



### **Maundy Thurs. April 18- Love Feast and Communion**

**6:30 pm** "It is evening now. The old-time tallow dips are lighted. Brothers and sisters gather around a long table, a hymn is sung. The sisters on one side, the brothers on the

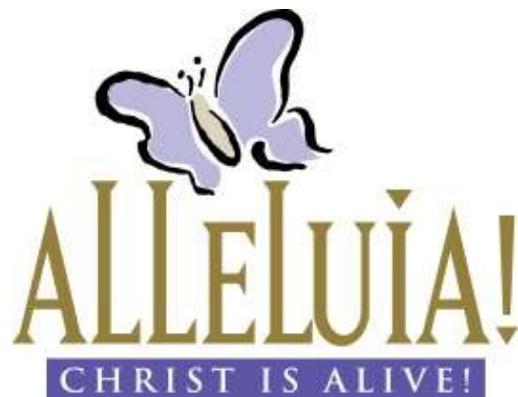


other, each arise and wash one another's feet. Then they eat the Lord's Supper, pass the kiss of charity, along with the right hand of fellowship, then partake of Holy Communion, sing a hymn and then go out." That paragraph is how Governor Martin Brumbaugh described the first Love Feast at the German Baptist Brethren (Dunkers) fellowship in Germantown, Pa. on Christmas evening 1723.

Granted the methods, with regard to some aspects of the Love Feast they observed have changed. Still in all the MEANING and PURPOSE of the fellowship has not. The three-part service consists of a meat and bread meal, communion and feet washing, each having its own spiritual significance as well as a combined importance and relevance. To express divine servant-hood, The Lord knelt down and washed each apostle's feet. Communion being much more than a sip of juice and a taste of bread, is an on-going reminder of the reason the world needed a divine Sacrificial Lamb, as well as a reminder that we are identified with His death and that we are a part of His resurrection.

The spiritual meaning of the meat and bread meal cannot be overlooked. When Jesus sat down with the twelve at the Last Supper He said, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover meal with you..." The original language makes that declaration more intimate, stressing not the 'eating' but the fellowship. It also looks forward to the great supper in Heaven when all believers are gathered to fellowship around the Lord's Table.

**On Thursday April 18th, Bush Creek will be celebrating the Love Feast.** Please join your brothers and sisters in this holy time. It is a time and an opportunity to reflect on your commitment as servants of The Lord and to express our indebtedness to the sacrifice The Lord made for us. For He truly so-loved the world.



**Easter Sunday – 4/21 – Sunrise Service @ 8 am  
with Dylan Rinehart bringing the message.  
Breakfast to follow provided by the youth.**

**Children's/Youth Easter Festival during worship in fellowship hall.**

**Sunday School @ 9:30 am followed by Worship @ 10:30 am.**