



Bermudian Church of the Brethren
 "...You are a letter from Christ, the result
 of our ministry, written not with ink but
 with the Spirit of the Living God..."

II Corinthians 3:3 NIV

May 20, 2019

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Each Sunday:

8am – First Light Worship

9am – Sunday School Hour (*classes for all ages including 4 distinct options for adults*)

10:15am – Celebration Worship

8 -11:30am – The Prayer Place – *Please consider stopping by for a few minutes, or an hour, or longer. Let us be a Church in prayer. Let us bathe our worship services in prayer. A detailed prayer list is available. Participants may pray silently or together. (The Prayer Place is located in the lower hall of the Christian Education wing, room #5.*

Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend

The school year is finishing up. Memorial Day is often seen as the beginning of the summer. Summer vacations and road trips are being planned. Many of us wouldn't think of leaving home on a road trip without our AAA card in our wallet. Maybe we've let AAA help us with directions. Perhaps they've responded to a roadside emergency for us when we are far from home. Perhaps we've picked up an AAA Tourbook for the city we are traveling to. As part of our **"Reboot – a new start"** Vision Focus 2019 series, Pastor Larry would like us to think about another "road trip" we are on ... the journey of life ... the trip of faith. As we travel along on this trip there is another "AAA" resource we need to make sure we have in place! Pastor Larry's message will be, **"On The Way With Jesus."** On this Memorial Day Weekend we will share in Moments of Remembrance. Brother Jack Stape will share a Gift of Song in both services, and our Praise Team will lead us in Celebration Worship! Join us for a great morning!



Sunday, June 2

Many of the families within our Bermudian Church Family have experienced the blessings of adoption. Within our circle are adopted children & grandchildren! But do you know that as a follower of Jesus Christ ... **YOU** are adopted? The next message in our **"Reboot – a new start"** Vision Focus 2019 series, will be a message by Pastor Larry, **"My Adopted Family."** As part of the service we will share in special prayer for adoptive parents, grandparents & children (young & old). Pastor Larry will be sharing a special Gift of Song in both services. Join us for this special morning as we reconsider this beautiful & important truth of God's Word!





- Women's Fellowship, 1st Tuesday of each month, NEXT MEETING IS TUE 6/4 (Sandy Billet)
- Men's Breakfast Bible Study, NEXT MEETING SATURDAY 6/15, 7am – Rene's Family Restaurant in East Berlin (Pastor Larry)
- Knee Deep Bible Study, NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 6/19, 7pm (Pastor Larry)
- Prayer Shawl/Adult Coloring, 1st Tue & 4th Thur 10am - NEXT MEETING IS THIS TUESDAY, 6/4 (Charmaine Hoke)
- Small Group Bible Studies, Spring series finishing; watch for a new series in the Fall (Korena Rosenberry)
- Bermudian Men's Vocal Group – (as scheduled) (Harold Breneman)
- Sisters Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9am in TGP – NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, 6/12 (Louise Julius)

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP - Summer Camp is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking about which camp you would like to attend. Camp Eder has something for everyone from Kindergarten to a Family Camp on Memorial Day Weekend. Go to www.campeder.org to see which camp fits your interests. Our church will pay ½ the cost of camp up to \$120 per camper. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Miller at 292-0972. Camp Eder is also looking for volunteers for Summer Camp. You can call Camp Eder at 717-642-8256 or email the director @ bsmith@campeder.org if you are interested in helping out.



STILL NEEDED!!! IT'S TIME TO SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – each summer we give our regular, faithful teachers the summer off. We ask for persons from the Church Family to sign-up to take ONE Sunday and share with the children. Summer SS will begin June 2 and we will be grouping the classes a little different this year. We will have TWO classes: one for ages 2-4; and one for Kindergarten thru Jr/Sr High. This class will use what's called a "broadly graded curriculum" which gives ideas for Bible story, games, crafts for wide ages of young people. We are asking that two persons sign-up to lead this class each Sunday. The sign-up sheet is in the Library area on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks for helping! See our Christian Education Commission if you have questions: Korena Rosenberry, Marilyn Julius, Carol McKinley.

DICK & DORIS MYERS REPRESENT US ON THE ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD PANTRY BOARD, THEY SHARE THIS REPORT: This month the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry served 59 families with 161 individuals in East Berlin and the next day served 26 families with 55 individuals in Abbottstown. With summer approaching, donations of condiments are always appreciated. In the year 2018, 2.5 million pounds of food has been donated to New Hope Ministries through organizations, churches and individuals. Thank you for all your donations.

WHILE THIS SUMMER'S Vacation Bible School may seem far away, our Director, Sue Mayle (and Larissa & Kayla Miller) are anxious to have all her needed volunteers lined up ASAP. Still needed are: 2-3 yr old teacher / "herders" who help move children from activity to activity, Story Teller, and Craft helpers. Call Sue @ 717-600-5017 and find your place in this major outreach mission of our Church Family!



OUR STEWARDS COMMISSION RECENTLY INSTALLED AED (Automated External Defibrillator) devices in the main building (by the mailboxes) and in The Gathering Place (lobby). These life saving devices are VERY EASY to use and will actually lead an untrained person in use step-by-step. But, if you'd like to have a little training in how the devices are used join us on **Wed., June 19 @ 6pm**

SAFE HAVEN COORDINATOR, ASHLEY FRANTZ shares that many of our "clearances" are now outdated and must be renewed. These are required for all persons volunteering with children & youth. Ashley will help you care for this. Please see her or call her @ 717-476-1812 ASAP!

Here & There

Our Church Board met with District Executive, Bill Waugh last week to begin the search process for our new Youth (Young Adult / Family / Children's) Pastor (as approved at our Spring Congregational Business Meeting). Brother Bill outlined the steps in the process. Names were suggested for the Search Committee and the committee is in process of being formed. Next steps will be definitive work on a "Ministry Description" (Executive Committee) and a Church Profile that paints a picture of who we are for potential candidates (Search Committee).

On Sunday evening, May 20 we held our Tell Us Dinner for families with children & youth, and young adults to talk about how we can better minister to these folks & families. We had an excellent turnout of about 48 people, great table discussion, a tasty meal. Thank You to our Nurture & Christian Education Commissions for excellent planning. There were some really great ideas shared and likely there will be some changes formulated to bring to the Church Family in the near future, especially around the ways, and times we do Sunday School and second service. Stay tuned!

What is happening in our search for a new Church Secretary? Why is it taking so long? We currently have several interviews to schedule, several with persons from within the Church Family, and several with persons from outside the Church Family. The weeks through Easter, Congregational Business Meeting and required Ethics Training for Pastor Larry have made it difficult to find time for Pastor Larry & Church Board Chair Bob Meck to schedule these interviews. We hope to make this happen shortly. Please keep the process in prayer.

Sister Donna M. Rhodes, Executive Director of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center writes, "Dear members of the Bermudian Church of the brethren. We are deeply grateful to you for your financial gift to SVMC. Donors are valued partners in our ministry as SVMC fulfills its mission of providing ministry training and continuing education in our geographic area. As we celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2008 we recognized significant outreach through 25 years of training: 375+ instructors have taught ACTS, TRIM or graduate courses, 490+ courses have been held, 1700+ continuing education certificates have been distributed. ... We greatly appreciate your support as we continue to serve Christ and the Church."

Brother Bryan Smith, Executive Director of Camp Eder writes, "Thank you for changing lives outdoors for the sake of the Gospel by your generous gift. We see lives changed all year long, and we couldn't do it without you!"

Carl G. Harris, Secretary Adams Prison Ministry writes, "On behalf of the Adams County Prison Ministry I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$631 on April 28, 2019. Our prayer is that the Gospel will continue to be presented and represented through our Director of Prison Ministries and his staff of volunteers. This ministry offers Bible studies, pastoral care, spiritual support to inmates' families, as well as support for the staff at the Adams County Adult Correctional Facility."

Brother Eric Saunders, Executive Director of New Hope Ministries wrote to thank us for our recent financial gift to New Hope, "We give thanks for you! Your support of New Hope Ministries directly impacts your neighbors in need, and is critical for more than 8,600 families who rely upon our programs and services every day. Thanks to you, we are able to help people during a challenging time of life. Your commitment through financial support helps feed the hungry, teach people how to budget, provide job training to the unemployed, and offer youth programs for both parents and children. Thank you for joining us as we continue to provide help and hope to more than 22,000 people every year. Your continued prayers and support change the lives of those we serve."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA – Family Caregivers Seminar – **FREE!** – **Friday, June 7, 8:30am-3:30pm @ Cross Keys Village, Nicarry Meetinghouse on the campus of the Brethren Home** in New Oxford. Guest Speaker is Dr. Kenneth Brubaker (former Chief medical Director for the PA Department of Aging). Topics include: What to expect as the disease progresses, How to communicate better, Techniques and approaches for different stages, Simple activities & games, How to take care of yourself as a caregiver, creative art, technology, "20 tips in 20 minutes" and much more. Even light refreshments and a light lunch are included. **The seminar is FREE but registration is required and seating is limited. Call 717-630-0067.** This would be excellent for Deacons, family caregivers currently or thinking about the future.

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On The Way With Jesus

*On The Road Trip Of Life ...
Of Faith ... Don't Forget
Your  Resource!*

Sunday, May 26



June

The Entire Church Family Together In Ministry

2019

Every Sunday:

First Light Worship, 8am
 Sunday School for all ages, 9am
 Celebration Worship, 10:15am

June Mission Offering:

College Scholarship –
 Dominican Republic
 Church of the Brethren member,
 Deison Ortiz Perdomo, medical student



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	3 Executive Comm. 7pm	4 Prayer Shawl / Adult Coloring, 10am	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost (wear red) Deacons, 12:30pm Campus Inn	10 District Women's Camp, Camp Eder	11	12 Sisters Bible St. 9am Faith 'N' Film Meal 6:30pm Movie 7pm	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast National Jr High Conference, Elizabethtown
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 AED training, 6pm Knee Deep Bible Study, 7pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Sisters Bible Study 9am	27 Prayer Shawl / Adult	28	29
30		COMING IN JULY: 7/3-7 – Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC 7/21 – All Church Picnic 7/28-8/1 – Vacation Bible School				