



Bermudian Church The Living Letter

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15-17

“enabling every person to experience the living Christ in transforming ways”

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact

February 5th, 2024

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am** Worship – In the Sanctuary
4yr to 4th grade “Sunday Friends”
Children will be dismissed prior to the start of Pastor Gary’s sermon.
- 10:00 am** Coffee and social time in Shepherds’ Hall
- 10:20 am**
 - ***Sunday School for children**
 - ***Youth will meet in their Youth room, located downstairs**
 - ***Adult Sunday school class**
 - **One class in TGP**
 - **One class in the Sanctuary**
 - ***About Life Class group will meet in the room off of Shepherd’s Hall**

- † The nursery is staffed during our worship service
- † Live streaming of our Worship Service is available, on YouTube. It also stays posted there and on our website. Please remember to “like” and “subscribe” and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



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Mission Offering

FEBRUARY OFFERING

Bermudian Church
DEACONS
following to lead | leading to serve
Deacon Emergency Fund

February 14
6:30 PM
Soup Supper

ASH
WEDNESDAY

Followed by a short devotional service

Youth Group Snow-Tubing Event

February 25, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM

Avalanche Express

2 hour ticket - \$38 for ages 6+ / \$30 for those under 5

They do not have a height/weight restriction but everyone goes in their own tube and must be able to get in and out by themselves. The church will pay for youth to attend this event. Youth being those children ages 12-18.

Reservation deadline for the youth is February 11.

Everyone is invited to join in but you will need to make your own reservation and pay on your own. Reservations need to be made online. **AvalancheExpress - Snow Tubing - Ice Skating - York, PA** Tickets could sell out so order you tickets as soon as possible.

Weather will possibly cause this event to be cancelled but their policy is not to refund. In the event of closure, they will give a digital so you can reschedule.

After the tubing the Firsters have invited everyone back to their home for pizza! So, you will need to let Gary and Linda know if you will be returning to their home.

Christian Education Commission

Wednesdays
Next - February 7th,
February 21st, & 28th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:

The Book of Revelation

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday

February 11th

At Noon

At

Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP

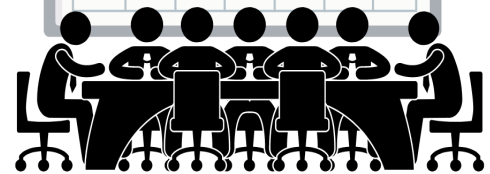


Wednesdays
February 14th, & 28th
All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm
Board Meeting at 7 Pm
FEBRUARY 13TH



Julie will be out of the office on
Friday, February 9th, 2024, also
Wednesdays, 14th, 21st, & 28th
I can work remotely. You can
email me and I will take care of
it the next day I am in if it needs
to be printed or done in the
office.

You can also text
717-578-3408.

Joanne Miller

will be hosting a

Spaghetti Dinner

NOON

Sunday, February 25th.

All donations will go towards her
IMO medical mission trip
expenses in September.

Please sign up on the sheet on the
bulletin board!

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NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED March 4th, 2024
Deadline for publishing in Newsletter March 1st, 2024, 10:30 am

Directories!

Be sure to check your mailbox for your new directory!!!

If you aren't sure if you have a mailbox, look on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the mailboxes. Names are listed there with mailbox numbers.

If you don't have one and would like one – let Julie know. bermudiansecretary@gmail.com



Upcoming with
Witness Commission



EASTER BERLIN:
Saturday, March 23rd
at East Berlin Community Park



CBC in Partnership with Samaritan's Purse:

CANCELLED

April 15th – April 19th. – Kentucky Rebuild Project in Breathitt, KY.

Would you be interested in going on a rebuild project in May or June to Mayfield, KY? Please speak to Joel Stern or Mark Lipsitz.



through
Sunday, February 11, 2024 – 10:00am

There are Price Check sheets posted in the Library area, Street Side entrance foyer & inside the back entrance doors.



MEAT CANNING
HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

Due to irreconcilable differences with our previous contact, for this year. We have now made contact with Mennonite Central Committee (mcc). They do Meat Canning @ Cumberland Valley Relief Center (CVRC), Chambersburg, PA. They process, Pork, Beef, Turkey and Chicken.

Joel Stern and Joe Martin will be traveling to Chambersburg on Monday, February 26th to observe how the process takes place. With this venue change, *February's Monthly Mission Offering will be a 50/50 split between Deacon Emergency Fund and Cumberland Valley Relief Center – Meat Canning.* We will welcome a "new beginning" in 2025.

We are in need of someone to clean the church.

This is a part-time paid position.

Contact Randy Becker



MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING

3rd Saturday each month

February 17th, 7 am

Dover Valley Restaurant

Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024
10 am – 2 pm

Thank You

Many, Many thanks for the yarn donations we have received for Prayer Shawl Ministry. It has been a great blessing!



The Friends of
CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community

The Friends of CKV to hold their annual
Indoor Craft Sale in Nicarry Meetinghouse
Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Calling all crafters!

Craft Sale
Registration



COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH
HATS = \$ 11.00 each



Dark Blue



Charcoal Grey

Please see Mark Lipsitz to purchase your hats.

Ruth's Harvest

a cooperative ministry with the Abbottstown-East Berlin Food Pantry and Bermudian Springs School

Furnishing food items for children with inadequate nutrition at home. February 21st



COLLECTING AGAIN

Thank You for your faithful giving!

FREE OPEN GYM SPORTS NIGHT OUTREACH

Josh Stewart has come up with a great opportunity for us to reach out to people in our community by using the Gathering Place as an open gym. Our hope is that members of Bermudian church, unchurched members from the community and especially those who desire some socialization in the winter months will come and join us for these nights.

The open gym sports activities will take place from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on six consecutive **Monday nights running from February 12 through March 18.**

A different sport will be offered each night. The order of occurrence will be: cornhole, volleyball, basketball, soccer, kickball and then the last night will be community choice which will be voted for on March 11. There will be a Kids Zone where young children can play while their parents enjoy the sports activities for that night.

No registration is necessary, just show up. If you would be interested in helping to set-up, tear down or help in the Kids Zone, contact Josh Stewart at 717-430-9243.

First Open Gym Sports Night
Monday, February 12th, 2024 6:30 pm
Join us and invite friends for
Cornhole!

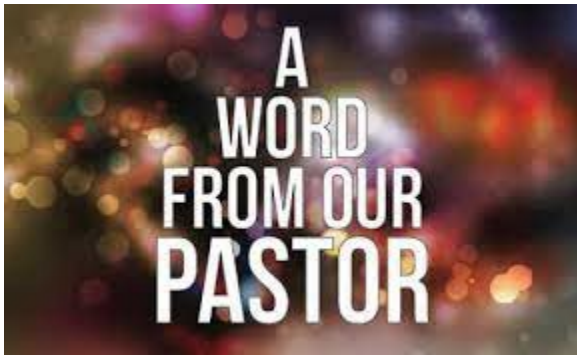
Office Hours

Pastor Gary

Weekly
Mon 9-12
Tues 9-12
Wed 9-12
Thur 9-12
Fri 9-12

Julie

Weekly
Mon-Fri
9:30 – 12:30ish pm
Call between 9:30 am
-11:30ish am to be
sure to reach me.



GROUND HOG DAY



Although you are reading this maybe even up to a week after Groundhog Day, I am writing this on February 2. In case you missed it, **“At the Groundhog Day celebration in Gobbler’s Knob, Pennsylvania, Punxsatawney Phil, “Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary” did not see his shadow on Friday morning, so he predicts we will have an early spring.”** We’ll see if he is accurate or not.

But as I thought about this day, I was reminded of 1993 movie entitled “Groundhog Day.” In the movie, cynical television weatherman Phil Connors was given the assignment to cover the Groundhog Day celebration in Gobbler’s Knob. It was an assignment he was not happy about. Nevertheless, he went and gave a half-hearted news coverage of the event. He was not able to leave town and so he stayed overnight. The next morning when the alarm went off, he saw that it was February 2 all over again. Eventually, day after day as he woke up on February 2 again, he realized he was in a time loop. As he continued to relive February 2 again and again and again. It was only as he began to treat people better and start to help people more and begin to change his attitude about things and people that the curse was broken and he awakened one day and it was February 3.


The point that I want to highlight from the movie is that as we live our lives, there are times when we feel that we are living yesterday over and over again as it relates to some of our sins. There are certain sins that we have a hard time breaking. We want to stop doing them, but they keep coming back day after day. In Romans 7 Paul wrote about that related to sin in general. **“For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. (Romans 7.18-19)** This is our struggle as well. We keep living those sins over again

But he went on to write this. **“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7.24-25)** There is a way out and that is through surrendering our sinful life to Jesus. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit that he will give us the power to turn from those sinful habits and behaviors and live the life that God has called us to live following the example of Christ. There are certain sins that will continue to tempt us whereas other sins will be more quickly conquered. The call of Paul is not to give up praying and trying to change. Through Christ it is possible to change because he has won the victory.

In Christ Alone



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Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5