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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 don't know about your personal life, but does it seem to anyone else that August is going to be a chance to take a breath and relax after a busy church summer before we jump right back into our normal fall schedule?

Oh, it's all been good. In fact, it's been great. But with "Christmas in July" craft show, Vacation Bible School, monthly Recharge events, baptisms, Sisters of Faith, Men's Fellowship, JOY picnic, Annual Conference, Camp Blue Diamond, Graduate and Teacher Recognition, Community Days and the regular church schedule, there's been lots of meaningful activities to support and enjoy.

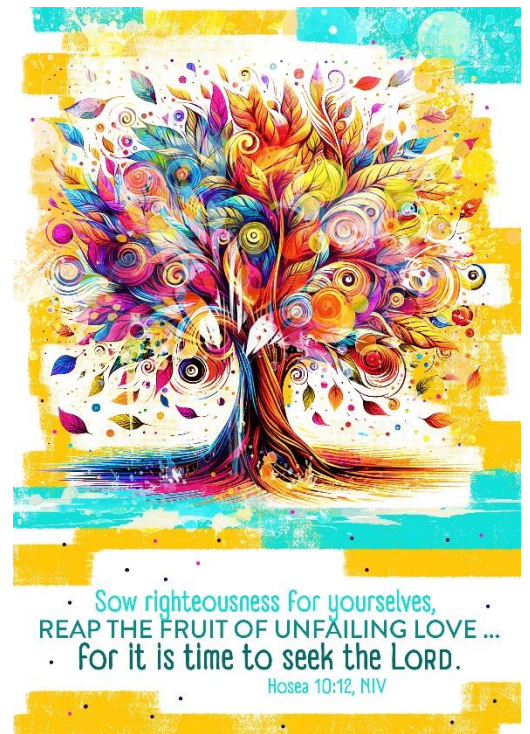
Of course, Rally Day and a return to our usual church activities is coming up in September. So, for this month, sit down, put your feet up and relax!

But don't get lackadaisical! There's still Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings! And Sunday Morning worship! Don't let a bad habit start and take a break from Sunday Morning worship!

Don't think for a minute that sabbath (rest) is an excuse to skip opportunities to grow closer to Jesus Christ and to strengthen our faith. Not only in your personal life, but also in our church life. In fact, many of our congregation are already busy planning events and outstanding activities for this fall!

So, go ahead and catch your breath for a week or so, and then----- get excited for all the opportunities that are about to present themselves!

Pastor Dave



HELPING HANDS IN AUGUST

Greeter

Candlelighters

Individually Scheduled

Deacon Greeters Keith & Kristen Hall

Fellowship Time

Not Held

August	4	11	18	25
Organist	Community Worship 9:15 am Spring Dam	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist		Cathy Neal	Cathy Neal	Terry Hershberger
Worship Leader		Linda Steele		
Storyteller		Pastor Dave	Bethann Frederick	Traci Totillo
Candle Lighter		Savannah Thompson		
Children's Church			Janie Myers Jaden Myers	
Nursery		Open – not staffed	Open – not staffed	Open – not staffed
Welcome Center		Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters		J D Barry	Rick Carrier	
Flowers		Honor of Sandy Burket		
Bulletins		Memory of Tena Pheasant		Memory of Ron Snyder



Roaring Spring Community Picnic will be held at the Spring Dam on Saturday, August 3rd. Our church will have a table where children can make sand art.

Roaring Spring Community Worship Service will be held at the Spring Dam at 9:15 am on Sunday, August 4th. No services will be held in our church building that morning. We encourage everyone to attend the community worship service. Bring a lawn chair!

"Pennies for Witness" is an offering emphasis for our Middle 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 until Sunday, September 29 so we are ready to give our gift at District Conference.

Thank you for helping to make a difference in Jesus' name!



ALL LADIES WELCOME

Tuesday, August 20th

6 pm

Kountry Kettle

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

no later than

August 18th



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday,

August 17th

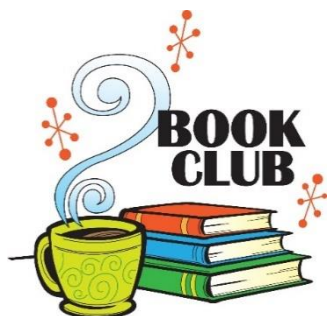
8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream,

Holidaysburg

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

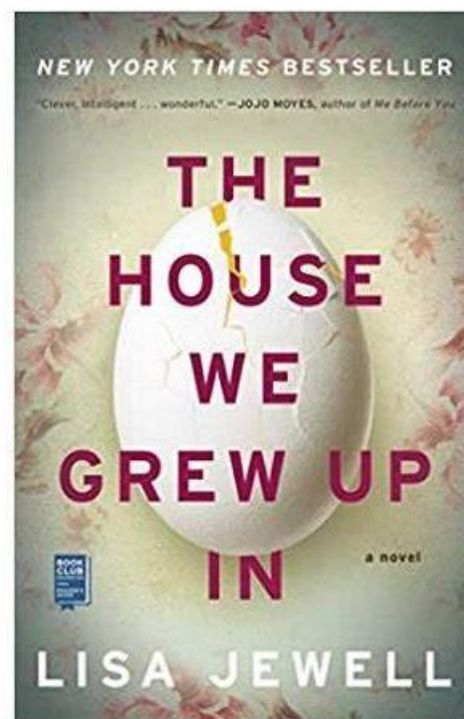
The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell

Meet the Bird family. They live in a honey-colored house in a picture-perfect Cotswolds village, with rambling, unkempt gardens stretching beyond. Pragmatic Meg, dreamy Beth, and tow-headed twins Rory and Rhys all attend the village school and eat home-cooked meals together every night. Their father is a sweet gangly man named Colin, who still looks like a teenager with floppy hair and owlsh, round-framed glasses. Their mother is a beautiful hippy named Lorelei, who exists entirely in the moment. And she makes every moment sparkle in her children's lives.

Then one Easter weekend, tragedy comes to call. The event is so devastating that no one can bring themselves to talk about it.

The family shatters, seemingly for good.

Until, years later, they are forced to return to the house they grew up in, and to confront what *really* broke the family apart . . .



AUGUST Birthdays

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

AUGUST Anniversaries

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

Report on Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets

The Missions & Service Team reports that we have 20 completed cleanup buckets to be delivered to the Brethren/CWS Service Center in New Windsor, MD and have sent \$138 toward bucket shipping costs. Thank you for your part in this service project!

GOOD GRIEF is beginning its 7th year of offering a comfortable and confidential place to gather monthly to share what sadnesses our hearts are feeling over losses that we have experienced. SIX years of conversations around grief; an enormous amount of support has been shared.

To celebrate our anniversary, ANYONE who has ever been a part of Good Grief is invited to a pizza party to be held 8-25-24 in the fellowship hall. We will begin to gather after 3pm and conclude by 6pm. Please RSVP your intention to join in the celebration and hear some testimonies to Kaye Russell or Dawn Crumrine by 8-18.



Missions & Service Team Highlights – Ministry Education

Ministry Education provides education for those who will become pastors and other kinds of ministerial leaders, continuing education for those who are already pastors, and training for **any of us** who desire to grow in our understanding of Jesus Christ and dynamic church life. How wonderful and important it is for us to provide varied educational opportunities to equip all those who will lead the church with insightful knowledge and passion in these days and beyond!

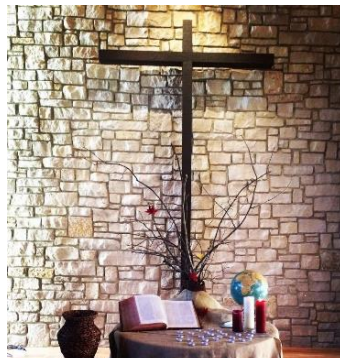
“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

– Proverbs 1:7

In the church budget of Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren, we designate funds to support Bethany Theological Seminary and the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, as well as our Middle PA District which also provides educational growth opportunities.



Bethany Theological Seminary was founded in 1905. Now located in Richmond, Indiana, the main campus serves as a hub for students who take



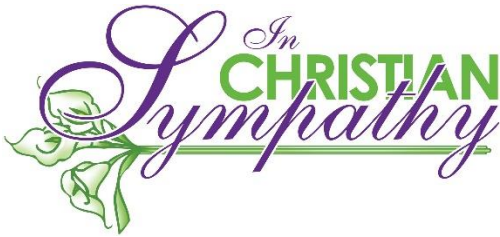
courses online, on-site and in a variety of other collaborative settings. Steven Schweitzer, Academic Dean and Professor, says: **“At Bethany, we learn, grow, and serve in community. We value our Brethren heritage and the rich biblical and theological streams that have shaped us. We hope that our teaching and research open up new possibilities for students and the church as we live into the future to which God is calling us.”**



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

SVMC’s mission is “to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.” Housed at Elizabethtown College since its inception in 1993, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center delivers training and

continuing education for Church of the Brethren ministry and lay leadership. SVMC offers classes in the ACTS and TRIM certificate programs, hosts graduate courses for Bethany Theological seminary, and organizes continuing education events. SVMC works in close partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and five Church of the Brethren districts: Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Middle, Southern, and Western Pennsylvania.



We express our thoughts and condolences to the family and loved ones of Harry (Til) Keith, Jr. On July 17, 2024, Til passed through the gates of heaven. Please keep his children Randy Keith and Vicki Fisher in prayer.

HERITAGE FAIR - Saturday, Sept. 21. Plans are being made for our Heritage Fair booth. Look for sign-up sheets in the Overflow Room. We always have a good time as we raise money for Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District.

Betty Estep thanks her church family for the recent visits, prayers, and prayer shawl. They are very much appreciated.

Thanks to my supportive and loving church family for your care during my mini stroke. Please pray that the cellulitis in my leg goes away. Sandy Norris



Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.

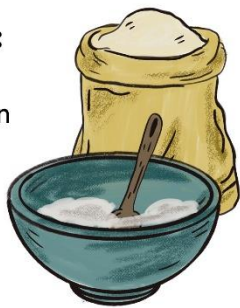
—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



Faith Assembly and Bare Memorial Church of God invite the community to a **night of worship** at the Spring Dam at 6 pm Sunday, August 11th.



What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves

Answer: See 1 Kings 17:2-6



Faith Night at the Curve is August 18th. Tickets are \$10 each. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by August 4th so tickets can be ordered. Checks need to be made payable to FCOB and given to Beth Burns or the Welcome Center. The Gathering will be playing praise and worship music on the party deck beginning at 4:20pm.





Wednesday August 14th
5:45 pm
Mini Golf & Snacks
Lakemont Park Pavilion 7A

What A Mess!! Vacation Bible School was held July 29 - August 1st at Shawnee Memorial Park. Thank you to everyone who prayed for this project, the participants, helpers, and organizers, those who donated and those who generously gave of their time to teach about Jesus to the children.



**HERE'S
THE
SCOOP!**



J O Y Ice Cream Social

August 8th

6 pm

343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring

All those 55 and older are invited for

an evening of socializing and ice cream! Janie Myers can answer any questions.

Children's Church teachers are needed for the month of August. Please let Angie Russell know which Sunday you can help. Materials provided if needed.

We are searching for a person or multiple people to lead Children's Church the 2nd Sunday of each month starting in September. If you feel called to help with this Children's Ministry, please reach out to Angie Russell, Mindy Wagner, or any member of the Christian Ed team. Even if you are willing to teach on the 2nd Sunday for one month, that would be appreciated. Materials provided.



**Sunday, September 8 is Rally Day,
Round Up Sunday**

Please wear your Western clothing as we begin a new year in Sunday School.

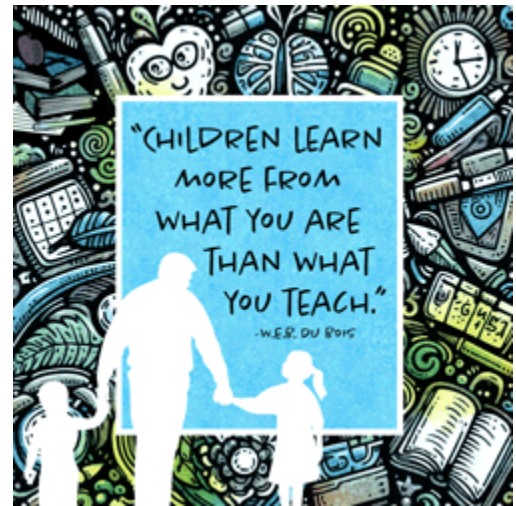
9:25 Worship service

10:30 Snacks and activities - Fellowship Hall

11:10 Move to your Sunday School class to Rally for the upcoming Sunday School year

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 9:25 am Worship 9:25 am Vacation Bible School Kick Off 9:25 am Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Baptism	29 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	30 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	31 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study	1 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	2	3 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Roaring Spring Community Picnic
4 9:15 am Roaring Spring Community Worship 10:30 am - 6:00 pm Youth River Float	5	6 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Leadership Meeting	7 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study	8 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00 pm JOY Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	9	10
11 Food Bank Collection 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	12	13 9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Brethren Open 6:30 pm Good Grief	14 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Recharge Activity 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study	15 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 1:00 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	16	17 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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"The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving." —Fred Rogers

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