



Pastor's Pen

May 2019

Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it. I Corinthians 12:27 NLT

I think this is the most spectacular spring I have witnessed for many, many years. Everything is "out" at the same time.

Ordinarily, the resurrected trees and plants blossom in phases. The early-blooming forsythia is followed by the magnolia if it doesn't become frostbitten. Crocus peep out from the snow, closely followed by the daffodils. As these blooms fade, others arrive to take their place.

This year, conditions must be exactly right for blossoms. Daffodils have come up with the hyacinth and the tulip. The weeping cherry, the crabapple, the red-bud and the dogwood are all in full regalia together. Just this week I saw lilacs, wisteria and iris making their appearance with all the others. Everywhere I look, there is a riot of color and God, the creator, must surely be laughing with delight!

I'm sure you probably have your favorite annual, but it occurs to me that all of these flowering plants (and more) constitute spring's arrival. Here in Pennsylvania, at least, God has designed the season so that many plants and trees contribute to its overall beauty. The dogwood isn't more important than the cherry, and the lilac isn't less than the forsythia. They all glorify God and bring pleasure to our eyes and spirits.

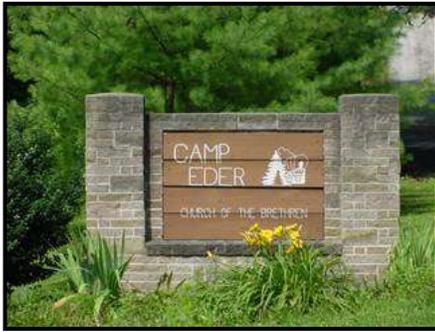
I Corinthians 12 says it's the same for the Family of God. The people bring their own gifts, styles and personalities. No one is more important or less important than another. Together, we are the Church. We're a riot of color and wonder that God has purposefully and perfectly designed to make an equal contribution to the beauty of the whole. When everything comes together, God surely laughs with delight.

BTW. If you haven't already done so, get outdoors and take a good look around. Appreciate what God has given you to enjoy and be sure to thank him that it all has come together so well.

*Dear Father, the seasons are no accident. Only your creative genius could have thought of them. If I haven't thanked you, please know that I am eternally grateful for varieties of blossoms and the eyes to see and appreciate them. Help me to see the budding possibilities in my church family and to be grateful for the contributions of others as well as my own.
You are awesome.*

Joel

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



This Spring our Topic will be *Leaving Your Mark with Leslie McKee*

A Christian recording artist, worship leader, and speaker. She lives in Chambersburg with her husband, Dave, and sons, Nate and Ben. She also has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in Nashville with her husband, Jacob.

After years of singing in multiple groups, Leslie felt God calling her to step out in ministry on her own. She has been a roster artist with Creative Soul Records in Nashville since 2009. In addition to having an active concert ministry, Leslie is a respected worship leader. She has served in church music ministry in different capacities for over 25 years and has focused on worship leadership for the past 15 years. Her passion and sensitivity to the Spirit are evident through the worship times she plans and leads.

- ◆ 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)

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

Deadline Registration: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Check Payable to:

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

Did you know...

Question: What do 65 cans of green beans, 35 cans of corn and 28 canned hams add up to?

Answer: Easter Dinner for many needy families in Chambersburg!

During two weeks in early April, 335 food items were donated towards a goal of helping to supply an Easter Dinner for members of our community. These items included everything from side dishes (20 cans of yams and 21 cans of potatoes) to dessert items to fruit items (9 cake mixes and frosting and 20 cans of fruit and 8 large bottles of apple sauce) to extra ingredients to make the dish just right (10 cans of cream of mushroom soup and 10 boxes of stuffing). These items were distributed through Maranatha Ministries' Food Bank on Loudon Street on Thursday, April 18th, just in time for the weekend.

Through your efforts many people were able to have a "traditional" holiday meal that would not have been able to otherwise. And for those who wanted a "non-traditional" meal, peanut butter and jelly and Nutella were also donated.

Thanks so much for all your donations!
Missions and Service Commission

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

Fiction

Blue Sky Hill Series by Lisa Wingate

A Month of Summer

The Summer Kitchen

Beyond Summer

Dandelion Summer





SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2019



April has been a very exciting month at Preschool. We are learning about plants, butterflies, and many other cool things. Mrs. Amy purchased some caterpillars for the classroom, and we have watched them grow and form their chrysalides. We are now all anxiously awaiting for the chrysalides to open and for our butterflies to emerge.

We are also learning about plants and how they grow. We are learning what plants need to grow and we will soon begin to plant some flowers for our moms/grandmas, etc. for Mother's Day gifts.

On Friday, April 12th, we had our Swinging With Seuss Dance Party. We had a few children attend and we all had a great time.

On Wednesday, April 17th, we took a trip to Wilson College to see the horse stables and learn about horses. We had a fun time petting horses, learning about the saddles, bridles, and fly masks, looking at what they eat, and looking at different types of horseshoes. After that, we drove over to the Stick House that is on the campus of Wilson College. We let the class run around and through the Stick House. We all had a fun day.

On April 26th, we are planning on attending a field trip to Weis Supermarket. We can't wait to see what fun activities we will be doing.

May will be a very busy month as we begin to wrap up the school year.

Upcoming May Events

- May 10th- Muffins with Mom
- May 10th – Water Day (Rain Date: May 17th)
- May 15th – Spaghetti Ice with Mrs. Linda
- May 17th – Donuts with Dad
- May 20th – End of Year Carnival/Pizza Party
- May 23rd – Graduation
- May 24th – Last Day of School



Upcoming Youth Events

SPRING & SUMMER 2019

MAY

- **REVOLUTION: May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.** 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!!
- **Revolution Party!!** On May 22nd, we will be celebrating our last night of Youth Group. Come and join us for food and fun games!!

Summer Events

Please pencil these dates in your calendar for **possible** summer trips.

- **VBS – June 10th – 14th**
- **Hershey Park Trip – June 26th**
- **Chambersburg Project – July 7th – 12th**
- **Youth Carnival Night – August 7th**
- **Pool Party – August 16th at 4:30-7:30 at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center**



KidNection

Connecting
Kids to Christ

- **KidNection:** For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, May 9th**, for our **LAST KidNection** before the summer begins. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



Thank you to everyone who supported the Smart Cookies Preschool Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. Your love of chocolate and your love of children enabled us to raise \$900.00 for our Smart Cookies program.

---Smart Cookies Preschool Committee

The John Rotz Family would like to say "thank you" to the congregation for your visits, cards and prayers over the loss of our mother. We are especially grateful to those who helped with the service, to those who provided the meal, and to Pastor Joel for his visits and for leading us in a very meaningful memorial.

Our church family has been a blessing to us.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who expressed sympathy to me, both with Cards and verbally on the death of my brother, Wilder Brehm.

---Lora Bucher



Our Sympathy to:

John and Barbara Rotz and Family following the death of John's mother, Margaret Horst Rotz, on Saturday, March 30, 2019.

Lora and Jacob Bucher and Family following the death of Lora's brother, Wilder T. Brehm on Friday, April 12, 2019.



**Loving Hearts Events
May & June**

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)

Professional Artists Series at Cross Keys Village

Concorde Ensemble of the York County
Honors Choir

Saturday, May 18, 2019
2:00 PM, Nicarry Meetinghouse



Upcoming Schedule

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

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

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

Mid-Week Connection
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Hot Dogs, Beans, Applesauce,
Chips, Cookies

Come join us for:

"What is The Salvation Army?"



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.*



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.

2019 Franklin County Golf Tournament



Join us for the 8th Annual
Franklin County Golf Tournament!
June 27th, 2019

Chambersburg Country Club, Scotland, PA

Now in it's 8th year, this tournament has grown to over 20
teams annually, showcasing the Children's Aid Society in
the Franklin County Area. Led fully by amazing volunteers, this
event showcases the Chambersburg Country Club while
supporting our agency through a great round of golf!

For Sponsorship/Registration Information

Contact:

Brandon Gething: 717-624-4481
343 Lincoln Way West, New Oxford, PA, 17350
BGetting@casd.org

www.casd.org



**18th Annual Don Gordon
Memorial Golf Outing
Saturday, June 8th.**

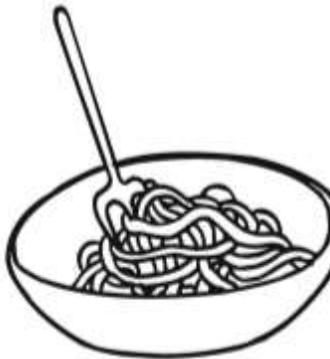
There will be a shotgun start at
8:30 am

Caledonia Golf Club,
9515 Golf Course Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222

(Please note new location this year)

The cost is \$40 per person
payable that day.

Lunch will be served following golf.
Please sign up in the narthex.



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 May we are collecting boxed meals and canned meats to give away at the June Mid-Week Connection. We suggest non-frozen or refrigerated boxed meals, tuna or other canned meats, hearty stews, mac and cheese, hamburger or tuna helper, etc.



**71st Annual Women's Camp
Camp Eder**

"Lord, Speak to Me"

This is the theme for the 71st Annual Southern PA District Women's Camp Retreat on June 10 & 11 2019 at Camp Eder in Fairfield, PA.

Guest speaker is Amy Gall Ritchie. She recently completed 15 years of service at Bethany Theological Seminary in the role of director of student development and alumni relations. She now owns her own private practice, Persimmon Studio, where she is a spiritual director and empowerment coach.

Brochures with registration information are available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby and Narthex. Deadline for resignation is Wednesday, May 15th.

A Free-will Offering will be collected for a "Camp Project."



Brethren Bits

Inspiration and learning bring Brethren together at age-level conferences large and small. “Generation to generation we’re called to welcome Jesus, even as Jesus welcomes us, every moment of our lives,” said speaker Rodger Nishioka at the National Older Adult Conference. These words could be said of other gatherings, too, which provide rich opportunities for growing in faith outside the congregational setting.

For congregations, Brethren Press prepares curriculum for all ages, with special emphasis on children through *Shine: Living in God’s Light*. Discipleship Ministries supports congregations through deacon workshops, coaching, resources for church revitalization and church planting. A particular emphasis is cultivation of the church’s intercultural community and helping the wider church better understand issues of race. And the Office of Ministry undergirds the calling and preparation of pastoral leaders. from the 2018 Annual Report of the COB

For The Kids of Chambersburg News

Taste of the Valley was held on April 2 and enjoyed by all. We added the \$6409.84 to monies raised at other fund raisers and authorized the following:

Homeless Shelter	\$250.00 (for Children’s activities)
Network Ministries	\$1,500.00 (\$500 for camp-then general fund)
Boys & Girls Club	\$1,000.00
BIOPIC	\$1,500.00
Over the Rainbow	\$500 .00
Franklin Co. Therapeutic Riding	\$250.00
YMCA (Sam's Club)	\$500.00
Rhodes Grove Camp	\$500.00
Camp Joy-El	\$1,000.00
Circle (SCCAP)	\$500.00
Pregnancy Ministry	\$500.00
School District Lunch	\$200.00
Frances Leiter Center	\$1,500.00 (for Counseling)



We will be meeting on May 13 at Perkins Rest. at 5:30 PM. Won't YOU join us? Any questions contact Lora Bucher.



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 the ministries of the Salvation Army. Following the celebration of music will be a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Parking is located behind the church off Elm Avenue and across from the front entrance of the church on 4th Street.

We hope you will spread the word and join us for an afternoon of praising God through music!



Save the Dates

for 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 5th Grade

This Event is FREE!!

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

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





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 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – The Salvation Army is the program
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 2 Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 5 **Two Special Congregational Council Meetings (as part of the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship services)**
A Congregational vote will be taken to license Alexandra (Ali) Toms to the set- apart ministry.
Chambersburg Church of the Brethren “Then Sings My Soul Too” Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 6 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 7 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 8 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 9 KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 12 **Happy Mother’s Day!**
Child Dedication during 10:45 a.m. P.E.R.K. Service
- 13 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 15 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 16 Loving Hearts - 12 Noon at Bonanza with Bingo
- 19 **Deadline for June Newsletter**
- 20 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
Smart Cookies Preschool Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Library
- 21 Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in MFH – Shut-In Gifts
- 22 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Revolution end of year Party in Brethren Life Center
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 23 Smart Cookies Preschool Graduation in Brethren Life Center
- 27 OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Memorial Day!!
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 29 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 31 – June 2 Chambersburg COB Women’s Retreat at Camp Eder

