



# 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.

If you can't be grateful in November, you might not be able to be grateful at any time.

Of course, we SHOULD be grateful at all times, but this time of year it seems especially easy to feel blessed. After all, nights are cooler, leaves are turning beautiful red, yellow and orange. Football season is hitting an exciting time. Hunters will soon be in the woods following their favorite pastime, and we even have a special day coming up to remind us to be thankful for all of our blessings.

But what about when we find ourselves in difficult times? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 offers us the good advice to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Rejoicing helps us get our minds off the pain and self-pity and onto more positive things. Praying continually does the same, and gives us relief in knowing that we have taken our requests to the feet of our loving Lord and Savior. And as tough as it is, we can give thanks in all circumstances because we can trust that God is going to use that bad situation somehow, someday for a positive for us and for His kingdom.

So, don't just wait until Thanksgiving to be grateful for what we have been given. And NEVER, NEVER lose sight of the fact that even if things may be tough right now, we have eternity with Jesus to look forward to because of what He has done for us.

Pastor Dave



# NEVER STOP PRAYING.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

The most recent meeting was held 10-3-23.

The next meeting will be on 10-24-23. Heritage Fair donations from our church totaled \$1662. Children will be asked to take a collection for the District's Pennies for Witness outreach on 10-8-23.

The church's new website is up and running, with some glitches remaining to be worked out. A company from Hopewell, PA has designed the site and will do most of its updating, along with the church office and Bryce Nooyen. This same company has been hired to maintain the church's Facebook page, with several others being able to maintain it as well. A new church brochure has been completed and is available at the Welcome Center. The church office's computer program, Shepperd's Staff is no longer being used and has been replaced with an updated program entitled "Church 360". The elevator upgrades should soon be completed; once that is done, and the phone inside the elevator is hooked up, the church phones can be switched to another carrier and the phone line issues resolved. The issues remain with the current carrier, Breezeline. F&F is waiting for a bid on repairing the roof drain, hopefully before winter. Several handrails are planned for installation near the steps going from the Overflow room into the Sanctuary. Other upgrades for safety concerns are being addressed as well.

Rally Day went well. ReCharge will begin on 10-4-23. Sunday School rooms for fall had to be reassigned and seem to be working out well. Children's Church has also moved to a new room. Advent books will be ordered soon.

Trunk or Treat will be offered in the church's parking lot on 10-26-23. Anyone wishing to offer their trunk, or provide treats, please reach out to Beth Burns. Older Servant's Dinner will be offered on 11-5-23. A "Paint Party" with a Christmas theme will be offered on 11-15-23. Marlys Hershberger is now serving on the Altar Care Committee with Chris Wagner. New artificial fall floral arrangements for the altar are being made by Mindy Wagner.

65 attended Lovefeast on 10-1-23. Deacon calling process will begin on 10-8-23 with the final call being held during worship on 11-5-23. The deacons will be sponsoring Doug Garber, and a group of men who come together early on Sunday mornings for approximately 30 minutes for prayer. The group is called "Cove Ministry Network". The church will begin to be offered as one of the sites available for this ministry.

Pastor Dave is anxious to begin live Bible Study on Wednesday evenings during ReCharge as he continues the study via Zoom. He is continuing with some CE courses. Mindy Wagner is working on a "Children's-Led" worship service. Outside building seasonal door wreaths will be the responsibility of the H&C Team. They will have a line item for this expense added to their budget. When a season needs replaced, this should be done on a rotating schedule. LT will discuss options at that time for places to secure replacements. 7 wreaths will be purchased so that one is also available for placement on the outside office door to match all the others. H&C will also handle seasonal decorating that occurs inside the church.

Marlys Hershberger is securing a blood pressure cuff and pulsox to be placed near the AED in the Overflow room. F&F is securing a bid to replace the 2 sets of wooden exit doors in the Fellowship Hall.

A reminder to let the church office know of any activities or events that are being planned or need to be in a bulletin or newsletter.

Gifts Discernment Team has been working on preparing the slate for the 11-19-23 Congregational Forum.

Teams will be finishing up their 2024 budget projections this month.

Discussion was held regarding the need for "Church Use" forms. Bryce Nooyen explained that they are necessary so that the church office is aware of all activities going on in the building and can add them to the church calendar; in addition, the daycare needs to be made aware of events that may coincide with their usages; and lastly, so that the custodian can be advised as to when rooms need to be cleaned following an event.



Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair

# HELPING HANDS IN NOVEMBER

Greeters Don & Janie Myers Candlelighters Youth  
 Deacon Greeters Dave & Janet Imes Fellowship Time Alpha Class

November	5	12	19	26
<b>Organist</b>		Cathy Petre	Cathy Petre	
<b>Pianist</b>	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Angie Russell		Linda Steele	
<b>Storyteller</b>	Gary Wineland	Pastor Dave	Marlys Hershberger	Betsy Garach
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Not Held	Angie Russell	Melinda Green Terra Gartmann
<b>Nursery</b>				
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
<b>Parking Lot Greeters</b>	Earl Bryson		Earl Bryson	
<b>Flowers</b>	Honor of Dorothy Holsinger		Memory of Martha Brumbaugh	Memory of Claire & Ethel Keith
<b>Bulletins</b>	Memory of Eugene McKinney	Memory of Alfred Hoover	Memory of Martha Brumbaugh	

## Congregational Forum

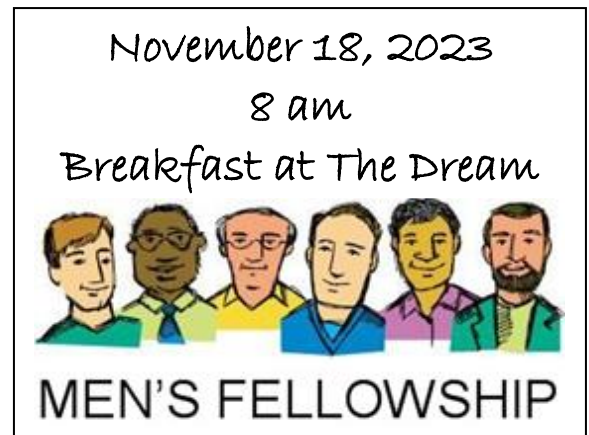


**November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Worship**

# WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



*November 14, 2023  
6 pm  
Duncansville Hoss's  
RSVP to Janet Imes or  
Valerie Smith no later  
than November 12*



November 18, 2023

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream

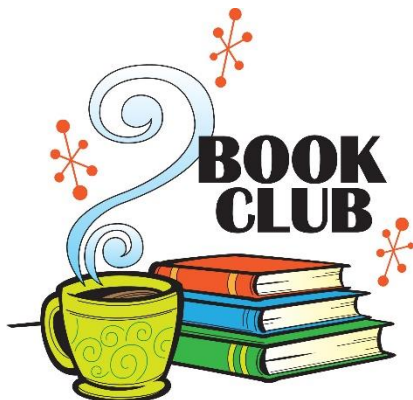


MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Mobley would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and meals during her recovery. She hopes to be using a cane soon.



November 5, 2023



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

**"Last Survivor  
Of the Orphan Trains, A Memoir" by William  
Walters and Victoria Golden**

From 1854 to the early 1930s, the American Orphan Trains transported 250,000 children from the streets and orphanages of the East Coast into homes in the emerging West. Unfortunately, families waiting for the trains weren't always dreams come true—many times they were nightmares.

William Walters was little more than a toddler when his sister deposited him and his brother on an Orphan Train heading to destinations unknown. Separated from his brother and handed over to a cruel New Mexico couple, William faced a terrible trial. Through his strength and resilience, however, his life became a remarkable adventure.

Whether he was escaping his abusers, jumping freights as a preteen during the Great Depression, infiltrating Japanese-held islands as a teenage Marine during World War II, or courting the woman with whom he would finally build a loving home, William's astonishing quest paralleled the tumult of the twentieth century—and personified the American Dream.





**The Church of the Brethren History Team honors the Ladies Aid Society** for their faithful commitment to this church. In 1903 the Sister's Sewing Society of the German Baptist Church met at the home of Sussan Replogle and decided to raise the necessary funds to buy a plot of ground on which to build a church withing the borough of Roaring Spring. In 1910, they bought two lots at \$250 each and turned them over to the church body for \$1. Members mortgaged their farms to build the church. All of this information can be found in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet.

Written records in the Ladies Aid room begin in 1941 that listed 13 members. This group was quite industrious in raising money for the church and providing for those in need. Ten to eighteen women quilted and sewed on a regular weekly basis. Offerings ranged from \$2 to \$8 a week. At the end of 1914 they were able to give \$50 to the church, \$100 to church in 1919 and \$100 for parsonage in 1921.

They made and sold prayer coverings, aprons, cushions, quilts, clothespin aprons, dust caps, gingham bonnets, coats for children, haps, pillowcases, large dresses, flower seeds, boys waists, dresses and undergarments. They also sold vanilla and cookbooks.

Imagine that 120 years later, this group is still faithful and fully committed to service to this church and others in need. Currently it consists of only 3 active quilting members: Nancy Forshey, Jeannie Stiffler and Linda Kichman. They will happily teach anyone who would like to learn to quilt and gratefully invite any and all experienced quilters to join them.

At present they have a **MYSTERY QUILT**. They recently found Dresden Plate patches of unknown origin in their cupboard. They completed this quilt (pictured above) and it will be on display November 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, November 12, there will be a display in the Narthex honoring the Ladies Aid. The quilts on display were made by this group past and present. Quilt photos in the photo album are from a past quilt show. If any of those quilts were yours and were quilted by the Ladies Aid, please insert your name into that photo sleeve.



**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
In our Fellowship Hall  
Noon**

All who are aged 55 and over are warmly invited to a roast beef meal.

## Please consider these when donating to Food Banks:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

**Many enjoyed a beautiful day at Heritage Fair this year.** With the sale of our food and crafts, our popular sand art activity, as well as your donations, we were able to give \$1,508 to Camp Blue Diamond and Mid PA District on Fair day. We will be sending around \$100 more from donations received after Heritage Fair. Thank you for your support of these meaningful ministries.



11/1 Doug Detwiler  
11/4 Darlene Wyland  
Dennis Igou  
11/7 Brenda Fluke- Garber  
11/10 Mary Anne Smith  
11/11 Barry Hoffman

11/11 Mike Bianconi  
Ben Beers  
11/12 Pat Frazier  
11/16 Jake Yingling  
Elijah Walter  
11/18 Dave Loucks

11/18 Bobbi Beers  
11/25 Mason Hershberger  
11/26 Mark Robertson  
Bella Dellinger  
11/30 Signe Dellinger  
Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred



Bobbi and Ben Beers joined our church in March 2021. They live in Roaring Spring. They help with many of the events hosted by our Hospitality Team. Both are active in the Friendship Fire Company. Bobbi is the daughter of Sandy Burket and daughter-in-law of Fred & Arlene Beers.

Rufus and Cathy Petre became official members of our church in December 1995. They live in Carson Valley. They have two children, Chris and Susan, seven grandchildren- Gino, Alexis, Ben, Colter, Carter, Coll, and Lane. The joy of their life is great-grandson Rocco even though it is on FaceTime. They are both retired teachers. Rufus grew up in Chibuk, Nigeria. They met in Brethren Volunteer Service. Rufus was a previous Sunday School teacher but for health reasons is not as active. Cathy is the Financial Secretary, Organist, and accompanies the choir. They love to watch the grandchildren on the computer in their sports.



## Sister of Faith Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 19th 6pm Jethro's  
Please bring a \$5.00 gift for game/exchange  
RSVP to Janet Imes or Valerie Smith by 12/17

Hi All, I hope you are well. Thank you for your continued support of the **Roaring Spring Food Pantry**. We appreciate any shelf stable food donations: Cereal, canned fruit, pancake mix, mac n cheese, canned Chef Boy R Dee meals, canned soup, PB, Jelly, boxes of Jello or pudding, boxes of pasta, Instant potatoes, Knorr sides, canned tuna or chicken, spaghetti sauce, as well as Toilet paper, Paper towels, napkins, or Tissues. Thanks for your prayers and support. May God bless you as you bless others!  
Sincerely, Rachel Neely-Pletcher and the Food Pantry Board



As many of you know, each year during Advent we ask a different family to add to our worship by doing the reading and lighting the appropriate Advent candle. If you have ever wished that you would be asked to take part in that beloved Christmas tradition, but never had that opportunity, boy do I have good news for you!

We are looking for volunteers to perform exactly that service during the four weeks of Advent, and on Christmas eve. If you feel that helping US prepare in this way would also help YOU draw near to Christ, then PLEASE take advantage of this opportunity!  
If you are willing to take this on one Sunday, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



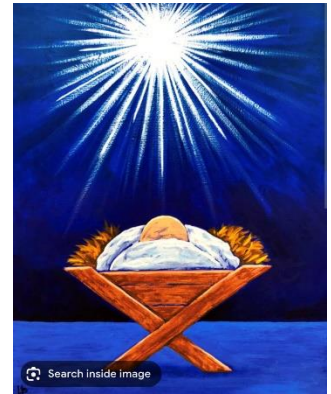
# All Paint Party

November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in our Fellowship Hall

Adults \$10

Ages 13 and under \$5

Sign up at the Welcome Center



## Count

Count your blessings instead of your crosses

Count your gains instead of your losses

Count your joys instead of your woes

Count your friends instead of your foes

Count your smiles instead of your tears

Count your courage instead of your fears

Count your full years instead of your lean

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean

Count your health instead of your wealth

Count on God instead of yourself

## Your Blessings



# November 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> 9:00am Middle PA District Volleyball
<b>5</b> 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering 12:00pm Older Servants Dinner	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<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> Office Closed	<b>11</b>
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“Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.”

—Native American saying

“People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them Benjamin Franklin said it first.”

—David H. Comins

“A rose is not its thorns, a peach is not its fuzz, and a human being is not his or her crankiness.”

—Lisa Kogan

Why did the turkey decline dessert?

Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

Your nose.



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