

**Our Fall Picnic** will be held Saturday, September 30th at Gregg & Vicki Miller's Party Barn. You may begin arriving at 3:30pm, and we will eat supper around 5. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a lawn chair to sit in. Friends are also welcome! Gregg & Vicki live at 16248 CR 44 in Goshen.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FALL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING**, which will be held after church on *Sunday, November 5th*. Besides setting next year's ballot and budget, we will be considering changes to our church constitution and by-laws.

### **IT'S TIME FOR CHICKEN!**

The Brethren Retreat Center's Fall Chicken/Ribs/Potatoes Fundraiser is coming up Saturday, October 28th! It will be held at Alpha Building Center, 0855 N. St. Rd. 5 in Shipshewana, from 10am to 2:30pm. If you would like to pre-order food, use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We can help you get your food to New Paris from Shipshewana.

*Prices are:*

*Chicken-* \$9 a half or 3 halves for \$25

*Ribs-* \$18 for a half slab

*Potatoes-* \$4 per container

### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Needed to make Budget each month: \$8,430

Given so far in August (as of 9/17): \$5,456

Budget giving needed (Jan-Aug.): \$67,440

Actual Budget giving (Jan-Aug.): \$60,119

(\$7,321 under budget for the year)



**September 24th, 2023**

**Today's Message:  
In the Lion's Den  
Daniel 6**

**9am– Sunday School, 10am– Fellowship  
10:15am– Morning Worship**

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### **Calendar:**

**Sunday, September 24th–** Official Board Mtg. after church  
Youth Group, 6-8pm

**Tuesday, September 26th–** Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

**Saturday, September 30th–** Fall Picnic @ Millers' Party Barn

**Sunday, October 1st–** Threefold Communion, 5pm

### **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Mon., Sept. 25th– Diana Coleman

Thurs., Sept. 28th– Becky Hostetler Sat., Sept. 30th– Bonnie Reagan

Thurs., Oct. 5th– Kim Hostetler Sat., Oct. 7th– Tom VanDiepenbos

### **Upcoming Anniversaries!!**

Saturday, September 30th– Mick and Diana Stump

Thursday, October 5th- Jon & Megan Long

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- C4C Ride had twelve riders and great weather!
- Cheri M.– thankful for prayers for her recovery from broken hip
- Jon L.– was just offered a new job at New Paris Elementary
- Sandy S.– new food pantry is set up and ready to open!
- Donnie L.– prayers for Grandpa Jeff struggling with Parkinsons and lung issues

**September 24th, 2023–  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements–**

**Opening Hymn #345– Blessed Assurance**

**Scripture & Prayer– Psalm 57:1-4**

“Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and faithfulness. I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts– men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.”

**Hymn- #306– Jesus Saves**

**Message– In the Lion’s Den**

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**Responding with Worship– The Worship Team**

**Closing Prayer**

***If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.***

***Leading Worship Today– Willie Hostetler***

*Sermon Notes:*

First Lesson– Beware of \_\_\_\_\_!

Second Lesson- \_\_\_\_\_ your spiritual fervor when tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!

Third Lesson:- A life of \_\_\_\_\_ wins the respect of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Fourth Lesson– Commitment, not compromise, brings God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** Daniel 6:1-18 **Monday–** Daniel 6:19-28

**Tuesday–** Proverbs 4:23-27 **Wednesday–** Proverbs 29:1-6

**Thursday–** Philippians 3:1-11 **Friday–** 1 Peter 2:1-12

**Saturday–** Matthew 5:13-16

***Upcoming Sermons:***

***October 1st– If My People– Daniel 9– Realizing the time of the Jews’ return to Jerusalem is approaching, the prophet pours out his heart in repentance.***

***October 8th– North vs. South Daniel 11– In one of the most detailed prophecies in Scripture, Daniel foretells a 160 year struggle between two kingdoms trading control over the Promised Land. This struggle eventually leads to a figure named Antiochus IV, who becomes a symbolic fore-runner for a man known in End Times Scriptures as the Antichrist. This message will look at what scholars refer to as “typology”.***

***October 15th– Guest Speaker Sam Shultz***

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