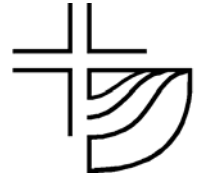




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I am the vine...you are the branches...John 15:5 Continuing the work of Jesus: Peacefully, Simply, Together

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CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Greg Jones	Pastor
Caleb Beech	Children/Youth
Minister Andrea Beech	
Music Minister Galene Sellers	
Church Secretary Ralph Hanawalt	
Church Treasurer Galene Sellers	Church Clerk
John Kipp	Church Moderator
Lori Alderfer & Cindy Lucas	Preschool
Teachers	



HEALING and SUSTAINING PRAYER

Church Family - Whitney Auker,
 Bruce Campbell, Elsie Davis, Ruth Hepner, Trudy Hoke,
 Tracy Howell, Don McKee, Ruth Miller, Bob Stong,
 Steve Swartz Jr.

Friends - Sue Colyer, Amy Dressler, LeRoy Dreibelbis,
 Paul & Ron Dressler, William Fisher, Karen Hart Fox,
 Ken Gearhart Jr., Janet Gingrich, Raymond Gordner,
 Pete Hoke, Valerie Hostler, Eileen Huber, Joni Jenkins,
 Dee Anna Johnson, Tara Kauffman, Bertha Mangle,
 Jeff Schlegel, Leon Sharp, Andy Weaver, Marian Zeiders.

Haiti Victims
 Our School/College Students
 Our Service Men & Women
 Michael Sicard, Eric Sheaffer, Chris Huber Jr.,
 Eric Robb, Seth Ritzman.

Keep in Prayer our family members in Nursing Homes or otherwise unable to worship with us.

North Ridge Assisted Living: Betty Page, Clara Rakerd, Ken Dressler Sr., Ethel Yoder
Manor Perry Village: Elsie Davis
Brookline Assisted Living: Thelma Vandegrift

Throwing Bricks

Not long ago I read an interesting quote. It said, "A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with bricks others have thrown at him." I read that and immediately thought of Job.

Job was that guy in the Old Testament who lost most of his livestock, most of his servants, and all of his children. He's the fellow whose health goes south. He's the fellow who, in the midst of his misery, finds support from a loving wife and caring friends (not!) If you were paying attention in Sunday School, you'll remember that his wife tells him to curse God and die (Job 2:9), and his friends show up and tell him he's a despicable sinner. Do you think he knows all about bricks? You betcha!

Well, as the bricks pile up around him, Job kinda gets ticked off at God. He would like to know what he had done to deserve this kind of treatment. Now, you and I know that he did nothing. As a matter of fact, God was very impressed with Job's righteousness. But Job didn't know that. So he sets in dust and ashes lamenting what his life used to be like.

Well, you know, old Job was righteous, but it sure seems he needed to learn one valuable lesson. I think Job needed a little humility. Listen to Job as he reflects on his life before the tragedy. *"I thought, 'Surely I will die surrounded by my family after a long, good life. For I am like a tree whose roots reach the water, whose branches are refreshed with the dew. New honors are constantly bestowed on me, and my strength is continually renewed.'* *"Everyone listened to my advice. They were silent as they waited for me to speak. And after I spoke, they had nothing to add, for my counsel satisfied them."* (Job 29:18-22). I read that and began to wonder if God was using these events to teach Job a lesson; a lesson that says He is the Master and we are His servants, He is the potter and we are the clay. I suspect God was using these events not to destroy Job, but to teach and discipline. And if that's true, then sometimes God's discipline can be kinda harsh.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us *"For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as his child."* (Hebrews 12:6). But like Job, I think all of us would agree that God's discipline is not always pleasant. However, I do believe it is prudent that all of us recognize that He is only trying to help us become more than we could possibly become on our own. Without those moments of gut wrenching pain, there is no growth. If God did not take the time to reveal how we needed to grow, painful as that can be, there would be no growth; no change in us. We would still be as we were when we first came to Christ. But God loves us too much to let us as we were.

My question is, if God was indeed trying to teach Job humility (or some other trait), is it possible He was speaking through these four friends that seemed to be throwing bricks? And I ask that question because listen to what Eliphaz says. *"But consider the joy of those corrected by God! Do not despise the discipline of the Almighty when you sin."* (Job 5:17). That sounds an awful lot like what we read in Hebrews. Maybe, just maybe, this friend, whose words hurt like bricks, had an element of truth Job needed to hear. But instead of considering what was said, Job only saw them as bricks.

Well, I ask you the same question I asked myself. What has been said to you lately that seemed to be hurtful and painful? Maybe there was some truth behind those bricks. Could it be that God is trying to help you become more that you are today? Is this part of God's discipline?

Pastor Greg

Congratulations!

Jessica Strawser was on the Honor Roll at Juniata High School for the first marking period which ended January 15th.

Nicholas Lorenz was on the Distinguished Honor Roll at East Juniata High School for the second 9-week grading period.

Joshua Peters, Anthony Shipe, Wade Truitt & Hunter Hepner were all on the Honor Roll at East Juniata High School for the second 9-week grading period.

Brooke Delancey was January Student of the Month at Fayette Elementary School.

Keely Sellers & Dylan Bell are prize winners of the Fayette Elementary Positive Behavior Program for the 2nd marking period of the 2009-10 school year.



Congratulations to Michael Yakamook & Colene Smith who are engaged to be married in August 2010!



Congratulations to Ben & Tiffany Weaver on the arrival of a son, Isaiah Edward, on January 31, 2010. He is welcomed home by big brother, Nathan & big sister, Hannah.

Congratulations to proud grandparents, Paul & Penny Pyle on the birth of Paul's daughters, son Brian Mitchell who was born on February 17, 2010.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Sincere sympathy to the William Huber family, in the death of William on Saturday, January 30, 2010. This is the father of Chris Huber.

Our sincere sympathy to John Bachman in the death of his brother, David Bachman.

A BIG "THANK YOU" for your prayers, for those that helped in making cherry pies and supporting different local needs in our community by purchasing pies. We made 142 pies!

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you to all who contributed items to the food pantry in January and February. As you have read the number of families being served each month has increased greatly in the past year. Our contributions were down a bit at Bunkertown in January. However that may have been because we let down after the holidays and the month slipped by before we knew it. As of this writing things were looking better for February. At one time we had a goal of 100 items each month. I think we can do this again. Parents, you could get your children involved by having them contribute one item each month. This may just be having them be with you at the store when you choose something and letting them put it in the box. Or they may wish to buy an item themselves. (Some of the things can be bought at the dollar stores!) Children are never too young to be made to feel a part of giving through the church. And I know that all of you want to share with those who have less than we do. Thank you for your continuing support of this project.

The Witness Commission

MISSIONS

January Missionary Offering was Beef Canning. Our goal is \$4,000. We received \$3,209.00.

February Missionary Offering is New Tribes Mission. We received \$914.00 with one more Sunday to receive.

March Missionary Offering is Camp Eder.

CAMP EDER ~ A congregation within the Southern PA District of the Church of the Brethren has challenged the Camp Eder and its Board to raise \$12,500 for Camp's Ministry, and it is willing to donate up to \$12,500 to Camp Eder as matching funds. This provides a great opportunity to help provide for the ministry and its growth at Camp Eder. If you feel

led to support the furthering of this ministry, please make checks payable to Camp Eder and give to either Abe Fisher or Andy McDonald to go to the appropriate fund.

Mission's, continued

Juniata County Food Pantry
Challenge Goal
March - All Non-Perishable Foods;
First Aid Supplies: OTC Pain & Cold
Medicines, Bandages, Antibiotic
Ointment, Cough Drops, Q-tips,
Feminine Hygiene.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelope will be in your church mailbox with extra ones on the bulletin board shelf by Sunday, March 7th and on the 14th, we will have this special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts of love make it possible for the many ways the Church of the Brethren "Feed Jesus' sheep." By joining your gift with many other churches, our loving acts are multiplied.

WANTED: FOLKS WHO LIKE TO TALK ON THE PHONE! We have some members in our church family who can no longer be with us each Sunday to worship. The witness commission would like to let them know that we have not forgotten them by setting up a phone ministry. If you would be willing to call one (or more) of these people on a regular basis (like at least once a week) you could be carrying on a great ministry. If you would be willing to do this please talk to one of the members of the Witness Commission.

HAITI PROJECT - The Bunkertown church will be participating in making at least 2 Family Health Kits to go to Haiti. These are specially designed for the needs of the Haitian Brethren families in the Port-au-Prince area who have lost their homes in the earthquake. These kits contain critical supplies that enable Haitian families to prepare their own food and take care of family needs with dignity. You will find a display in the entryway with slips naming the specific items needed. Take a slip and buy that item and return them to the church **by March 21**. If there is interest in assembling more than two we can do more later and take them along to Annual Conference. But we would like to get these two in the early pickup which should be the first of April. Questions can be directed to Linda Leonard. The denomination's recovery work will continue

for many months—or even years. This is just one little way we can help.

Linda Leonard, Chairman Witness Committee

REMINDERS

The **April 2010 Newsletter Deadline** is: Sunday, March 21st. The weekly bulletin deadline is noon each Thursday.

Hope Ministries-the following people can help you with various issues:

Jodie Burris, 463-3407- Infertility & Miscarriage Issues.

Jeff and Trudy Hoke, 463-3483 - Marital Issues.

Rosalita Leonard, 463-2912 - Corresponding with college students/service men and women.

If you feel God leading you to help in a particular area, please contact Lisa Peters at 694-3798.

Please join us in prayer at 8:45 A.M. each Sunday morning in the conference room. Also, on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

THE FLORAL COMMITTEE would like to let you know that a 2010 flower calendar will not be put up in the narthex as it always has, however if you wish to have flowers in the altar vases or arrangements put in front of the church sanctuary, in honor or in memory of a loved one or occasion, please notify Judy Hoffman or Darlis Strawser, the committee members, and they will take care of this for you.

Darlis Strawser is coordinator for **meals taken to homes**, and she is requesting help for making these meals. If you like to cook and would like to help make meals as they are needed, please contact her and she can explain the details.

A large filing cabinet (four drawer) is needed for the choir room to keep choir/church music in, and in order. If you have or wish to donate one to the choir room, Andrea Beech our Music Minister would greatly appreciate it.

Reminder's, continued

Corrections/Changes for the 2010 Church Directory:

Page 9 - add the zip code 17059 to Kenneth Henry's address

Page 10 - change Jennifer Hummel's - email address to: hummel.jenn@gmail.com

Changes: Page 13 - delete the - PO Box 31 - on Claude & Melda Ritchie's address

Page 17 - Remove Matthew Benner's Williamsport address - he is commuting to college from home.

Page 17 - Add Megan Shipe's college address: Messiah College, P O Box 6157, One College Avenue Grantham, PA 17027.

CHURCH BOARD

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

2010 Board Members

Jennifer Hummel - Board Chair

Abe Fisher- Vice Chair

Galene Sellers-Secretary

Nurture Commission

Abe Fisher - Chair

Hannah Bashore-Vice Chair

Lisa Peters-Secretary

Betty Lou Helwig

Stewards Commission

Orlyn Saner-Chair

Doug Kline-Vice Chair

vacant

vacant

Witness Commission

Linda Leonard - Chair

Jennifer French-Vice Chair

Sue Truitt

Rod Knouse

YOUTH~DONATIONS NEEDED ~ For Impact 2010. The youth will need items for a Continental Breakfast for Saturday & Sunday with snacks in between their time at Impact. These items will be needed by March

3rd. If you have questions, see Caleb Beech, Youth Director or the church office. Please leave items in the Kit/Ref. labeled for Youth/Impact.

YOUTH GROUP ~ March 8th & March 22nd

there will be a breakfast in the FLC at 7:15 before going to school.

TRUTH TRACKERS ~ will be each

Wednesday evening, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for children in 1st grade- 6th grade on March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st. If you have any questions, please see Caleb Beech, youth director.

YOUTH~From July 3-12, 2010, Shellie Dimm,

Amber Knouse, Andrea Jones, Emily Kauffman, Caleb & Andrea Beech, and as well as six others from Richfield Mennonite Church will be embarking on this journey to Peru. If you would uphold them in prayer, it would greatly be appreciated. Pray that the hearts of the Peruvians would be prepared, that there will be safe travels, and that we raise all of our support. In order to go on this missionary journey, each person needs to raise \$1,750. This price includes air fare, ground transportation, food, lodging, Boot Camp & other trip-related expenses. They need the total amount by May 15th & half of it by March 15th. Please pray that the Lord will supply the funds. If the Lord leads you to help in this unique opportunity, please make checks payable to Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. along with your name, address, so that they can send you a tax-deductible receipt. Should you feel led to give, please give your check to Caleb Beech who will make sure the check is sent to the right place.

Thanks so much for your interest & prayers,

Youth & Caleb Beech, Children & Youth Director

YOUTH WEBSITE - bunkertownyouth.webs.com

HANDBELL CHOIR for Children!

Children ages K-6 grade are invited to join Andrea Beech in the Conference Room each Sunday from 10:15-10:45. Your child does not need to have any prior musical knowledge to participate. Special color-coded bells will be used to help us play together. Please send your child for a time of fun and worship in music! Please feel free to contact Andrea with any questions you may have.

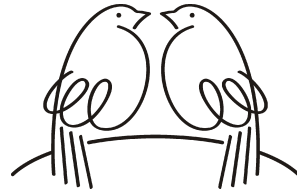
March Birthdays

- 1 - Tremaine Boyd
- 4 - Arden Benner
 - Aaron Graybill
- 5 - Daisy Swartz
- 6 - Harry Bashore
 - Tyler Forry
 - Jill Berry
- 7 - Ruth Ann Kahley
 - Diane Heimbach
- 8 - Sharry Longenecker
- 10 - Chris Dressler
- 11 - Ian Bassler
 - Hayley Colyer
- 13 - Sally Bailor
- 14 - Amy Benner
- 15 - Pat Sierer
- 16 - Bruce Campbell
 - Jenna McKee
 - Barbara Shallenberger
 - Adam Truitt
- 17 - Janet Ocker
- 19 - Christian Dressler
- 20 - Sheree Foose
 - Heidi Strawser
 - Michelle Romig
- 21 - Daniel Houtz
 - Ashley Yeater
 - Brooke & Morgan Delancey
- 22 - Lloyd Brubaker
- 23 - Shane Dressler
 - Charles M. Heimbach
- 24 - Dianne Saner
 - Heather McDonald
- 25 - Betty Page
 - Robert Zimmerman
- 26 - Rosalita Leonard
- 27 - Richard Strawser
 - Mandy Brown
- 28 - Rebecca Miller
 - Nicolas Hummel
- 31 - Lawrence Benner



March Anniversaries

- 15 - Earl & Janet Ocker ('91)
- 20 - Jack & Edna Kerstetter ('65)
- 23 - John & Shirley Bachman ('53)
- 25 - Jon & Pauline Hummel ('06)
- 30 - Mervin & Darlis Strawser ('68)
- 31 - Randy & Michelle Romig ('90)



MARCH EVENTS

The CHOIR is beginning to prepare some new music for Easter! If you are interested in serving the Lord through this ministry, please join us for practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Beech.

SENIOR SUPPER ~ Monday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. We had a very good attendance in February. We will use the color green for March. Green vegetables, dessert, etc. Come & share food & fellowship with us!

STITCHARITY ~ Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION MEN! The Bunkertown Men's group will be attending the Pennsylvania Home Builders show on Saturday, March 13th. Tickets cost \$8.00. For more information, contact Pastor Greg or Caleb Beech.

March 2010						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

On Saturday, March 13th from 12-5 p.m., in the sanctuary there will be a Live Event Simulcast with Dave Ramsey LIVE. There will be a free will offering. Dave Ramsey's Total Money Makeover LIVE! This is a action-packed, entertainment event that will change the way you think about money. Dave will teach you how to:

- Create a game plan to get out of debt
- Make a system for their money, that works
- Save money like never before
- Invest with confidence
- Get on the same page as their spouse about money
- Start a legacy of financial wisdom of future generations

Please contact Abe Fisher @ 535-5407, if you have questions.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ~ BEGINS ON March 14th

. Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday night before going to bed!

The FAITH PRESCHOOL is in need of the following items: Fruit Cocktail - 3 large cans; Apple Sauce - 3 large cans; Chocolate Pudding - 3 large cans; Apple Juice - eight; Tissues - 4 boxes; 6 ounce paper cups; Cheese Curds - 4 bags.

Our Preschool is on a limited budget and your help in donating these items will be greatly appreciated.

Congregational Business Meeting

on Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
You are encouraged to attend!

American Cancer Society Daffodil Days is Sunday, March 21st. Be sure to have your vases with your names on, in the kitchen by Wednesday, March 17th.

BLESSINGS GROUP ~

The Blessings Group will be hosting a baby shower for Laura Shellenberger on Monday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC. She and Caleb are expecting their second son in April. Big brother, Caden and happy grandparents, Doug & Cathy Shellenberger are all looking forward to the new addition to their family. Hope you can join us. Any questions, contact Hannah Bashore or Lisa Peters.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Sponsored By: The Fayette Area Ministerium

Theme: The Sign of Jonah

Jesus said, "No sign shall be given but the sign of the prophet Jonah" (Mat. 12:39)
Join us as we explore what Jonah teaches us about Jesus.

Mar 7	Praying in the Fish	Bunkertown COB
Mar 14	The God of Second Chances	Delaware Menn.
Mar 21	About Face	Lost Creek Mennonite
Mar 28	On the Same Page	East Salem UMC
Apr 2	The Answer!	Pine Grove UMC

All services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Offerings will be divided between

"Nothing But Nets" through the
United Methodist Church

the Juniata County Food Pantry Capital Campaign
and the Coalition of Hope energy bank.

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL ~ 10TH ~ Information will be put in your church mailbox soon, if you are interested in ordering the Church of the Brethren magazine called, "The Messenger" or renewing your subscription. The messenger subscriptions are due by April 10th! Please make your checks out to Bunkertown Church of the Brethren and put your check and order form in the supplied envelope in the church office mailbox next to the office door.

APRIL ~ 20th ~ Tuesday ~ there will be a meeting for everyone interested in planning the Apple Butter Boil in October. The meeting will be in the conference room at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL ~ 24TH ~ The HOSS'S Restaurant in Lewistown, will donate 20% of the cost of your meal to the Truck Stop Ministry in Carlisle. See John Kahley for a paper that you will have to give to Hoss's, when you pay your bill.

The Mifflin-Juniata American Cancer Society Relay for Life is gearing up for it's 16th year to be held on June 5th and 6th at the Derry Township Community Park in Lewistown. For the last number of years Bunkertown COB has participated in this event. It is an excellent opportunity for our church to not only get some exercise, but to raise money to battle cancer. We will need people willing to walk for one hour segments for 24 hours and we will also need sponsors for the walkers. There will also be an opportunity to honor or remember loved ones who have had cancer by purchasing a candle which will be lit at night and then we will be lined around the track. Please see Donna or Ralph Hanawalt, if you have any question, and circle June 5 and 6 on your calendar.

Information is in the church office for Annual Conference which is in Pittsburgh, on July 3- 7th.

VBS ~ EGYPT ~ Joseph's Journey from prison to a palace. I would like to step back in time-and savor amazing stories from the Bible.

Just imagine...

- Exploring authentic traditions,
- Building strong relationships with other Family members,
- Trying new crafts and games,
- Smelling and tasting new foods, and
- Learning from Joseph that God never leaves us alone through life's trials and triumphs.

Everything...from the music to the costumes to the Marketplace crafts...*absolutely everything* has the look, feel, and flavors inspired by ancient Egypt and Joseph's journey from prison to palace.

This summer, let's bring that same wonder and excitement to our church! Be a part of the vacation Bible school at Bunkertown Church of the Brethren during July 18th-22nd, 2010. It's our goal to reach 150 kids with this program. That's 150 kids who will grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying that this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with his love. Join in the mission of helping kids in our community discover that

- God gives us hope,
- God gives us special abilities,
- God gives us wisdom,
- God gives us forgiveness,
- God gives us a family!

As we plan and prepare for Egypt VBS, our team cherishes your prayers. Will you pray that God grants us wisdom in planning? Please pray for the right staff members to join our team. And also pray that God begins working in the hearts of the children who will visit Egypt!

Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event! Thanks for your prayers and support.

Caleb Beech, Children/Youth Director

MARCH HELPERS

Pianist/Organist

07-Andrea Beech/Suzie Shallenberger
14-Andrea Beech
21-Andrea Beech/Chris Kline
28-Andrea Beech/Stephanie Freyermuth

Service Ushers

Jason Stuck, Chief
Barry Hoffman
Doug Kline
Tim Burris
Merv Strawser

Greeters

John & Ruth Ann Kahley

C/D Ministry

Lawrence Fronk

North Ridge-4th Sunday

(Pick up residents @ 8:45 a.m. for Worship Service)

Tony & Judi Neimond

Jail Ministry-4th Sunday

Team # 3

Tony Neimond
John Kahley

AV Tech's

07-Tony Neimond/Jake Peters
14-Nick Lorenz/Josh Peters
21-Jon Hummel/Jake Peters
28-Dean Yeater/Wade Truitt

Nursery:

07- Stephanie Graybill/Pat Sierer
14- Judi Neimond/Cathy Shellenberger
21-Judy Hoffman/Deanna Stong
28- Kim Stuck/Hannah Bashore

Jr. Church

07-Kim Stuck
14-Stephanie Kline
21-Sue Truitt
28-Gina Amey

Counting Committee

Harry & Hannah Bashore
Leon Leiter

Bethesda Mission-1st Saturday

Team # 3

Ruth Sellers
Mildred & Diane Spade
Cindy Porch & Jessica Strawser

Nursing Home Services

March 14th Brookline
2 & 3 p.m. - Choir

DEACONS ~ the Deacon meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. **(Date may change - watch your bulletin)**

Love Feast & Communion is on Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC.

Deacons of the Week:

February 28-March 6, Bev Richmond
March 7-13, John & Shirley Bachman
March 14-20, Merv & Darlis Strawser
March 21-27, Gary & Ethel Lentz
March 28-April 3, Dean & Mary Evelyn Yeater

