

Pastor's Pen

October 2018



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you... Matt. 28:19-20

Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday when almost every Christian around the globe will have the opportunity to break bread and share the common cup of Jesus' sacrifice and our salvation in him. As part of this ecumenical occasion, **we will celebrate with our Love Feast and Holy Communion Service in the BLC at 11:05 a.m.**

Our Deacons are already making preparation for you and me. Using the theme, *Into All the World*, we will use Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great Commission – as our focus text.

Dr. Leonard Sweet used this text for his Sunday sermon at this year's Annual Conference. He challenged us that Jesus commands us to "go" when most churches are asking people to "come." Jesus tells us to "make followers" but most churches are raising up a generation of "leaders." Jesus wants us to "do" what he has taught and exemplified, yet culture prefers to "be."

Is Jesus out of step with the times or are the times no longer in tune with Jesus? Certainly the hospitable act of washing feet seems outdated in a culture of Nike, Converse, Nine West and Bass. Our sandals are strictly for fashion and any dirt is washed away with a good shower. But Jesus used this powerful act to teach humility and service, two things our culture needs so much more of today.

And so we will gather around the table as the Family of God and we will serve, fellowship and share a sacred meal as we go, disciple and teach what we've come to understand about our Lord.

Joel

**A quick word about the service:
It will conclude by 12:15 p.m. so you'll have a fall afternoon for your family. Children over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. There will be childcare for children 4 and under. For those who can't kneel to wash feet, a hand-washing table will be available. And gluten-free bread will once again be an option for those with dietary restrictions.**

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY

I recently attended a safety and security seminar in Lancaster. I learned many things that churches should be thinking about.

Do you know where you are the most vulnerable to a theft or altercation at church? **In the church parking lot.** One town in the U.S. reported 42 incidents in one month! And here is the remarkable part: most parking lot altercations take place in broad daylight. They include robbery, assault, kidnapping and rape.

When it comes to safety and security, most of us have the mindset that, "This can't happen here." We need to change our mindset to, "This can't happen here because we're not going to allow it."

When exiting and reentering your car, look around; be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't look quite right, seem right, feel right it usually isn't right. Go back inside or stay in your vehicle.

Whether you're a man or a woman, don't tarry in the lot alone. Go to your cars together and wait for the last one who is exiting the lot. If you'd like an escort to your car, don't hesitate to ask.

Little things. Simple things. They make a difference and they keep all of us safe.



Baptism and New Member Sunday- November 18 @ 10:00 a.m.

We will be receiving new members and having a Service of Baptism the 3rd Sunday in November during the combined 10:00 a.m. service. If the Lord has been placing in you a desire to be joined to our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Joel or Jamie Rhodes. If you have never been baptized OR if you were baptized but, because of change in your life, you would like to re-consecrate yourself to Jesus, this will be a wonderful opportunity. We would love to share this experience with you.

We will also be receiving people into our fellowship through transfer of membership from another church. Pastor Joel would be happy to come and meet with you to discuss what this means. Call the church office and let him know of your interest.

This will be a memorable and celebrative service that no one in our church family will want to miss. And being the Sunday before Thanksgiving makes it especially significant.

Committing your life to Jesus is the most important decision you'll ever make. Please pray about baptism and church membership and respond as the Holy Spirit leads.



Chambersburg Area CROP Walk ***Walking So Others Can Live***

CROP Walk is the name given to the grassroots community interfaith hunger education and fund-raising events sponsored by Church World Service. In some two thousand communities throughout the world, children, youth, and adults walk to raise awareness and money to support Church World Services efforts to help the countless hungry people in the United States and world.

Like many an acronym, CROP has taken on a life of its own. In the beginning the letters stood for the Christian Rural Overseas Program of Church World Service. The program began shortly after the Second World War. It's focus then was rural canvasses to gather commodities to send overseas to hungry and hurting people in Europe and Asia.

Today CROP Walk is the main community hunger event of the Church World Service. Its goal is to promote food self-sufficiency through training and appropriate technology. That may not mean much to most of those who participate in community CROP Walks, but it is a matter of vital importance to the people who receive assistance.

Over the years the **Chambersburg Area CROP Walk** has raised thousands of dollars in support of this effort. It has distributed monies to the local chapter of the Salvation Army, the Chambersburg Food Pantry, Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry, and world-wide hunger relief programs.

This year's Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 21st**. **It will commence from the Trinity Lutheran Church at 431 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the Walk will start at 1:30 p.m.**

Please consider walking or contributing to the walk this year!

Thank you and God Bless!
Peter W. Emig
CROP Walk Coordinator

Pastor Joel Will Be Away

Pastor Joel will be on a spiritual/planning retreat from the afternoon of October 21st through Saturday, October 27th. 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 Carol and Jamie at the church office 264-6957. Thank you.



SMART COOKIES NURSERY SCHOOL

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 1-7), practicing writing our letters in our names, and getting to know each other. We have been exploring and learning with geoboards, magnifying glasses, puzzles, and various other toys. For the rest of the month of September we will be learning about apples, autumn, Adam and Eve Disobey God, Cain and Abel, our letters, numbers, etc.

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

October Special Dates

- 8th- No School for Columbus Day
- 9th-13th- Fire Prevention Week
- 10th- Field Trip to Country Creek Produce Farm
- 12th- Griffin's Birthday Celebration
- 14th- Griffin's Birthday
- 17th- Mrs. Amy's Birthday/ Rain date for Field Trip
- 24th- Bring your Teddy Bear to School
- 26th- National Pumpkin Day
- 31st- Harvest Festival/Costume

Party

----Ms. Amy

The Smart Cookies Nursery School Committee would like to thank all who supported the Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale on Saturday, September 15th. Profits from sale of chicken dinners, donations and bake sale items was \$1,460.01!



Youth Events

October



- **REVOLUTION: Wednesday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 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!
 - **There will be NO Revolution on October 31st Due to Halloween.** If you are interested in going trick-or-treating please arrive at the church dressed up (no scary, bloody or revealing costumes). If it is raining, this will be canceled and Revolution will continue the following week.
- **Membership/ Baptism Classes:** Please join us for 4 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 14th – November 4th from 9:30-10:30am.** Baptisms will be held on November 18th during our Combined 10:00am Worship Service. If you are interested in becoming a Church Member and being Baptized, please let Jamie Rhodes know by September 26th, 2018.
- **Youth Lock-In!!! October 12th at 6:00pm till October 13th at 9:00am.** We will be having different activities that will last ALL NIGHT LONG! Such as Ice Skating and 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 \$50 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 3rd.

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



- **KidNecton:** For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, October 11th**, and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!

**Coming this November,
Revolution will be opening up Youth Workshops.**



At National Youth Conference, Nicholas and I went to a Youth Leader Workshop and learned that teens and adults turn to Google and not the Church when looking for answers. We created a way in which teens are able to see that the church does have that answers that they are looking for! We will be teaching life and spiritual skills in the months of November, February and April. This November is going to be focusing on life skills; Cooking class, Financial class, Wood-working class, and a Nutrition class. All these classes are being taught by church members. What a great way for us to connect our talents and knowledge to build relationships and life skills to our teens.

-Jamie Rhodes

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 1st at 6:00pm
(with a snow date of December 2nd 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 2022.

Did you know?

At this year's District Conference at the Newville Church of the Brethren **Nicholas Wingert** was appointed to serve on the District board for a 3-year term. He was also selected to serve on the Nurture Commission. **Jamie Rhodes** was re-licensed at the Friday evening service, and our own **Harold Yeager** was installed as Southern Pennsylvania District Moderator for 2019. **District Conference will be hosted by our church family here in Chambersburg on September 20-21, 2019!**



The Helping Hand Circle will be making Christmas candy in November! Order forms should be returned by October 28th with pick-up on November 18th in the church kitchen. On November 12th we will be mixing and shaping the candy and on November 13th and 14th we will be dipping the chocolate and boxing it. Any questions about candy making, contact Margie Diller. Please clip and return order form below to the boxes marked "Candy Orders" in the Brethren Life Center Lobby or Narthex. **Proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity and Brethren Disaster Hurricane Relief.**

 Helping Hand Circle 4th Street Church of the Brethren
 Christmas Candy Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Return by October 28, 2018 Sold by _____

QUANTITY	SELECTION	UNIT PRICE	COST
	Milk Chocolate Raisin Clusters	\$6.50	
	Milk Chocolate Peanut Clusters	\$7.00	
	Milk Chocolate Cashew Clusters	\$8.50	
	Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups	\$6.00	
	Dark Chocolate Coconut Bonbons	\$6.50	
	Assorted Clusters – (5 pcs of each)	\$7.50	
	Treat Box (assorted)	\$3.00	
	Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sticks - 6	\$2.00	
	White Chocolate Peppermint Bark	\$3.50	

_____ Total Quantity of Boxes Total Cost _____

Candy Pick-up in Church Kitchen: November 18th 2018
 Payment Due Upon Pick-up – Checks made payable to Helping Hand Circle
Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity & Brethren Disaster Hurricane Relief

OUT TO LUNCH



Being 4th Street's Administrative Assistant, Carol Wingert wears many hats and shares many responsibilities. She is often the voice you hear when you telephone the church and the first person you see when you come through the front door on a weekday.

From 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Carol "gets" to be a filer, postal worker, correspondent, bookkeeper, mechanic, organizer, creator, counselor, detective and publisher – all while keeping track of the staff and answering both the phone and the doorbell.

"When does she eat her lunch?" you might be wondering. Well, for the last twelve years she has eaten on the fly, taking bites between tasks and the inevitable surprises. Our Church Board believes Carol has earned and is deserving of a lunch break – a designated time when she can collect her thoughts and eat without interruption. Therefore...

Beginning Monday, October 1st, our church office will be closed from 12:30 until 1:00 -- one half hour – so that Carol can enjoy a lunch break. During that time, the phones will automatically return to voicemail and the front door will remain locked.

The office hours will be published in upcoming bulletins and the next several Pastor's Pens (as well as on the front door) so we can remember and be grateful Carol will be back on the job at 1:00. Thanks for your support!

**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!!!!



Special Thanks To

Donald and Diane Berger; Bryan and Nancy Hoke and Pastor Joel for serving as delegates to this year's District Conference, September 14-15.

To The Congregation at Fourth Street, I wish to express my deepest appreciation of your support with my lung transplant fund. This has been a journey that will not be forgotten by me. Even though many do not know me, the outpouring of love from your church has touched my heart. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to and from Johns Hopkins. May God Bless each and every one of you.

--Thank you, Sarah Yeager Keith

The Robert L. Rotz family want to express our thank you for the many expressions of sympathy we have received since Bob's death. We thank Pastor Joel and Pastor Liz for visits and prayers Bob and I enjoyed since living at Providence Place. Bob loved his church!

--Margie & Family

Thank you to Gail Appenzellar and all the children in Children's Church for



honoring me on Sunday, August 26th for the work that I do at the church. Gail had the children tell what they thought I did at the church and most of them thought that I cooked! We then discussed what it is that I really do at the church!

It was such an honor that they thought of me and surprised me with gifts! I appreciate it so much! Stop by my office and see the picture they made for me and the lovely flowers they presented to me. I am blessed!

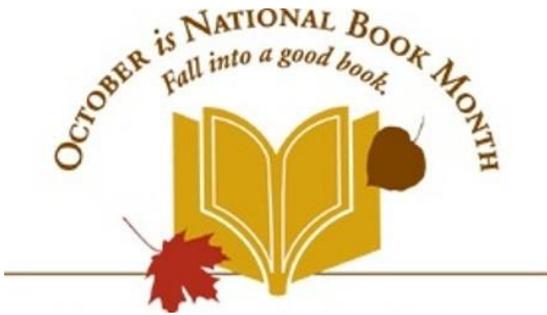
---Love, Carol Wingert

*With
Sympathy*

Our Sympathy to:

Margaret H. Rotz and Family; John and Barbara Rotz and Family following the death of their husband and father, Robert L. Rotz on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Dennis and Tina Horst and Family following the death of Dennis's uncle, J. Clifford "Cliff" Harry on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.



Library New Arrivals

DVD

Paul, Apostle of Christ

Non - Fiction

When Darkness Will Not Lift by John Piper

Fiction

Many Sparrows by Lori Benton
As the Tide Comes In by Cindy Woodsmall



Roller Skating Party!

Roller Skating Party
Red Bridge Roller Rink
1993 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg
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.



Advent 2018 Theme Announced

Christmas lights and decorations are appearing on the shelves of stores and it's not even October yet! There are still a lot of great things happening this fall so we certainly aren't pushing the holiday season. However, we do have an Advent Committee in place that has already been meeting to plan and organize what December will be like at Chambersburg COB.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Our theme up through Christmas Eve will be:

All I Want for Christmas

Grounded in the Scriptures and relevant to life, we will be exploring such topics as connection, purpose, peace/serenity, time and relationships. We'll say more about these things in November's newsletter. But for those who are already counting down the days, you might think about what *you* want for Christmas – really want more than anything.

Reminder: Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.



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.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to:



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

**Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese
Sandwiches & Tater Tots**

**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 7, 2018
Dinner at 5:30pm
Trunk or Treat at
6:30pm**

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.*

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to:

**Mid – Week Connection
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
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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NOAC
September 2-6, 2019
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

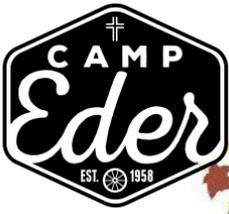
Reaching
across generations
beyond differences
through conflict
into joy

NOAC is an event for folks over fifty who want to
worship, learn, reflect, pray, serve, rest, and fellowship
in a beautiful setting. Registration opens in early 2019.

Go to
www.brethren.org/NOAC
for more information in December

Follow us on Facebook at
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40TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 20, 2018 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.

Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with eat in or take out available. Sandwiches, soup, and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat.

THINGS TO DO:

Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal. \$14 adults, \$9 kids

- Live Auction Bidding begins at 11am
- Silent Auction. Browse all day and winners will be announced at 2pm
- Apple Butter Making
- Petting Zoo Critter Connection
- Craft Vendors
- Eder's Apple Bombs (fresh apple fritters)
- Kid's Games and prizes
- NEW- CANDY TREASURE HUNT
- Bounce House
- Food Court
- Bake Sale

Shuttle buses: We want to make things easy, so hop on one of our shuttle buses to get you around.



"The Quest" by Beth Moore - A ladies' bible study will begin October 11th on Thursday nights at 6:00pm in the Mini Fellowship Hall. We will be working through the newest Beth Moore study called *The Quest: An Excursion toward Intimacy with God*. Participant study journals are \$15.00 each. Please sign-up in the Narthex or Brethren Life Center lobby. Ali Toms will be leading this study.



Minister to your Minister

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastor:

- A**ccept them as people.
- B**uild them up. Say "thank you."
- C**ommunicate with them.
- D**efend them when someone tries to run them down.
- E**ntertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- F**amily. Allow them to have a family life.
- G**enuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- H**onor them. Don't put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- I**ncome. Pay them enough so money isn't a concern.
- J**udge not! Avoid being critical.
- K**ind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
- L**ove. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- M**aintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
- N**urture. Help them grow in grace.
- O**ffer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
- P**ray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- Q**uelch not. Encourage instead!
- R**ejoice in and with them.
- S**urprise them - in little and big ways.
- T**rust them. Believe in them.
- U**nderstand them. Put yourself in their place.
- V**acation. They need time away.
- W**elcome them into your home. Don't wait for an invitation.
- e**Xpend yourself, not them.
- Y**oke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
- Z**ap all gossip!



October

- 1 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 2 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 3 Pickelball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection Talent Show at 5:30 p.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.
- 7 **Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Baby Dedication;**
Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.
Love Feast & Communion at 11:05 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Roller Skating Party at Red Bridge Roller Rink – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 9 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 10 Pickelball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 11 Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Believers SS Class Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- 12-13 **Youth Lock-In at the Church – 6:00 p.m. Friday until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday**
Believers Class Service Project & Game Day in Church Kitchen and Brethren Life Center
- 14 **Cumberland Valley Choir Fest at Grand Point Church Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.**
- 15 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 16 Helping Hand Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
Missions & Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 17 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.
- 18 Loving Hearts at 12 Noon at Stoner's Restaurant – Guest Speaker John Kohler
Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 20 Camp Eder Annual Fall Festival – 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Young Adults Gleaning Project in Church Kitchen at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 21 **CROP Walk at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m.**
Newsletter Deadline for November
- 22 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 24 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.
- 25 Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 28 **Pastor Joel Vacation – Ali Toms preaching**
Christmas Candy Orders Due
- 29 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 30 Craft Night at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 31 Pickelball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

