

# The First Church of the Brethren

## Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania

### August 20, 2023

Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29, NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life.

Community Gathering

Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Pattie Conlon

One: Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water.

**All: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

One: Every sense is bombarded daily with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.

**All: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

One: Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract.

**All: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

One: Let us praise our maker when we have breath.

Children's Story

Blessing of Back Packs

Pastor Dave

*(Children ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend)*

Praise Through Video

*Come As You Are*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn # 567 Vs. 1,2 & 3

*How Firm a Foundation*

Offertory Thought

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 15:10-20

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine

*Be Careful What You Put in Your Backpack!*

\*Closing Hymn # 46

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*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 and altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Joseph Weyandt by Tammy Dell.

**The Christian Life Candle** is lit in honor of the birth of Rosalie Jo Bowser, born August 17, 2023, to Joey and Sammi Bowser.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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 information when they feel comfortable to do so.

**Heritage Fair** takes place at Camp Blue Diamond on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets are at the round table in the Overflow Room. Helpers for our booth, helpers to transport items to and from Camp, Gob Cakes, soup, etc.

	Serving Today	Serving next Sunday
Candlelighter		
Organist		Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Pattie Conlon	Linda Steele
Storyteller	Pastor Dave	Pattie Conlon
Children's Church	Angie Russell	Hank & MaryAnn Meetze
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Nursery	Mindy Wagner	Mindy Wagner
Parking Lot Greeter		
Greeter	Jeannie Stiffer Linda Piper	Jeannie Stiffer Linda Piper
Deacon Greeter	Krista Snyder	Krista Snyder
Head Ushers: Dave Brumbaugh, J D Barry, Pat Frazier		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		
<b>Officiant: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine</b>		

**Pennies for Witness** is an offering emphasis for our Mid PA District outreach ministries, including: Trucker Traveler, CentrePeace, Prince Gallitzin Park Ministry, Small Church Fund, Outreach Ministry Matching Grants, and Global Outreach. We are collecting pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars for this outreach in the Overflow Room until Sunday, October 1. Thank you for helping to make a difference in Jesus' name!

Faith Assembly is sponsoring a series on “**The Constitution and the Bible**” at their Arch meeting Sunday evenings Aug 27th through the end of October 7-8:30. All are welcome.

Chancel Choir practice will start up again at 6 pm on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. No try out needed! If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us.

**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.

**August 13 - 20, 2023**

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School
Monday	10 am	Book Group
	6 pm	Middle PA Disaster Picnic
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 in Parlor
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Adult/Youth Sunday School

**Weekly Stewardship Report**

August 13, 2023	Attendance	Offering
Worship	86	\$ 5,458.05
Sunday School		\$ 0.00

**Income / Expense through August 13, 2023**

Actual Income	\$ 158,278.45
Budget Income	\$ 155,563.27
Actual Expense	177,777.19



1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Quarter  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Fair  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Mentoring Celebration  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Hymn Sing