



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.

There's many reasons to follow Jesus. He promises abundant life here and now. He is the gateway to eternity for all future. He guides our steps in the ways we should go. And he gives us reason and places to be part of something bigger than ourselves by serving others.

But one thing we don't think about enough is that when we follow Him we should "Be Prepared to Be Amazed!"

The Old Testament Prophet Habakkuk says in chapter 1 verse 5:

Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

Too often, our world, our disappointments, our expectations keep us from seeing what God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit CAN do. Widen your imagination, start to expect, to be surprised at what might show up in situations where others can only expect disappointment.

In Luke 1, Elizabeth and Mary get together to discuss their pregnancies. One was too old to be with child, the other was too chaste. But they were both surprised and amazed at what God could – and did-- do.

Now, I'm not promising that you will get every miracle that you want when you want it. But I am promising that when we serve God, we should be "prepared to be amazed." Maybe His answers will start small, but if we're not looking for them, we won't ever see them anyway.

Don't forget.... as long as we believe in the Resurrection... there's no dead end!

Pastor Dave



LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The most recent meeting was held 6-27-23. The next meeting will be on 8-29-23.

Missions & Service: Plans are finalizing for participation in the Spring Dam Weekend on 8-5. We will be offering a sand art craft for children & also have church brochures available. The church has also made a monetary donation. Discussion continues for September's Heritage Fair participation.

Finance & Facility: Giving to date is up slightly from last year. Brief descriptions of SS classes, groups, & recurring events from within the church are needed for the new website. Please get that information to Bryce Nooyen asap if you have been asked to do so.

Hospitality & Communication: The new church brochure has been completed & turned over to F&F for approval & printing. A Craft & Vendor event will be 7-22 at the Albright Church social hall. Proceeds will benefit the Roof Fund. The next 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal will be 7-30. Faith Night at the Curve is 8-13. There will be a movie night at the church on 8-19. The next Hymn Sing will be 9-17.

Christian Ed: The MUM Group will be holding an event in July. Organizational work continues on VBS. The number of upcoming children going into the youth program may warrant splitting the youth back into Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups again. Discussion began on finding ways to meet the needs of our Post High School (PHS) attendees. The Leadership Team approved suspending the current Youth Guidelines for 1 year to permit PHS persons to attend Sr. Youth SS, Bible studies, & some social events. The CE Team will also work with several interested PHS people to help empower them to become leaders for their group. Rally Day plans continue. There is a need for some SS classes to relocate. Work continues on securing SS teachers for fall. Children's Church is also in need of a larger gathering space.

Worship: The church's CCLI licensing has been upgraded so that we are now able to stream videos during worship. The order of worship has been reworked in recent weeks & seems to be working out well.

Deacons: In person prayer gatherings have been suspended for the summer. Prayer time will continue via email & texting until fall. In pew communion will be held on 7-16. The next Deacon Meeting will be held on 9-17 & communion bread will be made on 9-26.

Pastor's Report: Marlys Hershberger has been asked to share with the congregation about her recent Faith X trip to Spain. The pastor will again be applying to the denomination for a financial grant to aid with our ReCharge Program. Pastor Dave has some photos that have been submitted to him for the upcoming in-house pictorial directory. He will begin to work on assembling it when the office's new software is completely installed.

District Conference Delegates will be registered by the church office for in-person attendance. It will be held 10-14 at the Hollidaysburg Church. Those attending will be Pastor Dave, Kaye Russell, Bonnie Butler, Sandy Norris, & Paul Witkovsky.

Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair



HELPING HANDS IN AUGUST

Greeters Jeanie Stiffler and Linda Piper

Candlelighters

Deacon Greeters Krista Snyder

Fellowship Time Not Held

August	6	13	20	27	
Organist	Spring Dam Worship	Terry Hershberger		Cathy Petre	
Pianist		Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	
Worship Leader		Stephen Hershberger	Pattie Conlon	Linda Steele	
Storyteller		Marlys Hershberger	Pastor Dave	Pattie Conlon	
Children's Church		Terra Gartmann Melinda Green	Angie Russell	Hank & Mary Ann Meetze	
Welcome Center		Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	
Parking Lot Greeters		Earl Bryson			
Flowers			Memory of Joseph Weyandt		
Bulletins			Memory of Thomas Strum	Memory of Joseph Weyandt	Memory of Ron Snyder

Heritage Fair - Saturday, September 16th

Mark your calendar now for the Middle PA District Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond this fall! Our annual festival of Food, Fun, Friends and Family will be on Sept. 16th. There will be tons of food, loads of children's activities, an auction, the Dunk the Dunker Tank, crafts, demonstrations and more! It's a family reunion for all your camp and church friends as we eat, visit with friends, and have fun.

Heritage Fair starts with breakfast at 6:30 in the Lodge. Booths open at 8:30. The Auction is from 11 - 1 p.m. Booths, activities and the fair typically end around 2 p.m.



Roaring Spring Community Worship
 August 6th 9:15 am
 Spring Dam Ampitheatre

Faith Night at the Curve
August 13th 6 pm

The game starts at 6 pm. Tickets are \$9.



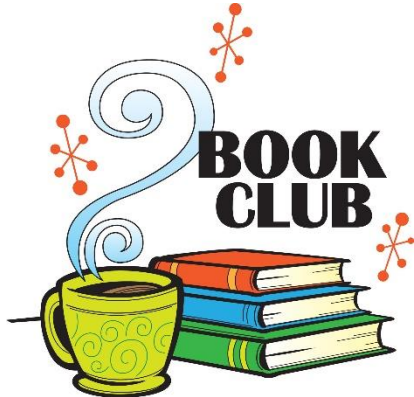
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



August 15, 2023
6 pm
Marzoni's
RSVP to Janet Imes
or Valerie Smith
before August 12



Men's Fellowship is having a picnic AND breakfast this month. Breakfast will be at 8 am at The Dream on Saturday, August 19th and the picnic will be held at 6 pm on August 17th at 343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and buns, drinks, paper products and utensils will be provided. Please RSVP to Dave Imes by August 14th so we have an idea of how many to plan for.



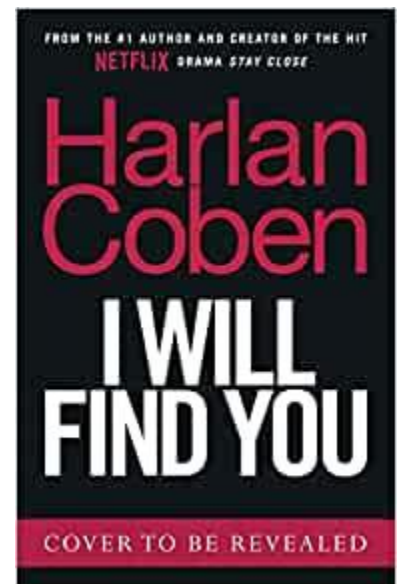
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on August 21st.

I Will Find You by Harlan Coben

David and Cheryl Burroughs were living the dream life when tragedy struck. Now, five years after that terrible night, Cheryl is remarried. And David is serving a life sentence in a maximum-security prison for the brutal murder of their son.

Then Cheryl's sister, Rachel, arrives unexpectedly during visiting hours and drops a bombshell. She's come with a photograph that a friend took on vacation at a theme park with a boy in the background who has a familiar, distinctive birthmark ... and even though David and Rachel realize it can't be, they both just know. It's David's son, Matthew, and he's still alive.

David plans a harrowing escape from prison, determined to do what seems impossible—save his son, clear his own name, and discover the real story of what happened that devastating night.





2	Jen May Karl Diehl	12	Don Myers	20	Kevin Snowberger
3	Connie Fluke	13	Pat Dick	22	Ashlynn Detwiler
5	Mandy Croft Sandy Burket	14	Earl Bryson	23	Harry Keith Jr.
6	Dave Brumbaugh Traci Totillo Owen Conrath	15	Arlene Beers Melinda Green	24	Anita Hoover Tom Glunt
7	Krista Snyder	16	Tom Thompson	29	Karen Long Patrick Long
10	Mitchell Frederick	17	Dana Avvampato Dave Imes	30	Beth Burns
		19	Nancy Musselman Tom Shaw		



5	Mike & Deanna Trigona	16	Dave & Dawn Crumrine	19	Matt & Jen May
6	Rusty & Anita Hoover		Dante & Melinda Green	22	Gary & Barbara Wineland
15	Chad & Tori Crumrine	19	Tom & Joyce Holsinger	28	Ron & Darlene Eicher

The Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at Iron Masters Country Club in Roaring Spring PA

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.



Ben Smith
157 Elm Street
Hollidaysburg, Pa 16648



ReCharge will be playing mini golf at Lakemont Park on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

We will gather at pavilion 7A at 5:45pm and then head to mini golf as a group. Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there as we wrap-up our summer fun before school begins.



Ice Cream Social August 10th 5 pm @ Ponderosa

If you are 55 or older, please join us for an evening of fellowship, laughter, as well as ice cream.

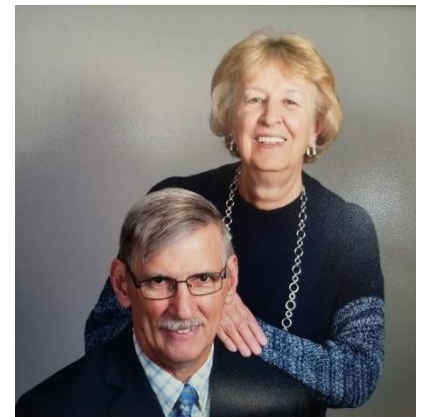
Directions to 343 Ponderosa Lane, RS: On Cove Lane Road between Smith Transport and Cross Cove Road turn onto Bailey Lane. Travel about 450 feet. Then turn onto Ponderosa Lane. Watch for signs.



Michael Pollard first started attending worship in 2018 and his mom Cathie began accompanying him in 2020. Both help with ReCharge, 5th Quarter and Hospitality Team activities, and in fact Cathie is heading up the Craft Show this month. Michael works at Central High School and Cathie is retired.



Don Bookhammer has been a member of First Church since 1977. Don serves as a Deacon. He also generously donates his time to some of the “handyman jobs” around the church, and as a parking lot greeter. He has gone on many Disaster trips and is an active member of the Blair County Veteran Honor Guard and assists with military funerals. He is Team Chair of the Missions and Service Team.





Hymn Sing & Soup Sale

Bedford Church of the Brethren will host a hymn sing on Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 2:00-3:30 pm. Hymn Sing & Special Music will be provided by the Area 3 Congregations.

Proceeds support the Middle PA District Ministries

- Chicken Corn Noodle
- Beef Vegetable
- Ham & Bean
- Cheeseburger Chili
- Italian Sausage Tortellini



Soup provided by the Area 3 Congregations

\$8.00 per quart

Please call Kris at 814-643-0601 to order soup.

Soup must be pre-ordered.

Limited quantities available.

Pick up at Bedford Church of the Brethren on August 20, 2023 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Movie Night



“A Man Called Otto”

August 19th 8:30 pm
Popcorn, Pretzels and drinks provided

Please bring chairs or blankets,

We will watch the movie in the parking lot



Vacation Bible School Kicks off July 30th during worship August 1 – 3 6 – 8:30 pm

Children aged 2 years (2 & 3 year olds need an adult to stay) through those who just completed 5th grade.

Blessing bags Mission Project is for those in our community that need a little bit of a lift. Items needed for the bags: bottled water, Gallon storage bags, individual toothbrushes, tooth paste, individual packages of crackers or cookies, on the go drink packets, individual tissue packages, wash cloths, chewing gum, flex fabric band aids, lotion lip balm, fingernail clippers. Pens lotion hand sanitizer, single dose packages of Tylenol. Items may be placed on or near the round table in the Overflow Room

Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.



We have new note cards with this church picture on them. They make great thank you cards! Any teams of activity leaders who may need them to send a thank you, please contact Jan in the office.



September 10, 2023

Kick Off for the Sunday School year

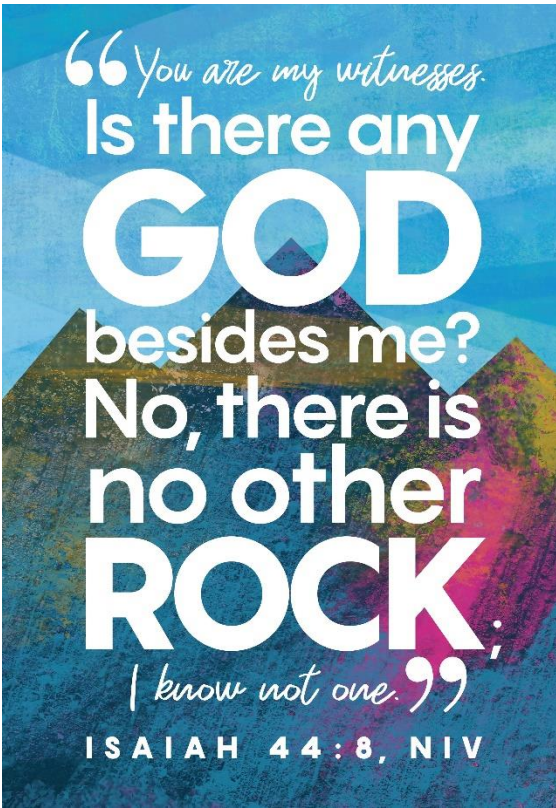


Mentoring Teams

Mentoring Team
Dedication
September 17, 2023

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm - 8:30pm VBS	2 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm - 8:30pm VBS 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	3 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:00pm - 8:30pm VBS 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	4	5 1:00pm - 4:00pm RS Community Picnic
6 9:15am Roaring Spring Community Worship	7	8 9:00am Brethren Open 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	9 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	10 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 5:00pm J O Y Ice Cream Social 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	11	12
13 Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 6:00pm Faith Night at the Curve	14	15 9:30am Bible Study 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 6:00pm Sisters of Faith	16 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	17 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6 pm Men's Fellowship Picnic 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	18	19 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:30pm Movie Night
20 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	21 10:00am Book Group 6:00pm Disaster Ministries Picnic	22 9:30am Bible Study	23 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	24 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	25	26
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“Make the world a better place one person at a time. Start with yourself.”

— Linda Poindexter

“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.”

— Miles Kington


“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

— attributed to Vincent van Gogh

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