



# The Fellowship Journal

*Rooted in Grace, Growing in Love*

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## “LORD, IS IT I?”

*“He said to them, ‘It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.’”*

**READING:** Deuteronomy 22-24, Mark 14:1-26

This question must have echoed around the room the day Jesus warned His disciples that one of them would betray Him. One of His friends – one who ate bread with Him – would turn on Him. They all grieved when they heard the words of their Master, and they then began to question themselves: ““They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, ‘Is it I?’” (**Mark 14:19**). I can hear in my mind the voices of those common people who had chosen to leave all to follow Him. One by one, they questioned themselves: “Lord, I’m not the one, am I?” “It’s not me, is it?” “It can’t be me, can it?” “Surely I’m not the betrayer, am I?” “Lord, I’m not that person, am I?”

The thought must have been foreign to most of them, but Jesus made it clear: somebody in that room would indeed betray Him. Other than Judas, nobody wanted to be that man – but their question shows that everyone knew he *could* be that man. Nobody was immune from the possibility of being that one. In fact, they so considered that possibility that seemingly no one expected Judas to be that man. Eleven of the disciples knew they were vulnerable even if each one desperately wanted it not to be him.

We are wise to recognize that we, too, are vulnerable apart from the power of God in our lives. We may betray Jesus differently than Judas did, but we still turn against Him when we choose sin over His will. We betray His love when we follow the world rather than obey Him. All of us are but one foolish decision away from betraying Jesus – and sometimes we put ourselves as close to foolishness as we can get in our temptations. If we think it can’t happen to us, our naiveté and pride will lead to our fall. Should that happen, we then could say only, “Lord, I’m the one.”

I don’t want to say with my thoughts, my actions, or my words, “Lord, I’m the one.” Pray for me.

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9AM-1PM

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## **ACTION STEPS:**

- Prayerfully consider the truth that you are one step away from betraying Jesus.
- In Mark's Gospel, the story of the cross awaits. Spend some time just thinking about the death of Jesus – and let that story call you to a deeper level of commitment to Him.

**PRAYER:** *“God, I don't ever want to deny or betray You. Help me.”*

## **NINE CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS THIS EASTER**

It will be one of the highest attended days of the year for your church. It may be the highest.

There will be some people you don't know. Some of them are guests. Others are members who attend infrequently.

You have an opportunity to make a gospel impression on these people with a few simple acts. Indeed, you have an opportunity to make an eternal difference. Here are nine servant actions for you to consider.

1. **Pray as you enter the property.** Pray for the guests. Pray for the services. Pray for the pastor and the sermon.
2. **Park at the most distant spot available.** Save the closer parking places for guests.
3. **Greet people.** They may be guests. They may be members. It's okay to introduce yourself to either.
4. **Look for people to help.** You know the place well. Many others will not. Be a guide. Help someone who looks like he or she needs help.
5. **Sit as close as possible to the front of the worship center.** Save the back rows for guests and late entrants, so they don't have to walk past so many people.
6. **Sit in the middle.** Don't claim that aisle seat where people have to walk over you or past you.
7. **Sit closely.** Your worship center may be packed. If so, be willing to sit cheek to cheek.
8. **Volunteer to serve.** As the number of attendees increase, so does the need for volunteers. The parking team, kids ministry, and church greeter ministry are a few of the areas that will need more volunteers to help serve and minister to members and guests.
9. **Pray as you leave.** The Holy Spirit is likely working in many persons who attended. Pray for His continual work of conviction and comfort.

These are simple acts. They are acts of service. And if you survive doing these acts of kindness and service on Easter, you just might be able to do them on other days of worship as well.

**An All Leadership meeting will be held on  
April 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

# IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE NEXT D.R. MISSION TRIP

**CONSTRUCTION TEAM I — December 28, 2017**

**MEDICAL TEAM II — January 8, 2018**



If you are interested please contact Ron or Kathy Burge. The trip is open to anyone age 16 to 90+. Construction team I will be working on a roof over an open porch on the school. We will be visiting Bateys, play with children, pray with families, teach VBS, and worship with our sister church” Christ for the Nations”. The youth are encouraged to go with team I.

helping the sick. This team will also continue with the construction that was started by Team I. If you have any medical or nursing skills you are really needed.



The Medical Team II will be going out to the different Bateys and

**PLEASE PRAY ABOUT THIS, LET THE LORD OPEN YOUR HEART TO A NEW EXPERIENCE!**

## WHAT’S HAPPENING

### “TASTE OF THE VALLEY” FUNDRAISER

**April 4, 2017**—This event has 14-15 area restaurants and caterers from the Chambersburg area. They donate a “taste” of their Specialty foods for 240 people. We will be holding a small auction, and a bigger silent auction of donated items. Good Food – you will not go away hungry and there is great Fellowship. Proceeds go to “For the Kids of Chambersburg.” We disperse the proceeds to local non-profit agencies that help children in need. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are being sold in the Gym during Fellowship time. The restaurants and caterers are: The Butcher Shoppe/Big Oak Café, Café d’Italia, Texas Roadhouse, The Cottage Pub, A Matter of Taste, Pat and Carla’s III, Main Street Deli, Ruby Tuesday, CM Pig Out, Chick-Fil-A, Brusters Real Ice Cream, Applebee’s, Longhorn Steakhouse, Kathy’s Deli, Doh-Nuht Co., and CTC Culinary Arts. This would make a great early Easter Gift.



For more information contact Mrs. Lynn Rotz at 717-816-1510.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

**Fellowship BREAKFAST**  
FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

**APRIL 30**  
**8:30—9:45 A.M.**  
**FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL**  
**BREAKFAST AT 8:30 A.M.**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## CAMPS FOR KIDS!



Summer is just around the corner! Kids and parents alike look forward to the summer because it has the appearance of good times and fun, but parents know that it only takes a couple of weeks of non stop playing, running, and fun activities until your kids start to say, “Mom, I’m bored!” or “Dad, there’s nothing to do!”

The Brethren Fellowship would like to help your child or children make memories at a Christian Camp. Our Discipleship Team has approved that, “Any child/ children, kindergarten through 12th grade, of a congregational member will have 1/2 of the cost of one camp paid per summer not to exceed \$150.00.” Choose a camp that fits their age group.

(Examples: Day camp, Sports Camp, Overnight camp, or some other specialty camp.)

Three camps are available : Camp Joy-el, St Johns Camp, and Rhodes Grove Camp. We will have a table , starting April 1st, 2017 with Brochures and registration forms in the Lobby. Come take a look at what each camp offers and see if this summer is a time that would work for your kids to make some memories and learn about God. They can make new friends, go swimming, enjoy campfires, crafts, games, singing, great food, and of course mosquitoes!



Let our Administrative Assistant (Mona) know in the Church Office (504-8789) and we will get the monies needed to send with registration.

**Happy Days at Summer Camp-!**

## BRETHREN FELLOWSHIP’S GOT TALENT



We are planning a second Pie & Praise (Brethren Fellowship's Got Talent) event for Sunday evening April 30 at 6:30 p.m. It's time to start planning your performance. If you're a musician, magician, comedian, ventriloquist, acrobat, poet, or have a funny pet trick, get ready to display your talent.

If you're interested in being part of a small vocal group (quartet, octet, small choir) contact Ron Burge. If you want to be a performer in this event, the sign-up sheet is located in the lobby. If you can't perform, please plan to attend and encourage those who are performing. The price of admission is to bring a dessert. We'll praise God with our talents and then celebrate with dessert.



## “SEASONED TO SERVE” SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY 2017 SCHEDULE



- April 1: Antietam Recreation performance of “*Century of Songs*.” We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$36.00 per person. You can sign-up on the Church Bulletin Board and pay in the Church Office.
- May 4: Bus trip to Bird-In-Hand Theater in Lancaster for a lunch smorgasbord and a play: “*Mennonite Girls’ Can Cook*”; Cost is \$45.00 per person, includes tip, play and bus. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.; Play at 11:00 a.m.; meal at 12:45 p.m. Return to church parking lot by 4:30 p.m. Tickets will need to be purchased by Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up will be on the Church Bulletin Board by April 16.
- June Date is open.
- July 20 Mercersburg Theater: “*God and Country*” Cost is \$40.00 per person.
- August 24 Cumberland Valley Relief Center, Assemble School and Hygiene Kits; from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 17 Picnic at the Pletchers’, Sunday evening, 4:00 p.m.
- October 11 Leesport Farmers Market/Flea Market, Leave the church back parking lot at 7:00 a.m.
- Nov. 16 Hosting/Serving a Thanksgiving Dinner to the Head Start Families.
- Dec. 14 Christmas Caroling, We will leave the Church at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Reid and Linda Pletcher for more information at 423-5288 or reidlnda@hotmail.com. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the church office.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

In Appreciation and Recognition of our Volunteers, we will recognize our volunteers, on April 2. We ask all families to please pick their children up from Sunday School and bring them to the Worship Service. After recognizing our volunteers, the children will be escorted to their respective classes.

Total offering to date: \$ 77,003.20  
 Total Special Offerings to date: \$ 1444.20  
 Remodeling: \$3257.00  
 “Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.”  
 Proverbs 21:5

## OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2017

Name and Committee	Name and Committee	Name and Committee
<b>Staff:</b> Diaz, Manny (Senior Pastor) Rebok, Gary (Youth Pastor) Myers, Gina (Treasurer) Statler, Karen (Fin. Sec.) Crouch, Mona (Admin Ast)	<b>Worship &amp; Music:</b> Shover, Jen (Chair) Burge, Ron (V-Chair) Adams, Ron (Sec.) Barnhart, Louann Diaz, Jan Diaz, Manny (Senior Pastor) Kramer, Andy Rebok, Gary (Youth Pastor)	<b>Active Deacons:</b> Crusey, Jesse (Chair) Hall, Chris (V-Chair) Dunn, Steve (Sec) Fox, Melvin Gower, Hubert Gower, Rosemary Knode, Dan Kuhn, Bill Lee, Wendy Pryor, Cindy Statler, Karen
<b>Leadership:</b> Kimmel, Mary (Chair) Pletcher, Reid (V-Chair)	<b>Fellowship:</b> Sallurday, Nancy (Chair) Henneberger, Bev (Sec./VP) Diller, Margaret Logsdon, Linda	<b>Deacon Intern:</b> Keath, Frank
<b>Property:</b> Wenger, Don (Chair) Pryor, Rich (Sec.) Clugston, John Lehman, Carl Whitsel, Hays	<b>Discipleship:</b> Rotz, Mrs. Lynn (Chair) Keath, Mary Sue (V-Chair & Sec.) Collins, Dorsey Hann, Jennifer Pletcher, Linda Waller, Tommi	<b>Deacon Emeritus:</b> Bierbower, Leon Demuth, Doris Landis, Menno Toms, Lorna
<b>Gifts Discernment:</b> Rhone, Amanda (Chair) Diaz, Manny Kimmel, Mary Pletcher, Reid Rebok, Gary	<b>Finance:</b> Rotz, Mr. Lynn (Chair) Burge, Kathy (V-Chair) Myers, Gina (Treasurer) Bierbower, Judy Seller, Larry Shetter, Laura	
<b>Outreach:</b> Bierbower, Karen (Chair) Seibert, Pam (V-Chair) Hockenberry, Brenda Appleby, Sally Waller, Michael		

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH (WWJD)

(WWJD) is held the second and fourth Sundays' in the gymnasium, during the worship service. Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to participate. There are bags, labeled WWJD, in the Sanctuary entry way with games, puzzles and crayons for your children to use during the Worship Service.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brandon Angle  
Marina Barnhardt  
Leon Bierbower  
Steve Brunner  
Mike Clugston  
John Cook  
Chris Hall

Malachi Keith  
Menno Landis  
Darris McNew  
Chad Murray  
Tiffany Myers  
Toshia Myers  
Lee Poe

Randy Pryor  
Pam Seibert  
J. Ryan Shipp  
Dennis Statler  
Jesse Statler  
Connie Washabaugh  
Kimberly Younker

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck and Terrye Armstrong  
Dave and Charlotte Carbaugh  
Dorsey and Dusty Collins  
John and Pam Cook  
Vernon and Louise Forsythe  
Rod and Laurie Mason



### CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION

If your address, telephone number, cell phone number or email has changed please let the church office know so we can keep in touch with you. You can email Mona at [brethrenfel@hotmail.com](mailto:brethrenfel@hotmail.com) or place a note in the church mailbox. If you haven't received a birthday card or anniversary card, please let us know the correct dates for our records, so you too can receive cards.

### UPCOMING APRIL CALENDAR SPECIAL EVENTS

**April 9** – Palm Sunday

**April 13** – 7:00 p.m. Love Feast and Communion

**April 16** – Easter Sunday

**April 30** – 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast; No Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Worship

**April 30** – 6:30 p.m. Pie and Praise

## APRIL 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 1:00a- Bus leaves Parking lot for STS <i>Century of Songs</i> at Antietam Rec Center 5-9p-Gym reserved
<b>2</b> Volunteer Appreciation Sunday	<b>3</b> 6:30p-Property Team Taste of Valley-Setup	<b>4</b> 12:00p CTC 12:30p-HOG Yoga Taste of the Valley 6:00p-Outreach	<b>5</b> 5:30p-Prayer Time 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30p-Discipleship	<b>7</b> 12:00p-Leadership Group 6:00p-Ladies Bible Study	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:30p-HOG Yoga 6:15p-Worship and Music Team	<b>12</b> 5:30p-Prayer Time 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-Bible Study	<b>13</b> 8:30a-EFCV 7:00p-Love Feast with Communion	<b>14</b> 7:00a-YMCA Good Friday Service at St. Paul's United Methodist Church 12:00p-Community Good Friday Service at Central Pres. Church	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>
<b>16 Easter Sunday</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:30p-HOG Yoga 6:30p-Deacons	<b>19</b> 5:30p-Prayer Time 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00p-Leadership Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:30p-HOG Yoga 6:30p-All Leadership Team	<b>26</b> 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-All Church Prayer Time	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30a-Fellowship Breakfast Sunday No Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service 6:30p-Pie and Praise						

a=a.m. p=p.m.

Weekly Prayer Time is held downstairs

All Church Prayer Time is held in the Chapel

STS-Seasoned to Serve

HOG Yoga is held in the Chapel



# Easter Word Search

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 JUDAS ISCARIOT  
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