

HOLLIDAYSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September 2017 Flock Flyer

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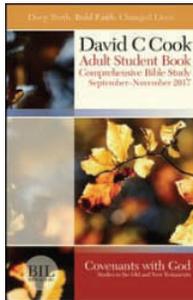
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Fall Sunday School Begins on Sunday, September 10

Adult class options:

Corinthians—Meet in the classroom by the ramp entrance to discuss David C Cook's *Covenants with God* from the New and Old Testaments. This study offers biblical commentary for each lesson while encouraging life application. This class is taught by Connie Bert and Earla Reffner.



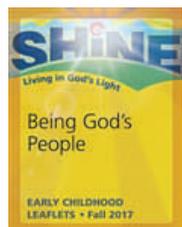
Seekers— Glory Days: Living Your Promised Land Life Now by Max Lucado. With God's help you can close the gap between the person you are and the person you want to be. Like Joshua and the Israelites, you can move from a wilderness existence into a promised inheritance. This is God's vision for your life. *New York Times* bestselling author Max Lucado invites listeners to leave the wilderness and discover a life defined by grace, refined by challenge, and aligned with a heavenly call. By studying the life of Joshua and the biblical book that bears his name, Lucado reveals God's promises for every step and reminds readers that God still fights for them. This class is led by Tom Neely and Rita Murphy in the parlor (back of the sanctuary).



Youth Class — The fall classes begin with a video presentation from Rodger Nishioka, 2014 COB National Youth Conference speaker. Mike Campbell will be building lessons around this message in the youth room.



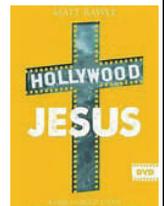
Nursery and Kindergarten through 5th Grade Classes will continue to explore God's love with the *Shine* Sunday school curriculum. Nursery class will meet in the nursery/toddler room. Kindergarten - 5th Grade class meets on the upper level, at the top of the stairs, above the toddler room.



Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren is a family of believers sharing the teaching and example of Jesus with all people.

Young Adult Sunday School

I'm billing this class as a short-term special topic class that will last 4-6 weeks starting the second Sunday in September. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. **Everyone is invited:** young adults, people who don't normally attend S.S., members of other S.S. classes, even infants and toddlers who still need their parent's attention.



"*Hollywood Jesus* is pastor and author Matt Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films including *Cool Hand Luke*, *The Lion King*, *The Truman Show*, and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords." —submitted by Bonnie Imler

Hollidaysburg COB Events

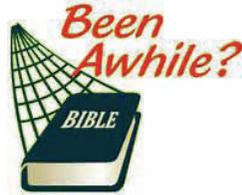


Choir practice begins on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:45 p.m.**

If interested in joining, see Jeff Imler, director, or Earla Reffner, accompanist, for information.

Church Picnic begins at **4:00 on Sunday, September 10** at

Legion Park. (Pavilion #1) Chicken, drinks and table service will be provided by Hospitality and Fellowship. Supper will be at 5:00 p.m. **Please bring a dish to share.**



Bible Study & Life Discussions with Pastor Marlys begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

at **6:30 p.m.** in the parlor.

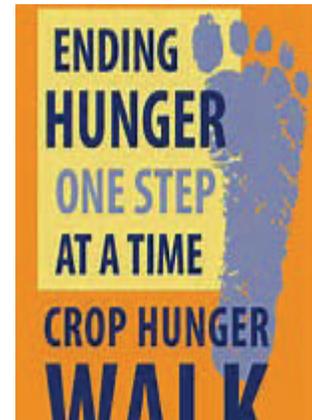
Kids' Night for children in Grades K-5 on **Friday, Sept. 15** from **6:00-8:00**

p.m. This is a time for supper, games and Bible stories. Those attending, please call/text Pastor Marlys (329-5604) or call the office by Wednesday, Sept. 13 if you are



able to attend.

The CROP walk scheduled on Sunday, September 24 has been changed to Sunday, November 5. Watch for details in the bulletins.



Youth News For the Whole Congregation To Know. . .

—Submitted by Rita Murphy

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
Psalm 100:1

The Youth Group offers so many thanks to this congregation for support and prayers over this past summer. What an amazing time!! We have enjoyed a swim party, church yard sale, Sunday School discussions, ultimate Frisbee, tie-dye shirts, Love Feast Meal at Simpson-Temple United Parish, Summer Splash at Raystown, baking gobs twice, Rockin' The Lot, Ox Roast Drive-Thru, work days at the American Rescue Workers, The Village and Camp Blue Diamond. AMEN!

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Don't miss Ultimate Frisbee at the church picnic on Sept. 10 at 4:00 p.m.

GRILLED STICKIE SALE! Contact a youth to place your order for a double box of Grilled Stickies! All orders due by Sunday, Sept. 10. Pick up your boxes on Sunday, Sept. 24.

AFTERBURNER: A fun time with music & snacks following home football games at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg. Ends at 11:00 p.m. on

Fridays, Sept. 15 & Sept. 22.

YOUTH MEETING: All youth and their parents are invited to attend a meeting during the Donut Fellowship time on Sunday, September 17 to discuss youth events, especially National Youth Conference. Details will be shared and decisions made.

HERITAGE FAIR, Sept. 23rd at Camp Blue Diamond. Youth Four-Square Tournament from 9-11am. Keep watching the bulletin for **Hayride details!**

As always, join us for enriching and challenging thoughts in **Sunday School**. Gathering to seek the mind and heart of Christ together!

Let Pastor Marlys or Rita Murphy know if you would like to be added to the **text group** for frequent updates.

Thanks again to those who help make these events a success.

May Christ's message of love and hope be found in us.

August 10, 2017 Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

- Our Ministry Summer Service intern, Brooks Eisenbise, completed her internship on August 13. Many thanks to Brooks for her help in worship, children and youth activities, the organization of church historical documents and their placement in the Christian Education resource room, and more. We hope Brooks has benefited from her time with us.
- We are very grateful for good financial health. The financial secretary reports that as of July 31, 2017 we were averaging \$3,998.46/week, \$10,142.57 ahead of budget for 2017. What a help this will be to meet our various ministry goals and for building/property renovations! Renovations include outdoor flatwork and wall repair outside of furnace and conference rooms, as well as LED light replacement for the building.
- A special project of Women's Fellowship and Leadership Team is some renovation to the kitchen, including the installation of a commercial under-the-counter dishwasher. The dishwasher has been selected. Some of the old, rotted cabinets are being removed and plans are to replace them with stainless steel tables and/or cabinets. Plans will be presented at a Congregational Forum for approval
- New plaques are being purchased for the peace pole.
- Rockin' the Lot was a success again this year with proceeds over \$2,500 raised for American Rescue Workers.
- Earla Reffner was affirmed for another 3-year term as deacon by Congregational Forum.



Rockin' the Lot Update — Many thanks to the numerous donors and volunteers who helped make Rockin' the Lot a reality in 2017! We smiled and talked with many people from the community as we raised over \$2,500 to assist American Rescue Workers, manifesting the spirit of Jesus Christ in song, word and deed—to the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

Congregational Call to Leadership for 2018

On September 24, immediately following morning worship, we will ask members of the congregation to aid the Gifts Discernment Team in calling persons into church leadership. After prayer and discernment in worship, members of the congregation will be instructed to write names of people they believe should be called to open positions. The Gifts Discernment Team will receive the written names to guide them in their discernment of calls for people to serve in these positions (all two-year terms unless noted otherwise). Names will be accepted in the church office until Monday, September 25.

Those ineligible for Leadership Team positions because they already serve as members of the Leadership Team in 2018: Dex Meadows (Moderator), Wanda Carey (Hospitality & Fellowship Team), and Lisa Myers (Administration Team).

- **Leadership Team positions to fill for 2018 & 2019: Leadership Team Chair** (also serves as Assistant Moderator), **Christian Education Team Leader**, **Mission and Evangelism Team Leader**, **Property Team Leader**, **Worship and Music Team Leader** (one year remaining of a two-year term).
- **Other positions: Gifts Discernment Team member** (Imogene Stayer is already serving on this team), **District Conference delegate** (Eric Biddle is already serving as one of two at-large delegates), **Annual Conference delegate** (1 yr. term) for July 4 - 8, 2018 in Cincinnati, OH.

Persons accepting the call extended through the Gifts Discernment Team will be affirmed by vote at the Sunday, October 29 Congregational Forum.

From Pastor Marlys

The seasons are changing again! I'm not looking forward to letting summer go just yet. I like going outside, day or night, without putting on a jacket. I enjoy the flowers and the lush greens of our meadow. The long days of light are marvelous.

Of course, if I really think about it, air conditioning is a luxury that I've taken full advantage of to make my enjoyment possible. I remember many sweltering days and nights of discomfort in past summers.

As I continue to ponder this passing season, I realize I have not been truly aware or grateful for all the good I have experienced in this time. Oh my. . . Thank you, God!

I have been well and well fed. I have easy access to water and electricity. I have known the love of family, friends, and parishioners. I have not known the pain of real persecution. I have not known terror. I am most fortunate.

Slowing down, pondering on my summer days, I gain a new and wiser perspective. I had written the opening words of this piece before I read these words on a wall hanging in my dentist's office:

"Let us be silent that we may hear the whisper of God." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I hope that you can experience that revealing whisper of God in the Sunday morning worship services we create for you. I hope that the quiet time apart from other world experiences helps to awaken your awareness of God's blessings and create an attitude of gratitude and good will. Come, worship with us, again and again!

Generous, gracious God:

You bless us with life.

You sustain us, that we might live fully.

You shower us with gifts,

that we might share your abundance freely.

Accept our offerings of thanksgiving, love, and commitment.

We offer them so that your name may be glorified

and your love shared in this community and in this world.

In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(By Leslie James, *Words for Worship 2*, Herald Press)

Women's Fellowship News

—submitted by Rita Murphy and Bonnie Imler

Ladies, you are such a blessing to so many! All of your help with the Yard Sale, Simpson-Temple Love Feast Meal, and Rockin' the Lot have shared gifts with those locally as well as globally. We hope you have been blessed in your service.

It is with great excitement that we report that a new dishwasher is on its way! If you haven't stopped down to the kitchen lately, please do so. Major renovations are in the works. Many thanks to all those working together to make this a reality!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. to make pillowcases for children and teens staying at the Family Shelter in Altoona. This is part of a national Million Pillowcase Challenge (<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/>) that has already made more than 733,000 pillowcases for shelters. The idea is that the child/teen uses the pillowcase at the shelter and then gets to take it with them. The pillowcase can also serve as a bag for their possessions. We need people that are willing to iron, pin, or sew.



If you are willing to donate fabric, each pillowcase takes 3/4 yard 100% cotton fabric in a print for the main body of the pillowcase (these are for kids and teens: tv, movie, and book characters are very popular and young, whimsical prints) and 1/3 yd. 100% cotton fabric for the border strip (usually a matching solid color). You are also welcome to make a pillowcase of your own to take home. **All are invited to lunch/brunch at The Dream when the sewing is finished.**

And who is my neighbor? The Good Samaritan, or how we justify ourselves

Samuel K. Sarpiya, moderator of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, has shared this reflection in response to the weekend's events in Charlottesville, Va. This is the first in a series of reflections on the 2018 Conference theme, "Living Parables":

"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" (Luke 10:25-29)



Samuel K. Sarpiya; photo by Nevin Dulabaum

And who is my neighbor? Jesus did not answer this question with a radius measured in cubits. Nor did he reference tribe or ancestral connections. Instead, he told a parable. The parable of the Good Samaritan referenced the "identity politics" and "culture wars" of the day. It is a story that challenges who is doing the holy work of God—the priest, who passed by; the Levite, an assistant to the priest who passed by; or the Samaritan who was only half-Jewish and traditionally did not interact with Jewish people but helped the man who had been robbed.

Jesus asks the lawyer, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" We are still seeking how to answer Christ's question. As the lawyer would have known, the priest and the Levite were following the laws and customs that forbid them touching anything unclean—including the blood of an injured man. Yet, in Jesus' story they are not the hero. That honor goes to the Samaritan, a tribe usually shunned by the "chosen" people as outsiders. As Christians, we often consider ourselves as "chosen" as well. Within our own denomination, we have the awareness to joke about the "Brethren name game" as a way of knowing who is chosen and who is not. Yet, to understand and live into the parable of the Good Samaritan, we must be willing to acknowledge that our neighbors include those who are unclean, those who are from different tribes, and those with whom we might not usually associate ourselves.

The protests in Charlottesville over the weekend, which in turn led to other protests and rallies, have left many in the country struggling with what to do next. Jesus' teachings do not have easy answers, instead we are left with more questions: How do we, as Christians, respond to our neighbors? Who do we see as our neighbors when so many people are injured? Is it easier to empathize for innocent bystanders or the police officers just doing their jobs? Do we want to be neighbors for those who are protesting peacefully? But what about those who came to Charlottesville with guns, batons, and teargas? Are white supremacists who are injured our neighbors? Could we extend the metaphor, so that those who teach others to hate are robbers who have stolen away the ability to love? Are the "Antifa" who intend to stop the neo-Nazis, whatever the cost, our neighbors? Even when they strike back? Are we better when we believe racism is wrong, but stay home? Can we believe that we are neighborly to black people whose day-to-day experiences of racism would name us as perpetrators? How can we be neighbors, when maybe each of us is the priest, the Levite, the man beaten, the robber? Are some robberies and beatings worse than others? How can we condemn the robber or the priest, without condemning ourselves for the violence we perpetrate and the times we have walked past?

We want to be the Samaritan, the good Samaritan. In the words of Micah 6:8 (KJV), "He has shown thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

In response to the violence in Charlottesville, the gathering of white supremacists, the increase of hate crimes, and the awareness of social injustices, it is not enough to read the parables. We must connect the words of our faith with our actions. In a faith walk that is humbled before God, we must acknowledge the ways that we are complicit with the powers and principalities and the ways we have benefited from injustice. When we pray for mercy, it is that we might be forgiven as we forgive. In becoming living parables in our towns, our states, and our country, we strive to be like the Good Samaritan by showing mercy and compassion to all, showing our love for God through our love for others.

—Church of the Brethren Newline, August 14, 2017

Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond—Saturday, Sept. 23

His Coffee Shop

The Mission and Evangelism Team will need helpers to make the Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren's participation successful at Heritage Fair.

We are again going to set up **"His Coffee Shop"** and sell coffee, tea, and Grilled Stickies. We will need help to set up Friday evening, as well as assistance in manning the shop and tearing down at Camp Blue Diamond. Look for further information in the church bulletins, listen for announcements, and stop at the narthex table to sign up.



Thank you for your help.

From Camp Blue Diamond. . .

Come Celebrate the Middle PA District's 36th Heritage Fair on Saturday, September 23. Set up will be on Friday, with a great meal available in the Main Lodge from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. On Saturday breakfast is in the Lodge from 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. The fair is from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and features activities and entertainment for youth and adults of all ages.

For children there is a special area with scarecrow making, face painting, a bounce house, a native Pennsylvania wildlife display, a petting zoo, the sawdust pile, the children's basket auction and lots of games and activities. Adults and youth can enjoy musicians, food and craft booths sponsored by churches, the Brethren Heritage Center, the Dunker Dunk Tank, and the quilt and basket auction.

A Note From Middle PA District Moderator, Brian Bert

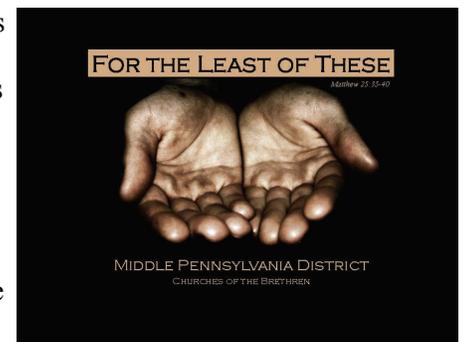


Brothers and Sisters of the Middle Pennsylvania District Churches of the Brethren, it is with the joy of Christ Jesus that I greet you. It has been my pleasure to serve as the district moderator for the past year. I have seen the district in a new way. While our district is wide in size and beliefs, we still share the same core spirit that is the love of Jesus Christ at our heart.

This past year has been a year filled with change. Many churches in our district are in the process of trying to fill open positions. We have seen our District Executive Minister, David Steele, be called to lead the Church of the Brethren as General Secretary. We have had tremendously hard working interim leadership in Mark Liller, Connie Maclay and Michael Benner with the help of Jesus. Kristine Shunk, the district administrative assistant, has taken on even more responsibilities to her already full schedule. Finally, with the guidance of God, the search committee has brought **fourth** David Banaszak as our new District Executive Minister.

In these times of change we need to remember the one constant we can always count on. That is the love and faithfulness of our God and the redeeming power of his Son Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

We need to always remember that, while changes in our churches and world are happening, we still must serve the call of Christ—the Christ that calls us as a blessed people to serve others. Matthew 25:35-40 calls us: 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Jesus calls us to serve the least of these. We all need to ask ourselves what we are doing to live out this call of Jesus.



Middle PA District Conference & Outreach

2017 Middle PA District Conference will be held at Maitland Church of the Brethren (315 Crossover Drive, Lewistown) on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14 with 2017 Moderator Brian Bert leading us in the business of this year’s conference. David Banaszak, incoming District Executive, will be installed during the worship service on Friday evening. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend District Conference. Delegates Eric Biddle, Bev Hoffman and Tom Neely and Pastor Marlys will be attending. Additional details will be shared in the weekly bulletins and October Flock Flyer.



Pennies for Witness will be collected for District Conference again this year. There is a collection jar on the long narthex table if you would like to aid this district-wide effort to support the Middle PA District Ministries. Donations may be given in any manner, coin or paper. If you prefer, checks can be written to HCOB with “Pennies for Witness” in the memo section and placed in the offering plate.

Tiger Pack Program *HCOB Representative: Connie Bert*

The Tiger Pack Program provides elementary children in the Hollidaysburg Area School District with food for the weekends when other resources may not be available to them. The program currently feeds about 150 kids in the Hollidaysburg Elementary Schools each weekend during the school year.

Tiger Paw Banks can be filled with spare change, bills or checks and then returned back to the church. Checks can be made out to: Tiger Pack Program c/o CRCF (Central PA Community Foundation).

At HCOB we will turn in all banks and money by Sunday, September 24. Full banks can be turned in at any time and new ones taken. If you would like to purchase a Tiger Paw Bank, a donation of \$10 is requested to pay for the bank and to make a donation to the Tiger Pack Program.



Questions ?—Contact Connie Bert

American Rescue Workers *HCOB Representative: Shirley Leister*



The ARW truck will be in the parking lot on **Saturday, September 2 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to drop off non-perishable foods and clothing. October will be the last month for our parking lot to serve as a drop off place until next year.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED in many ways, at a variety of times.

Volunteer are especially needed for parts of these times and days:

Monday and Tuesday,

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(ARW closes from 12:00-1:00 daily)

Current needs at ARW: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, Ramen noodles, canned vegetables, cereal. Monetary donations are accepted and greatly appreciated.



- 2-Grace Brubaker 19-Beckie Zeek
- 2-Esther Cramer 22-Samuel Gill
- 4-Darlene Scott 23-Scott Cherry
- 4-Anna Welch 25-Mike Campbell
- 9-Jeremy Farleman 25-Marion Clapper
- 12-Tim Jimenez 25-Harry Miller
- 13-Sarah Stuver 26-Patricia Jimenez
- 16-Kylie Consalvo 29-Andrew Hess
- 17-Eli Hershberger 29-Samuel Hess
- 17-Sharon Lynn 29-Virgina Meadows

Statistics and Finances

| Date | Worship Attendance | Sunday Offering |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 25-June | 98 | \$3,803.00 |
| 2-July | 83 | \$4,229.00 |
| 9-July | 90 | \$4,001.00 |
| 16-July | 99 | \$3,685.00 |
| 23-July | 92 | \$3,367.36 |
| 30-July | 84 | \$3,962.00 |
| 6-Aug | 79 | \$3,956.00 |
| 13-Aug | 102 | \$5,433.01 |
| 20-Aug | 91 | \$3,054.25 |
| 27-Aug | September Flock Flyer | |



- 1-Nathan & Stephanie Hershberger
- 1-Joe & Linda Wyant
- 4-Regis & Lisa Myers
- 10-Steve & Stevie Delozier
- 11-Brian & Alyssa Bert
- 17-Bob & Stephanie Onkst
- 18-Allen & Angel Geist
- 20-Loren & Chris Hershberger
- 22-Keith & Janet Eldred

In His Service for September

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| Greeters | Denise Frederick Mason McCready |
| Newcomer Greeter | Pat & Bev Hoffman |
| Flock Leaders | Sam & Gail Gill |
| Deacons On Call | Pat & Bev Hoffman |
| Head Usher | Mike & Lori Campbell |
| Acolyte | 3-Alison Geist 10-Malakai Wicker 17-Hannah Beckel 24-Kamryn Wagner |

Congratulations to Susan Stuver and Jeremy Farleman who were married in our sanctuary on Thursday, August 10, 2017.



Congratulations to Emmett Eldred and Marissa Witkovsky who were married at Camp Blue Diamond on Saturday, August 26.

Sarah and Susan Stuver and their family wish to thank you for the funeral meal, sympathy cards and many acts of kindness following the death of their daughter and sister, Kathy Stuver.

SEPTEMBER 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|-----------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 10:00-2:00 ARW truck |
| 3 | 4 Labor Day  | 5 | 6 7:45 Choir | 7 | 8 Pastor away | 9 |
| 10 4:00 Church Picnic (Legion Park, Pav. #1) | 11 | 12 | 13 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Choir | 14 7:00 Leadership Team Mtg. | 15 6:00-8:00 Kids' Night | 16 |
| 17 Donut Sunday 10:45 Youth & Parents mtg. 6:30 Deacon Mtg. | 18 | 19 | 20 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Choir | 21 <i>Peace Day</i> | 22 | 23 Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond |
| 24 Congregational Call to Leader- ship during wor- ship | 25 | 26 | 27 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Choir | 28 | 29 | 30 9:00 Women's Fellowship |

Others Using Our Building

Blair Concert Chorale Children's Choir—Mondays, 4:30-5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Brethren Brass—Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
 The Learning Community—Wednesday, September 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall)
 Home Instead—Tuesday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall)
 Home Instead—Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall)

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to
 Mike, Wanda & Derek Carey.
 Mike's mother,
 Clara Margaret (Peg) Curran-Carey,
 died on Monday, July 3, 2017.

Our many thanks for the caring words,
 kind notes and cards, the visits, the food, the flowers and
 prayers for Mike Carey and his family during the passing
 of his mother. Every single thought and gesture was
 greatly appreciated by the whole family.
 Sincerely, The Carey Family

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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

—Psalm 100:5 The Message



Sometimes God's presence is so real that we get goose bumps of awe. But most of the time, as we live our hum-drum lives, we're not aware that God is with us, as close as the air we breathe.

I'm praying that today, as you go about your routine, you'll sense God's quiet love in all you do, in all those you meet, and in every breath you take.

From *Just Wanted to Say Hi*. by Ellyn Sanna; Barbour Publishing