

The Servant Savior

Love Feast is a brethren practice that we still encourage and is one of the most meaningful services we have. Love Feast starts with feet washing. Why do we wash feet?

In the Gospel of John, we read....” so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water in a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with a towel that was wrapped around him.”
John 13:4-5 (NKJV).

Why do we wash feet? Because Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. The real question is, why would Jesus, Son of God, wash his disciples’ feet? Even if Jesus were just a teacher, it would make no sense for Jesus to do the job of the lowest servant. But Jesus was not just a teacher; he was God’s own son, creator of the world. There is something special here, a rare, valuable jewel of the faith. I believe our answer lies in Philippians.

We read in Philippians:” rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:7-8 (NIV).

Jesus humbled himself. He came to serve us. He came to die for us. This is love beyond comprehension. If Jesus could be so humble to serve and love us, we are to show the same humility and love to each other. While at the same time remembering what Jesus has done for us.

But when Jesus got to Peter, we added another dimension to foot washing. Peter protested that he is not worthy to have Jesus wash his feet. I agree with Peter. But Jesus responded, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” So Peter says, then wash all of me, wanting to be a part of Jesus’ mission. Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean.”

I don’t know of a better description of what life is like for a believer living in this sinful world. We have been washed in the blood. Jesus took our sins away, but we walk in a dirty, sin-filled world. Washing feet acknowledges our current state of existence. It provides an opportunity to pause and be thankful that Jesus’ blood covers all the sins we still accumulate by walking in this broken world. I feel cleansed, a fresh start after feet washing. Not from the water, but from the holy blood of Christ.



Feet washing is a gift from Jesus himself. May we never stop practicing it because foot washing holds a special blessing for us.

Jim Nolt – CBC Executive Board



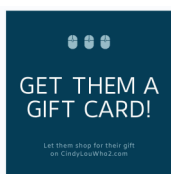
To Support Mission Trips:

Ready for another Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale? This time we'll celebrate the home so we welcome any donations of household decor, wall art, antiques, collectibles, decorative planters, small furniture, depression glass, small appliances, Christmas decorations, Fall/Thanksgiving/Halloween decorations, Spring/Easter decor, books, tools, jewelry, platters, dolls, floral accessories, candles, dishware, lamps, or anything you think might be a sellable item. For this particular sale, please no clothing or bathroom items. We will gladly accept puzzles, games, baby items including baby toys/furniture/baby clothing. Let's support missions by cleaning out our closets and clutter!

Donations gladly accepted on Thursday, November 13th from 5-8 pm (Baked goods welcome on Friday or Saturday morning).

Then come browse and buy on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm or on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Starting at noon on Saturday, bring a bag and all items are \$1 per bag of stuff!

All remaining items will be donated after the sale. Want to help by hauling a few of the leftover items to the donation center of your choice? You are welcome to come at 3 pm to take a bag(s) away for us!



The Youth Missions Team will be selling gift cards in November. You can purchase gift cards from numerous retailers in several different amounts. Gift card Sunday will be November 16th and November 30th. You can give your gift card order to Pastor Leslie Crissman or one of the other team members or visit the table before and after the service on those dates.



Youth Fundraiser at Valley Dairy

Sunday, Nov. 16
from 10 AM -7 PM.
Don't forget to take a flyer from the vestibule so that our youth can receive 20% of your total check.



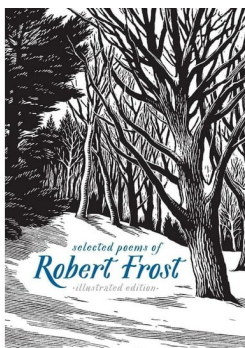
Veterans Day Luncheon:

On November 9, the Youth will host a luncheon for our veterans and their family. It will be immediately after the morning worship service. Veterans, please sign up in the vestibule along with how many from your family will be attending.



NEED A MEAL THIS THANKSGIVING?

If you and/or your family won't have a Thanksgiving dinner this Thanksgiving, please call Pastor Mike (Walkchalk Salem Baptist Church) at [412-309-2101](tel:412-309-2101) to arrange for a free meal.



The book selection for the month of November is

Selected Poems of Robert Frost (Illustrated Edition) by Robert Frost.

Poems by the most famous poet of the 20th century. You may read his poems online or from any book, although this edition includes exquisite illustrations by Thomas Hason. Book club will meet on Friday, November 21, 2025 for fellowship and discuss the book at the home of Laura Wingard Plank, 415 East Main Street, Worthington.

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

“Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Mathew 28:18-20 (NIV).



My wife probably dreads my grocery store trips. They're always an adventure, a relatable scenario for many spouses, I imagine. Despite a meticulously prepared list, my ADD kicks in the moment I enter, and items practically jump off the shelves. I inevitably return home with far more bags than anticipated, and, more often than not, some of the very things my wife asked for are missing.

Years ago, I heard the phrase, “Keep the main thing the main thing.” For us, the main thing is Jesus. I wonder if we, as individuals, as congregations, or even as the CBC, can be tempted to adopt some of my grocery store habits in our ministries. We can be involved in so much. Many of our churches offer a multitude of programs and ministries that we support and invest in—and many of them are excellent and can start with pure motives. However, if we are not careful, those same programs can cause spiritual drift as we pick up more and more “things to do.”

Jesus was quite clear when he laid out our priorities as the Body of Christ, and the main priority is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the Great Commission, Jesus told us to go and make disciples. As followers of Jesus, the main thing is Jesus and spreading His Gospel; that is central to it all. All of the other things—the food pantries, the clothes closets, the kids' activities—are to be extensions of the main thing: sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

Like my grocery basket, the more things I add, the more cluttered it gets and the more effort it takes to carry. The more extras I add, the more the essentials get buried. Many Christians and churches alike have now packed their lives full of things, many of which are missing the mark of the main thing. They are busier than ever, but less spiritually engaged than ever before.

As we enter the fall season, it might be a good time for each of us to examine our priorities as people and as congregations. Is Jesus the main thing? Or has He been quietly pushed to the side in the name of productivity, creativity, entertainment, or any other myriad of things? Take time to think of all that you are involved in and ask: Is Jesus the main thing in this? If not, how can I make him the main thing? Or is this something I need to devote time and energy to, or should I be devoting my efforts to something more Gospel-centered?

Prayer: Lord of Lords, search and know me and my life. You know my heart for you and your Gospel. Help my life, my motives, my schedule, and my priorities to all focus on the main thing—Jesus and His Gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Jon Prater – CBC Executive Board



Sunday, November 16

6 PM

Center Hill Covenant

Brethren Church

2039 Freeport Road

Kittanning, PA 16201

A love offering will be received.





Tuesday, November 11
7 PM
Come and Invite a Friend!



Men's Fellowship
November 25 at 7 PM
All guys are welcome!



Advent Season Begins
November 30.



In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day also known as Veterans Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the hero-

ism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations. We are to celebrate all veterans in their service to our great nation.

The beauty of Thanksgiving lies in the opportunity to pause and practice gratitude for blessings big and small, fostering a sense of happiness, well-being, and connection. It is a time for appreciating relationships with family and friends, finding joy in nature, and recognizing the simple gifts of everyday life. This intentional focus on thankfulness can lead to greater emotional well-being, stronger relationships, and a deeper sense of contentment.



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