

Our Continuing Vision

May 2018

Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter

“Deepen Your Prayfulness” Psalm 25:1-7

May 13 – 7th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

“Mother God – Mother Earth” Isaiah 66:13; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday – Gang of Five

“Pastor Search 1.0, an overview of what comes next”

May 27 – Trinity Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend

“Our Spirit Advocate” John 14:15-17, 26-27; 15:26-27

Friendly’s FUNdraiser – Thursday, May 3, 5-8 pm

Dine in or take out at the West Lawn Friendly’s ONLY. Proceeds benefit our church programs. A bake sale will also be held, so we will be looking for baked goods that day. See Sandy Biss for details.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 3

Sanctuary open 8 am – 3 pm

Fun First Friday – May 4, 6-8 pm

Children, ages 3-16, and their parents, grandparents and friends will have an evening of fun. We will be making Mother’s Day planters and weather permitting, we will go outside for a super fun time! Healthy snack and water provided.

Book Club – Sunday, May 6, 12 noon

Attention Readers! If you like to read, discuss, eat and talk; please join us. We will discuss the book The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick at Nancy Dotter’s home, 11 Tewkesbury Drive, Wyomissing. Please RSVP 610-927-2175.

Pastor Search News & Worship Service May 20

It might not look like it, but things are humming along in the pastor search process. We have just about completed the first step, “Discovery,” that the District requires. Congregational Listening Groups, surveys filled out from the Leadership Team and Deacons are being tabulated, and community groups who use our church are being contacted. All this information will help us discover who we are, where we want to go, and what kind of leader we need to bring out the best in us. On Sunday, May 20, the preliminary team, the Gang of 5, will lead our worship service. You will find out more about our process as well as some interesting things about our congregation.

If you would like to be a little more involved, come to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 5, 10 am – 1 pm. Stan Dueck will be with us again to continue helping us in our new Pastor Search. The Deacons Leadership Team and any other interested folks are asked to join us from 10 am to 1 pm on May 5, and again on Saturday, June 2. These will be work sessions to bring together all the information we have gathered from the congregation and the community. We will begin to create our church profile to circulate among pastors in our denomination. When this is done in June, the interviewing can begin!

Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuild Trip - May 6-12

Six people have signed up for the Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuild Trip to Lumberton, NC, May 6-12. They are: Jim Bauer, Dan Biss, Ted Noble, Jai Shaun Sallada, Fawn Seifrit, Don Solinger. We wish them well on their journey.

Work Day @ Brethren Service Center

Eight people have signed up to travel down to New Windsor, MD, to volunteer at the Brethren Service Center. We leave at 5:45 am and return by 5:45 pm. There are many different types of kits to be assembled and packed for shipping. We will be busy!

A Common Witness - Monday, May 14, 7 pm

Our Church will host “A Common Witness,” which is a gathering of individuals from 4 area churches: St. Peter’s UCC, St. Ignatius Loyola, Advent Lutheran, and WCOTB. This gathering promotes learning and understanding of our individual denominations. This year we are exploring how our churches and denominations serve beyond the walls of our churches.

Our speaker, Mary Etta Reinhart, Director of Witness and Outreach for the Atlantic Northeast District, will focus on the Brethren Disaster Response Ministries which includes the rebuild projects, Children Disaster Service, and support of Church World Services through New Windsor, MD.

Everyone is invited to attend to learn about our own programs while meeting and interfacing with individuals from the other congregations. Light refreshments are provided and we always attempt to end by 8 pm.

Playground Work Days - May 17, 18, 19, 9 am

The family of Earl Redner has asked that the memorial funds that have been given in his name, be used to provide new equipment for the playground. Enclosed is more information on this wonderful gift.

Calling all 2018 Graduates!

On Sunday, June 10, we will celebrate all those who have or will graduate this year from High School, Trade School, College, or graduate Studies. Enclosed is a form to complete information for yourself or a loved one, or you can email the church with the information by ***Sunday, May 20***. We will celebrate after our worship service with a Sunday School Picnic for all ages.

Soup Kitchen - Monday, May 21

Volunteers are needed to make Hamburger BBQ, provide rolls, carrots, and to serve at the New Journey Food Ministry, 138 South 6th Street, Reading. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Questions, please contact Mary Jo Noble 610-693-3450.

Outreach opportunity in our backyard!

The Listening Groups showed a strong desire to do more community outreach. Here is a wonderful opportunity! FAMILY PROMISE is here from **Sunday, May 27 to Sunday, June 3**. That means we will have 2-3 families eating breakfast, dinner and staying overnight in our building. These are carefully screened homeless families from Berks County. They receive job and budget counseling, take parenting classes, train and work at a job. These families are working hard—with our help and the support of FAMILY PROMISE—to become proud, productive and financially solvent. There is a 100% success rate. Enclosed are ways you can spring into action! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Kinda Crafty - Tuesday, May 29, 7 pm

Come and enjoy making great crafts, fellowship, and neat ideas at Nancy Dotter's home. Please let Nancy know if you would like to be put on the email reminder list nancy.dotter@gmail.com.

Wyomissing Area District Baccalaureate Service - Thursday, May 31, 6:30 pm

We will be hosting this Interfaith Service in our Sanctuary.

Report on Earl Redner's Estate

Wyomissing Church of the Brethren is one of five organizations gifted by Earl from his estate. The final total of the gift will not be known until the estate holdings are liquidated. To date the church has received \$408,818.17 in two payments:

\$68,818.17 which the Leadership Team directed to be placed in the Building Fund.

\$340,000.00 which has been put into a special fund until decisions are made about immediate and long-term uses. The Leadership Team will seek financial counsel on wise ways of investments.

Congratulations to our Brethren Bowling Team!

There are 2 bowling teams that represent our church on Monday evenings. "Old Folks + One" & "Split Happens." The "Old Folks + One" won the championship on our final night, April 23. Members of the team are: Mark Henderson, Kirk Haas, Bob Rogala, Beth Rogala, Mike Hildebrand and subs, Marcia Rogala & Ed Blatt. Way to bowl team!

Reading Phillies Faith Night - Thursday, June 14

There are still seats available for this enjoyable evening of great baseball! Please sign-up on the bulletin board or contact Sarah Sallada 610-582-7136.

Calling all Blades . . . and Weeders

The Mower and Trimmers sign-up is posted on the bulletin board. Please volunteer to help keep our church lawn beautiful. Sign up today!

There is also a sign-up sheet if you are willing to tend to the weeding.

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom is looking for volunteers to help keep their vegetable garden going this year. Details can be found on the bulletin board.

Large Print editions of "Guideposts" are available on the table in the foyer. Please return when you are finished reading it. Thank You

In Our Prayers this month:

Gloria Barnett – Doris Broadbelt – Nancy Custo – Loretta DeLong – Mandy & Matt Dotter

Dawn Ernst – Mel & Sandy Fox – Maureen Franckowiak – Fern Fry

Caroline Gault – Ruth Ann Haas – Joan Hornberger – Betty Kintzer – Kelly Knarr

Tim Latshaw – Mia Losito – Brianna Lowry – Shirley Lowry

Bonnie Mautz – Teresa Nowotarski – Bob Pettit – Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher

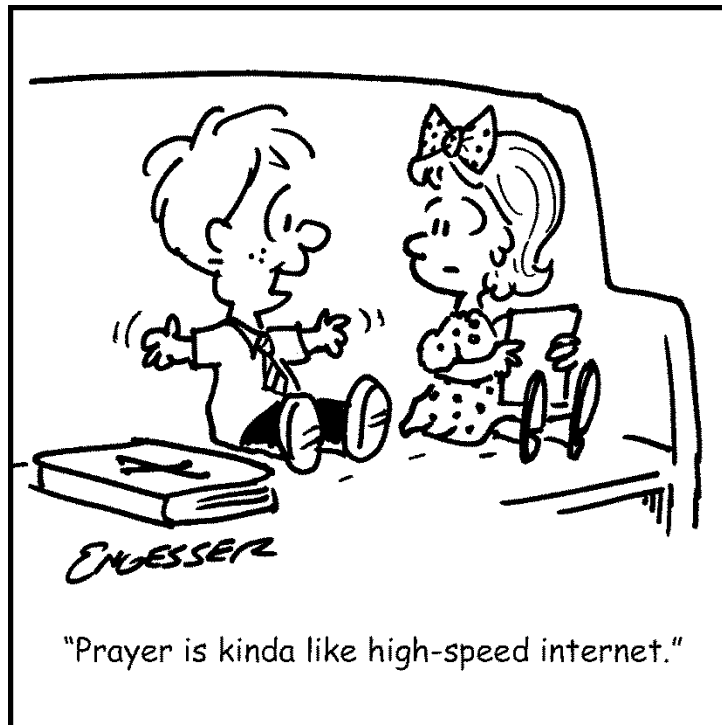
Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart – Ruth Tabakelis – Marv Zimmerman

60 years of Ordained Ministry for Women

This year marks 60 years of ordained ministry for women in the Church of the Brethren. We will recognize this at Annual Conference in Cincinnati in July with a visit of two women theologians and leaders in the E. Y. N. (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). The expenses for Sisters Mary and Yamtikarya total approximately \$6,000 and I invite you to join me in sending a contribution toward their trip. Simple send a check marked "E.Y.N. Women Theologians" to Nigerian Crisis Fund, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120-1674. I look forward to meeting them!.....Thanks, Rev. Jill Keyser Speicher

Save-the-date!

Join us for the goodbye party for Tim and Jill on Saturday, August 25. More information coming. Watch the newsletters and bulletins.



Sunday Worship Participants for May 2018

May 6

6th Sunday of Easter

Acolyte: Joshua Felker
Flowers: In honor of our Wedding Anniversary
presented by Ray & Nancy Dotter
Greeters: (Open)
Nursery: Brandi Sensenig
Worship Leader: Dave Zimmerman
Deacons of the Week: Scott & Sue Blatt

May 13

7th Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Acolyte: Classic Sallada
Flowers: In memory of my Mother & Father presented by Karen Redner
Greeter: Karen Redner
Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari
Worship Leader: Brian Zimmerman
Deacons of the Week: Margaret Hildebrand & Vern Hartman

May 20

Pentecost Sunday – Gang of Five

Acolyte: Katherine Felker
Flowers: In honor of our 40th Wedding Anniversary
presented by Scott & Sue Blatt
Greeter: John Robinson
Nursery: Paula McCutcheon
Worship Leader: Doris Krick
Deacons of the Week: Carl & Linda Voelker

May 27

Trinity Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend

Acolyte: Head Usher
Flowers: In memory of Marvin Bender and my Mother
presented by Shirley Bender
Greeters: Sarah & Jai Shaun Sallada
Nursery: Stefanie Thomas
Worship Leader: Nancy Dotter
Deacons of the Week: Rommie Daughtry & John Robinson

Audio: John Robinson

Counters: Scott & Sue Blatt

Head Usher: Scott Blatt

Ushers: Terry Long, Deborah Smith

Parking Lot Greeters: Verna Hartman & Barbara Hill

Welcoming Team: Joyce Fidler & Mary Lou Walker