



First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, PA

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September 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

Summer 2023 has been a time of great blessings here at First Church!

The excitement and enjoyment evident at Vacation Bible School was very contagious...and that was just from the many church volunteers! The 30+ kids who attended each evening displayed an energy for learning and singing and building friendships that had to have brought a smile to all who had a chance to witness the event.

Recharge met several evenings for miniature golf and a picnic and swimming to help keep the momentum of that group going! Men's Fellowship shared time at a picnic, the JOY group also spent time together eating and in fellowship. Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible Study groups grew in size as the summer progressed and much meaningful time was shared exploring the books of John and Jeremiah. If you were not present, you also missed events such as a Movie Night, a Fifth Sunday lunch Fellowship, a Craft Show and a sand art booth at Roaring Spring Community Days. Church members were also busy helping Brethren Disaster Relief build several handicap ramps around the community.

And of course, the intergenerational Sunday School Class on "What Brethren Believe" was very well attended with lively discussion. And we can't forget the opportunities we had to be in Sunday morning worship to praise God for his gifts and help in preparing for the coming week. Individually and collectively all these events continued to strengthen our community and provide opportunities to glorify God and to be in prayer for one another.

But while summer may be gone, the impact of the blessings will continue to ripple through this life and for eternity!

Don't miss out on the next round of worship, study and community building beginning September 10 with our annual Rally Day! Hope to See you here then... and more!

Pastor Dave





HELPING HANDS IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters Angie, Abe, Graci & Charli Russell
Deacon Greeters Mark & Betsy Garach

Candlelighters
Fellowship Time

Generation Hope
Not held

September	3	10	17	24
Organist	Terry		Cathy	Cathy
Pianist	Cindy	Brenda	Marcia	Cathy N
Worship Leader				
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Gary Wineland	Bonnie Butler
Children's Church				
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer			
Flowers	Honor of Hank Meetze 79 BD		Memory of Robert Hoover	
Bulletins	Honor of Hank Meetze 79 BD	Memory of Margaret Imes		



6:30 pm
September 17th



Sunday School Classes begin



Love Feast and Communion
Sunday, October 1, 2023
6:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



September 19, 2023

6 pm

The Dream

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith no

later than September

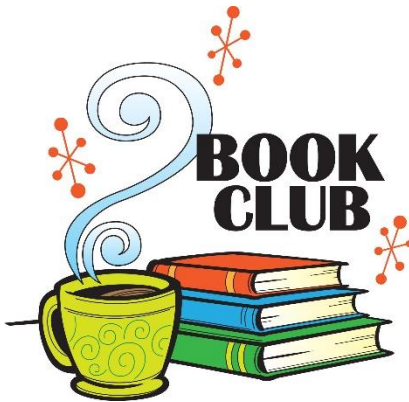
September 23, 2023

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



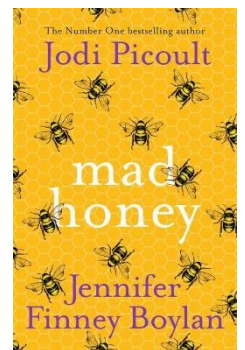
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on June.

“Mad Honey” by Jodi Piccoult

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father’s beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can’t help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet she wonders if she can trust him completely. . . .



Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn’t acknowledge the flashes of his father’s temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he’s hidden more than he’s shared with her.

Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.



9/5 Tina Snowberger
 9/6 Hank Meetze
 Darlene Eicher
 Hal Grove
 9/8 Guy Forshey
 Caelan Padilla

9/10 Tom Dick
 9/12 Aric Foor
 9/15 Jane Brumbaugh
 9/17 Eli Hershberger
 9/18 Adam Frederick
 9/20 Sage Evans

9/21 Nancy Forshey
 Jerry Ritchey
 9/26 Janet Imes
 9/29 Clara Hoffman



9/1 Walter & Linda Piper
 Nathan & Brandi Walter
 9/6 Pete & Carol Imler
 9/7 Fred & Arlene Beers
 9/8 Don & Janie Myers

9/8 Adam & Brooke Frederick
 9/11 Dave & Valerie Smith
 9/14 Brian & Traci Totillo
 9/15 Tom & Julie Dick
 9/18 Tom & Janis Thompson

9/23 Tom & Missy Glunt
 9/26 Rick & Tonya Dillon
 Mitch & Bethann Frederick
 Troy & Mary Crumrine



Linda Steele was raised in Roaring Spring and has attended First Church her entire life. She was baptized in November 1959. She is a fourth generation member and Deacon. She has served as librarian, been part of the choir, helps with our Heritage Fair outreach, and taught Senior High Sunday School with her cousin, Betsy Garach, for several years. She was an active member of the planning committee for the 100th anniversary of the founding of First Church in 2010.



Sue Fahr and husband Blaine moved to Roaring Spring from Duncansville 7 years ago, Her career was in the banking industry. She is a member of the Horseshoe Cloggers. She began attending First Church when her sister-in-law, Bethann Frederick, invited her to Christmas Eve service. She has had the privilege & pleasure of helping with Vacation Bible School and children's Sunday School.

"I would like to thank Pastor Dave, Dawn and the entire First Church congregation for your kindness and welcoming me into your church family. I am truly blessed. "

The Deacons will be making communion bread in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 26th.



Prior to home Central football games, our Junior Youth have a “Parking Lot Fundraiser” where they seek donations from those who use the church parking lots for game parking. At the end of the season these funds will be used for an outreach project.

Following home Central Football games, we invite the youth in the community to our Fellowship Hall for a few hours of snacks, games and fellowship. A guest speaker is invited to share a short talk with the kids about God and some encouraging words.

2023 Dates are: September 1, 8, 22 and October 20.

Pennies for Witness is an offering emphasis for our Mid PA District outreach ministries, including: Trucker Traveler, CentrePeace, Prince Gallitzin Park Ministry, Small Church Fund, Outreach Ministry Matching Grants, and Global Outreach. We are collecting pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars for this outreach in the Overflow Room until Sunday, October 1. Thank you for helping to make a difference in Jesus’ name!

Heritage Fair is September 16th and is held at Camp blue Diamond. Our church will have a booth. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for a half hour slot to work at our booth, or to make soup or Gob Cake. Please clean and dice any extra peppers from your garden and place them in the freezer in the freezer room.

October 14th **District Conference** will be held at Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren.

The Blessing Box is located near the entrance to our parking lot. Items provided for this community outreach ministry, through the Missions & Service Team, are donated by our church members. A tote is located in the Alpha classroom for collected items. Since Trinity United Methodist Church at the 5-points has a food outreach, we try to provide health and cleaning items. Different groups or individuals take care of stocking the Blessing Box monthly. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Don Bookhammer. Items needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, bandages, dish soap, disposable razors, tissues and bars of soap.



Mentoring Teams

Mentoring Program Kick off and Dedication
September 17th

Teams consist of a youth in grades 6 through 12 and an adult from our congregation. Youth are invited to join the program when they enter 6th grade. Teams commit for one year at a time. If you have a youth that is interested in the program, please contact Janie Myers.



Thursday, October 26th
6 – 8 pm

We will be seeking donations to hand out to the trick or treaters and volunteers to set up and hand out treats.



**Sunday, October 29th
11:45 am**

Please join us as we gather and share a meal as a church family. Menu: soup and sandwiches.



**Sunday November 5th
Noon in our Fellowship Hall**

All those 55 and older are invited to join us.
A sign up sheet will be available next month.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Income / Expense through:

Date	Actual	Budget	Actual Expense
August 13	\$ 158,278.45	\$ 155,563.27	\$ 177,777.19

Faith Assembly is sponsoring a series on “**The Constitution and the Bible**” at their Arch meeting Sunday evenings Aug 27th through the end of October 7-8:30. All are invited to attend.

If you have not given your correct address or phone number to the office you may note the new information on the attendance sheets.

Continuing education

In September, Christian education programs are in full swing. How wonderful to see classrooms of children learning about Jesus! But what about the grown-ups? Some parents who make sure their kids get to Sunday school don't attend Bible study themselves.

Following and learning about Christ are lifelong pursuits. If we are to love God with our *mind* (as well as with our heart, soul and strength), then we must keep learning even into old age. Plus, when we are well informed about God's Word and our faith, we can share it with non-Christians and express the reason for our hope (see 1 Peter 3:15).

To love God with “all your mind” (Mark 12:30), find an adult Bible study or small group that dives into Scripture. Then humbly wear the label of lifelong learner, knowing that God still has new things to teach even the most seasoned Christian.

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.

As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.

As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears.

As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You.

Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.

Amen.



Twists and Turns VBS had 35 kids sign up, and an average of 30 per night.

\$713 was collected for the Heifer International project and we will be purchasing a heifer, a goat, a flock of ducks, bees, and seed packets for those overseas.

We also brought in enough donations for the blessing bags to fill 48 bags of goodies to be used in our blessing box for local people who may need.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:30pm Parking Lot Fundraiser 9:00pm 5th Quarter	2
3 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	4 Office Closed	5 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	6 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	7 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	8 5:30pm Parking Lot Fundraiser 9:00pm 5th Quarter	9
10 Food Bank Collection Rally Day 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	11 6:00pm Deacon Executive Meeting 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	12 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	13 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	14 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	15 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline	16 Heritage Fair
17 8:30am Mentoring 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Meeting 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering 6:30pm Hymn Sing	18 10:00am Book Group	19 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Sisters of Faith	20 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	21 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	22 5:30pm Parking Lot Fundraiser 9:00pm 5th Quarter	23 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
24 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	25	26 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Deacon Communion Bread Baking	27 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	28 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	29	30

**Whoever pursues
righteousness and
kindness will find
life and honor.**

PROVERBS 21:21, NRSV



"Prayer is an acknowledgment that our need of God's help is not partial but total."

—Alistair Begg, *Made for His Pleasure*

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."

—Mother Teresa

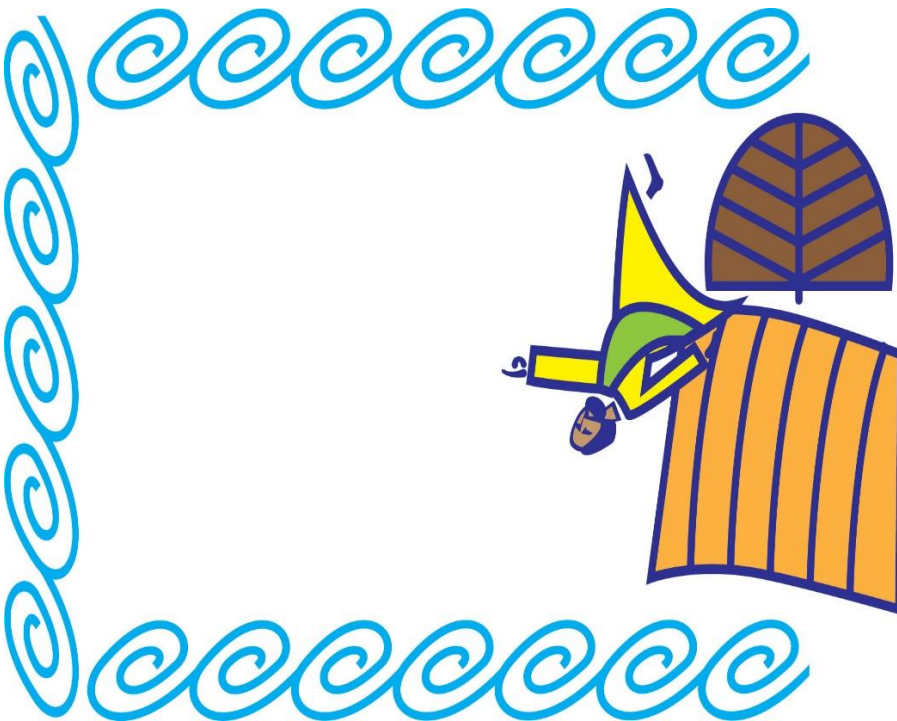
"The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back."

—Abigail Van Buren

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."

—Thomas Merton

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