

The Branch



2022

Bunkertown Brethren Church— Independent Fellowship

In Christ's Love, We Follow, Serve & Reach Out



JUST SAY CHEESE PLEASE!

Bunkertown Brethren Church is growing and because of that new growth a church pictorial directory is needed to identify names with faces. The church has acquired the services of a local photographer, Dale Folk of Terrace Photography, to take our photos during the morning as well as the evening.

MORNING PHOTO SHOOTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, October 3rd, Thursday, October 6th, and Monday, October 17th, from 9:00 am-Noon.

EVENING PHOTO SHOOTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, October 4th, Wednesday, October 5th, Friday, October 7th, Tuesday, October 18th, Wednesday, October 19th, and Friday, October 20th, from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

sign-up sheets are available for our church family to pick time slots for the photos.

After the picture is taken, you will be asked to view and select your photo for the directory. The directory will be free of charge; but if you wish to purchase a family package, payments should be made by check or cash the night of the photo shoot to Terrace Photography. (Please see Family Price List)

We would love to have 100 percent participation. This is such a wonderful way to get to know all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Please Say Cheese!

Any questions, please talk to Suzie Shallenberger, Jeff Ritzman, Teresa Forry or Hannah Bashore

HEARTBEAT COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., ANNUAL FALL BANQUET-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Heartbeat Community Services, Inc., invites you to their Annual Fall Banquet at the Church of the Living Christ, 2401 Fort Robinson Road in Loysville, on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:30 pm. Keynote Speaker will be Allison Bragg, who along with her husband, lost their only daughter at 6 months old. She will give her testimony of God's Love and share her story of surviving what a parent fears the most. She will share her belief that the greater the struggle, the more powerful the love. There is hope in heart-break and there are no mistakes. There are lessons in our pain and it is up to us to learn from them, if we choose. Cost to attend the banquet is \$20.00 per person. (Teenagers are free, but must be registered) Please make checks payable to: Heartbeat Community Services, Inc., and mail check & reservations no later than Sunday, October 9th, to PO Box 25, Millerstown, PA 17062



I want to thank my church family for their prayers, cards, phone calls and meals brought to Jack and me. I am doing very well but still have ways to go, I can now walk without pain. It has been an 8 year long journey. I'm so glad my church family has not given up on me. May each one of you be blessed for your caring. Edna Kerstetter

PASTOR'S CORNER...

Isaiah 11:2 “the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
a Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a Spirit of counsel and strength,
a Spirit of knowledge and of
fear of the Lord.”

I'm a real advocate of the Holy Spirit. It is my concern that many born-again believer believe in Jesus Christ but as for the Holy Spirits involvement in our lives, we fail to see or understand the significance of the Holy Spirit.

It is very simple to understand and to allow the Holy Spirits power in our lives as Christians. The first step is Salvation. “Ye must be born-again.” John 3:3 Once one believes in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have Everlasting Life. John 3:36

Immediately upon Salvation, the Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell in your heart and life. John 14:16

So - what is it that the Holy Spirit will do in us if we abide in His Word? According to Isaiah the Holy Spirit will **REST** upon us. The Holy Spirit will give us **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**. The Holy Spirit will **COUNCIL** us and give us **STRENGTH**. The Holy Spirit will give us **KNOWLEDGE** of the Word of God's ways.

You may need these virtues in your life, at work, in the home with your spouse and children. Just remember, Jesus believed upon the Holy Spirit to get HIM through the attacks of Satan and HE was victorious because of the truth of God's Word. **YOU CAN TOO**

Pastor Steve O.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Revival with the Lore Family Sat. October 15 & Sunday. Oct 16th 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 21st Soul'd Out Quartet at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas
Concert

ERNIE HAASE + SIGNATURE SOUND, Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS REQUIRED



Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!

Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word! If you would like a yearly copy, please ask Lisa to print you one out.

Oct 1 Luke 1, John 1:1-14
 Oct 2 Matt 1, Luke 2:1-38
 Oct 3 Matt 2, Luke 2:39-52
 Oct 4 Matt 3, Mark 1, Luke 3
 Oct 5 Matt 4, Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51
 Oct 6 John 2-4
 Oct 7 Mark 2 Oct 8 John 5
 Oct 9 Matt 12:1-21, Mark 3, Luke 6
 Oct 10 Matt 5-7
 Oct 11 Matt 8:1-13, Luke 7
 Oct 12 Matt 11
 Oct 13 Matt 12:22-50, Luke 11
 Oct 14 Matt 13, Luke 8
 Oct 15 Matt 8:14-34, Mark 4-5
 Oct 16 Matt 9-10
 Oct 17 Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9:1-17
 Oct 18 John 6
 Oct 19 Matt 15, Mark 7
 Oct 20 Matt 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27
 Oct 21 Matt 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28-62
 Oct 22 Matt 18
 Oct 23 John 7-8
 Oct 24 John 9:1-10:21
 Oct 25 Luke 10-11, John 10:22-42
 Oct 26 Luke 12-13
 Oct 27 Luke 14-15
 Oct 28 Luke 16-17:10
 Oct 29 John 11
 Oct 30 Luke 17:11-18:14
 Oct 31 Matt 19, Mark 10



2022 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL REVIVAL/ PROLIFE

1. 2 Chronicles 7:14
2. Psalm 80:19
3. James 4:8
1. Psalm 51:10



OCTOBER MESSAGES

Oct. 2.....Stand Still & See the SalvationExodus 14:10-14
 Oct. 9..... Jehovah Jireh.....Exodus 16:11-15
 Oct 16... Fall Revival..... The Lore Family
 Oct. 23.....The Golden Calf.....Exodus 32:1-8
 Oct 30.....God Dwells among His PeopleExodus 25:8-9



Our Church Family

Remember those with Health- Related issues..

Gary & Ethel Lentz
Austin Parker
Maxine Kerstetter
Donna Jean Barth

Sandy Hunter
Lydia Grace Swartwood
Bruce & Bonnie Campbell
Lawrence & Elsie Mae Benner

BUNKERTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES , BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES

Children's Classes—Stephanie Freyermuth , Pauline Hummel, Jen French

Teaching a curriculum which is Answers in Genesis is produced by the founder of The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The curriculum brings the Bible to life in the class.

YOUTH— Jr. High— Mike Swartz

Senior High— Sara Steele— Sara's class studies scripture through lessons that provide critical thinking, challenging students to consider personalities, character, and culture to better understand what scripture means and how it is meant to guide our relationships, our decisions, and our lives.

COLLEGE & CAREERS—Pastor Wes will discussing current events using sermon notes based on Answers in Genesis.

ELECTIVE 1— Doug Shellenberger is teaching Bible Doctrine.

ELECTIVE 2- Dave Hummel- This class is studying verse by verse through the Bible. We look at the history, when was it written, by whom and why it was written. Currently in 2 Peter.

ELECTIVE 3 - Chad Heister- - The current curriculum is Romans— Justification Grace Through Faith.

SENIOR ADULT CLASS— Dave Varner The class uses the Standard Sunday School Quarterly .

SMALL GROUPS—Small groups are the foundation structure of the church body and meet to study God's Word from discussion points of the previous sermon, spend quality time in prayer, and to provide accountability. We will resume small groups in September.

OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study—Book of John. ■ Monthly Prayer Vigil ■ Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group ■ Senior Supper ■ Young Family Night -Mentoring

KIDS MINISTRIES:

Family Resources ■ Nursery ■ Children's Church ■ Sunday School ■ AWANA ■ VBS
■ Volunteer - links for anyone that needs clearances

MEN'S MINISTRIES:

Men's Breakfast ■ Men's Bible Study ■ Men's Small Group

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:

Women's Small Group ■
Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

*If you want more information contact the church secretary .

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

- 1-Danny Reed
- 2- Wilma Dietz
- 3— Betty Lou Helwig
Boone Miller
Landyn Miller
- 4-Rachel Zeiders
Justin Shirk
- 7- Millie Corbin
- 8- Sharon Haubert
- 9 - Kimberly Stuck
- Arielle Burris
- 10- Mason Sheaffer
Leland Burkholder
- 15 - Shirley Bachman
- 16 – Minerva Fronk
Levi Zeiders
- 17- Nathan Fitzwater
- 19- Charlotte Swartz
David Brubaker
- 20- Tricia Swartz
Brent Auker
- 23 - Bobbi LeFevre
Jim Ritzman
- 26 - Fred Longenecker
Lydia Swartwood
Kathy Lehman
- 29- Noah Benner
- 30- Bea Goodhart
Candice Kline
- 31- Analeigh Eia



- 3- Dave & Sue Bardell
- 4 - Rob & Pat Sierer ('80)
Chad & Cindy Heister (97)
- Paul & Penny Pyle ('08)
Nate & Amanda Miller(14)
- 8 - Bruce & Bonnie Campbell ('66)
Leland & Karen Burkolder ('17)
- 15- Cory & Sherri Sheaffer (94)
- 19- David & Traci Brubaker'(96)
- 21- Cody & Kelsey Benner (17)
- 24 – Jim & Sharon Haubert ('15)
Jeff & Julie Wirth (09)



When
we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their *proper place*.



OCTOBER HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
Oct. 2	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Caleb Eia	Dave Hummel
Oct. 9	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Justin Reed, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Dave Varner
Oct.16	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl, Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
Oct.23	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed, Kathryn Peachey	Steve Osenga
Oct.30	Sara Steele	Sara Steele	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl	Doug Shellenberger

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NURSERY

Oct. 2	Heather Reed/ Louise Hummel
Oct.9	Malia Snyder/ Heather Colyer
Oct.16	Teresa Forry/ RuthAnn Kahley
Oct. 23	Heather Reed/ Shirley Zeiders
Oct.30	Lisa Ritzman/ Bev Richmond

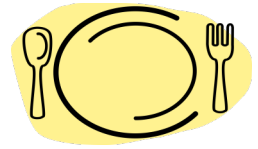


WC SERVANTS

Oct. 2	Merv & Darlis Strawser
Oct. 9	Harry & Hannah Bashore
Oct.16	Rodney Knouse
Oct.23	Greg & Heather-Colyer
Oct.30	Tim & Jodi Burris

Ushers	Mike Stuck, Chief Mike Swartz, Matt Zeiders
Greeters	Darvin & Teresa Forry
C/D Ministry	Bev Richmond
Jail Ministry, 4th Sunday	
Counting Committee	Dave & Louise Hummel/ Gary Krall
Bethesda Mission - 1st Saturday	

UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Breakfast

Will be held Saturday, Oct. 1st at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please sign up by Sunday, before the breakfast.



Come share in our Senior Supper on October 10th at 5:00 p.m. 55 & up are welcome.



If you are interested in becoming a prayer warrior for one of Miss Steph's cherub's, please contact with Steph and she will connect you with a child.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENTS



YOUTH SMALL GROUP—Youth Small group will resume October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing all youth there!

Oct. 9th - Hayride 12:00—4:00

LOOKING AHEAD

FALL RETREAT AT CRC—October 28th—30th. "Grow in the Faith That Lasts" Watch for details for registration. Michael Blevins will be the speaker.

1ST ANNUAL YOUTH CHILI COOKOFF KICKOFF— Mark your calendar! Sat.

Nov. 19th More details will come.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER— Saturday, Dec 3rd. This is a fundraiser for 2023 activities.

LADIES TEA



In observation of Pastor Appreciation month, we are having a Ladies Tea Luncheon to honor our Pastor's Wives. This special celebration is for the ladies of the church and will be held on October 22 @ 11:00 am. Sign-up **MUST** be completed by October 2nd and the cost of the event is \$10 per person. To reserve your seat please sign up at the Welcome Center and deliver payment to Tracy Hosler. Any questions please direct them to Tracy Hosler (717-348-8848) or Kimi Fitzwater (757-243-2833).



Pastor Appreciation

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. We want to Thank You, Pastor Wes & Vickie & Pastor Steve & Shirley for your generosity & faithfulness in everything you do for God & our congregation. There will be boxes at the Welcome Center for anyone in the congregation who wishes to deposit cards and/or monetary gifts. Please remember

to pray for & encourage our pastors and their wives.



SNACK SCHEDULE

Oct. 2– Galene Sellers, Robyn Burns, Donna McCardle, Mandy Kehler, Cindy Gaisior, Charlotte Swartz, Shirley Zeiders

Oct. 9– Mindy Carvell, Jennifer French, Bea Goodhart, Heather Colyer, Roberta Dowling, Katie Stuck, Heather Reed

Oct. 16– Fall Revival No Snack

Oct. 23– Malia Snyder, Heather Colyer, Hayley Barnes, Tammy Ritzman, Traci Brubaker, Bobbi Lefevre, Kimi Fitzwater

Oct. 30– Pot Luck Everyone brings an item.

MISSIONS

OCTOBER MISSIONARY

offering is Heartbeat Community Services. September offering was Golden Years Ministry an offering of 556.00 with one Sunday left to give.



THE November newsletter deadline is **Sunday, October 23.** The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Wednesday at noon.



Monday– 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday—7:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Thursday-7:00a.m.—11:00 a.m..

JUST A REMINDER that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon.

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

Tim Burris- Chair

Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

NURTURE COMMISSION

Hannah Bashore - Chair

Teresa Forry- Vice-chair

Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary

Jeff Ritzman

STEWARDS COMMISSION

Gary Krall—Chair

Andy Carvell– Vice Chair

Pam Master– Secretary

Dennis Colyer

WITNESS COMMISSION

Neil Swart-Chair

Barry Stuck-Vice Chair

Dave Brubaker- Secretary

Kimi Fitzwater

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Associate Pastor	Steve Osenga
Secretary	Lisa Krall
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Sara Steele
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Annette Kantz- Lori Alderfer