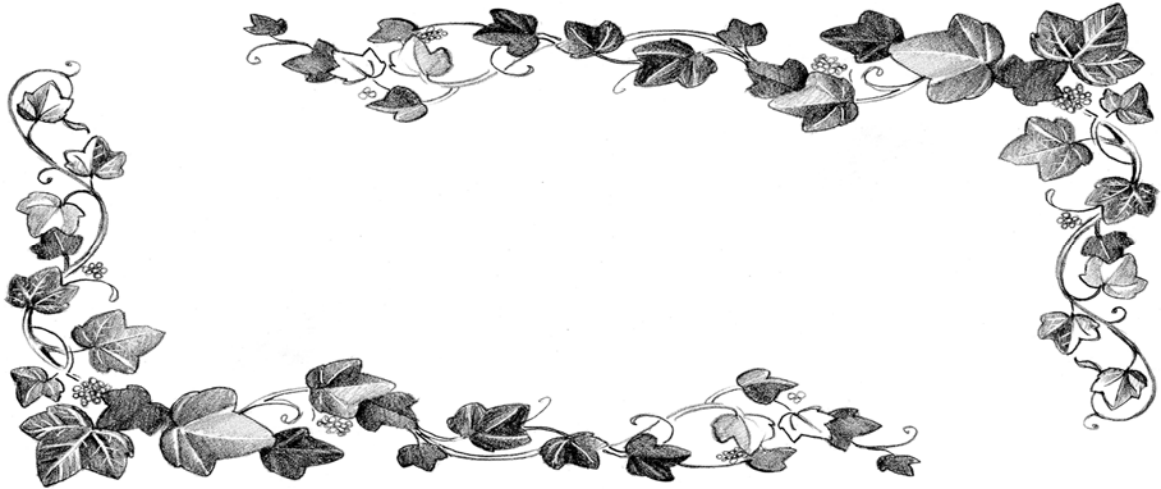


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**(Classes for ALL ages)**

**WORSHIP – 10:00AM**

**(Nursery & Junior Church)**

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

**(Begins again in the Fall)**

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**TWO WEEKLY**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

**WEDNESDAY – 11AM & 6:45PM**

**Please Join Us!**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Saturday – 9:30am**

Look inside for more information on services,  
programs & activities.

**OLD FASHIONED**

**HYMN SING**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

**6:30PM**



*Psalm 95:1 - "O come, let us sing unto  
the Lord; let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation"*

**Please Join Us!**

# THE BEACON

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June 2011

## GRADUATING...GRADUATION...GRADUATED...GRADUATE

When I was graduating from high school, it was made clear to me that I was “being graduated” not “I graduated”. In other words, it was the action of others that conferred upon me the high school diploma. I only completed the course work. Others – the school - actually did the graduating! So much for being technically and, I guess, grammatically correct! But it is more than technicalities or grammar that is at stake. It is a recognition of others – and in all cases God – who have made that accomplishment possible.



This is the month we celebrate graduations of all sorts. Graduations from pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, technical or trade schools, college and post graduate studies, to name a few. Regardless of the school or program, graduation represents an accomplishment - a sense of progression in one's learning and the ability to make a difference in a chosen field, or simply in our ability to handle various aspects of life.

I believe our Christian walk with the Lord is a continual learning process with unlimited “graduations”. We celebrate the God who created us and the precious gift of childhood as we grow under the Christ-like nurturing of our parents. We further grow and mature in our faith as we accept Christ as Lord of our lives. We accomplish still additional milestones as we worship and praise Him...as we learn and study His Word...as we are led by the Holy Spirit. We demonstrate our faith by acts of kindness and service in various ways and begin the cycle all over again when we get married and are blessed by God with the precious gift of children...and then grandchildren. We offer wisdom based upon, not what we have accomplished, but what our Lord has accomplished in and through us.

Our walk with the Lord has many opportunities to celebrate until the glorious day we meet Him face to face. Those growth opportunities are contained in a big word – **sanctification**. In simple terms, we become more Christ-like. Do we ever achieve that degree of holiness or perfection in our journey here on earth? NO. But, the more we allow the Lord to work with us, in us, and through us, the more “graduations”, the more accomplishments He will allow us to realize in His Name. Read Matthew 25:14-30 (the parable of the talents). It is clear that the more Godly we become, the more He uses us for Kingdom work. Let's not be satisfied with a pre-school celebration. Let's give it our all based upon the gifts He has given us. Let's keep “being graduated” to higher and higher levels of faithfulness.

*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 thru Thursday – 9:30am – 12:30pm**

**Church: 215-536-7510 \* Home: 215-538-2032 \* Cell: 610-413-1997**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

June 3 – Jacob Dutterer

June 5 – Nathaniel Patton / Tracey Shearer / Robert Wert

June 6 – Jeffrey Yorgey

June 8 – Jeff Haring

June 10 – Sarah Haldeman / Jace Swavely

June 13 – Bill Howard / Alyssa Hunter

June 15 – Micah Musselman

June 16 – Benedict Patton

June 18 – Audrey Waddell

June 20 – Winfield Knechel

June 21 – Karen Rupert

June 24 – Helen Grey

June 25 – Richard Schlicher /

Kathy Troxell

June 26 – Mary Hixson / Denny Menszak

June 27 – Phyllis Foulke

June 3 - Aaron & Lisa Sassaman

June 5 - Greg & Cynthia Allen

June 10 - Nick & Melissa Royer

June 11 - John & Lisa Dutterer

June 12 - Larry & Lisa Gallagher

June 14 - Matt & Jenn Roth

June 16 - Bill & April Odor

June 17 – Jeremy & Karin Holsinger & Art & Karen Steich

June 29 – Glenn & Elaine Holsinger



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**THREE ADULT CLASSES : 1) “EXCELLENT LIVING”, led by Juli, 2) “END TIMES”, senior adult study, led by Helen. 3) “IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU’VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT”, young adult study, led by Keith.**

**PRE-NURSERY (CHILDREN 3 & UNDER) 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 SUSAN SHAFFER (SANDY SHEARER, SUBSTITUTE)**

**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**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 11AM & WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:45PM CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS.**



**WEDNESDAY 11AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, continues the study of “God Heard Their Cry” by Ray VanderLaan. “**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. “Preparing God’s Path” also by Ray VanderLaan is the book this group continues to study.

**SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** - 9:30am. Join us as we continue the DVD study by Liz Curtis Higgs, “Unveiling Mary Magdalene” – “Discover the truth about a not-so-bad girl of the Bible”. See Juli or Susan if you would like a study guide. Extra study guides are available!

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”*  
*Ephesians 6:1-4*

**CHURCH WORK DAY**, planned by the Stewardship Commission, is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 beginning at 9am. There is something for everyone – male or female / young or “mature”! The rain date is June 11. Please come to the church, roll up your sleeves, and let’s all pitch in to clean up and beautify our church – **ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**

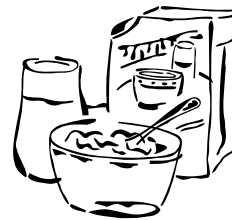


**FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

the first Sunday of the month, join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the

Chapel – sponsored by the Women’s Fellowship. If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Juli.

**NEWS FROM HEAVEN’S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY**



It seems that every month we report on how busy we have been, and April and May (so far) are no exception. In April, we served 59 households for a total of 179 people. As of May 23, we have served 57 households for a total of 157 people for the month.

The food is so-to-speak – “flying off the shelves” and supplies are getting low. We are expecting delivery of a large order soon, and in the meantime we are most appreciative of your donations which enable us to purchase things to “tide us over”.

One continual need we have is breakfast cereal for children. We are not able to order this with our funding and therefore are most appreciative of your donations. Thank you to the many who support our pantry in so many ways. We can make a difference!

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE ...**

*“Bible verses are stars that light our path and help keep us on course.”*

**MEMORY SCRIPTURE FOR JUNE**

*“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him.”*  
*Psalms 37:5*

**“SWEET, SWEET LOVE”**



An old fellow fell in love with a beautiful lady. He got down on his knees and told her there were two things he would like to ask her. She replied, “OK.” He said, “Will you marry me?” “Yes,” she said, then asked what his second question was. He replied, “Will you help me up?”

(Copied – Upper Becks SR Activity Center Newsletter)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 12**  
**DURING WORSHIP THREE OF OUR YOUTH WILL BE BAPTIZED. WE WILL ALSO HAVE COMMUNION – THE BREAD AND THE CUP.**  
**JOIN US – 10:00AM**

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

Please call the church office at anytime, send us an email, or drop us a note mentioning your prayer concern or joy. If you feel more comfortable, include only your first name. Our burdens are made much lighter just knowing that we 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. It's a great comfort and strength to know that we have a caring God who loves us and responds to the prayers of His people.

**CALL US FOR PRAYER  
CHURCH OFFICE: 215-536-7510**

*"If the world had known no winter  
and the time were always spring,  
Would we watch the birds fly over;  
would we listen to them sing?  
If our hearts had known no sorrow  
and our bodies known no pain,  
Would there be the same rejoicing  
as when lives are whole again?  
If the earth had seen no storm clouds  
or perhaps there were no night,  
Would the sunshine of the morning  
fill our souls with such delight?  
Life, it seems, has need of contrasts  
and my heart with rapture thrills  
When on dark days I remember  
every valley has two hills."*

*From: "The Quiet Heart" Daily Devotionals for  
Women – By: June Masters Bacher*



**BE SURE TO TAKE A GOOD LUCK  
AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR –  
THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING!**



**JUNE BOOK REVIEW BY  
SANDY ... "The Shunning" By:**

Beverly Lewis – The Shunning, The Confession, The Reckoning is the first series of books Beverly Lewis wrote. The series is about Katie Lapp a young Amish woman. The Shunning starts Katie's journey when she goes into the attic of the house where she lives in her tranquil Amish community. What she finds will shake her past and lead her to her future. The Hallmark Movie Channel recently did a movie based on the book. I didn't see it so I don't know how closely it mirrors the book, but I encourage you to read The Confession and The Reckoning to discover where Katie's journey takes her.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEN'S  
CHORUS** to sing in the morning Worship Service on Father's Day, June 19. We will practice in the Chapel after church on Sunday, June 5 and June 12. ALL MEN – Please join us! Please see Audrey Adams and let her know you'll participate.

**FATHER'S DAY & CHILDREN'S DAY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

Join us for worship as we celebrate our heavenly Father and our earthly fathers. The children will also be sharing during the worship service some of what they've been learning in their Sunday School classes. Special music is planned and like all times of worship, it will be "good to be in the house of the Lord."



**JOIN US FOR A PICNIC**, sponsored by the Christian Ed. Commission on Sunday, June 26 following the morning Worship Service. Meat, beverage, plates and utensils will be provided. Just bring your favorite covered dish and a dessert. There will be games and activities for the young and young at heart and lots of fellowship! See Juli with questions.

**OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING**

“To God Be the Glory”

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

“In the Garden”

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

“Victory in Jesus”

“There Is Power in the Blood”

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Do you love the old hymns? Do they stir your blood – warm your heart? Do hymns like these bring back just the best memories? Don’t know any of these songs, but like singing with others? We are having two evenings dedicated to singing favorite old hymns. On **JUNE 19** and **JULY 17** we will join together in the sanctuary at 6:30pm to sing our favorite old hymns. There will be an opportunity to make requests, so try and pick your favorite, and then join us. You will go home uplifted – I promise! - Judy Moyer

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Music & Worship Commission for planning and organizing Music Sunday. A special thanks also to all who shared their gifts of music and leadership – *All for the Glory of God.* The service was a blessing.

**A REMINDER FROM PASTORAL RELATIONS**... Are you interested in filling out a Pastoral Ministry Review form? The Pastoral Relations Committee has been using an evaluation form from the Atlantic Northeast District Office the last few years to help Pastor John better understand his job performance. Beth Shaffer or any of the Committee members will be able to give you the evaluation form. ***This form needs to be completed by August 9.*** A summary of the questions will be given to Pastor John at the time of his annual review. This summary will also be available for the fall Congregational Meeting.  
Beth Shaffer, Chairperson



**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
Games \* Crafts \* Songs \* Snacks \* Bible Stories**

**July 11 – July 15 – 6:30pm – 8:45pm**

**Children age 3 through children who completed Grade 6 are invited to attend. IT’S FREE and you don’t have to be a member of our church to attend.**

**Call the church today and register your child(ren).  
215-536-7510**

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE –  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
July 2 - 6**



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Sponsored by the Witness Commission  
**Wednesday, July 20 – 8pm**  
Movie Title – TBA!

***A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR NEWSLETTER WORKERS AND TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES FOR THIS ISSUE OF THE BEACON.***

**“YOUR BLESSINGS ARE SO MANY, LORD!”**

Your blessings are so many, Lord,  
To count them one-by-one  
Would take much longer than the day  
That has just now begun!

You fill each day with miracles  
From dawn to setting sun.  
Each night You hear a million prayers  
When the day’s work is done.

You keep this old world spinning  
As seasons come and go,  
And each one is a masterpiece  
That sets our hearts aglow.

You fill the earth with beauty, Lord,  
With flowers, shrubs and trees,  
And we marvel at Your rainbows  
And butterflies and bees.

Your words still give us comfort  
For Your promises are true.  
Your blessings are so many, Lord,  
In everything we do!

By: Clay Harrison



**“WHAT MAKES A DAD?”**

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle’s flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity, the depth of a family need,  
Then God combined the qualities, when there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so He called it ... DAD!

(Copied From: Upper Bucks Senior Activity Center Newsletter \* Submitted by: Dale & Donna)

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY – JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN \* JUNE 2011 CALENDAR

June 1	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study – 11am * Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm
June 2	Thursday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm
June 3	Friday	
June 4	Saturday	ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – 9am - sponsored by the Stewardship Commission (Rain Date: 6/11) * Women’s Bible Study – 9:30am Women’s Fellowship-sponsored trip to Lancaster County
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) - WORSHIP - 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship * Nursing Home Services at Quakertown Manor – 1:30pm; Belle Haven – 2:15pm</i></b>
June 6	Monday	Deacon Meeting – 7pm
June 7	Tuesday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm
June 8	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study – 11am * Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm
June 9	Thursday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm
June 10	Friday	
June 11	Saturday	Women’s Bible Study – 9:30am
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) - WORSHIP 10:00am - BAPTISM&amp;BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION * Youth Meeting &amp; Activity – 4pm</i></b>
June 13	Monday	Women’s Fellowship Meeting – 7pm
June 14	Tuesday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm Women’s Bible Study – 9:30am
June 15	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study – 11am * Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm
June 16	Thursday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm * Sunshine Stitchers – 7pm
June 17	Friday	Salisbury Behavioral Health Group Meetings – 9am – 3pm
June 18	Saturday	Men’s Prayer Breakfast @ John’s Plain & Fancy – 9am Women’s Bible Study – 9:30am
<b>June 19</b> Children’s Day!	<b>Sunday</b> Happy Father’s Day!	<b><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) - CHILDREN’S DAY - WORSHIP 10:00am OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING – 6:30pm</i></b>
June 20	Monday	Commissions Meet at 7pm
June 21	Tuesday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm Witness Commission Meets – 7pm
June 22	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study – 11am * Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm
June 23	Thursday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm
June 24	Friday	
June 25	Saturday	Women’s Bible Study – 9:30am
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00am (Classes for ALL ages) - OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION - 10:00am - followed by a picnic sponsored by the Christian Ed. Commission / ALL ARE INVITED!</i></b>
June 27	Monday	Church Board Meeting – 7pm
June 28	Tuesday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm
June 29	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study – 11am * Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:45pm
June 30	Thursday	Heaven’s Bounty Food Pantry – 9:30am - 2pm