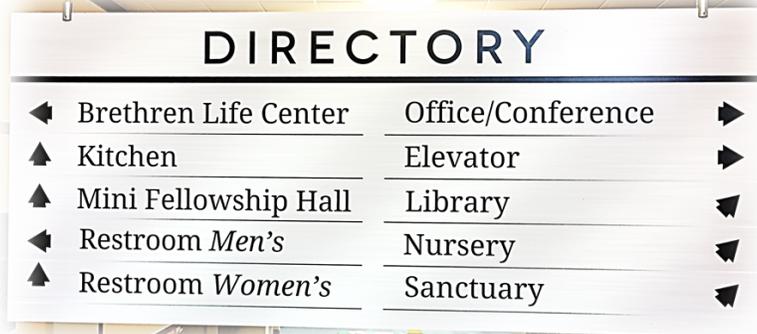
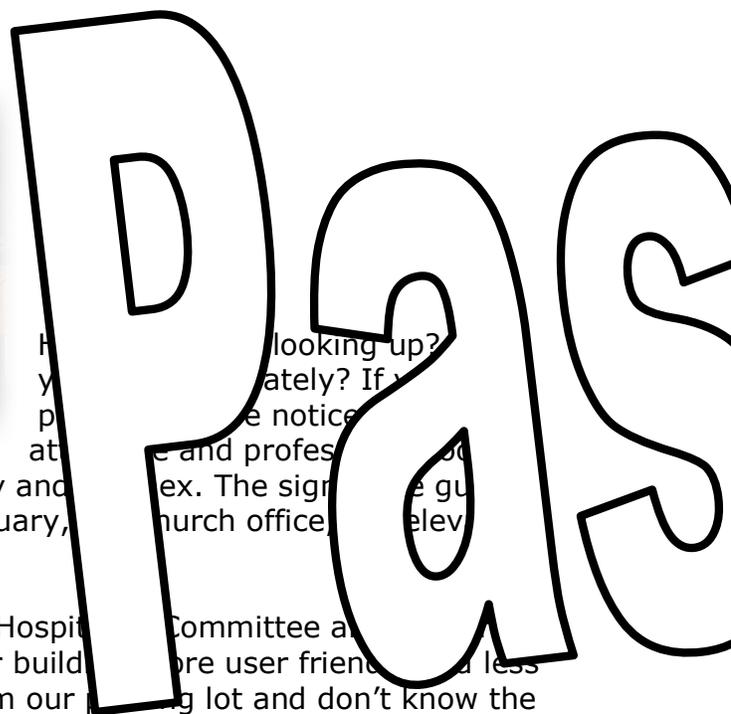


September 2018



D I R E C T O R Y		
◀ Brethren Life Center	Office/Conference	▶
▲ Kitchen	Elevator	▶
▲ Mini Fellowship Hall	Library	▶
◀ Restroom <i>Men's</i>	Nursery	▶
▲ Restroom <i>Women's</i>	Sanctuary	▶



new signs suspended from the ceilings of our lobby and directions to areas in our church such as the sanctuary, restrooms and a lot more.

These signs began as a conversation between our Hospitality Committee and the Building Commission. How, we wondered, can we make our building more user friendly and less intimidating to people who, for example, enter from our parking lot and don't know the sanctuary is on the second floor? "Where are the restrooms?" is a frequent question I get from shy and embarrassed guests. Our new signs make that a lot more comfortable.

I suppose we should have had signs in place when our church received a facelift and the lobby, office complex and BLC were built. I mentioned this to someone who said, "I guess everyone knew where things were back then." The passing of time and new faces make getting directions both necessary and helpful.

Sometimes we need directions in life. A new opportunity is presenting itself and we aren't sure how to proceed. Once upon a time God and our faith in him were so familiar, but lately they've felt strange and inaccessible. We have a burning question but we aren't sure where to look for the answer.

Psalm 119:105 says that the Word of God, the bible **is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path.** God gave us directions to help us find our way. If I want to know what Jesus would do, I turn to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. If I need guidance in my prayer life, Psalms is very helpful. Whenever I feel like I have lost my way in ministry, Paul's letters to Timothy are spot on.

How do I know if I'm saved? Romans has directions for that. What about the resurrection from death? I Corinthians 15 is a life saver. God gave us a book with all kinds of signage to all kinds of points of interest. We just have to pick up the book and look.

In the meantime, if you like the signs in our lobby and narthex, express your appreciation to the teams who are responsible. I personally want to thank Bob Witter and Jerry Moore for putting them up.

Be blessed and be a blessing!

Joel

A Message from our District Executive

Compelling Vision Guiding Statement: **"Confessing Jesus Christ as Teacher, Redeemer, and Lord, we desire to serve Him by proclaiming, professing, and walking in His way together bringing His peace to our broken world. Join us in reclaiming a new passion for Christ and helping set a course for our future as the Church of the Brethren serving Him in our communities and in the world!"**

This past Annual Conference introduced to the COB the Compelling Vision Process (CVP). Delegates and others began to talk about what it is that keeps us together as church, what motivates us to follow Christ, and how do we move forward.

Many times, the statement was made that it is an attempt to listen for God's direction. I know that at the Brethren Prayer Summit in Virginia, the attendees were urged to pray at least 2 minutes a day for the Church of the Brethren for the next 400 days to take us through Annual Conference 2019. When we meet in Greensboro, under the leadership of Moderator Donita Keister, we will have no new business but spend the time bringing together a Compelling Vision for our denomination.

I believe this is a process well worth our prayers and participation. **Each member of the Church of the Brethren will have a chance to both hear and be heard. We only must be willing to participate.** Whose voice gets heard? Those who show up!

To this end, our district will hold 4 meetings this fall in different parts of our area to give our members chances to participate. **We will meet on September 30th at Brandt's Congregation from 1:30-3:30 to listen and to share our ideas about what motivates us to follow Christ and what the vision for our denomination might look like.**

Please clear two hours in your calendar and join us on September 30th at Brandt's. Our Compelling Vision needs your input. For additional information on the Compelling Vision Process go to <http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>

Bill



Mid-Week Connection

Talent Show – October 3, 2018

Talent Show on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
as part of Mid-Week Connection.

Meal and great talent!

Do you have a talent to share?

We would love for you to share it with us. Any questions or to sign up for a talent,
see or call Gail Appenzellar at 264-5774.

Start Thinking!!! And mark your calendars. And if you don't want to share a talent, please
join us to enjoy those who do! Contact Gail Appenzellar today to share your talent!

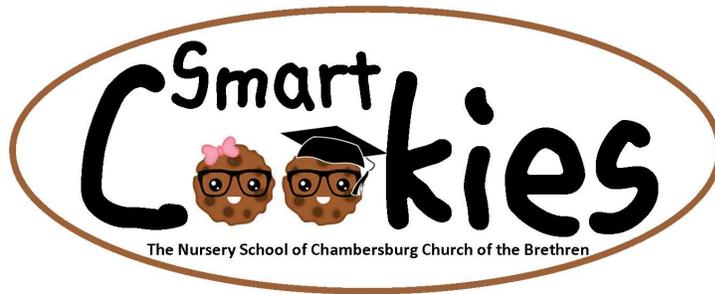
--Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee

2018 Southern PA District Conference

Southern PA District Church of the Brethren District Conference will be held on
Friday, September 14th and Saturday, September 15th at Newville Church of the
Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA. Conference theme is based on Nehemiah
1:4 "What's on God's Heart?" Delegates attending from Chambersburg COB are
Donald and Diane Berger; Bryan and Nancy Hoke, and Pastor Joel.

Everyone is invited to attend all or part of the Conference. For information or to
register to attend, please contact the church office.

We hope you can attend!



SMART COOKIES NURSERY SCHOOL

A new school year is about to begin shortly. School reopens on September 4th. We are looking forward to all the new learning adventures we will embark on. Along with our Bible curriculum, we will be using a new curriculum called Learning Without Tears. This program focuses on teaching students using hands on activities, music, and movement. This program also focuses on preparing students for Kindergarten. We are looking forward to a fun and productive school year!



---Miss Amy

Youth Events



September

- **REVOLUTION BEGINS!!!!** On Wednesday, **September 5th** we will be kicking off our new school year with Worship, a youth message, small groups, games and great food! We will begin at 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Hope to see you there!!
 - Make sure you join us on **September 12th, 19th and the 26th**



- **Fry Tasting Night!!** The youth will meet in the Gym on September 26th at 6:00pm. We will be going to 5 different restaurants to see who has the best fry's in town! Please fill out the attached permission slip and hand it into Jamie by September 19th.



- **KidNecton:** For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, September 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!!



Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

September 15, 2018 * 11
AM – 2 PM



\$12 per chicken dinner.



Location:
Franklin Feed & Supply Company
1977 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA 17201



**Life Line Screening
The Power of Prevention
September 14, 2018**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Friday, September 14, 2018 at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation – irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450.** To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Church Yard
sale

**It's not too early to start thinking about the 2019 Yard Sale.....
Mark your Calendars!!**

The date for the sale is **Friday, January 18th and Saturday, January 19th, 2019**. As you set aside items you wish to donate, please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition and that other items are in good working order and will provide good service to our neighbors. Electronics, televisions, computers, computer monitors, encyclopedias, and textbooks should NOT be donated.

We need your help! You can help by donating items, by helping with set up on Wednesday and Thursday of yard sale week, by assisting shoppers during the sale, or by working in the kitchen. Also we ask for your prayers that workers and shoppers will be blessed.

More information coming in the next few months!!!!



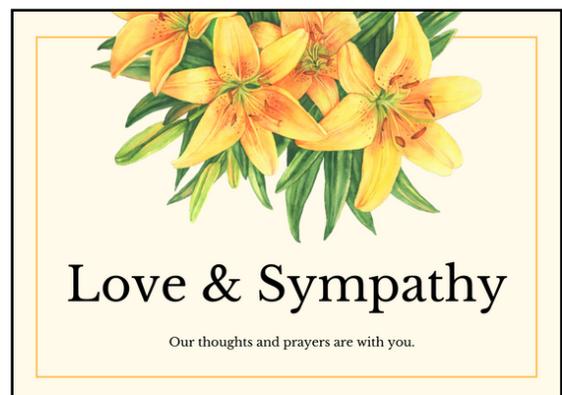
Dear Church Family,
Our family is deeply appreciative of your support for our sister, Sarah (Yeager) Keith's situation as she approaches double lung transplant surgery. Many of you gave donations or bought tickets to the August 18, 2018, chicken barbeque. We are very grateful! It is our desire to keep our congregation informed as this situation progresses so that Sarah's welfare can be part of our prayer lives.
May God smile on our generous spirit.
--- **In great Christian love,**
Galen & Harold Yeager

Thank You Properties Commission for purchasing and installing the new signs hanging in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby. They look fantastic and we appreciate your work. Great job!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all for the wonderful reaching out to both Al and I after my fall in January. The great donations of food, cards, prayers, visits, calls and support from Pastor Joel and Liz were all so very appreciated.
God Bless,
Al & Pat Corman

Thank you to everyone that sent me a Birthday card, and for the kind words and inspiring messages. I received 80 cards from seven different states. And thank you for the many times you supported me during the stressful times in my life. May God continue to bless you and use you in His ministry.
---**Dean Bricker**



Our Sympathy to:

Pastor Joel and Kathie Nogle and Family following the death of Kathie's sister, Barbara (Rowe) Bennett on Tuesday, July 23, 2018



September New Arrivals

Fiction

Beneath a Prairie Moon by Kim Vogel Sawyer

By Beverly Lewis

The Last Bride

The Mercy

The Brethren



Missions and Service Commission will be taking Special Offerings to support the 42nd Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction on Sunday, September 9th and 16th. Booklets for the auction (Sept 21 and Sept 22) can be picked up in the Narthex and the Brethren Life Center Lobby.

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Fall Banquet

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Fall Fundraising Banquet will be Saturday, October 6, 2018 at New Fairview Church of the Brethren, 1873 New Fairview Church Road, York, PA 17403. Silent Auction at 4:00 p.m.; Meal served at 5:30 p.m.; Entertainment by "The Vine Street Boys" Truck Stop Ministry Update and Door Prizes. Cost of Tickets are \$12.00 and are available until September 22nd. No Ticket sales at the door. For tickets contact Barb Lehigh at 717-292-4362.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to:

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

**Menu: Pizza, Celery & Carrots with dip,
Ice-Cream**

"Exploring the Life of Butterflies
with Vonnie Black"



And.....

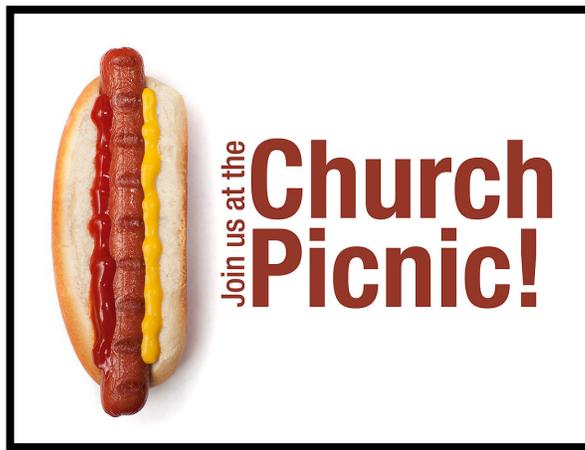
Come join us for a Night of Fun!

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



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

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!



Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Twin Bridge Campground Pavilion
1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the fixins provided!
Last names beginning with A-M bring a Cold dish,
Last names beginning with N-Z bring a Hot dish.



Bring your own table settings, drinks and a lawn chair.

Join the fun!

Hayride
Candy Scramble

Dirty Bingo (Bring a \$5 wrapped gift to participate)

Please place an "X" beside your name on the attendance register if attending. Feel free to bring guests, just mark an extra "X" for them beside your name.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events from Fellowship and Recreation:

Roller Skating Party at Red Bridge Roller Rink, 1993
Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg, on Sunday, October 7th
4:30 to 6:30 pm. The cost will only be \$3.00 per person
for rental of skates only. Everyone is welcome to come
and skate or just watch.

You may bring snacks to share during the event.





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.

St. Paul United Methodist Church Yard Sale

The United Methodist Women's unit of St. Paul United Methodist Church is having a huge yard sale for missions in the Family Life Center of the church located at 750 Norland Avenue.

Thursday, September 6- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 7 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8 - 8:00 a.m. - Noon

In addition to lots of yard sale "treasures," there will be clothing, some collectibles, and food! A portion of the proceeds will be donated toward missions in Chambersburg such as BOPIC, WIN, the Homeless Shelter, YMCA Sam's Club, and other local agencies.

Separation and Divorce Recovery Support Group

If you are experiencing the hurt and pain of a broken relationship or marriage, please consider joining a Separation and Divorce Recovery Support Group. This group meets on Monday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at The Wholeness Center, 19 South Main Street (on the square) Chambersburg.

2018 Sessions will begin Monday, September 10th thru October 15th.

2019 Sessions will begin January 14th thru February 18th and March 18th thru April 22nd

For more information or to register, email Cindy Shoemaker at cshoe0815@gmail.com or call Central Presbyterian Church at 717-264-4113. Brochures with more information are in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby.

Regular Friday hours (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) will resume on Friday, September 7, 2018



- 2 **Annual Conference Report during Sunday School Hour**
- 3 **Office Closed. Happy Labor Day!**
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 4 Smart Cookies 1st Day of School
Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 5 Pickelball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. "Exploring the Life of Butterflies with Vonnie Black"
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 Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 9 **Pastor Joel Vacation – Liz Thorpe preaching**
Special Offering for 42nd Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
- 10 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 12 Pickelball 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.
- 13 KidNection at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Believers SS Class Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- 14 Life Line Preventive Health Screenings in Brethren Life Center
- 14-15 Southern PA District Conference at Newville COB
- 15 **Chicken BBQ to benefit Smart Cookies Nursery School at Franklin Feed – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
Deadline for Budget figures from Commissions/Committees
- 16 **Church Picnic at 4:30 p.m. at Twin Bridge Campground pavilion**
Deadline for October Newsletter
Special Offering for 42nd Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
- 17 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 18 Helping Hand Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 19 Pickelball 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.
- 20 Loving Hearts at 12 Noon at Greenvillage Restaurant – Ventriloquist to follow lunch
- 21-22 42nd Brethren Disaster Relief Auction – Lebanon Valley Expo
- 24 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Smart Cookies Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 26 Pickelball 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.