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I am the vine...you are the branches...John 15:5 Continuing the work of Jesus: Peacefully, Simply, Together

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Wed. & Thur. -9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Worship Service 9:00 A.M.
Social Time 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:30 A.M.



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CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Greg Jones	Pastor
Caleb Beech	Children/Youth Minister
Andrea Beech	Music Minister
Galene Sellers	Church Secretary
Ralph Hanawalt	Church Treasurer
Galene Sellers	Church Clerk
John Kipp	Church Moderator
Lori Alderfer & Cindy Lucas	Preschool Teachers



HEALING and SUSTAINING PRAYER

Church Family - Whitney Auker, Bruce Campbell, Elsie Davis, Bill Fronk, Vera Gordon, Trudy Hoke, Deb Huber, Gary Lentz, Don & Helen McKee, Sam & Ruth McKim, Jane Smith, Bob Stong, Steve Swartz Jr.

Friends - Kathy (Brown) Benner, Doris Cryan, Karen Hart Fox, Ken Gearhart Jr., Janet Gingrich, Raymond Gordner, Justin Hertzler, Pete Hoke, Eileen Huber, Joni Jenkins, Dee Anna Johnson, Tara Kauffman, Deb Kramer, Pauline Kramer, John & Bertha Mangle, Jim Messimer, Art Mott, Molly Peachey, Ken Rickenbaugh, Leon Sharpend, Steve Sheerer.

Juniata School District

Our Service Men & Women: Michael Sicard, Eric Sheaffer, Chris Huber Jr., Eric Robb, Seth Ritzman.

Keep in Prayer our family members in Nursing Homes or otherwise unable to worship with us.

North Ridge Assisted Living: Betty Page, Ken Dressler Sr., Ethel Yoder
Manor Perry Village: Elsie Davis
Brookline Nsg. & Rehab.: Bill Fronk, Room # 220
Brookline Assisted Living: Thelma Vandegrift
Grayson View Selinsgrove Assistant Living: Clara Rakerd
Jane Smith has returned to her home.
Bruce Campbell Mechanicsburg Health South Room # 221D.



2010 Annual Conference

In 1983 the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference adopted a statement on Human Sexuality which concluded that although the “*church should endeavor with Christian love and with gentle evangelistic skill to offer redemptive help*”, “*same sex covenantal relationships are not acceptable*”. Since 1983 this language has guided the denomination, most recently when the issue of ordination for practicing homosexuals was an item of business in 2002. In that case, the 1983 statement guided the body to conclude that no practicing homosexual will be ordained with the church of the Brethren.

In 2009, the language in this paper was questioned. The query was raised whether it was the will of the Denomination to still use this paper to guide our journey together. This began a two year process, actually a Special Response process, because this issue is highly controversial. A study guide was created that can be used by leaders to “Hear” the voice of the Church on this issue. At Conference this year delegates were able to attend special meetings where the entire listening process was modeled.

Two weeks ago I met with our Standing Committee representatives, and they have planed to either meet within a zone (we, being part of the Northern Zone), or train people to lead a group on the listening process. Then, when people have had a chance to voice their feelings on this issue, Standing Committee will come to the 2011 Annual Conference with a recommendation.

What the Bunkertown Congregation needs to know is that at some point you will be given an opportunity to have your voice heard. We will either meet with one of our Standing Committee representatives, or meet with someone they have trained to lead this process. Never before has this denomination provided such an opportunity for all members to give their input on an issue.

Just so you know, the issue was not decided this year, and no recommendation was made. Based upon your input on this issue (should the Denomination continue to use the 1893 paper to guide our journey together), a recommendation will be made at next year’s conference. And Delegates still have the power to approve, disapprove, or amend the recommendation.

The only thing this query asks is whether or not this paper will be our guide. It does not propose we start ordaining practicing homosexuals. If the decision of the 2011 conference is to no longer use the 1983 paper as our guide, then the next logical question would be, “What then will guide us”. That, I suspect, will be the next item of business.

I have no idea where this is all leading us. I don’t like to be an alarmist. I believe that God is in control of the entire situation, and I for one will continue to place all my hope in Him. Whatever the decision of the denomination, God will not abandon those who remain faithful to Him. I suggest to you that when given the opportunity to have your thoughts heard on this issue, voice them. Let the leader know how you feel and why. But then place your trust in the hands of our Mighty God, for “He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young”.

Pastor Greg

Congratulations!

Whitney Auker was a participant in the Juniata County 4-H Fair in Port Royal for the first time and won 1st place in Showmanship; 1st place, Fitting; 1st place Championship; 1st place Reserved Championship; 1st place Junior Master Fitting; and 1st Place Junior Master Showmanship. She received a trophy.

Drew Saner Jr. Was a participant in the Juniata County 4-H Fair in Port Royal and received the Red Ribbon placing in the Dairy Beef Feeder Calf.

Mariah Romig was pictured in The Times Newspaper with her #9 cart and was surrounded by the many trophies that she won over the past two seasons at Greenwood Raceway.

Alexis Stuck for the second time donated 11 ½ inches of hair to Locks of Love.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Bradley Knouse
1606 Webster Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19146

MISSIONS

July Missionary Offering was First COB Brooklyn New York. We received \$1,530.00.

August Missionary Offering is Word of Life Fellowship and we received \$1,260.00 with another Sunday to receive offerings yet.

September Missionary Offering will be Child Evangelism.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is struggling to keep food and supplies on the shelves for families in crisis. In July they served 228 families in need – a total of 667 individuals. The need continues and we thank all who have brought items in to the church throughout the months. We encourage you to continue to donate to those in need. Some of you have gardens and may have extra produce. You might consider giving some to the Food Pantry. If you choose to do this, please drop it off at the Pantry rather than put it in the box at church. Their hours are Monday, 1:00-4:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00-6:00 PM; and Saturday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Items that can be put in the church box in September include non-perishable foods, first aid supplies like over the counter pain and cold medicines, bandages, antibiotic ointment, cough drops, Q-tips, or feminine hygiene products. The non-food items are ones that cannot be purchased with government funds, but are things that are needed by families. Thank you for your continued support!



SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Forrest B. Gordon who passed away on August 9, 2010.

THANK YOU'S

A Special Thank You to our church family for your prayers, phone calls, and cards, that you extended to us during the sudden death of our grandson, Emmett Dressler. May God bless you all for covering us with the comforting love of Jesus.

Ron & Annie Gordon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ it was a delight to work with many GREAT KIDS! We appreciate all the support from the congregation by way of prayers, donations, help, all the positive attitudes throughout this years Vacation Bible School. We had averaged 50 students and 30 plus helpers. We received \$171.71 in offerings and the kids had fun making blankets that will be sent to the children in Africa. We thank God for His blessings on this years VBS!

If you didn't get things that you left us use for VBS, please see me!

Caleb Beech, Youth Director

The CHURCH FLOAT wishes to thank everyone who was involved in planning, decorating, and dismantling the church float. In addition, we want to thank those who prayed, contributed materials, made props, took pictures, rode the float, drove the float, and walked in the parade. The Float Committee especially wishes to thank Richard Maneval of Evendale for allowing us to use his wagon. Bunkertown Church witnessed to the community about our Savior's unconditional love for them. We praise God for giving us direction and give Him all the glory for a job well done!

Thank you again and again.

In His Service, The Float Committee

I pray that you will join me, 8:45 a.m. in prayer in the conference room each Sunday & join our Prayer Group on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Also, I praise God that all went well for those who were called to witness to the many in Peru.

Lawrence Fronk

We wish to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during the loss of our loved one, Forrest. A special thank you to all who prepared and served the beautiful funeral luncheon and donated food for it. Your expressions of caring and friendship are such a blessing at a time like this.

Vera & family

Thank you, to our church family, What a blessing you have been to us during the illness and passing of our dad, Forrest Gordon. We felt surrounded with the presence of Jesus through your expressions of sympathy in cards, flowers, food, phone calls, and most of all your prayers. We also know that he is rejoicing in his new heavenly home.

Ron & Annie

Thank you for the food donations and help when we served the lunch for Rev. Forrest Gordon's family and friends.

The Kitchen Committee

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was at Mt. Nittany Hospital and on my return home from my surgery. It is such a blessing to have people care when you go through so much. Thank you!

Ralph Hanawalt



REMINDERS

The October 2010 Newsletter Deadline is: Sunday, September 19th. The weekly bulletin deadline is noon each Thursday.

Hope Ministries-the following people can help you with various issues:

Jodie Burris, 463-3407- Infertility & Miscarriage Issues.

Jeff and Trudy Hoke, 463-3483 - Marital Issues.

Rosalita Leonard, 463-2912 - Corresponding with college students/service men and women.

If you feel God leading you to help in a particular area, please contact Lisa

Peters at 694-3798.

Please join us in prayer at 8:45 A.M. each Sunday morning in the conference room. Also, on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.



September Anniversaries

- 3 - Orlyn & Dianne Saner ('66)
- 6 - Harry & Hannah Bashore ('75)
- 8 - Mark & Lisa Peters ('90)
- 11 - Darwin & Ruth Ann Apple ('65)
- 14 - Alan & Suzanne Varner ('01)
- 15 - Dan & Christy Kerstetter ('01)
- 18 - Joshua & Dawn Bassler ('99)
- 26 - Nathan and Jamie Snyder ('02)
- 27 - Ralph & Donna Hanawalt ('75)
- 28 - Doug & Christine Kline ('85)
- 30 - Paul & Elenore Gingrich ('61)

September Birthdays

- 1 - Caleb Shellenberger
- 3 - Daniel Benner
- 4 - Anna Lois Brubaker
 - Nathaniel Dressler
- 5 - Jeff Zimmerman
- 6 - Jennifer Sheaffer
 - Autumn Berry
- 7 - Devin Graybill
 - Gibson French
- 9 - Melda Ritchie
- 10 - Eun Strawser
- 11 - Cody Palm
- 13 - Tina French
- 14 - Myriah Alderfer
 - Dolly Fronk
- 16 - Matthew Cheatle
 - Tammy Huber
- 17 - Jerrod Bassler
- 19 - Hannah Bashore
- 20 - Steven Strawser
- 21 - Bill Fronk
- 22 - Elsie Mae Benner
 - Joanne Shehan
- 23 - Mike Nonemaker
- 24 - Aaron LeFevre
- 25 - Jim Shallenberger
- 27 - Tiffany Weaver
- 29 - Jim Cheatle
 - Cody Shellenberger
 - Jane Smith
- 30 - Susan Truitt
 - Gene Heidler



2010 Board Members

Jennifer Hummel - Board Chair

Abe Fisher- Vice Chair

Galene Sellers-Secretary

Nurture Commission

Abe Fisher - Chair

Hannah Bashore-Vice Chair

Lisa Peters

Betty Lou Helwig-Secretary

Stewards Commission

Orlyn Saner-Chair

Doug Kline-Vice Chair

John Burns

Ken Hepner

Witness Commission

Linda Leonard - Chair

Sue Truitt

Rod Knouse

Nick Kline

Juniata County Fair Community

Worship Service

Sunday evening, September 5th (5:30 PM)

Frankhouse Field (Port Royal Little League Field) - adjacent to Tusc. Valley Elementary School

Bring a lawn chair and possibly bug spray.

Important Suggestion: Arrive at 5:00 PM to secure a parking space and your lawn chair seating positions.

In the event of wet weather conditions, the worship service will be held in the Port Royal Lutheran Church (4th & Market Streets - Port Royal, PA)

A free-will offering will be collected for Meals on Wheels.



Budget Meeting

CHURCH BOARD

MEETING ~ Tuesday,

September 7th (Note the change-1st Tuesday instead of 2nd) at 6:00 P.M. The Executive Committee will meet and at 7:00 p.m. the Church Board.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

BUNKERTOWN CHURCH CHOIR

will be starting in just a few weeks and we need your help! We would love to have you join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and great music! It doesn't matter if you consider yourself a great singer, or one that needs some help—we would love to have you! Our first rehearsal is **Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m.** Come and learn great music, enjoy the company of others, and maybe even learn a thing or two about music! If you have any questions, please talk to Andrea Beech. Hope to see you at rehearsal!



Choir Rehearsal

FAITH PRESCHOOL DONATIONS ~

Preschool starts September 7th. There is a list of items the preschool needs, on the table in the narthex, and is very appreciative of your donations. Please put the purchased items in the Kitchen labeled Preschool, prior to the starting date. Thanks!

TRUTH TRACKERS ~ Children 1st grade

thru 6th grade are invited to memorize scripture, receive awards, play games and learn about God's Nature, God's Greatness, Christ's Death, Prayer, Trials, and the Holy Spirit. Truth Trackers will be every Wednesday from September 8, 2010 to May 11, 2011 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Contact Caleb for any questions. **Also, adult helpers are still needed! Helpers will meet with Caleb on Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

SENIOR SUPPER ~ will be Monday,

September 13th at 5:30 p.m. Meat will be provided. Bring a covered dish. We again had a very good turn out last meeting. We invite you to come and join us. Any questions, we'll be glad to answer.-Helen McKee

MEN'S FRATERNITY ~ will be starting on Monday, September 13th here at the church from 7-9 p.m. Men come enjoy the fellowship and grow with us!

STITCHARITY ~ The Stitcharity group will resume in September. Our first meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. We invite all knitters and those that crochet to join us and/or to knit or crochet our projects at home. If you have friends who do not go to Bunkertown Church who like to knit or crochet, please invite them to join us. All are welcome!

SOUTHERN PA DISTRICT C.O.B. ~ 2010 District Conference information packets are on the bulletin board shelf in the narthex. Theme title this year is "The Command LOVE ~ Love God-Love Others-Love Well!" It is on September 17th & 18th at Black Rock C.O.B., Glenville, PA. Please read all the material, some have deadlines.

34th Anniversary - 2010 - BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION ~ at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rochery Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042 on Friday & Saturday ~ September 24 & 25, 2010. For additional information, contact: Duane & Tina Ness, 300 East Market St., Hallam, PA 17406 or call 800-842-9207. A brochure of this event is posted on the bulletin board .



COMEDY NIGHT

~ Brad Stine ~

presented by Highway Ministry on Sunday, September 26th at Juniata High School, Mifflintown. Doors open at 5:50 p.m. ~ Starts at 6:00 p.m. The Cost is \$1.00 and tickets can be purchased at Guardian Bookstore ~ Friendship Bookstore & Rainbow Christian Bookstore or call 463-4030. All funds raised from ticket sales will go toward Child Evangelism Fellowship of Juniata County.



RALLY DAY ~ Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. for Homecoming and Rally Day Service. Jonathan Bream from Brooklyn First Church of the Brethren will be the speaker. Lancaster Bible College Choir will provide special music and Kingdom Kidz from Milton will minister to the children. More detailed information will follow.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY ~ Dinner & Concert on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Fairview C.O.B. More details will be forthcoming. Make plans NOW for an evening of fellowship & food, and help support CAS.



CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY, INC. ~ 2010 Banquets ~ The New Fairview Church of the Brethren will host the East banquet on October 2nd, 2010. The West banquet will be held again at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren on Oct. 30th, 2010. Please plan to attend one or both of these banquets. They are so important, and fun as well. The posters with all the information about each banquet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

IMPACT 2011

AT
Harrisburg Hilton
Harrisburg, PA
March 4-6, 2011

Featuring:
Speaker
"RUNKS"
&
AARON PELSUE
BAND

DANNY RAY
The Illusionist

See Caleb Beech, Director of Youth, for details and registration!!!!

**CONGREGATIONAL
BUSINESS MEETING**
Thursday, October 28, 2010
at 7:00 p.m.
You are encouraged to
attend. Mark your calendars!



SEPTEMBER HELPERS

Pianist/Organist

05-Andrea Beech/Suzie Shallenberger
12-Andrea Beech
19-Andrea Beech/Chris Kline
26-Andrea Beech/Stephanie Freyermuth

Nursery: Worship/Sunday School
05-Bev Richmond/Carolyn Jones
12-McKenzie Truitt/Stephanie Freyermuth
19-Judy Hoffman/Suzie Shallenberger
26-Kim Stuck/Stephanie Graybill

Please Note: Helpers ~ For courtesy sake, please be sure to get someone to cover your listed duty if you are unable to do so.
Thanks

Service Ushers

Derek Lentz, Chief
Tim Burris
Roger Shallenberger
Doug Kline
Nick Kline

Jr. Church

05-Kim Stuck
12-Stephanie Kline
19-Sue Truitt
26-Gina Amey

Board of Deacons



Greeters

Justin & Jennifer French

Counting Committee

Gary & Ethel Lentz
Larry & Galene Sellers

DEACONS ~ the next

Deacon meeting is on Tuesday, September 28th at 7 p.m.

North Ridge-4th Sunday

(Pick up residents @ 8:45 a.m. for Worship Service)
Tony & Judi Neimond

Bethesda Mission- 1st Saturday

Team #1
Ralph & Donna Hanawalt
Rod Knouse

Deacons of the Week:

August 29-September 4, Gary & Ethel Lentz

September 5-11, Dean & Peach Yeater

September 12-18, Larry Sellers

September 19-25, Earl & Janet Ocker

September 26-October 2, Bev Richmond

C/D Ministry

Larry Sellers

Nursing Home Services

None

Jail Ministry-4th Sunday

Team # 3
Tony Neimond
John Kahley

Social Time Snack Providers

05-Sue Knouse/Pat Sierer
12-Hannah Bashore/Rod Knouse
19-Teresa Forry/Ruth Ann Kahley
26-Darlis Strawser/Kim Stuck

AV Tech's

05-Dean Yeater/Abe Fisher
12-Tony Neimond/Jake Peters
19-Nick Lorenz/Josh Peters
26-Jon Hummel/Jake Peters

