

Refreshed by Beauty and Wonder

Decades ago when my children were younger, I'd often say, "Water is the stuff of life," especially when money was tight, and I couldn't afford soft drinks. It got to the point they'd chant it with me.

As we grow older, we learn the truth of the matter. Now that I've become a senior citizen, I've become aware that most of us are dehydrated. Skipping a glass of water can even lead to symptoms that appear like dementia.

But this psalm does more than compare God to life-giving water. The songwriter uses the image of a fountain, which pleases the eye and the ear as well as the thirsty soul. Though the water traces the same path up and over and down again, it does so without ever repeating the same pattern. The rills and whorls of water buckling under itself, pushing against gravity, provide endless variations on the theme of life. The same is true for the song of the waters.

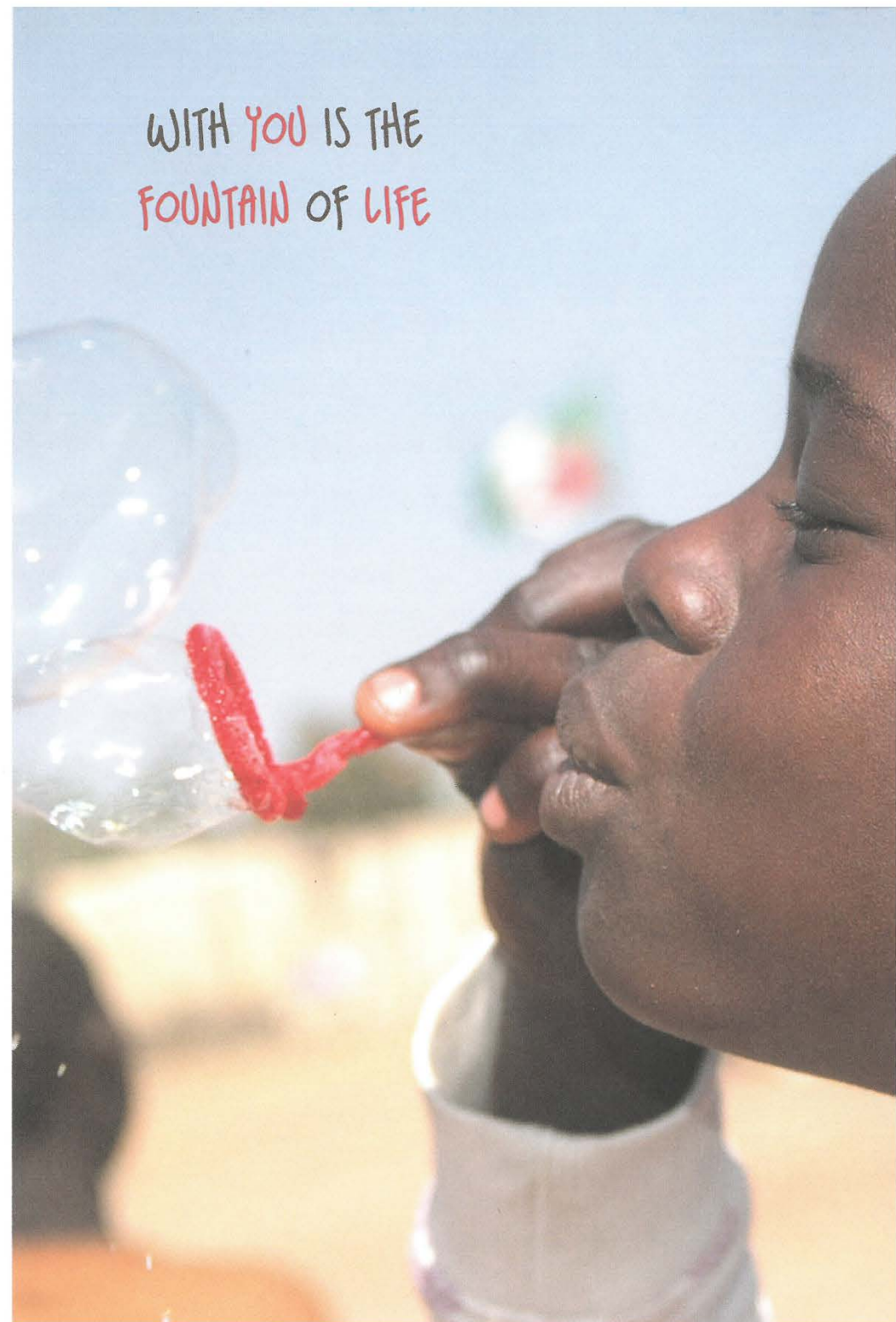
And when we're lucky, we witness sunlight passing through a fountain and scattering a harvest of rainbows. So, it's not enough to say that God, like a fountain, keeps us alive. God refreshes us with beauty and wonder as well.

Ever-changing, yet forever constant, God blesses as the divine fountain of life.

—Frank Ramirez, senior pastor
Union Center Church of the Brethren
Nappanee, Indiana

Text for today: "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For *with you is the fountain of life*; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!" (Psalm 36:5-10, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10 (9); 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 20, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Chorale Prelude: *Franklin D. Ashdown*
“Lead Kindly Light”

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***HYMN # 8** *Brethren, we have met to worship* HOLY MANNA

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S TIME (11:00)
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM (11:00) Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God arr. *Larson*
Mary Kay Adams, cello

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11 *NRSV*

SERMON “Whatever” Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

***HYMN INSERT** *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

SERVICE OF EUCHARIST COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion of the Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***HYMN # 478** *Sent forth by God’s blessing* ASH GROVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Epilogue: *John Barr*
“Sent forth by God’s blessing”

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

January 20-26, 2019 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Sun.	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Lounge
		Children's Worship during Worship at 11	– Agape Room
	2:00	Youth Inquirers' Class	Youth Room
Mon.	6:30	Refugee Committee	Lounge
Tues.	6:15	Child Care Center Board	Lounge
Wed.	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: BFS Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Veggies, Rolls</i>	
		<i>Suggested Donation: \$10 adults / \$5 kids</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	6:30	Witness & Nurture Commission	Open Door Room
Thurs.	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sat.	9 a.m.	Youth go Snow-Tubing – Meet at church	
	10:30a.m.	Memorial Service for Charles Churchman – Sanctuary	

NEXT SUNDAY– January 27, 2019 – *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Brethren Student Movement Campus Ministry Sunday

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Youth Inquirers' Class – 2 p.m. – Youth Room

Jr. Hi. Youth Fellowship – 5 p.m. – Social Hall & Youth Room

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION for 12/23/18, 12/30/18, and 1/6/19, are available in the literature rack. No information was recorded for 1/13, as services were canceled due to inclement weather.

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Dwyann Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Andrea Miracle

Fellowship Host – Beth Day-Miller

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Van Drivers – Dave Lineweaver & Rick Fawley

Worship Leader – Sara Teklay

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: *K. Getty & Stuart Townend*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest & the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

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2019 CONTACT DIRECTORY DRAFTS will be available in the Greeting Hall this Sunday and next (January 20 and 27) for you to review your listing (and the listings of those in your family who aren't able to check) and to add or correct your contact information. Edits or additions need be made in only ONE of the drafts. You may also contact the church office to review or amend your listing.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Wednesday Night Meal this week (and most weeks). Especially needed this week: someone to set out food; someone to wash dishes and put them away. To volunteer, please contact the church office or visit the volunteer section of our church website. Thanks for helping!