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#### **JUNE and JULY 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.

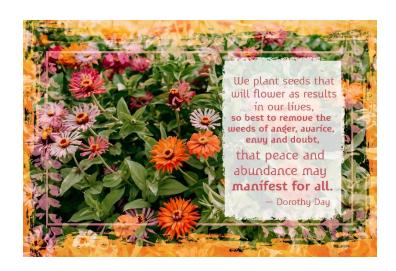
In the many years spent in school, and then working in schools, somehow I got into the practice and the habit of looking at the month of June as the end of the work part of the year, and the beginning of the "take it a lot easier" part of the life cycle.

While it is still true that this is the time of year that we celebrate with our high school and post-secondary school graduates, I now understand better that this is not the end, it really marks the beginning.

Just as eternity begins when we decide to follow Christ (even while still in THIS life) so too does summer mark the chance to continue to grow in Christ. We might indeed have less places we have to be than during the school year, but that should give us opportunity to think about and apply the lessons He has been working with us on for the past couple of months.

Immediately after Jesus's baptism in Matthew 3 (his "graduation" if I can call it that) he went into the wilderness to fast for 40 days and 40 nights and to be tempted by Satan. In each case he resisted the traps by quoting scripture...in essence, by falling back on the lessons he had been taught leading up to that point in his life. Because he was able to demonstrate that he had learned well, he showed that he was ready for the "adult" part of life.

So, the point is that summer is not a time to automatically give back all the hard-earned gains we have made in our spiritual lives over the past year. Maybe it is a more "relaxed" time... a time of better weather, outside activities, swimming, picnics and fireworks, but it is also a time for us to practice and apply what we have learned to grow closer to Him.



#### Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

May 6, 2025

#### Hospitality and Communications Team - Beth Burns

- 49 children participated in the Easter egg hunt at the church.
- First Church Carnival held at Albright fellowship building May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon is June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> is Christmas in July Craft Show.
- All Church swim party sponsored by the Burns family and Men's Fellowship will be held at Memorial Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:15 to 9:15.

#### Missions and Service Team - Sandy Burket

- Blanket Sunday is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations will be received for Church World Service for the special blankets they provide following disasters and for people in need.
- Will be discussing participation in Spring Dam Weekend.
- People still needed to sign up to refill Blessing Box. Items are provided. Sign up in Alpha classroom.

#### Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Choir will begin summer hiatus the end of May. There are plans for monthly hymn sing and special music over the summer.

#### Christian Education Team - Kaye Russell

- Summer combined Sunday School will begin June 1.
- June 1 is Sunday School teacher, Recharge and Children's Church leader recognition.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 28 30 in conjunction with Albright COB in their fellowship building. June 27 will be kick off during morning worship. Theme is Food Truck Party.

#### Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Positive feedback on new chairs in Fellowship Hall.
- Looking at forming an Emergency Response impact team to develop guidelines for dealing with medical and safety emergencies.

#### **Deacons' Report** – Becky Bianconi reported.

- There was one baptism and two membership transfers on Palm Sundy.
- Positive feedback on Good Friday video
- In Pew communion will be held July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pastor Dave**

- Three children dedicated May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported that average attendance in 2024 was 133.
- Has been providing in home communion for some who could not attend Love Feast.
- Announced that Jan Simington is retiring from Church Secretary position effective June 6. Thank you, Jan, for twenty years of faithful service.

#### Other

- Leadership was approached to discuss seating under the balcony. Could we ask everyone to sit in the sanctuary or is there a real need for handicap and those with special needs? Discussion was held and will continue. Input is welcome. Contact an Executive Team member.
- Discussed having a sign always on the frame in front of church. If not one advertising for upcoming event, have a "generic" First Church of the Brethren sign there.

Next Meeting - Tuesday June 3rd at 6:00

## HELPING HANDS IN JUNE

Greeter
Deacon Greeter
Fellowship Time

Becky & Earl Bryson Dave & Valerie Smith Living Faith Class

	1	8	15	22	29
Candlelighter					
Organist	Cathy Petre		Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke- Garber	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Bethann Frederick			Linda Steele	
Storyteller	Tammy Dell	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Cindy Shaw	Bethann Fredeerick
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	Tammy Carter	Angie Russell	Teerra Gartmann Melinda Green	Amy Nooyen
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Myers	Rick Carrier	Paul Witkovsky		Earl Bryson
Flowers					
Bulletins	Honor of Justin Keith				



Our Summer Combined Sunday School be held for adults and youth from June 1 – August 31, 2025. No classes will be held for children. Pastor Dave

will lead the class in the Overflow Room.



Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am Fellowship Hall



June 18th
5:45 pm
Hike & Snacks
Canoe Creek State Park & Kiln
Terry Wentz Education Center
Parking

**Meeka Foor** graduates from Northern Bedford County High School. Grandparent: Margaret Sell

Clara Hoffmangraduates from Commonwealth
Charter Academy. She is the daughter of
Melanie Hoffman and Barry Hoffman, Granddaughter of Lois Lynn
She will take a year off before pursuing a degree in Fine Arts.

**Kaylee Keith** graduates from Central High School. She is the daughter of Justin Keith and Erin Oldham. Kaylee will be taking summer classes through Penn Highlands. She will be studying nursing and commuting to Conemaugh School of Nursing in Johnstown.



**Liliana Padilla** graduates from Central High School. She is the daughter of Jen Dick & Oscar Padilla, Granddaughter of Pat Dick

**Ben Smith** graduates from Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. He is the son of Susan Petre and Wes Smith, Grandson of Rufus & Cathy Petre. Ben plans to work at Camp Blue Diamond this summer and then join the Navy.



**Nittany Smith** graduates from Central High School. She is the daughter of Todd & Holly Smith, granddaughter of Deb Delozier. She will work as a lifeguard at Hershberger Memorial Pool and coach gymnastics at LTD Academy this summer. She will live on campus at Mt. Alyoseisos College and study Nursing this fall.

#### **College, University and Trade School Graduates**

**Tyreke Green**, son of Dante & Melinda Green, grandson of Don & Janie Myers graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts - Multidisciplinary Studies.

**Alyssa Bianconi**, daughter of Mike & Becky Bianconi, graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Elementary Education.

**Sage Evans,** daughter of Bill & Kim Evans, graduated from Seton Hill University with a degree in Dance Choreography and Pedagogy and a Minor in Finance.

**Sierra Foor,** granddaughter of Sandy Norris graduated May 9<sup>th</sup> with her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Slippery Rock University.

**Eliana Eicher**, daughter of Travis & Karen Eicher, granddaughter of Ron & Darlene Eicher, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology/ Pre-Med in December from St Francis University.

**Michael Madden**, son of Tracie Madden and grandson of Ron & Darlene Eicher, graduated from Penn State Dickinson Law, Juris Doctor, on May 10, 2025.

Ariadne Madden, daughter of Tracie Madden and granddaughter of Ron & Darlene Eicher, graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Minor in Computing, Certificate in Spanish on May 10, 2025



Miranda Madden, daughter of Tracie Madden, granddaughter of Ron & Darlene Eicher graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a concentration in Literary, Film, and Cultural Studies, Minor in Computing on May 10, 2025

**Kaden Norwood**, grandson of Jill Delozier graduates from Northern Bedford County High School. He plans to attend IUP, majoring in Finance and minoring in Business Management.





**Alec Madden**, son of Tracie Madden and grandson of Ron & Darlene Eicher graduated May 17, 2025, from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

**Landon Beers**, Grandson of Bill and Bobbi Beers, Great Grandson of Fred & Arlene Beers and Sandy Burket, graduated from Altoona Area High School. Future plans: going into the work force

### You're going places!

you wherever you go."

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. Oh, the Places You'll Go! — a Dr. Seuss book that's now a popular graduation gift — whimsically explores life's ups and downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They'll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler's sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God's children don't need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV):

"Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with

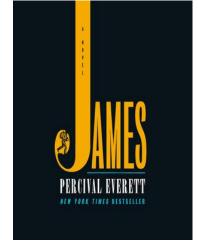




Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor. Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **James by Percival Everett**

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.



While many narrative set pieces of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin...), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.



- 2 Ariadne Madden Miranda Madden
- 3 Avery Smith
- 4 Tracie Madden Ron Eicher
- 9 Shirley Lingenfelter
- 10 Tonya Dillon
- 11 Betty Estep

- 12 Adalyn Laird
- 15 Kaye Russell Herb Burns
- 17 Vada Thompson
- 21 Linda Steele Stephen Hershberger
- 25 Brooks Avvampato
- 27 Jameson Conrath

- 28 Audrey Smith
  Jane Thompson
  Emalee Walter
- 29 Rufus Petre Vale Thompson
- 30 Craig Wagner Erika Smit



- 4 Casey & Shayla Walters
- 5 Craig & Chris Wagner
- 6 Paul & Julie Witkovsky
- 7 Doug & Maureen Detwiler
- 8 Jacob & Allison Stolarski
- 9 Donnie & Katy Roudabush
- 11 Kevin & Tina Snowberger
- 12 Daren & Jill Brumbaugh Wyatt & Rachel Laird

- 14 Travis & Mindy Wagner
- 17 Gary & Pat Dick Dave & Lynda Albright
- 18 Joey & Sammi Bowser
- 19 Stephen & Emily Hershberger
- 20 Chris & Dana Avvampato
- 21 Rufus & Cathy Petre
- 25 Todd & Holly Smith
- 6 Pat & Elaine Frazier



#### VACATION BIBLE SDHOOL JULY 28 – 30, 2025 6 – 8:30 PM

This event is being held at Albright Church of the Brethren, 1245 Bloomfield Road, Roaring Spring

Children ages 2 years to those who just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 2 & 3-year-olds need an adult to stay with them.



Indoor & Outdoor Crafters & Vendors

Baked Goods RAIN or SHINE

Sale Sponsored by:

Roaring Spring First Church

of the Brethren.

## Saturday, July 19th 10am to 2pm

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







The time has come. God is calling me in a different direction at this stage of my life. I treasure my friendships that I will take with me into retirement. Thank you for all the well wishes. I wish you all well and encourage you to take the time to listen as God answers your prayers. - Jan Simington



Camp Blue Diamond Hoss's Event will be held at the Duncansville, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Lewistown locations on June 8<sup>th</sup>. When ordering please let them know you are part of Group # 131899.





If you were a camper, you probably have some great memories of your time at Camp Blue Diamond. Camp can always use donations to help make the kids time there special. If you go to their website and click the Ways to Give tab, it will walk you through many ways to help. One way is by sending them a check. Another is ordering from their Amazon wish list. If you have questions Paul Witkovsky would be happy to help.

The Village at Morrisons Cove Auxiliary is holding a Ham and Swiss Cheese sandwich sale for Thursday, June 26. If you would like a fresh quick lunch for that date, please sign the order form at the welcome Center, or speak with Kaye Russell, our church's 2025 Auxiliary Representative.

You may plan to pick up your sandwich in the church's Overflow Room on June 26th after 11am, or ask for home delivery. Thank you in advance for supporting this monthly summer fundraiser.

Many thanks to our church family for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy with the passing of my father, Gary D Wyland. A special thank you to the knitting group for my beautiful prayer shawl. Angie Russell and family.

**Dear members, We at the Martinsburg Food Pantry** appreciate your kindness donating your "Souper Bowl for Caring" offering to our pantry. Thank you very much! This means so much in contributing #264.34, helping to give relief to needy families in our area.



Cathy Neal 1010 Spruce St. Apt 406 Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Terry & Marlys Hershberger 317 Town Hill Road New Enterprise, PA 16664



# Yard Sale Sponsored by the Youth July 12<sup>th</sup> Roaring Spring Fire Hall

If you are cleaning out and would be willing to donate items for this sale, please see Bobbi Beers.

Set up will be Friday night, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Watch bulletins for more information





By His Invitation will be gathering on Sunday June 1st at 6pm in the sanctuary. Once again this month we will be featuring special music from area musicians, The Trexler's. Come on out and enjoy an evening of great music, fellowship and fun.

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## **JUNE 2025**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 am Graduation Breakfast 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:45 am Deacon Prayer Gathering 6:00 pm Contemporary Christian Worship Gathering	2	9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Leadership Meeting	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Youth Mini Golf 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study	9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 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	6	7 Fellowship Hall Reserved
Food Bank Collection CBD Hoss's Fundraiser 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Youth Activity	9 7:00 pm BDM Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Good Grief	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study	9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	13	14
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## HELPING HANDS IN JULY

Greeter Sandy Burket
Deacon Greeter Krista Snyder
Fellowship Time Not Held

	6	13	20	27
Candlelighter				
Organist				
Pianist				
Worship Leader				
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Pastor Dave	Traci Totillo	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger		Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters				
Flowers				
Bulletins			Memory of Galen & Laura Snyder	



July 23rd 5:45 pm Pool Party & bonfire Russell Ponderosa Pavillion 343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring



July 13, 2025
Noon
Russell Ponderosa Pavillion
343 Ponderosa Lane,
Roaring Spring

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6 pm The Dream RSVP to Janet Imes or Valerie Smith by July 13th ALL LADIES WELCOME!



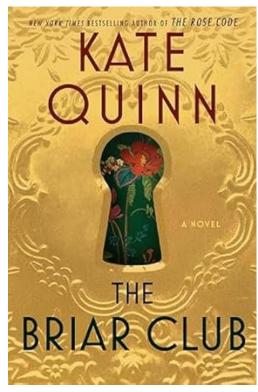
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#### The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Washington, D.C., 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-theheels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital, where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; police officer's daughter Nora, who is entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Bea, whose career has ended along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare.

Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and windowbrewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears apart the house, the Briar Club women

must decide once and for all: Who is the true enemy in their midst?





1	Cody Wyland
	Doris Duncan
4	Cassidy Smith
	Julie Myers
	Nan Grove
5	Gemma Nooyen
6	Becky Bianconi
7	Alyssa Bianconi
	Todd Thompson
9	Chad Crumrine
10	Charli Russell

10	Graci Russell
11	Izy McCready
	Hudson Martin
12	Betsy Garach
13	Janie Myers
14	Chris Brumbaugh
	Cathy Petre
	Sharon Snider
15	Terra Gartmann
	Tiana Eicher
	Reese Evans
	Mark Musselman

17	MaryAnn Meetze
	Brailee Thompson
	Lynda Albright
19	Rory Martin
23	Jack Myers
24	Finn Croft
25	Derek Martin
27	Amy Wineland
	Jebediah Long
	Zebediah Long
28	Ethan Walls



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

## **Church Swim Party**

**Sponsored by Men's Fellowship** 

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:15 pm to 9:15 pm

**Morrisons Cove Memorial Park** 

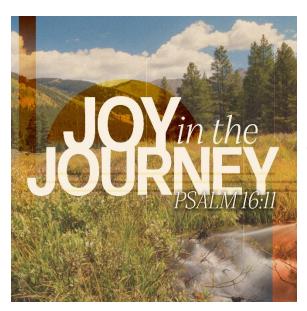
**Hershberger Swimming Pool** 



Watch bulletins for the "fun fundraiser event"

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"Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven."
—Igor Stravinsky

"God is like a friend, full of loving care; someone you can trust who's always there."

-Natalie Sleeth

"Loved the wedding; Invite me to the marriage."

—God (on a billboard message)

"Live in the world as if only God and your soul were in it; then your heart will never be made captive by any earthly thing." —John of the Cross

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