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MAY 2025

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.

Evidently, people have been quoting that “April Showers brings May Flowers” since that line appeared in a poem in the 1100’s. While the original meaning was intended as a reminder that times of trouble can blossom into good, maybe it’s appropriate to also use that phrase to describe busy times turning into additional blessings as well.

Spiritually, April was a busy time for the Church and Christ’s people. From Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, to Good Friday and finally Easter, the reminders of Christ’s crucifixion and the promise of resurrection was kept at the front of our attention for most of the month. But those showers of remembrance and celebration can and should now help our lives blossom into ones that are ripe with the fruit of the Spirit.

When Jesus promised us that “I come that you might have life and have it abundantly,” (John 10:10) it was exactly this peace, joy and love he was telling us that we could experience, IF we followed and trusted him. That bounty can only be experienced from knowing and trusting what Christ has done, and is doing, for us.

So, to keep with original analogy and this writing, the showers that flooded our April, can now ripen into lives that are heavy with the benefits and beauty of the fruits of the Spirit. Throughout this month, and moving forward into the next months, let us draw on what we celebrated in April and enjoy the benefits of lives built on His sustenance.

Pastor Dave



Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

April 1, 2025

Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Fellowship Hall chairs are being replaced. Camp Blue Diamond will take some of old and if decent ones still left, congregation may take for donation on first come basis.
- Continue to look at needed electrical update, seeking bids. Should help with elevator problem and other issues. One elevator issue was resolved with a part replacement.

Hospitality and Communications Team - Beth Burns

- Paint party scheduled for March 15 had 15 participants.
- March 30th 5th Sunday soup and sandwich luncheon served about 60 attendees.
- Easter flowers being sold for in Sanctuary over Easter celebrations.

Missions and Service Team - Sandy Burket

- More budgeted outreach groups received total or partial payment of promised.
- Planning a Blanket Sunday to receive donations to Church World Service for purchase of blankets they provide following disasters and for people in need. Information upcoming.
- People are needed to sign up to refill Blessing Box. Sign up in Alpha classroom.

Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Working on Palm Sunday and Easter worship services.
- Mentoring Sunday is the 23rd.

Christian Education Team - Kaye Russell

- Majority of Adult Lenten Devotionals were taken, being used by congregation.
- May move children's "library" to encourage more use.
- Vacation Bible School Impact Team had initial planning meeting.
- Reviewed existing Christian Ed guidelines. Updating.

Deacons' Report – Becky Bianconi reported.

- Will be sending out postcards for a Good Friday event and information on other Holy Week gatherings.
- Hosting new member reception on Palm Sunday.
- Love Feast April 17 at 6:30.
- In pew Communion July 20th. Will go back to passing individual cups and tray of bread.

Pastor Dave

- Easter is a busy time. Baptism and member transfers planned for Palm Sunday.
- District/Denomination offers classes for Leadership Development, Deacon Service, Effective Boards and others. He can share information with you.
- Tuesday am Bible Study continues to grow. All are welcome. Ask for details.
- Wednesday pm Bible study continues via Zoom. Log in info on Church website.

Other

- Destiny Wagner is continuing her once a month Sunday evening celebration, now called By His Invitation. Second gathering was again well attended. Thank you for this new ministry, Destiny.
- Sisters of Faith asked if they could host a Hoss's fundraiser. Told yes. October 19.
- Congregation will be encouraged to participate in worship by sharing their faith journey story or words of encouragement.

Next Meeting - Tuesday May 6 at 6:00

HELPING HANDS IN MAY

Greeter
Deacon Greeter
Fellowship Time

Jill Delozier and Sandy Norris
 J D Barry
 Alpha Class

	4	11	18	25
Candlelighter	Finn Croft	Jordy Burns		
Organist		Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader		Marcia Fleck		
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Pattie Conlon	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Not Held	Jodie & Bella Dellinger		
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer	Paul Witkovsky	J D Barry	
Flowers		Memory of Joseph Weyandt	Memory of Nancy Hoover	
Bulletins				

Mother's love is like an island,
 In life's ocean vast and wide;
 A peaceful, quiet shelter
 From the wind, the rain, the tide.

'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
 By Patience on the west;
 By tender Counsel on the south
 And on the east by Rest.

By Anonymous



3rd ANNUAL CARNIVAL DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 17th, 2025 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.

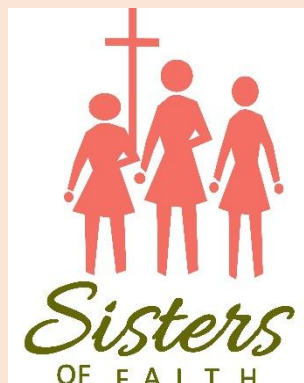
TOUCH-A-TRUCK



If they are there the
Emergency Vehicles will only
be there for part of the time on
Saturday, May 17th, 2025. If
they would happen to get a call
they will have to go.
Come early!

Food Truck by Big D's Catering LLC,
Cotton Candy: Vanessa's Fairy Floss. Different
Games, Face Painting, Entertainment:
Horseshoe Cloggers at 11am, Popcorn,
Snowcones, Candy Apples,
Balloon Legends twist at 11am-1pm and More!!!

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



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6 pm

Hoss's

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by May 18th

ALL LADIES WELCOME!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

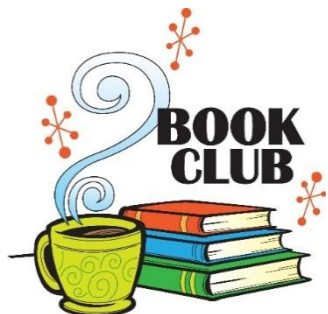
May 17, 2025

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.

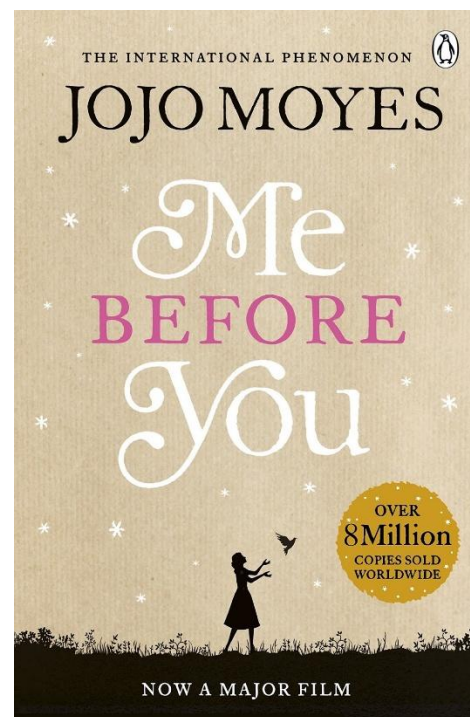
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on May 19th.

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . .

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.



Blanket Sunday is June 1, 2025.

More information about this outreach project will be distributed in Sunday May 18th bulletins.



May 21st
Ice Cream Party & Games
5:45 pm
Russell Ponderosa Pavillion
343 Ponderosa Lane,
Roaring Spring



By His Invitation (Destiny Wagner's group) will be having a Contemporary Christian Music gathering on Sunday, May 4th in the Sanctuary beginning at 6pm. We are excited to be including a special music presentation this month. Everyone is invited.

Nancy Musselman appreciates all the prayers, cards, calls, and of course Pastor Dave, as she navigates her health issues. She feels so blessed to be part of this caring congregation.

Joe & Kim Horton thanks everyone for the payers and expressions of sympathy extended to their family since the passing of Kim's sister Barb Beach. They are very much appreciated.

Dear church family, thank you so much for the calls, visits, cards, and especially all the prayers and Pastor Dave's support in the loss of my son and the girls brother Monte Smith. We are grateful
- Audrey, Christine, Nicole, and Eri



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Fred Beers
Jim Hoover
Travis Wagner
6 Grant Avvampato
7 Cynthia Shaw
Tommy Smith
9 Alex Nooyen
Tammy Dell
11 Christine Smith
14 Willow Miller

14 Jean Eichelberger
Abe Russell
16 Beckam Frederick
Rory Frederick
17 Carter Keith
18 Ezekiel Walter
20 Terry Hershberger
21 Jill Brumbaugh
Ella Gartmann
22 Bill Grubb

24 Greg Smith
Nittany Smith
25 Angie Russell
26 Bailey Musselman
28 Jodie Dellinger
29 Zachary Croft
30 David Smith
31 Sharon Hammel



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ben & Emily Brumbaugh
- 2 Dan & Carol Emerick
- 6 Dan & Jane Brumbaugh
- 10 Dave & Janis Loucks
- 23 Mitchell & Emma Frederick
- 26 Bill & Bobbi Beers
- 29 Keith & Kristen Hall
- 31 Bryce & Amy Nooyen



Indoor & Outdoor Crafters & Vendors
Baked Goods RAIN or SHINE
Sale Sponsored by: Food
Roaring Spring First Church
of the Brethren.

Saturday, July 19th
10am to 2pm

At the Albright Church
1245 Bloomfield Road
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Graduation Breakfast

8:30 am

June 1, 2025

Fellowship Hall

Known High School graduates have been sent a form to return so we can include them in our celebration! Graduates from July of last year, from trade schools, universities, colleges or special programs, are encouraged to share their information with the office so they too can be included in the celebration!



Introducing...

Chandler Lewis was received into membership through baptism and Randy & Brenda Thompson were received through transfer on Palm Sunday.



Stacey Thompson and Colby Seibert were married on April 5, 2025.

The children will have a musical presentation during worship on Mother's Day.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY page 34:

Ryan & Carly Butler
1000 Landmark Drive Apt 1208
Aliquippa PA 15001

June 1st will be Blanket Sunday. Information will be provided in the May 18th bulletin about ways you can help.



Stella Catherine Norris

April 9, 2025

Parents: JC & Hayley Norris

Grandparents: John & Karen Cottle



The Blessing Box ministry falls under our Missions and Service Team. Since both the Food Pantry and the Roaring Spring Community Library provide food, we try to have cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items as our outreach focus. We do appreciate the food donations and will use them. If you would like to keep the box stocked, with items that are donated by people and the Missions team, please sign up on the sheet in the Alpha Classroom. If you wish to donate items, please place them in the Alpha Classroom on the totes. Some needed items are: laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, dish soap, shampoo, body wash, toilet paper, paper towels, face cleanser, deodorant. Please, no medicine. Smaller containers fit better into the box. Questions can be addressed to any member of the team.

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	28	29 9:30 am Bible Study	30 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm VBS Meeting	1 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting 6:00 pm C E Team Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	2	3
4 Youth Sunday 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:45 am Deacon Prayer Gathering 6:00 pm Contemporary Christian Worship Gathering	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 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	8 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	9	10
11 Food Bank Collection 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Youth Activity	12 7:00 pm BDM Meeting	13 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Good Grief	14 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 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 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Carnival
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"Life is not measured by how much one owns." —Jesus (Luke 12:15, NCV)

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."

—Buckminster Fuller

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." —Marcel Proust

"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get."—Dale Carnegie

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