



First Church of the Brethren
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April 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.

April, of course, is the time of we year celebrate the greatest of all events, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Evidently, the King James Version of the Bible is the only major English translation that uses the term “Easter” to describe the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion.

The word appears exactly once in the KJV in Acts 12:4. Twenty eight other times in the New Testament, the Greek word used is translated as “Passover,” the name of the Jewish celebration of God “passing over” the doorposts marked with the blood of the sacrificial lamb that saved the Israelites from death, and symbolizes for us Jesus' crucifixion as the final sacrifice for the redemption of humanity.

According to Google AI, the name “Easter” seems to come from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, whose feast was celebrated during this time of year. Others say the name might connect to a Germanic word for “dawn” and marks a festival of new life and spring.

Confused? Forget all of that. Let’s eliminate all the “maybes” and “what ifs.” Here’s all you need to be sure of. I Corinthians 15:14 tells us “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”

Christ WAS indeed raised, and our faith is NOT useless! Because of that, we can live, secure, at peace, and sure of all of His promises! No matter what labels the world applies!

- Pastor Dave





Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

March 3, 2026

Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Mike Bianconi gave update.
- Roof replacement on track for May. Weather will dictate actual start date.
- Electrical upgrades ready to start. First step will be putting lines underground from Penelec pole into church instead of adding another pole. Will cause some disruption to parking lot entrance and steps and area near blessing box.
- Bids being solicited to repair existing interior drywall damage after roof completed.

Hospitality and Communications Team - Beth Burns

- March 29 Luncheon changed to March 8 because of New Member reception 29th.
- Easter flowers on sale for sanctuary decoration then take by donor after Easter.
- Kids Easter Egg hunt April 1st.

Missions and Service Team - Sandy Burket

- Meeting 3/23
- Beginning to look at Heritage Fair plans held Sept. 20th at Camp Blue Diamond.

Christian Education Team - Kaye Russell

- Last Wed. Recharge night is 3/25.
- No Sunday School held Palm Sunday. New member reception in Fellowship Hall.
- Chad Crumrine will take over as Chairperson April 1st.
- Children's activity bags are missing. Have you seen them?
- 4 youth and 3 adults registered for National Youth Conference July 18-23.
- Children's Church will continue through the summer. A change from the past.
- Some interest has been shown for post high SS class. Travis Wagner is leading.

Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Still need more people to volunteer at A/V desk Sunday mornings. Training is provided. Please see Terry or Bryce to volunteer or with questions.
- Several special events during worship over the Easter season.

Deacons' Report – Mike and Becky Bianconi

- Destiny Wagner has planned a Good Friday service from 6 - 7:30 March 28th. Deacons and youth will be helping.
- Helping with Palm Sunday baptism and letter transfers. Hosting a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall to welcome new members. You are all invited.

Pastor Dave

- Planning at least one baptism and several membership transfers on Palm Sunday.
- Teaching Summer combined Sunday School again.
- Will be away 6/21 and 6/28. Dan Hammel and Doug Detweiler will fill in as speakers.

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 7th at 6:00 pm

HELPING HANDS IN APRIL

Greeter
Deacon Greeter
Fellowship Time

Nancy Forshey
Dave & Valerie Smith
Youth



	5	12	19	26
Candlelighter		Finn Croft	Ezra Croft	
Organist	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Petre	Jill Delozier	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Kaye Russell	Rob Carter		Linda Steele
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Pastor Dave	Bethann Frederick	Traci Totillo
Children's Church	Janie Myers & Melinda Green	Tammy Carter	Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer	Rick Carrier		
Flowers				
Bulletins	Provided by Bryce Nooyen	In Memory of Betty Jean Hoover by Linda	Provided by Jeverlie Wyland and Janet Imes	In Memory of Thomas Strum by wife, Carol



Good Grief
Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm



Love Them Through It
Monday, April 20th @ 6:30 pm



Contemporary
Christian Music
the First Sunday
each month from
6:00-7:30 pm



Chancel Choir practice
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Knitting group meets
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm



Breakfast
fellowship
Thursdays @ 9:00
am at Traditions



Ladies Aide Quilting
Wednesdays 9:00 am - Noon

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6 pm

The Dream

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by April 19th

ALL LADIES WELCOME!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

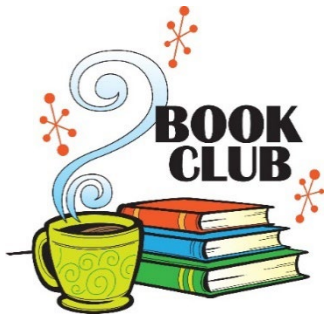
April 18, 2026

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



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

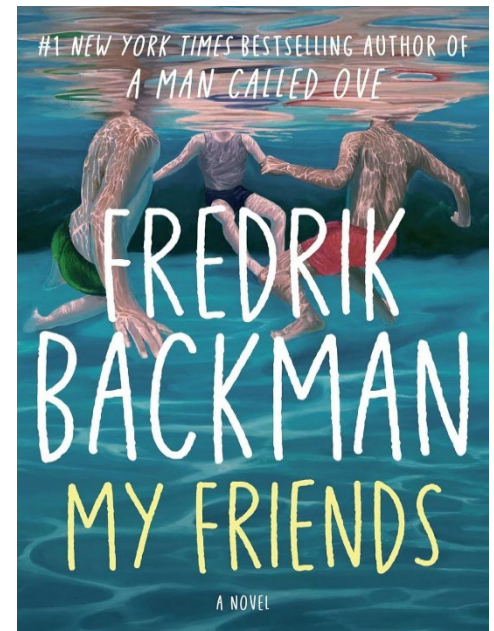
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on April 20, 2026. Feel free to join whether reading or just for the fellowship and discussion!

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

Most people don't even notice them—three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise, and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.

Twenty-five years earlier, in a distant seaside town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their bruising home lives by spending long summer days on an abandoned pier, telling silly jokes, sharing secrets, and committing small acts of rebellion. These lost souls find in each other a reason to get up each morning, a reason to dream, a reason to love.

Out of that summer emerges a transcendent work of art, a painting that will unexpectedly be placed into eighteen-year-old Louisa's care. She embarks on a surprise-filled cross-country journey to learn how the painting came to be and to decide what to do with it. The closer she gets to the painting's birthplace, the more nervous she becomes about what she'll find. Louisa is proof that happy endings don't always take the form we expect in this stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of friendship and art.





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| 4/1 Dominic Wagner | 4/13 Mike Burns |
| Molly Martin | 4/16 Sophialynn Flamish |
| Travis Russell | 4/18 Jennie Stiffler |
| John Holsinger | 4/19 Deb Delozier |
| 4/4 Denise Grubb | 4/20 Sammi Bowser |
| Shayla Walters | 4/22 Paul Witkovsky |
| 4/5 Joe Price | Bryce Nooyen |
| 4/6 J D Barry | 4/25 Stacey Seibert |
| 4/8 Gary Wineland | 4/29 Hailey Burns |



- 4/16 Gary & Jane Thompson
 4/17 Bill & Jeanne Sollenberger
 4/30 Hal & Nan Grove



March 29 at 9:25 am Palm Sunday Worship

We will receive new members into our church family through baptism and transfer. The Deacons invite everyone to a reception for them following worship in our Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will not be held.

April 2 at 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday

Love Feast will include a time of preparation, feet washing, a fellowship meal and communion. Please contact Mike & Becky Bianconi if you need transportation.

April 3 at 6:00 pm Good Friday

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm at Trinity UMC and St. Luke's joint service. You are invited to come to the church from 6 -7:30 pm for a Good Friday worship service featuring "By His Invitation." Join in praise and worship through contemporary Christian music.

April 5 at 9:25 am Easter Worship

Sunrise Service at 6:30am Greenlawn Cemetery- Trinity UMC and St. Lukes'. Come and join in celebrating the joyous truth of Jesus' resurrection that will include an Easter skit performed by the children as part of our morning worship at 9:25 am



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

LOOKING TO GIVE TO SOMEONE DURING A TIME OF NEED? JOIN OUR PRAYER SHAWL GROUP AS WE PROVIDE PRAYER SHAWLS TO THOSE WHO ARE SICK, HAVING SURGERY, OR HOSPITALIZED. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE CHURCH'S PARLOR FROM 1:00-3:00 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY. PLEASE SEE JANE BRUMBAUGH OR KRISTA SNYDER FOR MORE INFORMATION

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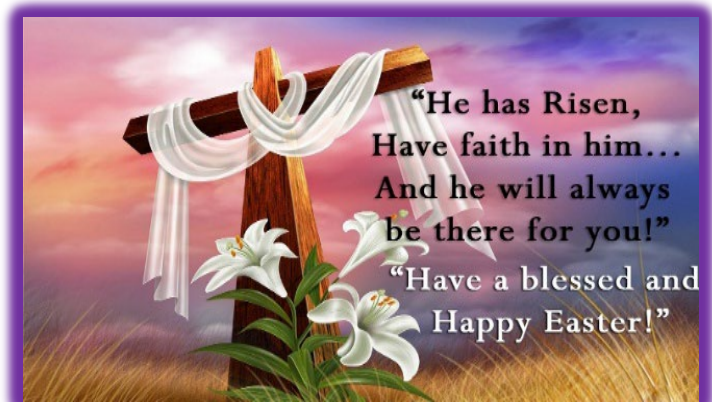
Children 5th grade and under –
Join us for a fun time! Bring a
basket!



Maundy Thursday

Love Feast @ 6:30 pm

Deacons – please arrive
at 7:30 pm April 1st to set
up and again at 5:30 pm
on April 2nd to complete
the final preparations for
Love Feast



April 5th is Easter Sunday!



Deacon Communion
Bread Making

Sunday, April 19th
following Sunday School



We have traditionally dedicated babies and children on Mother's Day, and this year is no exception. If you are interested in having your child/ren dedicated to God on Sunday, May 10, 2026, please be in contact with Pastor Dave so they can be included.

Find more information on our website:
www.rsfirstchurch.org

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To Our Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and meals when Arlene fell. Your outreach is appreciated!

Thank you and God Bless,

Arlene & Fred Beers



March Mentoring Moments- Celebrating 30 years!



Thank you!

2025-2026 Mentoring Teams

Mike Burns	Abe Russell
Melinda Green	Jona Gartmann
Doug Garber	Mark Robertson
Brenda Garber-Fluke	Destiny Wagner
Bethann Frederick	Willow Miller
Terra Norris-Gartmann	Bella Dellinger
Julie Dick	Vada Thompson
Dawn Crumrine	Izy McCready
Travis Russell	Mason Hershberger
Tom Holsinger	Joseph Hershberger
Kassidy Snyder	Addie Snider

A very special thank you to everyone who helped make the Mentoring Program a success for the past 30 years! Thank you to everyone who continues to help mentor our youth and help them to grow in faith.



Mentoring Teams



Congratulations and Welcome to our new members and baptisms!

Tyreke Green was baptized on March 29th

We also received the transfers of the following members:

- Linda Claycomb
- Jess & Evelyn Messick
- Bobbi & Jerry Albright
- Susan & Alan Musselman

4th ANNUAL CARNIVAL DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 16th, 2026 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 16th, 2026. If they would happen to get a call they will have to go. Come early!

Food Truck by Belly Buster Foodtruck, Different Games, Face Painting, Cotton Candy, Candy Apples, Snowcones, Popcorn, Entertainment: Horseshoe Cloggers at 11am, Balloon Legends twist at 11am-2pm, Petting Zoo and More!!!

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

Heritage Fair Scarecrows

We need to collect the following items:

- Used or new pantyhose
 - Used or new long sleeve shirts and pants – children’s size to adult size
 - Used Children’s one-piece sleepers
 - Ball caps and hats
- *Sometimes clothing and items can be found at yard sales for free or cheap – Be on the lookout!



We also need to borrow a pop-up tent, donated straw, and volunteers to help at the Heritage Fair Saturday, Sept. 19th.

Contact Sandy Norris @ (814) 935-2582

2026 CHILDREN'S EASTER SKIT





This Month

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Palm Sunday 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:45 am - 12:45 pm Celebration for Transfers and Baptism	30	31 9:30 am Bible Study	1 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Love Feast	3 Good Friday Office Closed 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service	4
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