*Congregation is invited to stand as able*

MUSIC WHILE GATHERING

TIME OF WELCOME & SHARING

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER*

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You,
O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

“I Love You, Lord” - Copyright 1978 by Laurie Klein; CCLI#1154612

*HYMN #290*  The Solid Rock

Children are invited to come forward as we sing the last verse

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN GIVING

Weekly Offering Challenge Goal - $760

*Offertory Hymn #348  Close to Thee
*Unison Offertory Scripture (Psalm 51:6)  You desire honesty from our hearts, so you can teach each of us to be wise in our inmost being.
*Offertory Prayer
  Offertory
  Responding Through Our Tithes & Offerings
*Doxology #52

*REQUESTED SONG*  Wonderful Cross

Children are invited to go to Junior Church after we sing

READING OF SCRIPTURE  Jeremiah 31:31-34

Message - The New Covenant

*HYMN OF INVITATION #193  I Know Whom I Have Believed

If you sense the leading of God’s Holy Spirit to publicly repent of your sin and to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, to be baptized and/or request membership into our church, to rededicate your life, to request specific prayer... or whatever the need, please come forward as we sing.

*CLOSING PRAYER & POSTLUDE*

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**Today’s Worship Service Helpers**
Worship Service Coordinator - Pastor Woody
Chorister & Scripture Reader - Laurie Coy
Pianist - Nancy Johnson
Junior Church - Diane Coy

**Last Week’s Stewardship Report**
Sunday School attendance (9) & offering ($36)
Worship attendance (22 - 2 visitors) & offering ($716)
Tuesday’s Bible study/prayer attendance (3)

36-item March Challenge Goal of Hygiene Products for the Rescue Mission/Way Station

Congratulations!!! 52 (144%) items have been given so far

Our emphasis missionary (Native American Indian field in Peoria, Arizona) for the months of March/April is Billie Sue Dunn (challenge goal is $300). $276 (92%) has been given for her so far.

**Celebrations This Week**

27 - Christopher Uscianowski

**For Your Information**

23, Constitution & Bylaws Committee meeting, 6:15 - 7:45 PM
24, Free Community Church dinner @ Zion Lutheran (5-6:30 PM)
27, Blood drive @ at Free Methodist Community Church (Noon - 6 PM)
28, Love Feast @ 7 PM
29, Palm Sunday - 5th Sunday Sunday School offering designated for the Rescue Mission/Way Station

Bread & Cup Communion will be held immediately after the worship service for those who were unable to attend the March 28 Love Feast

5th Sunday Community Hymn Sing (@ Zion Hill CoB - 6 PM)

All those who are willing to help set up tables, etc. for Saturday’s Love Feast are asked to go down to the church basement (should take about 10 minutes) after today’s worship service.

Please be sure to check your church mailbox (empty it of all items, if necessary) each week - thanks.
**Message Outline**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34: The New Covenant**

I. New covenant made by God  
A. Will be made at the right time  
  *Hebrews 8:6*  
B. Based on God alone  
  *Hebrews 8:8*  
  *Jeremiah 31:31; Romans 11:25*

II. God’s law  
A. Designed from within  
  *Jeremiah 31:33; Psalm 119:11; Hebrews 8:10*  
B. More than human knowledge  
  *Psalm 139:6; Romans 11:33*  
  *2 Corinthians 3:14; 4:4*  
C. Available to every person  
  *Jer. 31:34; Romans 3:22; Galatians 3:28*

III. New covenant depends on two things  
A. On God through Jesus Christ  
  1. Human wickedness will be forgiven  
    *Hebrews 10:16*  
    *Jeremiah 31:34; 13:20*  
    *Romans 8:17*
  2. Sins of genuine repentance will be forgotten  
    *Jeremiah 31:34; Isaiah 43:25; Romans 11:27*  
    *Matthew 13:11; Luke 8:10*  
    *2 Corinthians 3:6; 4:6; Ephesians 3:19*  
B. Personal experience

**Conclusion:** Sometimes it’s hard for us to understand, but God’s Son, Jesus Christ was actually glorified through the crucifixion. When Jesus was lifted up from the earth on the cross and was resurrected from the dead, He established the possibility for all humanity to come into a correct relationship with our Father God. If we ignore Jesus Christ, if we fail to follow His teachings and chase after selfish, earthly lifestyles, we are only preparing ourselves to live a miserable eternity. By genuinely accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and practicing His teachings, we are developing our lifestyles in a way that pleases our Father God. We are actually preparing ourselves for a heavenly eternity.

Based on John 12:23, 25-26, 31-32

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**March 24 Bible Study & March 29 Message Focal Texts**  
Ps. 31:9–16; 118:1–2, 19–29; Isa. 50:4–9a; Mark 14:1-15:47 & Phil. 2:5–11

**March 22 Target for Reading Through the Bible - 1 Samuel 31**

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**Billie Sue Dunn**  
Emphasis Missionary

The Church of the Brethren logo upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God’s plan to bring “all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10 NEB). The circle, partially defined, represents the world into which we are sent by Christ (Matthew 28:19). The circle also affirms that as members of Christ’s body we are members one of another (Romans 12:5) – a people who confess “one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:5). The wave connotes new life in Christ, “born of water and the Spirit” (John 3:5). The wave further evokes the waters of justice (Amos 5:24), the cup of water offered in Christ’s name (Mark 9:41), the basin and towel (John 13:5), and “springs of living water” (Revelation 7:17).

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Sunday, March 22, 2015  
Sunday School - 9:50 AM  
Worship Service - 11:00 AM  
Tuesday, Bible study & prayer: 10:30 AM - Noon  
(@ 10739 Unity Rd.)

**Monday Church Office hours this week:** 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Please contact our church office by Tuesday no later than 5 PM to share any items to be considered for next Sunday’s bulletin. Our church’s answering machine and email box are checked regularly. Pastor Woody may be contacted directly @ 724-624-4471 (or church email may be used).

If services ever need to be cancelled, a special message will be put on the church answering machine by 8:30 AM that morning.