

***Have you invited someone to church lately?  
We are a warm and caring congregation that loves and  
supports one another. Who do you know that needs a  
strong and nurturing church family? At First Brethren we  
are SALT. LIGHT. FAMILY.***

Budget Note: It's a new year, and that means we will now be using the Budget approved at our Congregational Business meeting in November. To reach our Budget Giving in 2024, we need offerings averaging \$1,987 per week, or \$8,612 per month. Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your giving to the church in 2024.

**A HUGE PRAISE!** Church was canceled last Sunday, but great ministry still happened here! Pastor Jeff Lewis from Zion Community Church in Millersburg used our baptistry to baptize a man named Patrick, with members of Zion's Elder Board and a few of our members present to witness. Please pray for Patrick as he begins his new life in Christ!

*Congratulations to Bob & June Fowler, who are grandparents once again! Everett Dean Fowler was born January 2nd to Eric and his wife Amber.*

**Please have all newsletter material to Brenda Donat by  
Wednesday evening of this week (the 24th).**

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612

Given in January (as of 1/7): \$6,670

2023 Budget giving needed (Jan-Dec.): \$110,196

2023 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Dec): \$94,358

(\$15,838 under budget for the year)



**January 21, 2024**

**Today's Message:**

**"Comfort"**

**Pastor Jeff Estep**

**9am– Sunday School**

**10am– Fellowship**

**10:15am– Morning Worship**

**Pastor Jeff Estep**

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### **Calendar:**

**Sunday, January 21st– Youth Community Event, 12:30-4:30pm**

**Tuesday, January 23rd– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am**

**Sunday, January 28th– Youth Group, 6-8pm**

### **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Sun., Jan. 21st– Finn and Liam Reagan    Wed., Jan. 24th– Vicki Miller

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Continued prayer for Bob F., who continues to recover after hematoma in abdomen
- Bill M.– heart cath went well with no stents needed!
- Prayer for the Longs as Beau is sick
- Continued prayer for April and family

WEATHER NOTE– In the event of bad weather, please check your email as well as Pastor Jeff and the church's Facebook page for information about church cancelations. We also make every effort to reach members who don't have email by phone. We DO NOT announce church closures on local news stations. To find our Facebook page, search for "First Brethren Church of New Paris"

**January 21st, 2024–  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements–**

**Entering With Praise–** The Worship Team

**Scripture & Prayer–** *Matthew 7:15-17*

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”

**Hymn- #512–** My Savior’s Love

**Message–** *Comfort*

Pastor Jeff Estep

**Closing Hymn #67–** The Love of God

**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:*

What sets apart a believer is not freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ but God’s work within it.

“Comfort” as it is used in this passage doesn’t mean “to make you feel better” but “to make you feel \_\_\_\_\_”.

God comforts us in our troubles so we can \_\_\_\_\_ others.



Who in your life or our community needs the same kind of comfort you have received? How can you step out in faith to offer that comfort to others?

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** 2 Corinthians 1:3-11    **Monday–** Acts 19:23-41

**Tuesday–** James 1:1-3    **Wednesday–** John 16:25-33

**Thursday–** Romans 5:1-5    **Friday–** 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

**Saturday–** Isaiah 40:1-5

***Upcoming Sermons:***

**1/28– Guest Speaker Rick Miller–** Brethren Retreat Ministries, Inc.

**2/4– Holiness and Sincerity–** 2 Corinthians 1:12-22– In what ways do the integrity of Christian leaders impact their ministry? Is there any place in the church for hidden agendas or gimmicks?

**2/11– The Purpose of Church Discipline–** 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11 Church discipline sometimes gets a bad rap, and sometimes it’s not done well. But what is the goal of putting church members under “discipline”?



