

The 136th General Conference of the Brethren Church will be held in Lancaster, PA, July 15th-18th. If you are interested in representing our church as a delegate, talk to Bonnie Reagan. Costs related to Conference are partially subsidized for delegates by our church budget.

Mark Your Calendars for Easter!

Threefold Communion Service– Sunday, March 24th, 9am

Easter Sunday:

8:45am– Sunrise Service

9:30am– Easter Breakfast

10:15am– Morning Worship

Join the Community Engagement Team! We are looking for 3-4 people to serve on a team to help us discern how we can partner with other organizations to serve the needs of our community.

Tasks may include prioritizing the needs we'd like to help fill contacting local organizations to see if we could help them fill those needs, and working through details of them using the church.

Contact Bonnie Reagan or Pastor Jeff if you are interested in serving on this important new team!

JOIN US FOR JOSHUA! Change can be hard. For the children of Israel, change meant following new leadership into new territory to conquer the Promised Land. Our adult Sunday School class began a new series this morning studying the book of Joshua, in a study led by Pastor Louie Giglio. Join us next Sunday at 9am!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

Given in February (as of 2/18): \$6,238

2024 Budget giving needed (Jan): \$8,612

2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan): \$12,939

(\$4,327 over budget for the year)



February 25, 2024

**Today's Message:
Ooh, That Smell!-
Pastor Jeff Estep**

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

Pastor Jeff Estep

831-2766 (church), 574-370-8171 (cell),

email– pastorjeffestep@bnin.net

Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sunday, February 25th– Youth Group, 6-8pm

Tuesday, February 27th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am,

March 8-10th– Snow Camp at BRC– for 3-6th graders. (Rescheduled)

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Wed., Feb. 28th– Sonia Miller Sat., Mar. 2nd– Jamie Estep

Mon., Mar. 11th– Joyce Gill

Prayer Concerns:

- Doyle– pray for Brock, who is having testing done this week
- Prayer for the Stumps, who aren't feeling well
- Jimmy G is doing better, but continued prayer for strength is needed
- Ruby T.– thankful to be back at church!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!- It could be you! A fun fellowship event has been planned for Sat., March 16th. Several people will be hosting guests for carry-in dinners. Attendees will sign up, then be assigned to different houses, and who will be at which house is a surprise! It's a fun way to get to know one another better. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. You can sign up to be a "guest" or a "host." Childcare will be provided. Talk to Bonnie Reagan if you have questions!

**February 25th, 2024–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements–

Opening Hymn- #262– Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture & Prayer– 1 Corinthians 1:18-19

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: ‘I will destroy the intelligence of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’”

Hymn- #297– I Love To Tell The Story

Message– Ooh, That Smell!

Pastor Jeff Estep

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– Megan Long

Sermon Notes:

It’s easy to mistakenly think that our good or bad circumstances are a reflection of God’s _____ toward us.

Our message is like a _____, people will perceive it as either sweet or _____.

Despite our best efforts, we still might be misunderstood or _____.



For us to hit the target, we need to seek to be more Christlike in our character, attitudes, and mission. The goal is not to “smell better” to the world but to “smell” more like Jesus.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– 2 Corinthians 2:12-17 **Monday–** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Tuesday– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 **Wednesday–** Hebrews 13:11-16

Thursday– John 15:18-21 **Friday–** Matthew 5:14-16

Saturday– 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Serving Today– Nursery– Laura Schneider Jr. Church– Ruby Thompson

Serving Next Sunday– Nursery– Jamie Estep Jr. Church– Eva/Aubrey

Upcoming Sermons:

3/3– The Letter and the Spirit– 2 Corinthians 3:1-6– Where does our “competence” and ability to minister come from?

3/10– Glorious Ministry– 2 Corinthians 3:7-11– Despite our weakness and struggles, Paul assures us that through Christ, we radiate a greater glory than even Moses!

