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July 2023

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.

The Church of the Brethren will hold our 236th recorded Annual Conference July 4-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Not only is this yearly event the final consensus making body for the denomination, it historically has served as a “family reunion” bringing brothers and sisters from across the world together for reports from Brethren agencies, denominational discussion and decision-making, Bible Study, worship and music.

The theme of this year’s meeting comes from Ephesians 5:1-2 “Living God’s Love.”

Herb and Beth Burns have graciously agreed to serve as First Churches’ delegates to this year’s “Big Meeting.” Pastor Dave and Dawn will also attend, but will not be voting delegates. New Items of Business that that delegates will be discussing and then voting on include a query on Calling Denominational Leadership, a recommendation regarding nominations from the Floor of Annual Conference, Guidelines for Pastoral Continuing Education, a possible revision to the organization of Eder Financial -the financial arm of Brethren agencies, a recommended Cost of Living Adjustment to the Salary Table for Pastors and A Lament of the Doctrine of Discovery. Unfinished business from previous conferences includes discussion of a query related to Standing with People of Color, discussion and possible action of a query related to Increasing Access to Denomination Events.

Many educational Insight Session on various efforts and concerns within the church will be offered each day as well. Activities for all ages are also being planned.

Viviendo el amor de Dios
Viv Lanmou Bondye A
Rayuwan Kaunar Allah
Living God’s Love

Ephesians 5:1-2
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

Pastor Dave

HELPING HANDS IN JULY

Greeters Guy & Nancy Forshey
Deacon Greeters Sandy Norris

Candlelighters Not Scheduled
Fellowship Time Not Held

July	2	9	16	23	30
Organist	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre		Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Cindy Shaw	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Marlys Hershberger	Pastor Dave			
Storyteller	Betsy or Pattie	Pastor Dave	Traci Totillo	Bethann Frederick	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Terra Gartman Melinda Green	Angie Russell	MaryAnn & Hank Meetze	Amy Nooyen
Nursery	Karen Eicher	Karen Eicher			
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	
Parking Lot Greeters		J D Barry	Herb Burns	Earl Bryson	
Flowers					
Bulletins			Memory of Tena Pheasant	Memory of Laura & Galen Snyder	



*July 30th at 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall*

Fried chicken will be provided.
Please sign up at the Welcome Center
and let us know what side dish you can
bring.



**Pew Communion
July 16, 2023**

What a wonderful way to renew
your covenant with God.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....



July 18, 2023

6 pm

Jethro's

RSVP to Janet Imes
or Valerie Smith no
later than July 16th

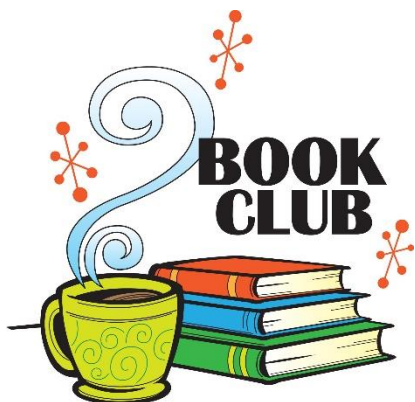
July 15, 2023

8 am

Breakfast at The Dream



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



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

A Stream to Follow by Jess Wright

When WWII ends, Bruce Duncan, a battlefield surgeon, returns home to a small town in Pennsylvania with plans of opening a general practice, fly fishing in his spare time, and forgetting the past. But the ravages of his war aren't over. Haunted by images of soldiers he tried to save, his own near-death experiences, and the love he lost, Bruce has little respite before new battles grip him. His brother, a decorated fighter pilot, is sinking fast and rebels against Bruce's attempts to help him. A former friend begins waging a vicious campaign to stop Bruce from uncovering the dangers that could shutter a local industry. And amid all this turmoil, he must decide between the slim prospect of reuniting with his former love—an Englishwoman who chose her family over him—and an ill-fated attraction to a trail-blazing woman doctor.



ReCharge is having a Pool Party and Bonfire snacks at 5:45 on Wednesday, July 19 at the Russell's Ponderosa, 343 Ponderosa Lane, Roaring Spring.

The Leadership Team did not meet on June 6, its typical meeting night. Instead, it will meet on June 27.



Adalyn Grace Laird

June 12, 2023


Daughter of Wyatt & Rachel, granddaughter of Craig & Chris Wagner.

★ ★ ★ ★ JULY Birthdays

4	Cassidy Smith		Graci Russell		Tiana Eicher
	Julie Myers	11	Isabell McCready	15	Reese Evans
	Nan Grove		Hudson Martin	17	MaryAnn Meetze
5	Gemma Nooyen	12	Betsy Garach		Brailee Thompson
6	Becky Bianconi	13	Janie Myers	19	Rory Martin
7	Alyssa Bianconi		Shirley Smith	24	Finn Croft
	Todd Thompson	14	Chris Brumbaugh	25	Derek Martin
9	Chad Crumrine		Cathy Petre	27	Amy Wineland
10	Charli Russell	15	Terra Gartmann	28	Ethan Walls



- 2 Joe & Bobbi Price
- 4 Hank & MaryAnn Meetze
- 7 Bill & Julie Myers
- 8 Kevin & Megan Schneider
- 12 Nevin & Tammy Dell
- 14 Zach & Megan Croft
- 19 Dave & Chris Brumbaugh
- Patrick & Karen Long
- 22 Michael & Nicole McMahan



Our church will provide a sand art activity for children at the Roaring Spring Community Picnic on August 5, 1-4 pm. You can help with donations of small, 4-7 oz. glass or clear plastic jars with lids (jars for baby food, cherries, olives, jelly, etc.) before July 31. Place them in the labeled box in the overflow room.



Faith Night at The Curve is August 13th. The game starts at 6 pm. Tickets are \$9. Sign up and have your tickets paid for by July 23rd. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. The Hospitality & Communications Team is sponsoring this event.



The Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at Iron Masters Country Club in Roaring Spring PA. The golf committee is looking for sponsors and donations for this shared event with Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District COB.

Bring your friends and enjoy a the day while helping to raise funds for our ministries. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes, cart and dinner following the tournament.

NEW: There will be an optional bag lunch (2 hot dogs, chips, drink) for \$5 from 11:30-12:30

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2023
Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
July 4-8, 2023.



Vacation Bible School
Kicks Off July 30th during worship
August 1 – 3 6 – 8:30 pm

Children aged 2 years through those who just completed 5th grade are welcome to attend. Children through age 3 need to have an adult with them.

Spin the sinner, skip ahead, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS! Twists and Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to strategy games and more. Kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study Game Rooms, Wild Card Crafts, Skip Ahead Snacks, Level-up Music and Ready, Set, Rec! But more importantly, they'll see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest friends and discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely!

This year our Mission and offering is to help those in need right here and afar. We will be collecting offerings to purchase animals from the Heifer International Project as well as collecting items for Blessing Bags.

Heifer International is on mission to end hunger and end poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

Offerings collected will help purchase a flock of chickens or ducks, honeybees, goats, sheep, pigs, a heifer and maybe some garden seeds.

Our Blessing Bags mission project is for those throughout our communities that need a little bit of a lift. We will collect items that are needed the most through your offerings and donations. Then we will distribute these bags during the free community picnic on August 5th and leftovers will be given to others in need.

Donations needed for Blessing Bags are a case of water, gallon storage bags, flex fabric Band-Aids, on the go drink packets, individual tissue packages, hand sanitizer, wash clothes, chewing gum, pens, lotion, lip balm, fingernail clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, single dose packages of Tylenol, individual packets of crackers or cookies.



Craft & Vendor Show

Sponsored by The First Church of the Brethren

Albright Church of the Brethren

1245 Bloomfield Road

Roaring Spring

July 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm

Proceeds to benefit the Roof Repair Fund at First Church



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	3	4 Annual Conference Office Closed	5 Annual Conference 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 Annual Conference 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference
9 Food Bank Collection 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	10 7:00pm Disaster Response Meeting	11 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Good Grief	12 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study	13 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	14	15 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 1:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline
16 9:25am Worship with in Pew Communion 10:30am Sunday School	17 10:00am Book Group	18 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Sisters of Faith	19 9:00am Ladies Aid 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45pm ReCharge! Pool Party 6:15pm Virtual Bible Study 7:00pm Summer Splash Pool Party	20 9:00am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 9:00am Bulletin Announcement Deadline 6:30pm - 8:30pm Knitting Group in Parlor	21	22
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30 9:25am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal	31					



"You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."
—Woodrow Wilson

"Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."
—Mary Oliver

"Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon."
—Paul Brandt

"If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed."

"Your life is your message to the world. Make it inspiring."

Be good to yourself. And let others be good to you, too.

"Happiness is the only thing that can be shared, and it multiplies when you do."

"Happiness leaves creases in the mind and spirit."

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