



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write, snow is still falling and the ground is covered I don't think it will last, but it's hard to believe Easter is right around the corner. It's always an exciting time of the year.

In the Gospel of John, we find a very interesting phrase.

John 1:38-42 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "*COME AND SEE.*" They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

John the Baptist had just told his disciples that Jesus was the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. The disciples seem too nervous to question Jesus about His lordship, so instead they ask Him where He is staying. His reply is simply, "*COME AND SEE.*" Our hope is that the way we live our lives, the way we worship as a church, and the way we love and trust God, is worthy to be seen and experienced and convincing enough to cause others to want to put their faith in Jesus too.

Come and see is a non-threatening invitation to observe and experience the power of God in action. Initially, it doesn't require a choice or a commitment. It's simply an open door. We believe that the Psalm is true that declares, "*taste and see how good the Lord is.*"

C.S. Lewis is famously quoted as saying, "that if a person can be argued into believing they can be argued into doubting." So, as we invite everyone to come and see. To see how good God is and how much He cares for you. We want to teach people about God and His great love that he has for them. **I think Rick Warren said, "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."**



Hopefully we care enough to share just who Christ is in our lives. Come and see can also be our declaration of sharing from the heart. We have been presented from Jesus, a big vision for our future. One where we just might be able to turn someone life around.

Was it Jesus that said to us to *“Go and Make Disciples?”* During this time of the year is the perfect time to share our faith about Jesus Christ. So take an opportunity to share His life-giving account. To help others experience His wonderful, love and mercy and grace. What you would be doing is giving them the opportunity to join the family of God. What a Easter that would be if your loved one or friend, would give to God their hearts.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Don

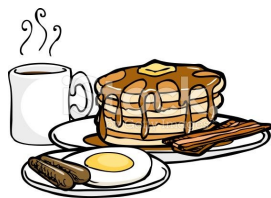


We will be hosting a CPR/AED training on Saturday, April 26, 2025 beginning at 10 AM. If interested, please sign up in the church vestibule.

The All-U-Can- Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Men’s Fellowship will be held on Saturday, March 15, 7 AM–11 AM.


Everyone is welcome ! Join us for a wonderful breakfast and great fellowship!

Due to rising prices of eggs and other ingredients, the price will be raised for this breakfast to \$10 for adults and the price for children will remain at \$4.



Some flowers, such as crocuses and snowdrops, can actually push through frozen soil and snow to bloom in the early spring. This is due to a special adaptation in their cells that allows them to expand and contract with changes in temperature, which enables them to break through the frozen ground.



 **Are You Hungry??**

There will be a fundraiser for the youth group on Sunday, March 9 from 10 AM -7 PM at the Valley Dairy in Kittanning. Don't forget to take your flyer so that our youth can receive 20% of your total check., so come on out and support our youth and enjoy some great food. Additional flyers available in the vestibule.



Epic (Encouraging People in Christ) Youth Group is sponsoring a Talent Show! It will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 6 PM at the

Fellowship Hall with refreshments to follow. A love offering will be received, which benefits the youth group. We're looking for singers, comedy acts, instrumentalists or whatever talent God has gifted you with. If anyone is interested in participating in the Talent Show, please see Airen Rupp. It will be such a fun evening. Please join us!



MAC & CHILI STEW

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and finely diced
- 1 stalk celery, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, grated
- Kosher salt
- Black Pepper
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, finely chopped
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 packet Chili Seasoning Mix
- 1 (14 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
- 3/4 c. whole milk
- 1/2 lb. macaroni pasta 1/2 c. finely chopped cilantro, plus more for garnish
- 10 oz. shredded Gruyere cheese



DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large pot over medium-low heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until translucent, about 8 minutes. Add carrot, celery, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon black pepper and cook until softened, about 8 minutes. Add red pepper, jalapeño, ground beef and Chili Seasoning Mix. Cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Add tomatoes and milk; bring to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes.
2. In a medium pot of boiling salted water, cook macaroni for 2 minutes less than package instructions. Drain.
3. Stir in pasta, cilantro, and cheese until melted. Garnish with more cilantro before serving.

Author Reading in March



Please come to the Center Hill Covenant Brethren Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 21, 2025 to hear our favorite author, the esteemed Ron Shafer, do a book reading of his novel, Kittanning. We will enjoy discussing and hear the story behind this amazing book. Light refreshments will be provided.

(Please note that this takes the place of the normal Final Friday Book Club meeting and note that it is NOT on the final Friday of the month).



Need a babysitter? The youth missions team is hosting a "Night Out for Parents" on **March 22 from 4-7 PM.**

Bring your children to the fellowship hall to hang out with the teens. We will be requesting donations for providing a very fun and engaging night for the children. Adults will also be present for the evening with the kids.



The month of March
Has just blown in,
To say that Spring
Is on it's way.



March roars in like a lion,
With a bluster and a slam!
And tiptoes out so gently,
Like a quiet little lamb.



Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes:

We are beginning to collect items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. For the months of February and March we will be collecting toiletries such as combs, brushes, washcloths, soap, hair ties, toothbrushes, deodorants for boys and girls, band aids, lip balm, Q-tips, individual packs of Kleenex etc.. Nothing liquid and **NO** toothpaste. If you wish to donate items, you may put them in the box in the main vestibule. Monetary donations will be accepted any time throughout the year also. Envelopes for your donation are available in the vestibules.



There will be a youth retreat at Center Hill on March 29th. We will be making care packages that day for "Havin" (Helping Abused Victims in Need). Here is a list of items that we will be placing in the care packages. If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please place your donations in the box marked "Youth Donations" in the vestibule. Thank You!

Women- shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hairbrush, hair ties, lotions

Men- shampoo, conditioner, body wash, comb

Children- shampoo conditioner, body wash, hair ties, sippy cups, plastic ware, baby bottles

List for everyone- dish soap, small containers of Clorox wipes, wash clothes, toilet paper, fine tip markers, small journals, yearly planners, small Bibles.

THE SOLID ROCK

Psalm 119:147 NIV



The first stanza of "The Solid Rock" is my favorite hymn. I sing this beloved anthem when I walk in my neighborhood, clean bathrooms, drift off to sleep, and prepare for stressful situations. The tune and lyrics lighten the load and remind me I am never alone.

Edward Mote penned the verses of this hymn in 1834. Born in London in 1797, Pastor Mote was baptized at eighteen, trained as a cabinetmaker, and called by

God at age fifty to serve as a pastor. When his congregation gifted him with a church building, he declared, "I do not want the chapel, I only want the pulpit; and when I cease to preach Christ, then turn me out of that." His hope was in Jesus, the Solid Rock, not a solid building.

The word *hope* appears eighteen times in the book of Job and thirty-four times in the Psalms in the NIV Bible. Job and the psalmists clung to hope amid despair. Hope is a gift from God, the power of the Holy Spirit nudging us forward, reminding us there is something better ahead. Hope is an extension, a by-product of faith. Faith generates hope. The more faith exercised, the more hope created.

I will rest today in the arms of my Savior, the Solid Rock, my only hope in this life and the next. I hope you will too.



Cards for any Occasion:

There's a beautiful assortment of boxed cards for every occasion for sale in the side vestibule. They are \$8 a box and the money raised helps the children that live at the orphanage in Honduras. Please take some time to check them out. You can place your money in the envelopes provided. Thank you!



EASTER CANDY FOR SALE:

The Mission Group will be selling handmade Easter candy. Order forms are available in the vestibules. Please place your completed order form in the box in the main vestibule **The deadline to place an order is Sunday, April 6. The Pick-Up Date will be Sunday, April 13** following the morning worship service. *Thank you for supporting our candy sale.*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6



The Giving Cupboard food pantry is the brown cupboard located on the front porch of our Fellowship Hall. It is always available. The food and other items inside are for anyone who's in need of food or other personal care items. So come and be blessed by the items that we provide. We want to be a blessing to our community!

Lenten Services at Area Churches

Everyone is Welcome to attend these services !

March 9 @ 7pm - Center Hill Covenant Brethren Church,
Speaking: Pastor Don Peter
Pie Social following the service in Fellowship Hall

March 16 @ 7pm-Worthington Presbyterian Church

March 23 @ 7pm- Union 1st Presbyterian Church, Cowansville
Speaking: Pastor Dennis Molnar

March 30 @ 7pm-Worthington Lutheran Church,
Prayer and Praise, Pastor Will Moser

April 6 @ 7pm- Franklin Union Baptist, Worthington
Speaking: Pastor Victor Sansing

April 13 @ 7pm- Center Hill Covenant Brethren Church,
Speaking: Dr. Ron Shaffer

**Good Friday Cross Walk - April 18th starting 12 noon at
Worthington Lutheran Church**

Theme: 7 Last Words of Jesus





**Women's Fellowship
will meet Tuesday,
March 11 at 7 PM.
All ladies are invited
and welcome
to join in the fun!**



Please join us for Love Feast, Holy Communion & foot washing on Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS AND WREATHS FROM THE CEMETARY BY MARCH 15.



Men's Fellowship will be meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 7 PM. Come out and join us!



THE Lamplighter

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