



First Church of the Brethren  
901 Bloomfield Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673  
814.224.4113  
[www.rsfirstchurch.org](http://www.rsfirstchurch.org)  
[churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine [dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org](mailto:dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org)

## March 2026

### 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.

Not to be corny, but First Church will really be “Marching” this month! Yes, Yes. Yes. We will indeed be “springing forward” with Daylight Savings Time. But we will also be spending time and attention thanking God for his direction and blessings as we celebrate our past, and our present as well as embracing new opportunities for spiritual growth.

During the month, you will be hearing and seeing celebrations of 30 years of our successful Mentoring program. As 1 Peter 5 charges us to be “an example for the flock” many of you have taken Proverbs 22 to heart by spending time and effort “training up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.”

Of course, this month we also continue the journey of Lent, using encouragement of self-examination and sacrifice to help us walk closer with Christ.

Palm Sunday celebrations later in the month will remind us Christ’s journey into Jerusalem, with the hint of the Resurrection promise coming the first week of Easter in April. And on that last Sunday of the month we will also lean into the future of our church with baptisms and membership transfers.

So, March becomes a time to not only be excited about the warming temperatures and longer hours of sunlight. There’s much to eagerly anticipate within our spiritual lives as we continue to seek to serve God in our community.

-Pastor Dave





## Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

February 3, 2026

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

- Some sound issues with streaming of worship service were discussed. Need more people to volunteer at A/V desk Sunday mornings. Need someone to monitor sound output for stream and adjust as needed. Please see Terry or Bryce to volunteer.

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

- A bid for roof replacement by Champion Roofing was accepted. Total will be \$122,200 plus some costs for associated work. Flat roofs and shingled areas will all be replaced. Also, improvements to drain connections and replacement of skylight over stained glass skylight. To begin around May depending on weather.  
- Electrical upgrades should begin soon. Some additional cost for putting lines underground instead of adding another pole. Total for project is around \$50,000.  
- Funds for projects will come from roof fund and building fund plus working balance. No loans will be taken out. Donations still needed.

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

- Feb 7 church bowling party rescheduled due to extreme cold.  
- March 29 Luncheon changed to March 8 because of New Member reception 29th.  
- A 30th year celebration for Mentoring program is being planned.

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

- \$200 given to support Backpack Program.  
- Thank you notes received from Church World Service, Gideons, RS Community Library for donations.

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

- Chad Crumrine will take over as Chairperson April 1st. He'll work with Kaye in March to get acclimated.  
- Children's activity bags have been replenished.  
- Vacation Bible school planning to begin soon. Program will be held in conjunction with Albright COB and held at Albright.

### **Deacons' Report** – Mike and Becky Bianconi

- Exploring new ideas for Love Feast on World Wide Communion Sunday to try and entice more people to attend. Share your ideas with Becky or Mike.  
- Valentine's bags were given to those 70+ rather than the past Christmas bags.  
- Destiny Wagner will plan a Good Friday service. Deacons will help as needed.  
- Palm Sunday baptism and letter transfers. Reception will be held afterwards.

### **Pastor Dave**

- Planning at least one baptism and several membership transfers on Palm Sunday. Let Dave know if you may wish to be included or have questions about the process.  
- Pastor Dave will be the speaker at the August 2 Community Worship service.  
- He will teach a combined Summer Sunday School again.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday March 3rd at 6:00 pm**

# HELPING HANDS IN MARCH

**Greeter**  
**Deacon Greeter**  
**Fellowship Time**

**Mentoring Team Members**  
 Doug & Brenda Garber  
 No Second Sunday - March Fellowship will be hosted by the Deacons Palm Sunday

	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Candlelighter</b>	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team
<b>Organist</b>		Cathy Petre		Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger
<b>Pianist</b>	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Jill Delozier
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pattie Conlon	Linda Steele	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team
<b>Storyteller</b>	Sandy Norris	Pastor Dave	Bethann Frederick	Tammy Dell	Betsy Garach
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jodie & Bella Dellinger		Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green	Amy Nooyen
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
<b>Parking Lot Greeters</b>	Paul Witkovsky	Earl Bryson	Jerry Albright		Don Myers
<b>Flowers</b>			In Honor of the Mentoring Team & Harry Brubaker		
<b>Bulletins</b>			In Memory of Don Imes by Dave & Janet Imes		



**Every Wednesday 5:45 pm**



**THE MENTORING PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>!**

Kaye Russell and Chad Crumrine will co-chair the Christian Education Team thru March. Chad will then take over as solo chair for the rest of the year beginning April 1. Thank you, Kaye, for extending your leadership time and thank you Chad for being willing to serve as chair.



If you would like to renew or become a member of The Village at Morrisons Cove Auxiliary for 2026, please sign the blue form at the Welcome Center and place the appropriate amount of either cash or check in the envelope provided. The membership drive will run through March 31. Single membership is 5\$; Family is 10\$; Lifetime is 100\$. If you have questions, please speak with Kaye Russell. Thank you for your support of this ongoing vital ministry. It enables support of the Village Gift shop, the art Gallery/Artist of the Month, Facility Landscaping Projects, Monthly Barber Shop Support for the Residents, and an Annual Employee Appreciation Meal.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6 pm

The Dream

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by March 15<sup>th</sup>

**ALL LADIES WELCOME!**



Feel free to join the Ladies or the Men for good food and fellowship!



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

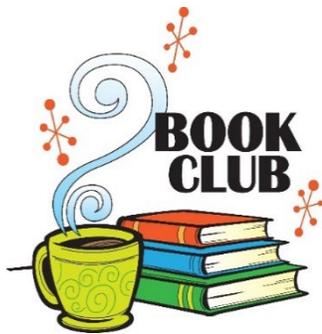
March 21, 2026

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



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

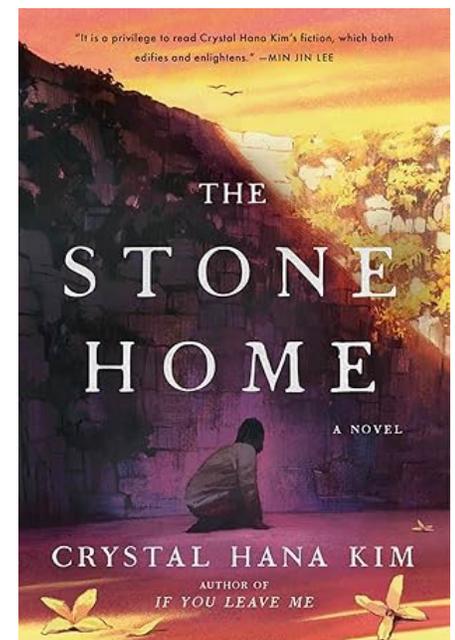
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on March 16, 2025. Feel free to join whether reading or just for the fellowship and discussion!

## The Stone Home by Crystal Hana Kim

In 2011, Eunju Oh opens her door to greet a stranger: a young Korean American woman holding a familiar-looking knife—a knife Eunju hasn't seen in more than thirty years, and that connects her to a place she'd desperately hoped to leave behind forever.

In South Korea in the 1980s, young Eunju and her mother are homeless on the street. After being captured by the police, they're sent to live within the walls of a state-sanctioned reformatory center that claims to rehabilitate the nation's citizens but hides a darker, more violent reality. While Eunju and her mother form a tight-knit community with the other women in the kitchen, two teenage brothers, Sangchul and Youngchul, are compelled to labor in the workshops and make increasingly desperate decisions—and all are forced down a path of survival, the repercussions of which will echo for decades to come.

Inspired by real events, told through alternating timelines and two intimate perspectives, *The Stone Home* is a deeply affecting story of a mother and daughter's love and a pair of brothers whose bond is put to an unfathomably difficult test. Capturing a shameful period of history with breathtaking restraint and tenderness, Crystal Hana Kim weaves a lyrical exploration of the legacy of violence and the complicated psychology of power, while showcasing the extraordinary acts of devotion and friendship that can arise in the darkness.



# March Birthdays

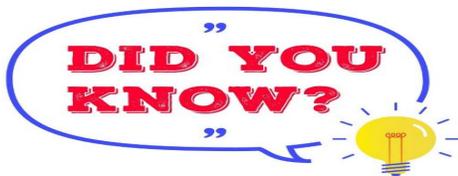


3/1 Dylan Butler  
 3/2 Bob Snider  
 3/8 Julianna Flamish  
 3/10 Brandon Dick-Giordano  
 Linda Frederick  
 3/12 Mark Garach  
 3/15 Katy Roudabush  
 3/17 Emanuel Walter  
 3/19 Brian Totillo  
 3/21 Joseph Hershberger

3/22 Julie Dick  
 Mark Fisher  
 3/23 Janis Thompson  
 Chris Wagner  
 3/24 Emma Frederick  
 3/29 Shari Ritchey  
 Cindy Shaw  
 3/30 Doug Garber  
 3/31 David Albright  
 Amy Nooyen  
 Chris Avvampato



3/17 Dave & Janet Imes  
 3/19 Dan & Sharon Hammel  
 3/20 Jerry & Shari Ritchey



**Children's Easter Skit practice** will be held after Recharge on Wednesday evening for 30 min and then on Saturday March 21st at 9am to 1030am in the sanctuary. If your child would like to participate, please see Mindy Wagner.

## LADIES AID QUILTING

*OUR WONDERFUL GROUP OF HAND QUILTERS GET TOGETHER EACH WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE LADIES AID ROOM TO FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER AND SHARE THE LOVE OF THEIR HOBBY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE NANCY FORSHEY*

### There are so many ways to get involved at First Church!

- Greeters
- Nursery Care
- Knitting Group
- MuMS Group for Moms
- Ladies Aide Quilting
- Good Grief
- Love Them Through It
- Christian Education
- Finance & Facility
- Chancel Choir
- Audio/Visual Tech
- \* Thursday Breakfast Fellowship
- \* Sisters of Faith Monthly Dinner
- \* Men's Fellowship
- \* Mentoring Program
- \* JOY (Just Older Youth)
- \* Banquets & Dinners
- \* Brethren Disaster Ministries
- \* Missions and Services
- \* Worship Team
- \* Piano/Organists
- \* Sunday School

And More!!

# MENTORSHIP

mentoring relationship



Mentoring Team of Clare Hoffman, Bonnie Butler and Annabelle Hoffman at the Christmas Eve Service 2025



Mentoring Teams



Chris Wagner Marissa Witkovsky

Zach Croft Doug Garber



AJ Frederick Dave Imes



Janet Imes Jeverlie Wyland



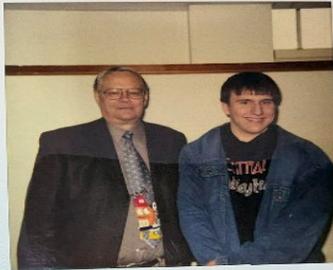
Janie Myers Avery Smith



Traci Russell Barb Wineland



Pat Frazier Alec Madden



Gary Thompson  
Troy Crumrine



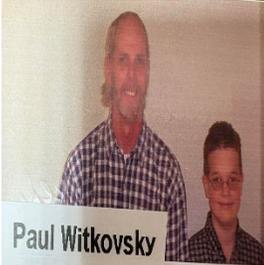
Krista Snyder  
Abby Harmon



Abby Martin Courtney Frye



Abby Garber Julie Witkovsky



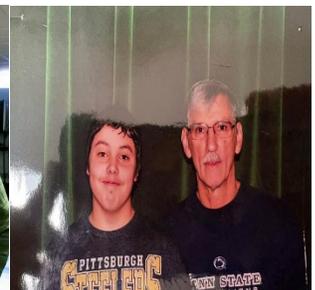
Paul Witkovsky  
Mitchell Frederick



Cathy Petre Sage Evans

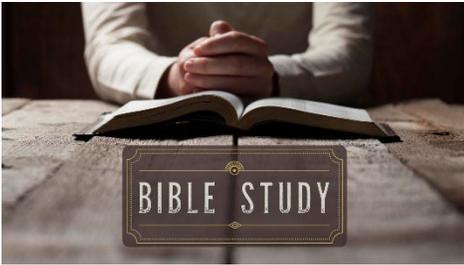


Jon Gartmann Tyreke Green



Dylan Bianconi Don Bookhammer

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Every Tuesday Morning @ 9:30 am**

**Virtually Every Wednesday @ 6:15 pm**

Link for Virtual Bible Study if you have a computer, please click the link below. Virtual Bible study is held at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings.

<https://zoom.us/j/837184785>



**Good Grief Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**



*Love Them Through It*

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm



Ladies Aide Quilting

Wednesdays 9:00 am - Noon



Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm



Chancel Choir meets  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



**Join Us For  
Breakfast**

Thursday Mornings @ 9:00 am at  
Traditions



First Sunday of the month –  
Contemporary Music from 6:00-7:30 PM

Knitting Group  
Meets Thursdays  
@ 6:30 pm



Find more information on our website: [www.rsfirstchurch.org](http://www.rsfirstchurch.org)

Watch Sunday  
Worship on -----

Just search  
Roaring Spring  
First Church



Keep up-to-date on





**Thank you!**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for remembering me on Valentine's Day with a gift!  
In Christ's Love,

Audrey Smith

Spaghetti & Meatball Lunch  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School



Chilli & Potato Fest

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> following Sunday School



THANK YOU

I'd like to give a big thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and communications during my recent hip surgery and recovery period. It's such a blessing being part of such a loving and caring church. - Rusty Hoover

The Men's Fellowship would like to Thank everyone who supported the Hoss's Fundraiser last month!

**2026 ALTOONA CURVE  
FUNDRAISER BOOKS  
MIDDLE PA COB DISTRICT**

**COST: \$30 each**

**Each book contains:**

- 4 grandstand ticket vouchers for any home game
- Buy a chicken basket-get a free soda voucher
- Buy a hot dog-get a free soda voucher
- Buy a hamburger-get a free soda voucher
- One 10% off merchandise coupon
- 2 kids' zone vouchers
- TOTAL VALUE \$50**

Turn in orders and money by March 9<sup>th</sup>  
To the District Office

Pick up books at the District Office March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Other arrangements to pick up may be made by contacting  
Becki Reed at 814-635-3531 or 814-935-2110  
Or email at [ravers4@comcast.net](mailto:ravers4@comcast.net)  
Tyson Daniels at 814-880-9611



Palm Sunday is March 29th



Wednesday,  
April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm!

**BY HIS INVITATION**  
JOIN US FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC, WORSHIP, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!  
**APRIL 3RD - FROM 6:30 - 7 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

901 BLOOMFIELD RD, ROARING SPRING PA  
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ BY HIS INVITATION FOR MORE INFO



This Month

# March 2026

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:25 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm By His Invitation</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Leadership Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>5:45 pm ReCharge</p> <p>6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline</p> <p>6:00 pm Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Food Bank Collection</p> <p>9:25 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>12:00 pm Spaghetti &amp; Meatball Meal</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 pm BDM Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Good Grief</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>5:45 pm ReCharge</p> <p>6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:25 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>1:00 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 am Book Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Love Them Through It</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Sisters of Faith</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>5:45 pm ReCharge</p> <p>6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:25 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>12:00 pm Chilli &amp; Potato Fest</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>5:45 pm ReCharge</p> <p>6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:25 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:45 am - 12:45 pm Celebration for Transfers and Baptism</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm By His Invitation</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>6:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline</p> <p>6:00 pm Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>



*Address Service Requested*



FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
 901 BLOOMFIELD STREET  
 ROARING SPRING, PA 16673  
 814.224.4113  
 Email: [churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org)  
[www.rsfirstchurch.org](http://www.rsfirstchurch.org)  
 Pastor  
 Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine  
[dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org](mailto:dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org)


 Find us on  
**Facebook**

If you wish to be removed from  
 mailing list or correct your address,  
 please contact us through an above  
 means.