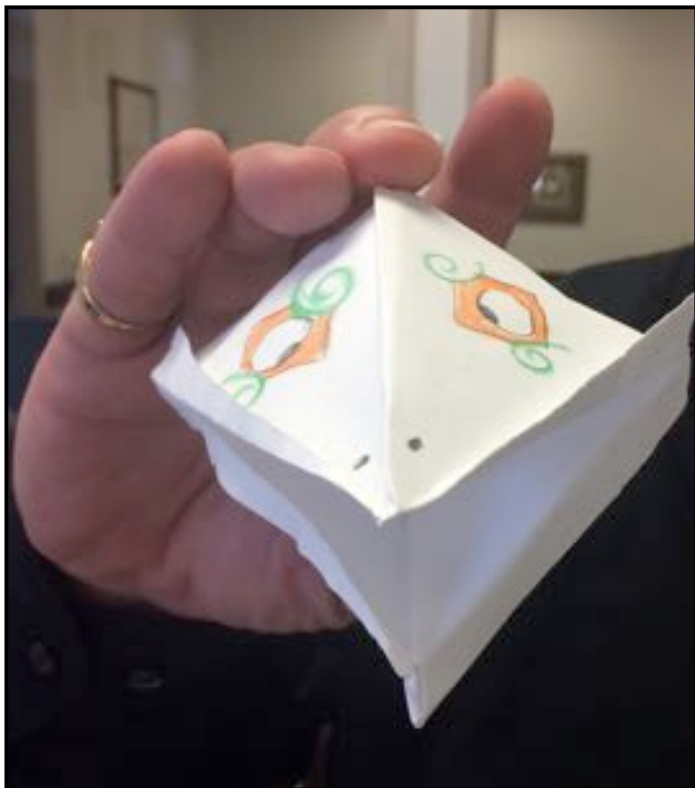


# Pastor's Pen

**June 2018**



*The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man become a living being. Genesis 2:7 NIV*

I had a trip down Memory Lane last week. Immediately following the P.E.R.K. service, one of our younger worshipers came to me and gave me a paper hand-puppet which she had lovingly made (see picture). I had not thought about nor seen one of these for many, many years. We used to make them when I was in school.

The puppet is actually just a head. When I cradle it between my thumb and one of my fingers and apply some pressure, I can make my puppet's mouth go up and down.

Disguising my own voice, I can make my puppet "talk" and say anything I want it to say. That's because it's a puppet – a paper toy that is just an extension of myself.

When God created us, God put into us his own breath, his spirit. God tuned us to the frequency of his own heart so that, when we draw near to him, we resonate with his presence (May 20<sup>th</sup> sermon). God gave us our unique personality with a will to say and do what we choose for ourselves. Then God relaxed his hand and turned us loose to be and to experience everything for which he created us.

My paper puppet can only mechanically and thoughtlessly move at my bidding. It can only ever experience what I choose to share with it. I think to myself, God could have created you and me to be like puppets, but he gave us our independence in *hope* that we will choose his will anyway. Sometimes I wonder how that has worked out for God, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

*Pastor Joel*

# DID YOU KNOW?

**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 District meat canning project for 2018** has been completed with 53,120 lbs. of chicken canned. The District Witness Commission and Meat Canning Committee want to thank this congregation for their support. Nearly 250 volunteers helped carry out this project from the Southern PA and Mid-Atlantic Districts. Also, 29 Southern PA District congregations and one individual donated \$39,934.04 toward funding for the 2018 project. Chambersburg Church of the Brethren sent volunteers two days and gave a total donation of \$3,019.00 toward the 2018 meat canning project. Four skids of canned chicken were sent to Honduras and Cuba and the two Districts each received over 390 cases to distribute to various agencies, food banks and congregations, to help local persons in need.

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> Brethren Disaster Relief Auction** will be held on Friday, September 21 & Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Lebanon Valley Expo in Lebanon, PA. The 2018 Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Kick-Off Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA beginning at 6:00 p.m. The family style dinner and concert will feature "*The Taylors*". Offering will be taken for the Disaster Relief Auction. For tickets and information, contact Landis and Candy Myer at 717-354-0179 or Sally Bingaman 717-581-5651.



## **SMART COOKIES NURSERY SCHOOL**

Wow! This school year has flown by. It is hard to believe that there is about a week left of school. The students had a great year and I saw them all grow and progress socially, emotionally, and academically.

The month of May has been a very busy and fun month in our Nursery School. We took a trip to Norlo Park, in which we rode the train, had a picnic, and played at the playground. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our moms and grandmothers with a Mother's Day event. We had Water Day, in which the students had many fun water activities to do. They had a great time running through the sprinkler. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Spaghetti Ice Event (Ms. Linda did a fantastic job with this special event). On May 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated an early Father's Day by enjoying Donuts with Dad.

I want to thank everyone that has prayed for these children and our Nursery School. Each of these little ones has a special place in my heart. Please pray for our students that are moving on to Kindergarten and the future students that will enroll in Smart Cookies Nursery School. As James 5:16 states, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".

Upcoming May/June Events  
May 21- Carnival Day/Pizza Party  
May 24- Last Day of School/Graduation  
June 11-15- Vacation Bible School

# SUMMER EVENTS

## Youth Events

- 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>

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  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-264-6957

\*Pre-Registration Appreciated



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



What a fun-filled weekend with ladies of Chambersburg Church of the Brethren and Diane Swan our wonderful speaker. We had a total of 30 attending the two-day event. Seventeen enjoyed an overnight stay at Camp Eder's Tree of Peace Lodge and thirteen joined us for Saturday.

As women, we tend to worry, stress and over-react to things that never even happen! Diane gave us Biblical ways to stop our cycle of fear, worry, and anxiety.

Her Topic was *She Laughs Without Fear - "Discover ways to break free from fear, manage anxiety, and live a joy-filled life."*

We had lots of laughs, fun, and times of spiritual refreshing!  
Plans are already set for the 2019 Women's Retreat. Watch for more information.....

# **Summer Sunday School Schedule 2018**

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

## Guest Speakers for Summer 2018

### **Genesis: The Life of Abraham**

**This summer we will be following the life of Abraham to see how difficult situations require faith and trust in God. This is a 6-week Curriculum.**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bill Waugh

**Sunday School will be at 9-9:45am due to a Combined Worship Service.**

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Ray Kauffman

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Kendal Trader

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Chris Fyock

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Liz Thorpe

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Liz Thorpe

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All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

## Guest Speakers for Summer 2018

### **1-2 Peter**

**Join us as we learn to thrive in the modern world by learning from Peter. We will be applying his spiritual wisdom in this 6-week curriculum.**

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Theresa Eshbach

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earl Eby

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Harold Yeager

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Kendal Trader

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Bryan Smith (from Camp Eder)

August 19<sup>th</sup> – Dale Lehman

August 26 – Annual Conference Representative Presentation  
- Joel Nogle



Thank you to Pastor Joel for visiting me after my recent foot surgery. I enjoyed the visit from the Youth and loved the mug with a flower they brought me. Thank you also to the Congregation for the cards and phone calls. I appreciate you all.

**---Kim Frazer**

**The family of Ruth Hawbaker**

expresses our deep appreciation to those who served in anyway and to all who attended the memorial service. Also, we thank you for your many prayers, visits, get-well and birthday cards while at The Shook Home. The church family was very important to Ruth.

To Pastor Joel and Church Family:  
I want to say thank you to Pastor Joel for the wonderful service for Ruth. Also a big thank you for remembering her on her special days and in your prayers. Pastor Joel – she loved your visits. They brought a smile to her face. She loved God and her church family.

**---Her sister, Faye Heckman**

Thank You – Pastor Joel for all your prayers and visits (and getting me through this). Liz for your prayers and visits (sorry I slept through one) and my family and friends and the congregation for all your prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards and meals (delicious surprises)! Also thanks to the youth for

their visit, card and flower. Everything was very much appreciated. God Bless!

**---June and Raymond Hawbaker**

Dear Friends,

I cannot thank you enough for your contribution of the proceeds from the musical that your church provided on Sunday, May 6. I had the great pleasure of attending the performance. What a sweet time of worship, and to be able to reach out to the less fortunate through the proceeds is a double blessing.

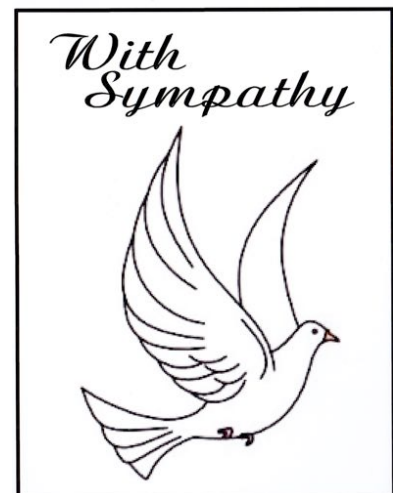
Thank you so much for your service to the Lord Jesus and to the Chambersburg Community. As the new officers here, my wife and I are so impressed with the support that the local churches offer to The Salvation Army. We will do our very best to represent the Lord to those folks we help, and to make you proud to be fellow workers with us!

If I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless you.

**---Leslie A. Walter, Major**

**The Salvation Army**



**Our Sympathy to:**



*Debbie, Adam and Melissa Fitz and Families following the death of their husband and father, Samuel S. Fitz on Sunday, May 13, 2018.*

*Vernon and Melinda Bayer and Families following the death of Vernon's mother, Peggy Ann (Rohrer) Bayer on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.*

*Mid-Week Connection's purpose is connecting our Brethren family to the community through fellowship and service.*



**Finances at a Glance  
May 20, 2018**

*A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken...All the days of the poor are hard, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.*

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**Congratulations to:**

*Zachary and Rayanne Garnes on the birth of a son, Carson Edward Garnes, on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 11:25 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. and 19 ½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Tenni and Phil Pyles and Edward and Denise Garnes. Proud Great-Grandmother is Wanda Ebersole.*

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren  
invites you to:

**Mid-Week Connection  
Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.**

**Menu: Steamers, Baked beans,  
fruit cocktail & ice-cream sandwiches**

*Mike and Lindsay (Van Horn) Breslin on the birth of a son, James John Breslin on May 21, 2018 at 9:47 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long. He has a big brother Patrick. Proud Grandparents are John and Carol VanHorn*



**Sing-A-Long & Music led by  
Robin Hockenberry**

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

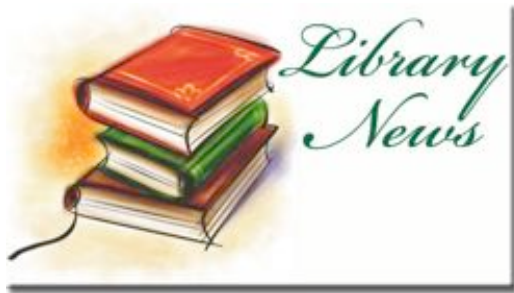


**17th Annual Don Gordon  
Memorial Golf Outing  
Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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.



### June New Book List

#### DVD's

Summer Snow  
Saved By Grace

#### Fiction

#### Sisters of Holmes County

A Sister's Secret  
A Sister's Test  
A Sister's Hope by Wanda Brunstetter

### ***The Appalachian Wind Quintet in Concert at St. Paul's***

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is pleased to host The Appalachian Wind Quintet in concert on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the church nave located at 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg.

The concert will feature classical and some patriotic selections including pieces composed by Still, Sweelinck, Cambini, and others. There is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be taken.

The Appalachian Wind has distinguished itself as one of the Mid-Atlantic region's finest woodwind chamber ensembles.



### ***For the Kids Report***

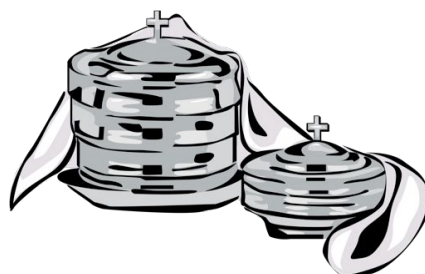
Taste of the Valley was held on April 10, 2018 with \$6,399.72 raised. Thanks to those who enjoyed the evening.

On May 14, we met to distribute funds raised in the past year. The following were awarded:

NETwork Ministry - \$1,000  
NETwork Ministry Camp Scholarships - \$500  
Frances Leiter Center for counseling - \$1,500  
Franklin County Homeless Shelter (children) - \$250  
BOPIC - \$1,500  
YMCA (Sam's Kids) - \$500  
School District Lunches - \$500  
SCCAP (Circles) - \$500  
Pregnancy Ministry - \$500  
Rhodes Grove Camp Scholarships - \$500  
Franklin County Therapeutic Riding Center - \$250  
Camp Joy-El (Camp Scholarships) - \$1,000  
Boys and Girls Club - \$1,000  
Over the Rainbow Children's Center - \$500

Our next project will be selling Coupon Books for Bruster's Ice-Cream. They will cost \$12.00. Watch for more information in June.

We meet monthly and would love to have a few new members. Contact Lora Bucher for more information.



Sunday, July 15, 2018

Bread and Cup Communion will be held at both 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship on

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Church is hosting the Concert Choir of the Mennonite Children's



### Tour 2018 Concert Choir



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!



**Summer Office Hours** – Beginning on Friday, June 1, 2018 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 7, 2018.

- 3 **Combined Worship Celebration and Ordination Service** for Elizabeth Thorpe at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary  
Reception immediately following worship in Narthex. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
- 4 Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room  
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 5 Worship and Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 6 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – Sing-A- Long with Robin Hockenberry**  
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 9 **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Gordon Memorial Golf Outing – Rocky Springs Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.**
- 10 **Graduate Sunday with reception for graduates in BLC lobby**
- 11-15 **Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**
- 11 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room  
Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 13 Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 14 Believers Class Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- 16 Lancaster Mennonite Children's Choir Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 17 **Happy Father's Day and New Member Sunday**
- 18 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 20 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center  
Pastor Joel's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 21 Loving Hearts Picnic at 12 noon at Edenville Ruritan Building with White Elephant Bingo to follow
- 25 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 27 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 28 Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room



- 1 **Deadline for Combined July/August Newsletter**
- 3 Worship and Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 4-8 **Church of the Brethren Annual Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio**
- 9 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 11 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 12 Youth/Parent National Youth Conference Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 15 Bread and Cup Communion at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship
- 17 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 21-26 **National Youth Conference –Fort Collins, Colorado**