

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Worship Attendance last Sunday April 25 worship: 40
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814-255-7838 (home)
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Budget Information for 2021
Income to Date: \$ 32,929.77
Expense to Date: \$ 24,742.33
Balance: \$ 8,187.44

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405 Route 271
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MAY 2, 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 *Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
People: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
 Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 Leader: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
All: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*HYMN “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” No. 87

*INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison Prayer*

Dear Lord, Your love for us is only exceeded by the mercy you show us. We come together today to worship and praise your holy name and to call on you for healing as the Coronavirus continues to ravage our land. Please comfort those who have been and are continuing to suffer and die. We again humbly ask that you make Your perfect plan for us and this world a merciful plan and humbly pray for wisdom to help us understand where and how we fit in to Your Plan so we can stay in the center of Your will. May everything we say and do here today bring praise, glory, and honor to your holy and precious name. Amen.

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

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN “I Am Praying For You” No. 431

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **John 17:6-19**

MESSAGE “Who Answers Jesus’ Prayers?”

*CLOSING HYMN “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 435

*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 May: Cathrine “Cass” Shadron
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

Outreach for April 2021 and for a couple weeks in May is the orphanage in Honduras – Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel Orphanage. Scheduled outreach for May is the Association of Churches (Please also remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band as this project also supports the same orphanage).

Today, after church – Women’s Fellowship’s “Mother’s Day Lunch” in the social hall.

Today, Windber CoB, 6:30 pm – Fellowship Quartet Concert – an evening of Southern Gospel music – See flyer in the Narthex

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, May 16, immediately following church – Soup and Salad Luncheon

Sunday, May 16, 12:30 pm – Congregational Business Meeting

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

JoAnne McWherter; Abby Baroni; Betty McCoy; Shad Smith; LaRue Cerutti; Holly Penrod-Hartman; Lyn Noel; Andrea; Charlene; Family of Doug Long (especially his brother and family); Jeanne Boyd; Frank Young; Sandy Smith; Bob Hostettler and his wife Nancy; Jim Dan Wolford; Josh Allinger; Julius Cole reported as being cancer free; Edith Hay doing really well; Family of Audrey Boyd; 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; 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	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 Jeanne Boyd Elizabeth Campbell 405 Bertha Hironimus 409 Kristen Kaurich 403B Freda Layton 404 Mary McInchok 304 Jim Dan Wolford	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

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN PA DISTRICT OFFICE

Please pray for the family of Dee Saylor-Crouse who passed away on Thursday, April 23rd. Dee worked for the District many years as the District Administrative Assistant and was a long-time member of the Tire Hill congregation.

Also, Please pray for the family of Carl Good Sr. who passed away on Monday the 26th. Many people in the district may know Carl and that he had been involved in the Maple Spring and Middlecreek congregations as well as working at Camp Harmony and many mission trips in the USA and Honduras. Thanks and have a great weekend!

s/Tina Lehman, Administrative Assistant, Western PA District Church of the Brethren, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935. 814-479-2181

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES.....

As was previously noted, National Day of Prayer for 2021 will be celebrated on Thursday, May 6, nationwide. This year all are invited to a Praise and Prayer Service to be held on the Diamond in Ligonier at 12 Noon. The service will be led by Rev. Frank Hodges of the Heritage United Methodist Church and live music will be performed by Amy Clarke of the CCW Praise Band. The theme this year is "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY". The theme verse is 2Corinthians 3:17.

The Heritage UMC sanctuary located on the Diamond will be open to the public for prayer from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. Please let your friends and neighbors know of this opportunity to pray for the 7 areas: Family, Church, Workplace, Education, Military, Government and Media - I hope everyone has an opportunity to pray for these areas on Thursday, May 6 and continuing throughout the upcoming year. *s/Janet Riordan*

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