



A Monthly Newsletter by the
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SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:00 AM WORSHIP—10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

Perhaps only one other time were we as Americans more divided than we are right now. And that time, we killed each other in the tens of thousands (the Civil War). Some might be comfortable just huddling on one side or the other and hanging with those who think as they do. But we in the church do not have that luxury. We are called to radical love, which requires radical unity. We are commanded to love even our enemies and persecutors. And that ain't easy.

So if you find yourself gliding down Faith Highway just now with no real challenges, perhaps you need to take a look at the map. Is there someone out there, perhaps one of "them" on the other side, that you have been unwilling to engage in civil, loving discourse? Have you been detouring around them? Have you been avoiding them? You see, loving at a distance really doesn't count. Love means seeking to understand. Love means really caring. Love means getting involved with people—even those people. Like I said, it ain't easy! But we are called. Look for opportunity for conversation. Look for common ground. Seek to understand.

A good guiding question is to ask, "What is important to you about believing as you do?" And then really listen.

Now, an important thing to remember is that you can only do your part. If you reach out to understand and are met only with venom or hatred, you cannot force the other person to be civil. If they are unwilling, then you can move on. But if even one good conversation helps bring you and one of "them" closer to understanding each other, isn't that worth the risk?

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note

THANK YOU

Thank You for supporting
our Valentine's Candy Sale.
-The Youth

Stewardship Report January 2026

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	26	60
Budget Goal (\$4,202 per week)		\$218,492
Need to-date (4 weeks)		
	\$ 16,808	
Budget Giving to Date (37%)		\$ 6,178
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 267
TOTAL GIVING		\$ 6,445
Budget Giving for January		\$ 6,178
Designated Giving for January		\$ 267
Building Rental		\$ 257
Lawn Mowing		\$ 10

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



**Friday,
March 20**
7:00 am – 3 pm
**Saturday,
March 21**
7:00 am – 12 pm

We are going to hold a two-day yard sale again this time. So please bring items from your home and ask your friends to also bring items. All items will be an asset to this sale.

DONATIONS

Collection began February 1 and will continue through Wednesday, March 18.

Items can be dropped off during the day or call Amy for a special drop-off time. Please place all items in the Fellowship Hall on the stage behind the curtain.

All items should be clean and in working order. We cannot sell broken or unusable items. Make sure clothing is clean and usable.

Please refrain from bringing large items until Monday, March 16.

We DO NOT ACCEPT electronics, sofas or exercise equipment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday, March 13 - Thursday, March 19, throughout the day, we will be setting up the Fellowship Hall. Anyone that can help will be much appreciated. Set-up includes sorting and hanging clothing, displaying items and having FUN.

Friday, March 20, 7:00am - 3:00pm and Saturday, March 21, 7:00am - end. Help carry items to cars, organize tables, keep order during the day and talk with shoppers. All help will be greatly appreciated!

BAKED GOODS

Baked goods can be dropped off anytime Thursday, March 19. Please have the items bagged and priced for sale. Cakes will be sold by the piece so they would be greatly appreciated also. We would like to add a few quarts of soup to the sale, so if you make a gallon or two of soup, we have containers for you to use.

CLEAN UP

When the sale is over, after 12pm, Saturday, we will need help to take down tables and clean up.

Any help that you can give during the week will be greatly appreciated!!!

Any questions - call Amy at 717-451-5071.

(if no answer, please leave a message).

Church Events



**Wednesday,
March 11
Noon to 2 PM**

Due to the Yard Sale setting up in the Fellowship Hall, The Over 60's group will meet a week earlier, March 11, 2026 at 12 pm. Sonny Ecker will be providing musical entertainment on the piano. Invite your friends and please bring a dish to share.



**Ice Cream Social
Saturday, April 25**

6:00 pm

More Info To Follow



Inclement Weather Policy



In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be sent out by email, recorded on the church's answering machine, and published on the TV 8 website. Please see Pastor Mark with any questions.



Women's Fellowship will have a business meeting on March 12 at 7 pm. We will be discussing plans for our homemade candy Easter eggs. The order sheets for eggs will be available beginning March 15. Hopefully we can make the eggs on Friday, March 27 at 9 a.m. and then chocolate them on March 28 at 9 a.m. They would be picked up the next day, on Palm Sunday, March 29. We make peanut butter eggs with milk chocolate and coconut cream eggs with dark chocolate.

Do not forget the Southern PA District Women's Spring Tea will be at West Shore COB in Enola on April 25. You need to register by April 15. The cost is \$10.00. The speakers will be Mary and Brad Barrows, who are from the Harrisburg area. This is a good way to meet other COB members. Carpooling should be available. Registration forms can be obtained from Lona.

Reminder: the Pillow Club meets on Thursdays from 9 to 11 am. You do not need to be talented in crafts to attend.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our women's groups.



Sunday, March 8, 2026



From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

Why? What's in it for me, you ask? Well, that is probably the wrong question to ask where obeying God is concerned, but there is plenty. There is the real possibility of a real miracle. Like the disciple of Jesus who started out as a terrorist and became a beloved member of the community. Or the treasonous tax collector who likewise became a Brother. Like the black man who infiltrated the KKK and gently but relentlessly pursued a friendship until several of the KKK members reciprocated that friendship and then left the order in repentance. Like the red leaning man who became a true friend to his blue leaning neighbor. In my view, these miracles of unity are more important than the miracle of physical healing. Much more. Jesus said in John 13:34:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

And He was talking to a former traitor (Matthew) and a former terrorist (Simon the Zealot). Before they met Jesus, they would have hated one another! But when people know we belong to Him, especially when they see how different yet how unified we are, they have the possibility to come to know Him, and to live forever! That is far more significant even than living some extra years after a cancer cure, as special as that is.

So please be willing to step off the sidelines and enter the game. Prayerfully choose civil and loving dialogue with one of "them."

~Pastor Mark





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/5	Lona Bridenbaugh Pat Conrad Leanne Hurtack Todd Lillich Adrianne Redding	3/21	Wynlee Dickensheets Jackie Swartz
3/6	Andy Bowman Bev Wolf	3/22	Darren Dickensheets
3/7	Jason Webb	3/23	Alka Swanson
3/8	Christine Mowry	3/24	Alan Bridenbaugh
3/13	Matthew Stambaugh		Heather McDonald
3/14	Dean Bowman		LouElla Dickensheets
3/15	Leah Rusinko	3/25	Beverly Baker
3/16	Linda Skiles	3/26	Jameson Fleming
3/17	Kitty Duckworth	3/28	Faye Wentz
3/18	Adam Kline Edna Markle Robert Stockslager Linda Yingling	3/29	Jason Konopinski
		3/30	Mike Lawrence
			Bonnie Menchey
		3/31	Gerry Altice



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.

Grace Golden family, Darlene Laughman, Danielle Smith, Carl Stremmel, Sue Ambrosius, Eileen McKinley, Bob Worley family, Ritchie McKinley family, Brenda Kneller, Bob and Betty Stockslager, Katrina and Joel Zartman



Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager, Apt 311

Brethren Home

Mary Kate Henry, PC Rm 2918

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931

Mary Ann Dissinger, BR Rm 210

Miriam Mills, HC Rm 2179

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets, Rm 422



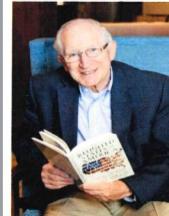
3/9 Roger & Darlene Bollinger (35)



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community

Cross Keys Village - The Brethren Home Community invites our Brethren friends to a special series focused on our faith and traditions! These special lectures are free to attend just by registering online!

Rediscovering Our Roots: Moving Forward in Faith



Brethren Heritage Series

featuring Warren Eshbach

Drawing on his deep roots in the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions, Warren will explore the faith-based foundations that continue to shape the organization's mission and service. As a transformational leader with decades of experience, he offers a unique perspective on the historical development of the Southern Pennsylvania District and its direct role in founding Cross Keys Village. His presentation will illustrate how these shared histories and the growth of The Faith Community Church reflect a unified calling to serve the community with compassion and purpose.

Wednesday, March 13

10:30 - 11:30 am

What is Love Feast?



featuring Denise Kettering-Lane

For Brethren, the Love Feast has included elements of preparation, feetwashing, a shared meal, and communion, but there have been changes in how these elements have been lived out over the years. This session will focus on the theological meaning and movements of the Brethren Love Feast tradition over the past 300 years.

Friday, March 13

10:30 - 11:30 am

What Does Love Feast Look Like?



featuring Denise Kettering-Lane

Practicing Love Feast can look different in different congregations and contexts. This session will emphasize different practical aspects of Love Feast and demonstrate some practices, such as feetwashing, that occur during Love Feast.

Friday, March 13

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Sponsored in part by Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Scan the QR code or visit www.crosskeysvillage.org/heritage to register!
For more information, contact Holly Fetting at 717-624-5544.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<i>2</i> 7:00 - 2:00 AARP Tax Prep PAL@HACC 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	<i>3</i> 7:00 - 2:00 AARP Tax Prep 6 pm Deacon Meeting 8 pm AA	<i>4</i> 2 pm Line Dance 7 pm Choir	<i>5</i> 9 am Crafts	<i>6</i> 11 am Bible Study	<i>7</i>
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