



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.

Just a reminder so that you can mark your calendars! May 28th was the last Sunday of this year's normal Sunday School Classes. Sunday School will not be held on June 4th. So that means, of course, that on June 11th our usual Intergenerational Class will begin to meet after worship in the overflow room.

Our topic for this summer will be "What Brethren Believe." Even if you have been a lifelong Brethren and learned everything about us in Membership Class, maybe a reminder might be in order! For those new to the Church of the Brethren this might be a good opportunity to learn about the church where you are currently worshipping.

Some of the topics we will be addressing include why we do not utilize the Disciple's Creed – or any other creed - as part of our worship every week. We will also look at adult baptism vs. infant baptism, and will talk about how the denomination structures itself for worship. I also hope we can discuss ideas such as why we baptize three times forward, and why the feet washing is a big part of Love Feast. We also will discuss our peace position, and why service is so important to the Brethren.

Hope to see you there!

Pastor Dave



LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The meeting was held 5-2-23. Next meeting is 6-27-23 & then on 8-29-23.

Missions & Service – Marlys Hershberger has updated the bulletin board in the Overflow room with Missions & Service opportunities & highlights. Please check it out when you are able. Marlys asked to be able to keep the congregation updated on Church of the Brethren missions with displays, & etc. Permission was granted. There will be 2 kinds of soup offered at Heritage Fair 2023. In addition, they will be selling our traditional gob cake & other homemade baked goods. They will also be doing children’s sand art again. The Team has been asked to consider representing our church at this summer’s Spring Dam weekend.

Finance & Facility – The building’s phone system cannot be updated until the new cellular phone is installed in the renovated elevator due to needing to perform disconnections that need to occur simultaneously with the church’s new phone system (which will not be cellular). The elevator company is having difficulty securing some of the necessary parts for the renovations to begin; when those arrive, work should begin immediately. Donations continue to come in for the project’s cost. We are approximately \$26,000 short currently. Thanks to a donation of materials & time, there are 2 new water faucets in place in the kitchen. Thank you to all who played a part in making this happen. The A/V has been experiencing some issues on Sundays; work on testings continue. There remains a need for additional technicians & for training.

Hospitality & Communications – There was a nice turnout for the March’s 5th Sunday meal; 3 meals were home delivered also. May 5th Ladies Paint Party has 30 persons signed up. Additional May events will include Baby Dedication, & a Carnival to be held at the Albright Church. This Team continues to secure Nursery care for Sunday morning worship time.

Worship – The Grove City College Trombone Choir recently offered a nice program during Sunday morning worship. Dave Imes has stepped down from his faithful volunteering of copying CD/DVD’s of the morning worship services & delivering them to those who request them. We thank Dave for his many years of service to this ministry. Terry & Bryce will work with the church office & plan for training & for getting this task completed each week. We were reminded that people who have announcements to share during worship need to use a microphone so that the audio can be picked up for those watching & for the CD/DVD’s.

Christian Ed – Continues to work on securing Children’s Church leaders for the summer. June 4 worship will include recognition of the SS teachers, CC leaders, & ReCharge leaders. Plans continue for VBS & for Rally Day.

Deacons – Next meeting will be held on May 21. They continue to offer financial support when a need arises.

Pastor’s Report – In the summer of 2022, the District offered a “Brethren Faith in Action Grant” for any church in the district who was offering a program that was in some manner reaching out into their community. Pastor Dave applied for a grant to help grow our ReCharge Program. The application was accepted, & we received \$1000 from the District which was used for this past year’s Program. The church receiving the grant also had to commit to matching the grant amount with their own church funds. Our ReCharge Program superseded their commitment amount. If you are interested in more information & amazing attendance statistics, please reach out to Pastor Dave for a copy of his report! There will be a dedication for those traveling to work camps during 2023 through the denomination’s “Faith X” Program. It will be held during worship on May 21.

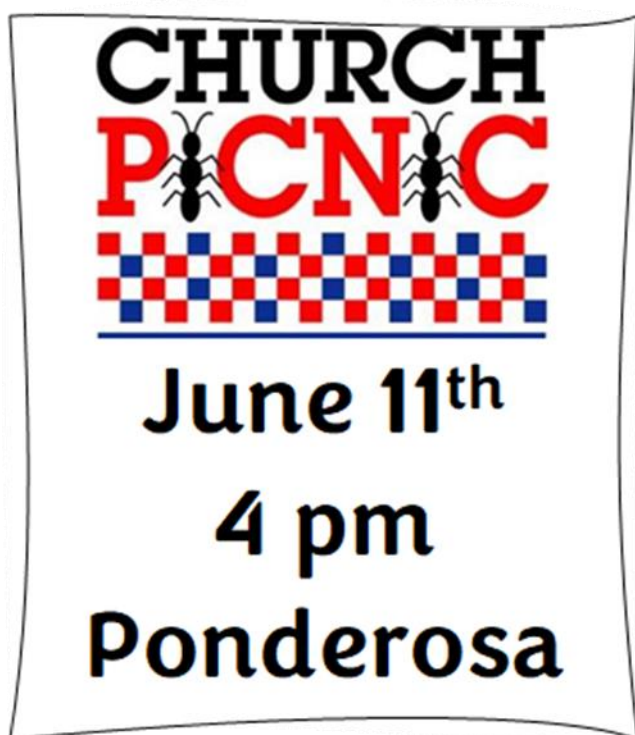
Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair



HELPING HANDS IN JUNE

Greeters Harry Jr. & Randy Keith Candlelighters
 Deacon Greeters Bethann & Mitch Frederick Fellowship Time Generation Hope

June	4	11	18	25
Organist	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	Cathy Petre	
Pianist	Marcia Fleck	Cindy Shaw	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber
Worship Leader	Pattie Conlon	Kaye Russell		
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Marlys Hershberger	Pattie Conlon
Children's Church				
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer	Don Myers		Guy Forshey
Flowers	Memory of Adam Long			
Bulletins			Memory of Don Imes	



*Swimming starts at 4 pm.
 A life guard will be present.*

*5 pm we will all share a meal.
 Please sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know how many will be attending and what you will bring to share.*

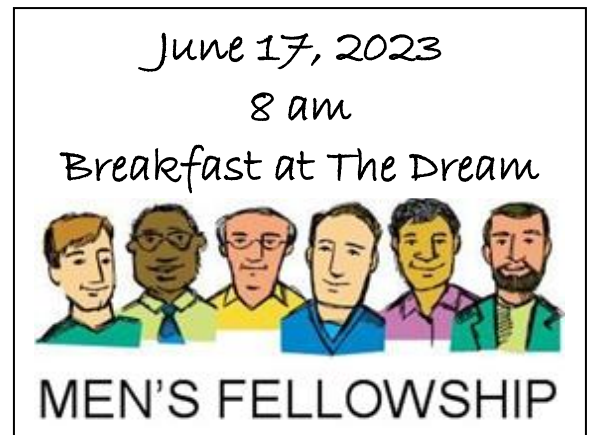
Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided.

Directions to 343 Ponderosa Lane, RS: On Cove Lane Road between Smith Transport and Cross Cove Road turn onto Bailey Lane. Travel about 450 feet. Then turn onto Ponderosa Lane. Watch for signs.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



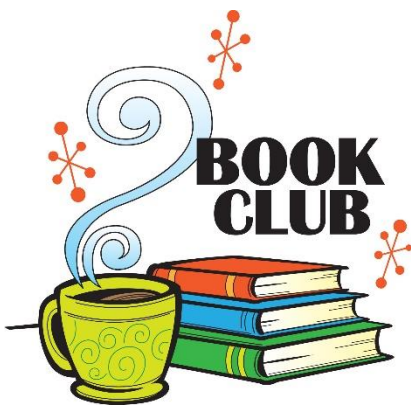
*June 20, 2023
6 pm
U S Hotel
RSVP to Janet Imes
or Valerie Smith no
later than June 18*



*June 17, 2023
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 on June.

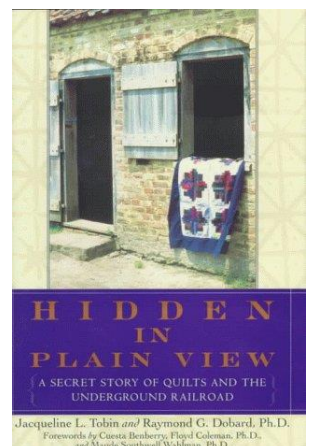
Hidden in Plain View

by Raymond Dobard and Jacqueline Tobin

In 1993, historian Jacqueline Tobin met African American quilter Ozella Williams amid piles of beautiful handmade quilts in the Old Market Building of Charleston, South Carolina. With the admonition to "write this down," Williams began to describe how slaves made coded quilts and used them to navigate their escape on the Underground Railroad. But just as quickly as she started, Williams stopped, informing Tobin that she would learn the rest when she was "ready."

During the three years it took for Williams's narrative to unfold--and as the friendship and trust between the two women grew--Tobin enlisted Raymond Dobard, Ph.D., an art history professor and well-known African American quilter, to help unravel the mystery.

Part adventure and part history, Hidden in Plain View traces the origin of the Charleston Code from Africa to the Carolinas, from the low-country island Gullah peoples to free blacks living in the cities of the North, and shows how three people from completely different backgrounds pieced together one amazing American story.





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| 2 Ariadne Madden | 11 Betty Estep | 28 Jane Thompson |
| Miranda Madden | 15 Kaye Russell | Emalee Walter |
| 3 Avery Smith | Herb Burns | 29 Rufus Petre |
| 4 Tracie Madden | 17 Vada Thompson | Vale Thompson |
| Ron Eicher | 21 Linda Steele | 30 Craig Wagner |
| 9 Shirley Lingenfelter | Stephen Hershberger | Barb Miller |
| 10 Tonya Dillon | 28 Audrey Smith | |



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| 4 Charles & Shirley Smith | 11 Kevin & Tina Snowberger | 18 Joey & Sammi Bowser |
| 5 Craig & Chris Wagner | 12 Daren & Jill Brumbaugh | 19 Stephen & Emily Hershberger |
| 6 Paul & Julie Witkovsky | 14 Travis & Mindy Wagner | 20 Chris & Dana Avvampato |
| 7 Doug & Maureen Detwiler | 17 Gary & Pat Dick | 21 Rufus & Cathy Petre |
| 9 Donnie & Katy Roudabush | Dave & Lynda Albright | 26 Pat & Elaine Frazier |



No Sunday School will be held on June 4th. Summer Sunday School begins on June 11th with a combined adult/youth class. Pastor Dave will teach this class in the Overflow Room. No summer Sunday School will be offered for children, but Children’s Church will be offered during worship.

Faith Night at The Curve is August 13th. The game starts at 6 pm. Tickets are \$9 and in section 200. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Payment must be made no later than July 23. The Hospitality & Communications Team is sponsoring this event.



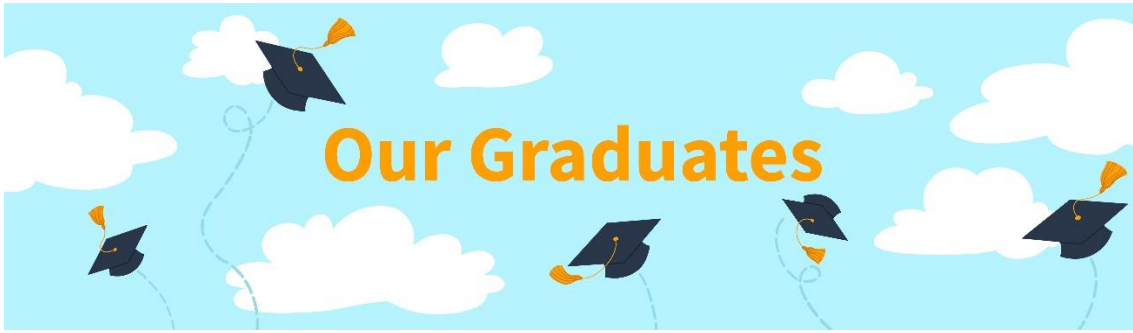
June 24th from 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Herb & Beth Burns invite you to join them and your church family for a fun night at the pool at Morrisons Cove Memorial Park. Bring your towel and be prepared for FUN!! Pastor Dave will be doing a cannonball because Genesis Class raise over \$1,500 for the Roof Fund. Snacks will be provided.

Graduation Breakfast

Graduates are invited to breakfast at 8 am on Sunday, June 4th in our Fellowship Hall. Rev. Stephen Hershberger will be our speaker.





Aidan Baird

Son of Dan and Lori Baird
Graduates from Central High School



Tiana Eicher

Daughter of Travis & Karen Eicher, Granddaughter of Ron & Darlene Eicher
Graduates from Central High School
Future plans: This summer she will be working on the kitchen staff at Camp Blue Diamond. In the fall she will head to Chatham University in Pittsburgh where she plans to study English.

Aeri Green

Daughter of Jackie
Graduates from Central High School

Erik Kressler

Son of Nichole McMahon; Grandson of Audrey Smith
Graduates from State College High School
Future Plans: Erik will be attending Pennsylvania State University.

Nadia Padilla

Daughter of Oscar Padilla and Jennifer Dick, Granddaughter of Pat Dick
Graduates from Central High School



Avery Smith

Daughter of Dave & Valerie Smith, Granddaughter of Earl & Becky Bryson
Graduates from Central High School
Future Plans: She will be working full-time at Traditions Restaurant at least for the next year until she decides if she wants to further her education or continue to work. For the last 6 years she has been very active in Youth Group and Mentoring.



Sierra Foor, granddaughter of Sandy Norris, received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology on December 10, 2022. She will continue at Slippery Rock for Occupational Therapy in their Graduate program.

RJ Kressler, grandson of Audrey Smith, graduated from Penn Tech and is currently seeking employment.





The History Committee is requesting photos from past church events. Donations of photos can be given to Linda Frederick. They are willing to make copies and return your original if that is your preference.

Did our Ladies Aid Quilters quilt a quilt for you? If so, would you please take a picture and give it to Linda Frederick. If you know when it was quilted, please share that information.

The Alpha Class collects small amenities like lotion, shampoo, conditioner, and bath soap that are complimentary at hotels and motels, and then donates them to the Women's Shelter in Altoona. These items are greatly appreciated by the women who receive them at the shelter. All donations can be placed in their classroom.



The Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at Iron Masters Country Club in Roaring Spring PA. The golf committee is looking for sponsors and donations for this shared event with Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District COB. We offer prizes for golfers and are always looking for donations from organizations & businesses with swag or gift cards. If you would like to be a sponsor this year, make a donation or provide a prize for this event, please let me know.

Proceeds from this shared event are used for the ministries that Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District COB provide for our youth, ministers and congregations.

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2023 Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio July 4-8, 2023

Daily Scriptural Themes

Tuesday: Living God's Love, Annual Conference Moderator, Tim McElewee Texts: John 13:34-35, Ephesians 5:1-2, and I John 4:7-12 The call of Christ to love inclusively is both an ethical imperative and the primary means through which Jesus's disciples are known. As imitators of the God who unconditionally loves us, we are called to live God's love.

Wednesday: Bearing the Fruit of God's Love, Sheila Wise Rowe Texts: Mark 12:28-34 and John 15:1-17 A branch cannot bear fruit by itself. For this reason we remain bound and sustained by Christ, the true vine. Through Christ we are able to bear the fruit of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Thursday: Responding in Love to the Needs of Others, Deanna Brown Texts: Luke 10:25-37 and I John 3:16-24 The Good Samaritan sees a person in need, is moved by mercy, and has the means to help. By showering God's agape love upon on the one in need, the Good Samaritan reveals that the love of God abides in him.

Friday: Seeing and Loving Like God, Jody Romero Texts: Luke 7:36-50 and I Corinthians 13 Until we truly see the outcasts within church and society as God sees them we cannot love as God loves. No matter how gifted and talented we may be, if we do not reflect God's inclusive love we are nothing.

Saturday: Loving the Least in the Family of God, Audri Svay Texts: Matthew 25:31-46 and John 21:15-19 The Greek word, elachistoi, refers to "the least of these," or the "expendables." God through Christ pleads with us to care for, to nurture, and to unconditionally love Jesus's people: the least of these.

Ballot Announced for 2023 Annual Conference Moderator Elect:

- Dava Hensley, Roanoke First COB, Roanoke Virginia
- Del Keeney, Mechanicsburg COB, Southern PA

Middle PA District Standing Committee will host an **Annual Conference Briefing** for delegates and anyone else who would like to hear about conference this year. We will gather at Stone Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 7-8:00 pm. Annual Conference Moderator, Tim McElwee, will be available via Zoom to answer questions. There will also be a Zoom virtual option this year. Here's the zoom link for the evening: <https://juniata.zoom.us/j/94665308778>

Why do we take attendance at worship?

- So Shepherds can follow up with their "sheep."
- It allows new addresses, phone numbers, email addresses to be shared with the office.
- New attenders can share their information with us when they are ready to.
- Determining who are regular attenders and may need a mailbox.

Our Hospitality & Communications Team is sponsoring a **craft show** to benefit the Roof Fund. We will be using the Albright Church of the Brethren Activity building from 10 am – 3 pm on July 22. The cost for a table is \$20 donation. Please see Cathie Pollard to reserve your spot today!



August 13 – Faith Night at the Curve

Tickets are \$9 for the 200 section. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Payment must be made before July 23.



Sandy Burket officially joined our church family in March of 2021. If you have ever asked to have a prayer request put out on the phone prayer chain you may have spoken to her as she is helping with that outreach. She has also been involved in the Hospitality Team activities and enjoys cooking for Recharge and attending Wednesday evening Bible Study. She retired from Walmart after 23 years. She enjoys traveling, reading, spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and eating out with family and friends. She is secretary for the USS Hornet Association.

Mark & Betsy Garach have been with us "forever." While Betsy grew up in this church, Mark didn't join us until the early 1990's. Betsy sings in the choir and schedules the storytellers for Children's story and teaches the Generation Hope Sunday School class. Mark has been a big part of the Men's Fellowship breakfast group. Serving as Deacons for many years, Mark recently moved to Deacon Emeritus.



June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	2	3
4 Graduation Sunday 8:00am Graduation Breakfast 9:25am Worship 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	5	6 9:30am Bible Study	7 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	8 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	9	10
11 Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Fellowship Time 4:00pm Church Picnic	12 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	13 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	14 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	15 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	16 National Junior high Conference	17 National Junior high Conference 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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"Rest is not idle, is not wasteful. Sometimes rest is the most productive thing you can do for body and soul."
 —Erica Layne

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image."
 —Thomas Merton

"Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others."
 —H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"The [person] who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."
 —Confucius

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