

Pastor's Return

Karen and I want to express our deepest appreciation for granting us a Sabbath Rest. Every year I sign a contract with the congregation which has, as part of that agreement, the possibility of a Sabbatical. When I realized I was in immediate need of some time to rest, and I was asked repeatedly by members of the congregation what I need, I finally, in consultation with the District Executive, worked out the details of a Sabbatical.

Over the past weeks:

I travelled home to be with my ailing mother, helping the family decide on hospice care at home.

I visited the places that were important to me while I lived in Pennsylvania.

For the first time I revisited my high school and college campuses.

I experienced worship in my home congregation, New Fairview Church of the Brethren.

I explored my initial church as a pastor, Belvidere Church of the Brethren.

I spent an afternoon with a key first cousin discussing the situation at New Fairview.

I visited the places of my employment;

Had lunch with my replacement at P.L.Rohrer's in Smoketown PA.

Visited the site of Hanover Shoe, Inc. in Hanover PA.

Visited my workplace at L&J Lawn and Garden.

Karen and I took a wonderful week in Utah, as travel to National Parks refreshes my soul.

Karen and I visited the following congregations:

Beamsville Christian Church.

Stelvideo Christian Church.

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren.

Beech Grove Church of the Brethren.

Pittsburg Church of the Brethren.

Greenville Church of the Brethren.

I read and am in the process of working through the book An Integrated Approach to Healing, by the Chester and Betsy Kyltra, and Putting Your Past in its Place by Stephen Viars.

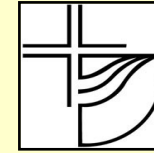
I have been informed by the life and ministry of **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** as he sought to pastor a confessing evangelical church set against Nazi Germany.

I have been periodically working with a trained counselor to understand my life situation and transition in which I find myself.

I have read materials to help me understand how I reenter the congregation.

Whenever we encounter difficult circumstances, we find God leading us to new places in our relationship with Him. What appears as an obstacle, or crisis may be a planned event designed by God! Because of this ongoing time of reflection, I am seeking what God is saying and how He is leading me at this stage of my life. My need of a time of rest was not solely about the situation with my dying mother. Karen and I have handled difficult situations throughout our 48 years of marriage. I face nothing more than what anyone else in the congregation does in their lives. God has been speaking to me about the importance of being a faithful disciple as I reflect on the past, deal with my present, and move into my future. What is my role as a loving child of God? What are my priorities as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and son? What is my calling in life? What does God want me to do with the rest of my years on this planet?

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We welcome you today to enter into the fellowship we have with one another through Jesus Christ. During the worship service opening time of praise there is an opportunity to bring your tithes and offerings forward as an expression of worship and place them in the offering plates provided. We invite everyone to complete the communication card and place it in the offering plate also. In the narthex there is an offering plate for those who prefer to place their offering and communication card there.



September 16, 2018

Entering His Courts with Praise ...Be Grateful

Singing "The Way"

Offering "Blessed Be Your Name"

Children's Story

Kevin Dull

Celebrating the Finished Work of Christ ...Be Repentant

Camp Ministry Update—Charlene Foster

Seeking the Healing of Our Hearts ...Be Cleansed

Special Music "Break Every Chain"

Empowering of the Word and Spirit ...Be Spirit Filled

Scripture 2 Corinthians 1: 1-11

Message The Power Of Memory

Dianne Tomlin

Pastor Jim

Sharing in the Body of Christ ...Be Committed

Praying

Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful

Singing "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Praying

Resting in the Presence of God ...Be Transformed

Singing "When I Look Into Your Holiness"

"What A Beautiful Name It Is"

Sent Out as Light and Salt

Benediction

Pastor: Jim Chronister

Ministers: Every member of the Church

Our Vision: Glorifying God through faithful Discipleship.

Brookville Church of the Brethren is a place where children are valued and safe. We provide classes and childcare for all ages. All persons who work with our children and youth are trained in our **Child Protection Policy** and must pass a background check. We ask that parents help by signing their children in and out at the **Welcome Center** whenever they attend. If you have questions or would like to see our written policy, please ask anyone in the children's department.



Prayer Points

Prayer requests received for this week:

Bernhard's dtr.-in-law, Patty; Jim & Becky Osswald; Maribeth Crowe; Linda Ballinger; Jack Lloyd; George Rickert; Adam & Shelby Adkins; Betty; Theresa Herr; Bus Trip to Michigan; Friend of Terry; Cathy Engle; Ann Fourman; Ann Fourman's sister, Janet; Katie; Pastor Jim & Karen; Ruth Chronister & family; Charity O'Diam; NEW TREASURER

Recovery & Ongoing issues:

Alexis Becker and Mom; Amber Simpson's husband's grandmother; Andrew Watt; Belinda Harrison; Carol Alfiero; Dale Williamson; James Harrison; Madison Jones; Mary Sue Rosenberger; Nellie Parks; Pattie Gregg parents and Tanya and husband; Roger Janeway; Woody Locker

Continue to pray for:

Deliverance from addictions & Satanic attacks
Difficult relationships & conflicts
Families mourning loss of loved ones
Individuals living in care centers
Mass shootings
Missionaries
Our nation to repent & turn to God
President, Congress & Courts – seek God's will
Salvation for unsaved

Praying for Churches of the District:

Eaton

Birthday Prayer List:

Jaycee Dull, September 17
Diana Anderson, September 20
Shirley Bowman, September 21
Jim Chronister, September 21

Attendance last Sunday, SS 25, Worship 82

Offering Last Week

	Regular	Special
Regular	3550.00	
Weekly Need	2859.00	
Year to Date	2748.00	

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today!** Prayer Service, 9:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M.
Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.
Worship, 10:35 A.M.
Picnic in the Park, 5:00 P.M.
- Mon.** WT Meeting, 9:00 A.M.
Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be stripped and waxed
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- Wed.** Property Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be stripped and waxed
- Thurs.** Assembly Hygiene Kits for CWS.
- Fri.**
- Sat.**
- Sun.**

Sermon Series Begins. Starting next week I'll begin meditating on the Psalms. To prepare for worship spend time reading Psalm 1.

Small Groups

Every week folks gather to grow in their relationships with God, self and others. Below is a list of the leaders and meetings. Please feel free to consult with any one of them.



- Tues.** Study Group (Jeff Barnhart), at church, 7:00 PM
Wed. Study Group (Aaron Osswald); various places, 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leaders
Aaron and Rachel Osswald

Greeters for September 16
Floyd and Virginia Brock
Greeters for September 23
Jack Lloyd

Announcements and Activities

Our Annual Picnic in the Park is **TODAY** at the Golden Gate Park. Starting time is 5PM. Meat, Beverages and table service will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share. Bring games and chairs. Come and welcome back Jim and Karen.

The next **Gospel Mission Workday** will be on September 29. A sign-up sheet is on the window in the narthex.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference will be held on October 19-20. Conference will be at the Salem COB. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please see Charlene Foster.

ALERT: The Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be stripped and waxed September 17-19. Sorry for the inconvenience, but you will have to avoid using those areas til finished.

On Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 PM, there will be an **assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for CWS**. It will be held at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, and there will be work for those who want to be seated.

Sewing Bee — On Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers will be making bags for CWS school kits. Please bring a sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

FALL ADULT BIBLE SCHOOLS ARE SET

Salem Church of the Brethren
September 24 - 28, 9:00 - 1:00
Troy Church of the Brethren
October 22 - 26, 9:00 - 1:00

Come join others from the district to enjoy a Bible School geared for adults. Each day is structured with Bible studies, singing, sharing, interesting speakers, activities, games, puzzles, arts, crafts, and a light lunch. People from many churches have been meeting new friends and getting to know other friends better as they gather together during these Bible schools. People attending have said they feel refreshed and renewed by the experience of this set apart time for personal growth and fun. Everyone is invited to attend one or both these exciting adventures offered by the Camping and Retreat Ministries and the hosting churches.

The **FISH Pantry** is looking barren again. There have been large families coming for food and that wipes things out quickly. Please bring your donations of food and place them in the large basket in the narthex. The food items will be placed in the pantry for you.

The following is needed:

- Canned carrots, peas, potatoes, mixed vegetables
- Mac & Cheese in small box
- Ramen Noodles – chicken or beef
- Vegetable Soup
- Tuna in can packed in water
- Pudding in box
- Jif Corn Muffin Mix
- Cake or Brownie Mix
- Toilet paper

If you are wondering what to do with all the plastic bags you get from grocery shopping, etc. please consider bringing them for the FISH Pantry. We are running very low. It would be appreciated by the workers if you would double bag them and fold them so they can smooth them out and be ready to fill for the people who come for food. Thank You.