

April 2019

Pastor's Pen

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7-8 NIV

Most days, when I leave my house and drive to the church, I take Falling Spring Road. There's a section of that road that parallels the creek. Almost every day this winter, a great blue heron had been standing in the same pool.



It didn't matter what the temperature was, whether it was raining or snowing, the heron was standing in the water, looking expectantly for its next meal. I found myself wondering how it could stand so long in the frigid spring without getting out, without any movement at all.

I wouldn't imagine fish in Falling Spring are all that plentiful January through March and I'm guessing it was a quite a while between meals. But that did not seem to deter the bird's spirit one bit, nor did it cause it to search other waters where success might have been assured.

Nesting Canada geese have driven the great blue from its watery post and I haven't seen it for several weeks. However, while it was here, it taught me a lesson on patience.

It was a long winter. Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring but the weather had a different idea. A lot of us suffered from cabin fever and I heard more than one person say, "I don't think spring will ever get here." And yet, as I write this, I can see all kinds of signs in my backyard that a resurrection is on the way. Patience.

After Jesus' resurrection, seven of the disciples went back to fishing. They left their post, spent the entire night in their boats but had nothing in their nets as the sun rose. Just as discouragement set in, Jesus appeared. Patience.

Job notwithstanding, patience is the one thing we all want and most of us have too little of. James' congregation in Jerusalem was waiting expectantly for Jesus to come back. Pastor James told the people not to be deterred by the passing of time, but to continue to wait for the Lord without wavering. Patience.

Do you need patience until you see the resurrection that most surely is coming?
Pray with me...

Lord, I live in a time when even the speed of the internet is too slow for my liking. As I wait for you to appear as an answer to my prayers, build into my character the qualities of patience and resolve so that I don't become overcome by a spirit of discouragement and defeat. I ask this in your name. Amen.

Joel



WHAT: Kids Easter Party
WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: Chambersburg COB - Brethren Life Center.
WHO: Church family, friends, and the community ages 4 thru 5th grade.

Come join us for our first-time ever Easter Party.

We will have a snack station, bounce house, face painting, crafts, games, Bible story and candy to take home!

2019 District Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday – April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.



Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
260 South Fourth Street
Chambersburg, PA

Living a Worshipful Life
Guest Speaker is Ali Toms

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/Refreshments
9:30 – 9:45 Worship and Welcome
9:45 – 10:45 Speaker Presentation
10:45-11:00 Break
11:00 – 11:45 Speaker Presentation
11:45 – 12:00 Roll Call and Prayer
12 Noon - Lunch

\$10.00 per person

Brochures with registration information available in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby.

We will be registering as a church and you can pay the church office.

SERMON SERIES THROUGH EASTER

Jesus - Man on a Mission

A study of the Gospel of Mark

April 7th: Mark 10:35-45 *When Your Life is Not Your Own*

April 14th: Mark 14:1-9 *Anointed for What is Coming*

April 21st: Mark 16:1-8 *Unbelievable*

April 28th: Mark 16:9-20 *Making an Impact*

Camp Eder Sunday, April 7th.

Worship at 8:30 and 10:45

Sunday School at 9:30

Palm Sunday, April 14th

Sunday School at 9:00

Worship in our sanctuary at 10:00.

Love Feast, our Holy Week upper room Experience, will begin in the Brethren Life Center at 11:05.

There will be no PERK service today.

Easter Sunday Celebration, April 14th

Worship at 8:30 and 10:45

Sunday School at 9:30



Love Feast and Communion

Palm Sunday, April 14th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center

- Come and be in fellowship with your brothers and sisters.
- Come and share a core ministry of the Church of the Brethren.
- Come and learn what happened on the day before
Jesus died - what he did and what he taught.
- Come and share the experience with your family.



Journey to the Cross and Grave

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for a self-guided meditation on the last days of Jesus on earth. Walk along with Jesus on his journey to the cross and grave as he receives a welcomed reception as he enters Jerusalem, is denied and betrayed by those he loves, anguishes over what is to come, suffers at the hands of mankind, dies upon the cross, and is laid in the tomb. Yet, in the midst of the pain and suffering, Jesus continues to show love and compassion for others.

Come take this journey and discover what Jesus is asking of you as you live in this world.

SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS



March has been a very busy month for us at Smart Cookies Preschool. We continue to learn our numbers, letters, shapes, and about various Bible characters. We are looking forward to the arrival of Spring and all the fun indoor and activities that are planned.

From February 25-March 1st, we celebrated Dr. Seuss Week and had many come in to read. We had a week of special days like silly hat day, dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character, etc.

On March 1st, we had a visit from a dental hygienist. The kids really loved learning about how to take care of their teeth.

On March 8th, we took a field trip to Kidz Korner at Chambersburg Mall. The class got to play in various learning centers. There was a science center, dramatic play center, sensory area, exercise and nutrition area, music center, etc.

On March 15th, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. We all came to school dressed in green. We made leprechauns and heard a story.

April brings us more fun and educational events and activities. We look forward to hosting our first Preschool Event on April 12th. The event is called "Swinging with Seuss" and we will have a photo booth, refreshments, and some dancing.

April Events

5th- Lucas and Braedon's Birthday Celebrations

12th- Swinging with Seuss Preschool Dance Party

17th- Field Trip to Wilson College to learn about horses

19th-22nd- Easter Break- No School





April

- **REVOLUTION: April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.** Come and join us for Our New Workshops! We will be doing Life Skills Workshops; Auto Maintenance, Sewing, and Cooking. Afterwards will be having games and great food! Don't forget to bring a friend!
- **Movie Night! On Sunday, April 28th,** We will be heading out to the Hagerstown Movie Theater to see the movie "Breakthrough." This event will be FREE for your movie ticket and Lunch and Concessions are at your own expense. Meet at the church at 12:00pm The movie will begin at 1:45pm. Hope you can make it!



April Church Family

Upcoming Events



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



Dear Church Family,
Thank you and greatly appreciate the help given in my move to The Crossings at Martinsburg, W.V. "We" – me, Jethro and Chloe have settled in nicely and enjoying time here in the assisted living home. Sale of my home in Chambersburg finally sold February 27, 2019. Thank you for the prayers. Please continue prayers for my health.
---Sincerely, Elaine Morgret



Amber Orndorff has been on our prayer list since December when she suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for nearly a month. She currently has a tracheotomy and is being fed through a peg tube. Because of this, Amber is currently unable to talk and her mobility is very limited. Nevertheless, her spirits are good and she and her mother, Leah, hope to be back in our P.E.R.K. service in the future.

If you would like to drop her a card or a note, her address is Amber Orndorff
2030 Goldenville Road
Gettysburg PA 17325

Helping Hands Circle would like to thank all those who donated items for hygiene kits. Our goal was 50 and we were able to pack 60 kits that were delivered to the Church World Service facility in New Windsor. These will be sent wherever needed in the US and worldwide. Thank you also to Jim and Mabel Diller for delivering the kits to New Windsor!
Thanks again for your generosity!



Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Edna M. Etter Geiman following her death on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Debbie Fitz has an email change. Please mark in your new 2019 Membership Book the following new email: fitzdebbie56@gmail.com.





Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to join us for:

**Mid-Week Connection
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.**

Fiction

Sunrise Cabin by Stacey Donovan
The Hideaway by Lauren Denton
Fly Away by Lynn Austin

**Menu: Chicken Noodle Casserole,
Cookies & Ice-Cream**

Come join us for:

"Seeing Eye Dogs" with Andrea Malmont

Professional Artists Series
at Cross Keys Village

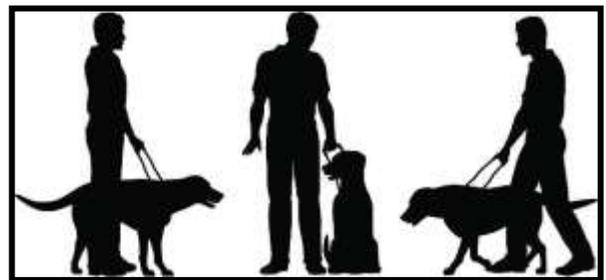
Tribute to Patsy Cline - Joanne Stiffler
Saturday, April 13, 2019
7:00 PM, Nicarry Meetinghouse

Upcoming Schedule

Concordia Ensemble of the York County Honors Choir
Saturday, May 18, 2019
2:00 PM, Nicarry Meetinghouse

Victor Fields, Organist
Sunday, June 2, 2019
2:30PM, Nicarry Meetinghouse

Silver, Wood, & Ivory
Saturday, June 15, 2019
7:00 PM, Nicarry Meetinghouse



*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.*

Habitat Faith Build

Habitat for Humanity Friends and
Volunteers,

The 2019 Faith Build is underway.
This year's project will be at 228 Dickinson
Avenue in Waynesboro, PA.

I hope you can join us for the Consecration
and Groundbreaking event on Saturday,
April 6th at 4:00 PM!



Smart Cookies Preschool is looking for
volunteers to help in the classroom for the
upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If you
are interested, please contact the church
office.

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry 2019 Spring Dinner Concert

Featuring – *The Gabriels*

Date: May 4, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: First Church of God,
2089 Newville Road (Rt. 641)
Plainfield, PA 17081

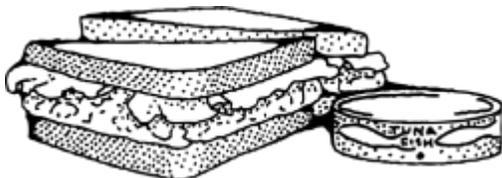


Cost: \$15 per ticket (Ticket Deadline is
April 26, 2019).

*For Tickets and Information, call the
Ministry Office at 717-385-7932
(Check the Bulletin Board in the Narthex
for more information).*

Serving Our Neighbor (S.O.N.)

Many thanks to everyone who has been supporting our S.O.N. collections. The recipients continue to express their gratitude for the help. In April and May we are collecting boxed meals and canned meats to give away in May and June. We suggest non-frozen or refrigerated boxed meals, tuna or other canned meats, hearty stews, mac and cheese, hamburger or tuna helper, etc.



Easter FOOD DRIVE

Throughout the year many local families have a hard time meeting their everyday food needs much less have the ability to have a special holiday meal like Easter Dinner. To help with that on April 7th and 14th, the Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring an Easter food drive for the local food pantry. During this time, you can bring non-perishable food to fill tables set up in the Narthex and BLC lobby. We are looking to help provide for people in need with the gift of canned vegetables, canned hams, and other foods that you would see on you Easter table. Thanks as always for your support of this mission.

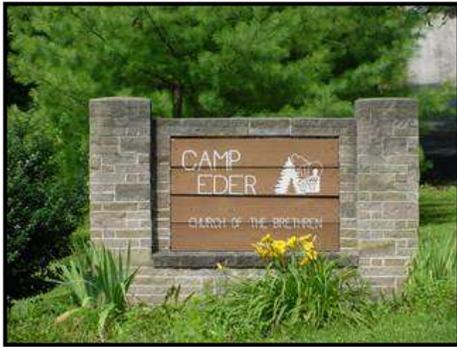
A poster for the NOAC 2019 event. The text reads: "NOAC September 2-6, 2019 Lake Junaluska, North Carolina". To the right, there is a logo that says "Reaching into joy" with "with presence, peace, and joy" written in smaller text. Below the main text, it says "NOAC is an event for folks over fifty who want to worship, learn, reflect, pray, serve, rest, and fellowship in a beautiful setting. Registration opens in early 2019." At the bottom, it says "Go to www.brethren.org/NOAC for more information in December". There are also social media icons for Facebook and the Church of the Brethren.

May 1st is the opening day for registration for NOAC. Cost of registration is \$195 until July 15th when it goes up to \$225 per registration.

Organizers request participants to register online at www.brethren.org/NOAC

Early registration for those who need handicapped accessibility and the most convenient housing will be open April 22-30.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Women's Retreat May 31 thru June 2, 2019



This Spring our Topic will be *Leaving Your Mark*

- ◆ What spiritual legacy will you leave behind?
- ◆ Whom have you influenced in your life?
- ◆ How will you be remembered?

“Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, that I may honor you. With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death. emotion, and live a life overflowing with the joy and peace of the Lord.” Psalm 86:11-13

Through this impactful weekend we will be diving into our identity in Christ and pursuing Him in our lives. All this while having lots of laughs, fun, and times of spiritual refreshing! This will be a retreat you won't want to miss!

Overnight Cost: \$185.00

(includes 2-night stay, 6 meals, & guest speaker cost)

Saturday Only Cost: \$65.00

(includes 3 meals, & guest speaker cost)

Deadline Registration: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Check Payable to:

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

Brochures with registration information are available in the Narthex,
Brethren Life Center Lobby and Church Office.

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Brethren Bits

Workcamps to rebuild burned-out churches in Nigeria have attracted volunteers from the US, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nigeria. The US church also gave \$200,000 in grants to help 40 churches in Nigeria rebuild. The office of Peacebuilding and Policy is bringing together humanitarian and peacebuilding organizations that focus on northeast Nigeria. The office has arranged special meetings between the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria leaders and the State Department. And the Nigeria Crisis Response, a partnership of the Church of the Brethren in the US and Nigeria, now includes four Nigerian nonprofit partners and Switzerland based Mission 21. Despite the ongoing effects of Boko Haram, the church continues to grow, with four new districts and many new congregations announced in 2017. from the 2018 Annual Report of the COB

Want to help financially in the ongoing aid to Nigeria? Log onto www.brethren.org Click on World and drop down to Nigeria Crisis Response. Click on the Nigeria Crisis Response. You will be directed to a page where you can donate to the Nigeria Crisis Fund. You can also send your personal check to Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin IL 60120. Make your check payable to the Church of the Brethren and be sure to put Nigeria Crisis Fund on your memo line



Bus Trip to ROOTS Country Market and Auction

The United Methodist Church of Saint Thomas will be organizing a trip to ROOTS Country Market and Auction and Shady Maple on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. They will travel by a 55-passenger coach bus through Bollman Bus Company.

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:00 AM and arrive home at approximately 7:00 PM

The total per person will be adults \$45.00 and children \$38.00 (includes lunch at Shady Maple). All checks should be made out to the United Methodist Church of Saint Thomas. All money is non-refundable.

If interested, please contact the church office at 264-6957 for registration forms and more information.



Then Sings My Soul Too

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Sanctuary

Come join us for an afternoon of celebrating music that inspires the soul to sing! Featuring the musicians of the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren with selections from the hand bells, Chancel Choir, 4th Street Brass, organ/piano duets, and hymns for all to sing.

Admission to the program is free. A freewill offering will be taken to support ministries in the Chambersburg area. Following the celebration of music will be a time of fellowship and refreshment. We hope you will spread the word and join us for an afternoon of praising God through music!

Loving Hearts Events April-June

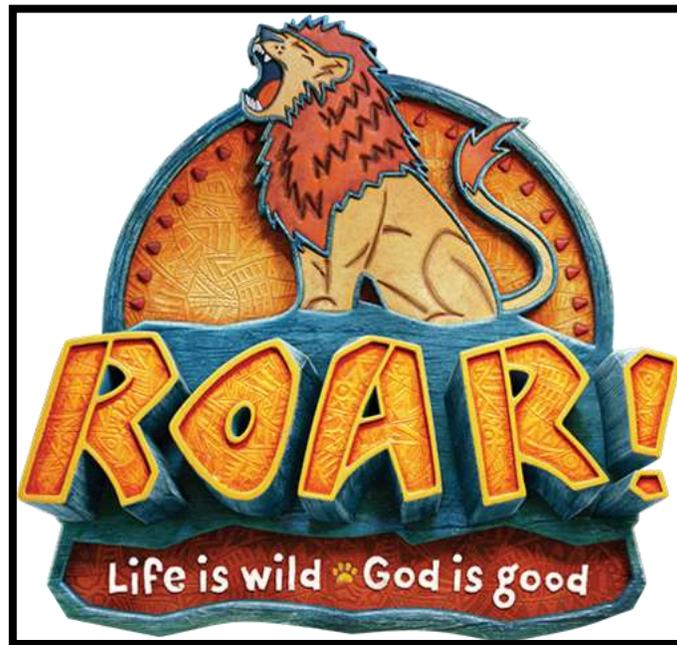


April 18th-12:00 Lunch at the Brethren Life Center followed by Al Good and his musical instrument. Please RSVP to Vivian or Vonnie by **April 15th**. (Vivian-717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black-717-263-3975)

May 16th-12:00 Lunch at Bonanza followed by Bingo. Please RSVP to Vivian or Vonnie by **May 13th**. (Vivian-717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black-717-263-3975)

June 20th-12:00 Lunch at the Brethren Life Center followed by the Chambersburg Police K9 Unit. They will give a presentation on training the dogs, the relationship the handlers have with the dogs, and what all they do. Please RSVP to Vivian or Vonnie by **June 17th**. (Vivian-717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black-717-263-3975)

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
Invites you to Vacation Bible School:



Save the Date!!

June 10th thru 14th, 2018
9:00AM till 11:30AM

Ages 4 thru 5th Grade

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

*Pre-Registration Appreciated



YEAR ROUND ENROLLMENT

A Preschool Designed with Parents' Wishes in Mind!



- All potty-trained 3&4 year olds can start anytime
- Longer hours (9:30AM-2:30PM)
- 3 or 5 day options
- Caring Christian Environment
- Buy One Tuition get 2nd one ½ price (siblings only)
- Few supplies or snacks required
- Outdoor and Indoor Play areas
- Holiday Programs
- Numerous field trips
- Library Day

Call 717-264-6957 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren 260 South Fourth Street 17201

“My older kids attended two other preschools but when my friend told me about all the benefits of Smart Cookies I immediately took the tour and signed my boys up! It has been my best experience with a preschool...the staff and volunteers go above and beyond by sincerely caring for each child and offering special activities like “Water Day,” “Carnival Day,” “Balloon Artist Day,” and so much more!!” –Julie



REMINDER OF OUR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Monday thru Friday - 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Closed for lunch

- 1 April Fool's Day & Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 2 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 3 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Greenvillage Restaurant
Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – "Seeing Eye Dogs" with Andrea Malmont
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 Table Games at 1:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
Bible Study on the Book of John at 6:00 p.m. in MFH
- 7 **Camp Eder Sunday & Easter Food Drive**
- 8 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 10 Pickleball at 9:00 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.
- 11 Table Games at 1:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
Bible Study on the Book of John at 6:00 p.m. in MFH
KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 12 **Smart Cookies Preschool Dance Party at 6:00 p.m. in BLC**
- 13 **Kids Easter Party at 10:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 14 **Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Pastor Joel preaching & Easter Food Drive**
Love Feast & Communion at 11:05 a.m. in BLC; Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 16 Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in MFH
Missions & Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in CR
- 17 Pickleball at 9:00 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 in Brethren Life Center – Al Good and his musical instrument
Table Games at 1:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
Bible Study on the Book of John at 6:00 p.m. in MFH
- 19 Journey to the Cross and Grave in the Sanctuary from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **HAPPY EASTER!**
Deadline for April Newsletter
- 22 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Smart Cookies Preschool Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 23 Meat Canning - leaving the church at 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. 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 Table Games at 1:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- 27 Southern PA District Women's Spring Luncheon at 9:00 a.m. at Chambersburg COB
- 29 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 30 Meat Canning - leaving the church at 9:00 a.m.

