

**Our Mission**  
**-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -**

**Worship**  
**March 5, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd is/ Abide With Me*  
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Call to Worship by Thom Shuman Alicia Lear

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**People: Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names we are given.**

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.

**People: Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.

**People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**People: Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

\*Opening Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy (#68)*  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#98)*

\*Prayer *Prayer for Lent: Letting Go* by Ann Siddall

Anthem *At Calvary's Cross* Chancel Choir  
by Nicole Elsey and Mary McDonald

Confession as Offering for Lent

Praise for Our Gifts and Offerings  
*Goodness of God*

Teaching Scripture Luke 9:10-17

Sermon *How Low Can You Go?* Gretchen Sortzi

Pastoral Prayer

\*Sending *In Christ Alone*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* Wood

(\*All who are able, please stand.)

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**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**

Organist Carol Burkholder  
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe  
Bringing and Taking the Light Jacob Shaffer  
Worship Leadership Alicia Lear

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**Today, March 5th**

**Childcare is available** for infants thru age 4 in the Crib Room during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and the Sunday School hour following.

**Christian Education is happy to announce** that all our Sunday School classrooms for 2023 have been finalized. For a schedule of what classes are available and where they are, please see any of the bulletin boards throughout the church. If you would like your own copy, please contact the church office.

**Fellowship and Recreation Commission** will meet on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Christian Education Commission** will meet on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Deacons Commission** will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall.

**Table and Board Games** held on **Wednesdays** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. in the first floor of the Brethren Haus. Come join the fun!

**Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee** will meet on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Church Board** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall (open to church members).

**The Loving Hearts will meet** on March 16th at 12:00 at Stoner's Restaurant. We are celebrating Christmas in March. We had to cancel our Christmas luncheon twice in December, so this is our opportunity to make up for that. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange if you would like to bring a present. You are also welcome to come and have lunch with us and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Fisher or Lori Stoner.

**Stewardship Commission** will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Lenten Meditation and Reflection Services** will be held on Sunday evenings, March 5, 12, & 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a time of quiet reflection as we journey with Jesus through his last days on this earth.

**Rockingham Male Chorus** from Virginia will be giving a concert at our church Sunday evening, March 26. Final arrangements for a time are yet to be determined. The Rockingham Male Chorus, which started in 1966 and continues today praising God through music, have given over 1400 programs. They performed at our church several years ago, and it was wonderful! Please mark your calendar for this concert.

**INDOOR YARD SALE - March 16, 17, 18, 2023**

Thursday – March 16th- Noon - 7:00 PM

Friday - March 17th- 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Saturday – March 18th- 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Donations cannot come to the Church building until Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>! We no longer have a room for this due to the expansion of Smart Cookies and Youth programs.**

We will have volunteers at the church from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM on Monday through Wednesday (March 13-15) to help carry in any donations. If you have heavy or bulky items and need help getting them to the church, we will have a crew with an enclosed trailer to help.

**It will be available by advance appointment only.**

Food donations and help are needed. Sign-up sheets are available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby and the Narthex.

**Bus Trip to Sight and Sound to see “Moses”** – Thursday,

April 27, 2023. Depart church at 8:00 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m.; stop for meal (Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant) and return to church. Cost for bus, tickets, meal is \$158 for Adults and \$114 for Children (ages 3/12 yrs.) Payment is due upon sign up and payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement. Reservation deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

**Easter Food Drive** - During the Sunday mornings of March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be conducting a food drive of Easter dinner related non-perishable items. Items needed include canned hams, Stove Top stuffing, scalloped or au gratin potatoes, granola bars, single pudding cups, single fruit cups, cake and brownie mixes. All donations will be taken to SCCAP following the collection. Items will be collected in the BLC lobby.

**Can you believe it's almost time for our Easter Parade?** It'll be here before we know it on Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars now! We will begin collecting candy in March!

**Church Board Minutes** from the meeting held February 7, 2023 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

**Preaching Schedule**—March 12 – Ian Irvin; March 19 – Ali Toms; March 26 – Gretchen Sortzi; April 2 – Tim Monn

**Vacation Bible School will be collecting** empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls over the next few months. There is a bin in the Narthex and a large box in the Brethren Life Center lobby. Please consider saving yours from home and donating them to our VBS project. We need a ton! Thank you!

**2023 Flower Chart** – A New Flower Chart is posted in the narthex for altar flowers for worship. Altar arrangements are \$35.00.

**2023 Church Directory** – If you have additions or corrections (email, telephone, or address changes) please contact the church office or if you are not already included and would like to be included in the 2023 Church Directory.

**Church Office Hours** – The Executive Committee made a slight change to church office hours that will go into effect immediately. The hours are as follows: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday with lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. Friday hours will be from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon. Carol handles church business on Sunday mornings on a regular basis and also attends all Board meetings which more than covers her Friday afternoon hours. If there is an emergency, our pastors can be contacted by cell phone.

**Needed: Non-perishable food items** for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

**Church Closing Schedule** - March – Terry Gibbons;  
April – Brian Deardorff

February 26, 2023

Worship – 135      Sunday School – 59

Actual Income through 1/31/23	\$ 42,263.00
Actual Expenses through 1/31/23	\$ 32,594.00
Net as of 1/31/23	\$ 9,669.00

*Pastor of Administration and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe*  
*Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert*  
*Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth Ministries: Gretchen Sortzi*  
*Associate Pastor of Worship and Preaching – Ali Toms*  
*Associate Pastor of Congregational Life and Preaching – Ian Irvin*  
*Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM*  
*Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday– Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.*  
*Friday – 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon*  
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