



# The First Church of the Brethren

## Roaring Spring, PA

### September 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.

Over the past several years both the church Leadership Team and those working with the church Youth Group have expressed the opinion that improved communication and accountability between the two might be a way to move our Christian Education ministry for our children forward.

In response to the hard work of both groups, that plan became a reality at the Church Forum August 16 with the unanimous approval of hiring part-time Youth Coordinators.

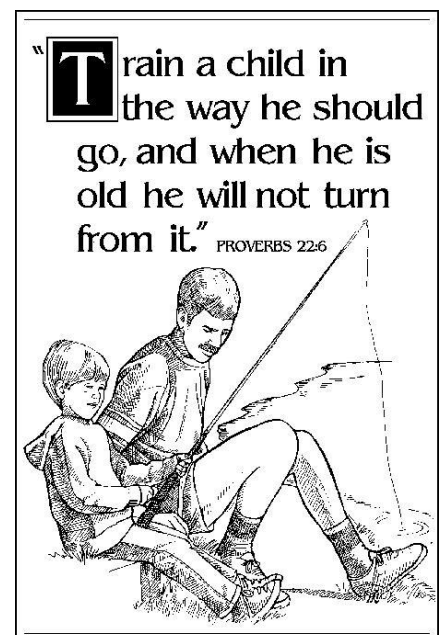
Doug and Brenda Garber have been appointed to take official responsibility for the Senior High Age ministry, while Emma Frederick will spearhead the elementary efforts.

“A lot of things have been done right for a lot of years,” Pastor Dave noted. “But many felt it was time to designate someone to formalize responsibility. I know the Leadership Team is excited to have them on board, giving their attention to ways to improve programs to help the future of the church.”

With the pandemic and resulting quarantine resulting in a forced slowdown of activities, now also seems like a good time to have the church assume responsibility and accountability to individuals to get Youth and Children activities rolling again.

By all accounts, the trio has hit the ground running since the official decision to hire them, and we are anxiously praying for, supporting, encouraging and watching for their efforts to have an impact!

*Pastor Dave*



## Highlights of Leadership Mtg. July 28, 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 please 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 are feeling ill, or do not wish to attend at this time.

### Finance and Facility Team - Bryce Nooyen

- Issues with the phone system are being addressed.
- Thank you again to all those who are able to continue giving to the Church. Our expenses are less due to fewer programs happening, helping us to keep up with expenses and outreach.

### Missions and Service Team - Adam Lanzendorfer

- Looking for ways to reach out to community. Share your thoughts and how you will help.
- Heritage Fair for the District and Camp Blue Diamond will not be held in September. Looking at doing soup sale or gob cake sale in Church and community to give support to "Virtual Fair".
- Bloodmobile is planned for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Hospitality and Communications Team - Valerie Smith

- No Fifth Sunday luncheon in August.

### Christian Education Team - Pat Frazier

- Hoping to have some sort of Wednesday evening Recharge program in the fall. Will do some preliminary planning but waiting to see how Covid-19 situation develops to finalize anything.
- Still struggling to find new people willing to serve as Sunday School teachers. Please consider!
- Tentatively planning Rally Day and start of Sunday School September 13<sup>th</sup>. Possibly picnic meal.

### Worship Team - Terry Hershberger

- Preparing plans for membership transfers and baptisms.
- 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 continue to try to check in with people.
- Will be working with pastor to develop plans for in pew communion and Love Feast.

### Pastor Dave

- He and Terry prepared a video "Epistle" of First Church for a project the District is putting together.
- Will be taking three more courses this fall as part of continuing process toward ordination.
- Tuesday a.m. in church Bible study and Wednesday evening study through Zoom continue.

### Forum

- To be held Aug. 16 to affirm hiring Emma Frederick as part time Elementary Ministry Coordinator and Doug and Brenda Garber as part time Youth Ministry Coordinators.
- A look at current financial picture and some completed and planned facility projects

**Next Meetings** - Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm



# Those Serving in September

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Candlelighter</b>	<b>Audio Technician</b>	<b>Fellowship Time</b>
Justin Keith Family	<b>Greeters</b> Kaye Russell	Generation Hope	Travis Russell	Not held

September	6	13	20	27
Organist	Barb Wineland	Barb Wineland	Cathy Petre	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Marcia Fleck	Marcia Fleck	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Terry Hershberger
Storyteller	Youth	Pastor Dave	Betsy Garach	Bethann Frederick
Nursery Attendant				
Welcome Center	Jane Brumbaugh	Carol Emerick	Willow Miller	Darlene Wyland
Worship Leader				
Children's Church				
Parking Lot Greeters				
Flowers	Memory of Margaret Imes	Reserved	Memory of Gerald & Eleanor Kauffman	
Bulletins		Honor of Harry Ritchey, Grace Ritchey-Pote, Mearle & Lista Pote		

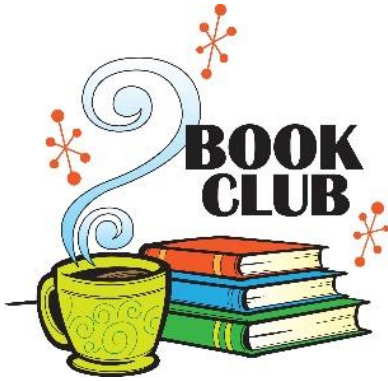


A meeting is scheduled for noon on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall.

## God's surprises

Don't assume that God will always work in your life the way he always has. A sunset is proof that God colors outside the lines. He has no status quo. Even the laws of nature are his to interrupt. As many times as you've prayed before, today may be the day when God sends the answer so swiftly — so divinely — that you're windburned. —Beth Moore

# Announcements and Information



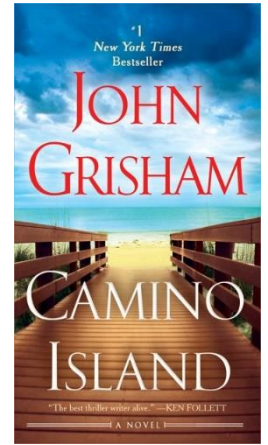
## *Camino Island* by John Grisham

A gang of thieves stage a daring heist from a secure vault deep below Princeton University's Firestone Library. Their loot is priceless, but Princeton has insured it for twenty-five million dollars.

Bruce Cable owns a popular bookstore in the sleepy resort town of Santa Rosa on Camino Island in Florida. He makes his real money, though, as a prominent dealer in rare books. Very few people know that he occasionally dabbles in the black market of stolen books and manuscripts.

Mercer Mann is a young novelist with a severe case of writer's block who has recently been laid off from her teaching position. She is approached by an elegant, mysterious woman working for an even more mysterious company. A generous offer of money convinces Mercer to go undercover and infiltrate Bruce Cable's circle of literary friends, ideally getting close enough to him to learn his secrets.

But eventually Mercer learns far too much, and there's trouble in paradise as only John Grisham can deliver it.



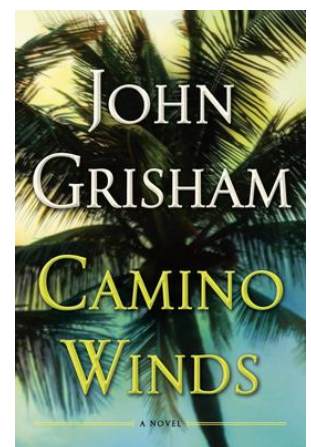
## *Camino Winds* by John Grisham

**Welcome back to Camino Island, where anything can happen—even a murder in the midst of a hurricane, which might prove to be the perfect crime . . .**

Just as Bruce Cable's Bay Books is preparing for the return of bestselling author Mercer Mann, Hurricane Leo veers from its predicted course and heads straight for the island. Florida's governor orders a mandatory evacuation, and most residents board up their houses and flee to the mainland, but Bruce decides to stay and ride out the storm.

The hurricane is devastating: homes and condos are leveled, hotels and storefronts ruined, streets flooded, and a dozen people lose their lives. One of the apparent victims is Nelson Kerr, a friend of Bruce's and an author of thrillers. But the nature of Nelson's injuries suggests that the storm wasn't the cause of his death: He has suffered several suspicious blows to the head.

Who would want Nelson dead? The local police are overwhelmed in the aftermath of the storm and ill equipped to handle the case. Bruce begins to wonder if the shady characters in Nelson's novels might be more real than fictional. And somewhere on Nelson's computer is the manuscript of his new novel. Could the key to the case be right there—in black and white? As Bruce starts to investigate, what he discovers between the lines is more shocking than any of Nelson's plot twists—and far more dangerous.





- 9/1 Walter & Linda Piper  
Nathan & Stephanie  
Hershberger  
Nathan & Brandi Walter
- 9/6 Pete & Carol Imler
- 9/7 Fred & Arlene Beers
- 9/8 Don & Janie Myers  
A. J. & Brooke Frederick
- 9/11 Dave & Valerie Smith
- 9/13 Allen & Emily Keith
- 9/14 Brian & Traci Totillo
- 9/15 Tom & Julie Dick
- 9/18 Tom & Janis Thompson
- 9/20 Adam & Cortney  
Lanzendorfer
- 9/23 Tom & Missy Glunt
- 9/26 Rick & Tonya Dillon  
Mitch & Bethann Frederick



## Sunday, September 13, 2020

New Sunday School Classes will begin as we kick off the new year! Classes and teachers will be announced in the bulletin.

### Honoring our teachers

We give thanks that you will lead us in the ministry of Christian education. We offer you our pledge of support. As you teach your students, may all be open to God's truth and be inspired to live the Christian life as fully as possible. Remember that we appreciate greatly the time and effort you expend as teachers of our church family. May God grant you strength and joy in your important role.



- 9/6 Hank Meetze  
Darlene Eicher
- 9/7 Ben Brumbaugh
- 9/8 Guy Forshey  
Caelan Padilla
- 9/10 Tom Dick
- 9/12 Aric Foor
- 9/15 Daren Brumbaugh  
Jane Brumbaugh  
Alexander Zychowski
- 9/17 Eli Hershberger
- 9/18 Adam Frederick
- 9/20 Sage Evans
- 9/21 Nancy Forshey  
Jerry Ritchey
- 9/23 Chelsey Dick
- 9/25 Cobee Shuff
- 9/26 Janet Imes
- 9/29 Clara Hoffman
- 9/30 Dominic Trigona



The Alpha Class still has 'church sitters' for our church - 1st Church of the Brethren, for \$10.00 each. Just a reminder that this would be a nice gift for a birthday or perhaps the Christmas season, or just as an 'act of kindness'! If interested, you may contact Janie Myers or Darlene Wyland (iphone # 932 7669).

### Time for a pop quiz!

Tests don't end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- The worship test: Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- The weather test: Am I a "fair weather" Christian? Do conditions that wouldn't keep me from work keep me from church?
- The work test: Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- The wallet test: Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my "first fruits" to God so the church can conduct his work?



**Mentoring Teams**  
**Mentoring Sunday**  
**September 20, 2020**

Sisters of Faith  
Breakfast  
8 am  
September 19, 2020  
  
The Bistro

Team Pictures to be taken in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9 am.

Teams are asked to sit together during worship when new teams will be dedicated and returning teams will be rededicated.



At the Forum held on August 16, 2020, the congregation approved the hiring of Emma Frederick as the Elementary Ministry Coordinator and Doug & Brenda Garber as Youth Ministry Coordinators. This will increase the present budget by \$9,200. The positions will be part time, about 15 hours weekly and will report to Pastor Dave weekly and the Christian Education team as needed.

These new youth advocates will work together to assist in coordinating activities that respond to the needs of our youth, in line with the ideals of Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren. Working with church leadership, they will ensure appropriate clearances are obtained for volunteers working with children and youth.

They will encourage and facilitate regular children and youth participation in all church sponsored programs. They will offer input so that mid-week programs for elementary children are structure so that children can easily transitioned from the elementary program to the youth program.

The Elementary Ministry Coordinator will work with the Sunday School Superintendent to secure teachers and helpers; select and distribute curriculum and supplies.

The Youth Ministry Coordinators will develop and maintain a personal relationship with each youth coach and utilize their strengths to ensure each youth's individual needs are met.

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>2</b> 9 am Ladies Aid Quilting  1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>3</b> <b>9 am Bulletin Deadline</b>  9 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille  6:30 pm Knitting Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:25 am Worship  10:25 am Membership Class	<b>7</b> Labor Day  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Bible Study  7 pm Good Grief	<b>9</b> 9 am Ladies Aid Quilting  9:30 am RS Ministerium Meeting  1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>10</b> <b>9 am Bulletin Deadline</b>  9 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille  6:30 pm Knitting Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>13</b> RALLY DAY  Food Bank Collection  9:25 am Worship  10:45 am Sunday School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Bible Study  1 pm Newsletter submissions due in office	<b>16</b> 9 am Ladies Aid Quilting  1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>17</b> <b>9 am Bulletin Deadline</b>  9 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille  6:30 pm Knitting Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  8 am Sisters of Faith Breakfast
<b>20</b> 8:30 am Mentoring Team Pictures in FH  9:25 am Worship  10:45 am Sunday School  12 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>21</b> 10 am Book Group	<b>22</b> Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9 am Ladies Aid Quilting  1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>24</b> <b>9 am Bulletin Deadline</b>  9 am Breakfast Fellowship at Spring House Grille  6:30 pm Knitting Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:25 am Worship  10:45 am Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Bible Study  7 pm Leadership Team	<b>30</b> 9 am Ladies Aid Quilting  1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>Lord, I ask for your unfailing guidance, as I step out in search of my daily bread today. Let your mighty hands of protection and strength cover me as I walk through today. Thank you because I am safe in your hands. Amen.</b>		

*“Every tomorrow has two handles.  
We can take hold of it with the  
handle of anxiety or the handle of  
faith.”* —Henry Ward Beecher

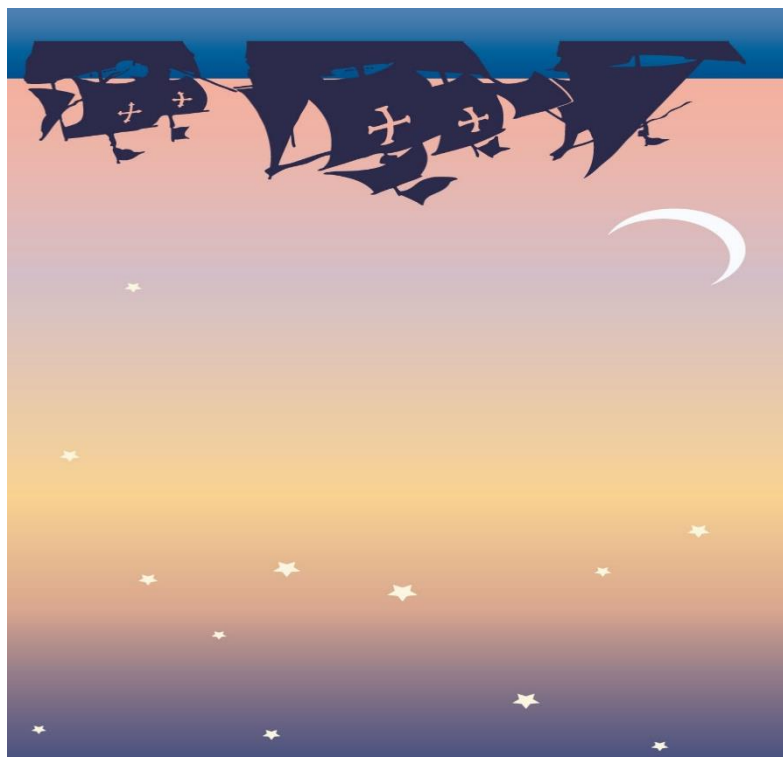
*“When we long for life without  
difficulties, remind us that oaks grow  
strong in contrary winds and  
diamonds are made under pressure.”*  
—Peter Marshall

## A prayer for guidance



Lord, take me where you want me to go;  
Let me meet who you want me to meet;  
Tell me what you want me to say,  
and keep me out of your way.

*Address Service Requested*



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