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## September 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 many ways, this time of year is all about settling into a routine. Summer has ended, school and the new church year have started. Many of us are putting time and effort into establishing and keeping the good habits that make for smooth and peaceful days and weeks....and growth in our walk with a Jesus.

But don't get too complacent! Routines don't have to be boring! There's plenty to get excited about this month here at First Church! Not only do we gather in worship every Sunday, but Rally Day on September 14 kicks off a new Sunday School season. Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond ramps into gear on September 20 and Wednesday evening Recharge family programs will also begin sometime soon.

The slogan chosen for Rally Day this year is "Let's Glow Crazy with Jesus." That's exactly what we can do as we learn about and apply Jesus's teachings. It's hard often to give credit sometimes for where ideas and slogan come from (in this case there are over 10 pages that come up through an Internet search.) But no matter where that motto came from, September will be another month for us to "Know, Grow, Glow and then Go" about, and with, Christ.

In fact, since we can't pinpoint who and where to give credit, let's do what we hope to be learning this month and point all we do back to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12) as we shine for Him!

Pastor Dave



[OurMindfulLife.com](http://OurMindfulLife.com)

## Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

**August 5, 2025**

### **Worship Team** - Terry Hershberger

- Choir will be having a picnic together and practice will begin soon.
- Survey asking people for hymns they would like to sing was very successful. Hymns will be sung during worship and some hymn sings prior to worship.
- Terry will be away for a month leading disaster relief crews in Kentucky. Tom Holsinger will lead choir while he is away.

### **Christian Education Team** - Kaye Russell

- Vacation Bible School had 30+ kids and many volunteers helping.
- Rally Day is September 14 to kick off new Sunday School Year,
- Sr and Jr Youth groups currently are both small so will combine for S.S and Recharge.
- Old Bibles from storage will be made available at Welcome Center and Blessing Box.

### **Finance and Facility Team** - Bryce Nooyen

- New Lexan plexiglass has been installed over stained glass windows. Jake Yingling memorial.
- Reviewing insurance coverage and soliciting quotes for comparison.

### **Hospitality and Communications Team** - Beth Burns

- 60 attended the all-Church picnic and 75 enjoyed the swim party at Memorial Pool.
- Craft show held at Albright fellowship building was successful. Proceeds given to fellowship hall chair upgrade fund.

### **Missions and Service Team** - Sandy Burket

- Donated \$100 to Friendship Fire Co Annual Fund Drive.
- \$100 donated to Made for More Women's Restoration Home in Martinsburg.
- Provided sand art at Spring Dam Weekend. Many enjoyed making jars.
- People still needed to sign up to refill Blessing Box September to December. Items are provided.
- Sign up in Alpha classroom
- Working on Heritage Fair plans

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

- Garber's attended a Deacon Training and will be reporting back to Deacon Body.
- Thank-yous received from individuals who received support from Deacons.

### **Pastor Dave**

- New Church Secretary, Courtney Whitfield, has started. She's fitting in well.
- We have extended our agreement with Spring Cove School District for our building to be used as a "shelter in place" designated area if an emergency were to happen during a home football game.

### **Other**

- Extended discussion on "How can we enhance our Church experience?" A short-term impact team will be formed to look at possible suggestions for building changes/upgrades for a more user-friendly entrance area, maybe a before/after worship gathering area, plus any other ideas to improve the experience at First Church. Or is it time to explore a new building?
  - You are invited to join the team with ideas. See Bryce Nooyen or Paul Witkovsky if interested in serving on the team.
  - Congregational Forum scheduled for November 23rd.
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00*

# HELPING HANDS IN SEPTEMBER

Greeter

Deacon Greeter

Fellowship Time

Sandy Norris

Not Held

	7	14	21	28
Candlelighter				
Organist	Terry Hershberger			
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader				
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Cindy Shaw
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	RALLY DAY!	Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer Don Myers	Earl Bryson	Don Myers	Earl Bryson
Flowers			In Memory of Robert Hoover	
Bulletins	In Memory of Margaret Imes from Dave & Janet		Reserved	



**Chancel Choir Practice**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New members welcome!**



*When looking for volunteers, remember to utilize the Gifts & Talents survey. Copies are available in the church office if anyone needs a copy, please contact the church secretary.*



**September 10, 2025**

5:45 pm

Play & Snacks  
 Canal Basin Park  
 101 Canal Street  
 Hollidaysburg

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6 pm

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RSVP to Janet Imes

or Linda Steele

by September 14<sup>th</sup>



**ALL LADIES WELCOME!**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

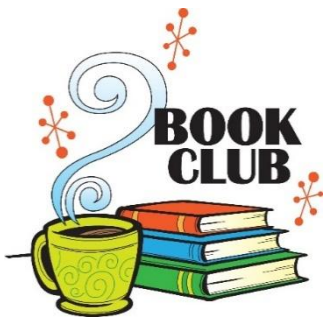
September 27, 2025

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



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

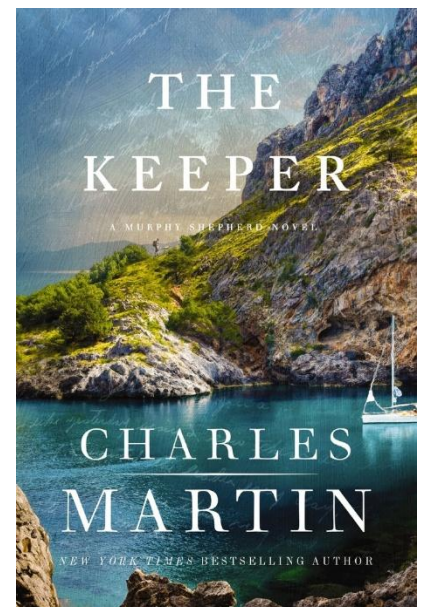
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on September 15, 2025.

## The Keeper by Charles Martin

In this fourth book in the Murphy Shepherd series, Murphy knows Bones didn't hesitate to give his life to stop the evil perpetuated by his brother, but there's still work to be done. Though Frank is gone, his organization is not, and almost even before Bones's funeral in Arlington is complete, Murph receives a call that the three daughters of presidential hopeful Aaron Ashley have been taken and there are no leads.

The girls' lives on the line and time is of the essence. But Murphy has never done this without Bones. How can he grieve his friend and mentor, figure out who he is without Bones, and navigate a new role for himself with team . . . all while putting total focus into finding these daughters?

When his daughters are finally rescued, Ashley steps back from the presidential race. But Murph knows something about the timing is a little too convenient for the senator who steps in to take his place. The far-reaching tendrils of Frank's organization are entangled even here, and Murph and his team will stop at nothing to root them out.





9/5 Tina Snowberger  
 9/6 Hank Meetze  
     Darlene Eicher  
     Hal Grove  
 9/8 Guy Forshey  
     Caelan Padilla  
     Joyce Mock

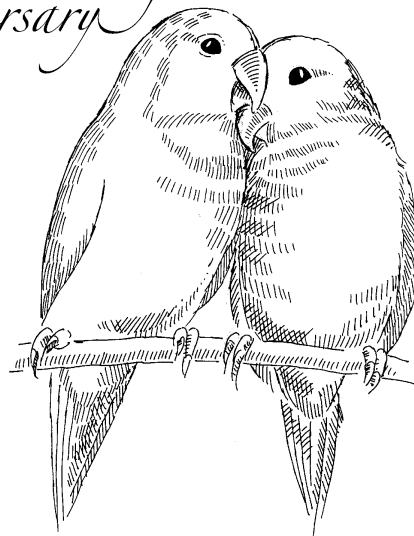
9/10 Tom Dick  
 9/12 Aric Foor  
 9/15 Jane Brumbaugh  
 9/18 Adam Frederick  
     Tick Wyland  
 9/20 Sage Evans

9/21 Nancy Forshey  
     Jerry Ritchey  
 9/26 Janet Imes  
     Rick Carrier  
 9/27 Aubreyalice Flamish  
 9/29 Clara Hoffman

## Birth Announcement: Parker Hayes Frederick 8/8/2025 Congratulations!

9/1 Walter & Linda Piper  
 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  
 9/14 Isaac & Alayna Snowberger  
 9/15 Tom & Julie Dick  
 9/18 Tom & Janis Thompson  
 9/26 Rick & Tonya Dillon  
     Mitch & Bethann Frederick  
     Troy & Mary Crumrine

*Celebrating an  
 Anniversary*



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Mentoring Kick off Sunday,  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:25 am





**Are you ready for some football?** CHS will be home on the following dates: August 29, September 5 and 19, and October 17 and 24. Come support the team, band and cheerleaders.




THEN come to 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter at the church. We'll make sure the doors are open at 9:00 pm and we'll end at 11:00 pm. We'll provide FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP! Bring your friends along too!


**Parking Lot Fundraiser** – We need your help to park cars before the CHS home football games on the following dates: August 29, September 5 and 19, and October 17 and 24. Meet us at the church at 5:30 pm. After the parking lots are filled, you can walk up to the games.





 **Rally Day – Sunday, September 14**  
**Theme: Let's GLOW Crazy with Jesus!**

Join us as we kick off an exciting new year of Sunday School with a bright and joyful celebration!

 **Bible Presentation** – During the **9:25 AM service**, students in **1st and 6th grade** will receive their Bibles. Come celebrate this special milestone!

 **Teacher Dedication** – We will also be **dedicating our Sunday School teachers** during the service. Let's lift them up in prayer as they begin a new year of guiding and growing young hearts in faith.

 **After the Service** – Join us **downstairs in the Fellowship Hall** for **snacks** and **fun activities** for all ages. It's a great time to reconnect and start the year in community.

 **Wear Your Brightest Neon Clothing** – Let's **GLOW** together for Jesus! We can't wait to see you there!



# *Celebrate Our Heritage*

**Heritage Fair** is September 20, 2025 at Camp Blue Diamond. We will need volunteers to help with set up, tear down, making gob cakes, help at the booth, making soup, and other baked goods. Signup sheets will be available in the Welcome Center. Please consider signing up to help make the Heritage Fair a huge success! Thank you, Sandy Burket, Missions and Services. Also, see the information to follow regarding the Punkin' Chunkin' competition.



The Women's Fellowship invite you all to a Welcome Back Meal in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

## **ReCharge – Begins Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Join us for **ReCharge** every Wednesday evening starting October 1<sup>st</sup>! Enjoy a midweek boost of fellowship, learning and worship for all ages.

- **5:45 PM** – Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- **6:15 PM** – Bible Study & Lessons (children, youth, and adults head to their classrooms)
- **7:15–7:30 PM** – Children close the evening with singing

We are currently in **need of volunteers** to help make ReCharge a success:

- **Cooks Needed** – Contact *Travis Russell* to sign up
- **Teachers Needed** for Pre-K, K–2nd, and 3rd–5th grade – Contact *Angie Russell* to volunteer  
(Lessons are provided – just bring your heart to serve!)

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and be refreshed midweek at ReCharge!





Sisters of Faith is sponsoring a fundraiser at Hoss's in Duncansville on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 9 pm. The fundraiser is helping with funds to repair the roof at the church. Feel free to cut out this card or take a picture of it and be sure to present

it at Hoss's on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Additional cards will be available at the church or from Janet Imes. Let's raise the roof and enjoy a meal for a good cause!



Hello! For those I've not met in person yet, let me introduce myself. I am Courtney Whitfield, your new church secretary. I have been in the church office for a month already! I am enjoying getting to know you all, your church and look forward to assisting you! I grew up in the Cove and I am a Central High School graduate. I reside in Martinsburg in the NBC School District area. I have been married for nearly 25 years and my husband, Herb Jr., and I have two boys. My boys are 22 and 18. We also recently welcomed a daughter in law and our first grandchild – a girl! I am a dog lover and my family is involved in supporting our community through volunteering. I also 'clown around' in my spare time. Thank you for welcoming me to your church!

Thank you to the Men's Fellowship for sponsoring the August Pool Party! What a great evening for Fun and Fellowship!

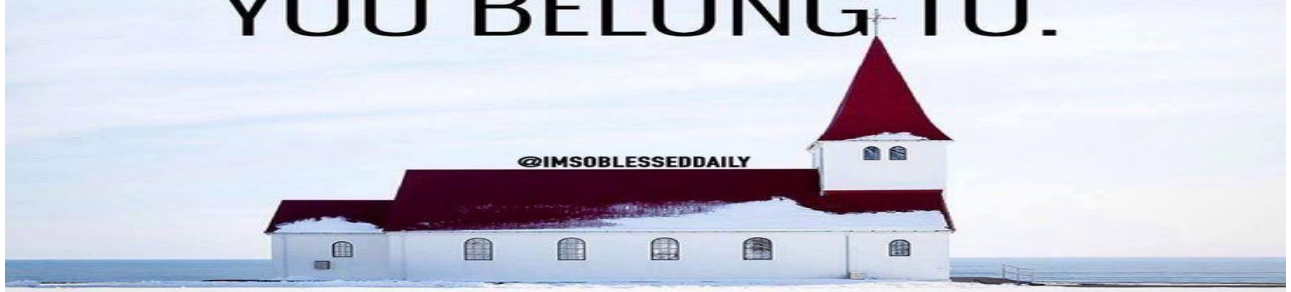




## J O Y (Just Older Youth)



**CHURCH IS NOT  
SOMETHING YOU GO TO,  
IT'S A FAMILY  
YOU BELONG TO.**



## Blessing of the Backpacks

We send prayers for a great school year!



Nationally known singer/songwriter Emerson Day, granddaughter of church members Larry Day and wife Nancy, has been nominated for a 2025 Gospel Music Association Dove Award. She has been nominated for her song "Get Behind Me" in the Rock/Contemporary category. The song can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/\\_4OjsLerc7o?si=REAPexG7TLsgFgZi](https://youtu.be/_4OjsLerc7o?si=REAPexG7TLsgFgZi)

As we understand it right now, voting will be by Gospel Music Association members only. If we find out that fans can vote, we will let you know the details. The Dove Awards are scheduled to air on October 10, 2025, on TBN and SiriusXM's The Message.

Congratulations and best of luck to Emerson!

# **Middle District Updates**

**Who's Ready for Punkin' Chunkin'? Make your device and bring it to Heritage Fair. Register for the contest at the Everett Church of the Brethren booth. Contests start at 2:00 p.m. \$10.00 entry fee payable at registration**

## **Peeps Punkin Chunkin Rules**

Individual/team will launch marshmallow "Peeps" pumpkins using a device they have made and brought to the festival.

There will be categories for **Trebuchet** and **Catapult**

There will be two age divisions – 12 and under and 13 and over

Devices must fit in a 2 foot by 2 foot footprint with a throwing arm no longer than 3 feet.

Counterweight for trebuchet must be no heavier than one person on the team can set.

Torsion band for catapult must be able to be set by one person on the team

Distance will be measured from the starting line to the point the "peep" pumpkin first touches the ground.

Each device will have 2 chances to launch. Best distance will be counted for awards. If the device crosses the start line during launching, that launch will be disqualified. Decision of the judge is final.

"Peeps" for the contest will be provided. No alterations to the marshmallow pumpkins will be permitted.

## **District Conference**

District Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 11** at Stone Church of the Brethren in Huntingdon, PA. The theme is **"Grounded in Christ"** with Marlys Hershberger as the 2025 District Conference Moderator. A day of worship, fellowship, music, "take-aways from congregations and sharing from our ministry partners. Lunch, exhibits and a tour at Juniata College are also offered.

## **Hometown Hearts**

Hometown Hearts is an organization that participates in the Fresh Express food program every third Saturday of each month year-round in the Huntingdon area. **Make checks payable to: Middle PA District Spaghetti Sauce (any kind) and fruit cups will also be collected**

## **Offerings:**

**Church of the Brethren Emergency for Disaster Relief and Pennies for Witness (Trucker and Global Outreach)**

Checks can be made payable to: Middle PA District



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