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October 8, 2017

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
Traditional Service: 8:00 AM *(Auditorium)* & 11:00 AM *(Chapel)*
Contemporary Service: 9:30 AM &11:00 AM *(Auditorium)*
Café: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Sunday School for Children & Adults – 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES (September – April)
Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00 PM; Children & Youth 6:45 – 8:15 PM

## *A "Thank You" from Mennonite Disaster Service*

Many of you are aware that the Five Forks Church recently contributed $10,000 to Mennonite Disaster Service to help with the relief work in Texas. MDS is the organization we have often partnered with when disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey strike. In addition, we encouraged those who were looking to make individual contributions to also consider sending funds to MDS, since they are a known and trusted organization, and we want to thank those of you who were able to do so.

The $10,000 that our church was able to send came from contributions that were made years ago in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. After our work in Mississippi came to an end, we set aside some funds for future disasters (such as Hurricane Harvey).

Here is the letter we received this week from Kevin King, Executive Director of MDS:

*Dear Friends,*
*Thank you for your contributions to MDS designated for Hurricane Harvey recovery. I was part of an MDS assessment team to determine how we could help in the aftermath. We visited Bloomington in Victoria County, TX and met Danny Garcia, the county commissioner. Already an economically stressed community, they took the full force of Harvey's wind as it moved north towards Houston. Garcia described how the west side of the community was poor and he was concerned they might get lost in the shuffle as disaster response groups gear up to begin the mammoth task of cleaning up after Harvey. We could see that he was carrying the burdens of the people in his community. When we told him we could have volunteers come with heavy equipment to help clean up, he had tears in his eyes. And now, thanks to your support, MDS volunteers are cleaning up in Bloomington.*
*Thank you for this gift and your ongoing prayers for those affected by the storm and severe flooding.*

Your Finance Committee is grateful for your past and present contributions to Disaster Relief, and they are currently looking at providing additional support to MDS for the relief work that is taking place in Florida and Puerto Rico. If you wish to make a contribution through the church, simply make out a check to the Five Forks Church and write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

## This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-CAFE…7-11am
-Blood Pressure Screening

*Morning Messages*
Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Shaun
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Bill
Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-9, 14

-Movie Night, *"A Case for Christ"*…6pm (MP Room)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
-Parish Nurse…1-3pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Ladies Exercise Class…1:30-2:30pm (Chapel Basement)
-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)…café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
-Ladies Bible Study… 9:00-11:30am (Chapel)
-Awana…6:45-8:15pm
-Youth…7:00-8:15pm
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Aud.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Ladies Exercise Class…1:30-2:30pm (Chapel Basement)
-Auction, silent (4pm), food (4:30pm), live (6pm)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-CAFE…7-11am

*Morning Messages*
Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Shaun
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian
Scripture: Romans 1:16-25

## *Financial Update – September 2017*

GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH

Balance September 1, 2017 - $77,033.87

September Contributions = $74,342.85

Weekly goal = $21, 211

September 3 = $25,121
September 10 = $13,013
September 17 = $19, 623
September 24 = $16,266

September Expenses = $82,310.92

Balance September 30, 2017 = $69,065.80

*Note: We continue to carry an unusually high balance (normal would be around $20,000) due – in part – to the fact that we have budgeted for a staff position that has yet to be filled. This means expenses are coming in under expectation.*

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR
Year To Date Goal = $827,229
Year To Date Actual = $806,148
Over/Under YTD Goal = -$21,081

SPECIAL ACTIVITES FUND
Balance September 1, 2017 = $219,560.41
September Income = $8,445.89
September Expenses = $21,856.96
Balance September 30, 2017 = $206,149.34

CONTINGENCY FUND
Balance September 30, 2017 = $158,739.43

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND
Balance January 1, 2017 = $246,084.00
2017 Gains = $25,171.44
Balance September 30, 2017 = $271,255.44

## Coming Soon!

Five Forks Church Fall FUN Day…including Craft Show, Yard Sale and Bake Sale!

Saturday, November 4th… 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Join us for a day of fun, fellowship and food!

Note: Spaces for craft tables and yard sale tables are now filled! If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact Linda Gift at 717-749-3808

## *Help Needed!*

We are looking for people to help run sound for our Sunday worship services.

If you have sound experience, or even if you do not but would like to learn, we would like to train you!

Help is especially needed in our 8am Traditional Service in the Aud. as well as our 11am Traditional Service in the Chapel. If you would like to serve in our 9:30 & 11am Modern Services, there are openings there as well.

If you would like to use your gifts in this way, please contact Josh Roach (josh@ffbic.org) or any of our pastors or staff. We would love to get to know you and your heart for worship at Five Forks Church.

## *Five Forks Church Baptism Service*

Sunday morning, October 15th during the church services, you can choose to get baptized. (8am, 9:30am, 11am)

H2O… plain old, ordinary, common, everyday… water! We use water all the time. We use water to wash our bodies, to brush our teeth, to clean our cars and to flush our toilets. We drink it, cook with it, and swim in it. 83% of our blood, 70% of our brains and 90% of our lungs are made of water!

Interestingly, Jesus tells his followers to take this very common and ordinary thing and cover their bodies with it for HIS sake… it's called baptism. The symbolism carries various meanings. But essentially it's our way of associating our lives with Jesus. When Jesus was leaving to go back into heaven (Matthew 28), the last command he gave his followers was, "Go and make disciples baptizing them in my name." Baptism is like saying, "I am a follower of Jesus and I am not ashamed about it. I want to be known as one who loves God. I realize that I am sinful and in need of cleansing and I believe that Jesus and his community are the ones that offer that cleansing. I am now a part of that group."

This is not something we take lightly. This is a serious commitment. People in the early church could be kicked out of the synagogue, they could lose their jobs, they could wind up in prison, even lose their lives over baptism.

Jesus was sent to a cross… in the early church when you got baptized you were saying, "I am a follower of that guy."

Baptism, in one sense is just water, but in another sense it is a HUGE, powerful, life-changing commitment. In your journey of faith it is something you will look back on and say, "That's the day I put a stake in the ground for Jesus"…it's when you stand up and tell the entire world, "I am not ashamed of Jesus, I am his follower."

So on Sunday, October 15th we want to invite you to take that incredible step and we'll celebrate with you as a church! Anybody interested in getting baptized needs to contact Pastor Shaun as soon as possible at shaun@ffbic.org or 717-762-2991. We have an interview sheet for you to fill out and we'd also like to sit and talk with you about your decision to get baptized and set up a time to video record your testimony.

## *Five Forks Membership Service*

If you have made the decision to follow Jesus and you have been baptized and you see yourself as a committed part of the Five Forks Church, we would like you to consider becoming a member at Five Forks. The membership service will be held on Sunday, October 22nd during the church services. If you are interested in hearing more about membership at Five Forks, please contact Pastor Shaun at shaun@ffbic.org or 717-762-2991.

### Attendance

*ATTENDANCE (October 1)*

**Sunday's Worship Total = 701**
8:00 Auditorium = 160
9:30 Auditorium = 304
11:00 Auditorium = 154
11:00 Chapel = 47
Bible Connection = 18
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 18

**Total Sunday School = 312**

Adult Education Attendance = 108
Berean = 13
Golden Link = 31
Through the Bible = 19
The Christian Family Life Class = 34
8:00AM Café Class = 5
Alpha Omega Discussion = 0
Men's Resolution Class = 6

Wednesday Eve. (Oct. 4) = 287

### Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for OCTOBER:

Soup

*Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.*

### Operation Christmas Child "Item of the Month" for OCTOBER:

Games (such as checkers, jacks); A simple bag with which a child can use to carry their items.

*Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.*

## *Biblical Education Book Sale, Bake Sale, Chicken & Pork Barbecue*

Saturday, October 14th… 9am – 2pm *(BBQ chicken and pork available from 11am – 2pm)* at The Biblical Education Center, 1542 Buchanan Trail E, Shady Grove, PA

Mason Dixon BBQ is generously offering their services and delicious sauces to prepare the chicken and pulled pork barbecue!!

Suggested donation for books of $5/bag.

## *Priority1 Ministries*

Weekend NYC Encounters – Youth Groups, Adults, Families, Retirees!

You can take the love of Jesus to the people of NYC in very practical ways! Help serve food to the homeless; assist with distribution projects at the World Vision Storehouse; help at-risk children in after-school programs; prayer walk throughout the city; and, worship at inner-city multi-cultural church! You will impact others and your own life will never be the same! No special skills required, only a heart willing to serve! Now accepting groups for weekends beginning in January 2018!

More information? Call 717-377-5033 or email bonnie@priority1ministries.org.

# thank you!

*To Five Forks Church,*
*On behalf of the Waynesboro Area School District, I want to thank you for your generous donation of $2,000 to support our Access4All initiative at the Waynesboro Area School District. This donation will be used to offset the cost of the Chromebook case ($22) for WAMS students/parents who requested financial assistance. We truly appreciate your partnership with the Waynesboro Area School District and your financial support to families in need.*
*-Dr. Rita Sterner-Hine, Assistant Superintendent, WASD*

## *Calling All Bakers!*

Donations of home-baked goods are needed for our Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4th

This year's bake sale proceeds will go toward the fee of shipping all Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that will be filled at our packing party on Saturday, October 28th.

If you would like to make goodies for our bake sale, please fill out the donation flyer that was placed in your church mailbox and return to Penny Bakner or Cherle Carl's mailbox by Sunday, October 29th.

Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, November 3rd from 3:00 – 5:00 at the church.

Thanks!!

Elaine Diggs
Barb Meckley
Cindy Spangler
Jeff Steward

*We express our sincere sympathy to family and friends of LaNono Mong who passed away on September 29, 2017.*

## *From Your Parish Nurse*

The next Alzheimer's Support group meeting will be held this Wednesday, October 11th at 2pm in the Colestock Center at Quincy Village.

The topic is *"Diagnosing Alzheimer's and Other Dementias"* – Speaker is John Strickler, P.A.

Questions? Contact Barb Tengler at 717-762-3372.

## *2018 Bonus Books Available*

Five Forks is selling Bonus Books. Proceeds go into our building fund for future needs…Book is Effective now unless coupon says otherwise and effective through December 1, 2018.

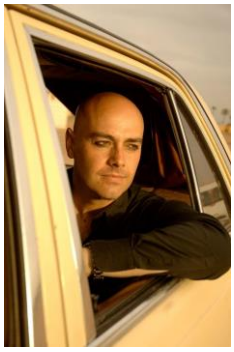
This is a great way to save money while having fun and eating!! Savings at Hardee's, The Butcher Shoppe, Big Oak Café, Fuddruckers, Kenny's Grill & Ice Cream Shoppe, Subway, Popeyes, The Meadows, Trickling Springs Creamery …. Country Breeze Market in Marion with lots of fresh fruits and veggies… .Papa John's Pizza , Domino's, …….R/ C Theatres … .The Ragged Edge Coffee House & Art Gallery… .Gettysburg Heritage Center… ..Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, Golf courses, Hershey's Chocolate World, Hershey Bears, Nellie Fox Bowl …. and many more …

It does not take long to save the $32 book cost. Central PA (Harrisburg/York areas) books also available at cost of $28.00.

*Please let Rhetta Martin know at 717-597-8675 if you would like to see the book.*

*Books also available at church office. Payable by check to Five Forks Church (or Cash works too).*

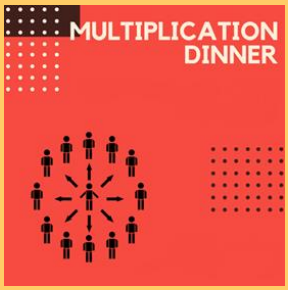
## *An Evening Of Songs And Stories With Peter Furler & Ryan Stevens with Special Guest Austin French*



Saturday, November 18th…7:00pm - Five Forks Church Auditorium (doors open at 6:00pm)

- $15 General Admission / $25 VIP, which includes Premium Seats, Early Access, and Q & A with Artist (tickets may also be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com)
- Tickets are available now at the Five Forks Church Office.

## *You Are Invited…Multiplication Dinner*




The Multiplication Dinner (formerly the Church Growth Dinner) will be held on Thursday, November 2nd at Antrim BIC Church. The doors open at 6pm and the dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

Alan Robinson will be the speaker for the evening along with a video testimony from The Spring.

There is no cost for the dinner, but those wishing to attend must pre-register by using the online form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MultiDinner17 or by emailing bicallegheny@bicus.org or by calling 814-623-6116.

Please RSVP by October 15th

# *We Want to Hear Your Voice*

We are entering the last quarter of the year and this means that the Discernment Committee will begin working on the Church Board slate for the congregation to vote on in late January of 2018.

Church Board Composition

In 2018, the Church Board will be made up of 12 voting members. 4 of them will be appointed by virtue of their position:

- 2 voting Pastors (all the pastors are invited to attend the board meetings)
- 1 Church Treasurer
- 1 Deacon Representative

The other voting members on the Church Board are called Congregational Representatives. In other words, they are *elected by the congregation to represent the congregation.* Historically we have had 6 congregational representatives, with 2 being elected every year to serve 3-year terms (with a maximum of 3 terms/9 years).

As you may have read in the *September Church Board Report to the Congregation*, in 2018 we will be increasing the number of elected congregational representatives from 6 to 8. This means that instead of voting for 2 representatives in January the congregation will be voting for 4.

It is the responsibility of the Discernment Committee to submit a slate of approximately 6 names for the congregation to vote on in January. And so the DC is about to begin this process.

What is the process for coming up with the Church Board Slate?

It all begins with you, the congregation. Every October, the Discernment Committee looks to you to submit your nominations for Church Board. You may also nominate yourself if you have the desire to serve on the Board.

We also look to those serving on the Discernment Committee to submit nominations as well. However the DC would very much appreciate your input (your nominations) for they are your representatives.

Once nominations have been received, the DC begins to discuss and pray, seeking the Lord's direction. Eventually each member of the DC submits a ranking order and after the results are tabulated there is a defined list to work from. Nominees are approached in ranked order until there are enough names to make up a slate. The slate is presented to the Church Board for approval and then to the Congregation.

In the weeks leading up to the election, biographies including pictures, testimonies, ministry experience and vision are sent out to the congregation so that we can become more informed regarding each of the candidates.

What are the Qualifications for serving on the Church Board?

According to the bylaws of the Brethren in Christ Denomination (found in the Manual of Doctrine and Government): *All members of the board are to give a personal testimony of salvation, manifest a concern for congregational growth, and should demonstrate responsibility with evidence of being in agreement with the purposes and goals of the BIC U.S., the congregation, and the pastor. Men and women are eligible to serve, with membership in the congregation being a prerequisite for membership on the governing board.*

How do I submit a nomination?

Please submit any nomination by speaking directly to any member of the Discernment Committee or simply sending any member an email with your nominee(s).

Discernment Committee: *Lee Grimm, Nancy McKee, Melissa Mitchell, Brad Sell, Adam Shank, Bill Shank, Rachel Showalter, Phyllis Witter*

## *Operation Christmas Child…*

On Saturday October 28, 2017 at 8:30 am, we will be organizing our traditional Christmas packing of shoe boxes in the MP Room.

With all the shopping completed and many items collected, we all need to come together and prepare these boxes.

This is a great opportunity to be a part of this ministry. Please plan on joining us, making this a fun exciting morning to bring joy to lots of children around the world.

Hope everyone marks his/her calendar for October 28th at 8:30. Snacks will be provided!!

*Note:*
*Pamphlets were placed in your mailbox for those wishing to pack a shoebox on your own.*

*Please remember this year they have some new rules!*

- *NO Toothpaste*
- *NO Candy*

*Return wrapped shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, November 5th.*

*Any questions please contact Penny Bakner 717-830-1614.*

## *Memory Care Workshop*

The Art of Caring… Learn the skills you need

Saturday, October 28th… 9am – 12pm at King Street Church in Chambersburg, PA

Congregations play a critical role in caring for a person, as well as their family, with Alzheimer's disease or another related dementia. By learning about the warning signs, the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, visitation tips, how to have difficult conversations, and how to support everyone involved, you will become equipped with the skills needed to begin mastering the art of caring.

There is no charge but donations are appreciated to help fund the workshops. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register online at www.kingstreetchurch.com or by calling 717-264-4651 by October 23rd.

If you would like to carpool please contact Barb Tengler at 717-762-3372.

## *Save The Date!*

*Navigating the Storms* – a Fall Workshop sponsored by the Discipleship Council

Saturday, November 11th…8:30am – 2:30 at Five Forks Church

Workshop is open to everyone! More details to come!

# Youth news

Below is a list of events and activities that the youth are assisting with, participating in or will be invited to be part of:

"You can find more information about our events, including permission slips, on the church website or join us on Facebook; our group name is; Five Forks BIC Youth Group, or see Pastor Shaun.

*Please be aware that there is extra financial assistance available to any youth that may need it. Do not let money be the reason that you do not participate! (See Pastor Shaun)

The Great Adventure Series – Many people today picture the Christian life as a bunch of rules to follow, it sounds kind of boring and unexciting. And that's such a sad way to think about your faith. Because the truth is, more than anything else, the Christian life is all about going on a Great Adventure with the creator of the universe by your side. And the Bible is filled with stories of ordinary people like you and me who said yes to God's grand adventure. So we'll be kicking off the year talking about this Great Adventure that you can choose to be a part of as you learn to give your life to Jesus!

Jr. High Sunday school on the road – All Jr. High teens (6th – 8th grade) are invited to join us as we take Sunday school on the road. That's right on Sunday, October 8th (9:30am – Noon) we'll meet down in Sunday school at 9:30am as usual, but then we will load the bus and head for Norlo Park for the morning. When we arrive, you will be treated to a hot breakfast under the pavilion and then have some time to run and explore the park. Also some time for volleyball and flag football. And then at some point during the morning we'll have a seat under the

Route 30 bridge and for our Sunday school devotional time. It's gonna be an awesome morning of fellowship and fun, invite some of your friends to join us. Make sure you have a permission slip with you when you come that morning. We'll be back to the church for pick up at Noon!

Sr. High Corn Maze – All Sr. High teens (9th - 12th grade), we are heading for Lawyers Moonlight Corn Maze down in Thurmont, MD on Saturday, October 14th. The corn maze that stretches out over 6 miles, with 24 check points that you need to reach. Best part is, bring a flashlight, because we usually end up trying to navigate the corn maze under the moonlit sky, in the dark! Dress warm and wear boots or old sneakers as it gets kind of muddy. In addition to the corn maze there is an apple canon where you can launch apples several hundred feet at targets across an open field. We will also have a large bonfire, chicken corn soup, hot chocolate and plenty of snacks throughout the evening. You need to bring a 2 liter soda, a permission slip and $5 with you the night of the event. The bus will leave Five Forks at 7pm and return about 11:30pm.

Jr. High Barn Party - All Jr. High (6th – 8th grade) teens are invited to join us for our annual barn party on Friday, October 27th from 7pm - 9pm at the Kipe Farm (10860 Gehr Road Waynesboro, PA). Your parents can drop you off and pick you up at the farm. The evening will be filled with football under the lights, crazy games, delicious food, moonlit hayride and bonfire. Dress appropriate for weather and a farm setting. No permission slip or money necessary for this event, just bring yourself and invite a friend!

Sr. High Murder Mystery Coming Soon! - Sr. High teens, on Friday, November 10th…we're going all out this time for the greatest murder mystery meal of your life. You'll have to play along, dress for your part, get into character. You'll get a really good meal, great service throughout the evening, and someone will not make it out alive…it could be you! Keep your eyes posted for further details!

Small Group Activity Night - Youth group will look a little different on Wednesday, November 8th. One of the highlights of youth group is small group time: talking about the message from the evening, hanging out with other teens your age and sharing about life. On Wednesday, November 8th the whole night will be dedicated to you and your small group. Each small group will be planning their own activity that night…some are heading for Sweet Frog, some for the movies, some for dodgeball and food! You plan it with your small group leaders and spend some quality time together with your small group that night! Please make sure you know what time and where your small group are meeting so that you don't miss out.