

Pastor's Pen

July/August 2018



As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **clothe yourselves**

with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15

From July 21 – 26 over 3,000 Church of the Brethren youth and advisors from all over the country and beyond will convene on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. They will be participating in the denomination's National Youth Conference which occurs every four years – a tradition that dates back to 1954. About 17 from our church family will be among them. The theme for this year's event is, *Bound Together – Clothed in Christ* from Colossians 3:12-15 (above).

Many Church of the Brethren adults who have attended NYC in the past will say without hesitation that this mountaintop experience was the spiritual highlight of their life. Many will tell you they found Christ and their faith in Colorado. Many will speak of the revival that happens there. Our group of teens will be no exception. Through the worship and the speakers, the activities and the breakout sessions, the coming together and the diversity of the community Jesus will show up and the lives of our youth will be touched and changed. They will come home to us eager to share and hopeful that we will be eager to listen and just as engaged in our faith as they are.

In a former church I served, a group of youth came home from NYC with spiritual exuberance and full of hope that the congregational faithful would go with them to the mountaintop. They shared stories and testimonies of their experience and told us about how awesome God is and how alive they felt. One young woman in particular gave a passionate witness that, to this day, the church remembers and talks about. Unfortunately, those of us who stayed at home nodded our heads and smiled knowingly, then continued to do as we always did, as if we were too set in our ways to be moved by a relationship with Christ. The enthusiastic teen continued to come to church four more Sundays, then stopped and we never saw her again. Within months, most of the other teens lost both their vision and their enthusiasm for Jesus and followed her out the door. That, brothers and sisters, was on us.

This year I hope and pray when our group returns from the mountain they will find our hearts tender and receptive toward what they have to share. I hope and pray that they will see us having the same excitement about the church and Jesus, who is the head.

I hope and pray they won't lose what they find, and that the seeds of faith planted in Colorado will find fertile soil and conditions in Chambersburg so that those seeds will be nurtured and carefully tended. Will you hope and pray with me about these things?

Pastor Joel

Vacation Bible School 2018



What a great week celebrating God and how He rescues us in all situations!

During the week we had a successful Vacation Bible School with an average of 32 children who attended every day.

This year our donations went to Camp Eder to help them purchase more sports equipment. We raised \$500.00. Camp Eder sent about a dozen helpers to help with our Bible School on Friday. Each was assigned to a crew leader and enjoyed the day!



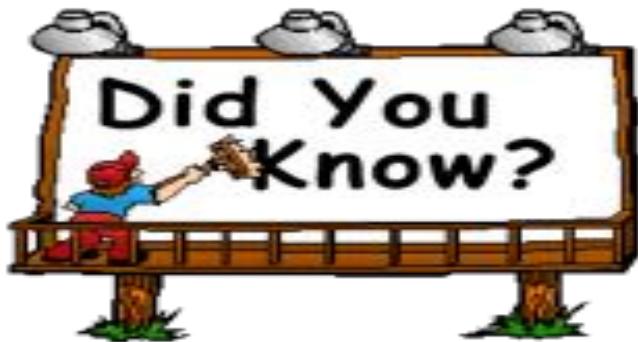
I would like to thank all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to help this year. Without your help, this year's VBS would not have been possible.



During this week we learned that...

- When you are lonely
- When you worry
- When you struggle
- When you do wrong
- When you are powerless

Jesus Rescues!!!!



Missions Sunday - August 26, 2018

- On Sunday, August 26, 2018, our church will be hosting a Missions Sunday event. During this time, we are welcoming organizations the congregation supports to attend. This is being held from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in place of our Sunday School hour. This will provide an opportunity to highlight the ministries and activities that the church sponsors. It will provide a forum for you to interact with the local organizations and provide concrete examples of how our contributions are being put into good use.
- The Annual Family Church Picnic will be on Sunday, September 9th, 2018 at the Twin Bridge Campground. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Eating at 4:30 p.m.
- Missions and Service Commission will be taking special offerings to support the 42nd Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction on Sundays, Sept 9th and 16th. Look for detailed auction programs August 10th in the BLC lobby and The Narthex.
- Meals on Wheels are great for homebound elderly, infirm, or convalescent persons in Chambersburg and nearby communities.
 - A hot, nutritious, tasty noon-time meal is delivered on weekdays only
 - Client chooses how many meals per week and on which days
 - Dietary restrictions (diabetic and others) can be accommodated
 - Meals can be purchased for a client by a relative or other person
 - Regular cost is now \$3.40 per meal - some can qualify for a lower rate
 - Food stamps are accepted
 - Bills are sent monthly for meals delivered during the preceding month

If you know of anyone who doesn't have Meals on Wheels but should, please help that person make the connection and get started today by calling (717) 263-7228.



SMART COOKIES NURSERY SCHOOL



May was a fantastic and busy month at Smart Cookies Nursery School! One of the most special days was our graduation ceremony, held on May 24th. Out of 9 total students, we are thrilled to send six of these precious children to Kindergarten. Our "Smart Cookies" have learned a lot and have done a phenomenal job. We are so proud of them.

During July and August, we will be preparing for the upcoming school year. We can't wait to meet our new students. Please continue to pray for parents to enroll their children.

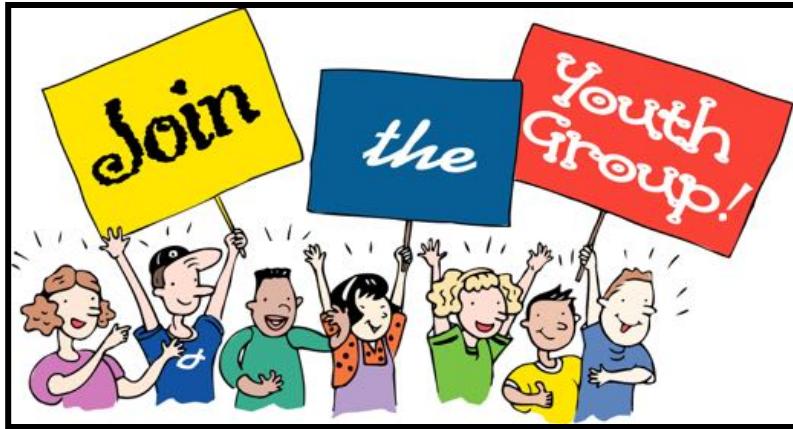
August/September Events

August 27th- Smart Cookies Nursery School Orientation (6:30 PM)

September 4th- First Day of School for 5-day students

September 5th- First Day of School for 3-day students

----Miss Amy



Youth Events for July and August

- **National Youth Conference – July 20th – 26th – Ft. Collins, Colorado**
- **Youth Carnival Night – August 1st**
- **Pool Party – August 8th**
- **National Youth Conference Sunday – August 12th during both services**

August

- **Youth Carnival!** The youth will be hosting a carnival for Mid-Week Connection on August 1st. We would like all the youth and youth parents to help out with this event.
- **Pool Party!** On Wednesday, August 8th we will be meeting at the church at 5:15pm and will be heading to the Preso's House for a pool party. We will be having lots of food and fellowship with our new youth members. This event will end at 8:15pm. All youth members who will be taking the church van to this event will be back at the church for 8:30pm pick up.



Smart Cookies Nursery School Chicken BBQ

A Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Franklin Feed, 1977 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, to benefit Smart Cookies Nursery School. Tickets are \$12. Watch for ticket sales soon!



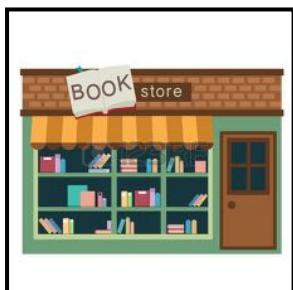
On Sunday, June 17, 2018 the following persons joined the family of faith at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren by Letter of Transfer.

Gary and Edie Mills transferred from Grand Point Church in Chambersburg. They attend 8:30 service along with their son Zachary. Gary is a retired electrical engineer and Edie is a homemaker.

Zachary Mills transferred from Grand Point Church in Chambersburg. He attends the 8:30 service with his parents Gary and Edie Mills. Zachary practices law and participates in the Young Adult Bible Study Group.

Jay and Barbara Boushell are transferring from The Brethren Fellowship in Chambersburg. They have three grown children (Christopher, Jeffrey and Cory). Jay works at Letterkenny in the patriot missile division and Barb is employed at Chambersburg Hospital. They attend both services as Barb is involved in hand bells and Jay plays in the 4th Street Brass. Barb and Jay also participate in the Praise Band during 10:45 worship with vocals and brass.

Cory Boushell is transferring from The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg. Cory attends 10:45 worship. He is the son of Jay and Barbara Boushell. Cory is an EMT with Holy Spirit EMS.



Daniel Lehigh's Bookstore

Barb Lehigh, from the Upper Conewago congregation, continues to operate a small Christian bookstore, Daniel Lehigh's Bookstore.

She is offering discounts to churches and pastors and will special order the books or curriculum that you need.

The store is located at her home 3206 E Lake Meade Road, East Berlin, PA 17316. She does not have set hours of operation but if she's home (and it's not Sunday) she's open. It's best to call ahead. Please contact her at 717-292-4362 to place an order or schedule a visit.

Thank you for supporting Barb!

Summer Sunday School Schedule 2018

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

Guest Speakers for Summer 2018

1-2 Peter

Join us as we learn to thrive in the modern world by learning from Peter. We will be applying his spiritual wisdom in this 6-week curriculum.

July 15th – Theresa Eshbach

July 22nd – Earl Eby

July 29th – Harold Yeager

August 5th – Kendal Trader

August 12th – Bryan Smith (from Camp Eder)

August 19th – Dale Lehman

August 26 – Missions Sunday



Dear Church Friends and Pastors,
We want to thank each one for their
prayers and good wishes offered for Bob's
recovery after he fell and had hip
replacement. He is back at Providence
Place with me and is getting around quite
well with a walker.
Thank you to Pastor Joel and Pastor Liz for
their visits and prayers. Words can't
express our appreciation. Thank You!
--Margie and Bob Rotz

The family of Don Fogelsanger expresses
our deep appreciation to all those who
visited, sent cards, helped with the
service, meal, and attended the viewing
and the Celebration of Life Service. A
special thanks to those who provided
thoughts and music for the Service. It was
a tribute of glory. We thank you all for
your many prayers and for remembering
Don during his illness. Thanks to Pastor
Joel and Liz Thorpe for the visits and
support to the family. Don loved his
Church Family, as we do, and we pray for
God's blessings in your life.

**--Betty, Debbie, Cheri, Kim, and
Families**

Thank You Pastor Joel for all your prayers
and visits and the congregation for your
prayers, cards and phone calls after my
hip surgery.
--Evelyn Laughlin

A special thank you goes to those who
donated food items for our Vacation Bible
School snacks. The snacks were a hit!
---Vacation Bible School Kitchen Crew

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you again for all the
prayers, love and support you gave to Sam
and me. It carried us throughout Sam's
long journey home to our Father.
I especially want to thank Pastor Joel and
Pastor Liz for all their visits. Those visits
were a true comfort to us. This church has
been so loving and generous. It meant so
much to us both.
God Bless you all.
--Debbie Fitz

Thank you to the entire congregation for
your love and support during my schooling
and completion of the requirements for
ordination. Your kind words of
encouragement and affirmation made it
possible for me to continue on the path
toward ordained ministry. I pray that I
will be able to minister to you as you have
ministered to me. The bronze statue of
Jesus washing the disciple's feet which
was presented to me by the congregation
on June 3, is a constant reminder of the
servant attitude and role model which I
must follow. It is a true blessing to serve
beside each of you as we carry out the will
of God... "simply, peacefully, together."
~ Liz Thorpe

We want to express our sincere gratitude
for all the support from our church family
over the last several weeks during which
we have welcomed Carson into our family!
The cards, gifts, meals, and prayers given
from so many of you have been a great
blessing to us. It has truly been an easy
transition thanks in part from all the
generosity of our church friends. Your
encouragement each Sunday continues to

*put a smile on our face! Thanks again and
God bless!*



Rayanne and Zach Garnes

Our Sympathy to:

Betty Fogelsanger and Family; Debbie and Stan Shilling and Family; Cheri and Gregg Hamilton and Family; Kim and Jim Crowley and Family following the death of their husband and father, Donald H. Fogelsanger on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Vernon and Melinda Bayer and Families following the death of Vernon's mother, Peggy Ann (Rohrer) Bayer on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Finances at a Glance
July 8, 2018

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.



For the Kids of Chambersburg

We continue to sell the Bruster ice cream Coupon books. They cost \$12 and have coupons that have a value of \$36. See Lora Bucher. We are also working on a Christmas "Festival of Trees" that will be held downtown in various storefronts. A Pancake Breakfast

will be held at Applebee's on September 22. Lora will have tickets for this later.

For the Kids of Chambersburg raises funds for non-profit agencies to help children in our community. We welcome new members and appreciate your support.

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



August/September Collection is breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, and pancake mix (no refrigerated or frozen items). Your generous support of this program truly helps to Serve Our Neighbors in so many ways!

Mid – Week Connection
Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.



The youth will be hosting a carnival theme Mid-Week Connection. Come and join us for Walking Tacos, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Games & More!

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

July & August - New Arrivals in the Library

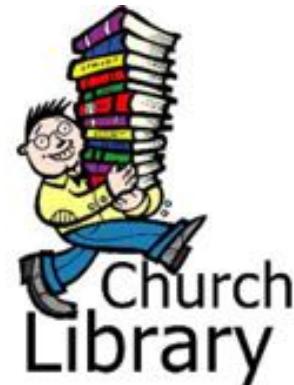
July

DVD

Hope Bridge

Fiction

Woman of Courage by Wanda Brunstetter
The Writing Desk by Rachel Hauck
Long Way Gone by Charles Martin



Non-Fiction

Broken for Good – How Grief Awoke My Greatest Hopes by Rebecca Jones

August

Fiction

The Second Half by Lauraine Snelling

Under Northern Skies by Lauraine Snelling
The Promise of Dawn
A Breath of Hope

Non-Fiction

Erasing Hell – What God Said About Eternity, and The Things We've Made Up by Francis Chan

Sixty-Sixth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren will be held at Rhodes Grove Camp & Conference Center, 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA from

August 25 - September 2, 2018

The Theme is "Living in the Fear of the Lord" with the theme verse from Hebrews 12:28,29 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

This year's main speaker is Brother Glenn Miller from the Pleasant Hill congregation. The Bible Study (Biblical Nonresistance) will be taught by Brother Wayne Hawbaker.

Lodging information and program with worship times are available in the Narthex and the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Everyone Welcome!



ARE YOU READY TO:

- Build a home with a local family in need of decent affordable housing?
- Work side by side with other volunteers?
- Express your faith in an exciting, new way?

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County as a Faith Champion in the Building on Faith Initiative for their 42nd & 43rd homes. This time it is a duplex at 158 & 162 South Fourth Street. We are joining 13 plus other Chambersburg churches.

As a Champion Church our congregation will be conducting a fund raiser with a goal of \$3000.00, volunteering on the build site on some upcoming weekends and providing space for volunteer parking and other events. Thrivent Financial has agreed to match every dollar local churches give up to \$57,000.00.

Look for opportunities (events, dates and times) to come. We want EVERYONE in the community to see this house and say "That is the house that Jesus built." Please join in this amazing outreach.



Serving in every Day

Rabbittransit provides rides to life-sustaining appointments for local seniors and plays a critical role in maintaining independence in the life of older adults.

They serve some of the most vulnerable of our population, yet they struggle to identify drivers for our shuttles. If you have a heart for service, if you have a regular driver's license, please consider giving us a call. Even if you have a few hours a week to serve.

A ride to dialysis saves a life. A ride to visit a loved one provides quality of life.

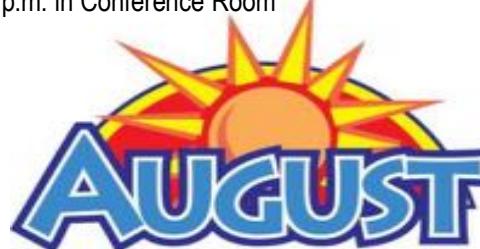
For more information on how to volunteer call 1-800-632-9063 or visit: rabittransit.org/careers.

Summer Office Hours – Beginning on Friday, June 1, 2018 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 7, 2018.



- 16 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
17 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
17 Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
18 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
19 Loving Hearts Lunch at 12 noon in the Brethren Life Center. Movie to follow lunch.
21-26 National Youth Conference –Fort Collins, Colorado
23 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
25 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
30 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Smart Cookies Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room



- 1 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection Youth Carnival at 5:30 p.m.
6 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
7 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
8 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Youth Pool Party at the Preso's at 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
9 Believers SS Class Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
10 Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game
12 National Youth Conference Sunday during both 8:30 and 10:45 Worship Teacher Appreciation Sunday
13 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
15 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
16 Loving Hearts Lunch at 12 Noon
19 Newsletter Deadline for September
20 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
21 Helping Hand Circle Banquet at 6:00 p.m.
Missions & Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
22 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
26 Missions Sunday during Sunday School Hour
27 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Smart Cookies Nursery School Orientation
28 Ladies of Strength Training Begins for the year at 10:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center

- 29 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Hand Bell Rehearsal begins at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal begins at 7:15 p.m.