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# THE GROWING EDGE

Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren | 219 Hummel St. Harrisburg, PA 17104



## A PRAYER FOR JUNE

Written by Devin Dixon-Rosario

God, we thank you for a season of warm sun and blooming flowers. As we enter this new month, let us do so with open hearts and open minds. Allow us to love one another as you have so graciously loved us. Give us the courage to step into unfamiliar waters and lead us where our trust is without borders. God- the creator of love, we owe it all to you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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# Welcome Home

The way that the Spirit dwells with us here at First Church continues to amaze me. I have particularly witnessed this occurring in the way people feel welcomed when they come to church. For those who have been members of Harrisburg First for decades, Sunday morning is one enthusiastic family visit. And it brings me joy when I see our new members or visitors being greeted with that same enthusiasm. In fact, I was a recipient of that warm welcome when I first started here. It is truly a blessing when people come up to me and tell me that they feel welcomed and at home in our space. I thank God for those who came before me, who instilled this deep and warm sense of hospitality into the life of our church. I thank God for all of those who exemplify that hospitality, from our Deacons to our Ushers, all the way through to our Children's Church teachers, and so much more. It is because of these examples that I believe we as a congregation have the spiritual gift of welcoming. We understand that God has invited us to be a part of God's reconciling love story and we rejoice in the opportunity to invite others to be a part of God's transforming love here on Hummel Street. Yet, as we move into June, the month of Pride, it is my prayer that we as a congregation will extend that same welcome, with that same enthusiasm, to our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ.

In May, we hosted a World Cafe discussion around the mission statement of our church. I gleaned many insights from others as they shared how the mission statement has been foundational to the ministry of the church. One of the surprising parts of the discussion that I have been ruminating over was the fact that many people wanted to know how we have been able to be a part of God's healing in our neighborhood, in our city, and in the lives of those who are a part of our community. I went into the discussion ready to talk about God's justice but it was God's healing that kept coming up, over and over again.

And when I think about our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ, I believe that not only can First Church be a place where we talk about what justice means for the queer community but I think, because of our spiritual gift of welcoming, we can also be a space of healing for many. Historically, the Christian Church has not been kind and welcoming to those with marginalized sexual and gender identities. Not only does this mean that many queer people do not have a church family to call home but it also means that for some, they do not feel they can have a relationship with their Creator, God. The idea of this happening breaks my heart. And yet, I know this is a reality for so many people.



Lexi Aligarbes

*Co-Pastor*

However, I have hope that this does not have to be the case. If we as a congregation can demonstrate that God's love is welcoming to our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ, it is my prayer that we can be a part of their healing as it pertains to their relationship with their God who so tremendously and deeply loves them. I know that this discussion will be hard. And yet, I believe the Spirit has already begun to work among us. I may not know what is ahead but I sense that where we are going God has already equipped us for the task. So this month I will lean into the Spirit and continue to ask that God help us not only to have hard conversations but to be an example of God's healing in the way we welcome our LGBTQ+ siblings into our First Church family.

# Pride

It struck me last year, as Alyssa and I got the Growing Edge back up and running along with the capable help of our new Admin Assistant Devin, that I was very comfortable doing something for Black History Month in February, Women's History Month in March and Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May. That same level of comfort admittedly didn't take hold in June for Pride. In fact, I largely said nothing. I spent the months that followed wondering and dissecting why and also confessing my own fear to those for whom this omission could have been hurtful. And I decided then and there to not allow the same thing to take place this year.

As June is upon us, I am impressed by the number of LGBTQ+ siblings, particularly young adults, who call our faith community home. We are so blessed by their presence, their commitment and their use of their own gifts for the furthering of God's mission here at First Church. To use the word, I'm incredibly proud of each of them and ever so grateful that they are a part of who we are. In particular our office manager, Devin Dixon-Rosario, has been hard at work in another role as the LGBTQ Justice Intern with On Earth Peace. If you haven't seen his newsletter, I want to suggest you check it out here:

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This is just one example, and there are so many others.

I'm writing this prior to our World Cafe discussion on May 22, so I have no idea what direction that discussion will go, but I feel compelled to say that we as a congregation must start to talk about our inclusion and affirmation of our siblings that identify as part of this community. When speaking with them, most feel loved and welcomed which is fantastic, but they don't always know where they stand as far as if we truly affirm them and see them as equal siblings in Christ. This is an important discussion and one that should be entered prayerfully and with care for one another.



Josiah Ludwick

*Co-Pastor*

The COVID-19 pandemic was all that was necessary to divide many faith communities across our nation. Thankfully, we at First Church have largely been able to navigate these challenges and remain together. I'm sure there were those who disagreed with some of the decisions made in regards to the pandemic, but remaining together was deemed more important than these disagreements and we were able to move forward as one. I am hoping and praying that this season of discussion, prayer and discernment will be similar. I'm guessing there will be disagreements, but my hope and prayer is that our common love for Jesus and for one another will guide us in this season. That we will continue to pursue being a church that welcomes and is home for all people. That we might come to a place where we may not all agree, but we remain as the tagline says, "Continuing the Work of Jesus: Peacefully, Simply, Together".

# Our Community Ministries

bcmPEACE

"Serving Allison Hill in becoming a safer, healthier community empowered by God's peace."

## Get Connected!

- Make sure you are receiving our monthly Newsletter
- Donate your unwanted clothes to Community Aid using our partner number #10018
- Come take a tour of the space and community
- Become a Board Member
- Become a Mentor
- So many more opportunities!

## Add it to the Calendar

- June 4th – Agape trip to Philadelphia!
- June 19th – 23rd – Vacation Bible School
- July 10th – 14th – bcmPEACE represented at Annual Conference
- July 23–28 – bcmPEACE represented at National Youth Conference
- August 19th – Back to School BINGO Fundraiser
- October 5th – Be The Peace Banquet
- November 6th – Bowl-a-thon

## What's Happening?

Agape Satygraha participants are continuing to go through the program while graduates have been participating in safe spaces led by Devin Dixon-Rosario! Both have been participating in community artwork as well as planning and assisting in the Mental Health Fair!



Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our Annual Highmark Walk Fundraiser whether you walked on May 21, if you donated to continue funding our programs, or if you participated in our Trivia Night. A Huge Thank You!

The Mental Health Fair on May 15 catered towards children grades 3-7 and included information as well as crafts and activities that were focused on understanding emotions and coping/calming strategies. There were 5 organizations present that participated and engaged the children. We also helped children register for Vacation Bible School!



## Closings and Vacation

- May 30 – Memorial Day Closed
- July 9–15 – Offices Closed
- July 23–28 – Offices Closed
- Oct. 10–17 – Vacation Closed

## WE NEED YOU!

Board Members

Are you passionate about the Allison Hill Community and bcmPEACE mission and programs? We would love to invite you to join the bcmPEACE Board of Directors! If you are interested, please contact Alyssa at 717-234-0415 x20 or [brethren.com.min@gmail.com](mailto:brethren.com.min@gmail.com)!

Make sure you are keeping up with all things bcmPEACE by checking out our website [www.bcmpeace.org](http://www.bcmpeace.org)! Also if you are not already receiving our Monthly newsletter, we would love for you to sign up for our mailing list. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to serve Allison Hill in becoming a safer, healthier, community empowered by God's Peace!



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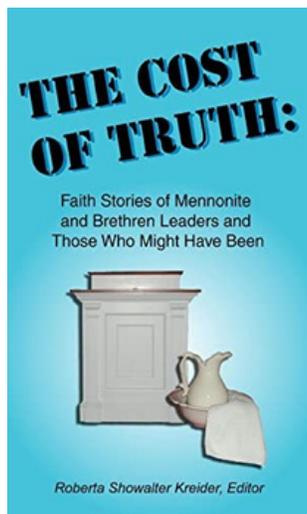
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# Faith and Justice Corner

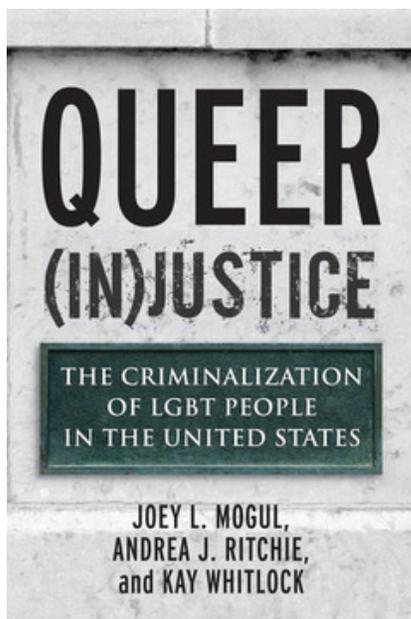
## THE COST OF TRUTH REPORT BY PASTOR LEXI ALIGARBES



As we seek to celebrate Pride month, this time of the year helps to remind us to listen and learn from the LGBTQ+ community. One resource that can help us understand this topic, especially from a Brethren perspective, is the book, *The Cost of Truth: Faith Stories of Mennonite and Brethren Leaders and Those Who Might Have Been*. This book is a compilation of different stories and testimonies from individuals within Brethren and Mennonite circles. Each story shared is personal and discusses how the topic of sexuality has impacted one's life. Some stories address the internal conflicts of those who felt a call to ministry while also wrestling with their sexual identity. Other stories talk about how some had to leave the church because they didn't feel loved anymore. And there are a few that offer a hopeful take that the Church can do better for our LGBTQ+ siblings. If you're interested in reading some of these stories, excerpts will be available in our Social Justice Library. For those of you who may not have access to the book, check out this other great resource! Listen to a story about one Mennonite pastor's story about queerness, the church, and his own ministry on the podcast, *Revisionist History* (<https://www.pushkin.fm/show/revisionist-history/>) Season 1: Episode 2, "Generous Orthodoxy"



First gay rights march in Harrisburg protesting proposed anti-gay legislation in 1977. Photo by Bari Lee Weaver.



## REPORT BY DEVIN DIXON-ROSARIO

In this book, we are given insightful recognition of the injustices of the queer community within the penal system of the United States. The authors emphasize that the policing of sex and gender are equally objectified in comparison to race and socio-economic status. Additionally, we are given interesting comparisons of heterosexual criminals to homosexual criminals in terms of media coverage of their crimes. We must ask ourselves why it is the queer community is recognized for their sexuality/ gender identity in negative media coverage. The intersection of race and queerness lies within the bias that these identities relate to the cause or reason behind crimes or actions. I encourage all to read this book and stand for change within the criminal justice system.

## PRIDE FESTIVAL

July 30th 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The pride festival occurs annually here in Harrisburg and is a day to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community! You may enjoy art, live performances, delicious food and so much more!

Emergency Responders Plaza Harrisburg, PA

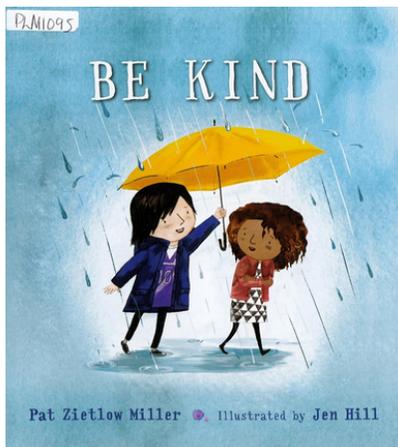
# LGBTQIA+

# The Youth Corner

## Social Justice Library Book of the Month!

Be Kind, By Pat Zietlow Miller

Illustrated by Jen Hill



Each act, big or small, can make a difference – or at least help a friend. What does it mean to be kind? In this story, a little girl named Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress. Everyone laughed at her, how embarrassing! One of her classmates sees this and contemplates how to make her feel better. The story goes on to teach us the many ways in which we can be kind.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CLASSES!

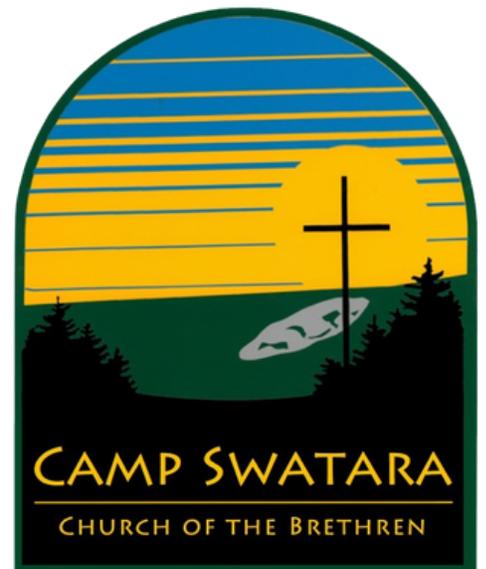
Summer time is a great opportunity for kids to participate in many of the different academic programs that are available through schools like Temple, HACC, or the Whitaker Center. If you have questions about the fund or need help applying, contact Donna Benson or the Church office. Applications can be found at <http://www.hbgfirstcob.org/scholarship-fund/>

## CHRISTIAN ED TEAM LEADER NEEDED!

Are you someone who is passionate about teaching and education? Do you enjoy staying organized and planning events? Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved here at First Church? Well the Christian Ed Team is looking for a new team leader for 2023! If you are interested in serving in this way contact Donna Benson or Pastor Lexi for more info.

## VBS

Vacation Bible School! Summer is here and that means it is time for Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be held from June 19th– June 23rd. This event is for children in preschool– 5th grade. Our theme this year is "Champions in Life: Ready, Set, GO with GOD!" Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and activities will follow until 8:00pm. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact either Pastor Lexi or Alyssa Parker. If you have already agreed to help, VBS training will be held June 5th after service. If you would like to register someone you know, registration is available at <https://forms.gle/i5M5h6ztHgNemWmn8>.



## Camping!!!

Registration is beginning for summer camps of all ages in June and July!

If you need help with registration or costs, please email Alyssa Parker at [brethren.com.min@gmail.com](mailto:brethren.com.min@gmail.com).

# Congregational News and Announcements

## Want to Help?

We appreciate the help we have received from you all with making each Sunday service run smooth and efficient. To sign up for a role this month, please see our signup sheet on the welcome table or confirm via email at [hbgfirstcob@yahoo.com](mailto:hbgfirstcob@yahoo.com)

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\_\_\_ Welcome Table    \_\_\_ Zoom and Video  
\_\_\_ Scripture Reading    \_\_\_ Announcements  
\_\_\_ Time for Young Disciples

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## Mid-week Meditations

Join Pastor Lexi for a morning meditation every Wednesday at 9am! We will be highlighting different forms of spiritual practices, prayer, and meditation. Look forward to seeing you all there!

## Praise Reports

Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

## Prayer Requests

For the communities in Buffalo, NY, Laguna Woods, CA, and Ulvade, TX that have experienced acts of gun violence that were motivated by hate, we ask that the God of Peace brings comfort to those crying out and that God empower us as to denounce acts of racism and help us to bring about God's Shalom here, in our midst.

## All Church Council

The council meeting will be held on *June 12th*, after service. At these meetings, we review reports put forth by our ministry teams and discuss the ongoing business of the church. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Come learn about all that is happening here at First Church!

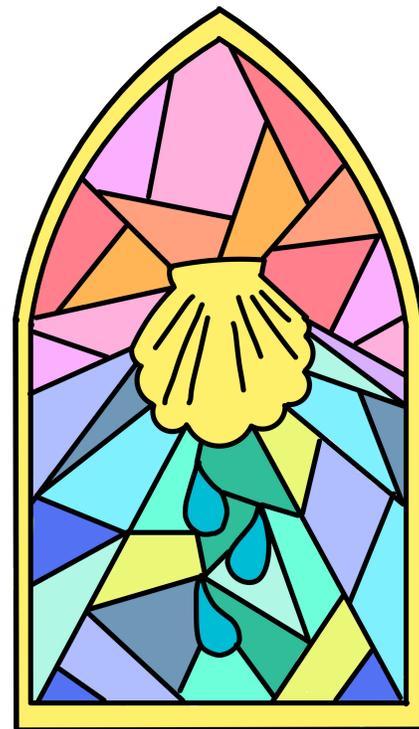
Sunday Bible Study has returned in the form of a "talk back" immediately following service. This will include going deeper into scripture and discussing the sermon. There will be a primary class available for that age range as well as the Young Disciples continuing past its normal time to accommodate childcare.

# More Announcements



## Iconography Update-

The Iconography team has been hard at work as we continue the process of modifying the windows in our sanctuary. We have signed a contract with Cumberland Stained Glass for the work to begin. Although no sketches have been approved, the first step in the process is to remove the glass pieces that we will be changing. This means that in the coming weeks, you might notice different colored glass on the two windows behind the pulpit and praise band areas. These are only temporary. The pieces that will be removed will not be destroyed. The iconography team is working to determine how to honor those who gave to the windows. As things change, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Lexi if you have any questions about the windows. There will be a full report from the Iconography Team presented at Council so come to the meeting if you want to learn more about the project!



## Pastors Away

Pastors Away- Included are dates that our pastors will be away from the church. Note that one pastor will be available even while the other is away, except during Annual Conference. If you are having trouble getting into contact with a pastor reach out to the Church office at (717) 234-0415 or at hbgfirstcob@yahoo.com

Pastor Josiah Away- June 3rd- 13th (FaithX Workcamp in Rwanda), Annual Conference July 10th- 14th

Pastor Lexi Away- July 1st- 8th, Annual Conference July 10th- 14th

## Upcoming Conferences

Annual Conference - July 10-14

"Embracing One Another As Christ Embraces Us" (Romans 15:7)

Registration Opens March 1st at [www.brethren.org/ac2022/National](http://www.brethren.org/ac2022/National)

Youth Conference - July 23-28

"Foundational" (Colossians 2:5-7)

Register NOW at [www.brethren.org/nyc/registration/](http://www.brethren.org/nyc/registration/)



HYBRID Annual Conference Briefing  
with  
Moderator David Sollenberger

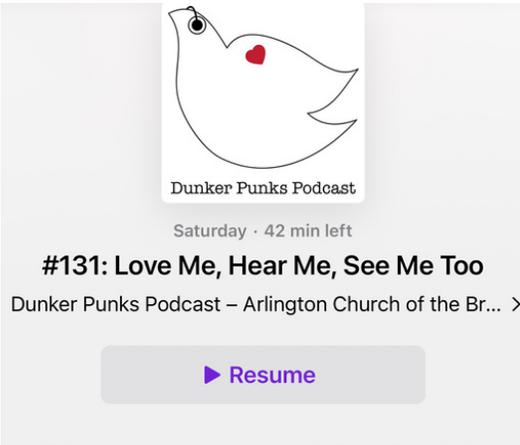
Saturday, June 4, 2022  
9:00am to 11:00am

Hempfield Church of the Brethren  
1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82984010483>

All are welcome.  
No registration needed.

# Even More Announcements



Our young adults here at First Church have been hard at work over the past few weeks! Our very own **Briel Slocum** felt a calling placed on her heart to share her experiences growing up as a young, Christian woman amidst the queerness of her friends and loved ones. As a similar call has been placed on **Devin's** heart, Briel invited him and **Samson** to share their own stories. Be sure to check out this podcast at the link below. Praise God for the gifting's of our young adults!

<http://arlingtoncob.org/dpp/>

Is your church a safe space for all people? In this episode of the podcast, Briel Slocum, Devin Dixon-Rosario, and Samson Arnold share stories of young people coming out as LGBTQ in their communities and the difficulties, blessings, and hopes therein.

#131 Love Me, Hear Me, See Me Too



**Friday, June 24 | 4-9pm | Ephrata CoB**

FREE Food Trucks, Lawn Games, and Campfire! Fun for the whole family. Register now at [http://ane-cob.org/!](http://ane-cob.org/)

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## LOVE ME, TOO

Stories from the LGBTQ+ community  
By Devin Dixon-Rosario



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "COME OUT"

DEVIN DIXON-ROSARIO

Coming out requires strength, love, and self-acceptance. In a world divided by race, ethnicity, socioeconomics, and much more; we as people struggle with division among sexual orientations. There is a myriad of things to consider when making the decision to come out such as taking safety precautions, being prepared for potential consequences, allowing time for your parent or guardian to adjust, and more. In this edition of *Love me, too*, we will read first-hand accounts of the stories of beauty, heartbreak, and endurance in the LGBTQ+ community.

### WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

- PERSONAL ACCOUNTS
- ADVICE
- RESOURCES

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Hello friends! My first newsletter through OEP was released last month. I am extremely grateful for the support and feedback I have received thus far. If you have not already done so, Please check your emails and fill out the google form attached to be a part of our mailing list. Please see me if you'd like a hard copy of this newsletter, or pick one up from outside my office! In the next edition, you can hope to read about churches in our denomination who have been named as "Open & Affirming" and the steps they took to get there!

Devin Dixon-Rosario  
LGBTQ+ Justice Organizer OEP



# Birthdays & Anniversaries!



Happy Anniversary!



June 11th...Josiah & Christine Ludwick

June 22nd...Matt & Kristina Hunn

If you have something you want included in the Growing Edge, please send the material in to the office by June 18th.

June 4th	Jazzmine Ortiz
June 8th	Rosie Fisher
June 11th	Malcolm Wertz, Jr. Adesewa Ajiroutu
June 12th	Ian Roberts
June 14th	Steve Dodge
June 15th	Juan Romero
June 16th	Jackie Leiter
June 19th	Mark Wolfe
June 20th	Alan Benson
June 23rd	Lary Stillions
June 26th	Kathy Leitzell
June 29th	Dr. Drew Hart

## JUNE ANE DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray for this Church

This Church is Praying for Us

5 Jun 22	<a href="#">Heidelberg (Myerstown, PA)</a>	<a href="#">Conestoga (Leola, PA)</a>
12 Jun 22	<a href="#">Annville (Annville, PA)</a>	<a href="#">Providence (Royersford, PA)</a>
19 Jun 22	<a href="#">Hatfield (Hatfield, PA)</a>	<a href="#">Mohler (Ephrata, PA)</a>
26 Jun 22	<a href="#">Geiger Memorial (Ph Iladelphia, PA)</a>	<a href="#">Pottstown (Pottstown, PA)</a>

# PRIDE MONTH

Submitted by Devin Dixon-Rosario

Gay pride month can be described as the promotion of self affirmation, equality, dignity & visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex & asexual (LGBTQ+) people as a social group.



## HISTORY

Pride month is celebrated in response to and commemoration of the **Stone Wall Riots** that began in New York City, June 28th, 1969. Nine police officers entered the Stone Wall Inn (a known queer bar) in a raid. As police attempted to arrest patrons and bartenders, many resisted. This caused what many believed to be a riot; to others a resistance; eventually causing an uprising of the masses surrounding the bar. In interviews from Stone Wall Riot "participants" we are told that this establishment served as a home for all those on the spectrum. You see, the sexual identity of many had to be celebrated and expressed in what was described by some as an old, drafty bar. Similar to how a church is not *the* building but instead lovers of god who gather; the same could be said for the safe space that was Stone Wall Inn.



### Stone Wall Riots:

## A CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Upper-middle-class white men were given access to healthcare while minorities of the queer community were further marginalized. Because of this, Protests for peace and equality took place primarily in the white suburbs of New York City. At this time, the Supreme Court took liberties of sexual privacy away from homosexuals and attributed the responsibility of AIDS/HIV to the LGBTQ+ community. The masses referred to this as the "Gay Plague" and set the community ablaze.

In the years to follow, we find that social justice did not come easy or without challenge. We find that with resistance at every corner, the passion and drive of the queer community and allies brought us to where we are today.

The Stonewall Riots, also called the Stonewall Uprising, began in the early hours of June 28, 1969 when New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village in New York City.

1978

THE GAY PRIDE FLAG WAS CREATED BY GILBERT BAKER

2004

MASSACHUSETTS BECAME THE FIRST U.S. STATE AND THE SIXTH JURISDICTION IN THE WORLD TO LEGALIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

2014

LAVERNE COX IS THE FIRST TRANSGENDER WOMAN TO WIN AN EMMY

2015

U.S. SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN ALL STATE BANS ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, LEGALIZED IT IN ALL FIFTY STATES, AND REQUIRED STATES TO HONOR OUT-OF-STATE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LICENSES

2016

PRESIDENT OBAMA DEDICATED THE NEW STONEWALL NATIONAL MONUMENT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE AS THE FIRST US NATIONAL MONUMENT TO HONOR THE LGBTQ RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

In the years to follow, the queer community fought and still fights against discrimination and equality for the same rights as those of the heterosexual community, an important step into the gay liberation movement. Suffice the entirety of this article to say that love outweighs government, love outweighs prejudice, love outweighs all.



# WORLD CAFÉ

On Sunday, May 22nd, we had the opportunity to host yet another word café. Led by our very own Jon Brenneman & Devin Dixon-Rosario, we challenged our church's mission statement in attempt to determine whether or not it still serves us properly.

**We are called to be a Christ-centered multi-cultural community in the inner city, sharing the love, healing, peace, and justice of Christ.**

With each questing allotting for twenty minutes to converse among peers, we dug deeper into the true meaning of the "Justice of Christ". Listed below are questions and a few collective ideas gathered from our discussion:

✨ *A COLLECTIVE RESPONSE* ✨

## How has our mission statement served us over the past several years?

"We have **made progress** on incorporating people from all walks of life; however we **still have work to do**. We are blessed to have a multicultural church but would like to see **more diversity** amongst leadership. Our mission statement reflects us as a church as we provide education, empathy and resources for our community."

"The word '*multicultural*'- could we commit to a broader term such as **anti-opression**?"

## ✨ In what ways have you experienced the "love, healing, peace and justice of Christ here at First Church of The Brethren?" ✨

"First Church has given me **healing through** the **power or prayer**."

"I've never seen FCOB turn anyone down. I've **always felt love** from this congregation"

"I would like to see our church not only focus on Justice for our **BIPOC** community but our **LGBTQ+** community as well. This is especially important as the population within on church is larger than most people may know."

## ✨ How does the "Justice of Christ" in our mission statement support our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ? ✨

On both sides of the spectrum, responses included **feeling a lack of representation** and commitment to the LGBTQ+ community and the understanding that **Jesus' "justice" has no boundaries**.

"I am **ready to accept** members of the queer community. How can I start?"

"We recognize **Devin's newsletter, Love Me, Too**. This newsletter is full of information to help us navigate and **improve our relationships with the queer community** within our congregation."

# JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 AGAPE TRIP TO PHILLY
5 VBS LEADER TRAINING AT 12PM	6 DISCERNMENT TEAM @ 5PM	7 MCT @ 5:30 BCM PROPERTY COMM @ 4:30PM	8	9	10	11
12 SPRING COUNCIL	13 BCM BOARD MEETING @ 5	14 SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM @ 6PM STEWARDSHIP TEAM @ 4PM	15	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY JUNETEENTH VBS	20 BUILDING RESOURCES @ 4PM VBS	21 DISTRICT BOARD MTG @ 7PM VBS	22	23	24	25
26 CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEETING @ 12PM	27	28	29	30		

**INDOOR AND ZOOM WORSHIP AT 10AM**  
**STAFF MEETING @ 12:30PM**  
**PASTORS DAY OFF**  
**WELLNESS HUB @ 10AM**  
 AGAPE SATYAGRAHA @ 5PM  
 COMPUTER CLASS @ 10:30AM & 2:30PM  
 MIDWEEK MEDITATIONS @ 9AM

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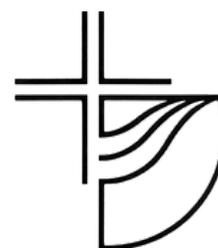
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