

Mohrsville Messenger

Mohrsville Church of the Brethren Newsletter, May 2012



Our Theme for

2012: "Leading our

world to

Jesus Christ, the

Every Week:

*9:15 a.m. Sun. Prayer-

Time

*9:30 a.m. Sunday School

*10:30 a.m. Sunday Wor-

Women ' s Banquet Set for May

Our men are planning to prepare and serve chicken, browned potatoes, vegetables, salad and ice cream sundaes for our ladies of all ages at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in our fellowship hall.

Entertainment for the entire congregation will be provided by chalk talk artists James and Tracy Snyder of Shillington at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. All ages are welcomed, and a free-will offering will be taken for the Snyders.

Please see Kathy Fisher of Carol Kinsey for banquet tickets.

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Love Feast & Communion: May 20

Our Spring Love Feast and Communion will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in our fellowship hall. Pastor Jim will officiate the service and will be assisted by some of our Deacons and ministers.

Pastor Jim will also preach the examination sermon during our 10:30 worship service that morning, which will be followed by a covered dish meal in our fellowship hall. Families whose last names begin with A-M are to bring salads or side dishes; N-Z, meat; everyone is asked to bring a dessert.

Please plan prayerfully to attend all the ministry events of that day.

May Sermons: Sunday, May 6, "Seeking A Home by Faith" (Ruth 1); May 13 (Mother's Day), "Seeking Provisions Responsibly" (Ruth 2); Sunday, May 20 (Love Feast Sunday, "Seeking Redeeming Love" (Ruth 3); Sunday, May 27, "Receiving Redemption's Loving Rewards" (Ruth 4).

Pastor's Patter: 'Preparing for Love Feast'

I love attending Love Feast and Communion! It's the highlight of my congregational life, and I hope it is for you, too.

But maybe "the Brethren way" is new to you, and you've never attended a Love Feast and Communion service. If so, I want to invite you to come to ours at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, and observe and/or participate in as much of the service as you like.

When Martin Brumbaugh was governor of Pennsylvania many years ago, he returned to his home church in the Middle Pennsylvania District to wash the feet of coal miners during that congregation's Love Feast and Communion service.

We don't come to the Love Feast and Communion table because we're worthy. We come because we're human and still sin and we need the forgiveness, strengthening and love that Jesus Christ offers. We come as imperfect people who need Christ's blessing.

The elements of the evening (feet washing, fellowship meal and Holy Communion) are to remind us to do those things in remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ, to recall His life, teaching and sacrificial death "until He Comes" (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

We have found Christ's promise from John 13:17 true: "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. "

May God richly bless you as you join us in celebrating Love Feast and Communion in our fellowship Sunday evening, May 20. I look forward to sharing that wonderful evening with you.

Take Care
In Christ,

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Communion)
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MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS for our Saturday, April 14th Lydia's Closet clothing give-away were sisters (l-r) Kelly Jacoby and Stacy Weiss. One hundred three community and church members were served at this spring's semi-annual ministry event. Left-over clothing was picked up by Hope Rescue Mission workers.

Mission & Service Commission Members To Participate in Lions' Community Day

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, members of our Mission and Service Commission plan to take turns sitting and our display table in the Centerport Lions Club Hall. Their purpose will be to show and tell about who we are and what we believe. Included in the display will be our quilt and prayer shawl ministries, Youth fellowship, an information sheet and announcements of upcoming ministry events. We praise God for opportunities to share His Good News and love. Please plan to drop in and visit with all of the participants that day.

Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfast, Church Work Day Set for Saturday, May 19

The final men's prayer breakfast of the 2011-2012 school year will be held in our fellowship hall at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 19. This ministry event will also be open to our ladies, as our guest speaker will be Carol Gross, who plans to share her testimony.

The church work day will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will include a variety of tasks to be done in and around the church building and grounds.

Church Yard Sale To Be Held Saturday, June 2

Please start collecting your items now for our church yard sale, to be held from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Drop-off times will be: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 30; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 31; plus 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 1.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Words cannot describe how deeply grateful I am for all that you have done for me during Bobby 's illness and upon his passing. I want to thank everyone who prayed for us, drove me to the Laurel Center, sent cards and shared many other kindnesses. The Women 's Fellowship blessed our guests at the funeral with their lovingly-prepared and served meal. A special thanks to Pastor Jim for his faithfulness, always being there when needed. May God bless you all.

In Christ ' s Love,
Thelma Gundrum

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank everyone for their concern, cards, telephone calls and prayers during my recent hospitalizations! Thank you, Pastor Jim, for your much needed prayers and support!

God bless you all,
Bob Yoder

New Books in Our Library

By Sharon Miller & Phyllis Ernst

Courting Miss Amsel by Kim Vogel Sawyer: When Edyth Amsel takes a teaching position in a small country school in Walnut Hill, Nebraska, she's attracted to a farmer, Joel Townsend. There are issues with her teaching style, and because they both harbor "secrets," that attraction may never come to fruition. This is a good book. (SM).

Song of My Heart by Kim Vogel Sawyer: Sadie Wagner had to earn money to support her family in Indiana. She travels to Kansas, where she has been promised a job in the town mercantile **and** a chance to use her God-given singing talent. At the same time, Thad McKane comes to the town of Gold Tree to become the new sheriff. There are rumors of bootlegging....How do all of those characters influence the book's ending? Read it and see! (PE).

Spring for Susannah by Catherine Richmond: Susannah has become a mail-order bride. Her parents have both died unexpectedly, and she has no suitors. She is on her way to the Dakota Territories from Michigan. She marries Jesse, but her upbringing keeps her from allowing herself to relax. She has no idea about what her future holds. Read this interesting book and find out! (PE).

Pricetown Homecoming: June 3

Our annual Pricetown Meeting House Homecoming service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the historic meeting house in the village of Pricetown, just off Route 12. Built in 1777 it is the oldest unaltered Church of the Brethren meeting house.

Our speaker will be Robert Krouse, pastor of Little Swatara Church of the Brethren near Rehrersburg and Annual Conference moderator for 2013. He will also provide us with special music.

We will also hold a vesper service at Pricetown at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 15. Please plan to attend both inspirational ministry events at this historical site!

Treasurer's Report

Giving for April
 (as of April 22):

April 1: \$3,879.57
April 8: \$3,898.84
April 15: \$4,192.57
April 22: \$3,446.73

Average: \$3,854.43
Needed each week:
\$4,113.00

God 's Word Says:
 " And don' t forget to do good and to share with those in need.

These are the sacrifices that please God " (Hebrews 13:16, New Living Translation) .

Music Schedule

May 6: Pianist, Phyllis Ernst; Chorister, Mary Haag; Special Music, TBA.

May 13: Pianist, Abi Young; Chorister, Carol Gross; Special Music, our men 's vocal ensemble.

May 20: Pianist, Delphine Altland; Chorister, Mary Haag.; Special Music, TBA.

May 27: Pianist, Linda Jacoby; Chorister, Phyllis Ernst; Special Music,

Family Camping Scheduled for June 8-10

Our annual family trip to Camp Swatara will be June 8-10 this year. If you' v e never camped and would like to try it, now 's a great time to do so because you don 't need to buy anything; we have equipment to share. There' s always lots of Christian fellowship as well as plenty of good food and fun for the entire weekend.

We 're always looking for new people to join us. If you 're interested, please see Tom or Monika Resh.

