



Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, October 18th at 1:00pm

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday's Fellowship	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91:1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Cadruvi – Health Issues

Norma Lutes – Knee Issues

Butch Peterson – Strength

COVID – Among Us



A word from *The Upper Room*, entitled, "A Light to Share"

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 (NRSV)

Ever since I can remember, the glow of candles has brought me comfort, warmth, and a sense of peace. So, as I began my first job as director of youth ministry, it was natural for me to incorporate candles into my ministry. At the close of each week's Bible study, we gathered in a circle and lit a candle in a ceramic bowl. We passed the candle around the circle and lifted our spoken or unspoken prayers to God.

At first the candle went around the circle in about ten seconds. However, as the group grew in their knowledge and understanding of Christ, the candle began to move more slowly around the circle. They began to share their joys, frustrations, and sorrows with the group and with Christ. The youth began to experience Christ and themselves as the light of the world, and they began to share that light with others.

A year and a half after we began this, the youth were asked to lead the church's adult Bible study. At the end, the youth closed the Bible study by passing the light of the world.

We are each God's special light, and we can share this light with others.

Prayer: Lord, help us to share your light with others so they may know the peace, love and comfort you offer. Amen.



Thought for the Day

We are the light of the world.

Carey C. Knocke (Arizona)

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?” II Kings 7:19

Years ago, a member of Marble Collegiate Church played guard of Northwestern University football team. Apparently he wasn't exerting himself to the fullest, for the coach kept him back one day and told him, “You have it in you to be the greatest guard Northwestern ever had. But you've got to think bigger than you are thinking; you've got to believe bigger than you are believing.” He added something the man says he never forgot – in which I have never forgotten since he told me. “Okay boy,” said the coach, “go out there on the field running tall.” What a phrase!

So I urge you as I urge myself: Get out there on the field running tall, thinking big, believing big, setting your goal high enough for the good that Almighty God has created for you. Think that good, believe that good, work for that good.

Life Lifter: *Trust in God's promises and commandments, Christ's whole message of love and salvation. Believe these promises, live upon them, and you shall have peace and assurance, even if the world is full of trouble. Through faith in Him the world may also be full of the overcoming of trouble. So regardless of difficulty, be of good cheer for victory is yours through Him.*

Norman Vincent Peale



HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT STORE CHANGES

Starting on October 1st, **Heaven's Bounty Thrift Store** will only be open on the **first Saturday** of the month, from 9:00am-2:00pm. We will have a **Shed workday** on the fourth Friday of the month from 9:00am-12:00pm.

COFFEE HOUR CHANGES

From now on the **second Sunday Coffee Hour** will still be called “Coffee Hour” and we will have drinks and light snacks. The **fourth Sunday Coffee Hour** will now be called “Sunday Luncheon” and we will serve a light meal and drinks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The women are planning a **Fall event** for the Community; **Nurture/Women's Fellowship** will host a **Love Feast** on **October 2nd**; **November 15th** we will have a **Thanksgiving Dinner**; **Christmas Coffee Hour** will be on **December 18th**, and **Bread and Cup Communion** will be held on the first Sunday in January 2023. **Christmas Party** Chinese Take-out. **Watch Party** at the Frantz home at 4:00pm.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RESPONSE

The Church of the Brethren has been responding to the world's fastest human crisis since World War II. If you would like to help give love and support to the Ukrainians here are suggestions for you.

Pray for peace.

Pray for safety and for the assistance needed by all those affected by the fighting.

Give online to the Emergency Disaster Fund/Ukraine Crisis.

Send a check to Emergency Disaster Fund, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL, 60120 with Ukraine Crisis in the memo line.

Advocate with elected officials for humanitarian assistance and a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Evelyn Hurlbut

THINKING

By Walter D. Wintle

If you think you are beaten, you are

If you think you dare not, you don't

If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will.
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are

You've got to think high to rise

You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But sooner or later, the man
who wins

IS THE ONE WHO THINKS HE CAN.

It is your attitude at the beginning of a task that more than any other factor will determine the outcome of that task.



HISTORY OF SCARECROWS

Found on the Internet



The first recorded scarecrow was by the Egyptians to protect their wheat fields from flocks of quail.

During medieval times, the scare tactic did not involve an inanimate object, but rather children ran the fields making loud noises to scare off the birds. After the plague, which killed half the population in 1348, scarecrows were made out of stuffed sacks and gourds carved into faces due to lack of people in the fields.

The effect of stationary scarecrows are almost temporary. Eventually birds get used to the scarecrow and resume their habits. However, moving your scarecrow to different places every couple of days will remedy this.

An effective scarecrow should wear previously worn or old clothes with the lingering scent of a human.

Japanese farmers would hang old rags, rancid meat, and fish bones on their creations. Not only birds, but also all creatures would stay away from the fields.

Scarecrows should not be the only means of keeping birds from your crop fields, however, they can be a temporary measure and are very festive for the fall!

In Jesus Christ, You Have HOPE

H stands for **Help**: Empire Church of the Brethren is here to help you, to minister to you!

O stands for **Opportunity**: We seize every opportunity to share God's Word for your benefit... to strengthen you spiritually.

P stands for **Perspective**: Empire Church of the Brethren brings you a practical yet timeless perspective on the Word of God.

E is for **Effect**: We're committed to helping you become more Christlike every day!

Psalm 32:22

May our unfailing love rest upon us, o Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

Psalm 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 33:18

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

AUGUST 2022 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 22

Giving:

Local:	\$4,825.46
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	150.00
Total:	\$4,975.46



DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

02 nd – Jeremy Price	22 nd – Arlene Cupp
05 th – Jerry Stokes	19 th – Elsha Hartman
08 th – Torrie Slaybaugh	27 th – Nathan Lemmings Nathan Slaybaugh
09 th – JoAnn Lusk Joshua Winchester	30 th – Pauline Bert Laura Radcliffe Benjamin Price
13 th – Earleen Cadruvi	
19 th – Jessica (Stokes) Wagner	

*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.
Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.
You are important to us!*

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/empire_cob; and

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>





OCTOBER 2022 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Colossians 3:1-3, 12-17 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano
2 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Pastor & Teachers Candice Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 Psalm 86:1-7 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 Matthew 20:25-28 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	5 Isaiah 43:16-21 Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey	6 Philippians 4:4-9 Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Mark 1:40-45 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 Psalm 92:12-15 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman
9 Luke 16:10-13 Pastor & Teachers Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield	10 James 1:22-25 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	11 Ephesians 2:4-10 Jay Irizarry Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Sheryle Knott & Fam.	12 Colossians 4:7-16 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	13 Acts 27:13-26 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune	14 Mark 4:35-41 Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	15 Hebrews 12:1-3 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family
16 Philippians 4:10-14 Pastor & Teachers Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	17 Psalm 46:1-11 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam.	18 Philippians 1:1-6 Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price	19 Jeremiah 17:7-8 Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family	20 Ephesians 3:8-20 Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	21 Psalm 27:1-3 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	22 Hebrews 10:23-25 Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford
23/30 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Matthew 6:25-34 Pastor & Teachers J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderman & Family	24/31 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Mark 13:28-31 Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	25 Isaiah 43:1-7 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	26 Jeremiah 29:10-14 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam.	27 Acts 2:1-13 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	28 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Errica Wyatt	29 Joshua 1:1-9
















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OCTOBER 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
2	3	4  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	5  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	6  4:15pmFellowship Singers	7 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Marie Callender's 3500 Coffee Rd. Modesto	8
9  Coffee Hour	10  Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day	11  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	12	13  4:15pmFellowship Singers	14	15
16	17	18  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 1:00pmWomen's Fellowship Mtg.	19	20  4:15pmFellowship Singers 6:00pmBoard Meeting	21 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Perko's 3500 Oakdale Rd. Modesto	22
23/30  Sunday Luncheon	24/31	25  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	26	27  4:15pmFellowship Singers	28  Shed Work Day 9:00am-12:00pm	29

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