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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.

You know when it gets hot outside that the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference is about to take place!

The denomination will hold our 237th recorded conference July 3-7 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

For those not familiar with our structure and mode of operation, Annual Conference is where delegates from individual churches around the country come together to worship, to renew friendships with others from around the country in our church family, and to make the decisions that generally govern church practice, policy and polity

“Welcome and Worthy” is the theme for this year’s conference, as selected by Moderator Madalyn Metzger of Goshen, Indiana.

Unfinished business not completed from early conferences includes a discussion of a query related to “Standing of People of Color” and one of “Breaking Down Barriers- Increasing Access to Denominational Events.” Another unfinished business item to be discussed is a “Request for an Annual Conference Study on Calling Denominational Leadership.”

New business items for delegate consideration include addressing the Denominational Review and Evaluation Committee, House Equity Fund Recommendations for Pastors, a query examining “A New Model of Denominational Structure,” a proposed Memorandum of Understanding Updating Policy for Bethany Theological Seminary,” a proposed update of polity related to On Earth Peace and the yearly recommended Cost of Living Adjustment to the minimum cash salary table for Pastors.

Please be in prayer for our denomination, and for our delegates – Paul Witkovsky and Pastor Dave – as they travel to Michigan and represent us in the discussions and voting.

Pastor Dave



LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT submitted by Kaye Russell, LT Chair

- The Leadership Team met on 6-4-2024. The next meeting will be held on 8-6-2024.

CHRISTIAN ED TEAM

Discussion continues within this team regarding fall SS teachers, curriculums, and post Sr. High Class. Rally Day will be 9-8 with a Western theme of "Roundup Sunday"! Old SS materials have been donated to Cove Forge, Williamsburg, PA.

HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

A 5th Sunday lunch will be held on 6-30 following the SS hour; all are invited to attend; sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center. Plans continue for the "Christmas in July" vendor event to be held on 7-20 at the Albright CoB. "Faith Night" at the Curve is 8-19; a sign-up sheet will become available at the Welcome Center. Tickets will be \$10.00.

WORSHIP TEAM

New Choir loft chairs have been ordered. Terry H. and Pastor Dave will begin working on an A/V notebook with instructions and photos on how to operate the church's systems. Perhaps more people might then find interest in serving in this ministry.

MISSIONS & SERVICE TEAM

The all-church CWS Clean up Buckets service project will end on June 30. A children's craft booth will be set up at the Spring Dam on 8-3 for RS Community Day. We will be offering free sand art. Discussions around fall 2024 Heritage Fair have begun. More definite planning will begin in July.

FINANCE & FACILITY TEAM

Worship attendance continues to be higher than a year ago. A piece of white pipe at the sight of a roof drain has broken; it will be repaired soon. The FH floor has recently been waxed. Thanks to Jan Claar for preparing the Hall for the project. The new phone line transfer is progressing with the new system working as expected. A longer analog phone cable is needed to complete the installation of the phone in the elevator; the project will be completed as soon as possible.

DEACON'S REPORT

Church attendee mailboxes and Under shepherd Lists will be reviewed and updated quarterly. In-Pew Communion will be held this summer with a date yet TBD. An ongoing discussion continues to be held between the Deacons and the LT for the best means of providing the church building's safety during morning worship. Outside recommendations will be sought. Deacons will not hold any meetings over the summer but will have email prayer time the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Three summer baptisms have been requested as well as two membership transfers: dates TBD. Tuesday morning Bible Study continues to be very well attended and the Wednesday evening Zoom group has 6-8 participants. He will be leading summer SS for Youth and Adults beginning 6-16.

- Occasional Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon worship services have started up again at the Village at MC. Churches have been invited by the new part-time chaplain to begin participating. Pastor Dave will look into the options further.
- Pastor Dave plans to attend Annual Conference but uncharacteristically, Dawn will not be accompanying him this year. Their daughter and son-in-law are expecting their second son within the next several weeks. LT has granted the pastor leniency in not attending Conference this year due to the arrival of his new grandson, should he choose to remain at home.
- LT meeting for 7-2 has been cancelled; if there are any issues or concerns, please reach out to Kaye Russell.



HELPING HANDS IN JULY

Greeter Sue Fahr
Deacon Greeter Krista Snyder

Candlelighters See Schedule below
Fellowship Time Not Held

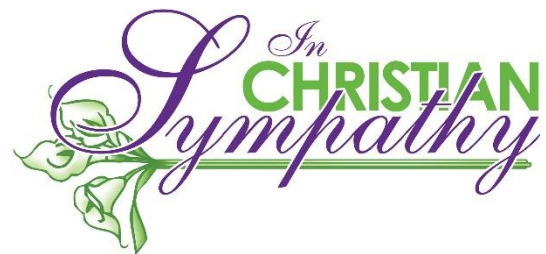
July	7	14	21	28
Organist	Terry Hershberger	Terry Hershberger		Cathy Petre
Pianist	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal
Worship Leader	Betsy Garach			Kaye Russell
Storyteller	Abby Martin	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Tammy Carter	Marlys Hershberger		Mindy Wagner
Acolyte	Molly Martin		Skyee Thompson	Thea Thompson
Nursery				
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters			Guy Forshey	Dan Hammel
Flowers				
Bulletins		Memory of Thomas Strum	Memory of Laura & Galen Snyder	



Rory Jacob and Beckham Lee Frederick, twin sons of AJ & Brooke Frederick born on May 14, 2024.

Adelaide Wren Curtis on May 22, 2024. She is the daughter of Ariana & Mike Curtis.

Brooks David Avvampato was born on June 25, 2024, son of Chris and Dana, and brother of Grant.



We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Jake Yingling who entered the gates of heaven on May 13, 2024; and to the family and loved ones of Shirley Smith who joined the Church Triumphant May 17, 2024. Please keep these families in prayer as they navigate life and grief during this difficult time.



July 28, 2024
2 pm

Joseph Hershberger
Mason Hershberger
Elijah Walter



July 28th worship with pew communion



Tuesday, July 16

6 pm

The Dream
Hollidaysburg

RSVP to Janet Imes
or Valerie Smith

no later than July 14

ALL LADIES WELCOME



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

July 20TH at 8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream,
Hollidaysburg

AND

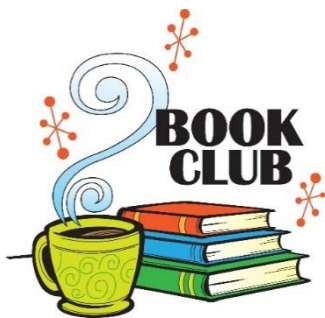
July 24th at 6 pm

Picnic at the Ponderosa

343 Ponderosa Lane

Roaring Spring

All men invited!



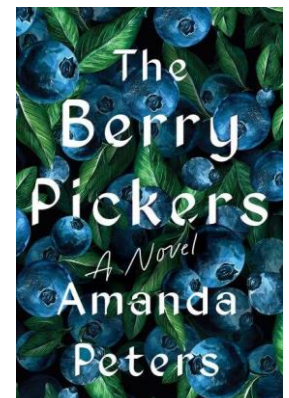
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on March 18, 2024

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years.

July 1962. A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come.

In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret.





Wednesday July 17th
5:45 Pool Party & Bonfire
Russell Ponderosa Pavilion
343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring
Remember to bring your towel!

JULY Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|---|
| 2 Joe & Bobbi Price | 14 Zach & Megan Croft |
| 4 Hank & MaryAnn Meetze | 19 Dave & Chris Brumbaugh
Patrick & Karen Long |
| 7 Bill & Julie Myers | 22 Michael & Nicole McMahan |
| 8 Kevin & Megan Schneider | |
| 12 Nevin & Tammy Dell | |

JULY Birthdays

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| 1 Cody Wyland | Graci Russell | 17 MaryAnn Meetze |
| 4 Cassidy Smith | 11 Izy McCreedy | Brailee Thompson |
| Julie Myers | Hudson Martin | Lynda Albright |
| Nan Grove | 12 Betsy Garach | 19 Rory Martin |
| 5 Gemma Nooyen | 13 Janie Myers | 24 Finn Croft |
| 6 Becky Bianconi | 14 Chris Brumbaugh | 25 Derek Martin |
| 7 Alyssa Bianconi | Cathy Petre | 27 Amy Wineland |
| Todd Thompson | 15 Terra Gartmann | Jebediah Long |
| Caroline Keith | Tiana Eicher | Zebediah Long |
| 9 Chad Crumrine | Reese Evans | 28 Ethan Walls |
| 10 Charli Russell | Mark Musselman | |





Faith Night at the Curve is August 18th. Tickets are \$10 each. Please sign up at the Welcome Center no later than August 4th so tickets can be ordered. Checks need to be made payable to FCOB and given to Beth Burns or the Welcome Center.



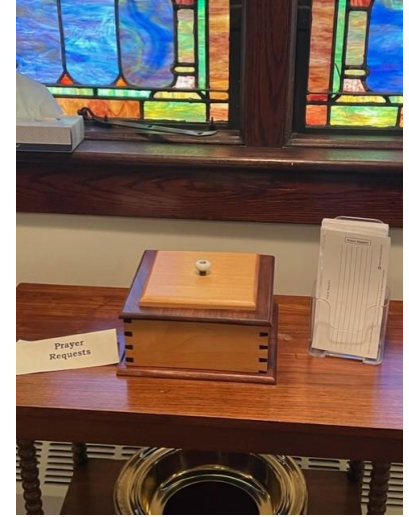
Due to the Martinsburg Firemen's Parade on July 9, Good Grief has been cancelled. We will come together to share in conversation again on August 13, 6:30 pm.



The Leadership Team meeting for July 2 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be August 6 at 6pm.



Sign-in: 11:30 - 12:30
1 p.m. Start, Cost \$90
Scramble, Foursomes,
Cart, Gifts, Prizes,
Contests & Dinner



Missions & Service Team Highlights – Local Food Pantries



1 in 9 Central Pennsylvanians struggle with hunger.

1 in 6.5 children are hungry.

(From CENTRAL PA FOOD BANK FACT SHEET, Harrisburg, PA, retrieved 6/13/24)

James 2:14-17: What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Food insecurity is a huge issue throughout the United States. Local food pantries provide food assistance to individuals and families in need. Our local pantries also provide hygiene products and some cleaning supplies. This assistance allows people who are struggling with poverty to secure a healthy variety of foods as well as save money for other expenses. Each pantry serves a specific geographic area and maintains a client list to help manage their resources wisely.



Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren gives to:

- Roaring Spring Ministerium Food Pantry
- Claysburg Area Food Pantry
- Martinsburg Ministerium Food Pantry
- RS 1st Church of the Brethren Blessing Box

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Our congregation regularly collects donations of non-perishable foods for the Roaring Spring and Claysburg Food Pantries and occasionally gives monetary donations to these pantries and Martinsburg Food Pantry. We also put out food and, especially, hygiene items in the white Blessing Box outside our building, located near the street on the parking lot side. These items are available to anyone who feels a need. We prioritize hygiene items since Faith United Methodist Church maintains a Porch Food Pantry with food items.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: You can donate non-perishable food items for the food pantries any time, placing them in the large blue barrel outside the elevator on the main, sanctuary level. We deliver these donations to pantries once a month.

BLESSING BOX DONATIONS: You can donate hygiene items and basic cleaning supplies, as well as food items, to our congregation’s Blessing Box, placing items in the bins located just inside the door of the Alpha Classroom. This is the room next to the Church Office’s hallway door. We prefer that you not place items in the Blessing Box itself since there are volunteers who monitor the Blessing Box supplies.



What A Mess!! Vacation Bible School

will be held July 29th to August 1st from 6-8:30 pm at the Shawnee Memorial Park in Roaring Spring. Children ages 2 years through those who just completed 5th grade are invited. An adult must stay with the 2- & 3-year-olds. Kick off will be held during children's church on Sunday, July 28th. Each day children will learn how Jesus deals with our messes: our sins, mistakes and weaknesses.

Throughout the week we will look at why the world is a messy place, how Jesus responds to our messes and how we respond to our messes and other people's messes. We are going to have lots of messy fun, with messy snacks, games, crafts and more. Children are encouraged to wear old clothes and closed toe shoes.



Join your church family at the Ponderosa (343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring) for hot dogs and hamburgers and fun and fellowship. Come at 4 pm to swim, be sure to bring your towel. We will eat at 5 pm. We are asking for people to bring a covered dish to share and to sign up at the Welcome Center prior to July 7th. Table service, drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

July 14 @ 4 pm



July 13th

Roaring Spring Friendship Fire Hall

The youth will be holding a Yard/Bake Sale on Saturday July 13th from 8am to 1pm at the Roaring Spring Firehall. All proceeds benefit the National Youth Conference 2026 Fund. All items will be a donation unless marked. Those willing to donate items can drop them off at the Firehall on Friday July 12th from 6 to 8pm. If interested in setting up and selling your own tables during the sale, it will be a donation of \$10, please let Mindy Wagner or Bobbi Beers know for setup.



July 12 set up yard sale

July 13 Yard Sale

July 18 Swimming



Craft & Vendor Show

Indoor & Outdoor Crafters & Vendors

Baked Goods Sale
&
Food

(RAIN or SHINE)

Petting
Zoo

Sponsored by:
Roaring Spring First Church
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Saturday, July 20th
10am to 2pm

At the Albright Church
1245 Bloomfield Road
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

If you would like to donate baked goods for this event, contact Beth Burns, Cathie Pollard or Mindy Wagner. This is a fundraiser for our Roof Repair Fund.

Important Church Dates:

Sunday Worship 9:25 am

Summer Sunday School 10:30 am in Overflow Room for Youth and Adults

Deacons Prayer Gatherings 3rd Sunday in September through 1st week in June

Second Sunday of the month, except July & August, Fellowship Time

Second Monday of each month is Middle PA Disaster Response Meeting 7 pm

Third Monday of each month is Book Group 10 am

First Tuesday of each month is Leadership Team Meeting 6 pm

Every Tuesday of each month is Bible Study 9:30 am

Second Tuesday of each month is Good Grief 6:30 pm

Third Tuesday of each month is Sisters of Faith Dinner 6 pm, location changes

Each Wednesday Ladies Aid Quilting 9 am

Each Wednesday Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 pm

Each Wednesday Virtual Bible Study 6:15 pm

Each Wednesday September - May Chancel Choir practice 6:30 pm

Each Thursday of each month bulletin submission deadline 9 am (unless noted as changed)

Each Thursday of each month is Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9 am

Each Thursday of each month is Knitting in the Parlor 6:30 pm

Third Saturday of each month is Men's Fellowship Breakfast at The Dream 8 am

July Dates:

July 3-7: Annual Conference

July 4: Office Closed

July 13: Youth Yard Sale at RS Fire Hall

July 14: Church Picnic

July 16: Sisters of Faith Dinner

July 17: ReCharge Activity

July 18: Youth Swim

July 20: Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Craft Show at Albright CoB

July 24: Men's Fellowship Picnic at Ponderosa

July 28: VBS Kick Off During Children's Church

July 29 -August 1: Vacation Bible School

Things Are About
To Get **MESSY!**

WHAT A MESS!

Children ages 2 years
through 5th grade

VBS

PLACE: Shawnee Park, Roaring Spring

DATE: July 29 - August 1, 2024

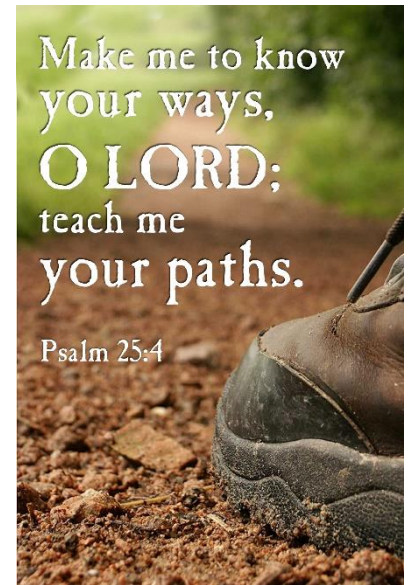
TIME: 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Lessons from hiking

Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.
- I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.

—Janna Firestone



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