



October 2017

*You are my hiding place.
You protect me from my troubles.
and fill me with songs of salvation.*
Psalm 32:7 New Century Version

Throughout the summer, Kathie and I have had a resident frog at our fish pond. It's a cute little frog, green with yellow eyes. How it found our pond, we don't know. It seems to have no companion. It's quiet: we have yet to hear a peep out of it. But it lives at our pond and never ventures far from it. As a matter of fact, when it isn't in the water or on a lily pad, it's only a "hop, skip and a jump" from them. And whenever we approach our pond, "Froggy" – as we call it – jumps from the edge into the deep, cool darkness and usually surfaces only to peak at us from beneath that familiar broad, green leaf.

I'm re-reading Sarah Young's, *Jesus Calling* for morning devotions. This month it has been reminding me to stay close to God so that he can give me protection and discernment. In his presence, the Holy Spirit shields me from temptation, increases my faith and extinguishes the flaming arrows of my adversary. **Eph. 6:16** In his presence, his spirit works with my spirit in helping me to know and embrace that I am his child. **Rom. 8:16**. In his presence, my safety lies.

The little frog is smart. He stays close to his refuge and, when something amiss presents itself, he dives right in. You and I need to stay close to God so when we need refuge and strength, a present help in trouble **Psalm 46:1** all we have to do is jump.

Have a wonderful fall season!

Joel

Pastor Joel Will Be Away

Pastor Joel will be on a spiritual/planning retreat from the afternoon of October 22nd through Saturday, October 28th. He will be using this time to commune with God -- to pray, reflect and refresh as well as to plan worship services for our four Sundays in Advent. While he is gone, Liz Thorpe will be available for emergency pastoral care. If you have a special need, please call Liz at 717-360-5881 or call our Deacon Chair, Terry Koons 264-3208, or Carol and Jamie at the church office 264-6957. Thank you.

Mark your calendars!



Upcoming events from the Fellowship and Recreation:

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Paint Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center.

Watch for more information on what we will be painting and to sign-up!

October New Arrivals in the Library

Non-Fiction

My Brother's Keeper Rod Gragg
The Way of the Wise Dr. Kevin Leman
The Language of Healing Pat Benson



Serving Our Neighbors (S.O.N.) Collection



Serving Our Neighbors (S.O.N.) will be collecting paper products during the month of October. We will be collecting items such as: tissues, toilet paper, wipes, paper towels, etc.



October Church Family Upcoming Events

•**KidNecton:** For Children in Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, October 12th**, and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



The Chambersburg Area CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 15. CROP, the "Christian Rural Overseas Program" of Church World Service was established in 1947 in response to massive starvation in post- World War II Europe. The Mission was simple: feed the hungry, clothe the naked and heal the sick. Soon Church World Service Friendship ships filled with grain donated by Midwestern farmers were crossing the Atlantic Ocean. CROP Walk, like our local Walk, began as a response to help people in need here and around the world. The acronym, like their method of raising awareness and funds has evolved. CROP now stands for "Communities

Responding to Overcome Poverty"- poverty remains the main cause of hunger in our world.

Walks in our county have been held for over 35 years. Proceeds provide needed funds not only for the global food relief efforts but also for our local programs like the Chambersburg Area Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. While much has been accomplished, urgent challenges remain. Too many are still hungry, living in abject poverty. Much work remains to be done, but we can help.

So please join us for this year's Walk on October 15th. Walkers will gather at the Social Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church 58 S Second Street for registration at 1:00 with the walk starting at 1:30. Please look for sign-up sheets for walkers and sponsors in the Narthex and BLC lobby. Along with the proceeds that are collected, we are using this time to collect non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food pantries.

Help us end hunger now!



Worship Schedule

Combined Worship

October 1, 2017

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Theme: "Gathering at the Table of Jesus"

Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Church from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Immediately following 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.**

Save the Date!!

The youth will be hosting a Couple's Night Out for couples and individuals of all ages.

The night will begin on Saturday, December 9th at 6:00pm
(with a snow date of December 10th at 6:00pm.)

We will be having a special dinner that will be served at 6:30pm in the Brethren Life Center.

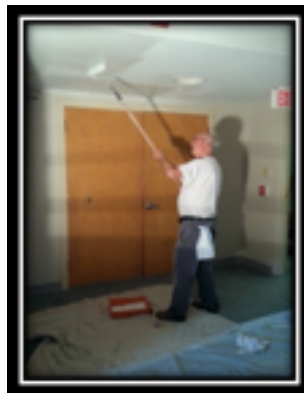
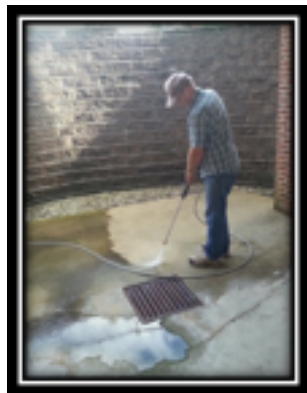
All Donations will be going towards NYC 2018.

October Youth Events



•REVOLUTION: Wednesday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 6:00pm till 8:00pm. Come and join us for Worship, a youth message, small groups, games and great food! Don't forget to bring a friend and your Bible!!

•Membership Classes: Please join us for 5 Sundays for our upcoming Church Membership/Baptism classes. They will be held in the Youth Room



located in the basement of the Brethren Haus on **October 15th – November 12th from 9:30-10:30am**. Baptisms will be held on November 19th during our Combined 10:00am Worship Service.

- **Youth Lock-In!!! October 13th at 6:00pm till October 14th at 9:00am.** We will be having different activities that will last ALL NIGHT LONG! Such as Laser Tag at ShadowLand in Frederick, Glow Jump at Sky Zone located in Hagerstown (which includes skysocks, 2 slices of pizza, a drink and a T-shirt), Lazer Bowling, movies, snacks, open gym and Breakfast at McDonalds! This event will be \$45 per person (which includes all activities and breakfast.)

If you are interested please fill out the permission slips and hand in fee to Jamie by October 4th.

Note: Considering that this event will be heavily attended, late permission slips **will not be accepted.**

The Youth and I would like to thank all the people who helped with updating the Youth room. All the hard work that you put in is so appreciated and we cannot thank you enough!

Thank You!!

**Jerry and Cathy Moore, Dave Meyers,
Judy and Robert Witter, Linda and Ray Burkholder,
Don Berger and Don Lehman**

CAMP EDER 39TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21, 2017 - 10am-4pm

FALL FESTIVAL IS A CELEBRATION DESIGNED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. FUN AND FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP EDER'S PROGRAMS INCLUDE A BENEFIT AUCTION, FOOD, LOCAL CRAFT VENDORS, AND CHILDREN'S GAMES.

THINGS TO DO:

- PIT ROASTED PORK & TURKEY MEAL. ALL YOU CAN EAT!
- LIVE AUCTION BIDDING BEGINS AT 11 AM
- SILENT AUCTION. BROWSE ALL DAY AND WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 2 PM
- APPLE BUTTER MAKING
- PETTING ZOO CRITTER CONNECTION
- CRAFT VENDORS

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Nursery School News

Welcome back to a new school year! Our nursery school has completed a week and a half of fun and learning. We have been learning about Creation (Days 1-3), the colors black, blue, and white, and the number 0. We have been exploring and learning with geoboards, magnifying glasses, puzzles, and various other toys.

On September 13, we had a Grandparent's Day celebration. The students sang a song, listened to a story, had snack time with their grandparents, and then presented their grandparents with a gift. We all had a wonderful time!

We are looking forward to the month of October, since we have a lot of exciting adventures coming up.

October Special Dates

9th- No School for Columbus Day

9th-13th- Fire Prevention Week

11th- National Bring Your Teddy Bear to School Day

14th- Griffin's Birthday

17th- Mrs. Amy's Birthday

23rd- Field trip to Country Creek Produce Farm

26th- National Pumpkin Day

31st- Harvest Festival/Costume Party





Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
invites you to:

Midweek Connection
Will be hosting...
Trunk or Treat!

We will be asking all our adults to decorate their cars "trunk" and give out candy, while our dressed up children go around and "Trunk or Treat!"

This is a great way for our kids to be in a safe environment and have fun Trick-or-Treating.

We will also have a costume contest for the Best Original, Prettiest, Funniest, and Ugliest costume! Come, bring a friend and join us for a night of FUN!



November 1, 2017
Dinner at 5:30pm
Trunk or Treat at 6:30pm

Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

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:

Mid – Week Connection
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Pork & Sauerkraut



"Got a Talent??"

Contact Gail Appenzellar so that you can be added to our program!

And.....

Come join us for a Night of Fun!

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October Worship Themes

- 10/1** *What Love Looks Like*
John 13:1-17
10:00 a.m.
- 10/8** *A Timely and Difficult Story*
Matthew 21:33-42
- 10/15** *Eternal Value I*
Matthew 6:19-24
- 10/22** *Eternal Value II*
Malachi 2:6-12
- 10/29** *Dead Man Walking* Mark 5:1-20



With Special
Thanks to All of You
For everything you've done...for being
the special people that you are...
Thank you so very much.
You have truly blessed our lives with all
your love, prayers and support. May
God bless you for the wonderful ways
you share God's love.
--Love, Debbie & Sam Fitz

Thank you to the Congregation for your
help and prayers for the Children's
Church project this summer learning
about missionaries. Please see the letter
in this newsletter that was sent!
--God Bless, Gail Appenzellar

Special Thanks To

Jim and Mabel Diller, Tenni Pyles,
Jamie Rhodes, Liz Thorpe and
Pastor Joel for serving as delegates to
this year's District Conference,
September 15-16.



Congratulations To:

Graham and Nicole Burkholder,
Indianapolis, Indiana on the birth of a
daughter, Nora Juliet Burkholder on
Tuesday, August 29, 2017.
She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz.
Proud Grandparents are
Dean and Carol Burkholder and
John and Linda Thierwechter.

May the *love* of those
around you
help you
through the
days ahead.

Our Sympathy To:

Mary and Eugene Hawbaker and Family
following the death of Mary's uncle,
George Edward Keefer on Tuesday,
September 5, 2017.

The Family of E. Gale Monn following her
death on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

Candy Pick-up in Church Kitchen: November 2nd, 2017
Payment Due Upon Pick-up – Checks made payable to Helping Hand Circle
**Proceeds benefit Good Samaritan Fund and 2018 National Youth
Conference**



2017 Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Information

The Challengers Class will not be distributing and/or collecting the Operation Christmas Child shoes boxes this year. We would like you to participate in this project using the option below:

Location: 305 W. Commerce Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Direction Note: Look for sign with orange-faced man in black hat at top. OCC signs are low on ground. Turn right into parking lot and stay to the right along alleyway fence. Go about halfway down the alley way for entrance with steps. Loading area further down alleyway at sign.

The Operation Christmas Child Warehouse will be offering a special 'Fill a Box' opportunity to fill your shoeboxes this year at the warehouse. On any of the days we are open through the year, you are welcome to fill a shoebox for \$14. That total covers the \$9 shipping cost as well as \$5 for the items in the box. Shoebox is provided or you can bring your own to fill. You leave the box at the warehouse and it will be counted and delivered to a local collection center during Collection Week in November. Payment by cash or check is due at the time when you fill the box. The warehouse will send in the shipping money for all the boxes to Samaritan's Purse during the Collection Week. Items available for the box include:

School Kit (containing coloring book, paper, crayons, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, pens, stickers), tee shirts, socks, toothbrushes, combs, soap and washcloth, balls, jewelry, hair decorations, stuffed animals, some handmade items (such as carry all bags, hats, scarves) small misc. toys and other donated items.

If you have a group coming to fill numerous boxes, please let us know when you are coming and how many you are filling and we will plan to have plenty of boxes available.

2017 Warehouse Schedule-Days Open: Sept –November 2017

Wednesday, September 27, 9 AM-12 noon

Monday, October 2, 3 PM-6 PM;

Saturday October 7, 9AM- 12 noon

Tuesday October 10, 9AM-12 noon

Thursday, October 12, 9AM-12 noon

Monday, October 16, 3 PM-6 PM

Saturday, October 21, 9 AM-12 noon

Tuesday, October 24, 9AM- 12 noon

Thursday, October 26, 3 PM- 6 PM

Tuesday, October 31, 9AM-12 noon

Saturday, November 4, 9 AM-12 noon

Tuesday, November 7, 3 PM- 6 PM

Saturday, November 11, 9 AM-12 noon - last day

November 12th- November 20th is Box Collection Week-Warehouse closed.

These are work days as well as opportunities to pick up items and donate items as well. Feel free to stop in and help assemble school kits and other preparation tasks for filling shoeboxes.



- 1 **Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m. Love Feast & Communion at 11:05 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center**
- 2 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 3 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus
Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
- 4 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center**
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 9 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 10 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus
- 11 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 12 KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 13-14 **Youth Lock-In at the Church – 6:30 p.m. Friday until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday**
- 15 Youth Baptism Class begins at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Sunday School classroom
- 16 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 17 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus
Helping Hand Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
Missions and Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 18 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 19 Loving Hearts
- 20 Searchers Sunday School Class to Bird-in-Hand Restaurant and play in Lancaster
- 21 **39th Annual Camp Eder Fall Festival 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- 22 **Special Offering for Good Samaritan Fund at Chambersburg COB**
Youth Baptism Class at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Sunday School classroom
Newsletter Deadline for November
- 23 Nursery School Field Trip to Country Creek Produce Farm
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
- 24 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus
- 25 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 29 Youth Baptism Class at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Sunday School classroom
Women's Retreat Dinner at Olive Garden – 4:30 p.m.
- 30 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 31 Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus