

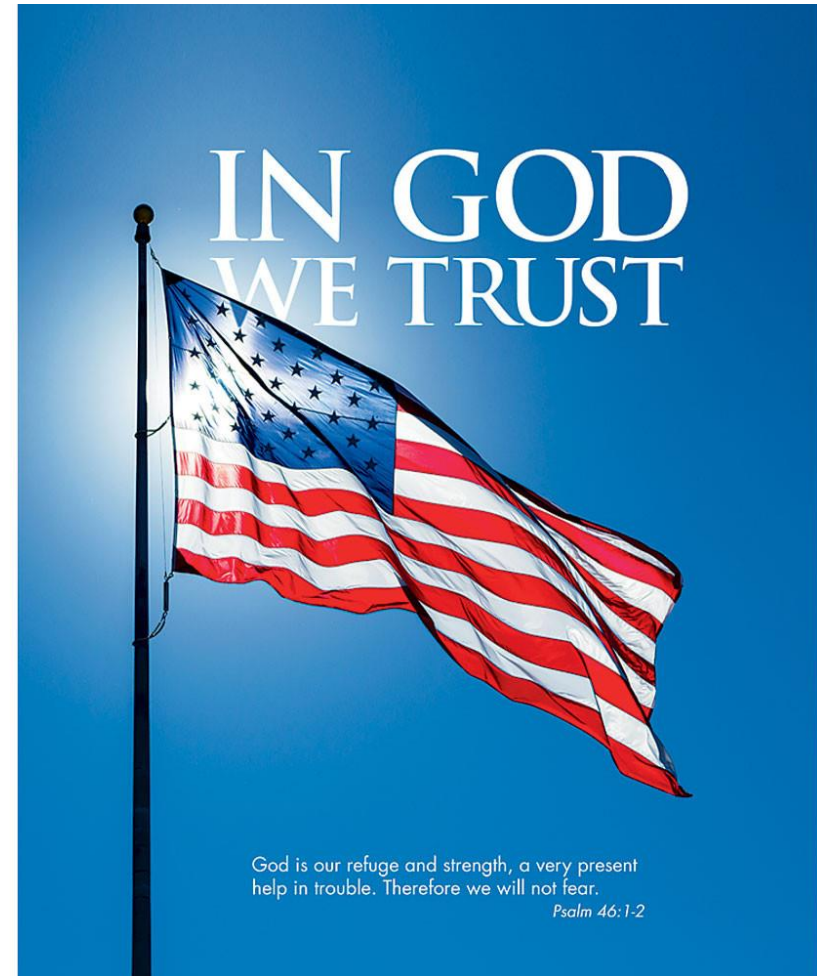
MORNING SCHEDULE
Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

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Worship Attendance last Sunday June 27 worship: 41
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JULY 4, 2021 – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Ligonier (First) Church of the Brethren Is a community of believers who seek to walk passionately with Christ by reaching out in His name, preaching and sharing His gospel, and teaching all to live like Him.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
People: May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.
 Leader: We draw near to God who rules over all nations.
People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.
 Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all the peoples on the earth.
People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us Understand that it begins in our hearts.
 Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 61

*INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison Prayer*

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from comprise, fear and confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen, give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions effecting peace and the future of our world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Mark 5:21-43 (Please remember to sign the attendance sheets)*

Powerful God, multiply these gifts so that our faith community is empowered to minister to the needs of your children. Often our ministry is focused on global outreach and mission needs. However, in today’s Gospel reading, you remind us to be ministers to our family, friends, and one another. We are secure in knowing that by serving our brothers and sisters locally and globally, we serve you faithfully. Accept these gifts, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” No. 427

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **Luke 11:5-13**

MESSAGE “What Are You Feeding Your Family?”

*CLOSING HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” No. 47

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

Pastor: Rev. John Shaffer
 Lay Leader: Stacey Knupp/Lyle Boyd
 Chorister: Ed Wedge
 Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeters for July: David Fish
 Counting Steward for July: Elaine Boyd

NEW CHURCH WEB PAGE

We have opened the new web page please put this in the bulletin:
 The address is: LigonierFirstCob.org

LAST WEEK’S JOYS

- Ryan Knupp is safely home from Africa
- Dave and Dana Shannon recently celebrated an anniversary
- Becky Kwak received a good report from her stress and echo tests
- Jamie Derk Price’s surgery completed
- Fay Harr is home from the hospital

INFORMATION CONCERNING JULY'S OUTREACH – VALLEY YOUTH NETWORK

The **Valley Youth Network** is a network of concerned people and organizations who seek to reach out to area high school students with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Explore the site to connect with what they are doing. Be sure to check out the photo gallery and monthly calendar! Founded in 1991. Leadership provided by Kip and Sandy Crumrine.

CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, ADDITIONS TO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please help to make our church directory as correct and complete as possible. If you come across mistakes, or missing information of any kind, please notify Pastor John or Susan with corrected informational or additional information. Thanks in advance.

BROTHER'S KEEPER FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

It's time to start thinking about the August-September Brother's Keeper. If you have an article, a poem, a special reading, or an announcement that you would like included in the Brother's Keeper, please give it to Pastor John or Susan anytime throughout the month of July with a deadline of Sunday, July 18th (our Church picnic!). You may place it in our mailbox, send us a note through email, or just hand the article to us at the Church Picnic on the 18th!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Scheduled outreach for July is Valley Youth Network -- Please also remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band as this project supports the Honduras orphanage we associate with and bring – And don't forget items for the local Food Pantry

Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study with Pastor John – on the book of Revelation

Thursday, 9:00 am -- The Happy Stitchers

Thursday, 9:00 am to Noon – Pastor John's Office Hours

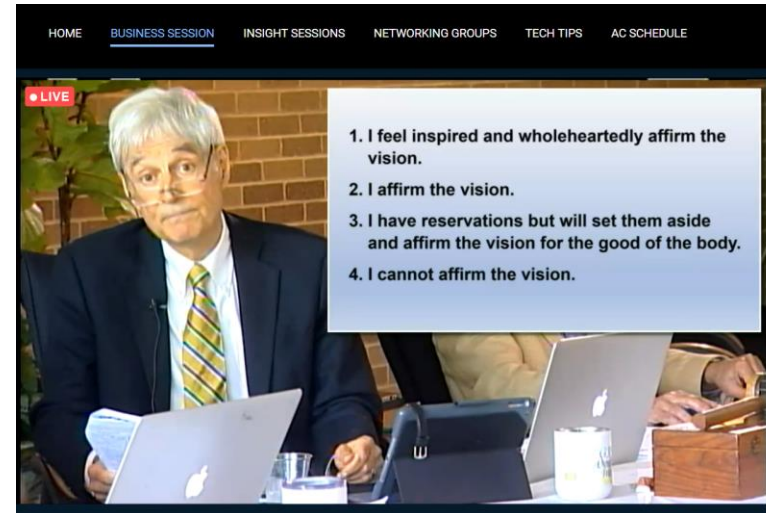
Next Sunday, following worship – General Board Meeting – Please note the change of date

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 16 – Valley Youth Network Coffeehouse

Saturday, July 17 – Food Pantry, 8:00 am, Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ligonier

Sunday, July 18 – Morning Worship will be held at John and Susan Shaffer's Home Pavilion – Roxbury Church of the Brethren will also be invited to participate – Nurture Commission will coordinate a church picnic luncheon following worship – There will



Moderator Paul Munday presents the four options offered for delegates to choose to affirm the compelling vision statement, in a process characterized by discernment and prayer.

Annual Conference affirms a compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren: A “table” perspective

*Today, the Annual Conference affirmed this compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren: “**Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.**”*

KINGDOM CONCERNS

Jesus Prayer Requests

The Glory of God (John 17);

Workers for the Harvest (Matthew 9)

Spiritual Renewal in our Congregation

ALSO: Persecuted Christians; Missions; Peace Workers; Service Persons;

National/International Leaders

Missionaries to Poland: Ashley and Corby White (23rd of each month, please uphold in special prayer as they will also be praying for us on this date)

WESTERN PA DISTRICT

District Office Staff – William Wenger, Amy Bowman, Tina Lehman

District Office Phone Number – 814-479-2181

District Moderator – John Stoner

District Response Team – Herb Ewald

District Leadership Team Chair – James Houghton

Camp Harmony Executive Director – Jen Vickroy

2020 Prayer Partner Congregation: Windber Church of the Brethren

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Unchurched in Waterford, Ligonier Valley (Welcome and Invite them!)

Valley Youth Network – Kip Crumrine, Director; Sandy Crumrine, Assistant;

Chelsea Carpenter and Kylie Weber, Interns

Ligonier Valley Association of Churches – Janet Riordan, President

ALL OF OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

Future of our church – Please take five minutes at noon every day to pray for ways to encourage the parents, children and young people who could be coming**

LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS

Deacon Chairperson – Stacey Knupp

Church Board/Executive Board Chairmen – Richard Jones,

Nurture -- Michelle Black, Stewardship – Becky Kwak, Witness -- Debbie McInchok