

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Worship Attendance last Sunday March 7, 2021 worship: 51
Pastor John Shaffer – Phone: 610-413-1997 (cell) and 814-255-7838 (home)
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814-255-7838 (home)
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Budget Information for 2021
Income to Date: \$ 16,790.67
Expense to Date: \$ 11,726.97
Balance: \$ 5,063.70

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MARCH 14, 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Theme for Lent: "THE JOURNEY OF LIFE"

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: Each day is a gift from God,

**People: each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.**

Leader: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

**People: not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Leader: Each day we draw closer to God:

**People: who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

*HYMN **“Nothing But the Blood”** No. 195

*INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison*

God of love You care for us as shepherd, leading us to fresh pasture and living water.
You care for us as Father, drawing those you love close into your embrace.
You care for us as Saviour, forgiving all who draw near to you in faith.
You care for us as Lord and King, bringing us into the heart of your kingdom.
God of love, accept this sacrifice of praise, and the service of our lives, this day and all days.
Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC to be sung by Ed Wedge with help from the congregation
“For Those Tears I Died”

Verse One

You said You’d come and share all my sorrows.
You said You’d be there for all my to morrows.
I came so close to sending You away,
Buy just like You promised, You came there to stay;
I just had to pray.

Chorus

And Jesus said, “Come to the water, stand by My side;
I know you are thirsty you won’t be denied.
I felt every tear drop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died.”

Verse Two

Jesus, I give You my heart and my soul.

I know that without God I’d never be whole.

Savior, You opened all the right doors,

And I thank You and praise You from earth’s humble shores.

Take me I’m Yours.

Repeat Chorus

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *John 3:14-21 (Please remember to sign the attendance sheets)*

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OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN **“Break Thou the Bread of Life”** No. 274 (vs 1&4)

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **John 11:1-44**

MESSAGE **“The Source of Life”**

*CLOSING HYMN **“Wonderful Words of Life”** No. 270

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

Pastor: Rev. John Shaffer

Lay Leader: Debra McInchok

Chorister: Ed Wedge

Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeters for March: Shannons

Counting Steward for March: Debra McInchok

RITA'S CLOSET

Rita's Closet opens Mondays at the First Church of the Brethren, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If you are unable to make it on a Monday, please call Darlene Rummel at 814-243-7156 to schedule a time more convenient. All donated clothes were freely given and are free to you. Please come and check us out.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Susan Shaffer would like to remind everyone that the deadline for submitting information for the next newsletter is Sunday, March 21. She really appreciates cooperation in sharing information with the church, so be sure to submit articles and info, including dates for any upcoming events.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Outreach for March 2021 is One Great Hour of Sharing. (The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission involves you in disaster relief, refugee/immigration, hunger and water programs, and development ministries throughout the world. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and empowerment.) Please also remember to bring items any time for the local Food Pantry. Please remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band (this project supports the Hogan Enmanuel Home in Honduras.).

Today, immediately following church – Women's Fellowship Meeting – “Think Out of the Box Ideas” – “Fundraisers”

Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study with Pastor John

Thursday, 9:00 am – The Happy Stitchers

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

Next Sunday, March 21, immediately following church – Deacon Meeting – to prepare for Easter Love Feast and Communion

Next Sunday, March 21, 6:30 pm, Rummel COB – “The Power of the Cross” – a Lenten time of Worship – Please see the notice on the bulletin board in the Narthex

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18, 3:00 pm – Memorial Service for Charles Harr

PRAYER CONCERNS – IMMEDIATE

Family of Charles Harr; A.B. and Carol Smith; Family of Tom Clark's sister Kathryn; Andy Knupp; Grandmother Debbie who fell and is not doing well; Family of Paul Knupp's brother-in-law Gary; Karen and Evelyn; Family of Dori Weaver; Jeanne Boyd; Jimmy (friend of Beth Caldwell); Sheri Wedge; Family of John McInchok; Family of Tim Stroebel; Jason, Haven Giesey; Family of Cheryl Smith; Lisa; Sue Derk Kinsey; Family of Ed Houghton; Jeanne Boyd
Our Country and its leaders; Passage of Equality Act to Senate; Church of the Brethren (move toward unity); Covid-19 and the response worldwide to this pandemic, safety and health of all involved in schools and universities; essential workers and everyone seeking safe ways to cope with the uncertainty this pandemic has brought with it; those in hospitals awaiting surgery or diagnoses; Border Patrol agents; peace and forgiveness within families; natural disasters occurring throughout our county and the world; traveling mercies; church board and commissions for decisions that need to be made; Church of the Brethren in Nigeria; that more would hear of Christ's sacrifice, His gift to us, and choose to follow Him.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Abram; Austin Boyd; Jim and Christy Boyd; Michelle Boyd; Roxanne Boyd; Allison Burke; Hannah Burkett; George Butcher; John Chesson; Tim and Jessica Clark; Basil Costantino; Billy Crawford and Lori Crawford; Breana Deemer; Ethen Deemer; Kristi Deemer; Sam Duffey; Hosea Duffey; Brenda Duhl; Sarah Ferian; Carol Fechter; Bonnie Guldenshuh; Fay Harr; Donald and Christine Hayes; Fred Hayes; Roxanne Henderson; Janice Hooper; Jim and Jeannie Horrell; Mari Iljic; Darlene Kolced; Jordan Krupper; Becky Kwak; Frank Kwak; Calvin Layton; Kim Lukatch; Bob McDowell; Shane McGee; Gay McGuire; Debbie McKim; Ed McKlveen; Bill McMillan; Lyn Noel; Derek and Kara O'Brien and family; Roy Pletcher; Judah Pope; Delores Scarff; Harrison Smith; Bryan Smithley; Jamie Shaw and her family; Charles Satler; Don Stitt; Diane Weimer; Randy Whiteside; Josh Wissinger; Dave Zebrowski; Brenda Zimmerman; Mim Zimmerman; Norma Zimmerman

Please also keep the following in thought and prayer

Msg Buchko, Nathan	Major Scott Busija 2904 Clovis, New Hammond Blvd. Mexico 88101 7-20-14	Sheaffer, Garrett Pv2 4300 Mattie Drive, App A, Killeen, Tx 76549 10-12-12
Josh, Gloria and Emma Black 316 Kika de la Garza St. Edinburg, TX 78539 1-31-21	Stefan Maravas PRG 6-8 APO AE 09354 11-15-15	Schaffer Joshua M 140 Phantom Street #15839 Keesler AFB MS 39534
NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES		
Bethlen Home 66 Carey School Road Ligonier, PA 15658 Audrey Boyd Elizabeth Campbell 405 Bertha Hironimus 409 Kristen Kaurich 403B Freda Layton 404 Mary McInchok 304	Ligonier Gardens 2018 US Route 30 Ligonier, PA 15658 Jane Clawson	Beverly Boyd Bee Hive Home of Springboro Room 14 1325 W. Lytle Five Point Rd. Springboro, OH 45066
Dorla Dean Morgan 2656 West Alex Bell Apt. M-C-7 Dayton, OH 45459 2-6-21	Edith Hay C/O Roger and Sheila Anderson 334 Patteringer Holly Road Bolivar, Pa. 15923 3-2-21	Robert and Martha Beach 300 Ritchey Road Martinsburg, PA 16662 3-3-21
Dalona Leonard Redstone Presbyterian Senior Care 6 Garden Dr Room 107W Greensburg, PA 15601	Sandy Smith Harmon House 601 S. Church St. Room 112 Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666	

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

EASTER FLOWERS

We are currently taking Easter Flower orders. This is a way to Honor Family and Friends and to Remember our Loved Ones.

Order Forms are in the Narthex and need to be turned in by March 22nd. There is an extensive list of flowers. Any questions, please give me a call at 724-259-0100.

s/Michelle Black

INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Please share the following info with your congregations.

An upcoming webinar on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time) will focus on the ways congregations are navigating the challenges of gathering together and some of the creativity of their initiatives in the midst of the pandemic.

The panel, hosted by Stan Dueck of the Church of the Brethren's Discipleship Ministries, will include:

— **Gary Benesh and Wallace Cole**, interim district executives of Southeastern District;

— **Daniel and Tabitha Hartman Rudy**, pastors of Ninth Street Roanoke (Va.) Church of the Brethren and Smith Mountain Lake Community Church of the Brethren in Wirtz, Va., respectively; and

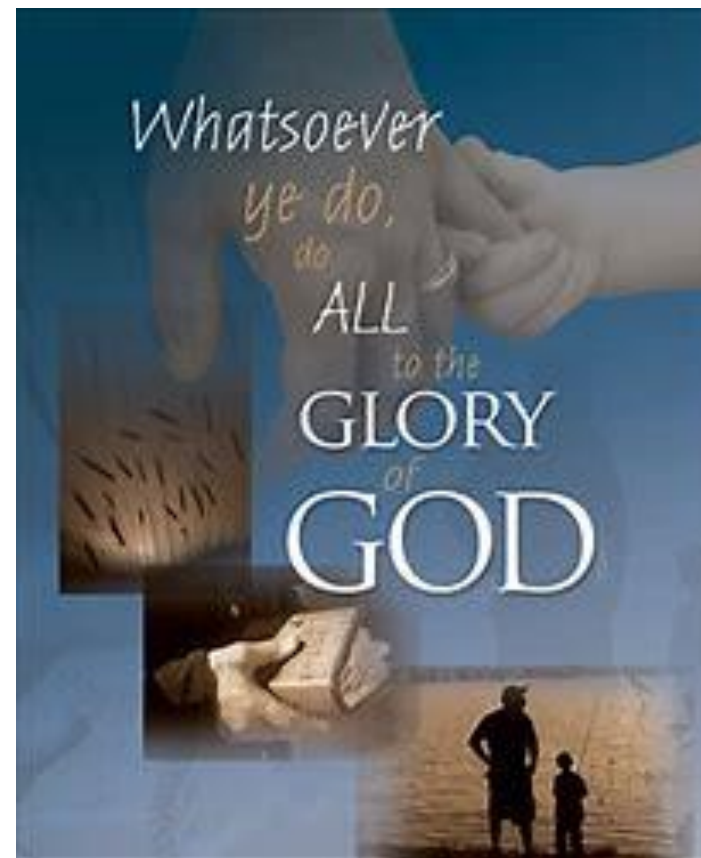
— **Jennifer Keeney Scarr**, pastor of Trotwood (Ohio) Church of the Brethren.

Sponsoring staff include Stan Dueck and Josh Brockway, co-coordinators of Discipleship Ministries; Nancy S. Heishman, director of the Office of Ministry; and Roy Winter, executive director of Service Ministries.

Register at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsce6vqTktE93VSB1vtE805nNN1C3I4t9B>.

Thanks and have a great day!

Tina Lehman, Administrative Assistant, Western PA District Church of the Brethren



1. **Nothing But the Blood #195**
2. **Break Thou the Bread of Life #274 (vs 1&4)**
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Hello Elaine: Just a FYI. Connie McCoy called today asking if we had room numbers for Dee Leonard and Redstone Presbyterian Senior Care,. I called them and she's in Room 107W. I also called Harmon House for the room number of Sandy Smith. She's in Room 112. I didn't know if you would want this info for the bulletin. I have the addresses if you need them. Thx for all you do and it's wonderful seeing you at Bible Study and Worship. God Bless. Enjoy the week. Susan
Here goes for next Sunday:

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