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# *The Stone Church Newsletter*

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## **Our Welcome Statement**

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Stone Church of the Brethren is a Christ-centered community, which celebrates every individual as a unique and beloved child of God.

We welcome all regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, economic circumstance, or current relationship with God.

We invite your active participation in the life of this congregation, as together we continue to grow in grace and seek justice for God's creation.

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## From the Pastors' Desk

*E daí...*

Everett's taking an after school Spanish class these days. I don't know very much Spanish. When I was in college on a mission trip to Mexico, I remember asking a friend if he could translate some important phrases for me - just a few things I wanted to make sure I was able to say, you know, if the occasion arose. He obliged, and so it was that my Spanish vocabulary includes the ability to communicate such important information like (with apologies to Henry :-):

“¡Hay changos en los baños!”

Which means something like, “There are monkeys in the bathrooms!”

And “Mi pelo tiene fuego.”

Which translates roughly to, “My hair is on fire.”

Again, I wanted to be prepared. And so it was with this same desire for preparedness that I approached a Brazilian friend in college a couple of years later and asked for some help with my Portuguese. I wanted to know how to make a big splash of an entrance - how to say, “Hey check me out!” when I came into a room. And he offered, “E daí!”

Recently, I learned that “E daí” literally translates to something like, “And then” and gets used in a whole bunch of contexts in Brazil. You could walk into the room full of bravado and say, “E daí!” - “And then he arrived!” Or you might offer it dripping with sarcasm to someone who walked into the room full of bravado and ask, “E daí?”, which would mean something like, “And then?” or “So what?” But it can also be used as a prompt - an invitation to think about what happens next... “E daí...?” or “And then what...?”

This April has us diving into Holy Week. Palm Sunday on April 2, Love Feast on the 6th, our community Good Friday service on the 7th, and our Easter Sunrise and Easter morning celebrations on the 9th. Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the last supper, his death on a cross, and the mysterious wonder of the empty tomb! But what happens next? E daí...? And then what...?

So in the weeks that follow, we'll move into the book of Acts - as Jesus' first followers try to figure it out - putting together the Building Blocks of the early church. (That's what we're calling the series. :-) It's a chance to remember that they didn't have it all figured out. Even the apostles were still trying to understand what it all meant - and what they were to do with it. And if we're honest, maybe we are too... Christ is risen! The tomb is empty! But what does that mean for us? How does this good news shape us? E daí...? What happens next? Let's find out together.

# Upcoming Events - Holy Week



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

## Holy Week Activities

### **Palm Sunday Worship**

April 2 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary and over Zoom

*Pancake Brunch immediately following worship*

### **Maundy Thursday Love Feast**

April 6 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and over Zoom

### **Huntingdon Forum of Churches Good Friday Service**

April 7 Noon-3:00pm beginning at The Abbey Church

*The walking route and list of preachers to be shared in Friday Flash*

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

April 9 at 6:23am at the Peace Chapel

### **Easter Morning Worship**

April 9 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary and over Zoom

## Upcoming Events - Continued

### **Lenten Art Devotions**

*Held virtually on Wednesday, April 5 and Monday, April 10th at 7:00 pm*

We will gather with Donna Rhodes at 7:00pm each Wednesday to look at original art as a way of engaging our imaginations alongside scripture and visuals. The artists at Sanctified Art write, "we hope viewers develop their own interpretations of the art we create." The art is created in order for us to engage it! All of us will see it a bit differently and some of the joy of gathering together to discuss is the uncovering of layers we would not have seen alone. Don't miss this chance to study scripture in this way!

## **Mount Union Area Ladies' Prayer Breakfast!**

*Held in-person Saturday, April 1st at 8 am.*

*This event will be held at the Mill Creek United Methodist Church.*

The next Mount Union Area Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m. The host church will be the Mill Creek United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Pastor Connie Maclay from the Beech Run Church of the Brethren in McVeytown. Contact Pam Grugan if you have any questions.

## **Pancake Brunch**

*Held in-person Sunday, April 2 after Worship*

*This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.*

After several years of hiatus, Stone Church men and boys will be preparing and serving a pancake brunch after worship on Palm Sunday April 2nd. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a brunch of pancakes, maple syrup, sausage and fruit. Calling all Stone men and boys to assist in preparing and serving the meal. We will also need assistance in setting up and cleaning-up afterwards. This will be a great opportunity for new members to work with and get to know other Stone Church men. If you are willing to assist please contact Rick Laabs.

## **Men's Breakfast**

*Held in-person on Saturday, April 22nd, 8:00 am at Donna's Family Restaurant*

All Stone Men and your guests are invited to attend the Stone Church Monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering held in the back room at Donna's Family Restaurant. If you haven't attended in the past, please consider joining us. For wonderful fellowship, great food and plenty of laughs. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other Stone Men in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere. I encourage you to give it a try. I promise, you will leave with a smile and full stomach.

## **Thursday Afternoon Walks**

*Held in-person on Thursdays at 4 pm.*

*This event will meet in the parking lot of Peace Chapel.*

Enjoy walking outside? Anyone interested is invited to meet at 4 PM on Thursdays at the Peace Chapel parking lot for a little exercise and a lot of community. The main goal of the time is to simply make connections within the community while enjoying a common activity - come the weeks you can and get a chance to visit while walking. Bring your family, friends, dog, or even your pet capybara! We'll cancel in the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms.

# April Sunday School Schedule

Dates	Children	Bible study	Sojourners
Apr 2	The Brethren Way Intergenerational Curriculum		<i>Participating in the Brethren Way gatherings</i>
Apr 9	<b>Easter Sunday no Sunday school</b>		
Apr 16	Church of the Brethren Shine Curriculum	Bible study led by Pastor Ben	<i>Christ in Crisis</i> by Jim Wallis
Apr 23			
Apr 30			

**Sunday school begins at 9:30 am - please join us**

If you are interested in assisting with Children's Sunday school classes, please contact the Christian Education team (Chair, Chuck Yohn).

## Deacon News

WRITTEN BY PATTI PATERSON

The Deacons have been very busy for the past few months. At the beginning of the year, after new Deacons have been called and accepted, we reorganize and go over our duties for the upcoming year. We have all gone over our Care Group Lists, and in some cases, have added or passed on to a new Deacon, the names of all our congregants and regular attendees. That means YOU!!! This way we can keep in touch with our group, and we can be someone they can call with special needs or concerns. It is our way of living into the priesthood of all believers. So, some of you may notice you have a Deacon for the first time (we have added a lot of names), have a different Deacon, or the same one you have known for years.

We have also been preparing for Love Feast, which will be on April 6th. If you have not been to Love Feast before, it is a wonderful time of reflection, spiritual connection, and way of experiencing what Jesus shared with his disciples, in washing of the feet (or hands). Please join us and participate in any way you feel comfortable. There will be a light repast of soup, bread and grapes, and we will share communion together. More details will follow. Please join us for this very special time.

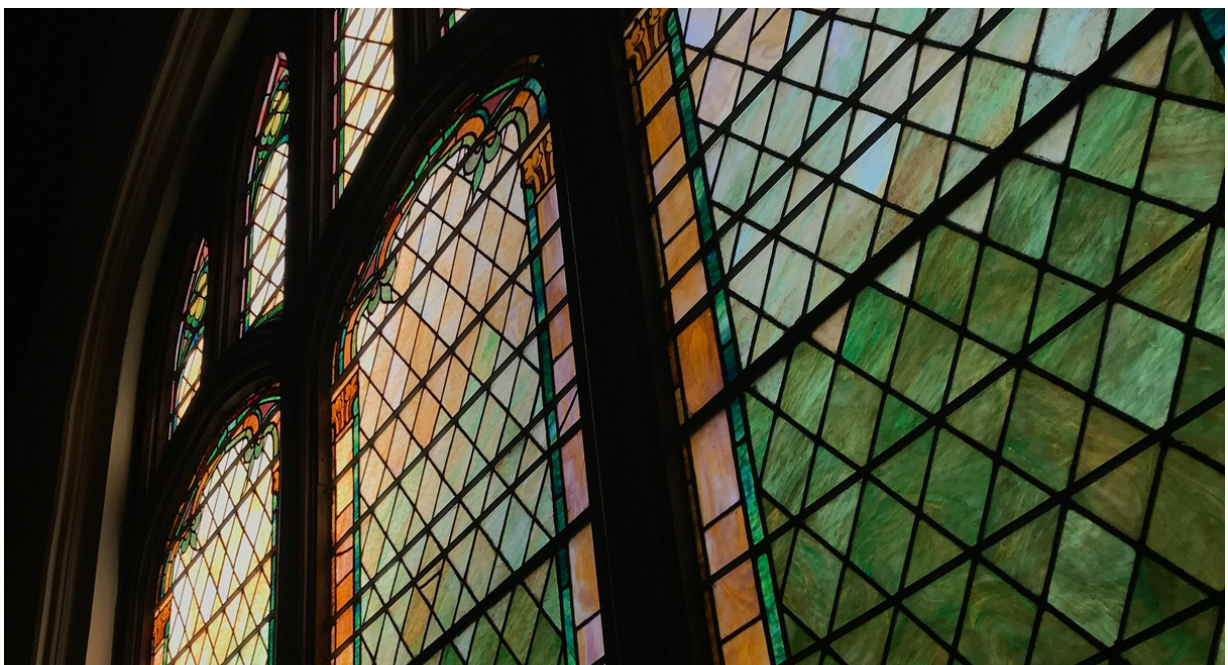
# Gene's Jottings

WRITTEN BY GENE GOSHORN

Reverend Cindy Lattimer and I have discovered that we share one of our favorite EASTER RESURRECTION stories. The Story is recounted in Chapter 21 of John in the New Testament. It is the one where the Risen Christ served a breakfast of tilapia fish and bread to his Apostles on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

According to records, there are 27 kinds of fish in the Sea of Galilee today and in Bible times. Ten of these are considered marketable, including three kinds of Tilapia. The 153 Tilapia that John reported the Apostles caught would have weighed about 750 pounds. No wonder the Apostles' nets were heavy and had to be dragged to shore. As the story goes, after his resurrection from death, Jesus appeared to his disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, gave them the power to catch 153 fish; they didn't recognize the Savior at first and enjoyed a breakfast of bread and fish over a shoreline fire -- a miraculously resurrected Jesus sharing a meal miraculously caught. You may remember how important fish were to the early Christians: When Jesus selected his Apostles, he told them he would make them "Fishers of People." When preaching to 5,000 listeners, Jesus and his disciples fed them a meal with seven loaves of bread and "a few little fishes." It has been reported that the simple design of a fish kept Christianity alive and well during dark days in history when Christianity was punishable with death.

May we all remember today that the redemptive power of these stories of sharing meals together and Jesus are alive and well and always will be.





## ***It's a Small World Book Project: Check Out Challenge Update***

WRITTEN BY PAM GRUGAN

It was no ordinary Monday night at the Lattimers'. Mario and I stopped by for a chat about one of the books from our *It's A Small World Book Project*.

*Kevin Noble Maillard's Fry Bread, A Native American Family Story*

We arrived, and out came the chessboard, out came the cooking oil, out came the cinnamon and sugar and the playing cards. What fun we had! It was magical, really.



### **Fry Bread, That Is!**

Sizzle! Sizzle! Pop! Pop! There was magic in the air. A bowl full of it. Freshly washed hands dipped into the flour, made impressions.

The smell of boiling oil wafted, rushing past the pawns, right to the queen. Queen Cindy, herself!

An "ace" popped up from the oil and then another and another and another. Who's gonna get that one? Me!

Cyrus rolled out snakes while Ezra flipped bottles and Everett sprinkled spoonful of cinnamon sugar onto the golden brown spaceships that emerged from the kettle.

We gathered 'round the table, and each person reached for a crunchy favorite. A nimble sleight of hand...AND...Checkmate! You've got your favorite piece!

Your chosen piece of Fry Bread...made in the US of A, Next to the only Mayan in the room.

We talked of tears, long walks, and stolen land, But only for a while...

Pastor Ben's king stood waiting while Mario's fingers flew through the deck. Like the ancestors of old, we sat together, telling our stories, breaking bread.

Fry Bread, that is.



# News From CAMP

WRITTEN BY DAVID MEADOWS

## **Testimonial: Henry and CC Elder's First Time at Camp**

Henry and CC Elder attended their first program at Camp Blue Diamond in March! Here's what their Mom, Emily, had to report after they returned from the Junior Retreat. "Henry & CC had a great first camp experience at the retreat and asked instantly upon pick up if they could come back for a full week! They were singing songs like Rise & Shine, Ronald McDonald, and telling tales of carpet ball, floor ping pong, poison frog, and itchy finger. They made many friends even though they didn't know anyone at first, and I even heard CC reciting my cell phone number to kids as she left so they can keep in touch! The only downside is that I believe they didn't sleep much or change their clothes into what I had packed, lol!"

Special thanks to Emily for sharing this sweet retelling of a meaningful weekend at CBD. Do YOU know a young person who would benefit from the never-ending fun, faith, and friends that Camp makes possible for children and youth of all ages? Summer Camp is just around the corner!

## **FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit-Filled Life**

The theme for Summer Camp 2023 will be FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit-Filled Life. Have you ever seen God at work and wondered why the moment was so clear? Have you wondered what you could do to try and connect with those moments and feelings? Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia will come alive this summer as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. Seeing this fruit all around assures us we have encountered God. We will see how these same fruit flow freely from us when we walk in the Spirit. Scripture is honest about how complicated life can be. The fruit of the Spirit show us we are on the right track as we observe, receive, and embody these virtues.

## **Quilt and Craft Camp – April 14-16**

This annual event is a spiritual retreat centered on our God-gifted creativity. Together we worship God and create beauty through the work of our hands and the love in our hearts. The weekend is for crafts of all types. Bring your quilt work, cross stitch, knitting, scrap booking, etc... and join the fun! Workshops will be available on Saturday offering opportunities to learn a new skill! Cost is \$90 for the weekend or \$50 for Saturday only. For more info and online registration, visit [www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events](http://www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events).

## **Breakfast With the Birds – May 12 & 13**

Join us for our Spring Migration "Breakfast with the Birds" morning at Camp Blue Diamond. Gabe Imler will lead us around Camp looking for bird species that are passing through Rothrock State Forest. The bird walk will begin on Saturday, May 13 at 7 a.m. with a bird-themed breakfast to follow. Or, if you would like to come the night before and participate in a guided night hike, overnight lodging and a snack will be provided. Cost for Saturday only is \$20; cost for both Friday and Saturday is \$40. All ages and experience levels welcome! Feel free to bring your own binoculars and field guides. For more info and online registration, visit [www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events](http://www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events).

## **Upcoming Events**

- Spring Outdoor School - March 27 – May 5
- Quilt & Craft Camp - April 14 – 16
- Breakfast with the Birds - May 12 & 13
- Brethren Open Gold Tournament - August 8
- Family Camp - August 18-20
- Heritage Fair - September 16

Have questions?  
Contact your Camp  
Representative, David  
Meadows.



# Staying in Community

FIND WAYS TO CELEBRATE YOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS BELOW!

## April Birthdays

1st - Cory Buterbaugh  
5th - Emma Musser  
7th - Melissa McBrayer  
9th - Robert Beck  
9th - Amanda Helfrich  
11th - Kate Dickey  
11th - Mark Meckstroth  
13th - Brenda Furry  
13th - Olivia Grugan  
13th - Meghan Wright  
14th - Betty Ann Cherry  
14th - Razinah Rahman  
14th - Kim Roth  
19th - Carolyn Lidston  
22nd - Samuel Cloz  
22nd - Dean Wenger  
22nd - Sara White  
26th - Martha Swigart  
27th - Natalie Buterbaugh  
27th - Eddie Rice  
30th - John Keiper  
30th - Seneca Miller

## April Anniversaries

1st - Stephan & Joan Engle  
5th - Dottie & Ken Steele  
15th - Sylvia & Thomas McDowell  
16th - Donna & Kenny Evans  
22nd - Greg & Yvonne Stein



## Homebound Members

USE THE ADDRESSES BELOW TO REACH OUT TO THOSE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY THAT ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN-PERSON

DeLois Fluke  
11325 Raystown Rd.  
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Gene Goshorn  
14155 Hill Valley Rd.  
Mt. Union PA 17066

Westminster Woods  
John Bowser  
Sue Martin  
John Keiper

Louise Smith  
11642 Station Road  
Huntingdon, PA 16652

# APRIL - CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 4 PM - Cub Scouts Meeting 6 PM - JC Korean Dinner
10:45 AM - Worship 12 PM - Pancake Brunch 7 PM - Bell Ringer's Rehearsal	2	3	4 7:16 PM - Choir Practice	5 5 PM - BBBS Meeting 7 PM - Art Devotional	6 9 AM - Committee Work 6 PM - Love Feast	7 8 AM - HAHS Blood Drive 4 PM - Cub Scouts Meeting
6:23 AM - Sunrise Service 10:45 AM - Worship	9	10 7 PM - Art Devotional	11 7 PM - Witness Team Meeting	12 5 PM - BBBS Meeting 7 PM - Leadership Team Meeting	13 9 AM - Committee Work 6 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:16 PM - Choir Practice	14 15 4 PM - Cub Scouts Meeting
10:45 AM - Worship 7 PM - Bell Ringer's Rehearsal	16	17	18	19 5 PM - BBBS Meeting	20 9 AM - Committee Work 6:15 PM - Democrats Meeting 7:16 PM - Choir Practice	21 22 4 PM - Cub Scouts Meeting
10:45 AM - Worship	23	24	25 12 PM - Worship Team Meeting 7 PM - Finance Team Meeting	26 5 PM - BBBS Meeting	27 9 AM - Committee Work 7:16 PM - Choir Practice	28 29 4 PM - Cub Scouts Meeting

Stone Church Events
  Stone Church Staff Events
  Juniata College Events
  Community Events