

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

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Worship Attendance last Sunday March 20 worship: 53
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MARCH 27, 2022 – FOURTH 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.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive Reading*

Leader: Gather us O Lord, as your people come together across this nation

People: Gather us as your people to worship you.

Leader: Gather us O Lord, as your people who are strangers in this land; set apart from everyone else

People: Gather us as your people to worship you.

Leader: Gather us as your people O Lord, stranger and member in one family of faith

People: Gather us as your people to worship you.

Leader: Gather us O Lord, from every language, tribe and race, and every nation or culture that is represented on the earth.

All: Gather us as your people to worship you.

*HYMN "More About Jesus" No. 389

INVOCATION PRAYER: *In Unison*

Holy God, set your people apart as a Holy People for you are Holy and we desire to be so as well. As we gather in your holy church to seek your presence and be in your presence, may we find redemption and renewal through the salvation and selfless service of Jesus Christ for all of us as well as for all people. May we hear the call to act in response to our worship and to live our lives in further communion with you and with our fellow human beings. Grant us Grace and Peace as we live to give it to others around us who need it. Accept our gifts of worship and service this day and every day of our lives. Through the Name of Jesus Christ, our Holy and Risen Lord we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Please sign the attendance sheets)*

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN "In the Garden" No. 426

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17

MESSAGE "Love Must Rule Our Hearts"

*CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" No. 284

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Pastor John Shaffer
Lay Leader: Tracy Black
Chorister: Ed Wedge
Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeter for March: Jack Boyd
Greeters for April: Roseanne and Joe Ometz
Counting Steward for March: Becky Kwak
Counting Steward for April: Michelle Black

JOYS FROM WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Doug and Casey Kwak’s wedding yesterday
- After the real scare Riley Nicole gave her family last Friday, she appears to be holding her own, following the necessary, emergency surgery
- Lucas James is showing some improvement after his recent downturn
- Michelle Black announced the birth on March 12 of her most recent grandchild Amelia Madeline to son Josh and his wife
- Michelle Black also noted her granddaughter Caroline will be five this week
- Carl Kaurich noted his daughter Kristen will celebrate her 50th birthday this week

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.

CAMPO HARMONY NUT & APRICOT ROLL FUNDRAISER – TODAY LAST DAY TO ORDER

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

"THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS TRYING SOMETHING NEW ..." The women will be meeting for a time of fellowship, lunch, and a brief meeting to discuss future activities on Sunday, March 27th right after Worship. A light luncheon will be served and the women will have a brief meeting to discuss activities for the church. Please feel free to join us. ALL women are invited. If you have any questions, please see Mary Boyd or Cathy McMaster."

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.

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.

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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today, immediately following worship – Women's Fellowship Meeting – a light lunch will be served.

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

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

Saturday, 8:00 am to ??? – Work Day at the Church (this was rescheduled from March 26 due to predicted weather conditions)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Men's Fellowship breakfast at 9:00 am (a continental breakfast) followed by 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"

Maunday Thursday, April 14, 2022, our church, 6:00 pm - Love Feast, Feet Washing and Communion

Sunday, April 17, 2022, our church, 6:30 am – "Sonrise Service" followed by a light breakfast

Sunday, April 17, 2022, on the Ligonier Diamond, 6:30 am -- Easter Sunrise Service -- It is being coordinated by the pastors of Laughlinton and Waterford Christian Churches. Live music will be provided by the CCV Praise band.

Monday, May 2, 2022, 7:00 pm – Association of Churches meeting at our church

Thursday, May 5, 2022 – National 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 – get your tickets in advance from Elaine Boyd

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 4, 2022

Plans are being finalized for the National Day of Prayer to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at The Barn in Ligonier. A breakfast buffet will be served at 7:30 A.M. The cost of the breakfast is being underwritten by "a Friend of the Association of Churches". A goodwill offering will be accepted that morning.

Reservations MUST be made at your local church (get your tickets from Elaine Boyd) or through email to janetriordan437@gmail.com. The preference is through your church representative. I am providing the tickets this weekend to the churches. The deadline for tickets is Monday, April 25.

There are Seven Centers of Prayer and speakers are being lined up for all the areas. Make your reservation now and see you at The Barn - Thursday, May 5.

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;
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*