

**The First Church of the Brethren
Roaring Spring, PA
March 1, 2020**

Lent has begun: a time for both walking with Jesus toward the cross and being strengthened in our faith and knowledge of God.
Welcome to worship and to the Lenten journey.

Welcome, Announcements and *Greeting

Enter the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship Dylan Butler

One: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven!

All: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

One: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart?

All: Shout for joy, you people of God.

One: Let us worship the one who gives us strength to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

*Invocation

*Hymn *Here I Am To Worship* Screen

Mentor Recognition Janie Myers

Children's Story Sandy Norris

(Children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to attend Children's Church in the stage area of the Fellowship Hall.)

Chancel Choir *Ancient Words* Arr. McDonald

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Thought

Offering

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Hymn # 37 *Praise to the Lord*

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon: What the Bible tells us about HOW to pray. Part 2

*Hymn # 106 *All Hail the Power*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Portions of today's service are adapted from the Abingdon Worship Manual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christian Life candle is lit in memory of Anna Ferne McConahy, who went home to be with her Lord, Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

The bulletins are given in honor of all mentors, past and present.

Hearing devices are available from the Ushers.

Please return to the Narthex at the end of the service.

Please sign the Attendance Register during the offering.

Visitors are encouraged to share their address. Members and regular attenders can note change of address or phone number.

Please include in your prayers: Bill Hagstrom, John Coates (now home), Russell & Helen Johnson, Carl Hoover, Barbara Roush, Matt Price, Sharon Hammel, family of Anna Ferne McConahy.

The church **Relay for Life Team** is selling tickets for a cash bash (no need to be present to win!) to be held at Shawnee Park, Roaring Spring on March 14th. Donations are \$10 each. See one of us today to get your ticket! Thanks for the support!

Undershepherds and Deacons are invited to a luncheon and training on March 15th. We will begin at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

	Serving Today	Next Sunday
Audio	Travis Wagner	Travis Wagner
Candlelighter	Genesis Class	Genesis Class
Organist	Cathy Petre	Barb Wineland
Pianist	Terry Hershberger	Brenda Fluke-Garber
Storyteller	Sandy Norris	Pastor Dave
Nursery		
Welcome Center	Jane Brumbaugh	Carol Emerick
Worship Leader	Dylan Butler	Doug Garber
Children's Church		
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Bookhammer Matt May	Justin Keith
Greeters		
Rear Door	Michael and Cathy Pollard	Michael and Cathy Pollard
Front Door	Jake Yingling	Jake Yingling
Deacon Greeters	Dan & Sharon Hammel	Dan & Sharon Hammel
Head Ushers: Pat Frazier, Dave Brumbaugh, Earl Bryson		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		

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Sunday School Classes			
10:45 am – 11:30 am			
Class	Room	Class	Room
Nursery	202	Generation Hope	405
Pre-k – 2 nd Gr	201	Genesis	406
Grades 3-5	205	Alpha	402
Jr High	504	Mr & Mrs	301
Sr High	503	Young Adult	506

Volunteer Background Checks:

The leadership team is taking a more active role in validating that all church volunteers who work with children have their clearances as required by PA LAW. This is not a reflection on our trust or faith in the volunteers but is a reflection of changes in the law.

ALL church volunteers who interact or volunteer with children, 0-18 years of age, must obtain clearances as outlined on keepkidssave.pa.gov and <http://epatch.state.pa.us>. This includes PA Child Abuse History Clearance **and** PA State Criminal Record Check. FBI Criminal History Check is also required if you have lived outside of PA anytime in the last 10 years.

The leadership team is asking all volunteers to resubmit all clearances that they currently have to the church office if they have not done so yet in 2020. Clearances will need updated every 5 years.

Anyone who needs clearances can go online to keepkidssave.pa.gov for more information. Mail in forms are available in the welcome center. If you require assistance or have questions, please reach out to Paul W. or anyone on the Leadership Team.

The Church of the Brethren awards a limited number of scholarships each year to individuals enrolled in a nursing program. Candidates for the scholarships must be enrolled in a LPN, RN, or nursing graduate program and members of the Church of the Brethren. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted by April 1. Candidates awarded scholarships will be notified in July. For more information: <http://www.brethren.org/congregationallife/nursingscholarships.html>.

Camp Blue Diamond Annual Dinners: Coffeehouse! Paul Witkovsky has tickets for Friday night March 27th. The \$50 ticket includes dinner and entertainment emceed by Gabe Imler and featuring Spring Run's Tim and Duane Show. A silent auction featuring the artistic and culinary talents of our friends is new this year.

The Alpha Class is selling shelf sitters of First Church for \$10 each. One is on display at the Welcome Center. See any class member to make your purchase.

Gifts and Talents Surveys are available at the Welcome Center, our website, and in the March Newsletter. Please return by March 15th to Valerie Smith or the receptacle at the Welcome Center.

March 1 - 8, 2020

Today	8:30 am	Mentoring Celebration
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Deacon Prayer Gathering
	1:30 pm	Youth Volleyball Practice
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6 pm	Financial Peace University
	7 pm	Relay for Life Meeting
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	5:30 pm	Membership Class
	5:45 pm	Recharge
Thursday	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
	9 am	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9 am	Breakfast Fellowship
Sunday	6:30 pm	Knitting in Parlor
		Daylight Savings Time Begins
		Food Bank Collection
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time & Sermon Talk
	11 am	Sunday School
	1:30 pm	Youth Volleyball Practice



**Men's Fellowship
Baked Potato & Chili Fest**
March 15
following worship and Sunday School
\$4 for Baked Potato or Chili
\$7 for both



Today we celebrate our Senior Mentoring Teams with a Continental Breakfast. Thank you to all mentors and mentees who have participated in this program.

Middle PA Disaster Response Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is Saturday, March 14th from 4-7 pm at Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren. Tickets are \$8 for adults; children 5-11 \$4 and children under 5 free. Tickets available from Terry Hershberger and Janet Imes.

I want to thank Pastor Dave and all of my church family for the visits, prayers, cards, and gifts over the holidays and especially following my recent hip fracture. I am doing well and have been able to move back to my personal care apartment, which I'm very happy about. Your support has meant so much to me as I adjust to my new home and life at Garvey. I still miss seeing all of you on Sunday morning at church. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
-Barbara Roush

I've been so thankful for all the fine people who have kept me in their prayers. I have gone through surgery to clean out the doradid arteries in my neck. Turning the problem totally over to the Lord and then knowing that there were so many beautiful people from church as well as many folks down here in Florida, a wonderful feeling of comfort came over me. God must have still had plans for my life and I'm now recovering very nicely. I'm looking forward to living --- This card tries to express my gratitude and thanks for all the prayers and thoughts from all. God bless you all, He sure blesses me.

-Bill Hagstrom

Living out our Faith

Vision Being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with open minds and hearts.

Mission We exist to be a community of welcome and worship where people find peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ.

Stewardship Report 02/23/2020

Worship Attendance	Sunday School
Worship Offering \$	Sunday School Offering \$