

Our Continuing Vision

February 2018

Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

February 4 – Souper Bowl Sunday

“*Isaiah’s Olympic Biathlon*” Isaiah 40:21-31

February 11 – Christian Education Sunday

“*The Greatest of These*” 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

February 18 – First Sunday of Lent – NOTES OF FAITH

“*Living Through Lent: Write a Prayer!*” Philippians 4:4-7

February 25 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

“*Living Through Lent: Think on These Things*” Philippians 4:8-9

Christian Education: THIS Sunday, February 11,

we will celebrate our Christian Education program. The Children will join us with some songs and a story. After worship we will have a Fellowship Tea with cookies, brownies, etc., and punch.

Book Club Meets THIS Sunday, February 11, 12 noon

New people are always appreciated! We talk, eat, and sometimes even discuss the book. (No, we always discuss the book!) This month the book is a short read: Dinner with Edward by Isabel Vincent. Hostess is Nancy Dotter at her home. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Nancy. Also let her know if you'd like to be added to the list to get a text about book club.

Attention Book Lovers

The bookshelf in Room 4/5 is overflowing. There are books on top and in boxes and bags nearby. *Please check through these books by the end of February.* If there are books that need to be kept for the bookshelf, please place them on the table marked BOOKS TO SAVE. If there are books you would like to read or use in some way, please take them with you. At the end of the month, Christian Education team will go through the books and keep books to fill the bookshelf, but the others will be taken to STARR Books in Douglassville for donation. Thank you for assisting in this process of keeping our classrooms neat and materials easily accessible to all.

Living Lent in Love...musings from a member of WCOTB

Lent begins on Valentine's Day - How special is that!?! It got me thinking that I would like to be more loving. As Brethren, we don't have many rituals. At Lent, we don't advocate sacrifice. Each and every day we do advocate that we know people's essence by "the manner of their living." Taking this Brethren "creed" (we don't have those either), I want to strive to change the manner of my living. I want to try and actively Pursue Love.

Join me if you'd like on our website. *Each day there will be a scripture talking about love.* You can memorize, meditate on it, journal it, pray about it...and actively try to live it. How you use these scriptures is up to you. I will share some thoughts of my own. (But I'm not a minister. I have no divinity degree. My musings are just that!) This is my journey, and yours, if you choose to join me. Because we are different our journeys will be different. We all live love differently.

You can find these scriptures on the website, www.wcotb.org, and in the bulletin. So during this Lenten season, it is my hope to focus on my faith and try to live in love like Jesus did. I hope you join me for the journey. Living love is hard. I need all the help and company I can get.

– Nancy Brubaker Dotter

Junior High Lock-In - Grades 6-7-8-(9) February 16 at 10 pm to February 17, 6 am

Friday & Saturday will be a fun time of devotions, games, movies, gym time, swimming and food at the Ephrata Rec Center, 130 South Academy Drive, Ephrata. Our Youth Advisors are: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari & James Harris. Transportation will be provided from the church to the event and back to the church. Leaving the church approximately 9:15 pm Friday.

BRING: Comfy indoor clothes, modest bathing suit (please NO bikinis), table games, sleeping equipment.

DO NOT BRING: Anything illegal, any item construed as a weapon, or any item which may perceivably jeopardize the health & safety of the group. Participants are urged not to bring electronic gadgetry!

Coffee, Crafts, & Chatter Nighttime Tuesday, February 27

CCCN....night time version of CCC, will meet Tuesday, February 27, 7-9 pm, at Nancy Dotter's home. Start the new year with a new group! Bring your ideas for any crafts and/or just come and enjoy fellowship.

The Search for a New Pastor Begins...

Pastor Tim is retiring on August 31 this year. Initial planning meetings have already been held. Church leadership is working with Stan Dueck, Director for Transforming Practices with Congregational Life Ministries of the Church of the Brethren, to help us find the best person to lead our Church. We are expecting to hire an interim pastor to guide us this fall until the new pastor is called, hopefully in early 2019.

YOU are asked to take an active role!

PRAY: Pray for the church, the selection of the search committee, and for the “Group of Five” from our church that will oversee the process.

PARTICIPATE: Shortly you will be contacted to participate in small group discussions about our church’s vision and mission and where you see us heading. *These discussions are very important to our search process.* To get the best person for our congregation, we need **EVERYONE’S** input for a clear idea of who we are.

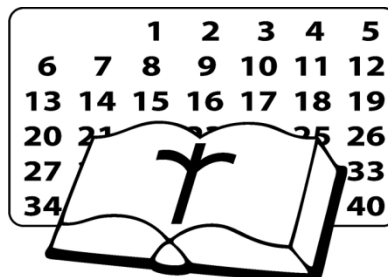
This process has three distinct parts:

Discover: finding out who we are and what we want. Now through May.

Design: forming both a congregational profile and the Search Committee, with Stan and Pete Kontra, our new ANE District Executive.

Deliver: Identifying and interviewing candidates to become our pastor.

A timeline has been made, and **EVERY** month, from now through July, has multiple things that need to be accomplished. A good search for a pastor takes time, effort and a clear vision. This includes prayer and participation from **ALL** of us.



Searching for
a New Pastor

The Singing Cedars from Lebanon will perform at Londonderry Village on Sunday, February 17 at 7 pm.

Time to think spring!

Baseball season is just around the corner! Faith Nite at the Fightin Phils is **Thursday, June 14.** Tickets are \$9.00 each. A sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to reserve your seats as soon as possible. For more information see Sarah Sallada or Marcia Rogala.

Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuilding Project

Our church will again provide volunteers for a Brethren Disaster Ministries rebuilding project. Anyone who is interested in volunteering the week of May 6 to May 12, is invited to contact Ted Noble (610-693-3450) or Dan Biss (610-678-4768). An information session will be scheduled later this month. Anyone 15 years of age or older is eligible and no previous experience is needed.

I wanted to express my gratitude for all the cards and prayers I received from our wonderful friends at WCOB after my Dad, Galen Bollinger's passing. Thank you so much for your support. My Dad was a testament to God's love and power in his journey through his life as a Christian farmer. His advice over the last several years was to read a Chapter in Proverbs every day coinciding with the day of the month. So today January 28, I read Proverbs 28. Try it and you'll find inspiration.
.....Lots of Love, Brenda, Scott, Renee & Doug Kunkle

Fellowship Directory Updates:

Pg. 19 – Carl & Linda Voelker will no longer use their home number.

Carl's number is 610-301-1441 and Linda's number is 610-334-7911

Pg. 21 – Brian Zimmerman will no longer use his home number.

Brian's number is 610-301-5589

In Our Prayers this month:

Elliott & Gloria Barnett – Sherry Briggs – Dean Camp

Nancy Custo – Mandy & Matt Dotter – Andrea Dougherty

Dawn Ernst – Ben Fox – Sandy Fox – Fern Fry – Mark Henderson

Joan Hornberger – Betty Kintzer – Joann Landis – Tim Latshaw – Mia Losito

Brianna Lowry – Shirley Lowry – Bonnie Mautz – Bob & Barb Pettit

John Robinson – Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher – Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart

Ruth Tabakelis – Teresa – David Torakeo – Carol Urbassik

Sunday Worship Participants for February 2018

February 4

Souper Bowl Sunday

Acolyte: Alexis Martinez

Flowers: Presented by Doris Krick;

In honor of my daughter, Faith's, birthday on February 5
presented by Shirley Bender

Greeters: Dan & Sandy Biss

Nursery: The Felker Family

Worship Leader: Ted Noble

Deacons of the Week: Margaret Hildebrand & Verna Hartman

February 11

Christian Education Sunday

Acolyte: Joshua Felker

Flowers: Happy Anniversary to Doug & Jean Bechtel and Herb & Cindy
Cooley presented by Doug & Brenda Bechtel

Greeters: Brian & Jill Felker

Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari

Worship Leader: Dan Ulrich

Deacons of the Week: Carl & Linda Voelker

February 18

First Sunday of Lent – NOTES OF FAITH

Acolyte: Classic Sallada

Flowers: Presented by Ted & Mary Jo Noble

Greeters: Margaret Hildebrand & Linda Hoover

Nursery: Paula McCutcheon

Worship Leader: Doris Krick

Deacons of the Week: Rommie Daughtry & John Robinson

February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

Acolyte: Classic Sallada

Flowers: In memory of Annette presented by Rommie Daughtry

Greeters: Terry Long & Alexis Martinez

Nursery: Stef Thomas

Worship Leader: Ray Dotter

Deacons of the Week: Glenn & Kay Pfautz

Audio: Don Solinger

Counters: John Robinson & Sarah Sallada

Head Usher: Scott Blatt

Ushers: Brian Felker, Linda Hoover, Terry Long

Parking Lot Greeters: Rommie Daughtry & John Robinson

Welcoming Team: Harry Kruse & Mary Jo Noble