

January/February 2018



**Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain,
growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and
sixty and a hundredfold. Mark 4:8 NRSV**

I'm a backyard birdwatcher. I enjoy studying the birds that come to our feeder. Kathie and I never attracted too many blue jays until we moved to Chambersburg. They take up residence in the tall trees of our neighborhood all year long.

Although their electric-blue is beautiful, most birdwatchers don't welcome blue jays because they are big, loud, aggressive and scare away other songbirds. But I learned a few things about them. Did you know, for example, they are related to the American crow? Did you know they mate for life and stay with their young up to two months after they fledge? And did you know that "jay birds" have expandable throats and esophagus?

They love to feed on acorns and beechnuts. One blue jay will tuck as many as three nuts in its throat, one in its mouth and one in its bill, fly as far as a mile and cache or store them for later in open fields which mark its territory. A jay will cache as many as 3,000 nuts in a season. And while blue jays have excellent memories for where they hide their harvest, some of it is overlooked or never used. Because of this, blue jays are capable of reforesting land that has been cleared and left fallow. That pin oak or beech tree you see might just be the remnant of a seed your friendly neighborhood jay once planted.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, you and I go through life and cache seeds for him. Our smiles plant the seed of love, our self-control the seed of peace. When we affirm the gifts of another we leave behind seeds of confidence and value. Seeds of faith are planted by our testimony. Our persistence caches the seed of hope.

Like the blue jay, we may unintentionally cache seeds that we will leave behind and never be aware of what grew in their place. But a harvest will grow and mature for the Lord because of what you and I are storing up in life for him.

Be blessed and be a blessing!

Joel



Church Yard Sale 2018

The church yard sale is scheduled for Friday, January 19th from 8 AM to 3 PM and Saturday, January 20th from 8 AM to 12 Noon. As always we need your help to make the yard sale a success. First, we need your good used items to sell. Please **DO NOT** bring electronics, televisions, computers, computer monitors, encyclopedias and text books (these are difficult or impossible to sell). During the week of the yard sale, items can be brought to the church and placed in the Brethren Life Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Thursday during church office hours. If you need help getting your items to the church call Don Berger at 717-377-4641 to arrange pick-up.

Along with bringing your items for the sale, we need your help organizing those items on the tables – we will do this on Thursday starting around 8:30 am. On Friday and Saturday help is needed to assist buyers and keep tables neat. The Challengers Sunday School class will be coming in on Saturday about noon to box up any remaining items which will be donated to a local thrift shop.

This year, the proceeds from the sale will be going to the Good Samaritan Fund, the Salvation Army and BOPIC. BOPIC (Building Our Pride In Chambersburg) provides supplemental nutrition programs and academic and life skills services to economically disadvantaged families and children living in the borough.

We especially invite all church members to come in for the yard sale – even if your house can't hold one more thing, come to have lunch (soup, hot dog and some cookies) and visit with our neighbors.

Please prayerfully consider helping this year. This is a good outreach to the community and we have a lot of fun.



CHAMBERSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! We have been very busy in the Nursery School during the month of December. On December 15th, we had our Christmas Program. It was a huge success and the children did a fantastic job. On December 20th, we had Polar Express Day. We came to school in our pajamas, which the children loved. We watched the movie, "Polar Express", decorated cookies, did some crafts, played some games, received a visit from Santa, and had a pizza party. We all had a good time.

January will continue to be a busy month. We are still learning our letters, numbers, and fascinating Bible stories. We have a field trip planned on Wednesday, January 10th to the Red Bridge Roller Rink, to participate in a preschool playtime. January 17th, is a special day called Kid Inventors' Day. The students will be creating inventions and showing them to us on that day. The inventions will be on display in the classroom for a few days.

Upcoming January Events

- 10th- Field Trip to Red Bridge Roller Rink
- 12th-15th- No School for MLK Jr. Holiday
- 14th- Wesley's Birthday
- 17th- National Kid Inventors' Day
- 19th- National Popcorn Day
- 26th- National Puzzle Day



Upcoming February Events

- 2nd- Groundhog Day
- 14th- Valentine's Day Party
- 14th- 100th Day of School (tentatively)
- 19th- No School for President's Day



Youth Events

January/February

Note:

Due to the winter season, Please be advised that if Chambersburg Area School District is closed or is dismissed early due to weather conditions, REVOLUTION will NOT be in session.

January

- **REVOLUTION: January 17th, 24th, and 31st** 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!!

February

- **REVOLUTION: February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.** 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!!



Maternity Leave

Youth Ministry

Travis and I are excited to announce that we are less than 1 month away from seeing our little boy! When I am away on maternity leave the youth ministry has a set of awesome leaders who will be stepping up and taking over Revolution. Due to God being in control, Travis and I do not know when maternity leave will begin. Starting on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 Nicholas Wingert will be in charge of the Youth Ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact him on his cell, 717-860-9081.

Christian Education

Also, if you have any questions or concerns in the Christian Education Department, please contact the following people.

- **Vacation Bible School**
Phyllis Kegerreis
717-369-2432
- **KidNecton**
Mimi Kelly
717-263-5123
- **Children's Church**
Ann Deardorff - 717-491-1931
- **Sunday School Classes: Adult, Children and Youth**
Ann Deardorff - 717-491-1931
- **Camp Eder Sunday**
Stacy Gray
717-532-7420
- **Adult Summer Sunday School**
Denise Garnes
717-328-3105
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
Fellowship and Recreation Commission
Tangela Gibbons
717-319-9977
- **Cradle Roll**
Lana Bricker
717-369-3510



February Church Family

Upcoming Events

**Due to the winter season,
Please be advised that if Chambersburg Area School District is closed or is
dismissed early due to weather conditions,
KidNecton will NOT be in session.**

- **KidNecton:** For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, February 8th**, and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



For the Kids of Chambersburg News

ARTFEST is back! Come in out of the cold and visit us at the Old Jail during ICE-FEST. At 8:30 AM the artist will start painting an original piece of art. By 4:30 they will have it completed. Then you get to bid on the Artwork you like best. If you're the top bidder be CAREFUL it is still wet! But you will have a treasure. Even if you don't need a piece of artwork it is neat to watch it take shape. We are an artistic community.

Thanks to all who came to Hoss's in December. We raised \$173.41.

Taste of the Valley will be April 10,2018. We will need things for the Auction--both Silent & Oral. See Lora Bucher for tickets or if you want to donate.

All funds raised are used to support non-profit agencies in the Chambersburg area who help children. We meet monthly and are looking for new members, see Lora Bucher.



Couples Night Out – Thank you to all those who helped and attended this speculator night. We raised a total of \$2,640.00 for 2018 National Youth Conference! Your support of our youth is very much appreciated!

Christmas Poinsettia Committee,
Thanks so much for the beautiful poinsettia. I always enjoy the Moore's visit. The church is very good to all the people. We have a very good pastor.
---**Bless you all, Mabel Hawbaker**

Dear Church Family,
Thank You for the prayers, phone calls, and cards during the illness and passing of Myrna Garnes.
-- **Edward and Denise Garnes Family**

We would like to Thank "Pastor Joel" and all who visited and showed kindness to our family in 2017 during our illness. May God bless all of you as we have been blessed.
---**Jane and Ron Hughes**

Thanks to all for sending me cards for my 90th birthday on December 10. Also for the many birthday greetings given me after church. I had such a nice surprise to have that many of my family, some were grandchildren and some great grandchildren from as far as Philadelphia, PA, Richmond, VA, Frederick and Boonsboro, Md., and PA. They were pleased to be given a very good sermon by Pastor Joel. His manner in getting his points for us, said we have a great pastor. Also the choir music was great. They felt very comfortable coming to 4th Street Church that day. I am very thankful for my church and my family.

---**Genevieve Kiser**

Thank you very much!

Just before Thanksgiving, Kathie and I received 40 cards of appreciation from members and friends of our beloved church family – many with personal notes. Thank you for your kind words and blessings. They have been a source of encouragement to us!

I also want to thank the many volunteers who decorated and then undecorated our church for the Christmas season. God's house was absolutely lovely this year. I am especially grateful to Debbie Fitz who, with all she had on her plate, still managed to help organize and prepare our Advent. And I would be remiss if I

didn't publicly recognize our gifted music ministries and ensembles that glorified God and prepared the way of the Lord! You're all loved!
---Joel



Our Sympathy To:

Carol and John Van Horn and Family following the death of her step-father, Martin M. Territo on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Ed and Denise Garnes and Family; Andrew and Rebekah Garnes and Family; Zachary and Rayanne Garnes and Family following the death of their mother and grandmother, Myrna F. Garnes on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Allen and Emily Bishop and Family following the death of Allen's grandfather, Donald F. Ray on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

**Finances at a Glance
January 7, 2018**

The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a gift not a right.

Congratulations to:

Allen and Emily Bishop!
Charles Remington Bishop – “Remy” – was born on Thursday, December 28th. He weighed 5 lb., 3 ounces. Bob and Linda Gorman are the proud maternal grandparents.

John and Carol Van Horn are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandson. Nicholas Marshall Beam arrived on December 29. His parents are Andrew and Alison (Van Horn) Beam. He joins his big brother, Clark, at home. Congratulations!

A poster for a "Meat Canning Project". It features a colorful illustration of a rooster standing on a wooden block. Below the rooster is a yellow sign with the year "2018" in blue. To the right of the rooster, the text reads: "Meat Canning Project", "Eight Days", "April 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 & 26", "Processed at: Christian Aid Ministries Ephrata, PA", "Sponsored by: Southern PA & Mid-Atlantic Districts COB", and "VOLUNTEER TODAY!".

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Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

2018

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
invites you to:

*Mid – Week Connection
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.*

Menu: Pizza



Come join

BINGO night!

us for our

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.*



**Serving Our
Neighbor (S.O.N.)**

Serving Our
Neighbors (S.O.N.) will be collecting
during the month of February non-
perishable breakfast items such as
cereal, breakfast bars and oatmeal
packets. Place all items in the blue
collection containers and we will
distribute at the March and April Mid-
Week meal.

**Chambersburg Church of the
Brethren
260 South Fourth Street,
Chambersburg
717-264-6957**



Chicken & Waffle Dinner

**March 3, 2018
(Snow Date March 10, 2018)**

4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Free-Will Offering
To Benefit
Southern PA District Meat Canning**

No reservations needed



tacklehunger.org

“Soup”er Bowl

Missions and Service Commission will be
sponsoring “Soup”er Bowl of Caring.
“Soup”er Bowl Sunday is February 4th.
Root for your favorite football team by
placing your canned food items on your
team’s table in the BLC Lobby. Help us
exceed our collection from last year of 253
cans for the local food pantry!! Watch the
Brethren Life Center lobby area for tables
to place your canned items on. All items
will be delivered after Super Bowl Sunday.



January Book List

DVD

I'm Not Ashamed - True Story of Rachel Joy Scott at Columbine High School

Fiction

One More Sunrise - Michael Landon, Jr.
Return to Paradise - Barbara Cameron
The Hawaiian Quilt - Wanda Brunstetter

Non-Fiction

Anxious for Nothing - Max Lucado
(Finding Calm in a Chaotic World)

February Book List

DVD

My Mother's Future Husband
(A Second Chance at Love)

Non-Fiction

Living with Thorns - Mary Ann Froehlich
The Dog That Talked to God - Jim Kraus

Fiction

Passing By Samaria - Sharon Foster
Lion of Babylon - Davis Bunn
Love Story - The Baxter Family -
Karen Kingsbury

During the months of November and December

I gave opportunity for the congregation to submit questions on

which they'd like to hear a biblically-based sermon. I received 14 suggestions. I have selected 8 to coincide with the months of January and February.

Jan. 21: *Why aren't my prayers answered?*

Jan. 28: *Will we see our family and know them in Heaven?*

Feb. 4: *What does the Word say about burial vs. cremation?*

Feb. 11: *Marriage is supposed to last forever. How does that work?*

Feb. 18: *Can you explain Matthew 6:5-8 (and the spirit of prayer)?*

Feb. 25: *Why don't we hear, "hellfire and brimstone" anymore?*

Mar. 4: *BONUS: Can we hate when we are supposed to love?*

Perhaps you've wondered about these same things? I will search the Word of God and look at biblical truth for our answers. Please join me and us here on South Fourth Street this winter. Our Sunday morning services are **8:30 a.m.** - A traditional/blended service in our sanctuary **10:50 a.m.** - A contemporary service on the main level in our Brethren Life Center.

Chili Cook-Off Chili Cook Off Saturday, February 10, 2018

All are welcome to bring a crock pot full of your favorite chili or just come and enjoy taste testing. During this fellowship event, we will vote who has the best original, hottest and weirdest chili! The people who win will receive an award. All toppings, paper products, dessert and drinks will be provided by the church.



Some Tips for a Happier Life in 2018

Don't waste your energy on grudges, gossip, and negative thoughts.
Forgive everyone for everything.
Life is too short wasting time hating anyone.
Enjoy the simple things.

Surround yourself with family, pets, keepsakes, music, books, plants, hobbies.
Take a 30-minute walk every day, and while you walk, smile.

It's the ultimate antidepressant. God made the body to be used. Use it.
Sit in prayerful silence for at least 15 minutes every day.

Play more games and read funny books.

Try to make at least two people smile or laugh each day.

Get rid of the clutter in your life and anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.

Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.

Focus less on yourself and more on how you can be of service to others.

Count your blessings and BE THANKFUL!



- 15 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 19 **Church Yard Sale – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 20 **Church Yard Sale – 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in Brethren Life Center**
- 22 Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 23 Helping Hand Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 25 Baby Boy Rhodes due!
- 31 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Puzzle & 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.



- 4 **“Soup”er Bowl Sunday** – Vote for your favorite team by placing canned goods on your team’s table
- 5 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 7 Puzzle & Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – Bingo with Pizza for dinner!**
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

- 8 KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center & Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 12 Picklball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 14 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Puzzle & 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.

- 18 **Newsletter Deadline for March**
- Special Offering for 2018 District Meat Canning**
- 19 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 20 Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- Missions & Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 21 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Puzzle & Tables Games at 1:00 p.m. in the Brethren Haus
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
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- 22 Stewardship Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 25 **Special Offering for 2018 District Meat Canning**
- 26 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
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