

# Pastor's Pen

**May 2018**

*For now there are faith, hope, and love.  
But of these three, the greatest is love.*  
I Corinthians 13:13 CEV

Now that spring has finally descended upon Franklin County, I'm starting to see an old friend. The eastern redbud tree. The eastern redbud is the tree with the delicate purple flowers (some would say dark pink) that grows as an understory in the forest. This time of year, their wonderfully rich color is easy to spot on mountain roads. But the redbud is also a favorite flowering tree of Pennsylvania lawns. It blossoms after the weeping cherry and before the dogwood.



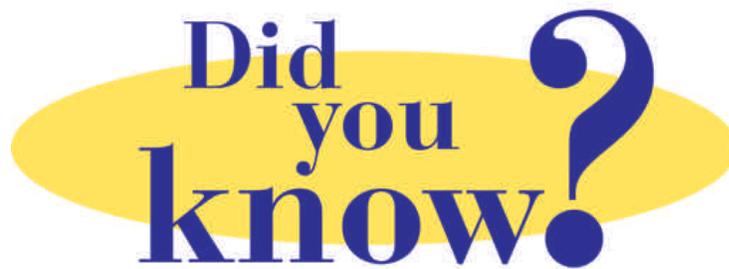
I grew partial to the redbud because it was a favorite tree of my grandfather. He had one in his front yard and absolutely celebrated its return every spring. I'm also a huge fan of purple/lavender/magenta so naturally the redbud made my list of favorites early on. But what I really appreciate about this tree is its unique foliage. The leaves are hearts! It's as if all summer long God puts this tree in our midst to remind us that we are loved. I know a young woman who is struggling with several viruses that have invaded her body at the same time. She's pretty sick and she asked me, as a friend, if I would pray over

her. I anointed her about a month ago and texted her last week to check on her progress. She hasn't seen any improvement in her condition and said to me, "I worry that God doesn't care about me."

My friend isn't the only one who feels this way. Maybe you've worried about that too. At some point or another, we all look for some assurance that we are worthy of God's love. It boggles my mind that this little tree bears the universal symbol of love. I think of those leaves often and know that God is telling me something.



*Joel*



Ali Toms has been chosen to serve on staff as an intern in Student Ministries at the King Street United Brethren in Christ Church for the summer of 2018. This internship is an opportunity for Ali to further discern her call to ministry and gain valuable experience. Due to the nature of the internship, Ali will worship Sunday mornings at the King Street Church for the summer.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, Ali will be serving an 8-month internship at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Church of the Brethren to fulfill the requirements for her seminary studies.

This is an exciting time of exploration for Ali, and we wish her well in her internship experiences.



### **New Member Sunday**

We are going to receive new members on Sunday morning, June 17. If you would like to become part of our family through baptism, transfer and/or affirmation of faith please speak with our pastor asap. Thank you.



## SMART COOKIES NURSERY SCHOOL APRIL 2018

April has been a very exciting month at Nursery School. 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 have been watching a sweet potato sprout and what plants need to grow.

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we took a trip to Voila Children's Art and Creativity Center. We had a fun time making a bank, an Earth Day craft, playing outside on a pirate ship, playing with playdoh, and painting with water colors. We had so much fun!

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are planning for Bring a Friend Day. 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 7<sup>th</sup>- Field Trip to Norlo Park (Rain date: May 14<sup>th</sup>)

May 11<sup>th</sup>- Muffins with Mom

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Water Day (Rain Date: May

18<sup>th</sup>)

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Ice with Mrs. Linda

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Donuts with Dad

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of Year Carnival/Pizza

Party

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Graduation/Last Day of

School





## Youth Events

### May

- **Revolution! May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!!
- **Service Day:** On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we will be heading to **Camp Eder for a Work Day**. We will be helping the staff at Camp Eder to get ready for the campers this summer. We will be meeting at the church at 7am and will be coming back at the church by 3pm. Lunch will be included and we will have a time to do a prayer walk through the campus. Please fill out the permission slip and parents are welcome to help serve with their youth!
- **Revolution Party!!** On May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Amusement Park Trip – July 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **National Youth Conference – July 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Youth Carnival Night – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **Pool Party – August 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **National Youth Conference Sunday – August 12<sup>th</sup>**



Thank You to all who came and supported the youth for the Youth Pancake Breakfast! We were able to raise a total of \$544.00 towards our 2022 National Youth Conference.

Also, a special thank you to all the people who donated Easter Egg Hunt candy. We were able to fill more eggs than ever before! The Christian Education Committee was so overwhelmed with excitement with the response of donations.

Thank you CCOB Family!

## **Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Women's Retreat May 18 & 19, 2018**

This Spring our Topic will be *She Laughs Without Fear - "Discover ways to break free from fear, manage anxiety, and live a joy-filled life."*

- ◆ *Are you or someone you love struggling with fear or anxiety?*
- ◆ *Do you long for the ability to live a joy-filled life and laugh without fear of the future?*

Then come be a part of our women's retreat - as our guest speaker, Diane Swan, helps us learn how to experience freedom from the effects of this negative emotion, and live a life overflowing with the joy and peace of the Lord.

During this retreat you will gain essential understanding of the true source of our fears, the cycle that makes anxiety grow, and the biblical principles and skills that set you free.

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: \$135.00**  
(includes 1-night stay, 4 meals, snacks, & guest speaker cost)

**Saturday Only Cost: \$65.00**  
(includes 3 meals, snacks, & guest speaker cost)

Deadline Registration: Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
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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# Then Sings My Soul

Sunday, May 6, 2018 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

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



## May Church Family Upcoming Events

- **KidNecton:** For Children Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, for our **LAST KidNecton** before the summer begins.



We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!



recently.

Also thank you to the Youth who visited with a flower.

It is very much appreciated.

**--Ron and Jane Hughes**

Thanks to all who made my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday so great. You all are such a big and important part of mine and Gail's life. Thank You and God Bless.  
**-- Love, Bob and Gail Appenzellar**

To my Church Friends and Pastor Joel, Thank you for the many cards I received in celebration of my 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The message on each card was an inspiration to me. A quote from a church friend "I'm blessed more than I deserve."  
**--Dorothy Blough**

Thank You to Pastor Joel, Liz Thorpe and the congregation for visits and prayers for Ron during his hospital stay

**Helping Hands Circle** thanks all those who donated items for hygiene kits. We packed 54 kits and delivered

them to the Church World Service facility in New Windsor. These will be sent wherever needed in the US and worldwide. Thanks again for your generosity!



**Our Sympathy to:**

*Joe and Cindy Pyles and Family;  
Phil and Tenni Pyles and Family  
following the death of their sister-in-  
law, Brenda M. Pyles on Saturday,  
April 21, 2018.*

*The Family of Ruth Meyers Hawbaker  
following her death on Sunday,  
April 15, 2018.*

*The Family of Mary Susan Frey  
following her death on Wednesday,  
March 28, 2018.*



**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.

*Debra and Jere Stouffer and Family;  
Robin and Randy Hockenberry and  
Family; Alicia McLaughlin and Scott  
Hambright following the death of their  
father and grandfather, Robert E. Faust  
on Saturday, March 24, 2018.*

*Pastor Don and Betty Fogelsanger and  
Family; Debbie and Stan Shilling and  
Family; Cheryl and Gregg Hamilton  
and Family following the death of  
Don's sister, Millie Long on Friday,  
March 23, 2018.*

**Congratulations to:**

*Rick and Christina (Musser) Pennington  
following their marriage in the  
sanctuary on Friday, April 6, 2018.*

**April 22, 2018**

*We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give.  
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**Camp Eder Scholarships**

There are a limited number of camper scholarships available through our church for Camp Eder this summer. If interested in applying, please contact the church office, and know which camp you would like to attend. Deadline to apply is June 1st.

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren invites you to:

**Mid-Week Connection  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

**Meal served  
at 5:30 p.m.**

**Menu: Spaghetti, applesauce, rolls & cookies**

**Finances at a Glance**



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.*

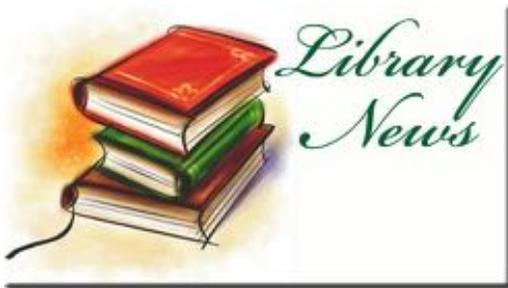


**17th Annual Don Gordon  
Memorial Golf Outing  
Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be a shotgun start  
at 8:00 am at the Rocky  
Springs Golf Course.

The cost is \$30 per person.

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



## May Book List

### Fiction

Heart of the Frontier by Tracie Peterson

Treasured Grace

Beloved Hope

Cherished Mercy

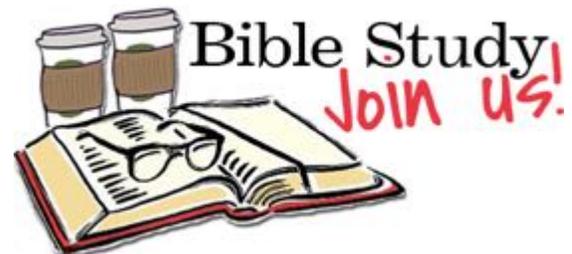
The Alliance by Jolina Petersheim

The Divide by Jolina Petersheim

### DVD's

God's Not Dead 2

Miracles from Heaven - based on a true story



### Pastor's Bible Study Coming in May/June

Six Wednesdays in a row starting May 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:30 in the Mini Fellowship Hall.

We will be studying *The New Testament books of James and Jude.*

Register in the Brethren Life Center Lobby or the Narthex today!

*We are called to ...*



On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we will be



# Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, Pennsylvania

... raising children and youth to  
glorify Jesus Christ through  
ecumenical-churchal singing.

## Tour 2018 Concert Choir



### **70<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Camp Retreat Camp Eder**

*We are  
called  
to.... "Pass It  
On!"  
Be the  
"Spark"*

*This is the  
theme for the  
70<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Women's  
Camp Retreat on June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at  
Camp Eder in Fairfield, PA.*

*Guest speaker is Jill Hastings from  
Shippensburg, PA. Leah Hileman will be the  
music leader. Painting instructor is Sarah  
Griffin.*

*Brochures with registration information are  
available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby  
and Narthex. Deadline for resignation is  
Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Late registrations will not  
be accepted.*

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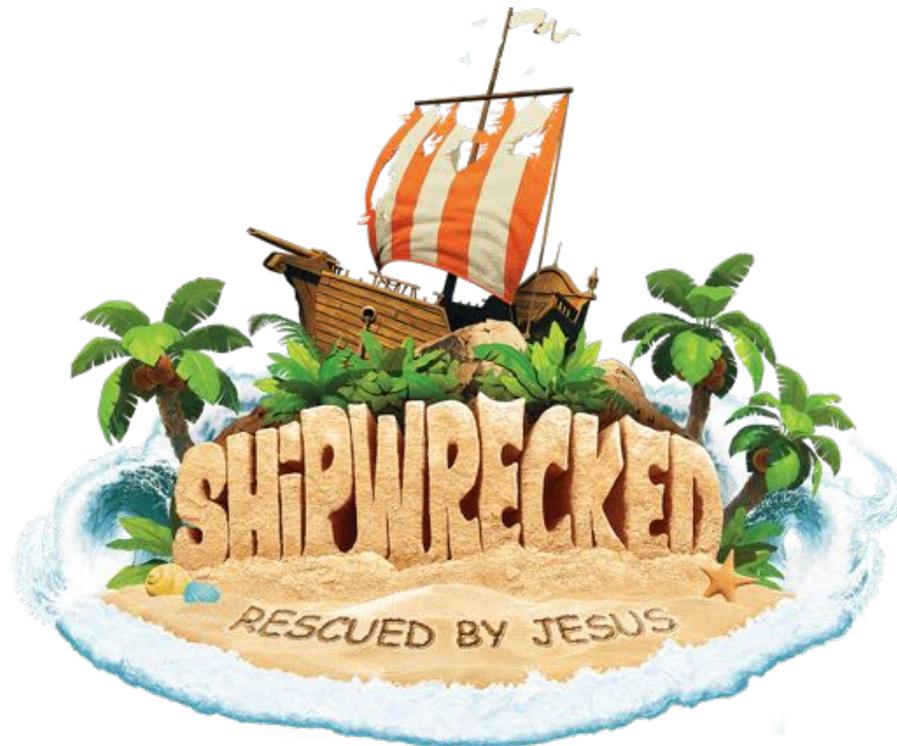
### **Service Day at Camp Eder**

*Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Church is hosting the Concert Choir of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. The*

*29 singers in grades 6 through 8 are directed by Sarah Wingard. (Sarah is the granddaughter of Nelson and Jean Wengert). The choir's mission is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. A freewill offering will be received. For more information, visit [www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org](http://www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org).*

*Mark your calendar and plan to attend!*

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



**Save the Date!!**

June 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

9:00AM till 11:30AM

# Ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

260 South Fourth Street  
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\*Pre-Registration Appreciated



- 1 Searchers Class Trip to Sight and Sound Production of "Jesus" - Leaving the church at 8:15 a.m.  
Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 2 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – Dinner and a Movie with Popcorn!**  
Revolution at 6:00 p.m.  
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 3 Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - MFH  
Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room  
Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
- 4 Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – MFH
- 5 Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 10:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. – MFH
- 6 **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 call Elizabeth Thorpe to the ordained ministry of the church.**  
**Chambersburg Church of the Brethren "Then Sings My Soul" Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**
- 7 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 8 Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – MFH  
Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 9 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – MFH  
Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room  
Revolution at 6:00 p.m.  
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 10 Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions from 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – MFH  
KidNecton at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center & Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 12 Youth Group Work Day at Camp Eder – 7:30 a.m.
- 14 Picklball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center  
Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 15 Helping Hands Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 16 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Revolution at 6:00 p.m.  
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 17 Loving Hearts Lunch at 12 Noon at Greenvillage Restaurant. Guest Speaker following lunch.
- 18-19 **Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Women's Retreat at Camp Eder**
- 20 **Newsletter Deadline for June**

- 21 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room  
Smart Cookies Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
- 23 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Revolution at 6:00 p.m. – Year End Youth Group Pizza Party!  
Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 24 Smart Cookies Nursery School Graduation Ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 28 Office Closed – Happy Memorial Day!**
- 30 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center  
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Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
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