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April 24th, 2024 #1,034

Peace

April 24 is the day that is celebrated worldwide as the **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace.** Or is it? This day marks the commitment to the principles of peaceful conflict



resolution and the importance of multilateral decision-making and diplomacy. The United Nations established this special day on December 12, 2018. "Celebrating the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is a call to action for everyone to renew their commitment to a world where diplomacy and multilateral cooperation are the cornerstones of global governance. It reminds us of our interconnectedness and our shared responsibility to work together for the common

good, encouraging active participation in shaping a more peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world for future generations."

But as we look at our world, peace is very hard to find. Not that we can't find it, but it is often overshadowed by so much conflict, war, and strife in every part of society, culture, nations, and even the church.

As we say, a command or rule or principle at times is only as good as the paper it is written on if it is not going to be followed. As Brethren, but let me expand that, as Christ followers, every day should be a day to commit to the principles of peaceful conflict resolution and multilateral decision-making and diplomacy. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5.9) And Paul wrote, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12.18)

Colossians 3.8-14 tells us what we need to get rid of and what we need to clothe ourselves with in order to have peace with others. "But now you must also **rid yourselves of** all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with** compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let us make every day an **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace** through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Prayer & Praises

- Sharon Stepp requested prayer for her son David Rider who is in the York Hospital with heart issues.
- Please pray for Dakota Dixon. They are praying that he had little to no inflammatory response to having his ECMO line changed.
- Lois Breneman requested prayer for Kasey Shank (Phyllis
 Livingston's Great-granddaughter) who had her wisdom teeth removed and is experiencing a lot
 of discomfort and sleep issues.
- Ellen Krause requested prayer for her mother Betty Gerber. Pray for comfort during her radiation treatments. The start of her treatments was delayed this past week due to equipment repairs. She started treatments yesterday.
- Please pray for Cheryl Kurtz's unspoken prayer request.
- Barb Stern and Lois Breneman requested prayer for Joel Deardorff, He is in the hospital with pancreatitis.
- Terri Stambaugh requested prayer for Doug Zortman and Mark Miller who are both battling cancer. Also please pray for Gumby who is experiencing a-fib and other health issues.
- Cheryl Kurtz requested prayer for her Aunt Dorothy who is experiencing fluctuations in blood pressure and is in a hospital in Altoona. Also, pray for her Aunt Sandy who is having heart issues.
- Please pray for Joanne Miller's sister Linda Whiteford who has now been placed in hospice care. Keep Joanne Miller and Linda's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

*Kathy McWilliams *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) *Ken Warren *Mary Fisher

*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) *Ruth Cook *Victor Riddle

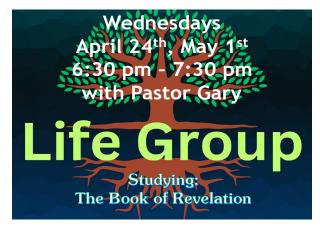
Cancer Special Prayers

*Julia McCartney *Greg & Sandy George *Butch Warren's brother *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip *Tom Kimmel *Sandy Harlacker *Ellie Basko *Mark Yonker *Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) *Jean Beck *Donald Moore *Butch Warren

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Calvary Congregation in Winchester, VA and Pastor Jonathan Martino
- Canaan Congregation in Tanzania, with Pastor John Tdashi Masinde









This week

Wednesday 4/24

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Men's Choir 7:45 pm

Thursday 4/25

- *Prayer Shawl 10 am
- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Sunday 4/28

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Youth Night 6 pm

Next Week

Wednesday 5/1

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Ladie's Choir 7:45 pm

Thursday 5/2

- *Walking with Jesus Life Group 1:30 pm
- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Saturday 5/4

*Spring Fling 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Sunday 5/5

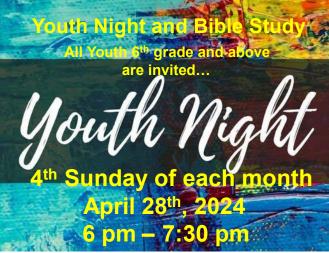
- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Love Feast 5:30 pm

Monday 5/6

*Newsletter Prep

Tuesday 5/7

- *Newsletter Assembly
- *Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm







Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting &Worship Conference

July 18th - 20th, Manheim, PA

information packets are available, beginning this Sunday. They will be located in the library area. Or, you may go on the CBC website to get the info.

Should you have any questions, contact Mark Lipsitz.



Mom and Dad, how would you like a couple of hours to complete those spring chores, spend a little time together, or maybe just grab a little extra rest?

Drop off the kids ages 5 through 12 We are planning a couple of hours of movies, a petting zoo, games, crafts, and a light lunch.

Bermudian Church, 279 Bermudian Church Road, East Berlin, PA



Camp Eder

needs workers on May 11 for various projects.

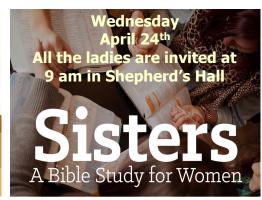
If you are available and would like to help at the camp, please contact Joel Stern at (717)443-3383.







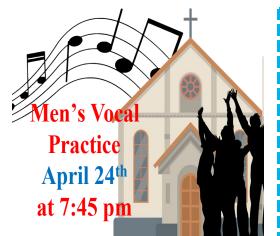














Bermudian Church

VBS Vacation Bible School

July 28-Aug 1st

Volunteers Needed!!! --- See Sue Mayle for more info and to sign up to help!