

July/August 2019

The Pastor's Pen . . .

“The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.”

--- Proverbs 15:3

I usually save this story for a sermon. It's 40-years old and I still remember it vividly. I feel that I received a quality education from my four years at Penn State. Once I finished my gen ed. classes, my class size was small and the student-teacher ratio excellent. However, those rumors about hundreds in a classroom and being “only a number” are not exaggerated when it comes to freshman-level courses. My story takes place in one of those.

If you are familiar with the campus, we were in the Forum Building. The auditorium was filled to capacity and we were having our final exam. The professor sat at a desk in the front and monitored the exam. The only sound was the push of No. 2 pencils and the occasional cough.

As the story goes, during the exam the professor noticed one student using his textbook to retrieve the answers. As this was a closed-book test, the student in question was essentially cheating which, everyone knew, was an automatic failure. The professor remained in his seat until an opportune time.

About an hour into the final, students began to come to the front of the auditorium to put their exams on a pile on the desk. Soon after, the student using his book came forward to place his test with the others.

“You don't expect me to *accept* that, *do you?*” the professor asked.

“Why not?” returned the student.

“You were using your book; this wasn't an open-book exam. You get a zero for cheating.”

The student looked the professor squarely in the eye: “Do *you* know who *I am?*”

The professor was taken back by the question. He said, “No, I *don't* know who you are and I don't *care*.”

The student turned to the remainder of the students, still trying to complete the answers. He yelled for their attention: “Can *anyone* here tell this guy who *I am?*” Nothing but vague stares and a lack of recognition. Nobody knew who he was.

The student turned back to the desk, halved the pile of papers, shoved his in the middle of the stack and walked out of the room confident that the professor couldn't prove which one was his. Pretty shrewd, I'd say. I've always mused to myself that the student went on to become a lawyer.

No doubt there are people who don't have a clue who we are and can't prove or disprove the offenses we may have committed in our lives. But the Bible says there is someone who knows exactly who we are and – Psalm 139:3 – he's acquainted with *all* of our ways. Nothing about us is in anonymity to our Father in Heaven. That may or may not feel comfortable.

But I John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins – get them out in the open – *he will forgive our sins* and cleanse us from *all* unrighteousness.” We don't have to play it shrewd or come up with a master plan of manipulation to maneuver God into forgiving us. He already does. That's great news!

I hope you're having a wonderful summer. See you soon!

Joel

Worship Schedule:

**July 7 – Brother Jonathan Whitsel
will be bringing the message
at both services.**

**July 28 – Reverend Tim Monn will be
bringing the message at
both services and will be
leading worship for the
10:45 service as well.**

All other Sundays in July and August, Pastor Joel will be preaching.

Summer Sunday School Schedule 2019

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

Guest Speakers for Summer 2019

Esther Group Bible Study Book is a six-session study that tells the story of Esther, a woman who was used of God to stand against unholy people to preserve the Jewish people and their culture and tradition.

Esther, who was a Jew, was also the queen of Persian King Ahasuerus. She used her influence at just the right time to save her people from annihilation when evil Haman sought to destroy the Jews of the land. Without the heroic acts of Esther, the Jewish nation and their religion may have ceased to exist.

July

Lesson 1: Beauty, Honor and Influence (Esther 1:10-12, 15; 2:2, 4-11, 17, 20)
July 14th – Joel Nogle

Lesson 2: Conflict and Integrity (Esther 2:21- 3:11, 15)
July 21st – Bill Waugh

Lesson 3: Godly Sorrow and Courage (Esther 4:1-4, 8-17)
July 28th – Liz Thorpe

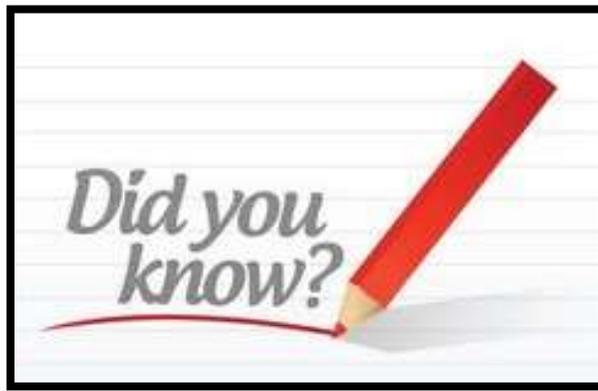
August

Lesson 4: Selfless or Selfish Living (Esther 5:1-10, 14)
August 4th – Kendal Trader

Lesson 5: God's Perfect Timing (Esther 6:1-3, 6-11; 7:1-6, 10; 8:1-2)
August 11th – Kathie Nogle

Lesson 6: Leaving a Legacy (Esther 8:3-5, 8, 11, 15-17; 9:1, 20-23; 10:3)
August 18th – Jay Finkenbinder

Annual Conference Representatives
August 25th – Ali and Cody Toms



2019 District Conference – Need Volunteers

Our church is hosting the 2019 District Conference to be held on September 20 & 21. Our local planning team needs volunteers for the conference to be successful. Volunteers are needed to donate food items, help serve meals, park cars, offer concierge assistance and to host attendees who would rather stay with families than in a hotel. Look for sign-up sheets and notices in the church bulletin.

Serving our Neighbors (S.O.N.) collection for August/September is breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, and pancake mix (no refrigerated or frozen items).

Your generous support of this program truly helps to Serve Our Neighbors in so many ways!



Food Safety Class

Preparing food in large quantities is different than food preparation in the home. **Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling** program helps non-profit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event.

This program was developed in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and participants can receive a certificate of completion after attending the program.

Penn State Extension educators and other faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current research on food safety.

Class will be held Tuesday, July 30 from 9:30 am- 12:00 noon at the Ag Heritage Building, 185 Franklin Farm Ln., Chambersburg. Registration fee is \$50 for up to 4 people from the same organization or \$25 for an individual. Register at <http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety> or call toll free 1-877-345-0691. **Registration deadline is July 23.**

Volunteers working with our mid-week programs, coffee corner and other events where food is prepared and served in our church are encouraged to attend.



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

June 2019



May was a fantastic and busy month at Smart Cookies Preschool! We enjoyed Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Spaghetti Ice, Water Day, and our end of the year carnival/party. One of the most special days was our graduation ceremony, held on May 23rd. Out of 7 total students, we are thrilled to send two of these precious children to Kindergarten. Our “Smart Cookies” have learned a lot and have done a phenomenal job. We are so proud of them.

During July and August, we will be preparing for the upcoming school year. We can’t wait to meet our new students. We currently have 12 students enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year.

August/September Events

August 26th- Smart Cookies Preschool Orientation (6:30 PM)

September 3rd - First Day of School for 5-day students

September 4th- First Day of School for 3-day students

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.

Youth Events

Summer Events

July/August

- **Teen Girls Bible Study –**

Jamie will be hosting a teen girls 6-week bible study on the book of 2nd Timothy “Worthy Vessel.”

I hope that you will be able to come to draw closer as friends and to experience God in new ways.

This begins on Friday June 28th from 1-2pm. This Bible study will continue each Friday for 6 weeks. Don't worry if you didn't start on time! Come join us anyways!

- **Chambersburg Project – July 14th – 19th (This event is for teens who have finished 7th – 12th grade)**

The Chambersburg Project Youth Missions Trip is a week-long local missions trip. During the week, youth from area churches renovate and repair homes for residents of Franklin County who are unable to make the repairs themselves due to physical limitations or financial circumstances.



August

- **Youth Carnival Night – August 7th at 5PM till 7:30PM**

The youth will be hosting a carnival for Mid-Week Connection on August 7th. We would like all the youth and youth parents to help out with this event. If you are able to make it, please let Jamie know so she can add you to the list for this awesome event!

We will need help with providing food, serving the meal, popcorn, snow-cones, games, etc!

Jamie will be making contact with our youth parents to help with food donations. If you are able to help out that would be great!

- **Pool Party – August 16th at 4:30-7:30 at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center**

Join us for an evening of fun and snacks at the Aquatic Center, 1 Memorial Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201

This is our last summer event until our Regular Wednesday Nights will begin again in September! Let's celebrate together a great summer by jumping into the pool and eating lots of great food!





What a great week at VBS this past year! We had a total of 48 kids which was higher than last year. We pray that God continues to bless this ministry as we seek to share the love of God.

I would like to thank all who were able to help during the week and also all those who helped by donating items and praying for a successful ministry.

God has blessed us with a wonderful church family that desires to spread the word of God!



We learned that...

When life changes... God is Good!
When Life is sad... God is Good!
When life is unfair... God is Good!
When life is scary... God is Good!
When life is good... God is Good!



Woman's Retreat 2019 "Leaving Your Mark"

What a great weekend with a great group of ladies. We were all able to enjoy God's word, great food, fellowship and wonderful weather.

We are so blessed each retreat to bond through God's love, laughter and life.

"Leaving Your Mark" was our theme this year. The questions that we had to ask ourselves were...

- What impression do you want to leave?
- What do my actions say about who I am?
- Who am I influencing?

Answering these questions will help us rethink the legacy that we are currently leaving.



Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your gift of \$671.00. This is a great help to us, and we want you and your congregation to know how grateful we are to you.

I was sorry that we were not able to attend the musical. We were in attendance last year, and greatly enjoyed the variety of music and the use of those musical talents for the Lord. Please accept our Thanks and Prayers that the Lord will bless your fellowship and hope that the Lord will bless you with many souls through your labor for Him.

In Christ,

Major Leslie Walter, Salvation Army

"Thank you to everyone for your visits, phone calls, food, cards and prayers following Ed's passing. Thank you to all who helped with the service and those who prepared/served the meal and especially to Pastor Joel for his visits and wonderful memorial service. You have all been a blessing to our family during this most difficult time."

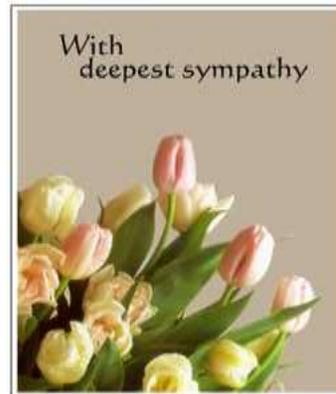
---Denise Garnes and family

Our Community Pool Party on June 15 was a huge success. There were approximately 300 in attendance. All of the snacks were taken and about 2/3 of our bottled water supply. Thank you very much for your contributions, your prayers and your support.

The Ladies of Strength Training would like to thank the church family for the use of the Brethren Life Center throughout the past year. Classes will begin again September 3 through November 21 with a 12-week session meeting from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

I want to express my gratitude to five special angels: Jerry and Cathy Moore, Ray Burkholder, Bob Witter, and Rick Shreiner. The men moved my furniture from second floor to first floor. What a blessing! Cathy baked mac & cheese and helped at Loving Hearts for me. I am so thankful that God chose this church for me!

---Vivian Fisher



Our Sympathy to:

Denise Garnes and Family; Andrew and Rebekah Garnes and Family; Zachary and Rayanne Garnes and Family following the death of their husband and father, Edward M. Garnes on Saturday, May 25, 2019.



Congratulations to Adam and Steffanye (Hawbaker) Mack on the birth of a daughter,

Lana Elizabeth Mack

on Saturday, June 29, 2019. She weighed 6 lb. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Her proud Great-Grandparents are Raymond and June Hawbaker. She has a big brother Roman Alexander Mack.



The Church Library got the following new books for the months of July and August

JULY

Fiction

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

The Broken Road by Richard Paul Evans

The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans

AUGUST

Fiction

In This Moment – The Baxter Family
by Karen Kingsbury

Non - Fiction

Heaven...Your Real Home
by Joni Eareckson Tada

*Mid – Week Connection
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.*



The youth will be hosting a carnival theme Mid-Week Connection. Come and join us for Walking Tacos, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Games, Bounce House & More!

*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.



*Coming August 28th.....
A day to volunteer at SERRV in New Windsor, Maryland
Ten volunteers needed
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Watch for sign-up sheet soon!*

New Member Sunday

We will welcome new members into the family on Sunday, July 21st at both services. There are currently three adults who will be received through transfer of letter and another one through baptism. If you have an interest in church membership and/or dedicating your life to Christ through baptism, please notify Pastor Joel by the week of July 14.



Bread and Cup
Communion will
be served by

our Deacons during both Worship
Services on
Sunday, July 21, 2019.



Senators Baseball Game

Fellowship and Recreation has scheduled a Night of Baseball with the Harrisburg Senators on Saturday, August 3, 2019. We have 30 FREE tickets for the game. The tickets will be given on a first come-first serve basis. Sign-up sheet is in the Brethren Life Center Lobby.

2019 Mel Markey Memorial Golf Benefit



Join us for the 3rd Annual
Mel Markey Memorial Golf Benefit!

August 15th, 2019

Hanover Country Club, Abbottstown, PA

The MMM Tournament seeks to honor the memory of Mel Markey, a long time volunteer who gave countless hours to help 'The Lehman Center' through various projects and maintenance at the Center. This helps to memorialize Mel while also raising much needed funds for CAS

For Sponsorship/Registration Information

Contact:

Brandon Gething: 717-824-4461

343 Lincoln Way West, New Oxford, PA, 17350

BGething@casd.org

www.casd.org



Loving Hearts July & August Events

July 18 – 12:00 Lunch at Bob Evans followed by red, white, and blue Bingo. Please RSVP by July 15th to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975.

August 15 – 12:00 Lunch at the Brethren Life Center followed by a movie. Please RSVP by August 12th to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975.



Brethren Bits

A week of service each year and a year of service in a lifetime. That's one of the goals of the Church of the Brethren. The practice starts early with work camps for middle school youth, high school youth and young adults. Work camps for those with intellectual disabilities and intergenerational groups offer even more opportunities.

The project sites benefit from the labors of hundreds of work campers. But maybe just as important is the spirit of Christian service that is planted in each volunteer. Youth and adults leave home for a week – some traveling as far as Nepal in 2017 and Burundi in 2018 – to meet new people, worship together, work hard, and grow in faith.

From the 2018 Annual Report of the Church of the Brethren

Sixty-Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren will be held at Rhodes Grove Camp & Conference Center, 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA from

August 24- September 1, 2019

Everyone Welcome!

The Theme is *“Christian Growth”* with the theme verse from II Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This year's main speaker is Brother Shawn Stoner from the Servants of Christ Anabaptist Fellowship Church. The Bible Study Galatians will be taught by Brother Sherwin Shank. Lodging information and program with worship times are available in the Narthex and the Brethren Life Center Lobby.



Needed for District Conference....

8X10 pictures of Jesus on a stand or in a frame that can be used for the window sill in the sanctuary during District Conference.

We need eight of them. Any multi-cultural ones are appreciated as well. Please label your picture and bring to the church office.

CHICKEN! CHICKEN! CHICKEN!

August 24, 2019, our Smart Cookies Preschool Program is sponsoring a chicken BBQ as a fundraiser.

Here are some particulars:

- The sale will include barbecued chicken done by Michael Slothour.
- There is also an accompanying Bake Sale.
- Baked goods are needed. Apple dumplings, pies, and brownies are always good sellers. All items will be sold for a “donation,” so no pricing is necessary. If you are able to donate baked goods, please call or text Kathie Nogle at 717-357-2191. You can also email Kathie at: abbagirl58@gmail.com. A sign-up sheet will also be located in the BLC lobby for your convenience.

Items can be brought to the church on Friday, August 23, or you may simply bring them to the Super Shoe location after 10:00 on Saturday, August 24. Your help is greatly appreciated!

- Sales begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Location—Parking lot of Super Shoe, L.W.E., Chambersburg, PA
- **All ticket orders MUST be picked up by 1:00 p.m.**
- Cost:
 - Full Meal = \$12.00
 - ½ chicken
 - Baked beans
 - Apple Sauce
 - Roll
 - Half chicken—No Sides -- \$8.00



- Tickets will be for sale soon from any member of our Preschool Committee
 - Lora Bucher
 - Carol Koons
 - Linda Remson
 - Kathie Nogle
 - Mimi Kelly
 - Alicia Hambright
 - Harold Yeager

STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Summer Office Hours – Beginning on Friday, June 7, 2019 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 6, 2019



- 8 Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 10 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 11 Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 14-19 Youth Group participating in The Chambersburg Project Youth Missions Trip**
- 15 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 17 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 18 Loving Hearts Lunch at Bob Evans at 12 Noon followed by Red, White & Blue Bingo
- 20 CPR/First Aid Training at 9:00 a.m. in Mini-Fellowship Hall
- 21 Bread and Cup Communion at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship and New Member Reception**
- 22 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Smart Cookies Preschool Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 24 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 29 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 30 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- 31 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center



- 3 Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game
- 5 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 6 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 7 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Mid-Week Connection Youth Carnival at 5:30 p.m.**
- 12 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 14 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 15 Loving Hearts Lunch at 12 Noon in Brethren Life Center followed by a movie
- 16 Youth Pool Party at Chambersburg Aquatic Center - 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Newsletter Deadline for September**
- Teacher Appreciation Sunday**
- 19 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 20 Helping Hand Circle Banquet at 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 24 Smart Cookies Chicken BBQ Fundraiser at Super Shoe, L.W.E., Chambersburg, PA**
- 26 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Smart Cookies Preschool Orientation at 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- SERRV Volunteers to New Windsor – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Hand Bell Rehearsal begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal begins at 7:15 p.m.