



Pastor's Pen

May 2017

When you give to the needy, do it in secret – even your left hand should not know what your right hand is doing. Then your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:3-4 The Voice (VOICE)

Most of us are familiar with the concept of doing random acts of kindness – gestures of good will toward another “just because” and with no thought of being acknowledged or paid back. Kathie and I have a friend whose family had a tradition of making May baskets – usually filled with flowers, though not necessarily so. They would think of someone they wanted to bless anonymously with a random act of kindness. Then, on the first day of May, they would take their basket to the house, put it on the front porch, ring the bell and run/drive away before anyone would see who made the delivery. I don’t think May 1st comes and goes that I don’t think about this tradition, and Kathie and I have been known to practice it. My point is, can you think of someone who could use a blessing of encouragement this month? Maybe you could do a little work behind the scenes to make that happen. As Dr. H.B. London, Jr. used to say at the conclusion of each one of his Pastor’s Pens...

Be blessed and be a blessing!

Joel

In case of an emergency, call...

Thinking about a future point and time, some of you have wondered who you would call if you have an emergency, need pastoral care, and you know that I am out of town. Your deacons wondered about this too and they have designed a plan, a procedure to offer some support in a time of need. If you know I’m on vacation OR if you’ve called me at home and weren’t able to reach me, call Carol Wingert at the church office (264-6957). She will contact our Deacon Chair, Terry Koons. He will, in turn, either contact your deacon OR he will get in touch with Pastor Harold, Liz Thorpe or Jamie Rhodes who will be in contact with you as soon as they are able. While we are on the subject this would be an excellent time to remind us all that, if you or someone you know is in the hospital and there’s been no contact from me within 24 hours, you can be sure I don’t know about it. Because of confidentiality, the hospital does not inform the church. So be sure to call me at the office or call me at home (660-2918).

From our Missions and Service Commission

The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will convene in Grand Rapids, MI June 28 – July 2. For a number of years, our Annual Conference seeks ways our COB congregations can minister and witness to the city that hosts the conference. This year, Annual Conference's *Witness to the Host City* will partner with Bethany Christian Services of Grand Rapids and the Refugee Education Center. BCS is an affiliate of the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program. They reach out to children who are alone and vulnerable in the city, working with families the first six months they are in the country. The Refugee Education Center supports refugee children and families to gain necessary skills for integration into the country. The Chambersburg COB will be partnering with Annual Conference and Brethren congregations across the country and around the world. From June 1st – June 25th we will be collecting any of the following you would care to donate. These will be packed up and taken to Conference.

- ✓ Twin and full sheets
- ✓ Pens and pencils (not Dixon...they don't sharpen)
- ✓ Boxes of envelopes
- ✓ Notebooks
- ✓ Rolls of Scotch Tape
- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Peanut-free granola bars
- ✓ Small bags of crackers (Cheez-Its, Goldfish...)
- ✓ Small bags of pretzels or popcorn
- ✓ Small bags of dry fruit



For the Kids Report:

We met a week after the Taste of the Valley. The Taste of the Valley profit was \$8,693.55. This was added to previous fund raisers and the following gifts were made:

Network Ministries	\$ 1,500.00
Frances Leiter Center (counseling)	1,500.00
Boys & Girls Club	1,000.00
BOPIC	1,500.00
Franklin Co. Shelter for the Homeless	250.00
YMCA (Sam's Club)	500.00
Camp Joy-El	500.00
Over the Rainbow	500.00
Rhodes Grove Camp	500.00
Circles of SCCAP	500.00
Pregnancy Ministry	500.00

A BIG Thank you to all who joined us in raising these funds. If you would like to join us see Lora Bucher or come to our next meeting on May 8 at 5:30 PM.



16th Annual Don Gordon Memorial Golf Outing - June 3rd. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am at the Rocky Springs Golf Course. The cost is \$30 per person. Lunch will be served following golf. Please sign up in the narthex.

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Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Kickoff Dinner – June 10, 2017

You are invited to a great experience of fellowship, entertainment, & food at the KickOff Dinner of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction on June 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. It is a family-style dinner at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. Cost per person is \$30.00. The Erwins, a Southern Gospel sibling group will perform at the event. A free-will offering will be received. You may purchase tickets from Landis and Candy Myer at 717-354-0179 or Sally Bingaman at 717-581-5651. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board for more information.

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Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to:

**Mid-Week Connection
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.**



Chambersburg Church of the Brethren's Praise Team will lead a time of worship and praise with a mixture of hymns and praise songs.

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

*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 May we are collecting boxed meals and canned meats to give away at the June Mid-Week Connection. 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

It's been a wild month with two field trips and two holidays. Both classes celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter with themed lessons, games, crafts, and parties. Miss Kate's class loved their St. Patrick's Day craft. They made rainbows by driving toy cars through paint in the colors of the rainbow. Then they drove them on a plain piece of paper to make a rainbow. Miss Diana's Class made rainbows out of milk, watercolors, shaving cream, and construction paper.

For Easter we put both classes together and had an all day party. This consisted of wild and crazy egg games in the BLC, a Veggie Tales movie, crafts, and a special snack. One of the games had the children pretending they were the Easter Bunny as they delivered colored eggs to different "houses". Another was carrying an egg on a spoon.

We squeezed in two field trips as well. The first was to Chambersburg Fire Station Number One. When we arrived they were cleaning up from a fire from which they'd just returned. It was funny to see firemen in their "jammies" instead of their uniforms! A full tour of the station (including the "bunk house", kitchen, and exercise room) was followed by a look at the different trucks. The classes were able to see a fireman putting on his full gear. This frightened some of the students, but the firemen explained how important it was NOT to run away from them if the students are ever in a fire. The firemen are there to help them. We finished up with a review of what to do in a fire at home, school, or on our bodies.

The second field trip was to Plasterer's Florist and Greenhouse. The students were able to see everything from planting seeds to germinating and growing. We saw how floral arrangements are made from flowers that have been cut and put into a piece of wet foam. We went into two different refrigerated units as well. One for those plants which were ready to be delivered and one for those the Florist uses. We also learned that they grow vegetables as well. We saw carrots, broccoli, and more. Throughout the tour the students were exclaiming "I like those - they're carrots!", "ooh, look at the red ones! I like the color red!" and more. Everyone had a great time. We came home with a flat of flowers to be divided up by the students to take home and plant so they'd remember the wonderful time they had.

So much more happened this month, Miss Diana's class learned about Noah's Ark and Jesus calming the storm while Miss Kate's class learned about Jonah and the Whale and the story of Jesus washing the Disciples feet. Both classes covered the Easter story through books, crafts, and games. There was a lot of learning going on even with all the extra activities. The teachers keep the students moving and learning all day every day.

Thank you for all your prayers and support - Miss Diana and Miss Kate



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



May Youth Events

May

- **Revolution! May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 6:00pm till 8:00pm.** Come and join us for Worship, a youth message, small groups, games and great food! The Second Wednesday is our last Service Time for the year. We will be working at the church on that evening. Don't forget to bring a friend and your Bible!!
- **Girl's Night Out:** On May 5th has been **CANCELLED**. Jamie will reschedule this event at a later date. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- **Revolution Party!!** On May 24th we will be celebrating our last night of Youth Group. Come and join us for food and fun games!!



**All are
Welcome**

May Church Family Upcoming Events

KidNecton: For Children in Pre-Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Come and join us on Thursday, **May 11th at 6:30pm, for the LAST Month of KidNecton** before the summer. **Mark your calendars for September 14th because KidNecton will be back in the FALL!!** Don't forget that we will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



Chicken and Waffle Dinner – Thanks to all for the many donations and help! Expenses totaled \$484.84 with \$2,936.17 in donations. Special offering collected on February 26th and March 5th was \$2,701.00. A total of \$5,152.33 was sent to the Southern PA District in support of the 2017 Meat Canning project.

Thank You to all who donated money to Chambersburg Area School District Autism Awareness Walk to sponsor Ruby. She received over \$400 to benefit children with autism.

--Chris and Katie Fyock

Our Sympathy To:

Gary and Rhonda DeShong and Family following the death of Gary's mother, Mildred L. DeShong on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The Family of Pastor Manuel A. Diaz, Jr. following his death on Monday, April 3, 2017.

Edward and Denise Garnes and Family; Andrew and Rebekah Garnes and Family; Zachary and Rayanne Garnes and Family following the death of their father and grandfather, Milton L. Garnes on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Mary Susan Frey and Family following the death of her sister-in-law, Anna Mary (Meyers) Frey on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Lana and Larry Bricker and Family following the death of Lana's mother, Alice Mae Foreman Snider on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Michael and Gloria Oldham and Family following the death of Michael's brother, Charles G. "Chuck" Wilson on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

THANK YOU



Thank You to all who came and supported the youth for the Youth Pancake Breakfast! We were able to raise a total of \$751.00 towards our 2018 National Youth Conference.

Also, a special thank you to all the people who donated Easter Egg Hunt candy. We were able to fill more eggs than ever before! The Christian Education Commission was so over whelmed with excitement with the response of donations.

Thank you CCOB Family!

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
invites you to:

Mid-Week Connection
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Meal served
at 5:30 p.m.



Featuring Barb & Friends
Glorifying God through her puppet friends and Ventriloquism

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SERRV OPPORTUNITY

*Relax,
Rejoice,
And Rest*



Southern PA District, Church of the Brethren
69th Annual
Women's Camp Retreat
June 12th & 13th, 2017

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!

Brochures with registration information are available in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby area. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 15, 2017.

In Appreciation of Cora Crunkleton



On April 19 the choir hosted a time of appreciation for Cora Crunkleton. Cora has served the choir and the church in many capacities throughout the years. She has fixed choir gowns, kept the music library in order, prepared the candles for Christmas Eve, and a multitude of other "behind the scenes" tasks.

The choir presented Cora with a figurine of Jesus washing a disciple's feet. This small token of our thanks is symbolic of her ministry of service to the church. Please join us in thanking Cora for sharing her time and talents in the service of the Lord.



- 1 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 2 Worship and Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 3 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. – Barb & Friends Puppet Ministry
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 4 Properties 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
- 7 **Two Special Congregational Council Meetings (immediately following 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services to vote on the licensing of Jamie Rhodes to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren**
- 8 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 10 Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
Fellowship and Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 11 KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Bible Study on the book of Mark led by Pastor Joel at 7:00 p.m. in MFH
- 14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- 15 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 16 Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in MFH
- 17 SERRV Volunteer Day in New Windsor 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 18 Loving Hearts at 12 Noon at Greenvillage Restaurant
- 19-21 Chambersburg COB Women's Retreat at Camp Eder
- 21 Newsletter Deadline for June
- 22 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 24 Revolution End of Year Party in the BLC
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 25 Nursery School Graduation in Brethren Life Center
- 29 **Office Closed! Happy Memorial Day!**

Summer Office Hours – Beginning on Friday, June 2, 2017 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.
Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 8, 2017.