**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!

# 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!

Thank you to all who helped make our Baked Potato Fundraiser last week a success! We were able to raise over \$700 thanks to your generosity. We love you all! The Youth Group

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612 Given in February (as of 2/25): \$7,903 2024 Budget giving needed (Jan-Feb): \$17,224 2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Feb): \$20,842 (\$3,618 over budget for the year)



# March 3, 2024 Today's Message: The Letter and the Spirit-Pastor Jeff Estep

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

Pastor Jeff Estep 831-2766 (church), 574-370-8171 (cell), email– <u>pastorjeffestep@bnin.net</u> Find us online at <u>www.newparisfirst.com</u>!

#### Calendar:

Sunday, March 3rd– Youth Group, 6-8pm Monday, March 4th– Prayer Group, 6pm Tuesday, March 5th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am, March 8-10th– Snow Camp at BRC– for 3-6th graders. (Rescheduled) Saturday, March 16th– Cowboys for Christ Ride, 11am, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (see announcement)

## **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Mon., Mar. 11th– Joyce Gill Sat., Mar. 16th– Heater Mullins and Megan Nelson

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Ruby T. is home for the hospital, pray for strength
- Sue- pray for grandson Trevor who was just laid off from job
- Kim- praise God for new faces today!

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.

## March 3rd, 2024– ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements-

Entering with Praise- The Worship Team

Scripture & Prayer– Ezekiel 36:26-28

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will pour out my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live In the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God."

Hymn- #333- His Way With Thee

Message– The Letter and The Spirit Pastor Jeff Estep

Closing Hymn-#72 – We Will Glorify

**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:

One of Satan's most effective strategies is to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

Our weakness reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_ as we serve and His will is accomplished.

You can do all that God wills you to do because of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in you.



For us to hit the target, we need to be willing to step out of our comfort zones to serve God in new ways, trusting that His Spirit within us makes us "adequate" to the task He is calling us to.

#### **Daily Scripture Readings:**

Sunday– 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 Monday– John 6:60-61 Tuesday– Isaiah 56:1-8 Wednesday– Philippians 3:1-5 Thursday– Ezekiel 36:24-31 Friday– Jeremiah 31:31-37 Saturday– 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Serving Today– Nursery– Jamie Estep Jr. Church– Eva/Aubrey Serving Next Sunday– Nursery– Jon/Megan Jr. Church– Peggy Miller

**Upcoming Sermons:** 

**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!

**3/17– Bold Ministry**– 2 Corinthians 3:12-18– Because we are reflecting God's glory more and more, we can live with boldness!