

October 2019

Finally, Jesus was left alone with the woman still standing there in front of him. So he stood back up and said to her, "Dear woman, where are your accusers? Is there no one here to condemn you?"

Looking around, she replied, "I see no one, Lord."

"Then I certainly don't condemn you either. Go, and from now on, be free from a life of sin."

John 8:10-11

The Passion Translation



The Pastor's Pen...

The woman caught in adultery was done for. The religious scholars and legal experts of the day had condemned her to death by stoning. Before they followed through with her punishment, they brought her to Jesus to see if he would concur.

This is a pretty familiar story and you probably remember that Jesus counseled them that whoever among them was without sin could throw the first rock. No one was and no one could. One by one they all left in silence. She was given a reprieve and Jesus gave her a second chance.

Some people believe this pardoned woman was Mary Magdalene, the unofficial female disciple whose commitment and generosity were crucial to the ministry of Christ. Let's go with that. Consider what she was and who she became, all because she was given another chance at living.

At the end of the school year, an elementary student in her building gave our daughter, Yajairia, a geranium in a Dixie cup. She put it outside and watered it but with the shallow soil, the plant simply could not thrive. And so Yajaira put the wilting flower in the trash.

I saw it there and retrieved it. I dug a hole near our pond, put in some rich potting soil and planted the geranium, giving it another chance. Even though the blooms in the picture have peaked, you can see that the plant is thriving and we have enjoyed it all summer long.

Just like Jesus gave the woman and I gave a geranium a second chance at life, you too are given a second chance. What you were isn't important to Jesus; who you can become – your potential – is what he sees and what he celebrates. Thank him for that second chance before you go to bed this evening.

There is life-giving power in the second chance. And that gives me one more thought on the subject. I'm wondering... Is there someone in my life/your life who needs a second chance? Who has messed up -- who has disappointed you, failed you, even hurt you that needs your reprieve and a chance to have a life again? Make that call. Write that letter. Open that hand of forgiveness. Set someone free and let someone bloom again.

Pastor Joel

Looking Unto Jesus,

Looking Unto Jesus, the 2019 District Conference that was hosted here at our church, is now a memory. All of the months of prayer, planning and preparation bore much fruit as the conference, by all accounts, was a tremendous success.

To borrow a page from our former pastor, Harvey Kline, I am “humbly proud” of our church family and the way we all came together and worked together to carry our Southern PA District on our shoulders. Our District Conference Coordinator, Jerry Moore, estimates that about 100 of us served in some capacity. It really was a notable time when the church became The Church, i.e. the Body of Christ, “reaching unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God...attaining the fullness of Him.” Ephesians 4:13

It would be impossible to acknowledge and thank everyone who served and all of the teams that came together in ministry. I do, however, want to acknowledge and thank the team leaders so that you know who they are and can thank them personally for their many hours of hard work. In addition to Bro. Jerry, who devoted hours to making sure we were ready and able, I appreciate the work of these folks:

Margie and Mabel Diller: Food service
Linda Hawbaker: In home lodging
Ray Burkholder/ Ralph Kegerreis: Parking
Larry Bricker: Ushers and greeters
Liz Thorpe: Music and worship
Renee Preso: Childcare
Deb Austin: Hotels
Carol Wingert: Office Manager and district liaison
Kendal Trader: Onsite maintenance
Bob Witter: Facility preparation and video
Judy Witter: Photography
Garrett Bayer: Video
Ali Toms: Publicity
Cody Toms: Sound
Harold Yeager: Conference Moderator

District Conference Facts:

There were 188 persons in attendance for the Friday evening service. The worship featured the music of our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, 4th Street Brass, and piano/organ duets by Robin Hockenberry and Pamela Wert. Our Praise Band was featured during all of the conference business sessions.

The Friday evening offering for our Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center was just over \$1400.

At the close of conference, Brother John Hess from the Newville congregation received the gavel from outgoing Moderator, Harold Yeager. Pastor Hess will serve as Moderator at next year's conference to be held, September 18 & 19 at Buffalo Valley. The conference called Ray Lehman to serve as Moderator-Elect.

Ali Toms was called to serve a three-year term on the Program and Arrangements Committee.

The 2020 district budget was passed with no increase to the "Fair Share." Our financial allocation to support district ministry and program next year will be exactly the same as 2019 -- \$24,490.

A query from the Southern PA District to clarify the accountability between churches, districts and Annual Conference failed in a 2/3 majority vote and was sent back to the district.

Other persons called to serve on the district board or related ministries are: Jay Finkenbinder, Wesley Gingrich, Paul Bentzel, Joel Gibbel, Tom Lauer, Christian Elliott, Eli Mast, Larry Dentler, Darlene Stouffer, Jake Myer, and Sandy Shelly.

Chambersburg COB Delegates were Don and Diane Berger and Bryan and Nancy Hoke. We thank them for their willingness to serve as delegates.



Pastor's Bible Study to Begin in October

Pastor Joel will be leading a seven-week Bible Study of the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. Who does Jesus claim to be and what does it mean for us?

The Bible Study will be on Thursdays, starting October 3. **The hour-long class will be offered two times each day.**

Pick one of them. 6:00 a.m. in the conference room or 7:00 p.m. in the mini-fellowship hall.



Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring a Mission Sunday on the second Sunday of every month. The Mission guest on October 13th is Jonathan Raber with Support Circles, a program supported by SCCAP (South Central Community Action Programs Inc).

Christmas Candy Sales

The Helping Hand Circle will be making Christmas candy in November! Order forms should be returned by November 3rd with pick-up on November 17th in the church kitchen. 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 Brethren Disaster Ministries.**

Helping Hand Circle 4th Street Church of the Brethren
2019 Christmas Candy Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Return by November 3, 2019 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 17th, 2019

Payment Due Upon Pick-up – Checks made payable to Helping Hand Circle

Proceeds will benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries.





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 will need volunteers to sing carols, play characters in the Christmas Story, help with costumes, put out luminaries, direct traffic, and clean up afterward. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex and BLC lobby beginning the first Sunday in October. **Save the date and tell your friends and family!**



Brethren Bits

In Puerto Rico, relief work transitioned to long-term recovery. Brethren Disaster Ministries is working with a newly created district recovery committee, which is providing case management in communities near the seven Brethren congregations.

In North and South Carolina, volunteers helped clean up after Hurricane Florence hit the same communities where they were already rebuilding homes damaged two years earlier.

Children's Disaster Services responded to 11 disasters ranging from Hawaii's volcano eruption to the Camp Fire in California. CDS sent four teams to the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, which was caring for children seeking asylum. Material Resources sent 628 shipments to 26 states and 25 countries.

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SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS



Welcome back to a new school year! Our preschoolers have completed a two and a half weeks 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 will be participating in a Soccer activity for the next 6 weeks. Ms. Amy developed a partnership with an organization called Soccer Shots and has a coach that will come once a week to teach the kids about soccer. They are so excited to learn how to play soccer and learn other skills. We are looking forward to the month of October, since we have a lot of exciting adventures coming up.

October Special Dates

9th-13th- Fire Prevention Week

11th- Griffin's Birthday Celebration

14th- Griffin's Birthday

17th- Mrs. Amy's Birthday

26th- National Pumpkin Day

November 1st - Harvest Festival/Costume Party

Ms. Amy



Youth Events



October

- **REVOLUTION: Wednesday, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 6:00pm till 8:00pm.** Come and join us for Our New Workshops! Afterwards will be having games and great food! Don't forget to bring a friend! Each youth will be able to choose to participate in our woodworking, cooking or painting workshops.

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), Laser 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.**



Save the Date!!

The youth will be hosting An Evening in December for couples and individuals of all ages.

The night will begin on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00pm
(with a snow date of December 8th 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.



Introducing a **NEW** Adult Sunday School class beginning this November! This class is intended for adults age 30-45, singles or couples, but all age groups are welcome who want to gather to study the Word of God and how it applies to daily life. The class will utilize a variety of source material (Scripture, book studies, and/or DVDs, etc.), and topics will vary, reflecting the members' current interests and needs. Discussion in a relaxed, friendly environment will be encouraged but never forced. Joel Nogle will be kicking off this new class in November! The class will meet in the Sanctuary from 9:30-10:30am. Please join us and utilize our Childcare for Newborns-3-year-old and Children's Church for 4-year-old-5th grade!



Dear Chambersburg COB Brothers and Sisters:
District Conference 2019 is history, but here is my Moderator's heart toward our congregation.
There are not enough "thank yous" in the world to tell our congregation how much your prayers, support, and encouragement meant to me.
There seemed to be no end of ideas to enhance Conference and no end of acceptance of my ideas and dreams. Rather than name names, please accept my gratitude for each person in our congregation who worked to help Chambersburg COB put our "best foot forward". Thank you!
Our congregation has been strengthened and God was glorified.
---"Looking Unto Jesus", I am
Harold E. Yeager

Chambersburg COB Congregation:
I want to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor Joel for all his visits and prayers following my knee replacement surgery. I also want to thank the congregation for all their prayers, cards, and phone calls. I especially want to thank all the women who made and brought me all those delicious meals. This was very helpful and appreciated a lot.
It is wonderful to know that I have so many loving Christian friends at Chambersburg Church.
May God Richly Bless All of You!
---Janice Valentine

To The CCOB Church Family,

Thank you for all the Planning, Preparation, and Hard Work put into the COB So. PA 2019 District Conference by our Staff & Congregation. Many of your talents and God given gifts were so evident to the Success of this event. God has truly blessed our Congregation with Good People. You never know what you can accomplish until you try.

A Special Thank you to the Committee for seeing this thru: Margie Diller, Larry Bricker, Linda Hawbaker, Renee Preso, Ray Burkholder, Ralph Kegerreis, Cody Toms, Liz Thorpe, Kendal Trader, Deb Austin, Jerry Moore, Carol Wingert & Pastor Joel.

--- So Appreciative,
Tenni Pyles, Board Chair



Congratulations to:

Travis and Jamie Rhodes on the birth of their daughter, Adalynn Margaret Rhodes on Friday, August 30, 2019.
She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.
Her big brothers are Eli Rhodes, Ezechiel Cadet, and DeSean Lindo!



Our Sympathy to:

Ray and Doris Diller and Family;
John and Margaret Diller and Family;
James and Mabel Diller and Family
following the death of their brother,
Charles R. Diller, Sr., on Sunday,
August 25, 2019.



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 will be in the Narthex and the BLC lobby beginning on October 13th.

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, October 2, 2019
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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CCOB FOOD BANK CHALLENGE OCTOBER

Help fill the Barrel with our
OCTOBER Challenge which is
A Thanksgiving Meal

We would like for your donations to be a

“FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL”
Bag together a Thanksgiving
Meal— Suggestion:
1 of each of the items below:

Boxed Stuffing/Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn & Sweet Potatoes
Canned Green Beans or Peas
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Canned Pumpkin or Applesauce

DEADLINE Oct. 30



KidNecton

Connecting
Kids to Christ

KidNecton: For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Wednesday, October 2nd**, 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!



Roller Skating Party

OCTOBER 13TH
4:30 - 6:30PM

FREE ADMISSIONS
\$3.00 SKATE RENTALS

Roller Skating Party!

Red Bridge Roller Rink
1993 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg
The cost will only be \$3.00 per person for rental of skates only.
Everyone is welcome to come and skate or just watch.



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

OCTOBER

Non - Fiction

Wednesdays Were Pretty Normal
By Michael Kelley

12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You
By Tony Reinke

Fiction

Bringing Maggie Home
By Kim Vogal Sawyer



Loving Hearts October & November Events

October 17th – 12:00 Lunch Greenvillage Restaurant followed by a guest speaker. Please RSVP by October 14th to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975.

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.



For The Kids Fundraiser

"For the Kids" will hold a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Chambersburg on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Cost of tickets are \$10.00. Contact: Lora Bucher or Stacy Gray for tickets.



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.



Surprise Birthday Card Shower for Jimm Roland

*Many will remember Jimm Roland who was an associate pastor at Chambersburg. He is turning **60** on October 2nd. His family would love to fill his mailbox with lots of cards. Please consider sending him birthday wishes!*

*Jimm Roland
567 Red Rose Drive
Manheim, PA 17545*



*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. **Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal. \$12 adults, \$8 kids (12 + under) under 4 free***

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 20th**. It will commence from the **Zion Reformed Church at 259 S. Main Street, Chambersburg**. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the Walk will start at 1:30 p.m.

I feel so strongly about CROP and its mission to help feed the hungry of the world! That is why I have been involved with the local CROP Walk for over 35 years and am asking for your support for this year's Walk. Please consider walking or contributing to the walk this year!

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



2019 Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Information

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

Shoebox Supply House: October 2019

208 Lurgan Avenue, Shippensburg
Like us on Facebook at ShoeboxSupplyHouse

		1	2	3 SSH open 9:00-1:00	4	5 SSH open 9:00-1:00
6	7 SSH open 9:00-1:00	8	9	10 SSH open 9:00-1:00	11	12 SSH open 9:00-1:00
13	14 SSH open 9:00-1:00	15	16	17 SSH open 9:00-1:00	18	19 SSH open 9:00-1:00 St John's youth
20	21 SSH open 9:00-1:00 Board meeting	22	23	24 SSH open 9:00-1:00	25	26 SSH open 9:00-1:00
27	28 SSH open 9:00-1:00	29	30	31 SSH open 9:00-1:00		

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.



October Happenings

- 1 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 2 Pickelball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Mid-Week Connection Talent Show at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
KidNecton at 6:00 p.m. in Sunday School Rooms
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 3 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.
- 6 **Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; Sunday School & Children's Church at 9:00 a.m.**
Love Feast & Communion at 11:05 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 7 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 12 **Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Farthest Corners – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in BLC**
- 13 **Roller Skating Party at Red Bridge Roller Rink – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
- 14 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 15 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
- 16 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.
- 17 Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:00 a.m. in Conference Room
Loving Hearts at 12 Noon at Greenvillage Restaurant – Guest Speaker to follow lunch
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 19 Camp Eder Annual Fall Festival – 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- 20 **Newsletter Deadline for November**
CROP Walk at Zion Reformed Church at 1:00 p.m.
Cumberland Valley Choir Fest at Grand Point Church Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 21-27 Pastor Joel at spiritual/planning retreat
- 23 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.
- 27 **Pastor Joel at Spiritual/Planning Retreat – Leon Yoder preaching**
- 28 Pickelball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 30 Pickelball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 31 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.
Adult Mental Health First Aid Training at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Haus
Happy Halloween!!

