



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

February 5, 2018

Each Sunday:

8am First Light Worship

9am Sunday School Hour: Classes for all ages including four distinct options for adults.

10:15am Celebration Worship

8:00-11:30am The Prayer Place: Please consider stopping by for a few minutes, or an hour, or longer. Let us be a Church in prayer. Would there be Prayer Warriors who would be praying in The Prayer Place during our worship services? 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, February 11, 2018

Our “f8th” Vision Focus 2018 study continues with “God is...” We live in a time when some very outspoken voices deny the very existence of God. Richard Dawkins’ 2006 *The God Delusion* stayed atop the NY Times bestseller list for months. Can you defend such attack? From an unbelieving family member or coworker? Let’s seek the truth...the f8th...together!

Sunday, February 18, 2018: First Sunday in Lent

There is no more poignant symbol of Christ’s suffering than His crown of thorns. The Apostle Paul spoke of his “thorn in the flesh,” likely a physical suffering which God did not remove. In our Lenten Worship Series, “Life Among The Thorns,” we’ll ask the questions, “How do we hold on to our Faith as we face the troubles of life?” and “How do we help others as they face their thorns?”

Thank you for Another Great Souper Bowl!



We’ll let you know as soon as we hear word on the trophy!

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

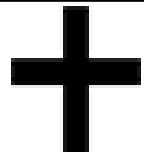
With the colds and flu and bad weather, we’ve started the year a little slow. Help us catch up! Reminder, we need \$5,241.68 per week to meet budget.

Amount need through 5 Sundays	\$26,208.40
Amount rec’d	25,496.86
Amount short of meeting budget	711.54
January Mission Offering for Souper Bowl	1,457

Average worship attendance	160
Sunday School attendance	62



*Thank you
for your faithfulness!*



Brethren Prayer & Worship Summit

A call is going out to come together for a denomination-wide Brethren Prayer and Worship Summit to be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, just south of Harrisonburg, VA on April 20-21, 2018. This is a follow-up to a gathering that was held at Moorefield, WV on August 19, 2017 where much concern was expressed about the direction of the denomination, especially related to the issue of homosexuality.

It was determined that the next steps should be to hold a PRAYER SUMMIT to seek God's direction for the future. The nature of this gathering will not be to conduct any kind of official business. The over-arching theme of this event will be found in the great revival verse of the Old Testament, 2 Chronicles 7:14.

"If my people which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."

Speakers on the themes of repentance and confession, grace, and forgiveness, healing and home include: Julian Rittenhouse, Stafford Frederick, and EYN President Joel Billi.

The facility can accommodate 1,000 so all are welcome. See the website: www.brethrenprayersummit.com for details on registration, schedule, and accommodations. There is no charge to attend but a free will offering towards the expenses will be received.

Pastor Larry plans to attend, and would be happy to speak with you about this exciting and important event!

February Mission Offering

41st annual Meat Canning Project co-sponsored by our Southern PA District and the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren. 50,000 pounds of chicken will be canned April 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, & 26 at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata with all volunteers. Join the Bermudian canning team on April 26 (**sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the elevator.**)

Your February Mission Offering gift helps cover the costs of the chicken, use of the CAM Facility, labels, cans, boxes, & supplies. Give generously.

The chicken is used for mission and disaster work and each year we receive a portion which we give to our two local food pantries and to the Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



**Ash Wednesday
Prayer Breakfast
Wed, Feb 14th, 8-9:30am
at Chow Down Restaurant
East Berlin**

Our first Ash Wednesday Prayer Breakfast last year was well-attended and such a great event! Let's do it again! Join us for breakfast, order off the menu. Pastor Larry will introduce our Lenten theme, "Life among the thorns," and we'll share in a season of prayer.

GROUPS FOR ALL AGES

- > Sisters Bible Study – 2nd/4th Wed of the month, 9am, (Louise Julius)
- > Widows/Widowers Support group – 2nd Sunday of ea. Month (Donna Malone)
- > Women's Fellowship, 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm (Sandy Billet), Next Meeting 3/6
- > Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Next Meeting 2/17, 7am (Pastor Larry)
- > Knee Deep Bible Study, Next Meeting 3/21 (Pastor Larry)
- > Prayer Shawl/Adult Coloring – first Tue & fourth Thursday (Charmaine Hoke) 10am-2pm; Next Meeting: 2/22
- > Youth LIVE Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm (Seth Grebbien)
- > Bermudian Men's Vocal Group – Wednesday 2/7 and 2/28, 7:30pm (Harold Breneman)
- > Winter Small Group Bible Studies (Korena Rosenberry)

THE FRUITFUL LIFE, 13-WEEK STUDY SERIES starts February 11th

Learn how the Holy Spirit can help in your spiritual formation as you become a serious follower of Christ. Explore with us the nine aspects of the "fruit of the Spirit" described in Galatians 5: 22-23 and how to practice the "fruit" in real life. Join us in study of **the Fruitful Life** – back of the Church Sanctuary. Starts: Sunday, February 11, 2018.

CHURCH LIBRARY AIDE NEEDED

Our church family is growing. Many of our newer members may not even be aware that we have a lending library here at Bermudian. We are looking for a new library aide. The position consists of making sure books have been returned and placed back on the shelf. We've even made some room to add a few new books. Please contact Korena Rosenberry (717)856-4325 if you would be interested in taking over this position!

SAFE HAVEN COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are in need of a new Safe Haven Coordinator. If you are interested in this position, please contact one of our members of the Christian Education Committee (Heather Thompson, Marilyn Julius, or Korena Rosenberry). This is mostly a secretarial position. Our former coordinator will help to train you in

December 31, 2017

Dear Friends,



As the year comes to an end, we want to thank those who have contributed so generously to Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry. Knowing that most of us face challenges in stretching the budget, we are sincerely grateful for your gift of \$623.25. Thanks, also, for the cases of chicken that you donated for the workers.

Donations received are used to enable ministry to seasonal and migrant farm workers in South Central Pennsylvania, plus a small area of Northern Maryland. Your funds have enabled us to visit farm workers in the migrant camps, counsel those in need, lead Bible Studies, co-ordinate services through local agencies, and share in cross-cultural recreational opportunities. FFCM also provided the following to farmworkers: Bibles, blankets, sweat-shirts, other clothing, food, and other donated items. We translated for a number of church groups who shared fellowship with workers in their camps.

May God bless you throughout the New Year with His providence, His power, His peace, and His presence.

Blessings,
Pastor Rod and Nancy Runyan

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NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED February 19



January 29th, 2018

Dear Members of the Bermudian Church of the Brethren,

With deep gratitude, I thank you for your recent gift to the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Your financial support assists SVMC with the mission of equipping leaders for ministry as we provide training on both the graduate and certificate levels. A recent ACTS graduate summed up his experience by saying, "The friendships, fellowship, and comradery that we developed among instructors and students will be just as lasting as the lessons learned. I will look back on the process as an exciting and enjoyable time. I know that it has prepared me well for whatever tasks the Lord has planned for me."

Thank you for your partnership in our ministry!

In Christ's love,
Donna M. Rhoades



Men's Spiritual Leadership Summit & Breakfast

Man Enough to Follow the Son of Man?

Guest Speaker: David Radcliff
Minister, Teacher, and Speaker
As well as Director of New Community Project

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. – Welcome & Session 1
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Session 2 & 3

Session 1

An American Man

Session 2

Jesus – Man Among Men

Session 3

Man Enough?

LOCATION:

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren
301 Gale St. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

\$16.00 Registration Fee

(Send check payable to SOPA District COB & mail to 6035 York Rd. New Oxford, PA 17350)

Ordained Ministers desiring .30 CEU credit should also indicate by placing a checkmark in the appropriate box on the registration form.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

SPONSORED BY:

The Nurture Commission
Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

Registration Forms on bulletin board by the elevator



January 17, 2018

Dear Pastor Dentler,

For many of us, The Children's Aid Society holds a special place in our hearts. The work that we do provides critical services to the families in York, Adams, and Franklin Counties at a time where these services are needed more than ever.

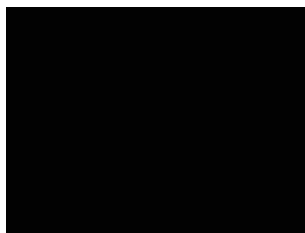
When I first came onboard as your Executive Director to the agency, I immediately was drawn to the mission of the Children's Aid Society. I sat in amazement as our crisis nursery workers read bedtime stories, played games, and just spoke to the Children on their hopes and dreams.

I would like to thank you for your gifts in 2017 totaling \$1,264 to benefit the Children's Aid Society.

What we do here at the Children's Aid Society is special. Thank you for contributing to make sure that All Children are safe and feel loved.

With Gratitude,

Eric M. Chase
Executive Director / CEO



"The **first** Bermudian Concert "Series 2018"

Leah J Music & Ministry

NO ticket required

FREE admission



SILENT AUCTION

Benefiting:

...Leg Up Farm &

...Life Path Christian
Ministries, York

Bring a friend,
come single,
or bring a
date



Babysitting provided in the church...

sponsored by Seth & our Youth Group

★ donations taken by youth for babysitting

with funds going toward their

National Youth Conference this year★

Love offering
will be received
to support
Leah's music
ministry

Accepting... exact cash or
checks payable to:
Bermudian Church of the Brethren

Saturday—Feb. 17

5:30pm—auction opens

6:00pm—music

***only light snacks
served***



Comedian Ken Davis

April 13

Chambersburg, PA

Tickets 260-484-1029

www.TrinityCommunications.org

**LIGHTEN UP
AND LIVE—
FULLY ALIVE!**



January 24, 2018

Dear Bermudian Church of the
Brethren,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Adams Rescue Mission. Your commitment to this ministry is a blessing. As we reach out to the least, last, lonely, and lost in our community, we are blessed to know that we have your support and encouragement.

Thank you for helping us show the love of Jesus Christ to our clients.

Thank You,
Adams Rescue Mission

BETHESDA MISSION

Dear Bermudian Church of the Brethren,

Thank You for your recent gift of assorted clothing and blankets to the Bethesda Mission. Please know that your support is a crucial part of what sustains the Mission and impacts lives every day. As we celebrate God's provision for this organization over the past year, it is our prayer that He will continue to bless each one of our ministries as they extend life-changing hope and help through 2018. Your gifts and prayers are truly appreciated, and we look forward to your continued support.

Blessings,
Scott Dunwoody, Executive Director

January 26, 2018

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind donation of Hygiene Kits and Emergency Clean-up Buckets to Church World Service. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter. That someone cares. And they are not alone.



Disasters can strike anywhere, anytime. And they can take many forms: tornadoes, earthquakes, civil conflict, drought, hurricanes and more. Caring people like you—who understand the urgency of responding after a disaster—allow people in crisis to receive help when they need it, and hope for the future.

Learn more about the power of your compassion at cwskits.org

Here at home or overseas, when tragedy strikes your donations ensure that help is never far behind.

With deepest gratitude,
Rev. John L. McCullough

THE BRETHREN HOME FOUNDATION

Dear Larry,

Thank you for your pledge of support for the 2018 Ministry to the Aging program:

Good Samaritan Fund \$1,277

Nearly half of our residents in Nursing and Personal Care neighborhoods need help to pay for their care. They were hardworking, conscientious folks who, often for reasons beyond their control, are in need of financial assistance.

Thanks to the contributions like yours, this year residents do not have to worry about paying for their care when their funds are depleted. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, the elderly, who make up the largest number of our population, are at the greatest risk for needing healthcare services and financial aid.

May our Lord richly bless you as you continue the work of building His kingdom.

Sincerely,
Don Wilkinson
Director of Gift Planning



Dear Supporter,

As Paul opens his letter to the Ephesians, he writes a powerful prayer request. In the first chapter a couple phrases jumped off the page:

In verses 15 & 16 he says, For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;...”

Paul’s is a great example to follow. In doing so I’m reminded of your love for this ministry and the “saints” who are here as volunteers and staff—who are dedicated to furthering God’s kingdom by sharing His love with those facing unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for the love you exhibit through your giving to Tender Care. It is making a difference.

As Paul continues, he prays for those in Ephesus (v. 17) “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”

Paul is not only thankful for these friends: he prays for them fervently. Our intention and desire is to pray for you, just as Paul did for his friends in Ephesus. If you ever have a prayer request or need, feel free to share it with me. My email address is below, and you can reach me by phone or simply dropping us a note.

We thank God for you, and in doing so, pray for you as well.

Sincerely,
Debbie
tendercare.org

300 John St, Hanover, PA 17331
Patient Line: 717-633-1200

**February Mission
Offering**

**District Meat
Canning Project**

FEBRUARY 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 	5 Newsletter Printing	6 Newsletter Pro- cessing, 9am Prayer Shawl / Adult Coloring, 10am-2pm Women's Fellow- ship, 6pm	7 Youth LIVE!, 6:30pm Men's Vocal Practice, 7:30pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 Commissions, 7pm Board, 8pm	14  Ash Wednesday Breakfast at Chow Down, 8-9:30 Sisters' Bible Study, 9:45am Youth Date Nite, 5:30pm	15	16	17 Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 7am Silent Auction & Leah J Concert, 5:30pm
18 1st Sunday in Lent	19  Newsletter Printing	20 Newsletter Processing, 9am	21 Youth LIVE! 6:30pm Knee Deep, 7pm	22 Prayer Shawl / Adult Coloring, 10am-2pm	23	24 Man-2-Man Workshop, 8am- 12pm Mechanicsburg
25 2nd Sunday in Lent	26	27	28 Sisters' Bible Study, 9am Youth LIVE! 6:30pm Men's Vocal Practice, 7:30pm			