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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.

September seems like a good time to speak to you about the spiritual importance of habits, rhythms of life and the traditions that we keep that all combine to keep us growing in our Christian walk and allow us to mature as followers of Christ.

Maybe it's because I spent so many years heading "back to school" in this season. But fall has always been a reminder that those positive habits and traditions of church attendance, prayer, Bible Study and relationship strengthening with brothers and sisters in the church need to be tended to and reinforced. Or, as Paul says in Philippians 4:9 "practice these things and the God of peace will be with you." After all, the cold of winter is just around the corner -- literally and figuratively!

Of course, never allowing those habits to backslide is the best choice. But we're human. We get busy and preoccupied. Good and bad things come our way that cause our attention to drop from where it best should be. So, every once in a while, we need a PEP RALLY to refocus our resolve.

Sunday, September 8 is such an occasion as we celebrate our annual RALLY DAY. This year, the Christian Education Team has selected the theme "Round Up and Wanted by God." Not only is it the start of a new year of Sunday School classes for children and adults, it is also just the emotional lift we need to get back into all the positive habits that make for abundant life! Hope to see you here!

Pastor Dave



LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT submitted by Kaye Russell, LT Chair

- The Leadership Team met on 8-6-2024. The next meeting will be held on 9-3 -2024.

CHRISTIAN ED TEAM

Christian Education Team has accepted the resignation of one of their team members, Terra Norris- Gartmann. The Leadership Team expresses their gratitude to Terra for her service and dedication to this Team and to their work. In addition, Stephen Hershberger has submitted his resignation as chair and a member of this Team. Leadership is grateful to Stephen for the time and dedication he gave to this Team during 2024. His positive contributions and Christian education interests were much appreciated. At the 8/6/24 Leadership Team meeting, it was decided that the LT Exec Team will join with the remaining Christian Ed members to fill out the 2 recent vacancies until the end of 2024. The 2024 fall slate will present a new name to fill the chairperson position for 2025. Summer SS will end on 9-1. Rally Day "Round Up Sunday" will be held 9-8. Planning is going well. Bibles will be presented to children entering 1st and 6th grades. And all teachers and leaders of children's events will be recognized as well. The children's SS classes will be using "Shine" curriculum, and the Youth will be using "Generation Why;" these are both offered through Brethren Press. There are still a very few SS teacher vacancies that need filled. Please speak with Mindy Wagner or Angie Russell if you have an interest in co-teaching an Elementary or Jr. Youth class.

HOSPITALITY & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

"Christmas in July" fundraiser netted \$1200 for the Roof Fund. A donation has been given to the Albright Church of the Brethren for the use of their activity center twice this summer. The recent church picnic had 70 people in attendance. Movie night for later in August has been postponed.

WORSHIP TEAM

The acolyte sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center seems to be working well. That will continue and those groups assigned to Sept-Dec will not need to be responsible. Chancel Choir will be back in worship some time in September. Ushers have been reminded to be certain the front doors to the church building are locked at the start of worship for safety reasons. Discussion on securing A/V and elevator operators for church funerals was discussed.

MISSIONS & SERVICE TEAM

An Impact Team for Heritage Fair has been formed. If you have an interest in helping with HF, please reach out to Sandy Burket. Please consider donating to the "Pennies for Witness" jug located in the Overflow Room. This money is presented to the District each year at District Conference to help with its outreach ministries.

FINANCE & FACILITY TEAM

Elevator tech examined the elevator to determine why the door open and close requests lock so quickly when a call is not completed. It is because of a mandated "fault state sensor" with a 3-minute lapse from the time of the call. There is no way to change the sensor timer. Phone numbers of persons in the church who have a key to the elevator panel box located next to the elevator on the fellowship hall level will be placed inside the elevator so that someone can be called to come unlock the panel box and reset the elevator if someone gets stuck inside. The issue is that the accordion doors are not being completely closed when exiting the elevator.

DEACON'S REPORT

Next meeting will be 9-15. There were 128 persons served In Pew Communion in July and there were 57 at the Outdoor Baptism.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Recently had 3 baptisms and 5 transfers of membership. Pastor Dave has been named the Co-Chair for the district's District Minister Search Team.

- Marlys Hershberger is no longer able to represent delegate Dan Hammel at District Conference on October 12. If you have an interest, please reach out to Dan Hammel.
- A new "Gifts and Talents" Survey is being updated and will be handed out at the Fall Forum.
- The Fall Forum date will be chosen at the September LT meeting.

HELPING HANDS IN SEPTEMBER

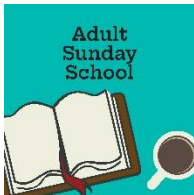
Greeter Jill Delozier, Sandy Norris

Deacon Greeters Sandy Norris

Fellowship Time

Not Held

| September | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Organist | Terry Hershberger | | | Terry Hershberger | Cathy Petre |
| Pianist | Cathy Petre | Brenda Fluke-Garber | Brenda Fluke-Garber | Cathy Neal | Marcia Fleck |
| Worship Leader | | Bobbi Beers | | | |
| Storyteller | Pattie Conlon | Pastor Dave | Betsy Garach | Bonnie Butler | Gary Wineland |
| Acolyte | | | | | |
| Children's Church | | Rally Day | | | |
| Nursery | | | | | |
| Welcome Center | Darlene Wyland | Darlene Wyland | Darlene Wyland | Darlene Wyland | |
| Parking Lot Greeters | Don Bookhammer | Don Myers Jaden Myers | Paul Witkovsky | | |
| Flowers | | | | Memory of Bob Hoover | |
| Bulletins | | Memory of Margaret Imes | | | |



Young Adults

Generation Hope

Betsy Garach, Becky Bianconi

Genesis Class

Pastor Dave, Valerie Smith

Alpha Class

Dan Hammel, Keith Hall,

Sandy Norris

Sub: Pattie Conlon

Living Faith

Terry Hershberger



Nursery - Pre-Kindergarten

Julia Griffith, Sarah Griffith,

Karen Eicher

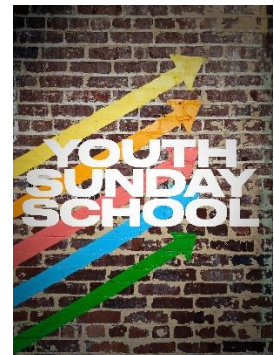
Tori & Chad Crumrine

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Tom & Julie Dick

Grades 3 – 5

Mindy Wagner, Sue Fahr



Junior High

- 1.
2. Fellowship
3. Bobbi Beers
4. Stephen Hershberger

Senior High

1. Travis Wagner
2. Fellowship
3. Travis Wagner
4. Pastor Dave

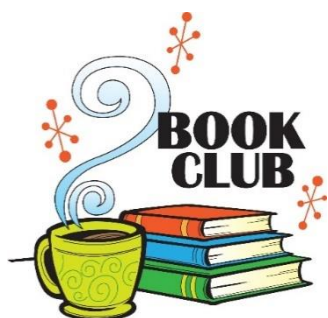


Tuesday,
6 pm
September 17th
Location TBD
RSVP to Janet Imes
or Linda Steele
no later than
ALL LADIES WELCOME



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September 14th
8 am
Breakfast at
The Dream,
Hollidaysburg
All men invited!

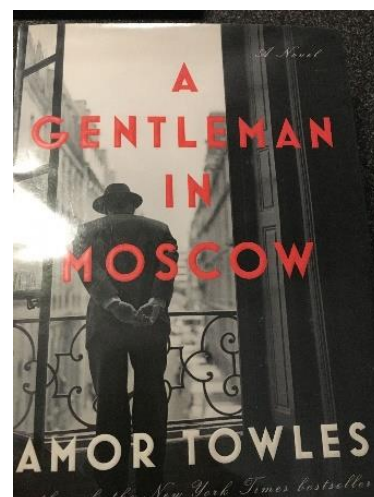


Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on September 16, 2024

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.



Back-to-school laughs

Why was the arithmetic book so sad?
It had too many problems.

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?
It tocks too much.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?
The ruler

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?
Hot chalk-olate



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
9/27 Aubreyalice Flamish
9/29 Clara Hoffman



9/1 Walter & Linda Piper
Nathan & Stephanie Hershberger
9/6 Pete & Carol Imler
9/7 Fred & Arlene Beers
9/8 Don & Janie Myers
A. J. & 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

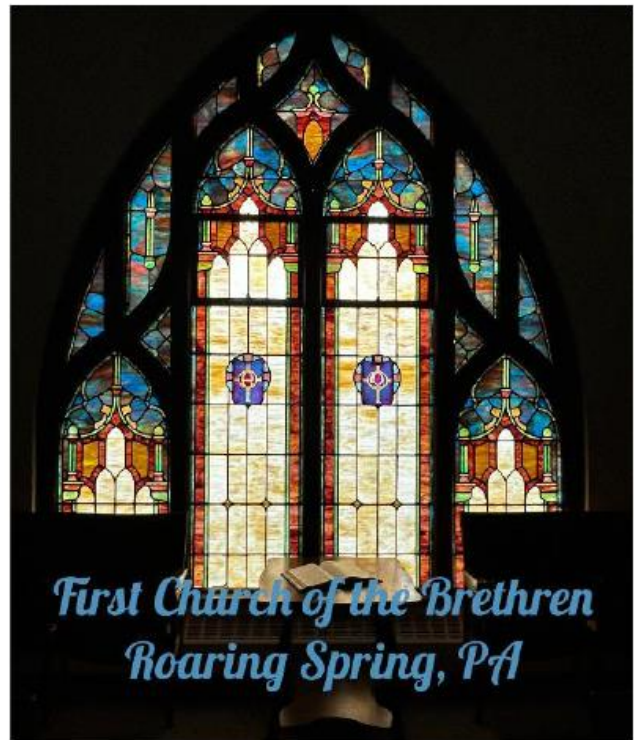




All youth grades 6 – 12 are invited to gather in our Fellowship Hall following home Central High School football games until 11 pm. Please use the California Street entrance. Food, games and fellowship will be provided. Friends welcome!
September 13 & 27
October 4 & 11



Generation Hope Sunday School Class **Blanket Fundraiser**



Blankets are \$35 each

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity to order: _____

**Orders and Money Due September 29th
To Angie Russell or Becky Bianconi**

**Sunday,
September 8
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.

Heritage Fair

Join us on Saturday, September 21st at Camp Blue Diamond for a wonderful day of fellowship and fun! This joint fundraising venture between Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District helps raise funds for ministry training and other district outreach, as well as summer camp and other programs at Camp Blue Diamond. Breakfast will be served from 6:30-8:30am, with booths opening at 8:30. Many of the Middle PA District churches will have a booth, just like we will. There will be lots of food, games, activities for kids, and many items for sale! The auction will start at 11 am. Come out and eat some food, throw a ball at the dunk tank, and catch up with friends!

“Pennies for Witness” is an annual offering emphasis for 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.



Mentoring Teams

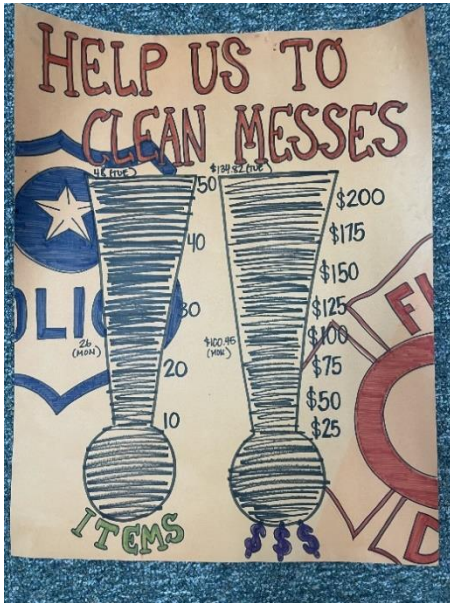
Mentoring teams will be dedicated on September 15th during worship. All teams (and their families) are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am for donuts and team pictures. Janie Myers will be happy to answer any questions.

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal September 29th at 11:45 am

All are welcome. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many to plan for.

Menu: Watch September Bulletins





On Wednesday, September 4 @ 6:00, we will be holding a ReCharge planning meeting at the church. ReCharge is our Wednesday evening program for the entire church running every Wednesday evening from October 2, 2024 - March 26, 2025. We begin the evening at 5:45 with a meal, followed by Bible Studies at 6:15 for several different age groups. (nursery, pre K, K-2, 3-5, Jr and Sr High, and adults). As our church family is growing in numbers, we need to add a separate class for our children ages 2 and under this year, which means we need more volunteers. Angie Russell will be looking for nursery attendants, several teachers, and several volunteers to use on a rotating schedule for each week. If you are interested in helping with the cooking, serving, or clean-up, please see Valerie Smith. Please open your minds and hearts and think about how this program impacts the lives of so many and how you may be able to help. We look forward to expanding our ideas and to planning with you for the 2024-2025

edition of ReCharge!

Missions & Service Team Highlights – Heifer International

For more than 80 years, Heifer International has worked with people all around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. Roaring Spring 1st Church of the Brethren has supported Heifer International for many years as part of our mission to serve others in Jesus' name. This ministry was called Heifer Project while operated by the Church of the Brethren. It became an independent agency in recent decades.



In 1944, Church of the Brethren farmer Dan West began outlining a simple but groundbreaking plan to tackle hunger around the world. West had recently returned from feeding weary refugees during volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War.



He'd seen firsthand that giving people food was a short-term solution, whereas providing them with animals offered a steady supply of nutritious food for an entire family. His philosophy still inspires Heifer's work today. Partnering with farmers across a range of different livestock and crops, we create unique solutions to local challenges. Together, we build inclusive, resilient economies, so communities can develop effective ways to end global hunger and poverty in a sustainable way.



These days, Heifer International generally provides animals to participating families through local channels in the countries we serve.

But early on, the organization shipped livestock from the United States to other countries. During their travels, these animals were cared for by "seagoing cowboys": ranchers and farmers who aided Heifer in its mission by lending their expertise in animal husbandry and agriculture. Local Morrisons Cove folks joined in donations and travel, including people from our congregation.



Heifer International distributes animals, along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients must agree to "pass on the gift" by donating animal offspring, as well as sharing the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families in the community.

We are glad to be part of God's work through Heifer International!



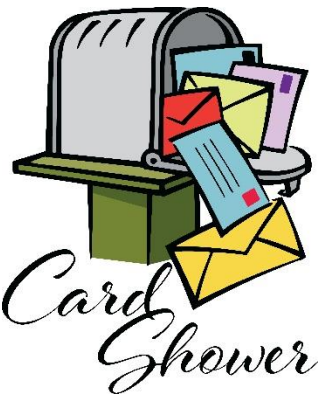
October 2 ReCharge Kick-Off

October 6 Love Feast

October 12 District Conference



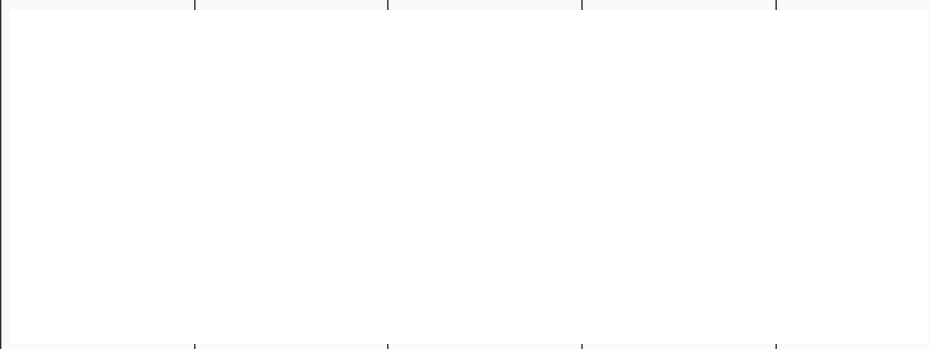
October 31 Trunk or Treat

November 3 Older Servants Dinner



Please help Joyce Mock celebrate her 91st birthday on September 8th by sending her a card. Cards may be sent to
Joyce Mock
Room 107A
220 Newry Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

September 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School | 2 Office Closed | 3 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Leadership Meeting | 4 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm ReCharge Planning Meeting 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir | 5 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Food Bank Collection  Rally Day 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School | 9 | 10 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Good Grief | 11 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Recharge Activity 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir | 12 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor | 13 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Parking Lot Fundraiser 6:00 pm Snowberger Wedding Rehearsal 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm 5th Quarter | 14 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 2:30 pm Snowberger Wedding 5:00 pm Hospitality Event |
| 15 8:30 am Mentoring Kick Off 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Deacon Meeting & Bread Making 1:00 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline | 16 10:00 am Book Group | 17 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Sisters of Faith | 18 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir | 19 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor | 20 | 21 Heritage Fair  |
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| 29 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:45 am - 12:45 pm 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal | 30 |  | | | | |

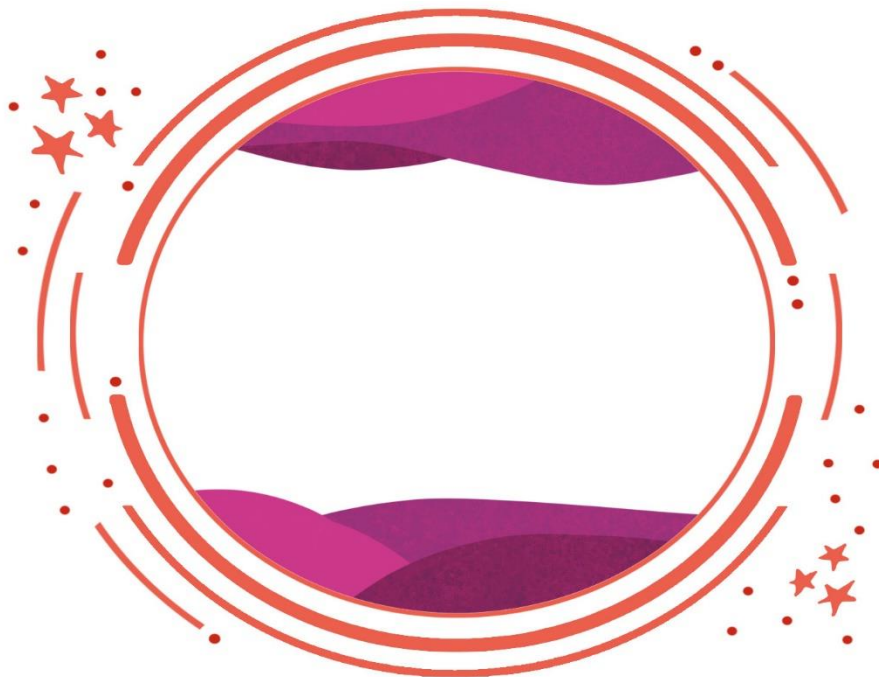
"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." —Anthony J. D'Angelo

"The only thing of importance, when we depart, will be the traces of love we have left behind." —Albert Schweitzer

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished." —Lao Tzu



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