



A Monthly Newsletter by the
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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

"I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2b

Psssst...! Hey, guess what? Marriage is getting better!

That's right! After decades of increasing divorce rates in the western world, we are finally seeing a change- for the better! According to John Bingham, Social Affairs Editor of *The Telegraph*: "Young couples who get through the first 10 years of marriage have the *same* chance of staying together as their grandparents' generation, a study of divorce patterns over the last 50 years suggests." That is good news, isn't it? With so many other areas of society seemingly declining, it is good to get some good news, and the news about marriage is finally getting better.

So, how is this happening? Perhaps it is because young people are ready for something better than what they grew up with. Perhaps they have come to realize that marriage is not based on a feeling or a fling, but on solid commitments.

I had suspected this was true. After years of pre-marital counseling, I have observed that young couples planning to marry are keenly aware of the risks. About half of them are from broken homes themselves, so they *know* what they are getting into. Yet they press on. They commit. They are not merely rolling the dice either, hoping it "won't happen to them." They are willing to do the hard work necessary to make marriage work over the long haul.

If you think about it, all good relationships are like that. They require effort, commitment, times of refreshment- and the more important the relationship, the more these things are needed. Perhaps this is especially true of our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, the Bible uses the image of marriage- even romantic language- to describe our relationship with Him. The language Jesus uses at

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Church Mission Statement

"Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God."

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8:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Please Take Note...



Women's Fellowship

Thanks to everyone who purchased Easter Eggs from us recently. It was a pleasure making them.

We are planning to take a group of people (men & women) to Sight and Sound to see "Daniel." The show is scheduled at 11 a.m. on July 24. If you would like to go, please let Lona know or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We need to have a head-count by April 15.

The Mother-Daughter & Other Banquet is on May 11. We begin selling tickets on April 28. The speaker will be Deonna Schmittel. She will be talking about Natural Clean Living – Chemically Free Inside and Outside.

The Women's District Spring Luncheon is on Saturday, April 20. There are brochures about this in the Narthex.

Spring
Yard Sale

Saturday, April 6

7 AM to 2 PM

Pastor-Congregation Relations Support Team

The Ministry and Worship Commission, with the approval of the Board, decided to create a support team for the pastor and the congregation to aid in the resolution of any conflicts that may arise. The appointed team members are Bob Long, Dick Ambrosius and Angie Ruth. The Ministry and Worship Commission will oversee the team. Please contact one of the members of the team or the Ministry and Worship Commission if you feel you have not been able to resolve a conflict on your own. It is the Commission's hope that any areas of conflict can be resolved without hurt feelings. As the body of Christ, it is imperative that we work together to keep our church healthy.

—Ministry & Worship Commission

Stewardship Report February 2024

Average Attendance	Sunday School 30	Worship 80
Budget Goal (\$4,777 per week)	\$ 248,403	
Need to-date (9 weeks)	\$ 42,993	
Budget Giving to Date (62%)	\$ 26,820	
Designated Giving to Date	\$ 4,937	
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 31,757	
Budget Giving for February	\$ 16,069	
Designated Giving for February	\$ 4,626	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 324	
Building Rental	\$ 470	
Child Care Area	\$ 141	
Donations	\$ 3,200	
Memorial	\$ 25	
SOUPer Bowl	\$ 386	
Youth	\$ 80	

Spring Council
Sunday, May 19

All reports are due to the church office by April 14. Thank you.

Church Council

From the desk of Pastor Mark continued

the Last Supper recalls a Jewish wedding (Luke 22:20, John 14:1-3, etc). "To see if the proposal was accepted, the young man would pour a cup of wine for his beloved and wait to see if she drank it. This cup represents a blood covenant. If she drank the cup she would have accepted the proposal and they would be betrothed. The young man would then give gifts to his beloved, and then take his leave. The young woman would have to wait for him to return and collect her. Before leaving the young man would announce, 'I am going to prepare a place for you,' and 'I will return for you when it is ready.' The usual practice was for the young man to return to his father's house and build a honeymoon room there. He was not allowed to skimp on the work and had to get his father's approval before he could consider it ready for his bride. If asked the date of his wedding he would have to reply, 'Only my father knows.'" (Excerpted from [http:// www.wildolive.co.uk/weddings.htm](http://www.wildolive.co.uk/weddings.htm).)

What does all of this come down to? Jesus wants us to invest in and commit to our relationship with Him with all of the rigor and effort that we need to build good marriages. Commitment, effort, times of refreshment, intimate time spent alone together, etc.

We know that in earthly marriages, one partner or the other may not work to fulfill his or her vows. Times of difficulty, separation, or even divorce may result. But Jesus has done His part; He will keep His vows. He promises, "I will never leave you or forsake you." That is true commitment. That is true romance. Won't you spend time with Him today?

Pastor Mark



The Youth will be having a
BAKED ZITI FUNDRAISER
on Sunday, April 14,
after church.

Please plan on attending
to support our Youth.



**Wednesday,
April 17,
12 PM**

We will gather on Wednesday, April 17, at noon. Plan on attending and learn about the Church of the Brethren in Africa. Bob Krouse will tell us about the experiences that he and Carol have had during their various times living and working with the African people. Don't forget to bring a dish to share.



Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 23
1 to 6PM
Please call 1-800-771-0059
to make an
appointment to donate.

Vacation Bible School
Coming June 24-28
6:00 - 8:00 pm

**SEEKERS in
SNEAKERS**
Discover Jesus!

In Our Church, District & Community

Southern PA District
Church of the Brethren

2024
District Women's
Spring Luncheon

Deuteronomy 6:1-8
Matthew 11:28-30
A Commandment to Keep and a
Choice to Make

Saturday,
April 20, 2024
9:00 AM
West Shore Church
Of the Brethren
6921 Wertzville Road

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Broadway



Saturday, April 13 from 8am to 1pm.

Anyone interested in 8 ft table (\$25) call and leave a message for Millie Fout at 717-965-0682 or call the church office at 717-637-0511.

Table set-up is Friday at 1:30pm.

Beef noodle and chicken corn soup \$6/qt.

Order soup by calling church at 717-637-0511.

MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING YARD SALE

Thurs. Apr. 4 & Fri. April 5, 2024
both days 8am –1pm

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JULY 3 TO 7
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

OUR DELEGATE IS NATALIE DERITA

CAMP EDER

Golf Outing

Friday May 10th, 2024

Carroll Valley Golf
Course at Liberty
Mountain
78 Country Club Trail
Fairfield, PA 17320

7:00 am Registration &
Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Shotgun Start (Four
Player Scramble Format)
1:00 Lunch at Camp Eder

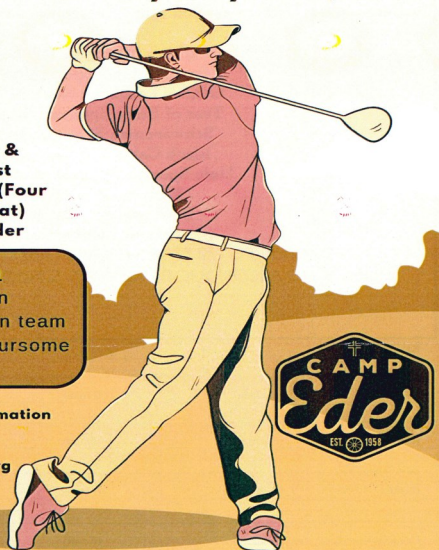
Registration

\$90 per person
\$360 per-four person team
Hole sponsor and Foursome
\$460

To register or for more information
contact Camp Eder
717-642-8256
campeder@campeder.org
914 Mt Hope Rd
Fairfield, Pa 17320

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4/1 Brandon McMaster	4/16 Alina Henninger
Wayne Yingling	Clarence Stonesifer
4/2 Deanna Ness	Collin Miller
4/5 Mary Myers	4/18 Deb Stambaugh
Jacob Yingling	4/19 Allie McClain
4/7 Liam Fleming	4/20 Eilish Strausbaugh
Ben Warfield	4/21 Kristin Dickensheets
4/8 Bryan Harman	Carol Feeser
4/9 Kaylin Foor	Wayne Mummert
4/10 Millie Baker	4/22 Gary Avery
Patti Maxwell	Richard Miller
Carol Repogle	4/23 Audrey Clapper
4/12 Elvin Molison	4/24 Phyllis Fuhrman
4/13 Loretta Bollinger	4/25 Emily Fleming
4/15 Cody Ault	4/26 Donna Plunkert
	4/27 Randy Carlson
	4/29 Barbara Lawrence

4/4 Harold & Jo Ann Kline	(48)
4/11 James & Pamela Miller	(44)
4/18 Robert & Betty Stockslager	(55)
4/19 Jerry & Karen Snyder	(38)
4/27 Archie & Connie Oller	(55)

Thank You

To my church family. Thank you for your cards and prayers.

Bonnie Berwager

New Members
Bob & Carol Krouse

Uplift in Prayer

Listed below are those with ongoing concerns, recuperating from surgery or procedures, recently hospitalized and/or have been shared through our prayer chain. Your thoughts and prayers are always appreciated. Pastor Mark, Kitty Duckworth, Clement McDonald, Ed Morris

Remember those who are homebound:

Miriam Mills and Dale Sullivan, June Dennis and those living in the facilities listed below:

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets

God's Springtime Has Blossomed

Welcome the glorious springtide,
Open the door to the sun;
Let in the scent of this season,
Now that Spring has begun.

Hum with the soft, gentle breezes,
Sing with the birds that now sing;
This is a time of rejoicing,
This is the season of Spring.

Let in the radiant springtide,
Listen to the sounds, see the sights.
Hear all the peepers a-peeping,
See geese in the sky in flight.

Witness rebirth of the flowers,
Discover new life everywhere;
Rejoice! God's springtime has blossomed
Where once all was bleak and bare.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Church By-Laws

The church board has been recommending some changes to our church by-laws.

Stay tuned for more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>AARP Tax-aide 7:00-2:00</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>7:15-12 Meat Canning</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>6 pm Bread of Life</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> 
Yard Sale Set Up In Fellowship Hall						
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>AARP Tax-aide 7:00-2:00</p> <p>PAL@HACC</p> <p>7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>AARP Tax-aide 7:00-2:00</p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>2 pm Line Dancing</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Council Reports Due To Office</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>12 pm Over 60's</p> <p>2 pm Line Dancing</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>
<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>1-6 pm Blood Drive</p>  <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>2 pm Line Dancing</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>9 am Newsletter Assembly</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>PAL@HACC</p> <p>7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>				