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## October 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.

Recently the Wednesday evening on-line Bible Study group came upon one of those verses that, at least for me, has made me stop, pray, and think much about the idea being presented.

In his letter to Philemon, Paul addresses the issue of the runaway slave Onesimus. After running away from his master Philemon, Onesimus somehow found his way to Rome where he became a close friend and helper to Paul. Paul is writing to the original owner, telling him that he will be sending the now-Christian slave back to his Christian owner, hoping for forgiveness and positive treatment for him.

So, here's the principle that I find myself thinking about again and again:

Philemon 8

8 "Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love."

Doesn't that sound 100%, through and through Brethren to you? God could tell us we HAVE to. The Church could tell us we MUST. Jesus could say "You'd better, or ELSE."

But we follow Christ, not because we HAVE to. But because we WANT to. We want to follow Him because of the love he first shared with us.

The fact that it was a slave facing this hard choice somehow makes our efforts to follow Him even more dramatic. We all have tough decisions to make daily, but because we WANT to follow Him out of love we can come through the difficult times those choices cause.

Pastor Dave



## **Highlights of Leadership Mtg.**

**September 2, 2025**

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

- Rally Day September 14 to kick off new Sunday School Year. Bibles given to 1st and 6th graders.
- Christian Ed guidelines have been updated. On file in Policy and Procedure folder in the office.
- Recharge starts Oct. 1.
- Old Bibles from storage will be made available at Welcome Center and Blessing Box.

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

- An impact team is being formed to look at the church building, atmosphere, program ideas, etc. for ways to enhance the church experience and ideas on how we can continue to build a welcoming, vibrant congregation.
- Continue to review insurance coverage and evaluate electrical issues.
- Chris Wagner is temporarily filling in as Financial Secretary.

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

- Fifth Sunday (held on 4th Sunday) had about 20 attended.
- Helping with Rally Day refreshments.
- Pastor Appreciation and Trunk or Treat are coming up.
- A hot dog roller/heater has been donated if any groups would like to use.

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

- Main focus for September is Heritage Fair on the 20th. Selling hot beverages, gob cake, baked goods, pepper soup, chicken noodle soup and bottled water.

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

- Terry will be away until mid-October leading disaster relief crews in Kentucky. Tom Holsinger is leading the choir while he is away.
- Piano accompanists have been secured for worship and choir until Cathy Petre returns.
- Discussing possible changes to altar area setup.

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

- In person prayer gatherings will resume after being done virtually over the summer.
- September meeting is 21st.
- Continue to provide monetary and meal support as needed.

### **Pastor Dave**

- New Church Secretary, Courtney Whitfield continues to acclimate. All going well.
- Gideons would like to do a presentation about their ministry.
- Bible studies going well. New participants are welcome at any time.

### **Other**

- Congregational Forum scheduled for November 23rd.
- Travis Wagner hoping to get a young adult Sunday School class going.
- Travis is also working to get an impact team together to develop procedures for how we can respond most effectively to medical emergencies.
- Teams are working on 2026 budget.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday October 7th at 6:00**

# HELPING HANDS IN OCTOBER

Greeter

Deacon Greeter

Fellowship Time

Linda Steele

Genesis Class

	5	12	19	26
Candlelighter	Travis & Angie Russell	Chris Wagner	Betsy Garach	Nancy Forshey
Organist		Terry Hershberger	Terry Hershberger	Terry Hershberger
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Jill Delozier	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader				
Storyteller	Traci Totillo	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Bethann Frederick
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	Tammy Carter	Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer			
Flowers				
Bulletins				




**Kick Off**  
**October 1,**  
**2025**  
**5:45 pm**

CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
GATHERING




**Special  
Music  
by  
Local  
Artists**



by His invitation



Revelation 3:20





**Dates:**  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**  
6 pm  
to  
7:30 pm



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**For more info follow us @ By His Invitation**

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6 pm

At The Dream

Restaurant

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by October 19<sup>th</sup>

**ALL LADIES WELCOME!**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

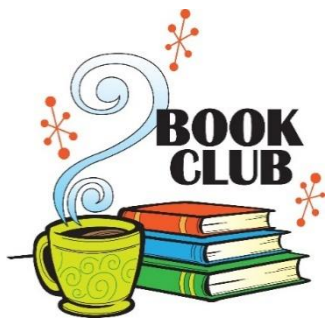
October 18, 2025

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



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

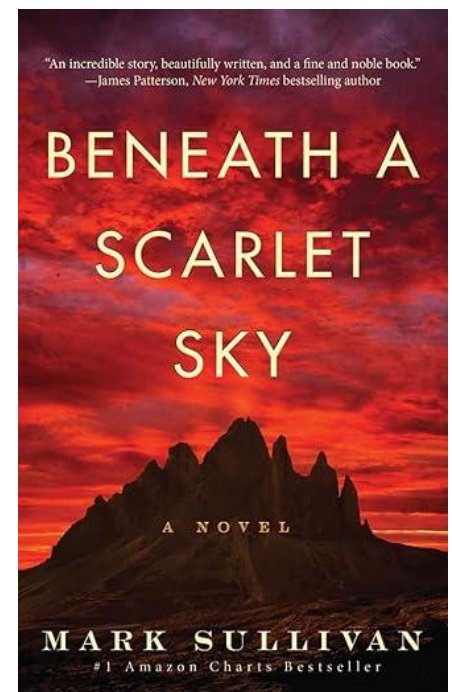
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on October 20, 2025.

## **Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan**

Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior.

In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders.

Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.







10/1 Cathie Pollard

10/2 Rick Dillon

10/7 Bill Hagstrom

Mya Giordano

10/10 Jona Gartmann

10/12 Elaine Frazier

10/14 Bonnie Butler

Sandy Smith

Carolyn Grubb

10/16 Crystal Burns

10/18 Dan Hammel

10/20 Jameson Walters

10/23 Alexander Eicher

10/31 Liliana Padilla



10/2 Gary & Connie Fluke  
Pattie & Jerome Conlon

10/3 Andy & Amanda Keith

10/5 Ramon & Kaye Burket

10/9 Jon & Terra Gartmann

10/10 Earl & Becky Bryson

Mitchell & Danielle Conrath

10/15 Terry & Jodie Dellinger

10/17 Doug & Brenda Garber

10/20 Ken & Barbara Miller

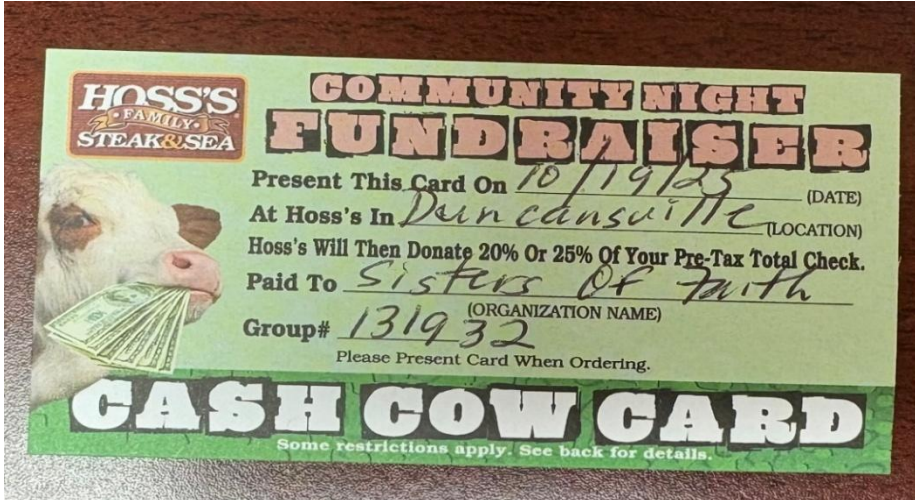
10/21 Mike & Crystal Burns

10/27 Mike & Becky Bianconi

**The Fall Love Feast Will be held  
October 5<sup>th</sup>! At 6:30 PM in the  
Fellowship Hall**

Would anyone appreciate **Love Feast and Communion on Worldwide Communion Sunday (October 5 at 6:30)** being available on ZOOM? Please let Pastor Dave know if you would like to participate on-line! Also, if anyone needs a ride to communion, please

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Remember to have a meal at the Duncansville Hoss's on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to support the Sisters of Faith in their endeavor to raise funds for the roof! Be sure to show this card!

## 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 Hersberger 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. Registration details can be found here: [District Conf Brochure & Registration 2025.pdf](#)



The Ministerium of Churches in Roaring Spring and Martinsburg are hosting a Food and Coat Drive for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishable food items, new or gently used winter coats, hats and gloves may be dropped off at either the Roaring Spring or Martinsburg Fire Halls from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please contact Pastor Brian McCall at Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church at 814-793-2513.

Don't forget to show your appreciation on Pastor Appreciation day, Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>!







## TRUNK OR TREAT

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
30TH 6:00 ~ 8:00 PM DONATED  
ITEMS FOR THE TREAT  
BAGS ARE APPRECIATED!**



**Rally Day!  
September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Glow Crazy for Jesus!**



Those children who received a new Bible from the church on Rally Day include the following:

1st Graders-

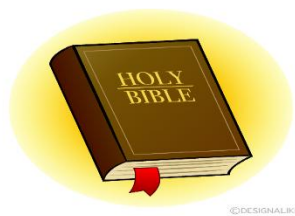
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## Heritage Fair 2025





## Children and Youth Sunday School

Class	Room	Teachers
Nursery – Pre K	202	Chad & Tori Crumrine, Karen Eicher, or Julia Griffith
K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	201	Karen Cottle, Tom & Julie Dick, or Tammy Fluke
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	405	Sue Fahr or Mindy Wagner

### Adult Sunday School Options

**Generation Hope** is taught by Becky Bianconi or Betsy Garach. They meet in Room 504 off the balcony. Fall Study will be “Comeback”.

**Genesis Class** is taught by Pastor Dave Crumrine or Sharon Snider. They meet in Room 406. This fall they will be studying “Daniel” by Max Lucado.

**Alpha Class** is taught by Keith Hall, Dan Hammel, Linda Steele or Sandy Norris. They meet in Room 403. This fall they will be studying the first season of “The Chosen”.

**Living Faith Class** is taught by Ron Eicher, Terry Hershberger, or Shirley Lingenfelter. They meet in Room 301. Fall study to be determined.

### SECOND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All classes, including all children, are invited to the Fellowship Hall after church to have a snack with their family. Sunday School teachers for **Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will take their students to class at 11:00 am. **Jr. & Sr. High Youth** may proceed to their classroom at 11:00 am. **Adults** remain in the Fellowship Hall for the sermon discussion. There is no separate Sunday School for Adults on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

#### Sunday School Updates for the Children

**Sunday School Offering.** Children and Youth attending Sunday school are encouraged to bring offering to their SS class. It is a way to teach them how to give back to God and His church where activities to grow closer with Jesus can be offered thanks to those who are able to provide financial support, no matter how small.

**Brethren Bucks** Children can earn “Brethren Bucks” during Sunday School for things such as bringing their Bible to church, bringing a friend to church, attendance, learning a memory verse, etc. They will get to ‘spend their bucks on Second Sundays after their Fellowship time.

**Prayer Tree.** Children staying for Sunday School following 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship will have an opportunity to write down things they are grateful for or things they want to pray to Jesus about. These will then be placed on the “Wall Prayer Tree” located on the Nursery level. Please talk to your child(ren) about what they may want to pray for and be sure to check out the Tree with your child(ren) from time to time!



Pancakes with the Pastor for all children through 12 grade will be held on Sunday, October 12th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and start your day enjoying breakfast with your Pastor.

**By His Invitation** is doing an **outreach offering** for the October 12th gathering with No Strings Attached - God. This ministry collects items to give to homeless people throughout the area. If you would like to help with this outreach, please see Destiny or Mindy Wagner or check out the By His Invitation Facebook page for more information. Thanks for your support.



Older Servants Beef & Noodle  
Dinner will be Sunday, November 2nd



Trinity United Methodist Church is sponsoring a **"Wills Workshop" Sunday, November 9** at 2:30. Several local experts will be discussing gift planning. All are welcome.

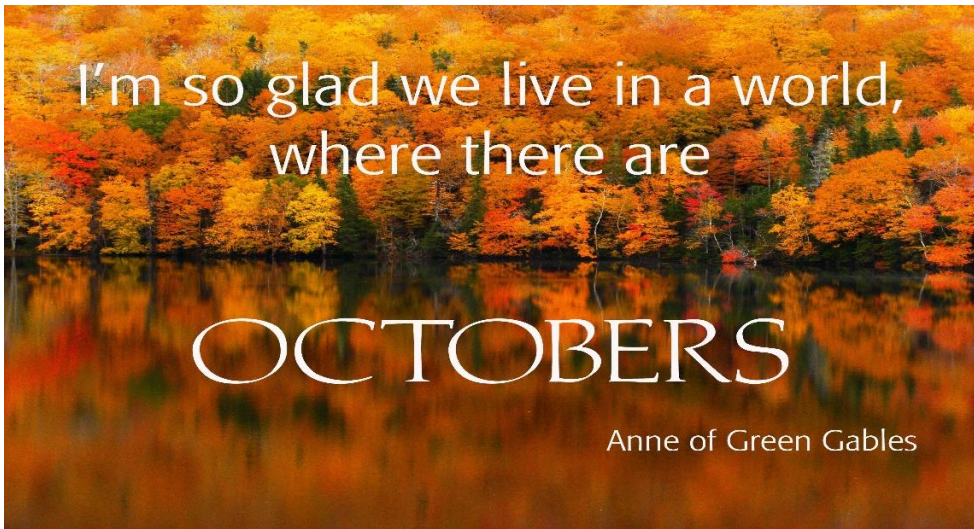


### Youth Volleyball Tournament

Save the date! Saturday, November 15, 2025, will be the Middle PA District Youth Volleyball Tournament at Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. Grades 6-12 are encouraged to get your teams together and come enjoy a day of fun with youth from across the district. More details will be shared soon.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>28</div> <div>9:25 am</div> <div>Worship</div> <div>10:30 am</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>11:30 am</div> <div>Women's Fellowship</div> <div>Welcome Back Meal</div> <div>11:30 am - 12:30 pm</div> <div>2026 Youth Conference Meeting</div> <div>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</div> <div>Good Grief Reunion @ Maddie Cakes</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9:30 am</div> <div>Bible Study</div>	<div>1</div> <div>9:00 am</div> <div>Quilting</div> <div>1:00 pm</div> <div>Prayer Shawl Ministry</div> <div>5:45 pm</div> <div>ReCharge Opening Night</div> <div>6:15 pm</div> <div>Virtual Bible Study</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>Chancel Choir</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:00 am</div> <div>Breakfast Fellowship</div> <div>9:00 am</div> <div>Bulletin Submission Deadline</div> <div>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</div> <div>Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting</div> <div>6:00 pm</div> <div>C E Team Meeting</div> <div>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</div> <div>Knitting Group in Parlor</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
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I'm so glad we live in a world,  
where there are

# OCTOBERS

Anne of Green Gables



October

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

mary  
davis

EVERY DAY SPIRIT  
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