



# The First Church of the Brethren

## Roaring Spring, PA

### March 2022 Newsletter

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#### 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.

This week begins the 40- day journey to Easter that is known as Lent. The forty days, of course, signifies the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness facing temptations and preparing to complete His earthly mission. As such, the denominations that officially celebrate Lent as part of their church calendar consider it a season of grief that necessarily ends with a great celebration Jesus's resurrection on Easter.

It is appropriate that even if our church does not formalize that amount and kind of attention on this season that others might, that we as individuals spend time in prayer and meditation in preparation for understanding what Jesus experienced leading up to His Resurrection. Such an understanding and focus can also potentially help increase our gratitude for the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

As we go through this time of year, absolutely the joy of the risen Christ should always be present in our hearts, souls and minds. As we begin to enjoy warmer weather, the return of green grass and leaves and anticipate the coming season of summer, so to should we never let blessings of Christ out of our view. But at the same time, reserve just a little bit of attention and your thoughts and prayers on what Jesus had to go through for us.

Pastor Dave



From  
*the*  
Pastor

# Those Serving in March

## Greeters

Hank & MaryAnn  
Meetze

## Deacon Greeters

Keith & Kristen Hall

## Candlelighter

Genesis Class

## Fellowship Time

Generation Hope

	6	13	20	27
<b>Organist</b>	Cathy Petre	Cathy Petre	Barb Wineland	Cathy Petre
<b>Pianist</b>	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Neal	Cathy Neal
<b>Storyteller</b>	Bonnie Butler	Pastor Dave	Linda Steele	Youth
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Sandy Norris	Dylan Butler	Betsy Garach	Bonnie Butler
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jodie Dellinger	MaryAnn Meetze	Jodie Dellinger	Janie Myers
<b>Flowers</b>				
<b>Bulletins</b>			Honor of Bill Evans from Jaden Myers	
<b>Parking Lot</b>	Don Bookhammer	J D Barry Earl Bryson		Earl Bryson

Join us on March 13<sup>th</sup> when the Grove City Trombone Choir join us for worship.

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection.

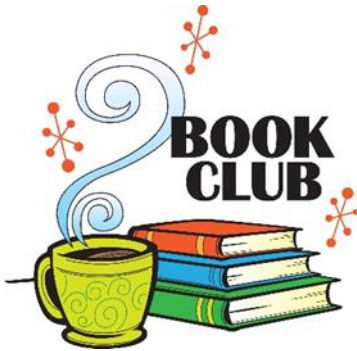
We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God.



*Ash*  
WEDNESDAY

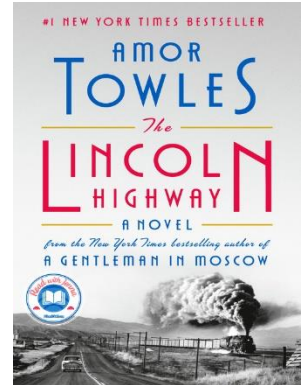
# Announcements and Information

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



## March's Selection: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.



March 19, 2022

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



March 15, 2022

6 pm

The Dream in  
Hollidaysburg



3/1 Dylan Butler  
3/3 Ethel Burket  
Julianna Flamish  
3/10 Brandon Dick-Giordano  
Linda Frederick  
3/12 Mark Garach  
3/14 John Coates  
3/15 Katy Roudabush

3/17 Emanuel Walter  
3/22 Julie Dick  
3/23 Janis Thompson  
Chris Wagner  
Missy Glunt  
3/24 Emma Frederick  
3/27 Joan Johnson

3/29 Shari Ritchey  
Cindy Shaw  
3/30 Doug Garber  
3/31 Aidan Baird  
David Albright  
Amy Nooyen  
Chris Avvampato



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

The Claysburg Food Bank Volunteers and pastors thank the church for the generous gifts given the Food Bank.

RS First Church, I wanted to thank my church family for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers while I have been recovering from my surgery. Thank you to Pastor Dave for anointing me before my surgery and saying a prayer which God answered allowing me to have a successful and safe surgery. Thank you for the Shawl and the prayers. I have been able to worship with YouTube while I have been recovering which has been very nice. -Thank you, Don "Red" Myers

Dear church Family, Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, and prayer shawl you provided for me during my recent surgery. Hopefully I will be returning to church soon. – Pattie Conlon

The Roaring Spring Food Pantry thanks the church for the recent donation. It is very appreciated.

We would like to express our thanks to the church family for your prayers, concerns and cards upon the passing of my father. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring church family. - Dave & Janet Imes



ReCharge! will have its final night for the 2021-2022 year on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping make these nights such a fun learning experience.

**Mentors and Mentees** are invited to join us on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our Senior Teams and share a continental breakfast. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Teams are asked to sit together during the worship service.



**CALLING ALL MOMS!** In March, we will be forming a new group for mothers to encourage each other while sharing our journeys of motherhood and serving others. This M.U.M. (Mothers Uplifting Mothers) group will be a fun place to share your experiences and faith while building friendships. Please join us on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the fellowship hall as we talk about the "good, bad, and ugly of the behavior of kids", enjoy some refreshments, and play games. Childcare will be provided. Hope to see you there! Please see Amy Nooyen for more information.



**A Week with Jesus**  
**April 15, 2022**  
**6 – 9 pm**

## Leadership Team Report - March 2022

The Team met Saturday, February 5 at the church before a Leadership Teams Retreat.

Deacons: Decision on spring Lovefeast & Good Friday services will be made at their March meeting. They were encouraged to continue to send notes and cards to homebound members.

Pastor Dave: Ordination rescheduled for Sunday, February 27 during morning worship. He has had no responses from any youth about membership class. There are several adults who have spoken to him about membership transfers.

Worship: Terry is still searching for some additional trainees for the audio/visual on Sunday mornings. On March 13, Grove City College will be providing special music during the morning worship.

Christian Ed: National Youth Conference sign up will take place at the end of February. Doug Garber has asked permission to combine the two youth groups on occasion for some activities due to the small size of attendance. They will be reviewing some 2022 VBS options from Mindy Wagner. The Team may consider providing a spring/Easter children's program.

Finance & Facility: Red Cross contacted the church and is no longer interested in using our facility for blood drives. Their reason is that our elevator is not large enough. We have hosted blood drives in our church for the past 15-20 years. Groups need to be reminded to turn off all kitchen appliances and all lights throughout the church, and to also be certain that the exterior doors are locked. A reminder that head ushers are to check all lights and doors as they lock up on Sunday mornings.

Hospitality & Communications: 20-25 people attended the January 31<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon. There has been no response from church attenders regarding the desire for an updated Church Directory. Discussion was held on options of sponsoring a church summer picnic and perhaps incorporating Pastor Dave's Ordination celebration at the same time.

Missions & Service: Bobbi Beers has agreed to be the Team Chair for 2022. She has her team secured and she is hoping to find ways to better reach out in support to the local communities.

It was clarified that the Endowment Team members are the F&F chair, the Leadership chair, Mike Bianconi, and Shari Ritchey. The Team is to meet once each year.

The Gifts Discernment Team will be meeting to work on securing 2022 District and Annual Conference delegates. If you have interest in serving as a delegate for either Annual or District Conference, please be in touch with Dan Hammel at 224-9918. The Team also is seeking a Sunday School Superintendent and an Assistant SS Supt.

The first 2022 Leadership Executive Team meeting scheduled for January had to be postponed. A new date has not been set yet.

First Aid kits and the AED are checked routinely by Jan Simington.

Submitted by Kaye Russell, 2022 Leadership Team Chairperson

**Roaring Spring ARCH** is located at 714 Rockingham Avenue. ARCH stands for

**Anchored in Christ**  
**Reaching the Family**  
**Cultivating Community**  
**Helping to Restore Hope**

Monthly meals are held at 6 pm on the last Saturday of the month. This community outreach is for Roaring Spring and the surrounding area. Healthy Faith Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 6 pm. Contact Christine Ebersole at [cfebersole@yahoo.com](mailto:cfebersole@yahoo.com) with any questions.

# God's Cover Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I heard you were considering a new manager in your life. I would like to apply for the job. I believe I am the most qualified candidate. I am the only one that has even done this job successfully.

I was the first manager of human beings. In fact I made them, so naturally I know how humanity works, and what is best to get people back into proper working condition. It will be like having the manufacturer as your personal mechanic. If this is your first time considering me, I would just like to point out that my salary has already been paid by the blood of my son, Jesus on the cross of Calvary. What I need from you is the acknowledgment that the price is sufficient to pay for all of your sin and your independence from Me. I need you to believe this in your heart and to tell somebody else about your decision with your mouth.

The next thing I ask is the right to change and fix your life so you can learn how to stay close to Me. I will make some major changes and revisions. They are not for you to worry about. I need your permission to execute these changes, My way and in My time. I will change your desires and give you the strength to make the changes.

Please keep your hands out of the way. Don't try to help me and Don't resist me. I really do need your full commitment and cooperation. If you give me those, the process can go smoothly, without delays.

Yours Sincerely,

**GOD**

P.S. I created the heavens and the earth. I AM. BELOW IS MY RESUME...

**GOD**

**Everywhere**

**All over, Every Place 00000**

**Phone: (123) 456-PRAY**

**EXPERIENCE**

From the beginning of time. Before the beginning of time. From everlasting to everlasting. I made time.

**ABILITY**

All Powerful

**PRIOR EMPLOYMENT**

\*Created the universe, put the galaxies in place, formed man.

\*Established heaven and earth by My spoken Word and am currently holding up the world by My power.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

\*I AM and I have all knowledge.

**CHARACTER REFERENCE**

Love, light, and life (1John 4:16, 1John 1:5, John 14:6). A representative, but by no means conclusive list of other character traits follows:

\*Wisdom - James 1:5

\*Comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:3

\*Truth - John 8:32

\*Healer - 1 Peter 2:24

\*Strength - Phil. 4:13

\*Forgiveness - 1John 1:9

\*Provider - Phil. 4:19

\*Mercy - Ephesians 2:24

\*Good - Matt. 19:17

\*Peace - Romans 14:1

**AVAILABILITY**

\*Willing and ready to take over your life.

\*Able to put your life together again.

\*Will bring all of who I AM into your life.

\*Can start now.

\*Will transform your life if you let Me.

**SALARY REQUIREMENT**

\*Work in your life has already been paid for through the blood of My Son, Jesus.

\*Your only responsibility is to commit initially and on a daily basis.

\*To trust and obey what Jesus has done and wants to do in your life.

Other references available upon request.

# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Leadership Team	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Aid <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:45 PM</b> Recharge! <b>6:15 PM</b> Virtual Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Announcement Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>9:25 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Grief	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Aid <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:45 PM</b> Recharge! <b>6:15 PM</b> Virtual Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Announcement Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Christian Ed Meeting <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Food Bank Collection <b>9:25 AM</b> Worship with Grove City Trombone Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Fellowship Time <b>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> M. U. M.	<b>14</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Newsletter Submission Deadline <b>7:00 PM</b> Disaster Response Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Sisters of Faith Dinner at The Dream	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Aid <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:45 PM</b> Recharge! <b>6:15 PM</b> Virtual Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Announcement Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Fellowship Breakfast <b>5 PM</b> Jr Youth Monthly Event
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mentoring Celebration <b>9:25 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:45 AM</b> Deacon Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Aid <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:45 PM</b> Recharge! <b>6:15 PM</b> Virtual Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Announcement Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:25 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Congregational Forum <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ladies Aid <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:45 PM</b> Recharge! <b>6:15 PM</b> Virtual Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Announcement Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>1</b>	

“Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible.  
With it, nothing is impossible.” —Mary McLeod Bethune

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”  
—Mother Teresa

“Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly.” —Robert Schuller

## Complete serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what’s called “The Serenity Prayer,” attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.”

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