

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

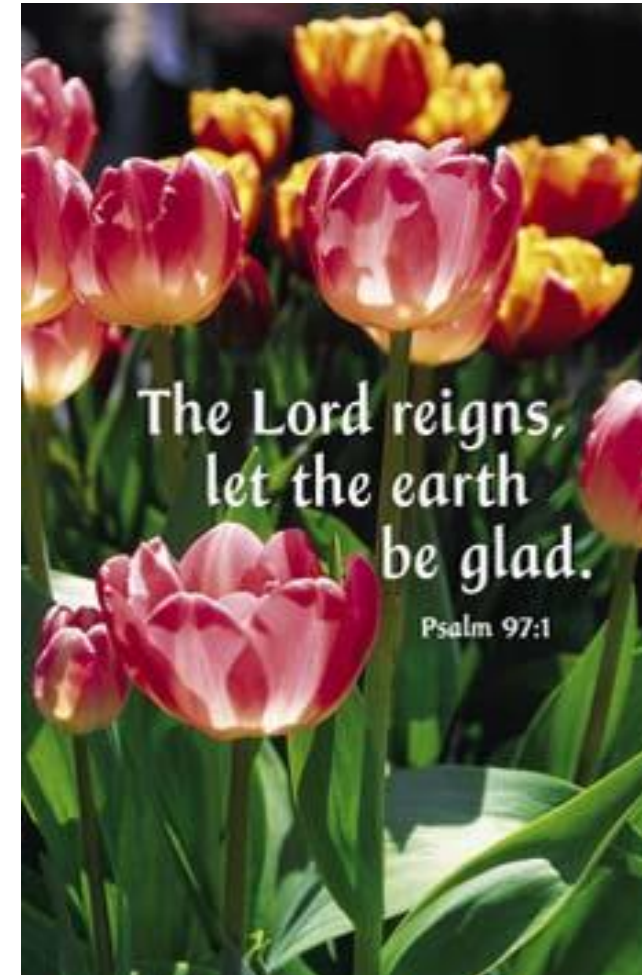
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Worship Attendance last Sunday May 9 worship: 62
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814-255-7838 (home)
To contact Elaine Boyd with information for the Bulletin –
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Budget Information for 2021
Income to Date: \$ 36,425.52
Expense to Date: \$ 29,339.36
Balance: \$ 7,086.16

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MAY 16, 2021

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: In times of trouble and sadness,
People: Heal us, O Lord.
Leader: In moments when we are lonely and afflicted,
People: Be near us, O Lord.
Leader: We know you will give us the strength we need to live life to the fullest.
People: We praise you, O Lord.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us!

*HYMN "Great Is the Lord" No. 31

*INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison Prayer*

Dear loving Father who is in heaven, we want to thank you for giving us this opportunity to come together to worship you. We have come from far and wide with accord to fellowship together. As we share the love that you have given us, we want to thank you for the grace that you have given us freely. We call upon you to be with us until we finish for we pray believing in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (John 17:6-19) (*Please remember to sign the attendance sheets*)

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 380

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 8; John 16:12-15**

MESSAGE "Imaging God"

*CLOSING HYMN "He's Everything to Me" No. 516

*BENEDICTION
**Please stand if you are able.*

Pastor: Rev. John Shaffer
Lay Leader: Carl Kaurich
Chorister: Ed Wedge
Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeters for May: Michelle "Mickey" Clark
Counting Steward for May: Stacey Knupp

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

If anyone has anything they would like included in the June-July Newsletter, please submit it to Pastor John or Susan via email or place the article in our mailbox by Sunday, May 16th.

INFORMATION CONCERNING MAY'S OUTREACH – THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

The Association of Churches draws its membership from any Ligonier churches who choose to participate. During a non-covid year it provides weekly Wednesday noon services and luncheons throughout the Lenten season, a Good Friday service (sometimes including a Walk with the Cross component) and an Easter Sunrise service in conjunction with others. A Thanksgiving service and the World Day of Prayer activities are also coordinated through the Association. The local Food Pantry, two Meals on Wheels, and several other activities within the Ligonier Valley are supported through the Association.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Scheduled outreach for May is the Association of Churches -- 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

Today, immediately following church – Soup and Salad Luncheon

Today, 12:30 pm – Congregational Business Meeting

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day – Kids will prepare and serve a light picnic luncheon

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 be no Sunday School or Church at our church – If a ride is needed, please contact the pastor or any church board member and arrangements will be made

Sunday, July 25 – Rain Date for the Morning Worship at John and Susan Shaffer's Home Pavilion

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS – IMMEDIATE

Bob Hostettler and his wife Nancy; Jim Dan Wolford; Josh Allinger; Sally's Mom and Dad; Tom Clark (son); Family of Audrey Boyd; Pastor Jason Losier; Marlene Pfeiffer; Debbie's Smith's friend; Jeanne Boyd; Frank Young; Sandy Smith; Family of Leona Kleinmeyer; Lyn Noel; Lou Ann McKlveen; Allister McVicker (brother of Caroline); Graduations from WCCC of Jenna Deemer (Phlebotomy) and Corrine Smith

(Radiology); Graduation from California University of Grace Yanits Knupp; Recognition of Dr. Erin Boyd-Soisson receiving the 2021 Smith Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in the category for full professors at Messiah University;

Christians (in general); Our Country; the Nations as a whole; 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; Sue Derk Kinsey; Darlene Kolced; Junah Krupper; Becky Kwak; Frank Kwak; Calvin Layton; Kim Lukatch; Bob McDowell; Shane McGee; Gay McGuire; Debbie McKim; Ed McKlveen; Bill McMillan; 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	Schafer Joshua M 140 Phantom Street #15839 Keesler AFB MS 39534

NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES		
Bethlen Home 66 Carey School Road Ligonier, PA 15658 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 Henderson 334 Patteringer Holly Road Bolivar, Pa. 15923 3-2-21	Robert and Martha Beach 300 Ritchey Road Martinsburg, PA 16662 3-3-21
The Grove at Latrobe 576 Fred Rogers Drive Latrobe, PA 15650 724-537-4441 Lyn Noel		



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