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September 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.

September is a crazy, busy time. Many important events and ideas get their “fifteen minutes of fame” this time of year. But wrapping itself quietly around all the special days and remembrances, almost unnoticed -- is the fact that this month --the entire month -- is also “Nation Self-Care Month.”

So sure, celebrate Labor Day, and Constitution Day. Give appropriate attention to Patriot Day and Rally Day (especially Rally Day). Celebrate the first day of fall. But in the middle of all that, don't forget that taking care of yourself comes before, during and after all the special days and events.

Resolve to start with making your spiritual self-care even more of a priority this month. Philippians 4:8 says, “Fix your thoughts on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable.” First Church offers Bible Studies Tuesday morning and on-line Wednesday evenings to help you focus on God's word. And of course, Sunday worship and Christian Education Classes for all ages allow you to be reminded and encouraged through His word, and to discuss it with brothers and sisters in Christ.

And while you're drawing closer to Christ, don't forget Philippians 4:6 which reminds us “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” That's a lot easier when we get in the habit of believing Psalm 23 and the promise that “He leadeth us beside still waters.”

While you're doing all of that, don't forget that tend your temple! I Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us that “a believer's body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in them.” The Spirit deserves a good place to live!

So, enjoy the season, but don't forget that all those special days are better when we put Christ and taking care of what he has given us first.

-Pastor Dave





August 4, 2026

Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Continue to work on improving audio output for You Tube streamed service.
- Visioning team has been visiting other churches and gathering ideas for possible improvements to building access.

Hospitality and Communications Team - Beth Burns

- About 40 people attended church picnic.
- Craft and Vendor show was successful. It raised about \$800 for roof fund.
- Fifth Sunday luncheon will be held August 30th.

Missions and Service Team - Sandy Burket

- Donations were given to Roaring Spring Food Bank and Roaring Spring Library.
- Plans for Heritage Fair, held Sept. 20th at Camp Blue Diamond, continue. We will sell green pepper and chicken noodle soups, gob cake and baked goods. Will do sand art and scarecrow making. Helpers are needed at the fair to take turns at the booth.

Christian Education Team – Chad Crumrine

- Vacation Bible School was 8/4 – 8/7 ending with a pool party at Memorial Park.
- Rally Day is Sept. 13th.
- Recharge continues monthly gathering. Will begin weekly on October 7th.
- An Impact Team will be formed to develop leadership of Youth program following the end of the Garber's service as coordinators.

Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Roof work is finishing. Timeline was longer than original bid but on budget.
- Electrical upgrade is also finishing up. There were some unexpected costs putting the project over budget.
- Considering adding a church sign on parking lot side of the building.
- Evaluating fees charged for church building use. Considering changes.
- With several unexpected costs this year including AC repairs, copier replacement and cost overruns, December's white gift offering will probably be used for general budget. All budgeted outreach will be met plus extra giving that has been shared with groups like EMS, RS Library and others.

Other -

- Discussion on parking and alley accessibility. Congregation is asked to park further from building if able, saving closer spots for less mobile folks. If you're driving a handicap/special need person but are able bodied yourself, we would ask you to drop them off and park elsewhere rather than in reserved spots. Men's fellowship greeter at rear entrance can assist them into building if needed. Compact vehicles only should park in three spots left of steps near the office door.

Deacons' Report - Mike and Becky Bianconi

- In-pew communion was held 7/12 and new member reception 7/19.
- Next meeting 9/20.

Pastor Dave -

- Thanked Becky Bianconi and Angie Russell for annual conference attendance and report.
- Spoke at Community worship service on August 2nd.

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 4th at 6:00

HELPING HANDS IN SEPTEMBER

Greeter
Deacon Greeter
Fellowship Time

Hope & Billi Jo Kephart
 Linda Steele
 Rally Day Committee

	6	13	20	27
Candlelighter			Mentoring	
Organist	Cathy Neal		Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Petre	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck	Jill Delozier
Worship Leader	Linda Steele	Pattie Conlon		Marlys Hershberger
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Traci Totillo
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger		Angie Russell	Alayna Snowberger & Elsey Kephart
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot Greeters	Isaac Snowberger	Bill Kephart		
Flowers			In Memory of Gerald & Eleanor Kauffman by Keith & Kristen Hall	
Bulletins	In Memory of Margaret Imes by Dave & Janet Imes	Reserved	In Memory of Bob Hoover	In Memory of Bill Du Bois by Dottie



Good Grief

Tuesday, September 8th
 @ 6:30 pm



Love Them Through It

Monday, September 21st @ 6:30 pm



Wednesday
Sept 9th
5:45 pm
Canal Basin
Park Fun



Friday, September 18th

Join the Youth Fellowship for fun from 9-11 pm following the Central High Football game



Dates for 2026:

Sept 13th – Grace Notes
Oct 11th – Matthew Alan
Nov 1st – The Trexlers
Dec 6th – The Gathering
 From 6-7:30 pm





Tuesday, September 15, 2026

6 pm

At The Dream

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by September 13th

ALL LADIES WELCOME!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September 26, 2026

8 am

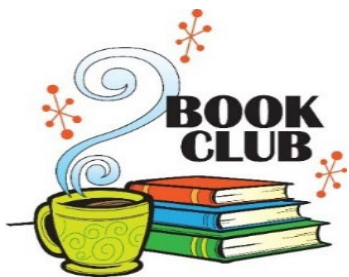
Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!

Mentoring 2026-2027 Kick off!

Mentors and Mentees will meet on Sunday, September 20th in the Fellowship Hall for donuts and pictures from 8:25-9:05 am. The mentoring teams are then asked to sit together during the worship service.



Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.
Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on September 21, 2026.

The Last Letter by Rebecca Yarros

The Last Letter begins when Beckett Gentry gets a fallen comrade's plea: go to Telluride and help Ella, his fiercely independent sister, raising twins. Through months of exchanged letters and shared struggles, Beckett steps into her world—where illness, grief, and buried truths entwined with an unexpected, deepening bond.

Beckett,

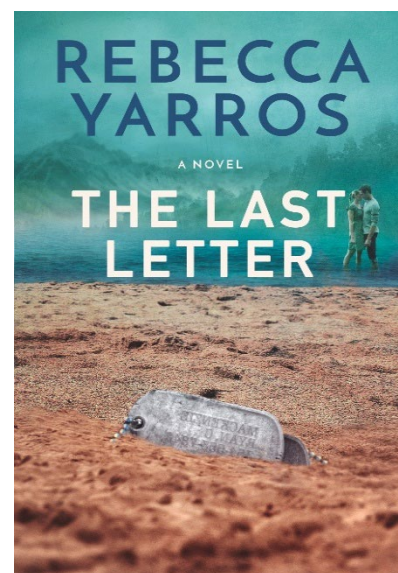
If you're reading this, well, you know the last-letter drill. You made it. I didn't. Get off the guilt train, because I know if there was any chance you could have saved me, you would have.

I need one thing from you: get out of the army and get to Telluride.

My little sister Ella's raising the twins alone. She's too independent and won't accept help easily, but she has lost our grandmother, our parents, and now me. It's too much for anyone to endure. It's not fair.

And here's the kicker: there's something else you don't know that's tearing her family apart. She's going to need help.

So if I'm gone, that means I can't be there for Ella. I can't help them through this. But you can. So, I'm begging you, as my best friend, go take care of my sister, my family. Please don't make her go through it alone. - Ryan



September Birthdays



9/5 Tina Snowberger
Vickie Fisher

9/6 Hank Meetze
Darlene Eicher
Hal Grove

9/8 Guy Forshey
9/10 Tom Dick
9/12 Aric Foor

9/15 Jane Brumbaugh

9/18 Adam Frederick

9/20 Sage Evans

9/21 Nancy Forshey
Jerry Ritchey

9/26 Janet Imes

9/27 Aubreyalice Flamish

9/29 Clara Hoffman



9/1 Walter & Linda Piper

Guy & Nancy Forshey

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

9/15 Tom & Julie Dick

9/26 Rick & Tonya Dillon

Mitch & Bethann Frederick

Troy & Mary Crumrine



Courtney will be out of the office Sept 7th – 11th. See you on the 14th!



Heritage Fair:
September 19th

Contact Sandy Norris at (814) 935-2582 to help with donations and volunteering!



Activity bags are available for children who are not old enough to participate in Children's Church to enjoy during worship. They are located at the entrance to the Sanctuary and on a chair in the balcony.

Middle District News

Camp Blue Diamond is searching for:

FACILITIES DIRECTOR | Camp Blue Diamond | Petersburg, PA

Camp Blue Diamond is seeking a gifted and dedicated individual with a passion for outdoor ministry to serve as its next Facilities Director. Camp Blue Diamond is a retreat center, summer camp, and family campground affiliated with the congregations of the Middle Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren. Guided by its mission, Camp Blue Diamond strives to encourage discipleship of Jesus Christ while fostering growth and healing in each person's relationship with God, with others, with themselves, and with the created world.

TEACHING FOR PREACHING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 17 & 31

9:00-11:30 AM Facilitators: Mike Benner and Duane Crumrine

Middle Pennsylvania District Center

IN PERSON or ZOOM a 3-session course for the laity who aren't afraid to preach but want some education about delivering effective sermons

District Conference: Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Clover Creek Church of the Brethren

Karen Norton Biddle, District Conference Moderator

Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, Director of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, will be leading a Friday evening session entitled Discerning Your Congregation's Next Faithful Step, to be held on October 9 from 4:30-8:00 pm at Altoona First Church of the Brethren. Pastors and church leaders are encouraged to attend this pre-conference event. She will bring the morning message October 10th, and her sermon will explore the theme of servanthood as taught in Matthew 20:26-28.

Offerings: Small Church Fund and Pennies for Witness

Outreach Project: Sowing Hope Farm

Please mark your calendars and watch for more details for the following Zoom sessions led by Julie Guistwite.

- October 6, 2026, • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Caring for Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions
- October 29, 2026, • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Supporting Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions

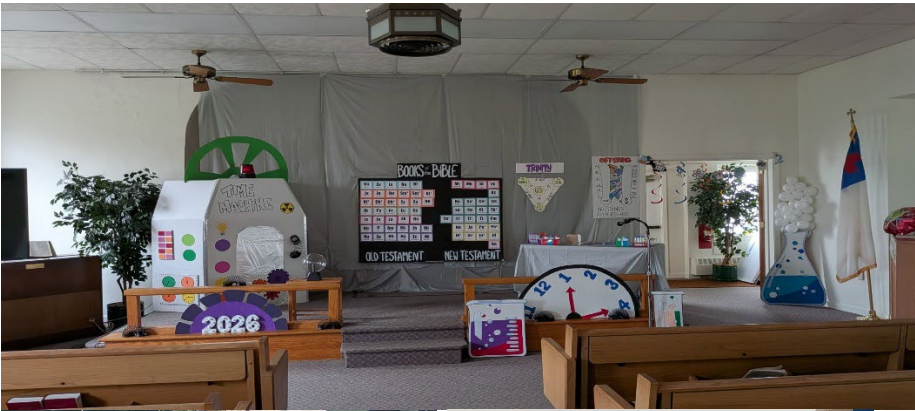
Sharing Sunday: Sunday, November 22, 2026, congregation offering of support



The Chancel Choir practices Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm September - May



See Below for August Fun that was had at RS First Church!



Rally Day

— AT —
**FIRST CHURCH
 of the
 BRETHREN**

**SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 13TH**

 **WORSHIP**
 at **9:25 AM**

 **ACTIVITIES &
 REFRESHMENTS**
 in the Fellowship Hall
 at **10:30 AM**

★ Join us as we Celebrate our country's
250th Birthday and the start of our
 Sunday School Year with Rally Day!
 As our school year starts and we
 move into our next 250 years as a
 country, allow God to transform us
 and help us to carry the way of
 Christ into every place we go.

**AMERICA
 ★ 250 ★
 1776 - 2026**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR
 RED, WHITE OR BLUE
 APPAREL TO CHURCH!**

**EVERYONE
 IS INVITED!**

**"Seek the
 peace of the city...
 and pray unto
 the LORD for it."
 JEREMIAH 29:7**



FT. GRACE NOTES

**CONTEMPORARY
 CHRISTIAN** ✱

by His invitation

 Revelation 3:20



**13TH
 SEPT.** **MUSIC**

FOR MORE INFO
 FOLLOW US ON
 FACEBOOK AT
 BYHISINVITATION
 OR TEXT
 (814)934-3614

TIME	LOCATION
6-7:30 PM	ROARING SPRING FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 901 BLOOMFIELD RD., ROARING SPRING

WEDNESDAY Night



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
 STARTING AT 5:45**

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

-  **5:45**
Dinner for ALL
-  **6:15**
Recharge Time
-  *Nursery through
5th Grade
-  *Jr & Sr High
Bible Study
-  *Adult
Bible Study
-  **7:30**
Child Pick-Up

*Unless otherwise noted

You and your entire
 family are invited to
RECHARGE
 at Roaring Spring

First Church of the Brethren,
 Wednesday evenings
 starting
OCTOBER 7TH

Don't forget to wear your
RECHARGE T-SHIRTS
 if you have one!
*New friends
 always WELCOME!*


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WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS
 to help continue to make **RECHARGE** a success!

-  **COOKS**
-  **KITCHEN
 HELP**
-  **TEACHERS**
-  **CLASSROOM
 HELPERS**

Contact Angie Russell at
814-327-0145
 to **VOLUNTEER!**





This Month

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Sunday School	31	1 9:30 am Bible Study	2 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice	3 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00 pm Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting 6:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	4	5
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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