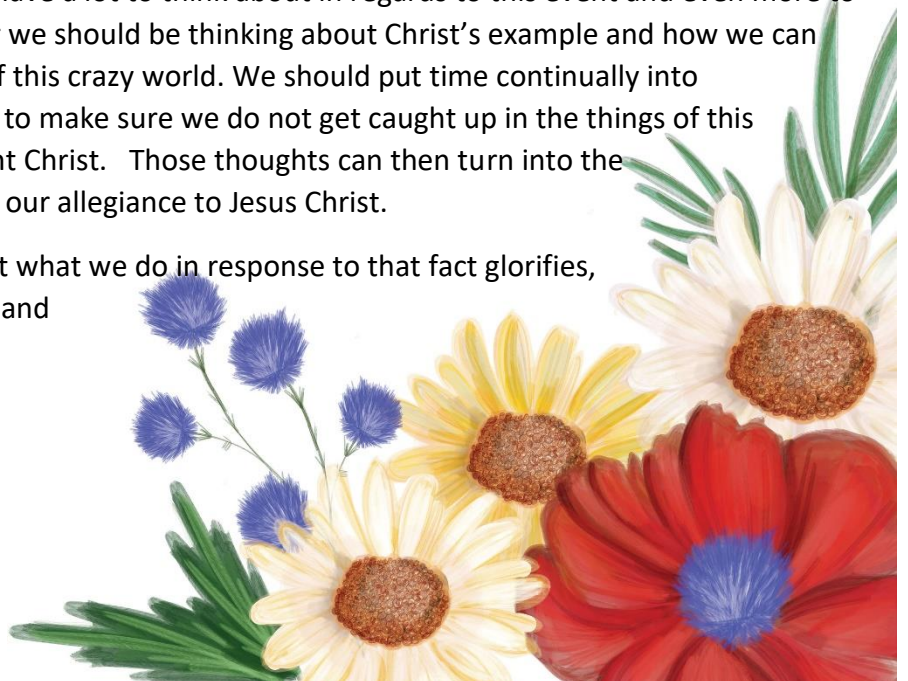
If the resurrection of the Son of Man did not occur, all we believe is just another story. But it DID happen. Christ arose from the dead. Scripture testifies to that. The testimony of countless saints through the ages lend their weight to the issue. History and archeology shout their own evidence. And the living Holy Spirit solidifies all that evidence within our souls.

So. Christ HAS been raised and therefore our preaching and our faith is NOT useless. In fact, the argument can be made that there is nothing more important than what we do to take a proper response to this fact.

As was said in the opening paragraph, we have a lot to think about in regards to this event and even more to do. Not just this time of year, but all year we should be thinking about Christ's example and how we can apply his teachings to our own little part of this crazy world. We should put time continually into examining our hearts on an on-going basis to make sure we do not get caught up in the things of this world and miss out on chances to represent Christ. Those thoughts can then turn into the service and actions then that demonstrate our allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Christ HAS been raised. May God find that what we do in response to that fact glorifies, and is acceptable to Him this time of year, and indeed, all year long.

Pastor Dave



# APRIL 2 - 9, 2023



**April 2 at 9:25 am**



Our Chancel Choir will be an integral part of the Palm Sunday worship service as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palms. We will receive new members into our church family through baptism and transfer. The Deacons invite everyone to a reception for them following worship. Children's Sunday School classes will be held.

**April 5 at 6 pm**



A Community Prayer Walk will begin at 6 pm at the Spring Dam. We will walk around the community holding our churches, businesses, and people in prayer. The community is invited to participate.

**April 6 at 6:30 pm**



Love Feast will include a time of preparation, feetwashing, a fellowship meal and communion. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Dave or any of the deacons. Childcare will be available. Please contact Dave & Valerie Smith if you need transportation.

**April 7 at 7 pm**



A Good Friday Service will be held in our sanctuary at 7 pm. The service will include scripture readings, film clips and singing of hymns. Members of the community are invited to attend.

**April 9 at 6:30 am**



A Community Sunrise Service will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery.

**9:25 am**

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent. Come and join with us in celebrating this joyous truth. Christian Education Team is not sponsoring Children's Sunday School and adult classes will meet at their discretion.



## Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

Meeting was held 3-7-23. Next meeting is 4-4-23.

**Deacons-Valerie S:** The Prayer gatherings continue. At the next Deacon meeting, they will be finalizing plans for Lent.

**CE - Becky B & Travis R:** A children's Easter skit is planned for 3/26/23. VBS materials have been ordered; it will be held at the church this year. Youth participation numbers are currently down. Lent devotionals for adult & children have been made available. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the adult devotional. The children's devotional is the same as last year. A recognition from the CE team is being planned for SS teachers & ReCharge helpers. Children's church will be held on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. SS will not be held on Palm Sunday. As well, SS will not be held for children on Easter Sunday; adult classes may individually decide if they want to hold SS or not. It was mentioned that it's great to see all the children upfront for Children's story.

**H&C – Beth B:** The recent Bowling party had 51 in attendance & \$44 was collected from donations. Worship Easter flowers are being ordered from Roots in the Cove. 3/11/23 is a Cabin fever game night. 3/26/23 is a Hymn sing. April's 5th Sunday luncheon will include recognizing our volunteers from within the church. HC is sponsoring an upcoming Carnival for our church & community. It will be held at the Albright Church: there is more space available there, & there is no charge to use their grounds. A new church pamphlet is being designed.

**F&F – Mike B:** Giving is down about \$2000.00 currently. The elevator work should be starting the week after Easter. The church phones are going to be switched over to cellular so they can be used when the power is out, or the internet is down. This will include the elevator phone & church building fire alarm as well. The team has decided to switch the church checking accounts from &T Bank to Altoona First Savings Bank. There was a recent radiator leak in one of the SS rooms on the Nursery level that has been fixed; thank you to several men from the Men's fellowship who helped. The Furnace repair company has suggested that water shut off valves be placed throughout the building. Currently there is not a designated Jr. Youth Advisor for their checking account. F&F has been given permission to operate the account.

**Worship – Kaye R:** Grove City Trombone Choir will provide special music 4/23/23. A new acolyte staff has been ordered.

**Pastor Dave:** Currently one person getting baptized & 3, possibly 4 transfers on Palm Sunday. He had 3 funerals within the last month. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the recent article that was in the Altoona Mirror regarding the Pastor. Dave thanked everyone for their support. The article is posted on the bulletin board inside the Overflow room. Pictorial directory update: people are encouraged to email family pictures to the office; if they don't have one someone can take a picture for them. The upcoming newsletters will soon include newer family & regular family profiles. Progress work continues on the new web design for the church. The need for child protective clearances for our volunteers is ongoing. This is a mandate from the state, our insurance company, & also from the Middle PA district.

We had some discussion & follow-up clarifications on church recognitions & also on the guidelines for Children's church & Nursery ages. A reminder that our Leadership meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month unless advised otherwise.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair



# HELPING HANDS IN APRIL

Greeter                      Jeannie Stiffler                      Candlelighters                      Youth  
 Deacon Greeter      Don Bookhammer                      Fellowship Time                      Deacons

April	2	9	16	23	30
Organist	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck	Brenda Fluke-Garber
Worship Leader	Stephen Hershberger	Marlys Hershberger	Bobbi Beers		
Storyteller	Linda Steele	Pastor Dave	Bonnie Butler	Pattie Conlon	
Nursery	Janie Myers	Janie Myers	Julie Witkovsky		
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	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer	J D Barry	Earl Bryson		Earl Bryson
Flowers				Memory of Gladys Dodson	
Bulletins		Memory of Betty Jean Hoover		Memory of Bonnie McKinney	Memory of Thomas Strum

## 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.

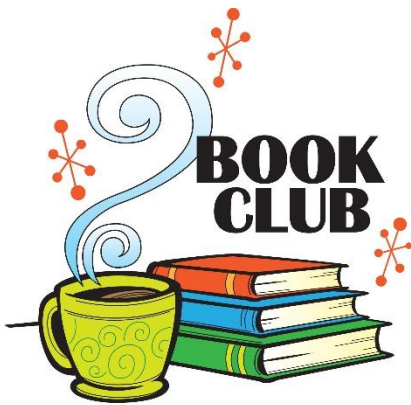


Stephen, Emily, Mason & Joseph Hershberger  
 898 Kensinger Road  
 Martinsburg, PA 16662  
 814.935.5975

# WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



April 18, 2022  
6 pm  
Jethro's  
RSVP to Janet Imes  
or Valerie Smith  
By April 16<sup>th</sup>



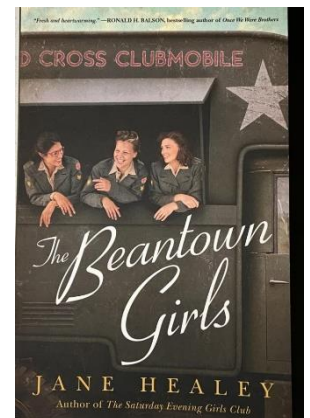
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.  
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Beantown Girls by Jane Healey**

1944: Fiona Denning has her entire future planned out. She'll work in city hall, marry her fiancé when he returns from the war, and settle down in the Boston suburbs. But when her fiancé is reported missing after being shot down in Germany, Fiona's long-held plans are shattered.

Determined to learn her fiancé's fate, Fiona leaves Boston to volunteer overseas as a Red Cross Clubmobile girl, recruiting her two best friends to come along. There's the outspoken Viviana, who is more than happy to quit her secretarial job for a taste of adventure. Then there's Dottie, a shy music teacher whose melodious talents are sure to bring heart and hope to the boys on the front lines.

Chosen for their inner strength and outer charm, the trio isn't prepared for the daunting challenges of war. But through it all come new friendships and romances, unforeseen dangers, and unexpected dreams. As the three friends begin to understand the real reasons they all came to the front, their courage and camaraderie will see them through some of the best and worst times of their lives.





# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

4/1 Dominic Wagner  
Molly Martin  
Travis Russell  
4/4 Denise Grubb  
Shayla Walters  
4/5 Joe Price

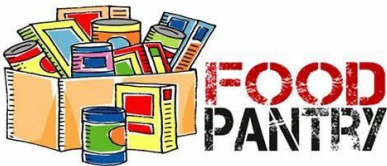
4/6 J D Barry  
4/8 Gary Wineland  
4/13 Mike Burns  
4/17 Ramon Burket  
4/18 Jeannie Stiffler  
4/19 Deb Delozier

4/20 Sammi Bowser  
4/22 Paul Witkovsky  
Bryce Nooyen  
4/25 Stacey Thompson  
4/29 Hailey Burns



## Anniversaries

4/16 Gary & Jane Thompson  
4/17 Bill & Jeanne Sollenberger  
4/30 Hal & Nan Grove



**The Roaring Spring food pantry** continues to operate and serve an ever-increasing clientele, as you might imagine with current inflation going on. We really appreciate all of your continued support.

The Food pantry has started a new initiative : giving away a bag of paper goods to each family that comes as well. (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels/Napkins, Tissues, etc.) Every little bit can help.

Thank you for your continued donations of shelf stable foods, paper goods, volunteers, and monetary donations. You are making a real difference in your community. Donations of food or paper products can be made at any time on the Food Pantry porch or at the True Value Department Store.

**Addresses:**

**Actual Location:** 401 E. Main St., Rear...look for the white pillars and bright red door.

**Mailing address for donations:** PO Box 252, Roaring Spring, PA 16673-0252



Anyone graduating from college, university, or trade school July 2022 through June 30, 2023 are asked to notify the church office to be included in the recognition in June's newsletter.



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**6 pm**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Children currently in 5th grade and younger are invited to bring their basket and gather in the Fellowship Hall.



**Thank you**, Avery Smith for sharing your Spirit and kindness through your free soup luncheon as part of your Senior Project.

**Thank you** to my church family for the prayers when I was in the hospital. Special thanks to Pastor Dave and Bill Evans. Asking for continuing prayers.  
- Jaden Myers and family

To the members, friends, and families of The First Church of the Brethren, **thank you** for embracing Dan and I over the past 2 years. Your support, continued prayers and love have meant the world to my family and I. With love, Mary Hershberger

**A special thank you to the congregation** was given by Ethel Burket before her passing. She so appreciated the birthday cards and being part of this loving congregation.

**Thank you to my Church Family** for supporting my Senior Project Soup Luncheon. Also, thanks to the ladies who supplied the baked goods. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who came out and offered donations (which was not necessary). The donations will be used for supplies for the Blessing Box. I'm so grateful to be apart of such a loving Church. God Bless You All!

*Volunteering is  
a work of heart*



### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship**

**Meal** on April 30<sup>th</sup> will also be church volunteer appreciation day. Join us following Sunday School, at about 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Meatballs and

spaghetti will be provided. A Sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center this month. We always have a wonderful time of fellowship!

**We extend our Christian Sympathies** to the family and loved ones of Dan Hershberger and Ethel Burket. May God's comfort and peace be with you.

Dan Hershberger entered the Kingdom of Heaven on February 14, 2023; and Ethel Burket made her entrance on March 11, 2023.



**Baby Dedications** will be held on Mother's Day. If you are wanting to have your child(ren) dedicated, please notify the church office no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Mother's Day Paint Party**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

All supplies will be provided. Meat & cheese platters and salad available.

Adults \$10 and children 13 and under \$5. Watch for more details in bulletins in April.



Because of the influx of new members and attendees here at First Church, we will be including a photo of a newer member as well as a "veteran" in upcoming newsletters to that we can better learn to know one another.

For April, please meet J.D. Barry. J.D. has been a member here for two years, and serves several months a year as head usher. He is employed by Curry Supply.

FREE  
EVENT

All  
ages

**CARNIVAL**  
and

# Touch-a-Truck

\*Sponsored by  
**The First Church of the Brethren**

Saturday, May 20th  
10am-2pm  
Albright Church of the Brethren  
1245 Bloomfield St., R.S.

FOOD

GAMES

Face  
Painting

**TICKET**



Entertainment by  
the Horseshoe  
Cloggers



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Palm Sunday 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Fellowship Time 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	<b>3</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved	<b>4</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm Easter Egg Hunt 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm Love Feast & Communion	<b>7</b> Office Closed 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Easter</b> Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>10</b> Office Closed 6:30pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Reserved 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	<b>12</b> 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline
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<b>30</b> 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal						



*Awesome is God*

FROM HIS SANCTUARY;  
THE GOD OF ISRAEL –  
HE IS THE ONE WHO GIVES  
POWER AND STRENGTH  
TO HIS PEOPLE.

*Blessed be God!*

PSALM 68:35, ESV

“Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with our resurrection.” –Watchman Ne

“We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.” –Barbara Johnson

“Forgiveness is the well from which we draw the water to wash others’ feet.” –D. Siler

“Easter is more than a day, an event, a remembrance. It is a way of life.” – Michael Marsh

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