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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.

I Corinthians 15:2

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

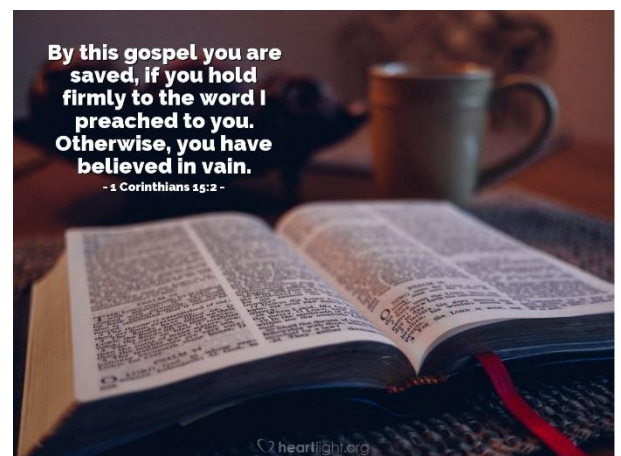
The bright lights, cheery music and recitations of the Christmas season may have all melted away. The warm glow of remembrances of the Easter story are also in the past. And while the month of April is one of springtime and new promise, it is also an opportunity to put into application what we have been reminded of in Christ's coming, and in His resurrection.

The emotion of the highpoints of the Christian year are past, and for some people, fading. But the fact of Christ's sacrifice and saving grace will always remain. In his letter to the church at Corinth, Paul is reminding them, and us, that we are saved though what He has done for us. But we are saved "IF we hold firmly to the word."

In the coming months don't let the problems and trials of life make you question what Christ has, is, and will do. If it seems like the Holy Spirit is silent and you don't feel Him like you do in the Christmas and Easter season, hold fast to the fact that He is still there! Search the Word, talk to fellow Christians, make sure you are in church if you need such a pep rally.

Decide once and for all that Christ and His salvation is a fact, not a feeling. And grab and cling to that fact no matter what trial, tribulation or problem comes your way.

Pastor Dave



LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

*The Leadership Team met on 3-5-2024. The next meeting will be held on 4-2-2024.

*Thank you to Paul Witkovsky for leading the meeting in the absence of Kaye Russell.

CHRISTIAN ED TEAM

VBS Impact Team has been developed to assist Mindy Wagner. Youth Sunday will be May 5th. Adult/Youth Summer SS will begin June 9th. Rally Day will be September 8th. A Children's SS Incentive Program called "Brethren Bucks" will be brought back and the "cart" will be available the 2nd Sunday of each month. ReCharge will wrap up for the 2023-24 season on March 27th.

HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Easter Flower sale is in progress. Palms have been ordered for March 24th. Baby Dedication will be May 12th. Elementary Children will begin to participate in 2nd Sunday Fellowship time, then proceed to their SS classrooms.

WORSHIP TEAM

Plans for Palm Sunday and Easter are underway. Ushers have been asked to turn on additional lighting near the elevator entrances and the Nursery level early on Sunday mornings. Ushers and acolytes can now review written acolyte guidelines and pictures in the SS Supt. office.

MISSIONS & SERVICE TEAM

The Blessing Box Outreach Project continues to receive volunteers for restocking. Many thanks to those who participate in this Project. The Team will continue its effort to keep the congregation informed of the missions we support.

FINANCE & FACILITY TEAM

Church internet service has been changed from Breezeline to Crowsnest. The phones in the building have all been replaced and switched over to a new carrier. Phones are now located in the church office, the Pastor's office, and the Music and Worship Coordinator's office. There is no longer a phone in the elevator, FH kitchen, or the SS Supt. office. New Fellowship Hall exterior doors have been installed. Replenishment of the Parsonage fund is approximately \$16,000. Finances are good for this time of the year. FH stage curtain should be fixed by Lovefeast.

DEACON'S REPORT

Plans continue for Holy Week. Updated Undershepherd lists and mailboxes should be complete.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Dave continues to take CE courses. Palm Sunday will include seven membership transfers, two re-baptisms, and five new baptisms. He continues to lead a Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible Study.

*A reminder that a "Church Use Form" needs to be completed for any type of event being held in the church so that the necessary people can be notified by the church office. In addition, all meetings need to go through the church office so they can be added to the church calendar. The Daycare tenants need to be notified in advance of special events requiring the use of the Fellowship Hall.

* A listing of the building's medical and fire equipment locations is being created and will be added to the new interior signage that is also being created.



Kaye Russell, Leadership Team Chair

HELPING HANDS IN APRIL

Greeters Jill Delozier & Kaye Russell
Deacon Greeters Paul & Julie Witkovsky

Candlelighters Youth
Fellowship Time Youth

April	7	14	21	28
Organist		Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Marlys Hershberger		Pattie Conlon	Linda Steele
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Pastor Dave	Traci Totillo	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Not held	Angie Russell	Melinda Green Terra Gartman
Nursery	Mindy Wagner	Julie Witkovsky	Mindy Wagner	Mindy Wagner
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters				
Flowers	Memory of Mike Mobley			
Bulletins	Memory of Betty Jean Hoover			Memory of Thomas Strum

Announcements and information given for publication are copied and pasted, so please be sure to double check your submissions before sending.

Blessing Box outreach - In an effort to reach out to our community, we have a "Blessing Box" located near the entrance to the parking lot from California Avenue. We stock it with donated hygiene and cleaning supplies. Some of the items we use are deodorant, shampoo, lotion, individual toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish soap, hand soap, laundry soap, razors, etc. we have limited food items because we do not want to compete with the food outreach at Trinity United Methodist Church at the 5 points. All donations can be placed in the totes in room 402. Marlys Hershberger can answer any questions.

Our congregation is participating in PACKHOPE (a food repackaging program of an organization called UNTO based in Mt. Joy, PA) on Saturday, April 6. This event is sponsored by the Roaring Spring Ministerium and will take place at the ARCH building located at 714 Rockingham Ave., Roaring Spring. Volunteers repackage beans and rice which come in 50 pound bags to send to people around the world who live in a food crisis. Approximately 210 volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts. This is a great opportunity for youth who may need community service hours, as well as adult individuals and groups of all kinds. Sign-up sheets are on a counter in our Overflow Room. Please sign up for one or more shifts: 9-11am, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 2-4 pm. For more info contact Marlys Hershberger (cell: 814-329-5604) or Christine Ebersole (email: cfebersole@yahoo.com).



April 7th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Yes we know this isn't the 5th Sunday of the month, but March was really busy and Easter fell on the 5th Sunday.

Our theme is International Foods. Spaghetti & Meatballs, tableware and drinks will be provided.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

April 20th

8 am

Breakfast at
The Dream,
Hollidaysburg
All men invited!



Sisters OF FAITH

Tuesday, April 16

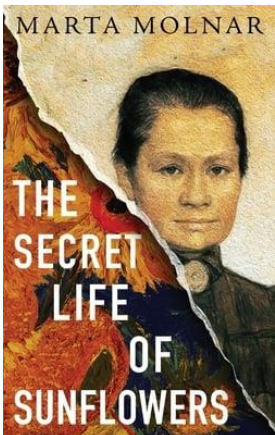
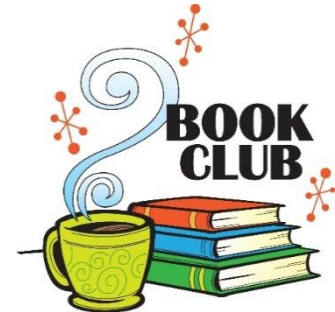
6 pm

Marzoni's

RSVP to Janet Imes
or Valerie Smith
no later than April 14

Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor. Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on March 18, 2024.

The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar



When Hollywood auctioneer Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary while cleaning out her New York brownstone, the pages are full of surprises. The first surprise is, the diary isn't her grandmother's. It belongs to Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law.

Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world.

The inspiration couldn't come at a better time for Emsley. With her business failing, an unexpected love turning up in her life, and family secrets unraveling, can she find answers in the past?

Barb Roush would like to thank everyone for their cards in recognition & celebration of her 90th birthday. The outpour of thoughts and well wishes meant very much to her. She misses being actively involved with our church family and sends her "Hello" to all.



Meet our newest members, received on Palm Sunday

Jill Delozier, Jane Geist, Nancy Mobley, Sue Fahr, Larry & Nancy Day, John Holsinger, and Dorothy Holsinger were welcomed through transfer of membership.

Mark Robertson, Waylon Hinkle, Ashley Miller, Brandon Long, and Cindy Estep, were welcomed through baptism. Mason Hershberger and Joseph Hershberger will be baptized at a later date.

Bailey Musselman rededicated his life to Christ.



4/16 Gary & Jane Thompson
4/18 Mark & Leslie Musselman
4/30 Hal & Nan Grove



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

4/6 J D Barry
4/8 Gary Wineland
4/10 Rachel Laird
4/13 Mike Burns
4/16 Sophialynn Flamish
4/17 Ramon Burket
Nicole Smith-McMahan

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

2nd ANNUAL CARNIVAL DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 10am until 2pm at the Albright Church, 1245 Bloomfield Road, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. (Rain or Shine)

Sponsored by:
The Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren.

Meet Lucille Arson K-9 Dog from the Altoona Fire Department's w/Justin Smithmyer from 10am-2pm will be there all day at the Carnival Day for the Community!!!

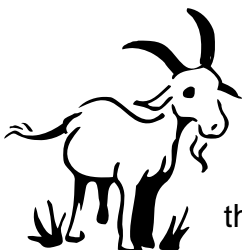


Emergency Vehicles will only be there for part of the time on Saturday, May 18th, 2024. If they would happen to get a call they will have to go.

Come early!

Food Trailer: Belly Buster Foodtruck & Catering LLC. Cotton Candy: Vanessa's Fairy Floss. Different Games, Face Painting, Entertainment, Popcorn, Snowcones, Candy Apples and More!!!

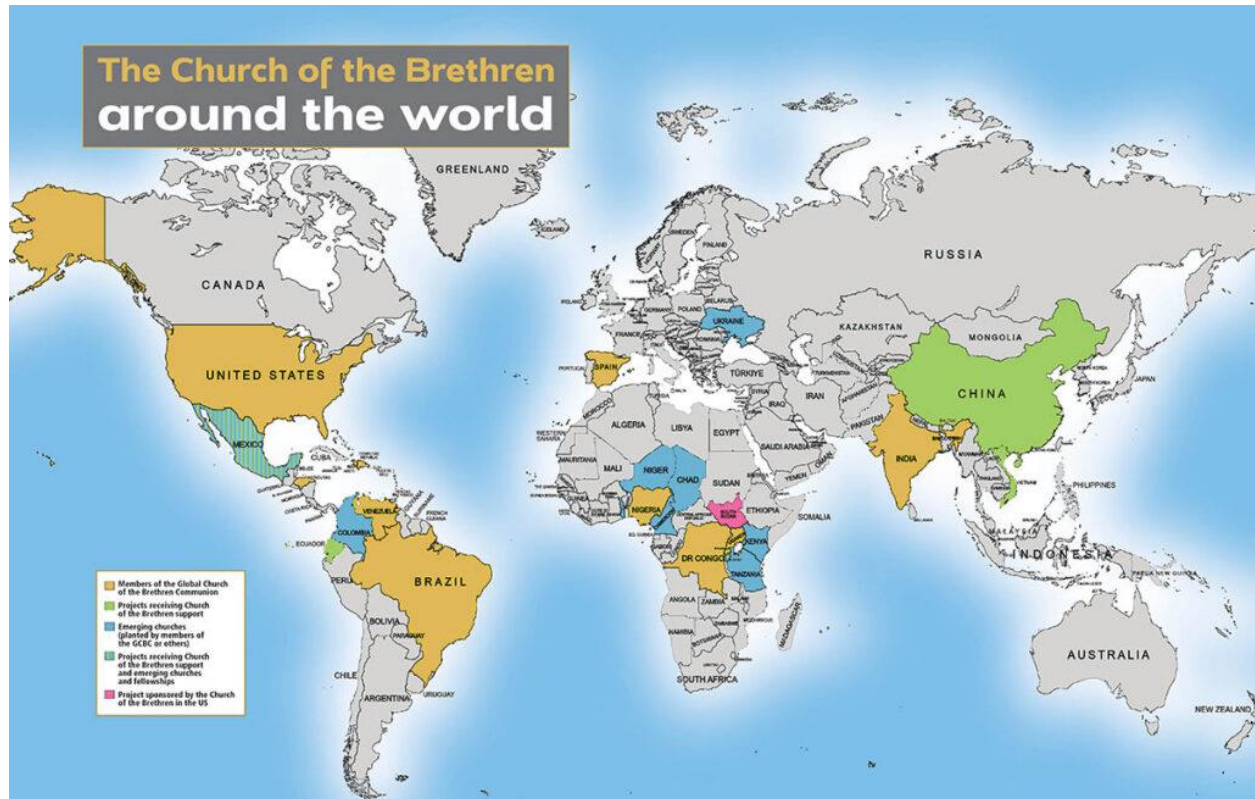
Everyone Welcome - All Ages
Open to the Public!!!!



Hey ladies! Let's have some fun while we make some soap from goats milk on May 9th from 6 – 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 10 bars will be made for the \$50 cost. This can be split between two people. Please sign up at the Welcome Center no later than april 28th. Sharon Hammel can answer questions.

Missions & Service Team Highlights

Did you know we have a relatively new term for our special relationship with the international churches that have grown out the missions and service of the Church of the Brethren? It's the **Global Church of the Brethren Communion (GCBC)**. We are part of a fellowship with eleven other Brethren denominations around the world: **Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Honduras, India, Nigeria, Rwanda, Spain, United States, and Venezuela.** (GOLD colored countries on the map.)



A special project sponsored by the U.S. Church of the Brethren is in South Sudan (PINK). This mission project sponsored by the Mission and Ministry Board (our denominational general board) has one full-time Global Mission staff person and several local staff working in the areas of agriculture, reconciliation, trauma healing, prison ministry, and evangelism. Two churches have been planted.

In addition to the countries where churches are members of the GCBC, there are emerging missions and projects in the following places (GREEN & BLUE):

Burundi: 50 churches and 6,000 members since 2006. Registered in Burundi but not yet formally recognized by the Global Church of the Brethren Communion.

Cameroon, Chad, Niger Republic, and Togo: Missions of EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria.

China: Hospice and autism projects (China is a former Church of the Brethren mission).

Colombia: Churches started by refugees from Venezuela.

Ecuador: Agriculture project (Ecuador is a former Church of the Brethren mission).

Kenya: Church planted by the emerging church in Burundi.

Mexico: Long-term Church of the Brethren-founded community project in Tijuana (Bittersweet Ministries).

Tanzania: Church planted by the emerging church in Burundi.

Ukraine: One fellowship.

Vietnam: Vision project for retinopathy of prematurity treatment (a former Brethren Volunteer Service location).



Craft & Vendor Show

Indoor & Outdoor Crafters & Vendors

Baked Goods

Sponsored by: Food

Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren.

Saturday, July 20th
10am to 2pm

At the Albright Church
1245 Bloomfield Road
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If you are interested in having your child/children dedicated during the worship service on May 12, 2024, please notify Pastor Dave or the church office prior to April 28th.

SPRING LADIES/TEEN ENCOUNTER

BORN FOR A PURPOSE... MORNING WITH LISA ALLEN



P31 PROVERBS 31 ministries

Proverbs 31 Speaker
Ministry Leader and Board-Certified Coach

Did you know you were created for a purpose? Join Lisa Allen for a morning of joyful reflection and fun as we:

- Learn to shift from a vague awareness of your calling to a clear statement of life purpose that will give aim and direction for the kingdom work God has prepared for us.
- Enjoy a great time of learning from God's Word and gathering with friends.

Sponsored by
LADIES ENCOUNTER



Media Partner

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

(Doors to sanctuary open at 9:00 am)

Faith Assembly | 4870 Spring Mountain Road | Roaring Spring, PA



Ladies/Teen Event Ticket
\$20 Donation

(\$25 at the door)

MAIL ORDER: Call Doris Miller at (814) 224-5443

For more information contact:

Joyce Bassler (814) 224-5119 or call (814) 207-6762
joycebassler99@gmail.com | www.ladiesencounter.com

Advance Ticket Sales Available
March 15 to April 20, 2024

ONLINE: www.ladiesencounter.com

BUSINESSES:

Roaring Spring True Value Department Store
Thompson Pharmacy - Hollidaysburg
Everett Flower Shop
Chris' Hallmark Shop, Pleasant Valley Shopping Center

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	3 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	4 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	5	6
7 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	8 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	9 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	10 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 pm VBS Impact Team	11 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	12	13
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21 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Deacon Prayer Gathering	22	23 9:30am Bible Study	24 Soup Kitchen Trip 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	25 Soup Kitchen Trip 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	26 Soup Kitchen Trip	27 Soup Kitchen Trip 7:00am - 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
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"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." —Kate McGahan

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength." —St. Francis de Sales

"Behold ... the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!" —Sitting Bull

"Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it."
—Joyce Meyer

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