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# *The Light On The Hill*



*Monthly Newsletter of the First Church of the Brethren, Carlisle, PA*

*August 2017*

## *From the Pastor's Pen . . .*

The best thing about August is that it is the month of my granddaughter's birthdays! Both Elizabeth and Lucie were born this month. Mainly I think of hot and muggy days. Apparently the "dog days of Summer" were named that, because the Dog Star Sirius rose with the sun in ancient Roman times. I think if it is the time when everything spoils quickly so that the dog gets lots of food that is chancy for humans to eat.

August is the height of the Summer time in the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere. The longest days of the year have passed, but the hot days remain. One person claims August sunsets are the most colorful. The meteor showers happen in August. So does harvest...think delicious tomatoes!

There are some interesting things about this month. For one thing, it is National Happiness Month. This is a new holiday started by the Secret Society of Happy People, and supports their right to share happy news, even news others don't want to hear. People sometimes complain when someone announces a pregnancy, for example, as they or friends had miscarriages or can't get pregnant. But this group's mottos include "Happiness Happens" and "Don't Even Think of Raining on My Parade". So, be happy and unashamed...which is a Godly thing, anyhow, as we rejoice with those who rejoice.

This is the month for Dippin' Dots, goat cheese, catfish, kiwis, Panini...and yes, sandwiches, since the first sandwich was invented this month. I think of it as the month of ice cream, cook outs, potato salad, watermelon, and lemonade. What food do you think of in August?

After the flood, Noah was given this promise, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and Summer and Winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22) The season with heat and cold, moderates and extremes remind us that each year continues under the watchful care of a God who dearly loves us! Enjoy and be grateful!

Pastor Marla

# News Of The Congregation

## WITNESS COMMISSION

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** - The Witness Commission will be hosting a Blessing of the Bikes, another out-reach event. We are hoping to have the following help: someone from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to help with parking (moving cars and motorcycles in and then out), a host or hostess to offer tours to the bikers and show them where the restrooms are located, someone to serve coffee, give out water bottles, donuts, someone to share a prayer or a Bible reading, someone who would be willing to share a song or music, and at 8:30 am someone is needed to help Randy Simpson unload his sound vehicle and hook it up to an electrical outlet. A sign-up sheet for volunteers has been posted to the bulletin board. You are needed to help make this event successful!

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** we will be helping out at the Brethren Home Chicken BBQ. The Ice Cream and Pie Booth is calling your name. Strong arms and wrists are helpful but not necessary. Just a desire to help out the Brethren Home Auxiliary to make money for the residents! A sign-up sheet has already been posted. Are you available to help?

The Witness Commission is seeking volunteers for the Summer months to help pack grocery bags for home deliveries at Project Share. During Tuesday mornings of distribution weeks approximately 150 bags of groceries need to be filled. They will be distributed to homebound recipients on Thursday and Saturday of that week. Volunteers need to report at 9:00 am. The work usually takes 90 minutes to complete, depending on the number of volunteers. **August 15<sup>th</sup>** is the last Tuesday for packing groceries. If you have any questions about this opportunity to serve, please see Dale Miller.

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Our choir is still taking a well-deserved vacation, until September. We would like to extend to others the opportunity to provide special music during the next month. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board, if you are interested in sharing.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Gloria wishes to again thank everyone for their help making the June Yard Sale a success. Before bills for advertising and kitchen supplies were deducted, we turned in close to \$2,000.

The Dominoes Night was rescheduled for Sunday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm and will be held at Gloria Ramirez's home. If husbands of participants would like to join in, they are welcome to do so. Please add your name to the Dominoes (Mexican Train) list so I can have enough drinks and pizza. If you would like to bring a snack to share, you are welcome to do so.

Gloria Ramirez will be posting a list of possible dates for a day trip to the Bird In Hand Dinner Theater in September to see "Mennonite Women Know How to Cook." If there is a date that fits your schedule, add your name to that date. The date that has the most names is the date we will choose.

Just as a matter of information, Ginny Wilson has put together a new quilt for the quilters. When the quilt is completed it will be shared with the Quilt Auction next summer at the Brethren Home's Chicken BBQ. If you know of someone who would like to learn to quilt or would like to help with this quilt, please let Gloria know. Gloria Ramirez, Phyllis Kotzmojer, and Ginny Wilson are the present quilters and would enjoy having some new helpers. Quilting is a dying art and we would like to have new volunteers, young or old, men or women.

## THANK YOU

A big Thank You to the congregation for helping Project Share with Tuna and CARE with wipes. Here are the figures year-to-date:

<u>Tuna</u>	<u>Wipes</u>
Jan. 56	Jan. 10
Feb. 50	Feb. 11
Mar. 87	Mar. 18
Apr. 47	Apr. 17
May 43	May 22
Jun. 70	Jun. 16

**THANK YOU (continued)**

Our goal for Project SHARE is 50 cans of Tuna/Chicken per month.

Thanks again, by donating, you are helping these organizations. Your donations are great appreciated.

On **July 16<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Jim, Gloria Ramirez, and Dave Wampler helped pass out lemonade and water to attendees of the Thornwald Park Concert for a servant evangelism project. We were received appreciatively by those who shared a cup of water. The Witness Commission is thankful for their help!

**CROSS KEYS VILLAGE**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ, Car Show and Auction will be held Saturday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. by the pond area and the Nicarry Meetinghouse. Plan on being at Cross Keys Village for a great time. The food will be a treat, there will be opportunities to shop in different price ranges. Live music will be provided by the pond area, by two talented groups: Across the Pond will play Celtic Folk from 10:30 am-1:15 pm and Voxology will perform Bluegrass from Noon-2:30 pm. The classic car buffs can check out those Chevys, T-Birds and DeSotos in all their shining glory, as well. This is the greatest family event of the season.

**CAMP EDER**

Camp Eder Senior Days are held throughout the year. A variety of activities are offered during Senior Days. Homestyle lunch, crafts, educational presentations, games, music and a number of special guests are some examples of what is offered. The next Senior Day will be held **August 30<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:30 am and will feature a musical guest, Skip Crowther. Following lunch there will be a presentation from the Grey Hound Rescue with Dave Wolf. The cost is \$18/person which covers all activities and the meal. Please register at [campeder@campeder.org](mailto:campeder@campeder.org) or call 717-642-8256.

**PROJECT SHARE**

Thank you for your donation of the 70 cans of Tuna/Chicken.

We appreciate your generosity which helps us bring joy to the people in our community.

**PROJECT SHARE (continued)**

Thank you for your support of the mission of Project SHARE. It is much needed and appreciated.

God Bless,  
Debra Hess, Dir. Dev./Major Gifts

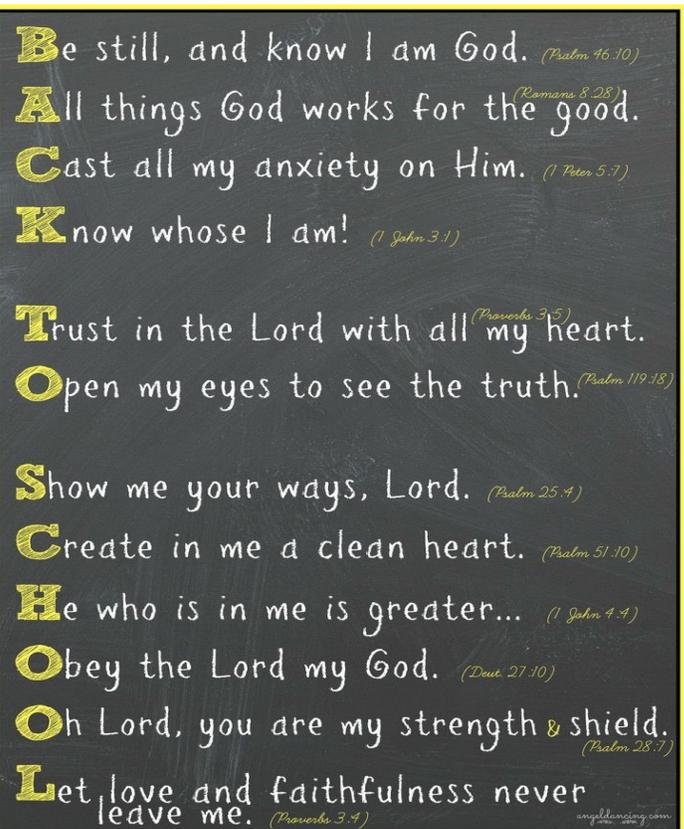
**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NIGHT AT THE SENATORS**

The Atlantic Northeast District, Pennsylvania Southern District and the Harrisburg Senators invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field, on **August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$11 and \$2 from each ticket will benefit your church's respective district. The game time is 6:00 pm and gates will open at 4:30 pm.

The First 1,000 adults (13 and older) will receive a Senators pink jersey.

The Senators will be sporting pink jerseys in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness!

You can order tickets through your church today!. Orders are due by **August 8<sup>th</sup>**! Or you can contact Jess Moyer at 717-231-4444 ext. 114 or [jmoyer@senatorsbaseball.com](mailto:jmoyer@senatorsbaseball.com) with any questions.



## *On the Personal Side...*

### BUY LOCAL

Buy local is always a great idea, and Summer is a great time to do just that. There are farm stands, farmer's markets, and neighbors who share. My son's family just moved into a new home, and the neighbor on one side is feeding them beans, and the other side is giving them cucumbers! I like our "share the extra" table at the church building on Sunday mornings.

The food is often better tasting and better looking, so we tend to waste less. Once we find an established source, we can be pretty sure we get a good product every time. The last two watermelons I got at Clair's Orchard were absolutely delicious. Since the food doesn't need to be picked early to be transported long distances, it has time to ripen to full flavor. It also has not been refrigerated. Refrigeration can cut nutrients and flavor.

One thing that concerns me about buying imported food is the inability to see how clean the farm may be. Is the water used for watering clean or full of possible parasites? Is the manure well composted and safe? I have seen some farms in the US from which I would not buy a single thing. Chemicals, stones, weeds, and filthy barns...yuk! I especially prefer local food that is eaten raw.

It may cost slightly more to buy from local companies and stores, but the money goes right back into the community because the owners and workers live in Carlisle. The Walmart heirs live out of state, and not much of their money comes back to our town. I personally find local owners are much more helpful in advice and knowledge.

I like to shop Amazon for the convenience and the reviews on products. I really like the Fox Farm fertilizer for blooming plants. You can see the results at the church building. I originally found it on-line, but now it is sold locally, at Agway. Maybe this is part of "loving our neighbors"?!

So enjoy the harvests of Summer, eat healthy and buy local!

## *Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns*

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**CLASSIC ITALIAN PASTA SALAD**

**Prep Time**

20 Minutes

**Ingredients**

**8 oz. Rotelle Pasta (or Spiral Pasta)**

**2 1/2 c Assorted cut-up fresh vegetables  
(broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, bell pep  
pers, cauliflower, onions and mush  
rooms)**

**1/2 c Cubed cheddar cheese (or mozzarella  
cheese)**

**1/3 c Sliced pitted ripe olives**

**1 c Wish-Bone Italian Dressing**

**Instructions**

Combine all ingredients except Wish-Bone Italian Dressing in large bowl. Add Dressing; toss well. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

NOTE: If preparing a day ahead, refrigerate, then stir in 1/4 cup additional Wish-Bone Dressing before serving. For a Creamy Italian Pasta Salad substitute 1/2 cup Hellmann's Mayonnaise for 1/2 cup Wish-Bone Italian Dressing. For Fat Free version use Red Wine Vinaigrette Dressing.

~Wish-Bone



*Happy  
Birthday*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

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*Hold my hand, God,  
Lead the way,  
Help me be good every day.  
Let me know what's wrong and right,  
Keep me safe day and night,  
Let me know what you have planned,  
Lead the way God,  
Hold my hand. Amen*