

The Spire Lite

June 2023



"I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him." ~2 Samuel 7:14-15

June Fellowship Dinner

We're excited to offer a fellowship dinner on June 11th!

Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM, and we'll provide pulled chicken for the main course. We invite you to bring sides and/or desserts. Please sign up at the back of the church with what you'd like to bring.

At 6:00 PM, Dawn, Priscilla, Frank, Sue, Dave, and Kathy will share about their trip to Israel. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship.



Worship in the Chapel

On Sunday, June 4th, we will be moving Sunday morning worship to the Chapel for the summer. Worship will continue to be both in person and virtual.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Pastor Brenda's Vacation

Pastor Brenda and her family will be taking a three-week vacation at the end of the month. She will be out of the office from June 26–July 17.

In the event of an emergency, please call Dawn Rafalski (610) 874-8069.



AB Men Envisioning 2023

American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware invites any men who are passionate about doing ministry together to their Envisioning Men's Ministry retreat on August 4-5 beginning at 6:00 PM.

The retreat will be at Camp Ichthus, which spans 100 acres in the heart of the Poconos.

This retreat costs \$20 per person, and the registration deadline is July 31st. For more information, contact David Hardin at (610) 865-4600 or by email at pastordavid@fbc-bethlehem.org



To register, scan the QR code on your phone. Or visit: <https://fbc-bethlehem.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1732542>



Food Bank Donations are Needed

We're happy to report that the number of people we serve at the Food Bank has doubled since the winter! That being said, we could really use your help with food donations.



For the month of June, we're asking for *Ramen Noodles*. But we'll take any and all donations you're willing to bring us throughout the month.

We appreciate your generosity and compassion for those in our community.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and July

June Birthdays

- 7 Adam Robert Moore
- 8 Henry Strunk
- 18 Lynda Miller
- 28 Lori Furniss

June Anniversaries

- 11 John and Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 15 Doug and Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene and David Pysher
- 30 Frank and Sue Kulp



July Birthdays

- 7 Linda Cook
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 13 Grace Miles
- 16 Betty Vandergriff
- Christy Mason
- 18 Jesse Kulp
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

Memorial Day

Upland Baptist Church walked in the Memorial Day Parade with 10 participants!



After, the ceremonies, members of the Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church worked together to serve our neighbors at the community picnic.

Everyone was grateful for the delicious food that was served.



Memorial Sunday

This year we planted some new plants in memory of those who have had memorial gifts given in their name in the past year. We pray for their families and loved ones and appreciate the gifts, which continue to support God's work.

In Memoriam

Peggy Albany, Jack Cook, Jean Cook, John Cook, Jr., Maryanne Reitz-Dalton, Harold Hampton, Dorothy Hobaugh, Paul Hipple, Harold "Sonny" Johnson, Irene Lloyd, Vernon Lloyd, Doris Moody, Hugh Moore, Diane Lord Ogram, Charles Ottey, Elinore Ottey, Joseph Probert, Marlene Probert, Bobbi Jean Simcox, Darlene Strunk, Marlene Probert Thornton



We remember...

- William Herbster, WWII
- Billy Wray, WWII
- Charles Hartshorn, Vietnam War
- Carlton Ottey, Vietnam War

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

Devotional Thought...

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." ~1 Peter 4:10

Expressing ourselves can be hard sometimes. For me, words are hard, so I try to express myself through my actions. I can pray for others, reach out my hand to someone in need, lend an ear to someone who needs to be heard, give a shoulder to one who needs to lean on it. A smile may brighten one's day or a hug to let them know I care. So, follow your heart and God's lead, whether it is through your words or actions to help someone in need. ~Rosie Richardson

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"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" Malachi 4:6

Some life advice from a 98-year-old father and WWII Vet:

1. Pay yourself first.
2. Do unto others what you'd have done to you.
3. Treat everyone with respect.
4. You are never limited in life if you are willing to learn, grow, and evolve.
5. Education first. Be thankful for those willing to teach you.
6. Your strengths become your weakness if overdone. Balance your strengths.
7. Time in nature is never wasted.
8. Never take your health or fitness for granted. Take time to be fit. Your life depends on it.
9. Do what you love, not what pays well. The reward will be a fulfilled life.
10. Be quiet in nature; stillness has something to teach you.

We are grateful for all the fathers and men of our church who are mentors and guides and influence our lives.

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