

March Events:

- ⇒ **March 15-19th: Farmington CoC Spring Gospel Meeting “Do You Know My Jesus?”**
- ⇒ **March 20th: First day of Spring.**
- ⇒ **March 22nd-27th: Pennsboro CoC Gospel Meeting.**
- ⇒ **March 26th: Movie Night, “The First Hymn”.**
- ⇒ **March 27th: Friday Night Sing at Blueville CoC.**
- ⇒ **March 28th: Day at the Hive for Children & Adults.**
- ⇒ **March 29th: Prayer devotion--Sunday Evening Service; Fifth Sunday of the month.**
- ⇒ **March 29th: Blueville CoC Friends & Family Day.**

Today's Announcements:

- Mark has begun studies of Joshua on Sunday mornings, Judges on Sunday nights, and Proverbs for the Wednesday night Bible class.
- The Young at Heart Group would like to thank everyone who participated with the dinner for the Young Adult Group. A big “Thank You” to Dale & Ramola Lee for planning and coordinating.
- March 26th: the movie “The First Hymn” is playing at Cinemark Theatres in Bridgeport at 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in seeing this movie, we will meet in the lobby of the movie theatre at 6:00 p.m. There is an information sheet on the back table about this movie. Any questions, please see Karen.
- Mark your calendars for March 28th for a fun event for kids and anyone who wants to JUMP at The Hive at Meadowbrook Mall. Tentatively meeting at 11 am and then lunch to follow at the Hive café. There is a signup sheet on the back table or talk with Phill or Natalie if planning to go.
- Our Spring Congregational Retreat will be April 18th for one day at Jackson’s Mill. There is a signup sheet on the back table to sign so we have a count of how many are coming. There are flyers in the foyers for you to take as well. More details are coming.
- If any lady is interested in the Harrisville CoC Ladies’ Day on May 2nd, let Karen Seyler know. To get a T-shirt, you must register by April 1st. There is a flyer on the back bulletin board.
- The Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, began it’s new production of “Joshua”. Several members have shown interest in going to see a show at this theater. Shows are selling out quickly. A meeting will be held on March 23rd at the building at 6 p.m. to discuss options for going, costs, etc. Anyone interested in going, please plan to attend so we can make plans.

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

Minister: Mark Jones

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March 15, 2026

WHY I GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

This article originally appeared in the January 25th bulletin; however, due to the weather you may have missed this. This article came from an old church tract. Author is unknown.

1. Jesus is there. (Matt. 18: 20) Jesus has never forsaken an assembly, and I want to be like Jesus.
2. I am made stronger. Power is given in worship to live a nobler life. At services, one is fortified from falling away.
3. God wants his church to grow. Growth of the church means salvation of the lost.
4. To set a good example. Many are looking my way and following in my steps. Any hour the church meets, my influence is with or against Christ. If I attend, it is for Christ. When I neglect service, my influence is for Satan.
5. To prove my love & gratitude. So boundless was the love of Jesus for the church, he gave his life for her. Since God has given me a multitude of blessings I do not deserve, it is indeed a small sacrifice to return a few hours in public worship.
6. To obey God. The bible says, “*forsake not the assembling of yourselves together...*” (Heb. 10:25) The first Christians met weekly & often daily. (Acts 20:7; 2:45: 19:9). ANY service where the Bible is taught, prayer is made, & God is worshipped, is good; and “*to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin*” (James 4:17).

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm



7. To put first things first. *“But seek first the kingdom of God,.. (Matthew 6:33). Jesus said the church must be first to the Christian. Nothing could be so important as being a faithful member of the Lord’s church.*

8. It is safe to do so. Those who forsake an assembly wonder if they sin, but I know I am perfectly safe in attending every service. Yes, dangerous risks are taken in forsaking ANY assembly because Christ may return in that hour, death may come, a life of neglect may begin, & others may be lost by my bad example.

9. To abound in the Lord’s work. I Cor. 15:58.



Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

Greeter: Needed for the month

Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Bible Class Locations:

Adults–Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark’s Office

Children & Teens–Downstairs

Cradle Roll–Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

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March 26th: Movie Night, “The First Hymn”.

March 27th: Friday Night Sing at Blueville CoC.

March 28th: Kids’ Day at the Hive.

March 29th: Prayer devotion; Fifth Sunday of the month.

March 29th: Blueville CoC Friends & Family Day.

March 30th-April 5th: Harrison County Spring Break.

April 5th: Easter.

April 5th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

April 5th-9th: Steelton Spring Gospel Meeting.

April 11th: WVCYC Spring Camp.

April 18th: Bridgeport’s Congregational Retreat.

April 18th: Barrackville Ladies’ Day.

April 25th: Steelton CoC Ladies’ Day.

April 26th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

May 2nd: Harrisville CoC Ladies’ Day. Register by April 1st at (304) 319-1969 for a T-shirt.

May 17th: Friends & Family Day.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly: 74
 Sunday Bible Class: 40
 Sunday Evening: 23
 Wednesday Bible Study: 22
 Contribution: \$4,375
 (Budget \$4,000)

March/Anniversary List:

1- Nina Tucker; 6-Jessica Blizzard & Hannah Epler; 10-Charles Riley; 16-Cheryl Kelch & Gary & Heather Blizzard (A); 23-Heather Blizzard & Rob & Cristy Buffington (A)



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth:** RuthEllen scheduled for shoulder surgery on April 9th.
- **Ed & Sharon Loy.**
- **Evelyn Griffin.**
- **Cathy Hart.**
- **Lois Reed:** Sinus infection and rash issues; improving.
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Joyce Wright.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Terry Southall.**
- **Don & Kristina Riffle:** Don dealing with sickness; Kristina had some imaging done this past week.
- **Megan Jones.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Michaela Hutcheson:** Mission work.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Cheryl Kelch’s mother, Kathy:** She got a good report from the Mon Spine Center & is improving.
- **Kevin Fortney, Ken’s son: Was recently hospitalized.**
- **The Michael Brown family:** Eva Brown passed away on March 6th. She was a member at the Shinnston CoC and visited here with her husband, Mike, during gospel meetings.
- **Harmon Family (Jerry’s friends):** Wife & brother going on hospice care.
- **Nell Conrad (Charles’ friend).**
- **Matt Buffington’s father-in-law:** Received a new scan and it was negative; is improving.
- **Megan Currey’s father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond’s friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan’s Supervisor):** Linda appreciates the prayers for her family and asks for prayers for her sister-in-law, Barb Young.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.