



The Pastor's Pen...

March 2020

Lent is the forty days of reflection and repentance between **Ash Wednesday**, February 26th, and **Palm Sunday**, April 5. Different traditions observe this season different ways. Most people reflect upon Jesus' teaching, "If anyone would come after me, let him *deny* himself/herself and follow me." In an effort to deny themselves, they give up something for the 40 days such as sweets, television, or some habit they've been wanting to break.

Giving up something can be a good discipline. There are a few things the Bible tells us we should never give up. **Prayer.** Jesus told his disciples they should always pray and never give up. They should be persistent, expectant and stubbornly hopeful.

Meeting together. The author of Hebrews tells the church never to give up the practice of meeting together to encourage one another in the faith. **Doing good for other people.** Paul told his congregation not to become weary in doing good for at the proper time, they will reap a harvest if they don't give up.

I hope you will plan to join your brothers and sisters every Sunday as we meet together for worship during the season of Lent.

Pastor Joel

Did you Know?

'In an effort to move towards more sustainable habits in 2020, the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren will be doing our part to reduce our environmental impact. We will be starting with cutting back on non-biodegradable products, such as Styrofoam.

Thank you for joining us in this initiative!

Have an idea to help us Go Green? Please speak with a Board Member; we welcome your thoughts!'

Al Good was featured in the newspaper for his efforts at the Quincy Village in preserving sheet music. He and two friends have alphabetized and categorized over 20,000 sheets of music dating back to the 1920s and 1930s. Al and his wife Ruth are residents of the Quincy Village since 2012. Al loves to share his passion for music at the village. Please see article posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex!



Jerry Moore and his work crew onsite in Florida working with Brethren Disaster Ministries.



2020 District Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday – April 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Hanover Church of the Brethren
601 Wilson Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331

Isaiah 43:18-19
God Is Doing a New Thing!

Guest Speaker is Leah J. Hileman

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/Refreshments

9:30 – 9:45 Worship and Welcome

9:45 – 10:45 Session One will focus on what God is doing to revitalize, renew, restore, redeem and renovate ME.

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Session Two will focus on celebrating the ways God is renewing the CHURCH.

11:45 – 12:00 Roll Call and Prayer

12 Noon - Lunch

\$10.00 per person

Brochures with registration information available in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby

Attention Ladies!

Save the Date!!

A photograph of a wooden sign for Camp Eder, featuring a tree icon and the text 'CAMP EDER' and 'HOME OF THE BRETHREN'. The sign is set against a background of green trees and yellow flowers. The image is partially covered by a purple diagonal overlay on the left and a teal diagonal overlay on the right.

MAY 15TH - 17TH

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Theme: "Legacy of Love"

AT CAMP EDER

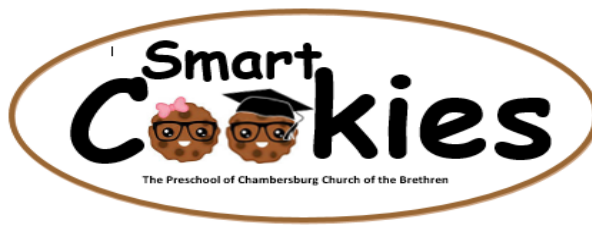
Speakers are a
mother/daughter
team:
Ruth West and
Moye Stouffer

Cost for 2-night stay - \$185.00

Day – 3 meals - \$65.00

Day – 2 meals - \$60.00 (Lunch & Dinner)

Watch for brochures with registration!



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

March 2020

February has been a very exciting month at Smart Cookies. We are learning about winter animals, groundhogs, Valentine's Day, Dental Health, letters, the numbers 5 & 6, many Old testament stories, and how to recycle.

On February 12th, we had our Valentine's Day party and had some fun activities. On February 19th, we celebrated the 100th day of school. We dressed up as 100-year-olds, made 100th day glasses, colored in some pictures, and made a 100th Day Trail Mix.

For the month of March, we have fun activities planned, such as our Dr. Seuss celebration, field trips to Weis Supermarket and Texas Roadhouse, St. Patrick's Day activities, the beginning of Spring, and much more.

Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Upcoming March Events

March 2-6st- Dr. Seuss Activities and Celebration

March 11th – Field Trip to Weis Supermarket

March 16th- No School- Spring Break

March 17th- Wear green for St. Patrick's Day

March 19th- Open House

March 20th- First Day of Spring

March 27th- Field Trip to Weis Supermarket

March 28th- Learn and Play Day

Snow Tubing at Whitetail Ski Resort on Thursday, February 13th generated \$619.20 for our Smart Cookies Preschool Program. Thanks to Whitetail for the snow tubing fundraiser!



Youth activities

March

Note:

Due to the winter season,
Please be advised that if Chambersburg Area School District is closed or is
dismissed early due to weather conditions,
REVOLUTION will NOT be in session.

REVOLUTION: Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 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



MARCH 28, 2020 | 10 AM - 12 PM

KIDS EASTER PARTY

Face Painting, Crafts, Games,
Bible Story, and Candy!

Ages 4 - 5th grade

 **Chambersburg Church of the Brethren**
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Thank You to Pastor Joel and our church family for the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during my recent surgery. They were all appreciated. May God Bless you all.

--Dallas Stouffer

*Dear 4th St. Church of the Brethren,
Thank you for all your cards, visits and prayers etc. this past year for Conrad and I. It has been a long stressful journey but Conrad is in a better place. We have many fond memories of our friends at Church of the Brethren. Thank you for coming and celebrating Conrad's life with us. It meant a lot to our family!
If you are ever in Big Valley, you are welcome to stop in anytime.
Thank you for all your acts of kindness!
God bless you all!*

---Donna Peachey and family

The Russell Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards while Gary was in the hospital. Pastor Joel visited often and helped us with song and passages. God Bless you all.

---Gary and Donna Russell and Family

Thank you from "Smart Cookies" Preschool for the generous donation received from Lehman Construction. It is such a blessing to know there are so many individuals with the love and concern for our program.

--- "Smart Cookies" Committee

Thank you to the church family for all the prayers and cards following the death of my wife Jeanne Ritchey. Thank you also to Pastor Joel for his visits. I am so appreciative of everything.

--Willis Ritchey

We just want to say thanks for the prayers and all the cards during the recent death of our sister, Dorothy Crider. She is greatly missed, but knowing she is no longer in pain is healing for all of us.

---Doris Fritz and Darlene Rosenberry

Thanks to all those who participated in the "Soup"er Bowl Food Drive. A total of 365 cans of soup, vegetables and other food items were donated. The Chiefs won again with 226 items to 139 towards the 49ers.

All items were taken to the food bank.

--- Missions and Service Commission

To My Church Family and Past & Present Board Members:

Thank you for your prayers and support during my years serving on the Church Board. Thank you also for the Special Gift given to me as a remembrance of why we serve one another. Please continue to support our Church Board & Commissions as they Plan and Serve the Lord and our Church. Thank you so much.

---In God's Love, Tenni Pyles

Bushels of Thanks...

\$5,726.72 was made at the Annual Yard Sale in January! Smart Cookies Preschool and the Youth wish to thank all volunteers and givers of items, food, and time. The Yard Sale is truly a Church wide event and continues to be an amazing event. Thank you all!

Dear Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,
 The Salvation Army of Chambersburg would like to thank you for generously giving your time during our 2019 Red Kettle Campaign this past Christmas season. During your time ringing the bell you raised \$762.13, helping to bring our grand total to \$82,485.31. We sincerely hope that you will participate in the Red Kettle Campaign again later this year. Blessings!

---Jaclyn Brewer, Lieutenant Assistant Corps Officer, Pastor

Thank you to all those who contributed to Midweek Connection by donating baked goods for Bingo prizes for both the cancelled Midweek in January and the successful event in February. As always donations were abundant and delicious. Your efforts were greatly appreciated as always.

-----Midweek Connection Committee



Our sympathy to:

Sean Scott and Family following the death of his father, John A. Scott Jr. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Willis Ritchey and Family following the death of his wife, Iona "Jeanne" Ritchey on Friday, January 17, 2020.



Congratulations to:

Zachary and Rayanne Garnes on the birth of their son, Bryson Adin Garnes on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 9:32 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. His BIG brother is Carson Edward Garnes.

Proud Grandparents are Denise Garnes and Tenni and Phil Pyles.
 Proud Great-Grandmother is Wanda Ebersole.



A free will offering will be collected to support the Southern PA District Meat Canning project: "The 2020 Meat Canning goal is to can approximately 36,000 pounds of chicken in 5 days of processing."

*Snow Date March 21st



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Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Chicken Alfredo with Vegetables



Come join us for:

Presentation by Eric Chase
Of Children's Aid Society

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.

The Church Library has the following new books for the month of March

Non - Fiction

The Most Important Place on Earth
What a Christian Home Looks Like and
How to Build One
by Robert Wolgemuth

Fiction

Ours for a Season by Kim Vogel Sawyer

DVD

Indivisible



Serving Our Neighbor (S.O.N.)

Serving Our Neighbors (S.O.N.) will be collecting during the month of March non-perishable breakfast items such as cereal, breakfast bars and oatmeal packets. Place all items in the blue collection containers and we will distribute at the April Mid-Week meal.

For the Kids of Chambersburg



One of our founding persons, Loree Swartz, passed away early in February. We will miss her happiness, as she always had a bright smile and positive words.

The Artfest this year was poorly attended but we made a profit of \$654.13. The art was great with a night sky scene that sparkled & a fun Llama that wore glasses.

We are busy now getting ready for The Taste of the Valley to be held on April 7, 2020. We have 14 restaurants (possibly more) and are looking for donations for both the silent and oral auctions. This is always a fun evening with lots to eat, old friends to greet and interesting stuff to bid on. See Lora Bucher for more information and to purchase tickets (still \$25.00).

--Lora Bucher

KidNecton

Connecting
Kids to Christ

**Due to the winter season,
Please be advised that if
Chambersburg Area School District is
closed or is dismissed early due to
weather conditions,
KidNecton will NOT be in session.**

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



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour!



CCOB FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

March

Help fill the Barrel with our **March 2020 Challenge** which is

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Our Friends at the Food Bank are asking for:

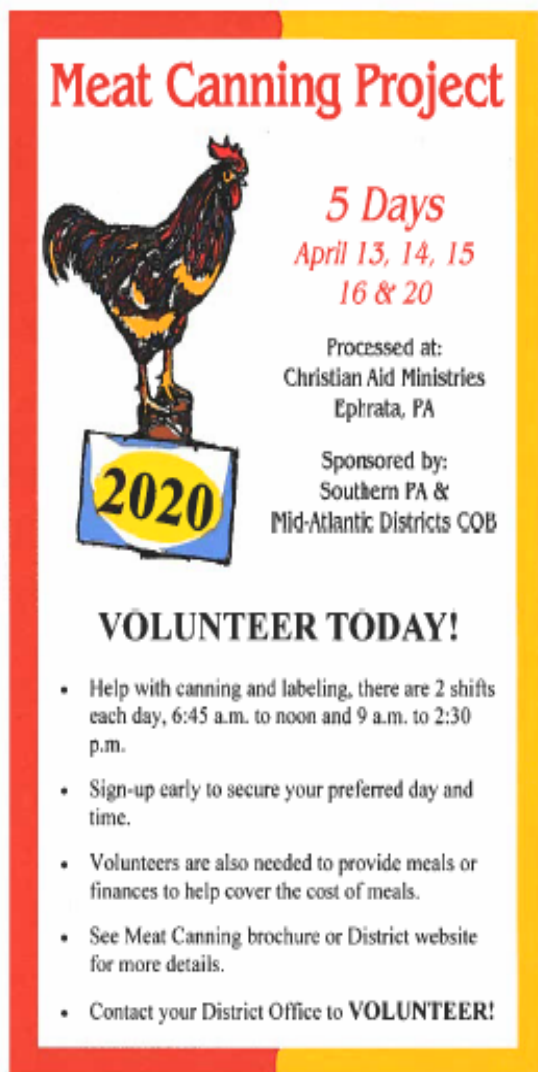
Breakfast Items:

Hot & Cold Cereal, Pancake/Waffle mixes & Syrups
Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit Juices

FOR ALL AGES

FACT: The Food Bank Gives to 500 Hundred People each month. Soooo...Can we help each one get a Good Breakfast?????





Children's Aid Society is in need of the following items. If you wish to purchase any of these items for them, you may bring them to the church on Wednesday, March 4th. Eric Chase from Children's Aid Society will be our speaker that evening during Mid-Week Connection and we can send the items with him.

- Art Supplies (Tempra, Water Colors, Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils)
- Crayola Products
- Playdough
- "Model Magic"
- Craft kits, Model Kits for older boys
- Kinetic Sand
- Multicultural shades of construction paper

- Batteries (All Kinds)
- Diapers and Pull-ups
- Dish Soap
- Lysol Wipes
- Swiffer Cleaning Pads and Cleaner
- Lotion
- New Children's Clothing
- Gloves
- New Underwear and Socks
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Paper Plates, Paper Cups, Napkins, Bowls, Paper towels, Toilet Paper & Tissues
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Pudding and Jello mix
- Fruit snacks
- Pop Tarts
- Canned Pineapples, Peaches, and Pears
- Canned Pasta (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs)
- Mega Blocks and Legos
- Matchbox Cars & Trucks
- Musical & Light-up Toys
- Coats and Shoes (for school aged children)
- Elena of Avalor and Moana Doll
- Blaze Wild Wheels
- Real working Mr. Dusty (Garbage Truck)
- Baby Dolls
- Children's Books (therapy themed)
- Toys (especially for children ages 8-12)
- Post it notes
- Swingline staplers
- Manilla file folders
- Stamps
- Baby wipes
- Copy paper
- Solid Air Freshners

March

Reminder of our church office hours

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Monday thru Friday - 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Closed for lunch

- 2 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 3 **Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room**
- 4 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center – Presentation by Children's Aid Society**
- KidNexion at 6:15 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 8 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 9 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 10 Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- 11 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 14 **Chicken and Waffle Dinner – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center**
- 16 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 17 Helping Hand Circle Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in M.F.H.
- 18 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 19 **Smart Cookies Preschool Open House from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- 20 **First Day of Spring!!**
- 21 **SNOW DATE – Chicken and Waffle Dinner**
- 22 **Deadline for April Newsletter**
- 23 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 24 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in M. F. H.
- 25 Pickleball at 9:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Revolution at 6:00 p.m. in Brethren Haus
- Hand Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
- 28 **Kids Easter Party – 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in Brethren Life Center**
- 30 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 31 Worship & Music Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- Properties Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Library

