

MORNING SCHEDULE

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

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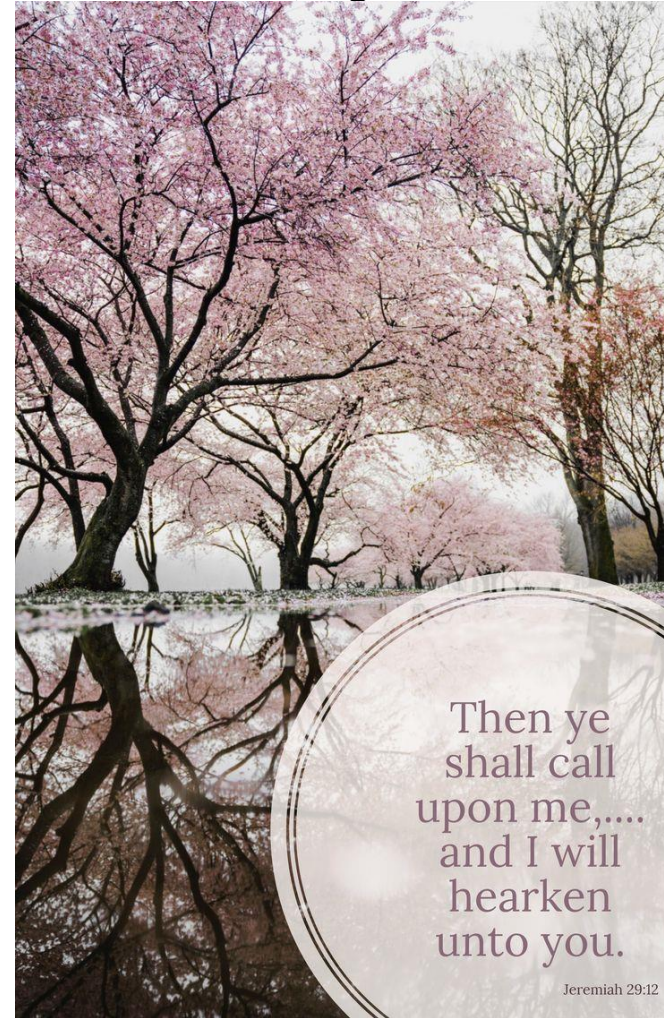
Worship Attendance last Sunday March 6 worship: 75

Pastor John Shaffer – Phone: 610-413-1997 (cell) and 814-255-7838 (home)

To contact Susan Shaffer with information for the BK –
814-255-7838 (home)

To contact Elaine Boyd with information for the Bulletin –
elaineboyd@comcast.net or 724-238-4886 (home) or 724-433-1637 (cell)

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
405 Route 271, Ligonier, PA 15658**



**MARCH 13, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Theme for Lent: “Love on the Cross”**

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.”

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 119:50 Responsive Reading*

Leader: We come to worship you, God, and we long for comfort.
People: In your arms, this morning, can our distress subside?
 Leader: In the name of Jesus, you hold us as your children
People: and you promise us life, life eternal, life with you.
 Leader: May these promises guide our thoughts and our prayers
 this morning. Amen

*HYMN **“We Come, O Christ, to You ”** No. 117

INVOCATION PRAYER: *In Unison*

Our father in heaven, king of glory, faithful father, we adore your name and glorify you forever. It is by your will that we are alive and healthy and you have given us the grace to converge. You promised us that whenever we call upon your name, you will answer us with your presence. Come into our midst our father, fellowship with us, visit us with your overwhelming presence and make your blessings abundant in our worship today. As we start this service, from the beginning to the end, glorify yourself and make us satisfied in you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Please sign the attendance sheets)*

God of Deliverance, you led your chosen people long ago out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. Your people rejoiced and worshipped you with the first fruits of their labors. Their contributions were a symbol of devotion to your mighty presence in their lives and in the lives of following generations. Guide our gifts so that they may be multiplied to help those still languishing in the wilderness of uncertainty. Help our giving to inspire others as they journey toward the promise of Eternal Life. Through your holy son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.
 Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** No. 429 (2x thru)

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **Mark 8:31-38 & John 6:66-71**

MESSAGE **“Love Calls us to Follow God ”**

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

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Pastor John Shaffer
 Lay Leader: Debra McInchok
 Chorister: Ed Wedge
 Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeter for March: Jack Boyd
 Counting Steward for March: Becky Kwak

TRUSTEE WORK DAY PLANNED

The Trustee’s are planning a Work Day at the church on March 26, 2022 from 8:00 am to ???. The backup date if the weather is bad is April 2, 2022, from 8:00 am to ???.

CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MARY MC INCHOK

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the McCabe Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 18, at 11:00 am at the McCabe Funeral Home.

A NEW YOUTH CLASS

On March 20, there will be a new Youth Class beginning in our church for the slightly older youth. It will meet in the upstairs room (enter through the educational wing and the steps are just beyond the mail boxes and library cabinet). Class will be for youth in Grades 4 and up. Kara Boyd will be the teacher.



FOOD BANK – URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

I forgot to announce that our church was signed up to provide 40 units of canned raviolios or Spaghettios during the month of March. These must be delivered to Holy Trinity on Friday morning, March 25, or Saturday morning, March 26, for distribution the 26th. Thus, they must be brought to church by next Sunday, March 20. So sorry for this last minute request. We are also signed up for mustard and ketchup in the month of August.

FLOWER ORDERS

We are taking orders for Easter flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends during the Easter season. The flowers will be purchased from Ray's Nursery. Please turn in your order and payment (checks made payable to the church) to Michelle Black by March 28th. Forms are in the narthex.

CAMP HARMONY NUT & APRICOT ROLL FUNDRAISER

Order forms are in the narthex. Please give your completed form and money to Elaine Boyd and she will pick them up on April 13 and have them available for pick up at the church at Bible Study on April 13, Love Feast and Communion on April 14, or Easter worship on April 17.

NOTE FROM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will be having our first meeting in March; date still has not been decided. We are trying something new. We will be having our meetings on Sundays following church. We will be providing a light lunch and are hoping more women will attend. We want to have a brief business meeting and hopefully focus on more fellowship time. All women are welcome to attend.

The Men's Fellowship and the Women's Fellowship will combine forces on April 9 to make and sell ham loaves. Orders are due by the end of March. There is a basket located in the Narthex for orders to be placed. Hoping to see lots of workers on the morning of April 9 to accomplish this project.

RITA'S CLOSET

Rita's Closet opens Mondays at the First Church of the Brethren, 10:00 am 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.

JOYS FROM WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- It was a joy to have Khloe James Rhodes dedicated in our church today and for her to have so many family members in attendance for the dedication
- Debbie McInchok noted how great life becomes as a grandma
- Cass is actually a great-great aunt at this point

OUTREACH FOR MARCH

The outreach for March is **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. **Please also remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band as this project helps fund the Honduras orphanage we support.** Donations for the local Food Pantry are a year-long outreach of our church. This service is provided monthly at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ligonier and is supported by the Association of Churches. At present approximately 100 families are being served. Please be generous with your donations as the Westmoreland County Food Bank has lessened the amount they are providing.

INFORMATION FROM THE WESTERN PA DISTRICT OFFICE

Last week during the General Board meeting, Scott Boyd distributed a survey pertaining to the search for a new District Executive. This following information pertains to that survey, which can be completed by any member of the church who may be interested in participating by completing a survey:

Good Morning, The link to the District Executive Search Committee survey has been posted on the District Website. You can access the survey by using the link below. The survey link is listed halfway down on the Publications page.

<http://www.westernpacob.org/publications.html>

Please share this link with your congregations. This survey is the same as the one that was sent out via email and postal last week. The deadline to complete the survey is March 30, 2022. Thank you and have a great day! s/...*Tina Lehman, Administrative Assistant.*
Western PA District Church of the Brethren

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study – the book of Acts is subject of our study – refreshments are available

Thursday, 9:00 am -- The Happy Stitchers

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 am to ???, Work Day at the church – The backup date if the weather is bad is April 2, 2022, from 8:00am to ??.

Sunday, March 27, immediately following worship – Deacon Meeting to discuss Love Feast and Communion to be held Thursday, April 14, 2022

Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Men's and Women's Fellowships making ham loaves – Orders are due the last Sunday of March

Saturday, April 9, 2022, Camp Harmony – Hogar Enmanuel's Dinner/Theater featuring the play "FLOODED! The First Lockdown"

Thursday, May 5, 2022 – World Day of Prayer – Prayer breakfast buffet will be at 7:30 am at the Barn. Carol and Dave's will be preparing the meal – A good will offering will be taken

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – Memorial Service for Charles and Fay Harr

Saturday, October 15, 2022, Camp Harmony – 2022 Western PA District Conference

CHURCH FAMILY

We all know that when someone has cancer it not only affects that person, it puts stress on the whole family. Well three families are going through the stress of chemotherapy treatments and we can help with some of that stress. I would like to start a Meal Train in our Church for them. How can I help you ask – Below is a list of the things that you can do.

1. Pick up a Gift Card for a local Restaurant, Giant Eagle, Sheetz, etc. so they will be able to pick up a meal on the way home from treatments, get gas, get snacks for treatments, etc.

2. If you like to cook, a homemade meal would be great: soups and comfort food. Please contact me and we will set up a date and time for the meal. If you cannot deliver the meal, I will pick up the meal and drop it off

I have been in contact with each family and have gotten a treatment schedule. If you would like to help, please contact me. Please call me with any questions at 724-331-2228. I look forward to hearing from you. s/Stacey Knupp

REPORT FROM THE RECENT ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES MEETING

Elaine Boyd attended the meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 held at the Bethlen Communities. Some of the information shared pertained to the following:

World Day of Prayer – Please see information concerning this under Upcoming Events under May 5.

Ligonier Food Pantry – Presently serving approximately 90+ families monthly. The last delivery the item purchased through the association included coffee, tea and muffins. March purchase will include sugar and flour for baking. Our church is responsible for 40 units of canned raviolios and canned spaghetti in March and for 40 units of mustard on ketchup in August. We support the food Pantry weekly by individually donating items that are then taken to the food pantry for distribution.

Valley Youth Network Coffee House – There will be none for the remainder of this school year. They are still hoping there may be a special one held in July.

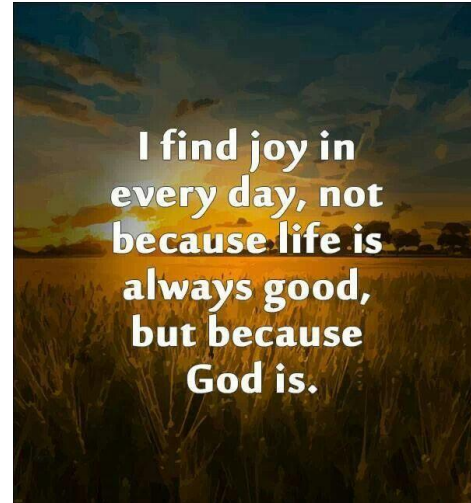
Valley Youth Network – There were approximately 40 at the last meeting when they had an annual spam carving (which, because of Covid, had to be put on hold for a couple years). Recently, when a fellow student committed suicide, a morning prayer vigil was held at the pole. There were approximately 150 students, teachers and administrators gathered to share. It was allowed to extend beyond the start of school and was a source of help for most who participated. Kim Crumrine felt the school had been very supportive of the student body. He believes these are very trying times for our youth and feels much prayer is needed for all.

Open Hands Ministries – operates out of Stahlstown – can use all items but, for some reason, girls' onesies are really in demand.

The Most Reluctant Convert – This is an upcoming movie that will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at the Diamond Theater in Ligonier. The cost is \$6.25 per person and tickets may be purchased online through weloveligonier.com – Walk-in's will be accepted if there is space available but tickets should be purchased in advance.

Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for World Events – Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church in Stahlstown – Join them to pray for the peoples and leaders of Ukraine, Russia, NATO countries and other world events

Upcoming Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022 and will be held here at the Church of the Brethren – Elaine Boyd will provide refreshments



*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*

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 – Amy Bowman, Tina Lehman
District Office Phone Number – 814-479-2181
District Moderator – Robert Rummel
District Response Team – Herb Ewald
District Leadership Team Chair – Pete Kaltenbaugh
Camp Harmony Executive Director – Jen Vickroy
2022 Prayer Partner Congregation: Arbutus Church of the Brethren, Guy Myers, Minister*

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

*Unchurched in Waterford, Ligonier Valley (Welcome and Invite them!)
Valley Youth Network – Kip Crumrine, Director; Sandy Crumrine, Assistant;*