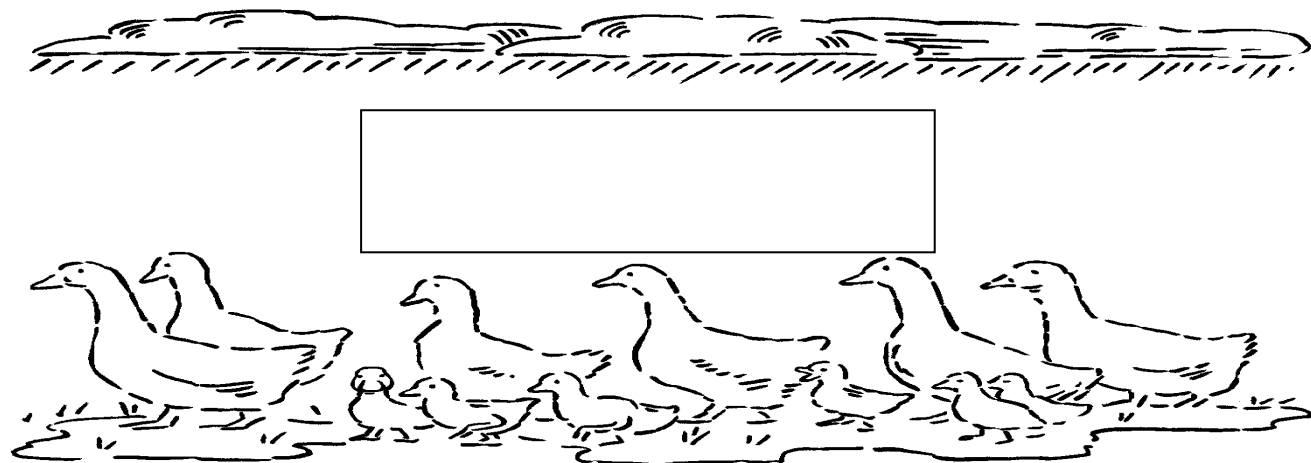


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**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAY @ 11:00 AM & BIBLE STUDY
AND TIME OF PRAYER @ 6:45 PM**

**PIONEER CLUBS FOR CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN – JUNIOR HIGH
6:45 PM – 8:00 PM**

See inside for schedule of Easter Programs and Services.



Holy Week

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April 2010

“EASTER – RESURRECTION GLORY!”

You have often heard me use the term *Resurrection Glory* and you have heard me talk about the “mixed emotions” we feel during the period of Lent. What about those “mixed emotions”? As we have discovered during this year’s theme of “**Love on the Cross**”, we sense a love that is beyond our comprehension, but yet a love that is very real and ever-present in our lives. A love that is so powerful that it could put even Superman (I’m dating myself) in his place. It is a love that is beyond description, but yet it is a love that we often reject. It is a love that sent Jesus to the cross, but yet we want to bear very little of the burden to see that His love continues to grow in our hearts and in the hearts of those who do not yet know or accept Him. I heard or read that until just recently, the Cross was the most recognized symbol in the world. But now the “golden arches” at McDonald’s has taken that distinction.

On the other hand, we ask why did Jesus have to die on that Cross? Why does He love us so much? Why does He even care, particularly when He sees and knows how sinful and foolish we sometimes act?

How do we reconcile these “mixed emotions”? How do we on the one hand, marvel at God’s love for us (John 3:16) and on the other hand, care so little about it that we allow a fast-food hamburger joint to be more recognizable than our faith, or at least the primary symbol of our faith?

One possible approach is to focus on the Resurrection Glory of Easter. Remember, because He lives, we too, shall live. The empty tomb and Risen Lord (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and, John 20) say it all. If we do away with “mixed emotions” and focus on God’s *unmerited* love, we should want to do nothing less than share that Good News. The Apostle Paul had more than mixed emotions, but became a powerhouse for the Lord, when he recognized what Christ had done for him. What about YOU? After His resurrection Jesus said to Peter, “*feed my lambs...take care of my sheep...feed my sheep.*” Share the Resurrection Glory today and every day. You won’t be disappointed in the difference it will make in your life and in the lives of others. That is real life and real living—nothing mixed about it!

Easter Blessings every day,

Pastor John



PASTOR: Rev. John B. Shaffer

Pastor John is available **any time** and can be reached at the numbers below, however, he does have weekly office hours. Just to be sure he isn't visiting an area hospital or someone at their home, you may wish to call in advance.

Monday & Wednesday – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30am – 12:30pm

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Celebrating Birthdays in April ...

- April 4 – Larry Schwartz
- April 5 – Joan Hangey – Meagan Roth
- April 8 – Doug Graham
- April 14 – Sharon Renninger
- April 16 – April Odor
- April 18 – Mike Yorgey
- April 19 – Cindy Hunter
- April 21 – Trey Adams / Pat Murphy / Shirley Unangst
- April 22 – Justine Musselman
- April 23 – Anya Swavely / Wendy Vandegrift
- April 24 – Benjamin Patton
- April 25 – Lisa Shaffer / Karen Uhl
- April 27 – Andrea Adams / Kari Dieterly
- April 28 – Ken Troxell
- April 29 – Donovan Donnelly / L. Michael Shubert

Ha! Ha!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN YOU GET THE SIX B'S ...

Bald Head / Bifocals / Bought teeth / Bulging belly / Bad knees / Bunions

Written by: Rev. John Justice – Submitted by: Donna Stutzman

A SENIOR MOMENT ... "Where is my Sunday paper?" the irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the newspaper employee, "today is only Saturday." There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter, "Well, that's why no one was at church today!"



HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY ...

Pat & Jackie Murphy on April 8th

Luke & Anna Brandt on April 26th



"Let us reach out our hearts toward God in Heaven!" Lamentations 3:4

Christian Education



THERE ARE THREE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES to choose from: **“The Fruit of the Spirit”**, led by Juli in Pastor John’s office. Young adult class led by Keith in the Chapel. The Senior Adult Class led by Helen, in the Library.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00AM

A LOVING PRE-NURSERY (UNDER 3 YEAR OF AGE)

LED BY ERIC DIETERLY & TRACEY SHEARER

NURSERY CLASS (AGES 3 & 4) LED BY CONNIE HOLSINGER

BEGINNERS CLASS (KDG & GR 1) LED BY TINA DIETERLY & JUDY MENSZAK

LITTLE GLEANERS (GR 2 & 3) LED BY SANDY SHEARER & SUSAN SHAFFER

SUNBEAM CLASS (GR 4 – 6) LED BY AUDREY HOWARD & PAT MURPHY

JUNIOR HIGH (GR 7 – 8) LED BY AMANDA & JEFF VANDEGRIFT

SENIOR HIGH (GR 9 – 12) – LED BY BRIAN & HOLLY KELLY & LISA & AARON SASSAMAN

“PRAYER” – THE THEME FOR OUR ADULT STUDIES continues on Wednesday morning at 11:00am in the Chapel. **WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY** 6:45pm – 8:00pm. During the final 15 to 20 minutes, joys and concerns are lifted in prayer. Both Bible Studies are using the DVD Study based upon the work of Philip Yancey, **“PRAYER: Does it make any difference?”**
We hope to see you at one or both!



MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS IN OUR COMMUNITY: DO YOU HAVE A NEED OR CONCERN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO LIFT UP IN PRAYER?

You can call the church office at anytime or drop us a note mentioning your prayer concern or joy. If you feel more comfortable, include only your first name. Sometimes a burden is made lighter just knowing that you are being lifted in prayer. We will gladly include your need or concern with our own on Wednesday evening during our time of prayer and on Sunday morning during the Worship Service. We also have a Prayer Chain, and we would be glad to place your prayer request on that. Our prayer chain includes 30 households. It is a great comfort and strength to know that we have a caring God who loves us and responds to the prayers of His people.

“Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:12

“If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let your neighbor see what Christ has done for you.”

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE MAY BEACON is Sunday, April 18. You may place your articles in Pastor John’s mailbox or send your article(s) via email – at the Pastor’s home or at church! Thank you.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GOOD NEWS! Nancy sold her home and is moving the end of March. Be watching the bulletin insert for her new address. We wish her well in her new home.

THE LITTLE GLEANERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, (Grades 1 & 2), led by Miss Sandy and Miss Susan, had lunch and a fun afternoon at Pastor John’s and Susan’s home. They filled loads of Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt (and they didn’t sample any of the candy!). Grilled cheese sandwiches were served for lunch, followed by craft time. Miss Sandy helped Carroll and Jennifer make windsocks for their yard, with bright yellow crepe paper – it was a breezy day and when they were “tested” on the tree in the yard, they worked great! What fun – and what memories!

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP made dozens and dozens of hoagies for their Hoagie Sale – and it was a huge success. Judy announced in church that the only items left over were several bags of chopped onions! Monies raised through these fundraisers help to pay their way to National Youth Conference in Colorado.

THE SERVICE OF CHILD DEDICATION AND PARENT CONSECRATION was part of our Worship Service on March 21st, as Matt and Jenn presented little Mason. Supporting mom and dad, were Allison and Meagan. Grandma Sharon read a prayer for their family and she did a lovely job – not one tear! They’re a beautiful family and we are proud to have them as part of our congregation.

LEE AND ARLENE GRANDPARENTS AGAIN– No. 7 – and it’s a boy! If you haven’t seen Rocco’s pictures yet, ask

Lee and Arlene. Best wishes to Joe and Nicole and the entire family.



MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION – APRIL 1 – 7:00PM AN INVITATION BY CHRIST ...

“The evening meal was being served when Jesus got up from the meal, took off His outer garment, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciple’s feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.” (Scripture reference: John 13:1-17)



The Brethren Love Feast and Communion is a conscious imitation of Jesus’ Last Supper with His disciples. It begins with a simple meal of a rice and hamburger dish, rolls, cheese, and grapes. This meal symbolizes fellowship.

Following the meal is a time of feet washing, symbolizing humility and service. You do not have to participate in the feet washing if you choose. For people who are handicapped and cannot do the stairs down to the Fellowship Hall, we have a set-up that is handicap accessible on the ground floor of the church. There is a closed circuit TV and audio so that each group can see and hear each other and participate. The people on the ground floor, who cannot get down on their knees for feet washing, wash each other’s hands. In verses 14-15, Jesus says, *“Now that I your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”*

Finally, all baptized Christians, or those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, are invited to participate in the Bread and Cup Communion, symbolizing participation in Christ’s suffering and death.

There are hymns sung, and meditations shared by Pastor John, as well as a preliminary time of self-examination during the service.

Child care is provided. –

The Deacon Board



"Bible verses are stars that light our path and help keep us on course."



MEMORY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL



*"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!"
I Chronicles 16:29b*



3/28 - PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP -

10:00am

4/1 - MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE FEAST & COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:00pm

4/2 - GOOD FRIDAY - QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE UCC CHURCH - 12 Noon-3:00pm

4/2 - GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AT 1ST CHURCH - 7:00pm

4/4 - EASTER DAWN SERVICE - 6:30pm
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:00am



"CREATING A WILL" - A SEMINAR FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

- led by Attorney Kathryn Carlson, will be held **Monday evening, April 12 at 7:00pm**. Plan to join us for this informative and important evening. Light refreshments will follow. - **IT'S FREE!**

***Book Review
By: Sandy***

"ANGELS UNDERCOVER"

By: Diane Noble

Back in Copper Mill, TN with Kate and Paul Hanlon - as the small community gets ready for a civil war reenactment. Kate gets pulled into solving the mystery of a rash of break-ins and Paul has his hands full with new changes at Faith Briar Church. Will these events shake their strong faith in God and how He answers prayers? You'll need to find out how God uses angels undercover.

CAMP SWATARA SUNDAY is April 25th. Be

watching for information about a "road trip" to Camp for our Pioneer Clubs children and youth. We went last year and had a lot of fun. We're going to do it again! More details will be coming!

The Stewardship Commission is

CLEANING UP! As Keith Dieterly announced on March 21st, the Stewardship Commission is planning a clean-up of the entire Church. The tentative schedule encourages those with responsibility for areas to do some preliminary clean-up so that the Stewardship Commission can make these efforts on various Saturdays as quick and effective as possible. It would be helpful if those responsible for a given area be there as well. What is the rationale behind this effort? To make the Church as attractive, functional and safe as possible by getting rid of items no longer used or needed and thus provide storage space for the essentials. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. While this schedule is tentative, all dates have a 10:30am start time (and, hopefully, a quitting time of about 1:00pm). The first clean-up date is April 24th in the church basement. The next date for clean-up will be May 1st in the Library. Be watching for future dates in the May Beacon.

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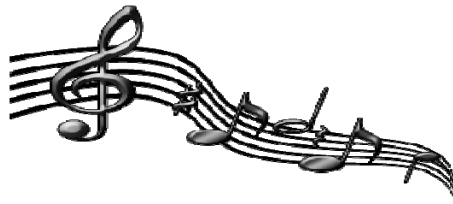
- A big "Thank You!" to those who have donated items and to the Pioneer Clubs Junior High group for coming out to help assemble the hygiene kits. We recently shipped 35 kits to help the needy. We continue to support the effort of Church World Service in helping those that are facing crisis and disaster. In order for us to complete more kits, we are in need of single packages of toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, and nail clippers. Monetary donations are also appreciated to aid with shipping costs. Items for this project or monetary gifts can be dropped off at the church Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, or during the Pastor's office hours.
Audrey Howard

SOME DATES

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING - RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 2ND TO MAY 16TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
"SPRING INTO SPIRITUALITY" A SEMINAR & RETREAT FOR WOMEN - MAY 22nd

“SONGS FOR EACH MONTH”

- January – “Living for Jesus”
 - February – “Whiter Than Snow”
 - March – “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”
 - April – “Jesus Paid It All”
 - May – “In the Garden”
 - June – “Behold the Bridegroom Cometh”
 - July – “Shall We Gather at the River”
 - August – “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”
 - September – “Blessed Quietness”
 - October – “Call For Reapers”
 - November – “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
 - December – “Joy to the World”
- Shared By: Rev. John Justice (Donna’s Father)
 At the Springfield Church of the Brethren Homecoming
 Submitted by: Dick Knechel



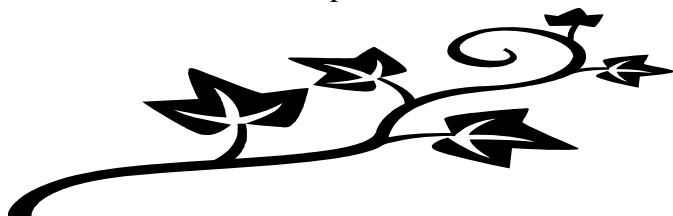
“SOMEONE TO CARE”

By: Rudy Lee Mitchell

Instead of pointing out the way,
I’d rather someone kind would say,
“I’ll walk along with you, my friend;
The road has many turns and bends.”

When life is dark and I can’t see,
I’d rather one would say to me,
Instead of placing block or bar,
“Come on, I’ll help you find a star.”

If we’d share in life’s give and take,
We must share with the friends we make.
With a friend, journeys seem less far;
With one to help, I touch a star.





WHEN DO WE NEED REVIVAL?

50 evidences of the need for a fresh visitation
of the Spirit in Revival –

- When God’s people are more concerned about their jobs and their careers than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.
- When God’s people get together with other believers and the conversation is primarily about the news, weather, and sports, rather than the Lord.
- When church services are predictable and “business as usual”
- When believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation
- When Christian husbands and wives are not praying together

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN * APRIL 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1	Thursday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm * MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE FEAST, FEET WASHING & COMMUNION SERVICE -7:00pm	 Holy Week
April	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 7:00pm	
April 3	Saturday	Women's Bible Study – 9:30am * <i>Invite a friend to attend church with you!</i>	
April 4	Sunday	 Easter Dawn Service – 6:30am Sunday School – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00am * Nursing Home Services: Quakertown Manor– 1:30pm / Belle Haven - 2:15pm	
April 5	Monday	Girl Scout Troop– 6:30pm * Deacon Board Meeting – 7:00pm	
April 6	Tuesday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 7	Wednesday	Morning Bible Study – 11:00am * PIONEER CLUBS – 6:45pm – 8:00pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm – 8:00pm * Bell Choir – 8:15pm	
April 8	Thursday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 9	Friday		
April 10	Saturday	Women's Bible Study – 9:30am * <i>Invite a friend to attend church with you!</i>	
April 11	Sunday	Sunday School – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) * Worship – 10:00am	
April 12	Monday	Girl Scout Troop– 6:30pm * “Creating a Will” Seminar for the church and community led by Attorney Kathryn Carlson ←	
April 13	Tuesday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 14	Wednesday	Morning Bible Study – 11:00am * PIONEER CLUBS – 6:45pm – 8:00pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm – 8:00pm * Adult Choir – 8:15pm	
April 15	Thursday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am-2:00pm * Sunshine Stitches-7pm	
April 16	Friday		
April 17	Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast at John's Plain & Fancy – 9:00am * Women's Bible Study - 9:30am * Memorial Service for Edward Fawcett - 11:00am	
April 18	Sunday	Sunday School – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) Worship – 10:00am Articles for the May Beacon due today!	
April 19	Monday	Girl Scout Troop– 6:30pm * Commission Meetings – 7:00pm	
April 20	Tuesday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 21	Wednesday	Morning Bible Study – 11:00am * PIONEER CLUBS – 6:45pm – 8:00pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm – 8:00pm * Bell Choir – 8:15pm	
April 22	Thursday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 23	Friday	Salisbury Behavioral Health Meetings – 9:00am – 3:00pm	
April 24	Saturday	Women's Bible Study – 9:30am * <i>Invite a friend to attend church with you!</i> Stewardship Commission Clean-up – 10:30am ←	
April 25	Sunday	CAMP SWATARA SUNDAY – Sunday School – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) Worship – 10:00am	
April 26	Monday	Girl Scout Troop– 6:30pm * Church Board Meeting – 7:00pm	
April 27	Tuesday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 28	Wednesday	Morning Bible Study – 11:00am * PIONEER CLUBS – 6:45pm – 8:00pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm – 8:00pm * Bell Choir – 8:15pm	
April 29	Thursday	Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry – Hours: 9:30am – 2:00pm	
April 30	Friday		

LOOKING INTO MAY: 5/2 – National Youth Sunday * 5/16 - Congregational Meeting
5/22 – “Spring Into Spirituality” Retreat for Women * 5/23 - Music Sunday