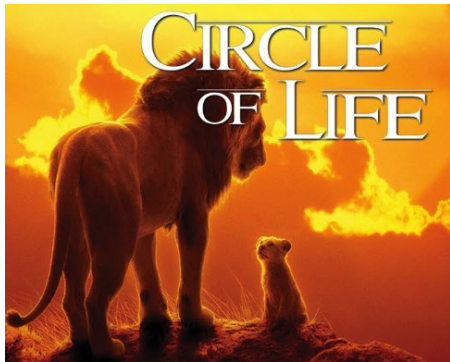


The Circle of Life

Some years ago, this was the title of a song in the "Lion King" movie. Here are some of the lyrics.



In the circle of life - It's the wheel of fortune - It's the leap of faith - It's the band of hope - 'Til we find our place - On the path unwinding - In the circle - The circle of life. This song "explores the cyclical nature of existence and the interconnectedness of all living beings. The lyrics reflect the birth, growth, struggle, and death of life, emphasizing that these events are not linear but part of a continuous journey. It encourages listeners to find their place in the world and embrace the infinite potential and mysteries of life. Overall, the song serves as a reminder of the responsibility we have in our interactions with others and the environment, urging us to live with purpose, balance, and compassion." This is a good encouraging message to help us navigate a life that seems at times simply the "same old, same old" every day.

My morning devotion was in the first chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes. The writer of this book wrote about the circle of life. He expressed it in the following verses in a somewhat pessimistic way. **"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."** (Ecclesiastes 1.2-9)

Although he begins with a very pessimistic view of the world and the circle of life, as one reads the whole of the book there comes a very uplifting message. This message is written throughout the book and is summarized in **Ecclesiastes 12.13, "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."**

The writer concludes that what makes life worth living and what gives us purpose is our relationship with God. It is only in this relationship with the creator of all things that we can find joy and happiness and fulfillment in life. And so, let us lean into him. Let us enjoy his love and the things that he has made. Let us look for those God moments in the daily routine of life. Let us watch and see what marvelous things he will do in our lives and the lives of others.

In Christ Alone

**** DATE CORRECTION: ****

November 26 at 6:30 PM – Thanksgiving Eve service at our church (Bermudian Church) with Pastor Zach from St. Paul's Red Run Church delivering the message.



Prayer & Praises

- Gabriel Good was taken to the York Hospital and is now responsive. There will be tests done Thursday. Please pray for healing and wisdom.
- Joanne Miller shared that Pat has colon cancer. She is home on hospice and is doing better.
- Wayne is starting to recover from shingles, but still has headaches and pain associated with it.
- Pray for Sandy Hughes who is having surgery tomorrow.
- Sue shared that Tony Campisi has had a lot of complications from his fall and is still intubated.
- Dave Julius shared a praise that he had a successful cataract surgery.
- Deb Henry requested prayer for Steve Hess and Abbey. Deb's cousin, Steve's Ex-wife was killed in an accident on Saturday. They share a daughter Abbey, who is 23. Please keep Steve and Abbey in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Karen Peters requested prayer for her surgery on her heel tendons. Karen will need to keep weight off for 6 weeks. Pray for the surgery, surgical team and healing after.
- Joyce Wagaman shared a praise for Sabrina and Brandon, who welcomed Thomas Scott Marin, her second great grandson.
- Carol McKinley requested prayer for Mary Stover. Mary is having more bad days than good. They believe that the cancer is starting to spread.
- Ashley Frantz shared a praise that her brother Jason Dennis is home safe from South Korea.

- Please keep Tom Zipfel in your prayers. He still has numbness in his right foot and leg. He had shoulder surgery 2 weeks ago and is recovering slowly but well. He sees the surgeon soon about his pelvis.
- Praise & Prayers for Chelsey Yost: Praise for earlier appt. with her doctor. Prayers for blood work to check pituitary & thyroid glands, and for the ultrasound that is scheduled for January to monitor the possible removal of the cyst she has.
- Merv Good praised God for all of His goodness, care, and the rain.
- Sandy Spoon shared praise for Pastor Gary & Pastor Matt, who teach/preach the uncompromised word of God.

CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your love and grace that unites us as "we are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with (Your) people and also members of (Your) household." **Ephesians 2:19(NIV).**

Thank You for all the churches who have and will join the ranks of The Covenant Brethren Church. We pray for the "Sister to Sister" prayer initiative to grow and flourish in Jesus' name. We are grateful for the churches and individuals who have committed to pray for sister churches, and we ask You to establish, bless, and nurture these friendships. Raise up additional churches to join in this prayer ministry and remove obstacles or barriers that would prevent sister churches from communicating with and/or praying for one another.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Farmington Bethel Congregation in Farmington, PA and Pastor Steven Davis
- Fiente Inagotieble Congregation in Venezuela and Pastor Richard Jose Rebanales

****CHRISTMAS BAZAAR****

**Saturday, December 6,
at East Berlin Community Center,
8 AM - 2 PM.**

East Berlin Christmas Bazaar - Donations of baked goods (cookies, pies, fudge, etc.) and craft items are needed. All donated items should be at the church by 10:00 a.m., Friday, 12/5/2025. We will be packing cookies at this time. A sign-up sheet for donations will be posted on the Church Bulletin Board. (Proceeds received from the Bazaar are distributed by Ladies Fellowship throughout the year to ministry needs.)



**Annual Ladies
Christmas
Party at Perkins
Restaurant
in Hanover, PA**

December 2nd, 2025

**Save the Date –
more info to follow.**

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26th



6:30 PM

Service will be at Bermudian Church
279 Bermudian Church Road, East Berlin, PA 17316

With Pastor Zach Stec from
St. Paul's Red Run Church delivering the message



Young ADULTS

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
See Pastor Matthew for details



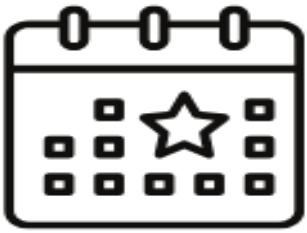
To all children and youth of Bermudian Church and their families! On Sunday, December 14th the Sunday School dept will be presenting a small skit at the beginning of the worship service.

We are small, as you know, so adults will also be part of this retelling of the gospel story! We will practice on Sunday, December 7th, during the Sunday school hour, and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13th, at 9:00. I do not anticipate this taking more than an hour. So please let us know if your child will be part of this program and if they are able to attend these practices. The Sunday school staff

Fruitbelt Farmers

December 8, 2025

We will be visiting with the Fruitbelt Farmers at 6:00 p.m. to spread some Christmas cheer. We will be serving cookies, hot chocolate, and singing some songs. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Church Bulletin Board if you wish to go along.....leaving the church around 5:00 p.m.



Reminders

Wednesday 11/19

6:30 pm - Life Group 

7:45 pm – Ladies' Choir Practice

Thursday 11/20

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Friday 11/21

 Gary Firster's Birthday

 Jeff & Sue Mayle's Anniversary

Saturday 11/22

 Madden Frantz's Birthday

Sunday 11/23

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

LAST DAY – Harvest Home & Shoeboxes

 Gumby & Terri Stambaugh's Anniversary

Tuesday 11/25

 Jen Miles' Birthday

Wednesday 11/26

 Debbie Zipfel's Birthday

6:30 pm = Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday 11/27

 Bob Jones' Birthday
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday 11/28

 Larissa (Miller) Thrift's Birthday

Saturday 11/29

 Caleb Staple's Birthday

Sunday 11/30

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

December

Monday 12/01

 Bob Meck's Birthday

Tuesday 12/02

6:00 pm – Ladie's Christmas Party at Perkin's
Restaurant in Hanover

Wednesday 12/03

 Gerald Gerber's Birthday

6:30 pm - Life Group 

Thursday 12/04

 Glenn & Ann Hammond's Anniversary

Saturday 12/06

 Sandra Martin-Hengst's Birthday

Sunday 12/07

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

 Pam Miller's Birthday

 Gerald & Gloria Gerber's Anniversary

Monday 12/08

 Pat Lehr's Birthday

 Jamie Lynn Stewart's Birthday

 Melinda Little's Birthday

6:00 pm – Women's Fellowship – visit with
Fruitbelt Farmworkers – leaving church
around 5 pm

Wednesday 12/10

6:30 pm - Life Group 