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## The OCTOBER 2022 **C A R I L L O N**

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Welcome

We're glad  
you're here.



*(Our worship services are available in person,  
concurrently on Zoom or Live Stream, and posted to the  
Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren YouTube Channel  
and our Website on Sunday afternoons. Go to  
[www.mechanicsburgcob.org](http://www.mechanicsburgcob.org) and click on "messages".)*

# OCTOBER WORSHIP THEMES



## October 2: "Judge Not"

- Pastor Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** When we judge others, it is often an attempt to distract attention from our own faults. Our job is not to judge, but to love all.

**Scripture Texts:** Luke 6:27-38

## October 9: "Let the Little Children Come Unto Me"

- Pastor Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** What obstacles are we putting between children and Jesus? How do we signal that they are welcome?

"Little Children" Series (Week 1 of 4)

**Scripture Texts:** Matthew 19:13-15

## October 16: "Overcoming Adulthood"

- Pastor Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** We must be careful not to lose our ability to wonder, trust and love like a child.

"Little Children" Series (Week 2 of 4)

**Scripture Texts:** Mark 9:33-37

## October 23: "The Next Generation"

- Pastor Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** God speaking to Samuel was a signal that Eli's era was drawing to a close. To Eli's credit, he didn't stand in the way, but encouraged Samuel to listen.

"Little Children" Series (Week 3 of 4)

**Scripture Texts:** I Samuel 3:1-10

## October 30: "A Safe Place to Play"

- Pastor Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** God wants the whole world to be a safe place for children.

"Little Children" Series (Week 4 of 4)

**Scripture Texts:** Zechariah 8:3-8

In Isaiah 58, the prophet is addressing the concerns of God's people. The people of God are discouraged because their "glory days" seem long gone and they are worried about the future. They are trying to get God's attention with prayer, sacrifice and fasting, but nothing seems to be getting better. No wonder they are discouraged.

God's response through the prophet is as follows:

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?  
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.  
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."*

To put it more succinctly, God doesn't help those who help themselves; God helps those who help others!

Here at Mechanicsburg, I know many of us have concerns similar to those the people of God had in Isaiah's time. It seems like our glory days are past, and our future uncertain. We hope and pray for a revival, for the congregation to grow in numbers and in enthusiasm, but that doesn't seem to be happening. We may be discouraged.

What is the answer? Well, Isaiah's answer is to focus on our mission, on helping others in practical ways. The answer is to seek opportunities to show our love for our neighbors and to be a force for good in the neighborhood. The answer is to shift our focus away from trying to save ourselves and toward "saving" others from hunger, injustice, fear and loneliness.

I believe the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren has a bright future ahead if we are willing to pour our energy into serving others in the name of Jesus.

Peace,

Pastor Jim



**Thank you** to everyone who assisted with District Conference, especially those providing the muscle to level the slabs in the courtyard. From Left to Right: Stan Goodwin, Keith Hock, Earl Seibert, Jim DuBois, Ron Kiehl, Brian Case, Stephen Vinson, Roger Sturtz, Ted Seibold, and Harvey Cassell (behind the camera).



Help Yourself

*"Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard."*  
Isaiah 58:8

Think you know your Bible? Try this short quiz:

Which of the following well-known phrases can be found in the Bible?

- A. A fool and his money are soon parted
- B. God works in mysterious ways
- C. When God closes a door, He opens a window
- D. God helps those who help themselves
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

If you answered "F," you're right. Though they might be good advice, none of these phrases actually appear in scripture. And when it comes to "D," (God helps those who help themselves) there is at least one place in scripture that says almost the opposite!



**Adult Bible Study** is held each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom. The current topic of study is *Brethren and the Bible: A Study of Scripture Passages That Shape Who We Are.*

Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to join.

The **Fall Congregational Forum** will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022 after worship with a carry-in meal in the fellowship hall and the business meeting beginning about 12:30 p.m.

The **Church Book Club** will meet on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

This month's selection is *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Discussion Leader is Peggy Brechbiel.

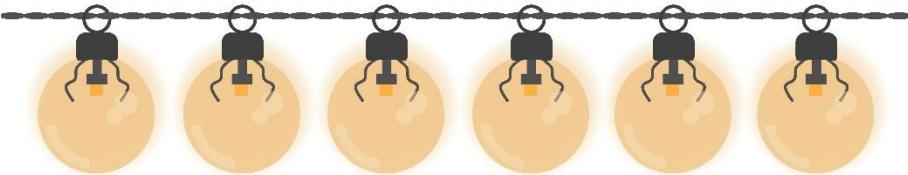


Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren will be holding Love Feast on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



Please join us for a fellowship meal, hand/feet washing, and communion.

# Featured Artist!



Hand painted by Lois Sarvis.  
Lois grew up in the Church of the Brethren and has been a member of the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren for over 20 years.



**Camp Eder's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 10 AM-3 PM  
Meal served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. & Auction 10:30 a.m.**

Fall Festival is a celebration designed for the whole family. Fun and fundraising for Camp Eder's programs include a benefit auction, food, local craft vendors, and children's games. Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with eat in or take out available. Sandwiches, soup, and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat.

**Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal –**

**\$12 adults, \$8 kids (12 + under)**

**Silent Auction**

**Live Music**

**Apple Butter Making**

**Craft Vendors**

**Eder's French Fries & Delicious Sandwiches**

**Kid's Games and prize**

**Candy Treasure Hunt**

**Food Court & Bake Sale**

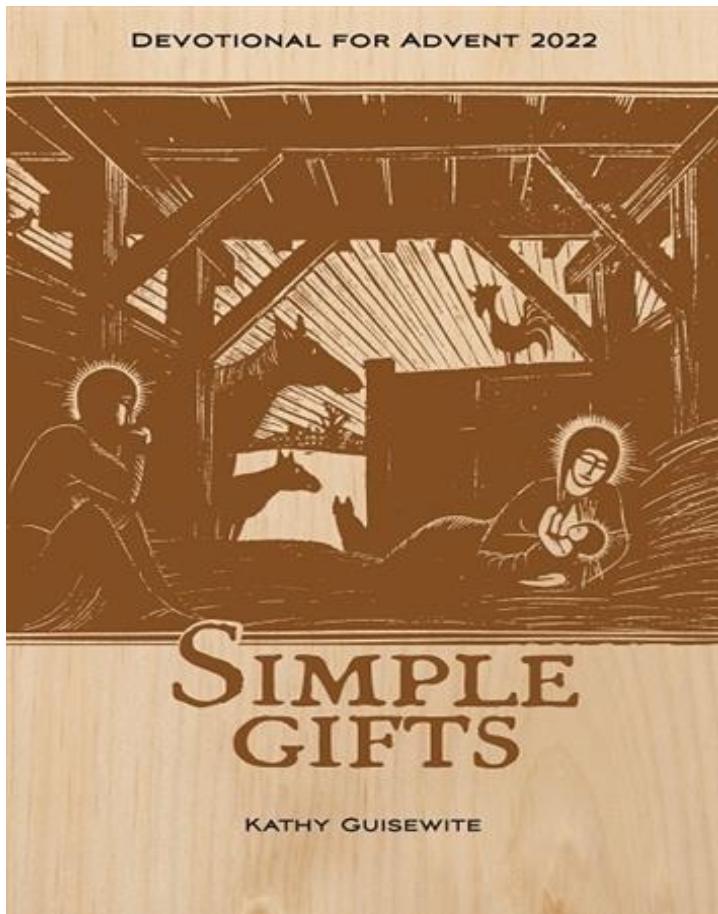
**Live Demos all day**



**Camp Eder is asking for donations of new or almost new items for the Silent Auction. Items can be dropped off at camp anytime, or pickup arrangements can be made by calling the Camp staff at 717-642-8256.**

*'Every part of the Christmas story is miraculous. God's love was made manifest in a lowly barn, in the dark of night, for ordinary people. We need not believe that we must do anything extraordinary to make this season magical. There's no need to worry about shopping for it or allowing the stresses of life to weigh us down. Perhaps if we practice leaning into the simplicity of the holy story and the sacredness of our ordinary lives, we will find joy and peace.'*

Available now from Brethren Press.



## Art in the Narthex

Visual arts have been used to inspire and inform the faith of Christians since shortly after the time of Jesus. Many of us have been blessed by the art of others and some of us may be artists ourselves.

A program called "Art in the Narthex" allows us to share the art that inspires us with one another. Each few weeks, a new display will appear in the narthex on a temporary basis.

Ron and Diane Altland will be serving as curators of the rotating gallery. We are hoping others will want to share a few pieces in the weeks and months to come. If you are interested and have something to share, contact Pastor Jim or Ron and Diane.



Art currently on display:

"The Lord is My Shepherd"  
Artist: P. Buckley Moss

## Featured Artist for Monthly Newsletter

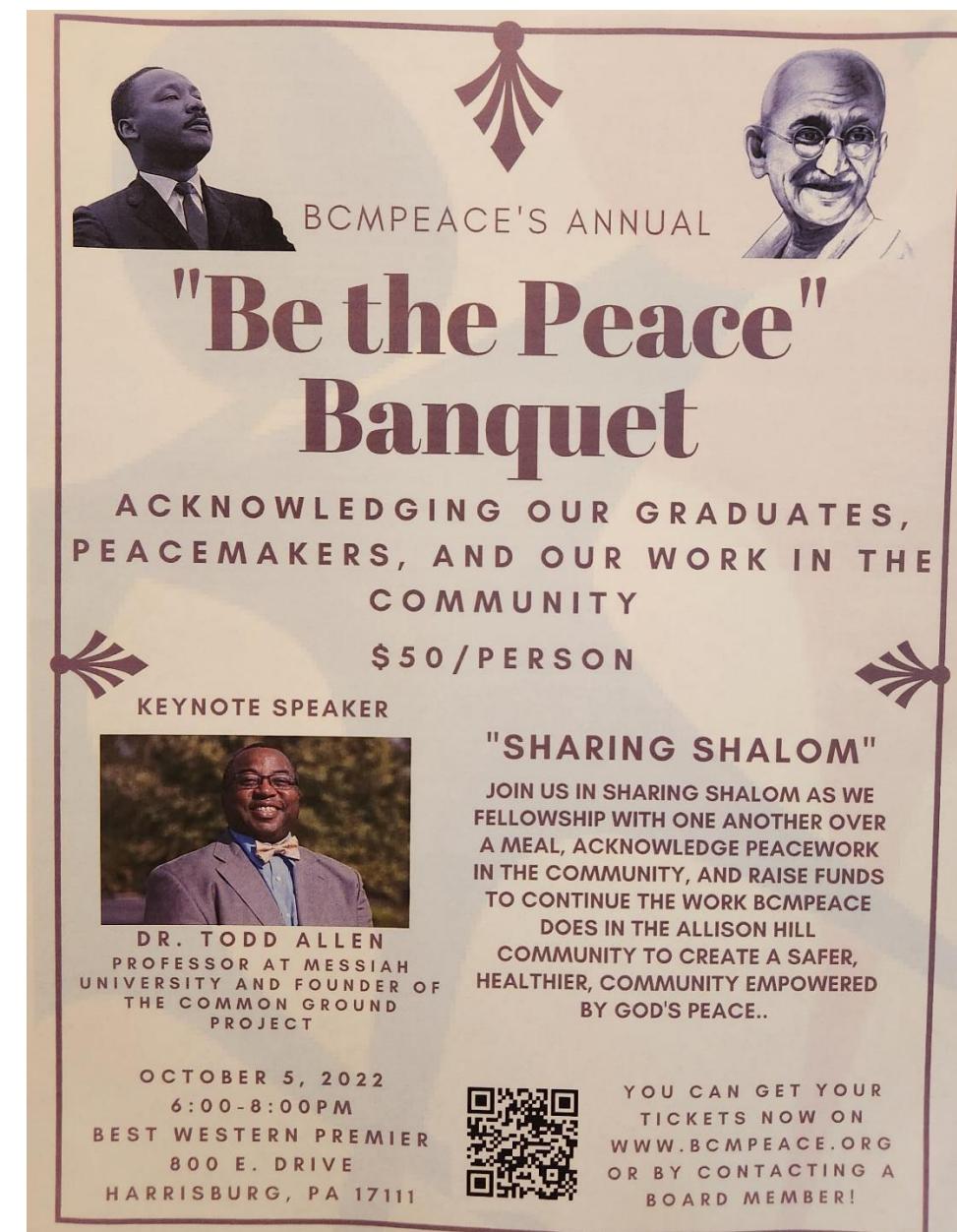
*Now open to everyone!*

### Requirements:

- \*Must be your own original art.
- \*Must be submitted by the monthly Newsletter deadline for each issue.
- \*Art content must be inspirational in nature.
- \*Submissions may be made by emailing a photo of your art in jpeg or pdf format to  
[mcob-secretary@verizon.net](mailto:mcob-secretary@verizon.net)

### Please include the following:

- Your name.
- Title of art piece.
- You may include a sentence or two describing the piece.



BCMPEACE'S ANNUAL  
**"Be the Peace"**  
**Banquet**

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GRADUATES,  
PEACEMAKERS, AND OUR WORK IN THE  
COMMUNITY

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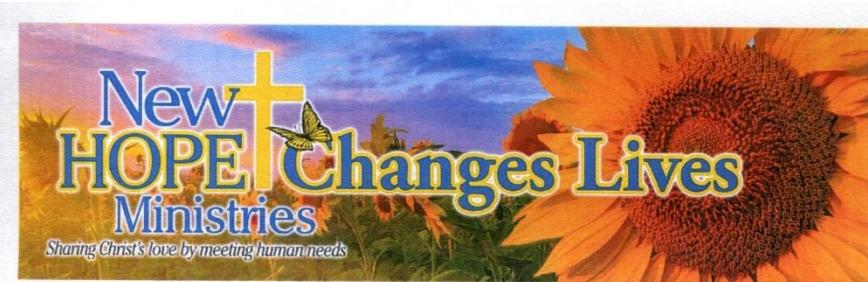
DR. TODD ALLEN  
PROFESSOR AT MESSIAH  
UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDER OF  
THE COMMON GROUND  
PROJECT

OCTOBER 5, 2022  
6:00-8:00PM  
BEST WESTERN PREMIER  
800 E. DRIVE  
HARRISBURG, PA 17111

"SHARING SHALOM"  
JOIN US IN SHARING SHALOM AS WE  
FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER OVER  
A MEAL, ACKNOWLEDGE PEACEWORK  
IN THE COMMUNITY, AND RAISE FUNDS  
TO CONTINUE THE WORK BCMPEACE  
DOES IN THE ALLISON HILL  
COMMUNITY TO CREATE A SAFER,  
HEALTHIER, COMMUNITY EMPOWERED  
BY GOD'S PEACE..



YOU CAN GET YOUR  
TICKETS NOW ON  
[WWW.BCMPEACE.ORG](http://WWW.BCMPEACE.ORG)  
OR BY CONTACTING A  
BOARD MEMBER!



**On the right track!** Meet Marlene. She came to New Hope Ministries because she was having trouble making ends meet. She found out about our workforce development programs and was really interested in learning more about the different career paths we offer training in. Marlene was grateful for all the help that New Hope was able to provide to help her get back on her feet once more.



**Thank you for your support of our programs that transform the lives of the guests we serve!**

**The votes are in!** Thank you for voting New Hope Ministries as Readers' Choice for **Best Place to Volunteer** and **Best Non-Profit** in Harrisburg Magazine's Simply The Best competition!

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46:1*

#### Need Help?

If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.

#### Wish List:

**Turkeys!!** We could really use turkeys for the upcoming holidays. We also accept grocery store coupons for them as well. Thank you!

#### Volunteers

Help is needed at several Centers! Please apply online today!

[www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)



#### Online Art Auction

All sorts of art and fine crafts are being asked for to make this auction a success. The auction will be online from October 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, and the event will end on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with a dessert finale at the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren. All donations are tax deductible, and all money is going directly to the Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries to benefit the people of Ukraine. A donation of art request form can be found at: [www.mechanicsburgcob.org/ukraine-crisis-auction](http://www.mechanicsburgcob.org/ukraine-crisis-auction).

#### Volunteers are needed on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Dessert Finale.

Three shifts: 9 a.m. – Noon, Noon – 3 p.m., and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Please contact Margie Fultz if you are able to help.

#### Care Packages FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

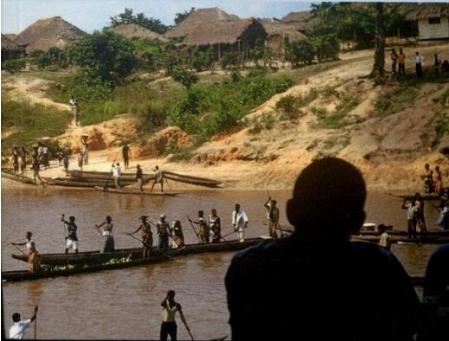


We are collecting individually wrapped snacks and treats to send to all the college students connected to our congregation. Right now, we know of about 15-18 who are either on campus or are commuters. **Please bring your donations by Sunday, October 9, 2022** and place them in the designated bin by the coat rack across from the Pastor's Office. We will then pack the boxes and get them in the mail to our students the next day. Thank you, on behalf of our students, for your generous support of this project each spring and fall! **PARENTS:** Please check the list on (or near) the bulletin board to be sure we have the correct address for your student. If it's correct, just mark "OK". If it's not, please write the correct one. Did we miss anyone????

Thanks to the generosity of our church, and the two other churches with which we have partnered, the Afghan refugee family we are assisting now has a 2012 Honda Civic. Special thanks to Keith Hock for assisting Naser Nayaze with driving practice. Naser passed his test on the first try. Below is a message from Naser and his wife, Najiba Haidary: "We would like to thank all those who helped us to buy a car. Thank you all. We very much appreciated the help." - Naser and Najiba

LARRY LANDIS

# CONGO PAX



*The Road to Matadi, DR Congo*

"I was 21 when I sailed to Africa on the Belgian freighter 'Lindi', but the experience added years of maturity to my life. In 1961, Democratic Republic of Congo (formally Belgian Congo) was in their second year of independence and faced many problems which Mennonite Central Committee worked to alleviate. As a PAX person, I was

asked to serve as an assistant director of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency which sent foods and medicines throughout the country, I traveled to many exotic locations to assist with the distributions.

My book *Congo Pax – The Road to Matadi, DR Congo* you will find interesting with chapters as 'The Dead Man', 'The Good, but Frustrating Trip to Vanga', 'Archie Graber and the Balubas' and more."

~ Larry Landis

Recent Review: GO ON AN ADVENTURE TO THE CONGO  
Henry G. Benner

Larry Landis leaves his all white Mennonite Community and boards a ship to "Dark Africa". Go with him on this two-year experience and relive the journey with him. He receives and distributes food and medicine to mission stations. The roads are muddy, armed checkpoints stop him and he experiences the poverty of African villages. Larry interacts with missionaries of many denominations which broadens his church wide appreciation of them. Enjoy this trip to the Congo!

Copies are available in the church office. Cost \$10 each.

**Larry will be at MCOB to sign books on October 16<sup>th</sup>!**

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



**Mechanicsburg**

**West Shore**

**CROP Walk**

**Sunday,**

**Oct. 23, 2022,**

**2:00PM**

**Memorial Park**

**5K or 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk Rain or Shine!**

**Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Drive**

**Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

Park in the Gravel Lot at the end of N. Washington St.

**1:00PM Registration**

**1:30PM Team Pictures 2:00PM Walk Begins**

Leashed dogs welcome to walk & take a bite out of hunger!

Live DJ, Appearances by Rascal (Senators' Mascot) and the MASH Wildcat, Gift Bags, Refreshments!

Wear a CROP Walk T-Shirt to the Walk!!!

Proceeds benefit: **New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels** and the global hunger relief efforts of **Church World Service**.

Contact **Ulli Klemm**, Event Coordinator for more info:  
[ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com) or **724.464.8748**

MCOB has 5 team members ready to walk! There is still time to register, so please consider signing up to walk or donate to support a team member. Contact Peggy Brechbiel with any questions.

# DISTRICT & COMMUNITY NEWS



*this little light*

Brethren Housing Association

Please join us for our Annual Celebration

BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
THAT HELPS SUPPORT FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Dinner and Silent Auction

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 20, 2022 | 5:30 PM

SHERATON HARRISBURG HERSEY HOTEL  
4650 LINDLE ROAD  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS AT [BHA-PA.ORG](http://BHA-PA.ORG)  
CALL 717-233-6016 OR EMAIL [EVENTS@BHA-PA.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@BHA-PA.ORG) FOR QUESTIONS

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Sue McCorkel; Robert Daughtry
- 2 – Richard Snyder
- 3 – Linda Titzell
- 5 – Alma Seivers
- 6 – Paul Cassel, Jr.; Lois Sarvis
- 8 – Amanda Arbogast; Ermaleen Etter
- 9 – Stephen Custer; Melvin Miller
- 10 – Greg Bretz
- 11 – Cheryl Noll
- 13 – Bill Saylor
- 14 – Jeff Gonce; Joshua McCleaf
- 15 – Jean Foltz
- 16 – Peggy Brechbiel
- 17 – Gretchen Murphy-Zug
- 20 – Crystal Snyder
- 21 – Brenda Rhoads; Bill Creps; Kaye Thornton
- 24 – Jerry Greiner
- 26 – Vernne Greiner
- 27 – Marilee Fisher
- 28 – Kathryn Altland
- 29 – Earl Goodwin
- 30 – Harriet Brenneman
- 31 – Sarah Kownacki; Rowland Martin; Randy Sprout



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Nevin & Linda Wevodau (77) "**45 Years!**"
- 5 – Jerry & Vernne Greiner (85)
- 6 – Glen & Lois Sarvis (05); Roger & Judy Sturtz (07) "**15 Years!**"
- 9 – Bert & Leslie Sarvis (99)
- 11 – Brian & Krista Pletcher (09)
- 17 – Jim & Trish DuBois (09); Daniel & Laura John (15)
- 24 – Doug & Heidi Gillespie (09)
- 26 – James & Jean Foltz (85)
- 30 – Trent & Clarene Pletcher (70)



# October

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
|  |   |   |  |  |  | <b>1</b><br>Carlisle Truck Stop<br>Fall Banquet<br><br><b>Family Promise</b>                                  |
| <b>2</b> <b>Food for New Hope</b><br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br><br><b>6:30 pm Love Feast</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Annual Be the Peace<br>Banquet | <b>6</b><br>Interfaith<br>Thanksgiving<br>Planning Committee<br>7 pm (Library)                       | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b> <b>Pastor Appreciation<br/>Sunday</b><br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                          | <b>10</b><br>1 p.m. Knitting Group<br>(Library) | <b>11</b><br>7 pm Leadership Mtg.               | <b>12</b><br>11:30 am Ladies<br>Luncheon   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><u>Online</u> Ukrainian Crisis<br>Art Auction Begins                                      | <b>15</b><br>Camp Eder Fall<br>Festival   |
| <b>16</b><br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br><b>Larry Landis book<br/>signing</b>                    | <b>17</b>                                       | <b>18</b><br>1 pm Caregivers<br>Group (Library) | <b>19</b>                                  | <b>20</b><br><b>Nov. Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b><br>Brethren Housing<br>Assoc. Annual<br>Celebration | <b>21</b><br>Fellowship Hall<br>Reserved (Fultz) –<br>Ukrainian Crisis Art<br>Auction                  | <b>22</b><br>Fellowship Hall<br>Reserved (Fultz)<br>Ukrainian Crisis Art<br>Auction Dessert Finale<br>at MCOP |
| <b>23</b><br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship<br><b>CROP WALK</b><br>Fellowship Hall Reserved<br>(Fultz)    | <b>24</b><br><b>Church Office<br/>CLOSED</b>    | <b>25</b>                                       | <b>26</b>                                  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>Sanctuary, F.H. &<br>Kitchen Reserved<br>Noon – Saturday<br>(Abigail Bordeaux<br>wedding) | <b>29</b><br>Sanctuary, F.H. &<br>Kitchen Reserved All<br>Day (Abigail Bordeaux<br>wedding)                   |
| <b>30</b><br>9 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br>NYC Reporting Sunday<br><b>Congregational<br/>Forum</b> | <b>31</b><br>7 pm Book Club<br>(Zoom)           |   |  |  |  |   |

2022