
WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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NOTE: This service
was cancelled due
to inclement
weather

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Mission of the Westminster Church of the Brethren is to be a Christ-centered community that seeks to strengthen relationships and to be of service to God, to each other and to our neighbors.”

GUEST INFORMATION

This congregation welcomes all who are seeking and who desire to live out a faith in Jesus Christ. This is a place to learn, a place to grow, a place to serve and a place to love. We strive together to be a loving and supportive fellowship.

If you are a guest today, please sign our attendance books found in the pews and include your address, telephone number, and email so we can share our hospitality with you. We are glad you have come and hope you will want to join us again next week or in whatever activities and ministries you are interested.

Persons interested in committing their lives to the way of Jesus Christ and become members of this congregation are invited to an **“INQUIRER’S CLASS SERIES”**. Talk with a Pastor if you are interested. At the conclusion, persons ready to make a commitment can do so in one of three ways:

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM
TRANSFER OF CHURCH LETTER
RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

Please call the church office if you are interested in the classes.

LAST WEEK’S PARTICIPATION

9:30 AM Sunday School Attendance Sunday 1/31/09: No Sunday School

Combined Worship Attendance Sunday 1/31/09: 79

Saturday Loaves and Fishes on 1/30/09 hosted by:

Stone Chapel United Methodist Church

Offering Sunday 1/17/09: \$ 2,936.04

Needed each week: \$ 5,772.28

EARLY WORSHIP
Message With a Beat!

February 7, 2010

8:25 AM

WELCOME to a time of Joyous Worship!

Please share your name, address, and email on the attendance pad in the pews. Share your tithes and offerings in the plates at the doors as you leave. Pick up a bulletin and make sure you check the rest of the church news. There are activity bags for children preschool thru 5th grade. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth’. But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.” Matthew 5:38-39a

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

SONG: “ Open The Eyes Of My Heart ” (Baloche)
“ Not To Us ” (Tomlin/Reeves)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG: “ I Love The Lord ”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Matthew 5:38-42

“ Blind And Toothless ”

CLOSING SONG: “ Grace Like Rain ” (Newton/Collins/Excell/Agnew)

CLOSING WORDS

Please join us in the Library for a time of fellowship after worship, and before Sunday School. Then, join us in a class of your choosing.

Preacher: Pastor Erv

Greeters:

Music Coordinator: Shelley Ensor

Hospitality: Judy England, Joyce Muller

Musicians: Greg Simmons, guitar; Don Rowe, trumpet & flugel horn; Shelley Ensor, keyboard

Vocalists: Liz Haff, Twyla Rowe, Don Rowe, Larry Brumfield, John Rinehart, Lisa Pirone,

Chelsey Simmons, Louise Scalzi

Worship Leader: Gary Honeman

Sound: Jack Tevis, Gary Saville

Video Operator: Brady Winter

Nursery: Melissa Shaffer

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Preacher: Pastor Erv	Minister of Christian Nurture: Twyla D. Rowe
Worship Leader: Gary Moore	Organist: Ann Young
Children's Time: Liz Haff	Senior Choir Director: Barbara Groff
Greeter:	Chorister: Jim Young
Head Usher: Wayne Fink	Pianist: Betsy Yount
Sound: Don Rowe, Gary Saville	Nursery: Nikki Haschert

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an Usher.

There are Activity Bags for children who are in preschool through 5th grade available for use during the worship. They can be found at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please do not take a bag unless you will be staying for the whole service. There is also a Nursery available for infants and children who do not turn 3 before September 1. Ask an Usher.

Following first service, please leave the sanctuary to talk so those who wish to have a time for prayer and meditation can do so with fewer distractions.

Please be aware that we are asking for a donation to cover costs of the fruit, juice and doughnuts served during Koinonia. Coffee and tea are free.

Volunteers are needed for Koinonia during the months of February and March. A sign-up sheet is provided on the bulletin board. Please consider doing this service one or two Sundays.

Listening Time will take place at 12 Noon ONLY with Gary Moore in the fellowship hall. If you have any concerns for our church, please take the time to talk with Gary.

The Dinner Club group will be going out after Late Worship for food and fellowship. If you are interested in joining them, please meet Sym Izard in the library.

C.A.N. activities will take place this Wednesday, February 10. Please call the church office to reserve your meal. The menu for this week is macaroni 'n cheese, green beans, salad, applesauce, fruit and dessert. Coffee, tea and milk are served each week. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for anyone over 12, \$2.00 for children ages 6 to 12, and children under 5 eat for free.

The Discernment (Visioning) Team encourages all of you to join them by praying at 8:00 PM every evening for the work of the team, for the congregation and for guidance through this wilderness period that we are in now. Pray with an open and listening spirit. Resist the temptation to tell God what you think should happen. Also, pray over and listen for God as you read **the scripture for the week which is Psalm 63:1-8.**

ATTENTION ALL CAMPERS! Due to the postponement of our campers' carry-in meal last Saturday, we will meet on February 20, at 4:30 PM, in the fellowship hall, and those who wish to are invited to stay for Church Game Night at 6:30-8:30 PM.

On Sunday, February 21, XYZ will be going to Frederick's Weinberg Center to see the musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies". EVERYONE IS INVITED. Tickets are \$25.00 and checks should be made out to Charles Izard and given to him or the church office no later than Sunday, February 14. If you want to carpool, we will leave the church by 12:45 PM. Don't miss it!

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. Our Lenten devotionals, "Thirsting For God" are now in the library. This is a wonderful way for prayer during the Lenten season. Please take one.

It's time to update our Directory for 2010. It's important that ALL information is accurate. Please check your individual name on the easel in the library, and make any changes in a neat readable fashion.

The Meat Canning Project this year will be from Monday, April 5 through Thursday, April 8 at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA. The canning goal is 40,000 lbs. of chicken. Distribution of the 2010 project will be half to New Windsor and half to be divided between Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA. If you are interested in helping on any of these days, please contact Ralph Dull as soon as possible to check on available days and times that are still open. We will start collecting donations for the project on Sunday, February 21. Please get donations in as soon as possible, so the money can be used to purchase the chickens. For more information, please talk with Ralph Dull.

At present, the nursery is short on volunteers. If you are available and willing to serve in this way, it would be most appreciated. It is a great ministry to the families of WCOB and a kind way to welcome visitors. Typically, volunteers are asked to consider serving 1-4 times a year, and persons who attend 2nd service may wish to consider volunteering once a season during 1st service. Likewise, 1st service attendees may wish to serve once a season during 2nd service. This is a great way for multi-generational serving and also a wonderful way to meet other church members. Dates needing coverage for 1st service-Sunday School are: June 20 and 28 along with many other dates during late summer and the Fall. If you can help, please call Melissa Shaffer at 410-871-2111 or email her at melissa.shaffer@pobox.com.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We need you to commit to 2 to 4 hours on a particular month during 2010. Duties will include picking up trash and tree branches, pulling and digging weeds and raking. We will still have our All-Church Spring and Fall cleanup Saturdays, but we need these in-between times to keep our grounds looking nice. Please call Bill Weaver at 410-857-2933 or email him at billw@qis.net.

Based on donations we currently have, Loaves and Fishes now needs tuna, canned fruit, chicken cup o' soup, spaghetti and beef o' roni. Please leave your donations in the library in the properly marked container.

Someone is in need of a chest of drawers to store their clothing. If you have one that is 3 ft. wide, 2 ft. deep and approximately 4 ft. high and care to donate it, please call the church office. Thank you!

Barbara Render will have her yard sale, that was postponed due to snow, on Saturday, February 13, from 2:00-5:00 PM. Please call Barb at 410-917-5453 to get directions to her home.

Early registration for non-delegates and hotel reservations for the 2010 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA will open on Monday, February 22, 2010, beginning at 12:00 Noon Central Standard time. Early registration will close on Monday, June 7, 2010. After that, registration will be onsite in Pittsburgh, and the fees will increase. **The 2010 Annual Conference Information CD is in the church office.** The complete information will also be available for viewing, downloading or printing at the Annual Conference website at <http://www.brethren.org/ac>. A printed, hard copy of the packet can be requested from the Annual Conference office for a fee of \$20.00 per packet.

Each year our district has a Disaster Response Auction to raise funds for support of Brethren working to relieve the pain and destruction caused by natural and human-created disasters. The support, both financial and physical, of all of us is needed for these efforts. One means of financial support is a listing in the Disaster Auction Booklet. The established levels of support are \$10.00 for donor, \$25.00 for supporter, \$35.00 for sustainer and more than \$35.00 for sustainer plus. A form to be used to indicate your level of support will appear in the church bulletins of February 14, 21 and 28. Please turn your form in, together with your contribution, either using the offering plate or directly to the church office.

On Monday, February 15, at 7:00 PM, the Peace Education Committee will be hosting a special evening with author Melanie Snyder, who wrote a book, “Grace Goes To Prison, about a woman’s work in the criminal justice system. Melanie will speak for about 25 minutes, and then there will be time for questions. She is a restorative justice mediator at the Elizabethtown, PA Church of the Brethren, and she tells the story of Marie Hamilton’s prison work. Melanie will travel 7,000 miles in 77 days on this speaking tour. We invite everyone to join us for this very special evening.

Here’s a way to save on your energy bill! **Please notice that this announcement changes every week with new tips to help you!** From what direction does the wind at your home blow most often? Planting evergreen trees to block wind in winter will dramatically reduce your home’s heat loss. These trees don’t have to be very tall before they benefit your home. The wind-breaking capacity of a row of trees is an amazing two and a half times the tree’s height. So, planting evergreens will save on your energy costs.

Brethren Voices for the month of February takes viewers to Hiroshima, Japan and a visit to the World Friendship Center. Program Host, Brent Carlson, interviews the current Brethren Volunteer Service workers who have served as Co-Directors of the peace program. Interviews will also be included of A-bomb survivors and a tour of Peace Park. The program is shown four times per week on Channel 19, the public access channel on Comcast, the Carroll County cable provider. The times are 11:30 AM Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, and 6:30 PM on Thursday. The programming schedule is also available online at www.carrollcountytv.org, or see Lynn to borrow a copy from the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 PM – Search Committee

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Fellowship/Hospitality Ministry Team

6:30-9:30 PM – Susquehanna Valley Ministry Team in Jr. High

Rm.

Wednesday 5:00 PM – C.A.N. Activities

Thursday 4:00 PM – Westminster Ringers

Saturday 7:00 AM – F.A.B.B.

11:00-1:00 PM - Organ rehearsal

12:00 Noon-1:00 PM - Loaves and Fishes

Next Sunday: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, February 20 – 4:30 PM – Campers' Meeting

6:30 PM – Church Game Night

Sunday, February 28 - 6:45 PM – Lenten Service @ Locust Grove COB

Saturday, March 6 – 6:30 PM – Ice Cream Social

Sunday, March 7 - 6:45 PM – Lenten Service @ Pipe Creek COB

Sunday, March 14 - 6:45 PM – Lenten Service Sam's Creek COB

Sunday, March 21 - 6:45 PM – Lenten Service @ Westminster COB

PLEASE RECYCLE