



# *New Enterprise Church of the Brethren September 2021*

## *Pastor's Pen*

A favorite activity of our family on vacation in late August was Hubba Hubba Highway in Water Country USA. All of us, from 7 to 67 years old, found floating around the “lazy river” relaxing, cooling fun in the sun. We were propelled by underwater jet spray in just 3’3” of water, so life vests were optional. But we also found that life vests allowed us to relax and experience greater joy in relief from stress. The same was true of the large surfside pool where we experienced the joy of floating in the steady rhythm of giant ocean waves. While a swimmer with basic skills does not need a life vest, what a delight to float with assurance that, releasing all tension, one won’t sink, even in the potentially dangerous waters.

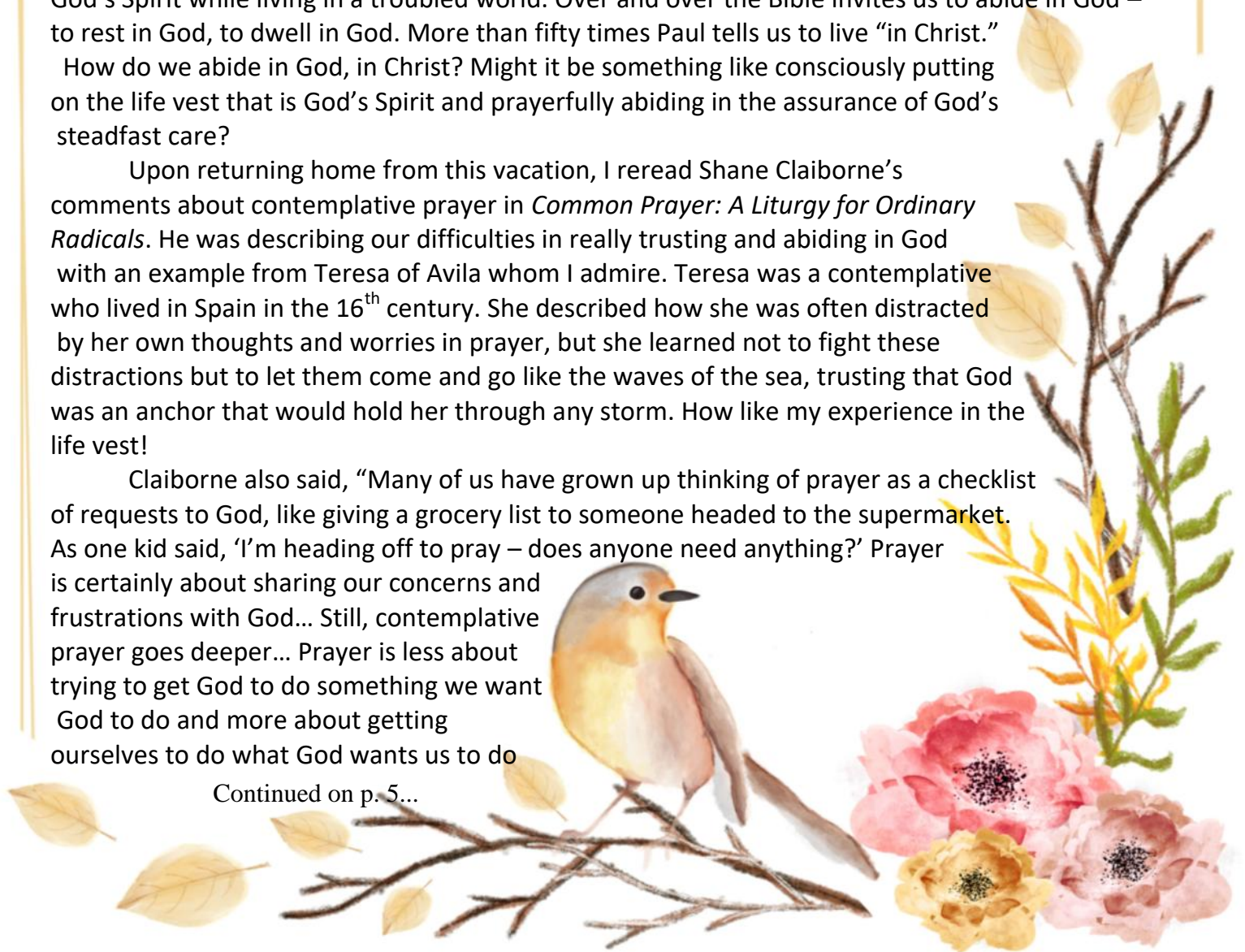
The resting in a life jacket in the expanse of troubled waters reminds me of resting in God’s Spirit while living in a troubled world. Over and over the Bible invites us to abide in God – to rest in God, to dwell in God. More than fifty times Paul tells us to live “in Christ.”

How do we abide in God, in Christ? Might it be something like consciously putting on the life vest that is God’s Spirit and prayerfully abiding in the assurance of God’s steadfast care?

Upon returning home from this vacation, I reread Shane Claiborne’s comments about contemplative prayer in *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*. He was describing our difficulties in really trusting and abiding in God with an example from Teresa of Avila whom I admire. Teresa was a contemplative who lived in Spain in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. She described how she was often distracted by her own thoughts and worries in prayer, but she learned not to fight these distractions but to let them come and go like the waves of the sea, trusting that God was an anchor that would hold her through any storm. How like my experience in the life vest!

Claiborne also said, “Many of us have grown up thinking of prayer as a checklist of requests to God, like giving a grocery list to someone headed to the supermarket. As one kid said, ‘I’m heading off to pray – does anyone need anything?’ Prayer is certainly about sharing our concerns and frustrations with God... Still, contemplative prayer goes deeper... Prayer is less about trying to get God to do something we want God to do and more about getting ourselves to do what God wants us to do

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# Happenings This Month...

## Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning and Wednesday Evening Bible Study Discussions will resume on September 7 & 8. Both sessions are open to men and women, Tuesday at 10:30 am, and Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Marlys will lead these studies in a circle of tables in the fellowship hall while there are still issues with covid in our area (with changes to reduce echoes for hearing impaired persons). Bring your favorite translations of the Bible. No previous Bible knowledge is needed for these discussions!

Wednesdays' Bible Study will feature *Reading the Bible Backwards*. No spoiler alerts are necessary since we know the end of the story. We will spend 3 weeks in the book of Revelation, moving then to key points in Jude, 1,2 & 3 John, 1 & 2 Peter, and so on.

By popular request, Tuesdays' Bible Study will feature women of the Bible. We'll discuss Miriam for the first 2 weeks, including Micah 6:4, Exodus 2 & 15, and Numbers 12.



The choir is starting up again this fall. Our plan is to practice on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning September 29, at 7:30 pm. We will sing on the first Sunday of each

month, starting October 3rd. If you enjoy singing hymns, come and lift your voice with the choir. Sue Wagner will be directing, with Juls Bratton as the accompanist.

Sunday School: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday,

**8:30am-1:30pm**

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**Woodbury Food Pantry**  
**Food for September:**  
**Sugar, Flour, Cereal**

## Wednesday Evening Celebration Meals

We've filled the schedule for the rest of the year. Our hosts will be:

**September 2021- Men & Women's Bible Study**

**October 2021- Leadership Team**

**November 2021- Deacons**

**December 2021- Little Bit Late Class**

We'd like to start filling the schedule for 2022.

Would your class or group be interested in hosting a Wednesday Evening Celebration Meal? Please contact the church office or ask Kelly and she will be happy to schedule you in!

## Heritage Fair, September 18th

This year at Heritage Fair, our church will be making and taking chicken corn soup and apple dumplings to sell.

Be sure to get yours by coming up to camp – anything left over will be brought back & sold on Sunday, **no guarantees!**

Please support our camp with your donations. Come and join in the fun, games, food, crafts, auction and much more at Camp Blue Diamond on September 18th!

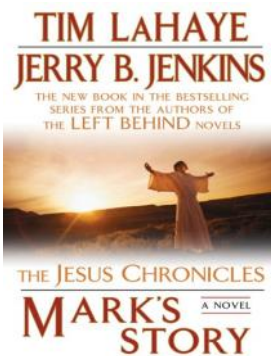
~ Marjorie Lippincott  
& the Hospitality Team



## Operation Christmas Child



Our highlighted items for August will be school supplies: crayons (Crayola only please, other crayons melt in hot countries) colored pencils, sharpeners, glue, scissors, etc.



## Letters from the Library

### The Jesus Chronicles

### Mark's Story

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

“Mark's Story is a thrilling account that vividly depicts the day before Jesus' crucifixion and the danger that early believers faced as they boldly proclaimed Him Christ as the Lord. Mark chronicles the growth of the early

Church, the struggles of Jesus' followers, and the persecution its members endured from a hostile world. Their bravery laid the foundation for the Christian Church, and their fervent passion for the Word still reverberates throughout the world today.”

This quote from the front jacket gives a powerful description of the stories Mark will accumulate for the book of Mark - the second book of the New Testament.

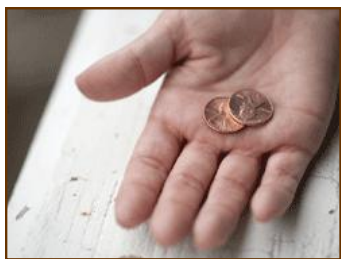
This book written by the authors LaHaye and Jenkins uses the book of Mark to tell their story quoting the entire book as found in the Bible.

But what makes it different is the underlying story of Mark, his mother (Mary), his cousin (Josés also called Barnabas), Paul (also called Saul) and of course Peter (one of the original disciples). Using Mark's insatiable need for the true story of Jesus' life he quizzed Peter constantly. It is these stories and explanations of their meaning that is published in Mark's book.

So you will need to have both the Bible and this book at your disposal to truly compare and make the connection of the impact Jesus' life and crucifixion had on the early church.

It will definitely expand your understanding of this time period of history.

~ Jeffie Singo, Church Librarian



### **PENNIES FOR WITNESS**

It's once again time to start gathering up loose change! A large water bottle jug

will be in the narthex, prominently placed on the desk between the nursery and the Sunday School/quilting room. We'll be collecting pennies and loose change beginning Sunday August 29th thru September 26th. On September 27th, it will be counted and a check in that amount will be sent with one of the delegates to give at District Conference.

### **MISSIONS**

In August our mission focus was Breezewood Trucker/Traveler. As of August 22nd, we had collected \$410.

In September our mission focus will be Meals on Wheels.

~ Ed Cooke,  
Missions Team Chair





## Coming in the Future



**When:** October 9th

**Where:** NECOB Fellowship Hall

**What time:** 9am-2pm

Clean, gently used items will be available

in the fellowship hall. Kids, Women's & Men's clothes of various sizes will be available.

Please come and fill as many bags as you want.

More details and pictures to come in the October newsletter.

### 2021 District Conference

District Conference will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at the Pine Glen Church of the Brethren. The theme this year is "Bearing Fruit, Being Disciples, Surrendering All"

This is a one-day conference. Conference officers this year are: Rock Manges, Moderator, and Mike Benner, Moderator Designate. David Grimes will be the conference speaker. He currently serves as pastor of the Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren.

The Outreach Project will be the McVeytown Ambulance and McVeytown Fire Company. Items needed: granola bars, protein bars, packs of crackers, cases of water, Gatorade, monetary donations (Make checks payable to Middle PA District— Memo Line: McVeytown Ambulance & McVeytown Fire Company.)

Offering will be taken for the Small Church Fund and also Pennies for Witness.

Our delegates this year are: Al & Rosie Drenning, Randie Kensinger, Rich Clemens & Pastor Marlys.

### Chicken & Fries

Chicken & Fries at Ken's Cabin, October 23rd. Gathering starts around 2pm. Chicken & fries to be made around 5pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for this at the end of September. Save the date!



### Love Feast

The Deacons are planning to have traditional Love Feast in the Fellowship Hall

on Sunday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm. This is an important event in the life of the church and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

### FALL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

We'll be holding our Fall Congregational Forum on Sunday, October 24th directly following worship.

Reports will be available to the congregation for review beginning Sunday, October 10th. (\*Note to Leadership Team members: Reports are due to the office by Monday, October 4th.)

We'll be reviewing the 2022 budget, discussing constitutional changes and approving called members to new positions for the upcoming year. Proposed constitutional changes will be available to the congregation for review 30 days prior to Forum.

# Children's Department



The children in Sunday School classes have used their knowledge of the Bible to distinguish in which part of the Bible different stories are written -old or new testaments. Different games have been used to help with the goal. To the delight of the teachers the children are showing how quick they can learn! Go Kids!

...Pastors Pen, continued from p. 1

and to become who God wants us to become. There are times when we speak, weep, groan, and shout at God. But there are also times when we simply sit in silence and are held by our Beloved."

It is in relaxing into the peace of God that we experience immense relief from the stress of our earthly living. We abide in God through his Spirit. And we come to grasp what it means to abide in God's son, Jesus the Christ, so that the life that we live is no longer ours but Christ living in us and through us. Yes, in this we joyfully abide and flourish in God's peace. Now and forever.

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)*

*Pastor Marlys*

## Camp Blue Diamond News

### Heritage Fair 2021

Heritage Fair is coming back this fall! Our annual festival will be held at Camp Blue Diamond on Saturday, September 18. There will be food, children's activities, an auction with the District Quilt being sold. Dunk tank, crafts and demonstrations. It's been a long year and we are celebrating being able to join together with church friends and family.

Heritage Fair will begin with breakfast at 6:30 am and booths will open at 8:30 am. Auction from 11 am-1 pm.

We can't wait to see you!



### “Here I Am; You Called Me”

Calling the Called, September 25th at the Chambersburg COB, no charge. Calling the Called is an intentional time away from the routine of life to discern what it mean to be called by God to the set-apart ministry. Whether you are someone actively exploring the possibility of ministry or someone unsure of God's calling, this will be a helpful time of discernment and discovery. For questions, or to register, please contact the district office at (814) 643-0601. Registration deadline is September 15th.

### HOSS'S DAY FOR LOVE INC

Want to support a great local ministry and get a delicious meal the same time? Take the voucher below to the Bedford Hoss's on September 19th. More will be provided in the narthex.

#### Dear Friend of Love Inc:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 9/19/2021 to aid us in raising money to benefit Love Inc.

Print this email and present it on **9/19/2021** at Hoss's in **Bedford**  
Hoss's will then donate 20%\* or 25%\*\* of your total check paid to **Love Inc**

\*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

\*\*To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales. This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

**DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!** Thank you for your cooperation!

Group #124892

Please print and present this email when ordering. See the attached file for the entire Community Night agreement.





## September Anniversaries

4: Dan & Susie Dainty  
 7: Jason & Tracy Britt  
 12: Ryan & Megan Hall  
 14: David & Alisha Bawel  
 15: Barry & Lisa Jay, Shawn & Megan Shirk  
 18: James & Jane Eshelman  
 25: Jeremy & Misti Swope  
 27: Matt & Charlee Howsare  
 29: Jerry Lee & Gale Hershberger

## Helping Hands for September

## September Birthdays

4: Jeff Imes, Raylee Sheppard, Karen Vannice  
 5: Jackson Blair, Darrell Imler, Derrick Imler  
 6: Joanne Stiffler  
 7: Donna Detterline  
 8: Melissa Brumbaugh  
 9: Kayla Hall  
 11: Rich Clemens, Steve Stiffler  
 13: Bryce Detterline  
 14: Betty Sue Laird, Paige Reed  
 15: Jesse Britt, Kim Grimes, Kim McDevitt  
 16: Marietta Berkheimer, Mike Miller  
 17: Dolly Bowser  
 20: Dean Grimes  
 21: Isaiah Baker, Kayden Shope, Jim Wright  
 22: Scott Baker, Morgan Coho  
 26: Mazie Bingenheimer  
 29: Patty Clapper, Jan Cooke, Cody Grimes, McKenna Reasy, Barb Settlemeyer

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sept. 5– Pastor Marlys  
 Sept. 12– Pastor Marlys  
 Sept. 19– Rev. Andrew Camenga  
 Sept. 26– Pastor Marlys

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept. 5– Ken Ott  
 Sept. 12– Jeanne Defibaugh  
 Sept. 19– Mandi Cottle  
 Sept. 26– Steve Cottle

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 5– Sophia Kensinger  
 Sept. 12–  
 Sept. 19– Cameron Risbon  
 Sept. 26– Avery Baker

### GREETERS

Sept. 5– John & Barb Settlemeyer, Roger & Marjorie Lippincott  
 Sept. 12– Harry & Vi Brubaker, Chris & Kelly Baker  
 Sept. 19– Bill & Rita Baker, Shawn & Stephanie States  
 Sept. 26– Mike & Karen Baker, Ray & Della Mae Grubb

### NURSERY

Unstaffed for now– parents  
 are welcome to use it at their  
 discretion.

### SOUND TECHS

Sept. 5– Matthew Hall  
 Sept. 12– Ryan Hall  
 Sept. 19– Chris Hull  
 Sept. 26– Rick Defibaugh

### RECORDING TECHS

Sept. 5– Mariah Hall  
 Sept. 12– Mandi Cottle  
 Sept. 19– Mariah Hall  
 Sept. 26– Rich Clemens

### CHILDREN'S STORY

Sept. 5– Makayla & Mariah Hall  
 Sept. 12– Jeanne Defibaugh  
 Sept. 19– Marjorie Lippincott  
 Sept. 26– Gary Hall





# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>We covenant with God to witness in word and deed to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the New Testament, drawing people into a more personal relationship with God.</p>			1 Quilting 5:45 pm Wed Evening Celebration Meal	2	3	4
5 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth  Pavilion Reserved	6 LABOR DAY Office Closed	7 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study	8 Quilting 6:30 pm Wed Bible Study	9	10	11 11 am Celebration of Life Memorial for Fay Furry
12 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth  Congregational Call	13	14 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study	15 Quilting 6:30 pm Wed Bible Study	16	17	18 Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond
19 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth  Love Inc day at Hoss's	20	21 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study	22 Quilting 6:30 pm Wed Bible Study	23 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	24	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved
26 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	27	28 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study	29 Quilting 6:30 pm Wed Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice	30 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting		