

Pastor's Pen



April 2017

[The messenger of God said to the women] “Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he [Jesus] is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb...and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:7-8 New Revised Standard Ver.

This was the original ending of Mark’s gospel. Somewhere in history someone, perhaps Mark himself, changed it because the original was so...uneventful. Seriously? The women at the tomb just learned from an angel that Jesus is alive and they went home and said nothing?! No tears from Mary Magdalene. No running to Peter and John – “We have seen the Lord!” No response. Perhaps Mark was seeking one from those hearing the story for the first time.

I’ve preached many Easter sermons and attended many sunrise services. Sometimes I wonder if the fabulous news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ becomes stale with those of us who have heard it often. We seem to leave the service unmoved and unmotivated. Maybe I’m wrong but, “He is not here; he has risen!” should cause a reaction.

Many years ago, I stood on the front porch of a church on Easter morning, shaking hands and greeting people after the service. A teen in the congregation had recently received her driver’s license and she drove out of the parking lot, blowing her car horn for all she was worth. I happened to be talking to her parents at that exact moment. They apologized to me for her lack of maturity and respect. But I reassured them that if the message of Christ’s coming to life had really sunk in, everyone would be exiting the lot blowing their horns with joyous abandon.

What does the message of Easter mean to you? How will you react this year? Let’s embrace it, own it, act like we’re hearing it for the first time, and do something with it. Let’s look forward to hearing the good news on April 16th!

Joel



**Combined Worship – Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Theme: “God Will Deliver Us From the Evil One”
Joel Nogle, preaching**

**Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m.
Children’s Church from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Immediately following our Palm Sunday Worship
LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION**

11:05 a.m. in our Brethren Life Center

Our Deacons invite all to come and experience the upper room of Jesus as we eat a simple meal together, serve one another through the washing of hands or feet, and celebrate his death and resurrection with the traditional bread and juice of holy communion.

**The Love Feast will be family friendly with
children, ages 5 and older welcome to participate.**

***Childcare for younger children will be provided at no cost.**

There will be no 10:45 Contemporary Service this morning.

Helpful Reminder

If you are in the hospital or have had an issue where some pastoral care would be appreciated and our pastor has not visited or made contact with you within 24 hours, it is safe to assume he is not aware of your need. Please contact the church office **(264-6957)** or call him at home **(660-2918)**. You are now able to leave a voice message.

Whenever possible, our pastor uses Monday as a day out of the office. He writes his sermon on Thursday, usually from home. He’s in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and is often out visiting in the afternoons, late morning and some evenings. Appointments for extended visits, meetings or counseling can be genuinely helpful.

**Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry
2017 Spring Dinner Concert**

May 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

First Church of God, 2089 Newville Road, Plainfield, PA 17081

Cost is \$12 per ticket (Deadline for ticket orders is April 28, 2017)

Featuring *Guilford Station Bluegrass Gospel Band*

For Tickets and Information call the Ministry Office at 717-385-7932

(Check the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for more information)



Gettysburg Children's Choir Presents Concert at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

The Gettysburg Children's Choir and Chamber Chorale will present *A Prelude to Spring!* on Sunday, April 2nd at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, 260 South Fourth Street. This free concert begins at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary and will feature diverse choral works ranging from classics to gospel. The Gettysburg Children's Choir is led by Artistic Director Dr. Brent Talbot and is accompanied by Jamie Buxton.

The Gettysburg Children's Choir is an auditioned community choral group for students in grades 3 through 12. The Choir rehearses weekly at Gettysburg College. Singers in the Choir and Chorale represent nine elementary schools and five high schools. The Choir is in its seventeenth season. In addition to its own concerts, the Choir's performances have included the opening of the Majestic Theater, *Carmina Burnana* with the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, the Music, Gettysburg! concert series, and the community Martin Luther King Celebration. Two choir members were selected to perform with the National Elementary Honor Choir of the American Choral Directors Association in Minneapolis in February.

A Free-Will Offering will be taken to help support the Children's Choir. All are welcome!

Chambersburg YMCA Good Friday Breakfast Program – April 14, 2017

The Chambersburg YMCA Good Friday Breakfast Program will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg with breakfast at 6:15 or 8:00 a.m. with the program at 7:00 a.m. The Passion Walk will be the program and in this drama you will find the thoughts, emotions and descriptions of witnesses to Jesus' crucifixion and moments leading up to it. You will find anger, sadness, brutal honesty and fear as Peter, Pilate, the Roman soldiers, Miriam and Mary Magdalene bring to life their perspective on the excruciating death of Jesus Christ. Breakfast prepared by Monica Kelso Catering with Chef's Baked Eggs, Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Smokey Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Oatmeal, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Cost is \$7.00 per ticket. If you are attending the program only there is No Charge. Please purchase tickets in advance at the YMCA by Friday, April 7 2017. Special Performances by: NETwork Ministries Step Team, The Y's Sam' Children Choir and Community Choir directed by Marcel Coates. More information is available on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Greetings to everyone from the Organ Committee: Cody Toms, Nancy Hoke, Sam Fitz, Pamela Wert, and Liz Thorpe. We have heard many questions from you wondering... What is going on with the organ? What's that big thing in the chair storage room in the BLC? What is the role of the organ committee? etc. So, we would like to give you a brief history of why the committee was formed and an update of our progress.

Our organ was originally built and installed by the M.P. Moller Organ Company in 1956. The original pipes and mechanical parts are installed in a chamber above the baptistery. In 1977-78, the organ was modified and enlarged by Moller. This enlargement added all the visible pipes sitting at the front of the sanctuary. Since then, any completed work has been maintenance to keep the organ playing.

In May of 2014, John Johnson, our organ technician, notified the church that some of the leather parts inside the organ that allow each note to play were in need of replacement. This is part of the regular maintenance of a pipe organ as leather has approximately a 60 year working lifespan before it fails and needs replaced. In September of 2014, we received a quote to replace some of this leather. In May of 2015, John replaced the leather in two ranks (groups of pipes) that were in the worst shape and were causing the most problems for the organist.

In July of 2015, worship and music asked John to prepare a full list of re-leathering work that would need to be done within the next 5 years or so. Because our organ was installed at two different times, this work focuses on the original organ pipes and parts installed in 1956. John provided the church with a prioritized list of work totaling almost \$21,000 at that time. After receiving the quote, Worship and Music thought it would be a good idea to review the organ as a whole instrument since no review or major work had been done for almost 40 years. This suggestion was provided to the church board for direction.

Shortly thereafter, Worship and Music was informed that Trinity Lutheran Church, who was completing a major enlargement to their organ, was looking to sell their old organ console. The console is where the organist sits to play the instrument. A console like this, having three keyboards instead of two, allows for much more flexibility for the organist. To have a brand new console like this built today would cost roughly \$75,000, and Trinity was offering theirs for just \$3,000. The possible purchase of this console from Trinity was brought to the church board. It was discussed that this console would be a great fit for us if a decision was ever made to enhance our organ. If it was ultimately decided that no such enhancement would be done, the Trinity console could be sold at that time. The board voted to purchase the console from Trinity.

In January of 2016, after the restructuring of committees and commissions, the board created the Organ Committee as an ad hoc committee. The Organ Committee's purpose is to review the organ's current state, look at any and all options for enhancement of the organ, and provide the board with various options. The committee is made up of Cody Toms from Worship and Music, Nancy Hoke from Stewardship, Sam Fitz from Properties, our organist Pamela Wert, and Liz Thorpe, Director of Music.

We began meeting as a committee in late September of 2016. Since then, we have discussed the current state of our organ, how it currently serves our church, its limitations, and some different options for enhancement. We have visited Trinity Lutheran Church to see and hear their recently enhanced organ, and we discussed several different enhancement options at length. We have received quotes for digital enhancement and are working with John Johnson for a quote on pipework enhancement.

As we continue to meet, the organ committee will work to provide a recommendation to the board. In turn, the board will bring that recommendation to the congregation as they see fit. Regardless of an enhancement decision by the church body, the \$21,000 of maintenance will need to be completed over the next few years to keep the organ playing. It is our goal as a committee to recommend a master plan that is both sensible and forward thinking. We want to ensure that our organ can continue to serve our congregation well for many decades to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a member of the organ committee.

In Christ's Love,

The Organ Committee

*Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
Invites you to Vacation Bible School:*



Save the Date:

June 12th thru 16th, 2017

9:00AM till 11:30AM

Ages 4 thru 5th Grade

Pre-Registration Coming Soon!

260 South Fourth Street

Chambersburg, PA 17201

717-264-6957

Serving Our Neighbor (S.O.N.)



Many thanks to everyone who has been supporting our S.O.N. collections. The recipients continue to express their gratitude for the help. In April and May we are collecting boxed meals and canned meats to give away in May and June. We suggest non-frozen or refrigerated boxed meals, tuna or other canned meats, hearty stews, mac and cheese, hamburger or tuna helper, etc.



CHAMBERSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The children are such a joy as they continue to learn, grow and flourish. It is especially exciting when one of the parents comes up to us and relays the Bible Story we have been working on all week and asks us if their child got the details right. One such Bible story in the 3-year-old class was God calling Samuel. Miss Diana had told the story several times, in several ways, and then about 2 weeks later one of the parents asked why their student was talking about sleeping and waking up in the middle of the night to hear God talking to them. It thrilled Miss Diana's heart to hear that the student had understood the story.

Both classes continue to work on the alphabet and numbers. Miss Kate's class is focusing on the lower case letters and the words of the numbers while Miss Diana's class is working on a letter a week and the numbers. Both classes continue to do art work, science experiments, Bible Stories, and working on concepts such as sharing, and listening while friends are talking. Both classes also enjoy listening to and looking at picture books. Miss Kate's class has been working on sequencing as well. The children have been sequencing everything from how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, how to make a snowman, and their morning routine.

Something else that Miss Kate has been doing with her students that they really just love is working on a computer program. Miss Kate knows the importance of the children knowing how to use a mouse and how to operate a computer for Kindergarten Registration, but she is also having the students read simple books on the computer, playing around with letters, shapes, numbers and letter sounds.

Miss Kate's class has had some very interesting Bible stories this month including Jonah, Bartimaeus and Jesus being tempted. Miss Diana's class has covered Samuel being called by God, Jesus calling the 12 Disciples and the parable of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man. Miss Diana's class took the parable to a whole new level as they made their own houses. They made the wise man's house out of graham crackers which was held together by vanilla frosting and they made the foolish man's house out of marshmallows. It was so much fun to see the children experiment with different techniques to try and get their houses to stand up!

A Dental Hygienist came to visit at the very end of the month and spent about 45 minutes with the classes. She talked about the importance of eating healthy foods verses unhealthy foods, brushing and flossing, she played games with us, and helped us learn how to properly brush our teeth. She also had a wonderful little book full of information that she read to us. The highlight of her visit was each child got their own toothbrush and floss! The children were so excited they wanted to use them as soon as they got home!

Finally, Miss Kate and Miss Diana would like to thank you as a church body for your continued support and prayers. Without you, this Nursery School would not be possible!



Open Registration!!

NURSERY SCHOOL

Beginning September 2017 thru May 2018
Classes Monday through Friday
From 9:30AM-2:30PM
For 3 and 4 year olds with birthday by September 1st.

Limited Space is Available.

This Nursery School is a Christian service offered to parents in the community. The purpose of our program is to encourage the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of 3 and 4-year-old children and to help them feel a sense of Christian love and acceptance in a safe and fun filled environment.

Registration fee is \$30 for first child and \$20 for each additional child payable at time of registration.

Classes are located at
Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
260 S. 4th St. Chambersburg, PA 17201

Phone 717-264-6957

April Youth Events

April

- **Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast:** On Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center the youth will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 National Youth Conference. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, muffins, orange juice and coffee will be served. Following at 10:00am the Annual Easter Hunt will be held. We will have a story time before the hunt begins. Please come and bring a friend!
- **Youth Sunday! April 30th:** It will be a combined worship service at 10:00am and Sunday School at 9:00am. There will not be Sunday school for the youth that day but the youth will meet in the BLC to practice the songs and get ready for the worship service.



**All are
Welcome**

April Church Family Upcoming Events

- **KidNecton:** For Children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, April 13th**, and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



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- **Youth Sunday! April 30th:** It will be a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Brethren Life Center with Sunday School and Children's Church at 9:00am.



Thank You from the Fyock Family...
To all the ladies at the Church who helped with our girls, we are so thankful for all your caring hearts and support during these last two weeks.
--With love, Chris and Katie Fyock



Our Sympathy To:

Cora Crunkleton and Family following the death of her brother, Harold D. Kuhns on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

*Ray and Doris Diller and Family;
John and Margaret Diller and Family;
James and Mabel Diller and Family
following the death of their niece, Esther Lorraine Diller on Friday, March 3, 2017.*

*Jere and Debra Stouffer and Family
following the death of Jere's sister,
Betty Weidner on Wednesday,
March 8, 2017.*



April New Arrivals

Non-Fiction

How to Survive a Shipwreck by
Jonathan Martin
Death Row Chaplain by Rev. Earl Smith

Fiction

From This Day Forward by Margaret Daley
Wedding Belles by Janice Hanna



**2017 Southern PA District
Women's Spring Luncheon**

This year's Southern PA District Women's Spring Luncheon will be held Saturday morning, April 29, 2017 at Bermudian Church of the Brethren.

Our Nigerian Sister Sarah Mambula will be speaking about "...be strong and of good courage"...Joshua 1:1-10.

Registration/refreshments begins at 8:00 a.m. with lunch at noon ending the program. Menu includes Chicken with fried rice and vegetables, Desserts and Beverages. Cost is \$10.00 per person and deadline for registration is April 14, 2017.

Brochures with registration information are available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby and Narthex.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to join us for:

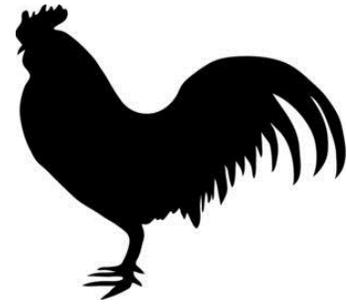
**Mid-Week Connection
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.**

Al Good will share a little about the building of his hand-cranked street organ, that it is a copy of an 1870's crank organ, and then play some Carousel music from the turn of the century. The organ has 86 pipes controlled by a small computer chip. The music is all authentic Carousel music scanned from an original Wurlitzer Carousel organ.



*260 South Fourth Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201
717-264-6957*

Mid-Week Connection's purpose is connecting our Brethren family to the community through fellowship and service.



***MEAT CANNING PROJECT 2017
VOLUNTEER TODAY!***

For the 40th Year, the Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA Districts are co-sponsoring the Meat Canning project which previously has enjoyed a generous response and enthusiastic support. The project is scheduled for April 17-20, 24 & 25, at the Christian Aid Ministries facility in Ephrata. **Chambersburg Church of the Brethren will be helping with this project on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 second shift – 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Please watch the bulletin for when to sign-up or contact Jerry Moore if you can help. We need **SIX** volunteers from **Chambersburg COB!**



Men of the Church....Breakfast

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:00 a.m. at Hickory Ridge Restaurant located on Route 30 in St. Thomas. Transportation in the church van will be provided. If you plan to ride in the van, please be at the church parking lot by 7:45 a.m.

No program, just breakfast and fellowship!!!!

Did You Know????



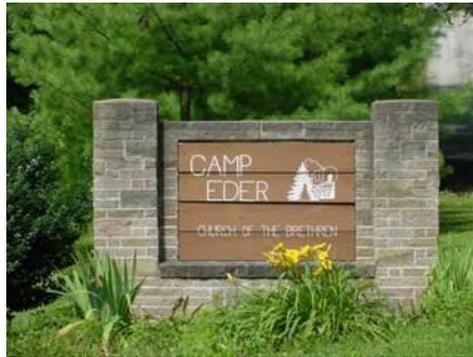
(Left to right – Barry & Jenn Arendt, Mike Oldham, Faith Brandt and Kendra McMullen)

The Chili Cook-Off held Saturday evening, March 11th was very successful with approximately 70 in attendance tasting the 17 different chilies! Winners for the evening were Barry & Jenn Arendt for the Hottest Chili; Mike Oldham, Most Creative Chili; and Faith Brandt and Kendra McMullen teaming up for the Most Original Chili. Six Teams of corn hole was enjoyed as well. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event sponsored by the Fellowship & Recreation Commission.

Did You Know????

Missions and Service Commission is presenting a volunteer opportunity at SERRV in New Windsor, May 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch and transportation will be provided. To be part of this exciting opportunity sign-up on sheets in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center now!

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Women's Retreat May 19-21, 2017



This Spring our Topic will be *“Centering Our Lives Through Prayer”*
The scriptures tell us, **“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

What does it mean to pray without ceasing? How can I find the time to pray when I am so busy with work, home, and family obligations? What should I do when my mind struggles to stay focused on what I'm praying rather than thinking about the things on my "To Do" list? Is there a specific way I should be praying? Why can't I seem to hear God in my prayer time?

I am searching for more Intimacy with God through prayer but I don't know how to proceed?

Plan to spend the weekend with Guest Speakers Liz Thorpe and Kathie Nogle. Liz Thorpe is our Director of Music at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren and Kathie Nogle is our Senior Pastor's wife. Both ladies have a passion for prayer and have seen prayer work in their lives. They have used many different types of prayer techniques and are excited to share them with us this spring.

Some activities for the weekend include: Camp Fire, Worship, Meaningful Messages, Small Groups, Games, Movie Time, Food, Fun, Fellowship and lots more!!!

- **Weekend Retreat**

Ladies who would like to attend this weekend event will cost \$175

This price will include:

- Lodging for 2 nights
- Meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Guest Speaker cost
- Materials and supplies

- **Day Trip Option**

Ladies who would like to attend, but not stay overnight. This option for Saturday event only will cost \$50. This price will include:

- Guest Speaker cost
- Lunch, dinner, and snacks
- Supplies and materials

Checks payable to:

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

Brochures with registration information are available in the Narthex,
Brethren Life Center Lobby and Church Office. **Deadline Registration: May 1, 2017**



- 2 **Gettysburg Children's Choir Concert** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 3 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 4 Taste of the Valley Fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. at The Brethren Fellowship
- Worship and Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 5 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. – Al Good will share about the building of his hand-cranked street organ**
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 6 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- Bible Study on the book of Mark led by Pastor Joel at 7:00 p.m. in MFH
- 8 **Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- Easter Egg Hunt for Church Family & Friends at 10:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 9 **Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Pastor Joel preaching**
- Love Feast & Communion at 11:05 a.m. in BLC; Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.**
- 10 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 11 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Hickory Ridge Restaurant on Route 30 in St. Thomas
- 12 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 13 KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Stewardship Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Bible Study on the book of Mark led by Pastor Joel at 7:00 p.m. in MFH
- 16 EASTER Sunday
- Newsletter Deadline for May
- 17 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 18 Chambersburg COB Meat Canning Day 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. shift
- Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in MFH
- Missions and Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 19 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 20 Loving Hearts Easter/Spring Celebration at 12 Noon in Brethren Life Center
- Bible Study on the book of Mark led by Pastor Joel at 7:00 p.m. in MFH
- 23 Camp Eder Sunday
- 24 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 26 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 27 Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- Bible Study on the book of Mark led by Pastor Joel at 7:00 p.m. in MFH
- 28 Searchers Sunday School Class Spring Dinner at Shippensburg Memorial Lutheran Church
- 29 Southern PA District Women's Spring Luncheon at 8:00 a.m. at Bermudian COB
- 30 **Youth Sunday – Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center**
- Sunday School and Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.**

