

July 29, 2018

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FORMERLY GENERAL CONFERENCE) UPDATE

A little over a week ago, delegates from all Brethren in Christ congregations across the United States gathered at Messiah College for the 2018 General Assembly. This event takes place every other year and it is here that business is conducted and decisions are made that set the course for our denomination.

Pastor Bill, Pastor Shaun and his wife Jenny, and Sherri Flohr served as delegates from Five Forks. Here is a brief recap of this year's General Assembly:

The first event took place on Friday afternoon (the 13th) with a 3½ -hour seminar celebrating how God has called and gifted Brethren in Christ women in ministry and leadership. At the conclusion of the seminar there was recognition of women credentialed by the BIC in the last two years.

Over the next few days (through Monday) business was conducted, and you can go here to read the wrap-up of the business sessions: <https://bicus.org/2018/07/business-wrap-up-general-assembly-2018/>

There were also times of worship through music, inspiring messages delivered, and workshops focusing on specific areas of ministry. Perhaps the most significant thing to come out of this year's General Assembly was an emphasis on our Anabaptist heritage.

It is interesting to recognize that at the same time our Church Board is discussing how a woman on staff might benefit our church and how we would like to reclaim our Anabaptist heritage, our denomination is advocating for women in ministry and is intent on re-affirming our Anabaptist heritage.

The four delegates who represented our church were encouraged by what they heard while at General Assembly and are excited about the direction of our denomination!

Note: For those in our congregation who are not familiar with the term "Anabaptist", we will be doing our best in the days to come to help us better understand where we have come from and those things that are most important to us.

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

Next Sunday, marks the beginning of 2 new sermon series. Pastor Shaun begins a 4-week series in the Auditorium called *Good Question*. We're going to be looking at some good questions, some hard questions your co-workers or friends might be asking. Things like:

"Isn't the Bible outdated?"... "Hasn't science made faith irrelevant?"... "What do we do with all the atrocities committed by the church through the years?"... "Aren't all religions basically the same thing?"

We want to be a community of Jesus followers that gives thoughtful and careful attention to some of the challenging questions to our faith. We want to be the kind of church that is sincere and authentic and able to interact with people who hold different views...and maybe this month will be a good time to invite others who might be asking these very questions.

Pastor Brian begins a 4-week series in the Chapel called *I Know a Guy Named Noah*. We will look at a time in history when the situation was in real crisis. Even as evil was increasing exponentially as fast a mankind was multiplying on the face of the earth, God had a plan. God said, "I know a guy named Noah." And Brian wants us to view Noah as God's example for how we need to live our time as Noah lived in his. We need to know a guy named Noah.

FIVE FORKS ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION COMING SOON!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Each year, the Five Forks Church Auction has raised money to help pay down our mortgage. Since the mortgage has been paid off, the proceeds from this year's auction will go into the Building Fund, which includes the hope of a future Youth Center for our teens.

We are asking each member of our congregation to consider how you might be able to donate to the auction:

- You might be willing to purchase a new item or to make an item or food item to be auctioned off.
- You might be able to donate services (i.e. babysitting, cleaning, car repair/maintenance services, lawn mowing, etc)
- You might consider asking a business which you patronize to make a donation to the auction.

Here are some examples of items that have been donated in the past:

Cord of Wood, Beef to be Butchered, Pumpkins, Potted Flowers, Gift Certificates, Cake-a-Month, Pie-a-Month, A Meal, Quilts, Afghans, Wooden Furniture, A Picnic Table, A Time-share Condo or Cabin, Event Tickets...

As you can see, there are many creative options to choose from. How could you use your talents or skills?

If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please complete the flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Melissa Mitchell's mailbox. There are extra forms available at the information desk in the upper lobby and on the table in the mailroom.

Questions, please contact Melissa at 717-977-9078 or email her at smitch466@gmail.com.

Note: Donations need to be at the church by Wednesday, September 12th.

SANDY COVE WOMEN'S WEEKEND!

November 9-11, 2018

All ladies are welcome to join us for this weekend away. This will be a great opportunity for you to spend a weekend away with time to focus on your relationship with God as well as grow your relationships with other ladies from Five Forks BIC. There will be times of worship, guest speakers and free-time for conversations over coffee and browsing the shops downtown.

We have reserved five log cabins in the Pioneer Campground for our group. Each log cabin can accommodate up to six guests. All bed and bath linens are provided and each log cabin has its own private bathroom.

This means we only have space for 30 women. Please get in touch with Jenny Kipe as soon as possible to guarantee your spot for this exciting women's weekend! It was almost booked full and we were fortunate enough to get the last 5 cabins!!

It is a 2-night stay with six meals, Friday dinner thru Sunday lunch. The package rate to stay in a log cabin is \$279/person, with a minimum of four guests per cabin. Payments will be made in installments. Please see Jenny Kipe for more details.

Also, for all Sandy Cove Women's Weekends, they offer a meeting area for our group to use after the general sessions so our group can be together for the small group discussion times.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

RSVP to Jenny Kipe at 717-552-0193 or shaunandjenny@yahoo.com.

EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) OUTDOOR 3D ARCHERY FUN SHOOT

August 25th & September 8th...location (Five Forks Rd.)

Start Times: 8am-11am

Cost: Adults \$5; Kids \$3

Raffle Prizes, Food Stand (Breakfast & Lunch)

Beginners welcome – limited bows available for use. Instructors on site. Different course each week.

For more information and to Pre-register, visit www.eloutdoors.com

EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, September 8th...10:00am – 2:00pm

Five Forks Church parking lot

""Take out" only

Meal includes: ½ chicken, beans, applesauce, cookie, & roll (\$9.00); ½ chicken only (\$6.50)

Pre-purchase tickets to guarantee availability by contacting Heather Martin at 717-372-6282.

FIVE FORKS FELLOWSHIP EVENT UPDATE

Cruising the Lake on The Proud Mary! Join us for A Sightseeing Boat Tour on Raystown Lake!

Thursday, August 2nd ... PLEASE NOTE: DEPARTURE TIME HAS CHANGED meet at the church at 11:00am ...We will depart at 11:15am on the church bus. Tour begins at 2:15 (Rain or Shine). Please meet at the covered drop-off up by the new auditorium.

Purchase your ticket at the ticket booth at Raystown Lake. With the senior discount, tickets are \$9/each

Some snacks and drinks are available for sale on the boat. Bring a jacket or sweater in case it's cool! Restrooms are available on the boat. We will be stopping for a meal on the way home.

If you are attending, please register with Pastor Brian by calling 717-762-2991 or email brian@ffbic.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – JUNE 2018

GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH

Balance June 1, 2018 = \$24,958.68

June Contributions = \$77,436.62

Weekly goal = \$21, 501

June 3 = \$25,664 June 10 = \$16,193

June 17 = \$18,563 June 24 = \$17,016

June Expenses = \$91,285.80

Balance June 30, 2018 = \$11,109.50

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR (2018 Spending Plan)

Year To Date Goal = \$537,550

Year To Date Actual = \$500,581

Over/Under YTD Goal = (-\$36,969)

BUILDING FUND

Balance June 1, 2018 = \$163,474.44

June Contributions = \$11,701.00

Balance June 30, 2018 = \$175,175.44

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FUND

Balance June 1, 2018 = \$243,929.15

June Income = \$13,131.74

June Expenses = \$26,604.41

Balance June 30, 2018 = \$230,456.48

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance June 1, 2018 = \$159,079

2018 Gains = \$240.00

Balance May 31, 2018 = \$159,319

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2018 = \$287,856

2018 Loss = (\$767)

Balance June 30, 2018 = \$287,089

YOUTH SERVICE MISSION

This past Saturday, July 21st, seventeen teens and 4 adults participated in a Secret Serve Day. The teens started their day early with a delicious breakfast provided by Larry and Linda Umbrell. The teens then served in the community throughout the rainy day. Finally after serving, the teens ended their day at Chris and Jennifer Bumbaugh's house for some chilly swimming in the rain and a barbecue.

Thanks to the teens and adults who served!

THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, July 29	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Bill – <i>Scripture: Genesis 11; Proverbs 11</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Revelation 21:4</i>
Monday, July 30	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
Tuesday, July 31	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
Wednesday, August 1	No Services – Summer Break
Thursday, August 2	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
Sunday, August 5	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Shaun Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Genesis 6:5</i>

HEALING PRAYERS FOR YOU

(Those who have been hospitalized or underwent surgery/procedures this week)

Cherle Carl
Don Smiley

FOOD PANTRY AUGUST "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Canned Fruit
(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AUGUST "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Games: checkers, jacks, matching games. A simple bag with which a child can use to carry things.
(Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 15	Sunday's Worship Total = 614 8:00 Auditorium = 153 9:30 Auditorium = 239 11:00 Auditorium = 151 11:00 Chapel = 45 Bible Connection = 14 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 12
	Total Sunday School = 216

MOPS PROGRAM BEGINNING AT WAYNESBORO GRACE

This September, a MOPS Program will be starting at Waynesboro Grace. Laura Bedell will be leading the MOPPETS/Kids Department and is looking for Christian women who do not have pre-school children, to volunteer with the kids, just once or twice a month, who have their background clearances or are willing to get them. They are looking for volunteers to help with nursery, 2 & 3 year olds, 4 & 5 year olds, and homeschooled elementary children. You may choose the area in which you would like to volunteer.

MOPS will meet Friday's from 9-11am on the following dates: 2018: 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/30, 12-14, and 2019: 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10

This ministry will give support and fellowship to young moms who need encouragement! And the childcare staff will be lots of fun to work with too!

Please contact Laura Bedell at 717-655-5667 or 717-387-2460 if you would be interested or if you need additional information.

STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director (kenton@ffbic.org)

Mid-Summer Pool Party

Join us on August 1st from 6-8pm for a fun time at the Bumbaugh's house! We will play Slip-N-Slide, Kickball, eat food, swim and more. We can't wait to see you then!

Parent Meeting

Do you have a student between 6th through 12th grade? Are you interested in what's happening this year in our Student Ministries? If your answer to either of these questions is yes, then we would love to have you at our parent meeting on August 19th! We will go over this year's goals for the ministry, our upcoming calendar, and brief introduction to Kenton as well as a few new ways to get connected with our ministry! Come out between 11am and 12pm on Sunday, August 19th in A33 (The High School SS room).