



The First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, PA

August 2020 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.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

The sentiment that Paul is expressing to the church at Philippi stands at the heart of the important Christian concept of community and care for one another. Sometimes, however, it doesn't hurt to have a little nudge to help us bring to mind those former friends that were once part of our circle and community.

It's been almost two years that RS First Church Online Community Facebook page was initiated, primarily as part of the effort to allow former Youth to maintain contact with each other and also with their home church.

Almost 100 current and former Youth have joined the community, and the weekly devotions typically record fifty to sixth views. But in one sense, I still feel like there could be more done to help maintain and enlarge the sense of belonging that was built through the years in our Youth Group.

One area in particular that I feel that I have not done a very good job with is providing opportunity to allow members to keep up to date on the lives of those whose roots are here at First Church, but have had to move away for family and job.

To help remedy this problem, and to help keep these childhood ties at the front of our minds, I am asking that any former Youth Group members who wouldn't mind sharing a little bit about their current situation would send me an update of where you are and what you are doing. Maybe include a current picture, maybe share photos from when you were in Youth Group. Maybe even write a sentence about your best memory from the group, or the most important thing you learned.

These updates would be posted on the Facebook page, giving members an opportunity to bring you to mind, so that we all can remember you and our time together. Thanks for considering being part of this!

Pastor Dave



Highlights of Leadership Mtg.

June 30th 2020

Sunday in Church Worship

- We are continuing to meet in the Church for worship and Sunday School. Will continue to evaluate. Everyone is asked to wear a mask upon entering and throughout the service. Please do this as a service to your brothers and sisters to allow all to feel comfortable and safe. The Worship service will continue to be live streamed and also recorded and available online for those who do not wish to attend at this time.

Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Looking into getting parking lot lines repainted.
- The fellowship hall is available for Church sponsored activities if needed and approved. Must be scheduled.

Missions and Service Team - Adam Lanzendorfer

- Due to continued giving by congregation, have been able to keep up giving to outreach.
- Open for ways to reach out to community. Share your thoughts and how you will help.
- District Disaster Response Team is meeting again monthly at First Church.

Hospitality and Communications Team - Valerie Smith

- Looking forward to fellowshipping together soon.

Christian Education Team - Pat Frazier

- A Congregational Forum is scheduled for August 16th to affirm Youth Ministry leadership positions.
- Will look ahead to try and plan.

Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Working with new audio / video system to enhance Sunday service.
- If you need help accessing Sunday morning worship on-line contact the Church for assistance.

Deacons' Report - Dan & Jane Brumbaugh

- Contact a Deacon or the church if you need anything.
- Special Ministries Team will be attempting to check in with people.

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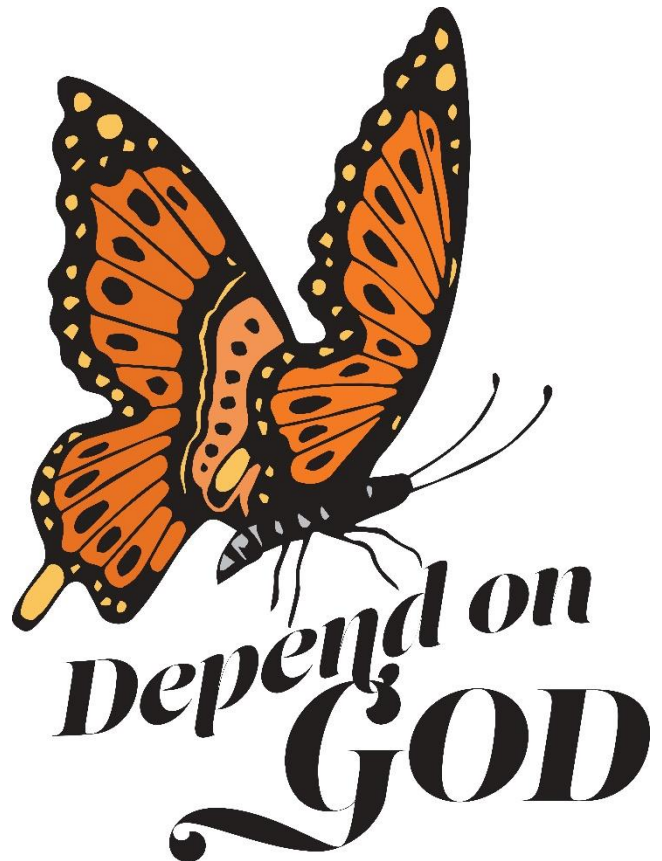
- Leading Sunday School discussion in overflow room following worship.
- Leading the Tuesday morning Bible study at Church.
- Wednesday evening Zoom Bible study continues. See website for details.
- Continuing to take courses needed for ordination. Only six more needed.

Next Meetings - Tuesday, July 28th, August 25th at 7pm



Here is a short list to help us to be kind while social distancing

1. FaceTime or Zoom so you can see one another. Smiles are important.
2. Direct, produce, and record a puppet show together with your child's stuffed animals and send it to others.
3. Try a new recipe but record your family making it as though they are famous chefs on the Food Network so others can try it at home.
4. Have family theme nights: Pirate night, Aloha, Disco, etc. and zoom with friends and family.
5. Make a PowerPoint or video collage for someone and surprise them if they are celebrating a special occasion.
6. Create a hangout session for a group of friends or coworkers. Start a new virtual book club.
7. Look at old photos and share them with family or friends.
8. Share humor via texts and emails.
9. Make someone a card, picture or poem and send it regular mail if you can access a mailbox safely.
10. Cook something for a neighbor and drop it off especially if you have a neighbor on the frontlines.
11. Send a friend a book or a puzzle that you enjoyed or swap with a neighbor.
12. Reach out to a friend or family member you haven't spoken to in years. Call an old boss, colleague, or classmate.
13. Use kind words and be patient as everyone is tense.
14. Shelters are struggling so if you can adopt a pet, consider doing so.
15. We have all given our planet a great break. Use this time to reflect on which activities you will resume when safe and which you can continue to scale back on. Reduce, reuse, recycle.



Those Serving in August

Greeters

Earl & Becky Bryson

Deacon

Greeters
Dan & Jane
Brumbaugh

Candlelighter

Audio

Technician
Mike Bianconi

Fellowship

Time
Not held

August	2	9	16	22	29
Organist					
Pianist					
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Dylan Butler	Linda Steele	Sandy Norris
Nursery Attendant					
Welcome Center	Jane Brumbaugh	Carol Emerick	Willow Miller	Darlene Wyland	Nancy Forshey
Worship Leader					
Children's Church	Not held	Hot held	Not held	Not held	
Parking Lot Greeters					
Flowers					
Bulletins					



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

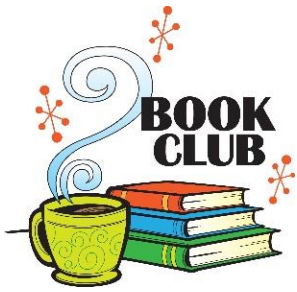
Following Worship
August 16, 2020

Sisters of Faith
Breakfast
8 am
September 19, 2020



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Announcements and Information



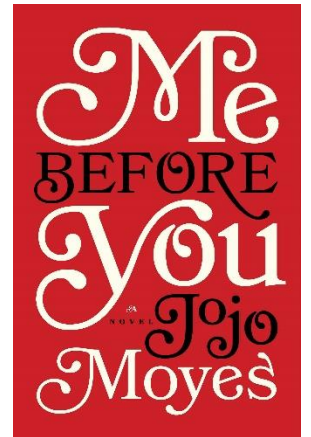
Me Before You by JoJo Moyes

They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . .

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he’s pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

A Love Story for this generation and perfect for fans of John Green’s *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Me Before You* brings to life two people who couldn’t have less in common—a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, *What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?*



AUGUST Birthdays

2	Jen May	12	Don Myers	23	Harry Keith Jr.
	Karl Diehl	13	Pat Dick	24	Anita Hoover
3	Connie Fluke	14	Earl Bryson		Tom Glunt
5	Mandy Croft	15	Arlene Beers	25	Mikayla Dively
6	Dave Brumbaugh		Joe Dively	26	Kathy Biddle
	Tyreke Green		Melinda Green	27	Ron Snyder
	Traci Totillo	16	Tom Thompson	29	Karen Long
	Owen Conrath	17	Dana Avvampato		Patrick Long
7	Krista Snyder		Dave Imes	30	Beth Burns
10	Mitchell Frederick	19	Nancy Musselman	31	Adam Lanzendorfer
	Megan Hall		Tom Shaw		
11	Allen Keith	22	Ashlynn Detwiler		

AUGUST Anniversaries

5	Mike & Deanna Trigona	19	Matt & Jen May
6	Rusty & Anita Hoover	22	Gary & Barbara Wineland (50 Years)
16	Dave & Dawn Crumrine	24	Lionel & Heather Hounkanrin
	Dante & Melinda Green	26	Emmett & Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred
18	Chad & Tori Crumrine	28	Ron & Darlene Eicher
19	Tom & Joyce Holsinger		

Jane Thompson thanks everyone for the prayers, concerns and cards in her recent two cataract surgeries. She can now see!

Thank you for the hand-made tissue box. I don't know who did it, but I am grateful for the appreciation! Marcia Fleck



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Message from the Church of the Brethren Children's Disaster Services:

We would like to introduce you to a new initiative called an Individual Kit of Comfort (IKOC) by Children's Disaster Services as we prepare for the remainder of the 2020 disaster season while keeping the COVID-19 pandemic in mind.

Typically, CDS volunteers would deploy to an area soon after a disaster to care for children in shelters and resource centers. They bring with them a "Kit of Comfort"—a childcare center in a suitcase full of creative play items.

CDS has a goal of providing 2,500 IKOCs by the end of September 2020. We estimate that the cost of putting together one kit is about \$17.

o Mesh A4 Pencil Pouch – holds the materials in each pack – the items requested all fit nicely inside the A4 pouches, measuring 13.5 x 9.5 inches

- 1 dough (2 oz.)
- 1 clay cutter
- 2 rulers (12-inch)
- 1 mini-deck of cards
- 1 small beach ball (5-inch)
- 12 paper plates (6-inch plain white)
- 2 animal finger puppets
- 2 simple small wooden cars
- 2 small bean bags (3.5 inch)
- 3 rolls of washi colored tape (1/2 inch (10mm) wide)
- 1 child-sized jump rope
- 1 watercolor paint set (8 colors with brush)
- 1 small 3x5 notebook
- 1 colored gel ink pen
- 2 washable markers
- 1 stuffed plush dog (not larger than 4 inch)
- Activity/Trauma idea guide (supplied by CDS)

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
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2 9:25 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	3	4 9:30 am Bible Study	5 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 9 am Bulletin Deadline 9 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille 6:30 pm Knitting Group	7	8
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5th Sunday Fellowship Meal will not be held this month.

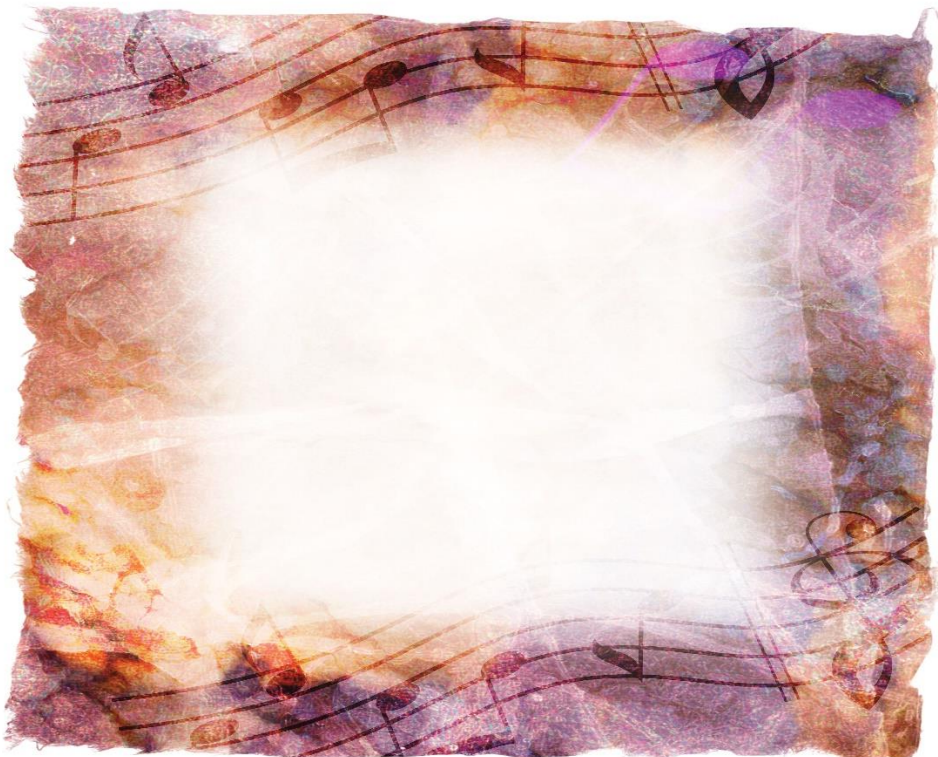
“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.” - Douglas Pagels

“Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.” —Stanley Hauerwas

I believe that the only self I need to measure up to is the self my Maker meant me to be. —Lewis B. Smedes

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

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