

# The First Church of the Brethren

## Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania

### July 23, 2023

Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ.  
Peace be with you all.

Community Greeting

Announcements

Enter Light of Christ

*Spirit of Life*

\*Call to Worship

Stephen Hershberger

One: There is none other than the house of God.  
This is nothing less than the gate of Heaven.

**All: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

One: God hems us in, behind and before, and lays hands of blessing upon us.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.  
It is so high we cannot attain it.**

One: Rest in the majesty of our God. Give thanks and sing of God's glory.

**All: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

\*Hymns

*Morning Has Broken* # 648  
*Mighty is Our God* Screen

Children's Story

Pattie Conlon

*(Children ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend  
Children's Church in room 201.)*

Praise though Video

*For the Love of God*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn # 401

*This Little Light of Mine*

Offertory Thought

Offertory

\*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Scripture:

Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine

*What Does God's Love Look Like?*

\*Hymn # 389 Vs 1,2,3

*Take My Life*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Bold print indicates congregational response**

Some parts of this service were adopted from The Abingdon Worship Annual.

**The bulletins** are given in loving memory of Laura & Galen Snyder by Krista Snyder.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please include in your prayers:** Bill & Carolyn Grubb, Nancy Mobley (broken hip), Barbara Roush, Brenda Garber, Dorothy Holsinger, Sharlene Wood, Dan Emerick, Tom Sell, Carol Imler, John Coates, Eric Thompson, Pat Dick, Gary Fluke, Fred Beers, first responders, those affected by natural disasters, those with health concerns, and those grieving.

**VBS Registration forms** and a list of needed items are available at the round table in the Overflow Room. **Leaders and helpers needed.** See Mindy Wagner to volunteer.

**Faith Night at the Curve** is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Reservations and payment need to be received today at the Welcome Center.

**Thank you to everyone** who participated in, attended, and donated food and craft items to our Craft and Vendor Show yesterday. All proceeds will be donated to the Roof Fund.

	Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday
Candlelighter		
Organist	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Stephen Hershberger	Kaye Russell
Storyteller	Pattie Conlon	Sandy Norris
Children's Church	Hank & MaryAnn Meetze	Amy Nooyen
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Nursery		
Parking Lot Greeter	Earl Bryson	Dave Imes
Greeter	Guy & Nancy Forshey	Guy & Nancy Forshey
Deacon Greeter	Sandy Norris	Sandy Norris
Head Ushers: Dave Brumbaugh, J D Barry, Pat Frazier		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		
<b>Officiant: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine</b>		



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship** is July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and let us know how many and what side dish or dessert you will bring to share.

**Men's Fellowship** will have their regular breakfast on August 19<sup>th</sup> and a picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 jars with lids (jars for baby food, cherries, olives, etc.) before July 31. Place them in the labeled box in the overflow room.



**Heritage Fair** will be held at Camp Blue Diamond on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Look for sign up sheets for helpers in early August.

**Please sign the Friendship Attendance Register** located at the end of each pew, including any **changes** to address, email or telephone numbers. New attenders may include their address, email address, and phone number when they would like to be included in our database and receive our weekly updates and newsletters

### 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.

### Weekly Stewardship Report

July 16, 2023	Attendance	Offering
Worship	127	\$4,381.03
Sunday School	34	\$ 74.00



**J O Y (Just older Youth)** will gather at the Ponderosa, 343 Ponderosa Drive, Roaring Spring on August 10<sup>th</sup> for an Ice Cream Social at 5 pm. All those 55 years and above are invited for a fun evening of fellowship and laughter, along with good ice cream treats. You can sign up at the Welcome Center so we have an idea of how many to prepare for.



## Vacation Bible School Kicks off July 30<sup>th</sup> during worship

**August 1 – 3    6 – 8:30 pm**

Children aged 2 years (2 & 3 year olds need an adult to stay) through those who just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Blessing bags Mission Project** is for those in our community that need a little bit of a lift. Items needed for the bags: bottled water, Gallon storage bags, individual toothbrushes, toothpaste, individual packages of crackers or cookies, on the go drink packets, individual tissue packages, wash cloths, chewing gum, flex fabric band aids, lotion lip balm, fingernail clippers, Pens, lotion, hand sanitizer, single dose packages of Tylenol. Items may be placed on or near the round table in the Overflow Room

### July 23 - 30, 2023

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School
	11 am	Youth River Float
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	6:15 pm	Virtual Bible Study
Thursday	9 am	<b>Bulletin Announcement Deadline</b>
	9 am	Breakfast Fellowship @SpringHouse
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Friday	6 pm	Vacation Bible School Set Up
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship with VBS Kick Off
	10:45 am	Youth/Adult Sunday School
	11:45 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal



10<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day  
17<sup>th</sup> – Mentoring Celebration  
17<sup>th</sup> – Hymn Sing