



**The First Church of the Brethren  
Roaring Spring, PA  
December 16, 2018**



Mary and Elizabeth supported each other during the uncertainty and joy of pregnancy. May we who worship together also support one another through life's ups and downs.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and \*Greeting

\*Call to Worship      Back of Bulletin      Vincent Miller

\*Invocation (From Arlene Marks)

Children's Program

The Church toddlers, preschool and elementary children present:

**The King's Birthday**

Hymn # 215      *What Child is This*

Lighting of the Advent Candle      Bill, Sage and Reese Evans

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

Offertory Thought  
Offertory  
Doxology  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Luke 2:8-20

Meditation      Linus was Right!

Hymn (on screen)      *While Shepherds Watched*

Benediction

Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Bold print indicates congregational response**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers are given** in memory of Delma Witkovsky by Paul and Julie Witkovsky and family.

**The bulletins** are given in memory of Robert Walls by his family.

**Children participating in today's program:** Destiny Wagner, Annabelle Hoffman, Dylan Keith, Hunter Keith, Caroline Keith, Willow Miller, Lena Lanzendorfer, Rooney Lanzendorfer, Rory Martin, Hudson Martin, Molly Martin, Alexander Eicher, Lydia Loucks, Emalee Walter, Ezekiel Walter, Elijah Walter, Abe Russell, Charli Russell, Graci Russell, Gemma Nooyen, Ethan Walls, Aric Foor, Jona Gartmann, Ella Gartmann.

**A Congregational Forum** will be held following worship today to affirm the slate presented at the Dec. 2nd Forum and to vote on how much of parsonage sale proceeds may be used for capital improvements.

**Please include in your prayers:** Carl Hoover, Russell Johnson, Paul Longenecker, Gladys Dodson, Matt Price (deployed), Tommy & Sandy Smith, Patrick Dennis, Barbara Roush, Linda Steele, Brenda Yingling, John Flamish and Erika Smith, Gary Fluke, Willow Miller.

**Please place Angel Tree Cookies** in the kitchen by 6 pm today.

**Help Needed:** Angel Tree cookies will be bagged at 6 pm today in the Fellowship Hall. All men and women are invited to help.



**The J O Y Christmas Party** will be on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in providing a breakfast casserole or goodies is asked to contact Jane Brumbaugh.

**Please sign the Attendance Register** during the offering. Visitors are encouraged to share their address. Members and regular attends can note change of address and phone number.

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**A practice will be held following Sunday School** today and December 23 for those children and youth who want to be part of the children and youth choir that will sing during the Christmas Eve service. Contact Bethann Frederick for more information.



**Angel Tree:** This year we will receive health kits and donations for blankets. Place \$10 for each blanket you wish to provide in an envelope and place in the offering with "blanket" noted on it. The list of items to make a health kit are available at the Welcome Center. Both will be received through January.

**9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Windows left to be replaced!** \$400 donation per window. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this project and thanks to those who will help us complete the project.

**The 2019 Flower and Bulletin Chart** is posted by the mailboxes. Payment is on the honor system and can be placed in the offering any time using the envelopes found near the rear door. Questions can be answered by the office.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** The Youth are willing to sort your Christmas cards being sent to REGULAR attendees. Today is the last day cards will be accepted.

**Family Ministries 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meal** will be held at noon on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to bring something to share. Pork, sauerkraut and drinks will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center today!!

**District Senior High Youth Retreat** - January 11 to 13, 2019 at Camp Blue Diamond. The \$80.00 cost is good until December 31, 2018. See an advisor if you need more information.

**The January Newsletter deadline was Friday.** Information received after the deadline will be included as space and time allow.

**Serving Today                      Serving next week**

Audio	Travis Russell	Travis Russell
Candlelighter		
Organist	Cathy Petre	Barb Wineland
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal
Storyteller	Bethann Frederick	Rufus Petre
Nursery	Audrey Smith Signe Dellinger	
Welcome Center	Jeannie Stiffler	Arlene Beers
Worship Leader	Vincent Miller	Rusty Hoover
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Myers Mike Bianconi	Dave Imes Don Bookhammer
Greeters		
Rear Door	Maureen & Doug Detwiler	Maureen & Doug Detwiler
Front Door	Rufus Petre	Rufus Petre
Deacon Greeters	Mitch & Bethann Frederick	Mitch & Bethann Frederick
Head Ushers: Pat Frazier, Dave Brumbaugh, Earl Bryson		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		

**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.

**Youth News**

**December 16 - 23, 2018**

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Congregational Forum
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	6 pm	Angel Tree Cookie Bagging
	6:30 pm	Jr Youth Gathering/Christmas Party
Monday	10 am	Book Group
Wednesday	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Bulletin Announcement Deadline</b>
	9 am	Breakfast at Spring House Grille
	10 am	J O Y Christmas Party
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice

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Church of the Brethren **Workcamps** - registration opens January 17, 2019.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** will be Sunday, February 3. If you like to write and want to help plan the service, please contact Brenda Fluke-Garber at 793-4637.

**Volleyball practices** will start in February. The Tournament is Saturday, March 16, 2019

**Middle District Soup Kitchen** trip to Washington D. C. - March 27 to 30, 2019.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

**Stewardship Report 12/09/2018**

Worship Attendance	162	Sunday School	71
Worship Offering	\$4,812.00	Sunday School Offering	\$41.00

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>			
<b>10:45 am – 11:30 am</b>			
Class	Room	Class	Room
Nursery	202	Generation Hope	405
Pre-k – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr	201	Genesis	406
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	506	Alpha	402
Jr High	504	Mr & Mrs	301
Sr High	502		