



November 2019

The Pastor's Pen...

Give thanks with a grateful heart...

Whenever I pray, I begin my prayers by thanking the Lord for all that I was given that day – even when what I was given wasn't necessarily to my liking.

I do this for his sake: God loves when we recognize his goodness and praise him accordingly. In fact, Scripture says he "inhabits our praise." But I do it for my sake too. Sometimes I get a little careless with my attitude of gratitude and I need to be reminded of how blessed I really am.

Are you blessed? Someone shared this with me years ago.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have some money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you can attend worship without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you are reading this, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because while the majority could do this, most do not.

Happy Thanks-giving!

Joel



**The Chambersburg Congregation Church of the Brethren
Council Meeting**

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 immediately following worship
in the sanctuary.**

Longest Night Service Planned

With each passing day of December, the amount of daylight shortens and the darkness becomes more prevalent. Some people are very sensitive to this naturally occurring phenomenon, and that sensitivity affects their spirit as well as their mood.

Then too, as we draw closer to the holiday, sometimes we feel out-of-place: we get depressed and don't want to be; or we get so busy "doing Christmas" that we lose sight of "being in Christmas."

On Friday night, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, we are going to hold our first ever Longest Night Service which will coincide with the shortest day of the year. This will be an intimate and informal gathering of our community. The meditations, songs and Scriptures will illuminate our shadows so that, in faith and hope, we are better able emotionally and spiritually to welcome back God's coming light.

Maybe you'll be looking for perspective; maybe you'll need a little hope and good news; or maybe you'll just want something spiritual before you go shopping on the last Friday before Christmas... It is our hope you will find this service the lift to your spirit for which you'll be searching.



Live Nativity Scheduled

Our Live Nativity will be held on Saturday, December 14th, from 5:30 PM thru 7:30 PM. Just like last year, our nativity will be staged in our main parking lot. The public will see it from their cars, entering Elm Avenue to the lot and then exiting Elm Avenue to Sixth Street.

We need volunteers to sing carols, play characters in the Christmas Story, help with costumes, put out luminaries, direct traffic, and clean up afterward. Shifts for characters will be 20 minutes in length so that no one has to endure the cold weather for a prolonged period of time.

A sign-up sheet is now in the narthex and BLC lobby. **Have you committed to this ministry? The Christmas/Advent season is closer than we realize. Save the date and tell your friends and family!**

Speaking of the Christmas Season...



Our 2019 Advent theme is *Embracing the Light*. What does it mean to embrace the light? How does light “speak” to our darkness? How does Jesus’ light enhance God’s goodness, protection, justice and righteousness, gift of redemption, and power in the world?

Each Sunday morning, we will explore our theme through Scripture; through the stories of Gabriel, Zechariah and Elizabeth, the shepherds, the wise men and, of course, Mary and Joseph; through music; prayer and meditation; and through the enhanced beauty of our worship spaces.

It all starts Sunday, December 1st!

2020 Yard Sale.....



"a time to keep and a time to throw away..."
Ecclesiastes 3:6b

Yes, it is time to evaluate your "STUFF", as the Yard Sale will soon be here. MARK your calendars January 17 & 18, 2020 is the date!!! As you set items aside to donate, please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition. Other items should also be clean and in good working condition, so they will provide good service to our neighbors.

Electronics, TV's, computer monitors, encyclopedias, and Textbooks should NOT be donated. (Talk to Staples to recycle your electronics (not TV's).

We will need your help!!! Yes, to donate items but also to set up and assist in the kitchen. Set up will begin Wednesday evening at 5:30 and continue on Thursday (most of the day). Help is also needed during the sale in the kitchen and to assist shoppers or be sure things are safe. Of course your prayers will also be a blessing.

Questions?? contact: Lora Bucher, Carol Koons or Phyllis Kegerreis

**The Friends of CKV-TBHC
are having a jewelry sale!**



November 14, 2019

Nicarry Meetinghouse

2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA 17350

7:00am - 3:00pm

Everything is \$5.00!!! (plus tax)

(cash or checks accepted)

Amy Trei, Independent Paparazzi Consultant

Proceeds to benefit the Friends of CKV-TBHC



Orders will be taken for Jingle Bell (red with white splatters) Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary and Brethren Life Center during December 22nd Worship. Cost is \$8.75. Additional order forms are available in your church mailbox, Narthex and BLC lobby. Orders with payment must be returned by Sunday, November 10, 2019.

Boxes are provided in the Narthex and BLC Lobby for your orders.

Clip and return the order form below.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will be placed for Sunday Worship on December 22, 2019

Orders **MUST** be returned by Sunday, November 10, 2019

Please place your order in the boxes provided in the Narthex and the BLC Lobby.

Payment in full is expected when you place your order.

The price is: **Jingle Bell (red with white splatters)** – 6-inch pot with 5 to 7 blooms - \$8.75

Number of 6-inch pots _____ Total (cash) _____ (check) _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Placed in (circle one) Sanctuary Brethren Life Center

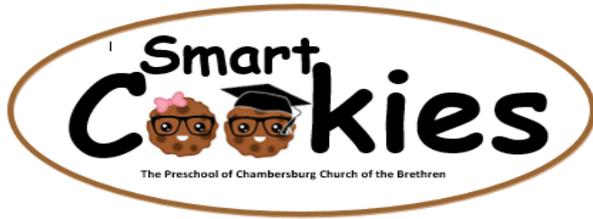


Brethren Bits

An effort to bring pure water by 2020 to 20 communities in Haiti is well on its way. The effort is one part of the Haiti Medical Project, which also provides medical care, rural dispensaries, community health education, leadership training, and agricultural projects.

Alexandre Goncalves, a church leader from Brazil, graduated from Bethany Seminary with support from the COB. In addition to his ministry in Brazil, he has provided leadership for Brethren mission meetings in Venezuela.

Global Mission and Service builds relationships with new groups, such as those in the Great Lakes region of Africa, and nurtures long-established relationships in places such as India, Nigeria, and South Sudan.



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

October has been an exciting month for our nursery school. We have been learning about autumn, apples, pumpkins, scarecrows, fire safety, and lots of other exciting things. Our students learned about how pumpkins grow and completed a pumpkin investigation. They have learned how to dial 911 in case of a fire, the importance of firefighters and what they do, and learned “Stop, Drop, and Roll”. We even had a fire drill. We also have been learning rhyming, colors, and different math skills.



We began a program called Soccer Shots at the end of September. The class has been learning soccer skills like control, toe touches, pull backs, etc. and about determination, team work, etc. This is a really great program that we all enjoy.

On Wednesday, October 23rd, we will be taking our field trip to the Franklin Fire house. The class is very excited to tour a real fire station.

On Friday, November 1st we will be having our harvest festival. The students are looking forward to trick or treating around the church.

November Special Dates

4th- The Franklin County Dairy Princess will visit Smart Cookies

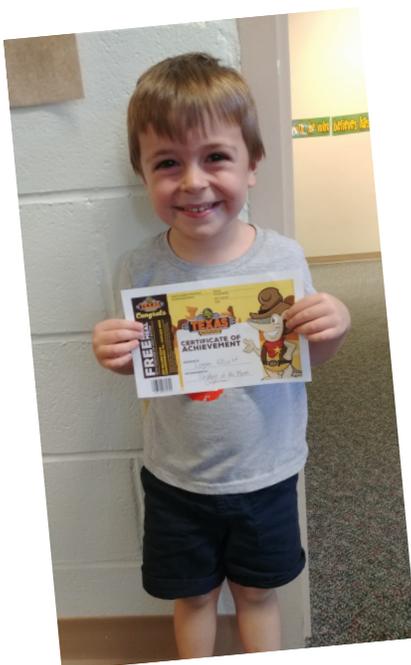
11th- No School-Veteran’s Day

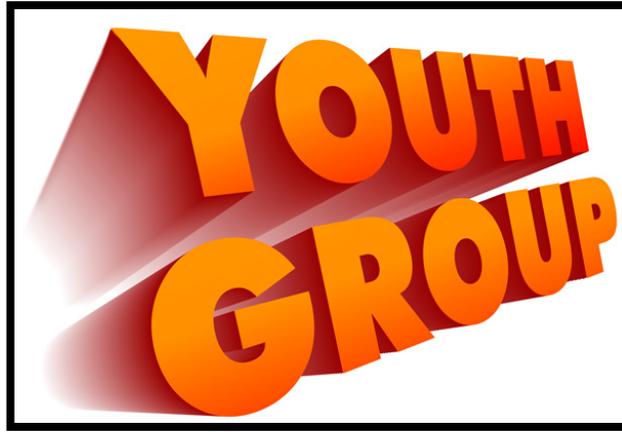
21st- Nursery School Sharing Meal

27th- 12:30 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving

28th-December 3rd - No School- Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 4th- Nursery School Reopens





November

- **REVOLUTION: Wednesday, November 6th, 13th, 20th 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!!

November 6th – Trunk or Treat

November 27th – No Revolution due to Thanksgiving Holiday

- **Youth Lock-In!!! November 22nd at 6:00pm till November 23rd 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 or Nicholas by November 13th.

Please Bring Friends!
Ask a Leader for another Permission Slip!

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



Mark Your Calendars for these dates!!

December 7th – An Evening in December Fundraiser!!
(Formally known as Couple's Night Out (Dec. 8th Snow date)
December 14th – Church Live Nativity
December 18th – Revolution Christmas Party
December 25th and January 1st – No Revolution Due to Holidays.



Revolution Presents...

The youth will be hosting an "Evening in December"
formerly known as Couple's Night Out

The night will begin on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm in the Brethren Life Center.

Snow Date: Sunday, December 8th.

There will be a reservation signup sheet in the BLC lobby and narthex. All participants must reserve their seats for this event. There is no set cost for this event but donations will be accepted at the end of the dinner. All donations will be going toward National Youth Conference 2022.

Child Care is Available!

If you are interested in Child Care, please note that on the signup sheet. There is a fee of \$10 per child for this service.

Our Menu

Appetizer:

*Holiday Punch
Cranberry Turkey Pinwheels
Little Franks
Cheese Kabobs*

Salad:

Mixed Greens with Feta Cheese, Cranberries, Glazed Pecans with a Drizzle of Sweet and Sour Dressing

Main Course:

*Slow Cooked Beef, Au gratin Potatoes,
Gourmet Glazed Carrots and a Dinner Roll*

Dessert:

*NY Cheese Cake with Fruit Topping
Coffee and Tea*



Dear Sisters and Brothers of
Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,

We are grateful for the generous gifts to
Brethren Disaster Ministries from your
congregation in Loving Memory of
Margaret Rotz. Margaret and her
husband Robert were indeed faithful
supporters of BDM, both as volunteers
and donors. How wonderful that you
chose to honor her life through this
donation.

We wish you and the family comfort in
your time of mourning and pray that
God's spirit will bring you peace.

---**Brethren Disaster Ministries**

I want to express my deepest
appreciation to Pastor Joel for his visits
before, during & after my back surgery.
Also special thanks to the congregation
for all their prayers, cards, visits & calls.
All were greatly appreciated.

-----**Sincerely, John Diller**

A heart felt Thank you to all those
involved in the Spaghetti Dinner to
benefit Farthest Corners. Appreciation to
all those who volunteered their time
serving on Saturday night and to those
who donated the many delicious cakes.
A very special Thank you to Margie Diller
who put in so much of her time making
sure the dinner was just right. The
spaghetti and salad bar were a direct
result of all her hard work. \$866.42 was
collected that night in offerings.

---**Again Thanks to all those involved,
Missions and Service Commission**



Congratulations to:

Sarah Elizabeth Cherry and
Chase Franklin Lane whom were
married on Saturday, September 28,
2019 in Vonore, Tennessee.
They will reside at 466 Watauga
Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life

Salvation Army Red Kettle Project

Missions and Service Commission is
sponsoring an opportunity to serve and
share with the Salvation Army. Our
congregation will again ring the bell for
the Red Kettle Project at the
Chambersburg Sunnyway on Friday
and Saturday, December 6th and
December 7th beginning at 11:00 am.
Look for the sign-up sheet in the
Narthex and sign-up for an hour.



Don't forget to Turn back your clocks

Daylight Saving Time will officially end
at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3,
2019. Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour before retiring Saturday
night or you will be an hour early for
church in the morning!



Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Dinner at 5:30pm
Trunk or Treat at 6:30pm

Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches & Tater Tots

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!

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.

Volunteers are needed on November 6th to decorate their car "trunks" and give out candy for "Trunk or Treat." A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and the BLC lobby.

This is a great way for our kids to be in a safe environment and have fun Trick-or-Treating.

If you have any questions, please call Sean Scott (717-263-7365) or Diane Berger (717)-377-4641)



Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage

**Selections from
 Chambersburg Church
 of the Brethren
 Chancel Choir and Christmas Carols**



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CCOB FOOD BANK CHALLENGE November

Help fill the Barrel with our
NOVEMBER Challenge which is
Thanksgiving Meal & Baking Items
We will continue with **Thanksgiving items**
along with **Baking Items** for Holiday Baking
needs

**Bag together a Thanksgiving Meal—
Suggestion: 1 of each of the items below:**

Boxed Stuffing/Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn, Sweet Potatoes,
Vegetables
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Canned Pumpkin or Applesauce

Shortening, Oil, Vanilla,
Baking soda & powder
Salt, Flour, Sugars, Honey,
Choc. Chips, etc.

DEADLINE Nov. 30

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
invites you to:



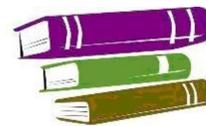
**Saturday, November 9th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
in the Brethren Life Center**

Movie being shown is "Breakthrough"

Bring a snack or finger food to share while
watching the movie!

Drinks provided!!

Come join us for a Night of Fun!



**CHURCH
LIBRARY**

**The Church Library has the following
new books for the month of November!**

Non - Fiction

My Heart by Julie Manning

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur

Fiction

Missing Isaac by Valerie Fraser Luesse

DVD

An Uncommon Grace

MISSION Sunday

Missions and Service Commission is
sponsoring a Mission Moment Sunday on
the second Sunday of every month. The
Mission Moment guest on November 10th is
John Lloyd, CEO of Noah's House. Noah's
House is a nonprofit drug-and-alcohol
addiction recovery home for men.

CROP WALK

Chambersburg COB had five walkers in the
CROP Walk and raised \$285.00 for Church
World Service. Thanks to all who walked in
the rain!



Loving Hearts

November & December Events

November 21st – 12:00 Lunch at Gobble's

This will be followed by some fun trivia of early Thanksgivings. RSVP by November 18th to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975.

December 12th – 12 Noon in Chambersburg COB's Brethren Life Center

Lunch will be catered by Hickory Ridge. Christmas music and short program as we celebrate Christmas! RSVP by December 9th to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975.



Attention all brothers:

There will be a Men's breakfast on Wednesday, November 27, at the Greenvillage Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. This is the day before Thanksgiving.

All men and boys in our church family are encouraged to come for great food, good company, and a brief program. Bring someone with you. We're going to have a wonderful time.



Thank you for your continued support of S.O.N. Our neighbors are being served by your donations.

For Christmas, we would like to give our neighbors \$10 gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, Giant or Aldi's. We will collect them in marked boxes in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. Money or checks can be placed in the boxes and we can purchase the gift cards for you.

Serving **O**ur **N**eighbors at Christmas can be a special joy!

KidNection

Connecting
Kids to Christ

No KidNection for November due to Trunk or Treat!

KidNection: For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Wednesday, December 4th** from 6:00-7:00 pm. This will continue every first Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting in the back of the BLC and will head to our Children's Area for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!



2019 Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Information

The warehouse for Operation Christmas Child as moved to Shippensburg. Please see schedule of hours and address of new location below:

Shoebox Supply House: November 2019

208 Lurgan Avenue, Shippensburg
Like us on Facebook at ShoeboxSupplyHouse

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17	18 SSH open 9:00-1:00	19	20	21	22	23
Collection Week November 18-25						
	SSH open 9:00-1:00			SSH open 9:00-1:00		SSH open 9:00-1:00
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
November 18-25						

We welcome Sunday School classes, youth groups, church groups, school groups, and small groups to schedule a visit to the Supply House to shop or to volunteer. Contact Rick at jbradford01@comcast.net to arrange a visit.



- 1 Life Line Screenings in Brethren Life Center – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 2 Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 3 **Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn back your clocks an hour**
- Christmas Candy Orders Due**
- 4 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 5 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 6 Pickelball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection Meal at 5:30 p.m. and Trunk or Treat at 6:30 p.m.
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 7 Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:00 a.m. in Conference Room
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 9 **Movie Night in Brethren Life Center at 6:00 p.m. – Movie been shown is "Breakthrough"**
- 10 **Poinsettia Orders Due**
- 11 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 12 Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 13 Pickelball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in 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.
- 14 Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:00 a.m. in Conference Room
Candy making in Church Kitchen at 8:00 a.m.
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 15 Candy making in Church Kitchen at 8:00 a.m.
- 17 **Newsletter Deadline for December**
- 18 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Challengers S.S. Classroom at 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 20 Pickelball 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.
- 21 Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:00 a.m. in Conference Room
Loving Hearts Thanksgiving at 12 Noon at Gibble's Restaurant
Smart Cookies Sharing Meal at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 22-23 **Youth Lock-In at the church from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday**
- 24 **Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary – Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.**
Church Council Meeting to follow Worship in Sanctuary
- 25 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 27 Men's Breakfast at Greenvillage Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.
Pickelball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
No Revolution due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 & 29 **Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed**

