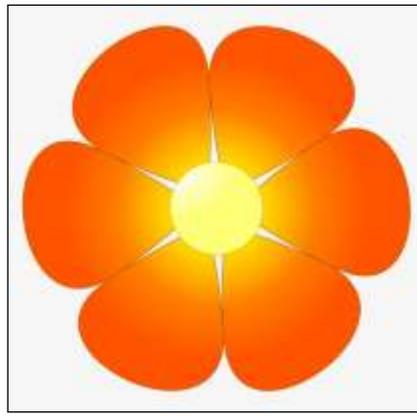


**June 2019**



## *The Pastor's Pen . . .*

Ludwig van Beethoven was a prolific composer whose powerful and passionate style ushered in the Romantic era of classical music. Beethoven began losing his hearing when he was nearly 30-years old and was completely deaf by his mid-forties. His deafness was an incredible challenge to him, personally and professionally. Even so, he continued to compose and wrote some of his most known compositions after his world had fallen silent. One of them was his famous Ninth Symphony.

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was first performed in the spring of 1824. Even though he couldn't hear, Beethoven insisted on conducting the orchestra himself. During the last movement, Beethoven lost his place in the score. When the symphony ended, the audience erupted in wild applause of appreciation, but Beethoven, unaware of any of this, faced the orchestra and continued to beat time to the music that was in his head. Finally, one of the soloists took him by the sleeve of his jacket, turned him around and directed his attention to the waving hats and handkerchiefs. Beethoven took a deep bow.

I've always found the story of the premiere of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> to be a sad one. Imagine being a career musician and completely losing your sense of hearing. On the other hand, imagine composing such a magnificent work and conducting it live, unable to hear a note!

Though depressed over his hearing loss, Beethoven did not allow his greatest personal obstacle to stop him from doing what he was gifted by God to do. What are some obstacles you face that have threatened to be your undoing?

In Mark 7, they brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and mute. Jesus took him aside, put his fingers in his ears, looked up to heaven and sighed.

There's a lot left unsaid in that sigh and much has been made of it. But I believe Jesus sighed a sigh for the man who couldn't – for the one who came to him in faith that he would not be undone, but leave a conqueror despite his obstacles.

In his prayer for the man, Jesus said, "Be opened," and he was. I believe Jesus wants us to be open to and opened by the power of God, giving our obstacles and excuses in faith to him so we can step on the stage of life and bow in triumph.

*Joel*

# Summer Sunday School Schedule 2019

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

## Guest Speakers for Summer 2019

Explore the Bible: Joshua Bible Study Book is a six-session study that will encourage you and your group members to trust in God and have faith in His promises.

The Book of Joshua illustrates the fact that the Lord gives rest to His people. After the Hebrew people had suffered for four hundred years as slaves in Egypt, God gave them victories in the promised land. But each victory required a step of faith. God's provision for the people bore witness to later generations of His divinely willed leadership for Israel, and His gracious gift of the promised land demonstrated that the people's faithful obedience to the covenant could result in abundant blessing.

### **June**

Lesson 1: The Commission (Joshua 1:1-9)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tim Monn

Lesson 2: The Conquest (Joshua 6:12-25)

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Tim Monn

Lesson 3: The Commitment (Joshua 10:6-14)

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Kendal Trader

Lesson 4: The Commands (Joshua 22:1-8)

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dave Teets

Lesson 5: The Challenge (Joshua 24:14-28)

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Chris Fyock

### **July**

Lesson 6: The Cycle (Judges 2:8-19)

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Harold Yeager

# Summer Sunday School Schedule 2019

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

## Guest Speakers for Summer 2019

Esther Group Bible Study Book is a six-session study that tells the story of Esther, a woman who was used of God to stand against unholy people to preserve the Jewish people and their culture and tradition.

Esther, who was a Jew, was also the queen of Persian King Ahasuerus. She used her influence at just the right time to save her people from annihilation when evil Haman sought to destroy the Jews of the land. Without the heroic acts of Esther, the Jewish nation and their religion may have ceased to exist.

### **July**

Lesson 1: Beauty, Honor and Influence (Esther 1:10-12, 15; 2:2, 4-11, 17, 20)  
July 14<sup>th</sup> – Joel Nogle

Lesson 2: Conflict and Integrity (Esther 2:21- 3:11, 15)  
July 21<sup>st</sup> – Bill Waugh

Lesson 3: Godly Sorrow and Courage (Esther 4:1-4, 8-17)  
July 28<sup>th</sup> – Liz Thorpe

### **August**

Lesson 4: Selfless or Selfish Living (Esther 5:1-10, 14)  
August 4<sup>th</sup> – Kendal Trader

Lesson 5: God's Perfect Timing (Esther 6:1-3, 6-11; 7:1-6, 10; 8:1-2)  
August 11<sup>th</sup> – Kathie Nogle

Lesson 6: Leaving a Legacy (Esther 8:3-5, 8, 11, 15-17; 9:1, 20-23; 10:3)  
August 18<sup>th</sup> – Jay Finkenbinder

Annual Conference Representatives  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Ali and Cody Toms

# OUR SURVEY SAID...

On April 21 and 28, our Worship and Music Commission provided those attending both services with a survey about our current worship schedule. In particular, the commission and church board wanted to know how you felt about the times of the services. They asked:

1. Which service do you most attend?
2. How do you feel about the current times?
3. Which service times seem better/best?
4. Are you involved in a SS class?

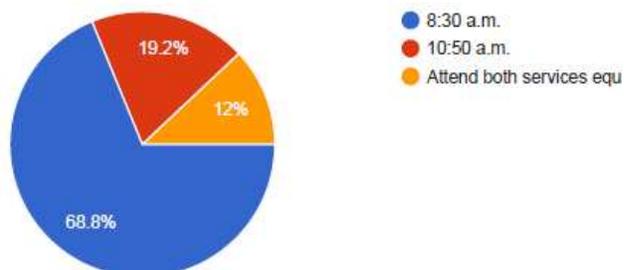
Surveys could be completed on paper or on-line. 125 people responded! That is a tremendous return! 70.4% of those surveyed indicated they are satisfied with the schedule. Therefore, no changes will be made at this time. Here are the survey results.

## Sunday Service Time Survey

125 responses

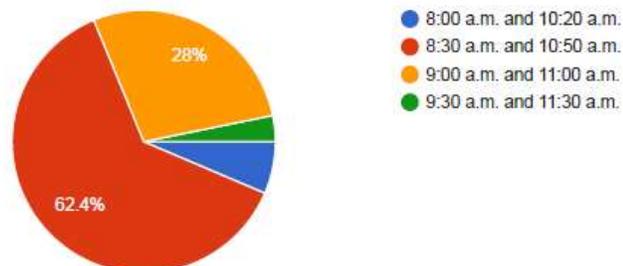
Which service do you most often attend?

125 responses



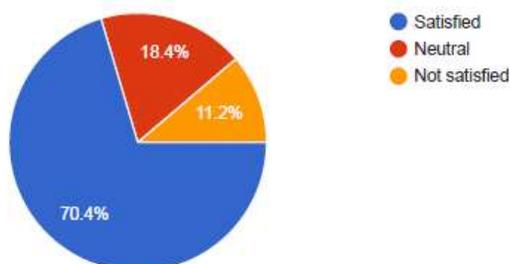
Which service times seem better to you?

125 responses



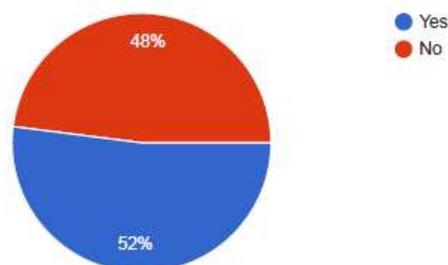
How do you feel about our current service times?

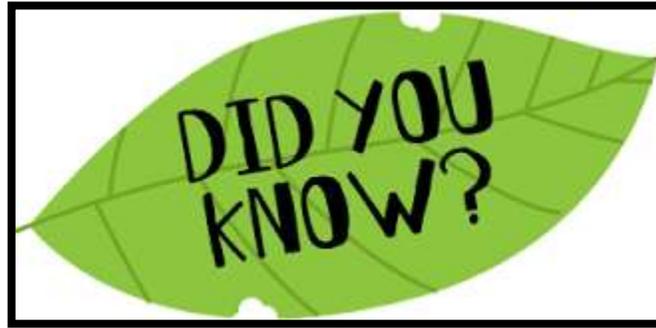
125 responses



Are you and/or your family currently involved in a Sunday school class?

125 responses





## **Back by Request...**

Logger by trade, preacher by call, Jonathan Whitsel from the Middle Pennsylvania District will once again bring the Sunday morning messages to us while Joel and Kathie are in route to and from Annual Conference. Brother Jonathan will preach at both services on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and again on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Those who heard him last year appreciated his down home style, his biblical content and personal illustrations.

Please plan to be in worship those days and make Jonathan and his wife, Tiffani, feel especially welcome.

*Then Sings My Soul Too* (our concert featuring Chambersburg Church of the Brethren musicians) was held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and \$671.00 was collected as a love offering for The Salvation Army.

**Serving our Neighbors (S.O.N.) collection for June and July** will be toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorants. These items will be given away at our July and August Mid-Week Connections. Your generous support of this program truly helps to Serve Our Neighbors in so many ways!

**The meat canning project for 2019** has been completed with 46,480 lbs. of chicken canned. The District Witness Commission and Meat Canning Committee want to thank our congregation for its support. More than 200 volunteers from both our district and the Mid-Atlantic District helped. Of the 31 Southern PA District churches that participated, \$41,232.04 was given. Chambersburg's monetary donation was \$4,040.64 plus our volunteers.

Four skids of canned chicken will be stored at the Brethren Disaster Ministries warehouse in New Windsor to be used for upcoming disaster relief. Three skids will be donated to Christian Aid Ministries for their distribution. Both districts will receive 350 cases to distribute to various agencies, food banks and congregations to help local persons in need. The two districts have partnered for the past 42 years on this project and hope to see it continue long into the future. Thank you!!!!



## SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

**MAY 2019**

May is a review month. We are reviewing our shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We have been learning about the life of Paul and the Wordless Book. In Science we have been discussing insects and butterflies. We got to see our butterflies hatch out of their chrysalis and then released them a few days after that.

On April 26, we took a field trip to Weis Supermarket. It was a very interactive and hands-on trip. The children got to bake cookies, decorate cupcakes, make pizza, touched a lobster, learned about fruit, stocked milk on the shelves, and practiced scanning items at the register. Then we got to eat the pizza and cookies that we made!

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> we had our Muffins With Mom and Donuts with Dad celebrations. The moms and dads really enjoyed this special time with their child. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we had our spaghetti ice event, which as always was a big success.

As the school year comes to a close we are preparing for graduation and wrapping up a great school year.



**Save the Date.....August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for Smart Cookies Preschool**

**11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

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.

# Youth Events



## Summer Events

### June

- **Vacation Bible School:** June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:30 for VBS!! There are limited spots available to help out. If you are interested, please contact Jamie.
- **Amusement Park Trip to Hershey Park– On June 26<sup>th</sup>** we will be heading to Hershey Park for a day of fun! We will meet at the church at 8am and we will leave by 8:30am. Parent pick up will be at 12am at the church. If you are interested in attending this event please fill out the permission slip and hand it in to Jamie by Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

If the forecast calls for rain, we will pick another date to go during the summer.

- **Teen Girls Bible Study** – Jamie will be hosting a teen girls 6-week bible study on the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy “Worthy Vessel.” Come and discover a multitude of spiritual truths in this letter from the apostle Paul to Timothy. Girls you will learn what it means to be a worthy vessel and will be challenged to live as one too!

I hope that you will be able to come to draw closer as friends and to experience God in new ways.

This begins on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm. This Bible study will continue each Friday for 6 weeks.

### July

- **Chambersburg Project – July 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (This event is for teens who have finished 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

The Chambersburg Project Youth Missions Trip is a week-long local missions trip. During the week, youth from area churches renovate and repair homes for residents of Franklin County who are unable to make the repairs themselves due to physical limitations or financial circumstances. The youth spend the week at Chambersburg Magnet School, sleeping overnight in supervised “dorms”, and are served full breakfast and dinner daily. Packed lunches and snacks are provided. The teens work during the day throughout Franklin County and in the evening, they join together for devotions, guest speakers, and praise and worship. Transportation is provided by use of donated church vans and volunteers.

## August

- **Youth Carnival Night – August 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Pool Party – August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-7:30 at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center**
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**THANK  
YOU!**



I would like to send out a special THANK YOU to the youth leaders and those who have helped with supporting our youth ministry this year.

**Nicholas Wingert, Samuel Wingert, Andy Brindle,  
Travis Rhodes, Garrett Bayer, Deb Austin,  
Andrea Pyles, Cody and Ali Toms.**

Also, I would like to thank **Linda Hawbaker** and **Linda Remson** for all their hard work finding volunteers for snack and also childcare for the parents of our youth leaders. You have served this ministry with the heart of Jesus and I am so thankful for your giving hearts.

On top of all of that, we had other amazing helpers that made such a difference in our teens lives. We opened up more opportunities for the youth to learn life and spiritual skills this year. In November we provided a cooking class (**Margie Diller**), financial Class (**Renee Preso**) and a nutrition class (**Ben Stevenson and Rayanne Garnes**). In April we provided spiritual classes: All about your Bible (**Vicki and Rick Shreiner**), Prayer (**Ali Toms**), and a relationship class (**Kathie and Joel Nogle**). Lastly this past April we concluded our workshops with another cooking class (**Margie and Mable Diller**), sewing class (**Linda Hawbaker**) and an Auto Maintenance class (**Jerry Moore**).

**Within these classes there were TONS of helpers  
that donated their time and their knowledge.**

**Thank You!!!**

There is no way that I could ever repay all of these people for their support and love towards our teens. I know that God is using all of us in ways that will change generation after generation.

I am so blessed to have such a supporting congregation towards our youth ministry.

**Thank You!!**

Love, Jamie Rhodes



**Members,**

*Thank you so Much! Once again we thank you for allowing us to use your facility for our exercise class on Wednesday evenings.*

**--Limber Ladies Exercise Class**

*A special thank you to our church family and friends at Chambersburg COB. Your prayers, visits, cards, and calls during my illness have greatly been appreciated. I still have a ways to go, but I will get back to my old self. We are so blessed to have you! Pastor Joel and Liz, so helpful. Also to Jerry Moore, Bob Witter and Gary Mills who kept our property in good shape!!*

**--Love, Bob & Gail Appenzellar**

*Thank you so much Pastor Joel, Kathie, and Liz for all your prayers and visits during my long journey. Also "thank you" to my family and the congregation for all your thoughts, prayers, beautiful cards, visits and good food (Phil, your roasted pepper soup was delicious). Everything was very much appreciated. Hope to see you all soon!*

**---June and Raymond Hawbaker**

*We finished processing 46,480 lbs. of chicken last month. The process ran very smoothly. On behalf of the Meat Canning Committee please pass our sincere thanks on to the folks who had any part in making this possible. It does not happen without a lot of volunteers & financial support.*

**--Rich Shaffer, Meat Canning Chair**



## Loving Hearts Events June

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**-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 17<sup>th</sup>**. (Vivian-717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black-717-263-3975).



*Coming August 28th.....  
A day to volunteer at SERRV in New Windsor, Maryland  
Ten volunteers needed  
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.  
Watch for sign-up sheet soon!*



The Church Library got the following new books for the month of June:

**DVD**

*Noah's Ark Revealed*

*Mully*

*Unbroken – Path to Redemption*

**Fiction**

**Carolina Chronicles by Lisa Wingate**

*The Prayer Box*

*The Story Keeper*

*Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris*



**Senators Baseball Game**

Fellowship and Recreation has scheduled a Night of Baseball with the Harrisburg Senators on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

We are reserving 30 tickets for the picnic area, this includes a picnic lunch for 1 hour prior to the game and during the 1st hour of the game. (2 hours of food). Watch for sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Adults \$27; Children 4 to 12 \$16.00**

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

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

**Menu: Chicken Tenders, Green Beans  
& Ice-Cream**

*Come join us for:*

*“Art and Scripture”  
Presentation by Eric Chase  
Children’s Aid Society*



*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.*



Women of the Church.....  
You are invited for Breakfast on  
Wednesday, June 19, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
Greenvillage Restaurant

***And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47b NKJV***

Have you been thinking about church membership? Have you felt a nudge to commit to Christ through the waters of baptism?

On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, we will receive new members into our 4<sup>th</sup> Street Family. You may be received through baptism (or re-baptism), through transfer of letter from another congregation, or through re-affirmation of faith.

If you have interest or questions, or even if you're curious but not sure, please make an appointment for Pastor Joel to come meet with you.



**Bread and Cup  
Communion will  
be served by our  
Deacons during both Worship  
Services on  
Sunday, July 21, 2019.**



**Needed for  
District  
Conference....**

8X10 pictures of  
Jesus on a stand or  
in a frame that can

be used for the window sill in the sanctuary during District Conference. We need eight of them. Any multi-cultural ones are appreciated as well. Please label your picture and bring to the church office.

**Ali Toms called to be  
licensed to the  
set-apart ministry.**

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 our congregation voted to license Sister Ali Toms to the ministry, 117 (yes) to 2 (no). The Southern PA District Board affirmed that vote at its May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ali will be officially licensed on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). District Executive Bill Waugh will bring the message and conduct the licensing service.

The schedule will be  
the following:

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: We will only have one service of worship that day. Get the word around and plan to be in attendance to support Ali and to celebrate what God is doing among us!

Thomas, one of the original twelve disciples said to Jesus, "Show us the Father and it will be enough." And Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time... and you still do not know me?" John 14:9

On Earth Peace is "seeing Jesus" with fresh eyes and asks us to partner with them to see him too. OEP is seeing Jesus

1. In people and groups working for justice and peace
2. In people resisting the militarization of youth
3. In the national call for moral revival
4. In the Palestinian movement for justice and liberation
5. In non-violence leadership training
6. In prison inmates and those who love them
7. In emerging leadership for justice and peace
8. In welcoming and affirming congregations

For more information, visit  
[www.onearthpeace.org](http://www.onearthpeace.org)



## **Brethren Bits**

**Sharing food is one of the ways Brethren show God's love**, whether it is a potluck meal in the local fellowship hall or a new crop of soybeans in Nigeria.

A retreat of several of the Going to the Garden project leaders, held in New Orleans, brought energy and momentum to those working on church-funded growing projects. The Global Food Initiative (GFI) gave grants to community gardens in Maryland, Ohio, New Mexico, and Alaska.

In the Great Lakes region of Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi), GFI promoted sustainable farming practices among the Twa people. New projects are underway in China, Ecuador, India, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic. US volunteers traveled to GFI-funded projects in Nigeria, Haiti, Spain, Mexico, and Kenya.

From the 2018 Annual Report of the Church of the Brethren

## **Conference Goers Getting Ready**

The 233<sup>rd</sup> recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren will convene in Greensboro, NC July 3 thru 7. This year's theme is, *Proclaim Christ, Reclaim Passion*. Worship, Bible study, and conversations designed to help attendees discern God's compelling vision for the Body of Christ will be the focus of the agenda.

The theme is derived from II Corinthians 5:17-18.

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

Sister Donita J. Keister will serve as the conference Moderator, Paul Mundy will serve as the Moderator-Elect. Please be in prayer for them, for conference staff, for the delegate body and those who attend the conference, for our General Secretary, David Steele, for members of Standing Committee and for all those who, in any way, will bear some responsibility in this year's historic conference.

Cody and Ali Toms will represent our congregation, serving as our delegates to the conference. Pray for them. Joel and Kathie Nogle will also be attending.

# Plan to Attend these Awesome Events At the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren!!



## Vacation Bible School

June 10 thru 14, 2019  
9AM till 11:30AM

Pre-Schoolers (4 Years Old) thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**This Event is FREE!!**

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

\*Pre-Registration Appreciated



## Community Pool Party

June 15, 2019  
8PM till 10PM

Everyone is Welcome  
to join us for a night of fun and snacks  
at the Aquatic Center.

**This Event is FREE!!**

1 Memorial Drive,  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

**We are asking for donations of individual-sized bags of snacks & bottles of water to give to our guests that evening.**



**Summer Office Hours** – Beginning on Friday, June 7, 2019 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 6, 2019

- 31 – June 2 Chambersburg COB Women's Retreat at Camp Eder
- 3 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 4 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 5 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – Presentation by Children's Aid Society**
- 8 **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Gordon Memorial Golf Outing – Caledonia Golf Course at 8:30 A.M.**
- 9 **Graduate Sunday with reception for graduates in BLC lobby**
- 10-14 **Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**
- 10 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 10-11 District Women's Camp at Camp Eder
- 15 **Community Pool Party from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Chambersburg Aquatic Center**
- 16 **Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary for Licensing Service of Alexandra Toms**  
**Sunday School and Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.**
- 17 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 18 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in M.F.H.  
Stewardship Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room  
Missions and Service Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Library
- 19 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center  
Ladies Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Greenvillage Restaurant
- 20 Loving Hearts - 12 Noon in Brethren Life Center – Chambersburg Police K9 Unit
- 24 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Smart Cookies Preschool Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 26 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. a.m. in the Brethren Life Center  
Youth Group Hershey Park Trip
- 28 Teen Girl's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m.
- 30 **Deadline for July/August Newsletter**



- 2 Worship and Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 3 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 3-7 **Church of the Brethren Annual Conference – Greensboro, NC**
- 4 **Office Closed – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**
- 8 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 8-12 **Youth Group participating in The Chambersburg Project Youth Missions Trip**
- 10 Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 11 Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 21 Bread and Cup Communion at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship  
New Member Reception