

May 2021



The Pastor's Pen...

**When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”**

The Greek verb used is *agapao*, often used to describe self-sacrificial love. Keep in mind that Jesus told his disciples (and us) that there is no greater love than the love that lays it all down for the sake of someone/something else.

“Do you love me more than *these*?” It’s been hotly debated what *these* Jesus is comparing himself to. The question could read, “Do you love me more than *these other guys* love me?” “Do you love me more than *you love them*, more than you love your boat, more than you love fishing, more than you love the fish you just caught? It’s important to know how our love for Jesus compares to our love for something else.

Do you love him more than the television shows you binge on? Do you love him more than you love Penn State football? Do you love him more than you love Amazon or Wayfair? Do you love him more than money, your home, your family? Jesus’ question of Simon Peter naturally leads to pondering the ones listed above.

When Simon Peter affirmed his love for Jesus, the Greek verb is *phileo*, which is a brotherly/sisterly kind of love and affection – a love that is between good friends. In the past, Peter had claimed that his love for and commitment to Jesus were greater than that of the other disciples. And yet, here on the shoreline after the resurrection, perhaps unconsciously, he stops short of an all-in commitment to Christ.

If your love for the Lord were put to the test, would you pass? Would any of us pass? I yell and scream when Penn State scores a touchdown but I don’t like getting too emotional in church. I seem to collect books, many of them taking me months or years to read, but I can’t seem to find the time to meditate on Scripture.

How great is *your* love for the Lord? Do you love him *more than* _____? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you excel and where you fall short in the language of your love. What changes are you being asked to make?

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you.
O, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in your ear.*

Words and music by Laurie Klein
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Pastor Joel

Connect Groups



C-Group Activities sign-ups sheets: We have sign-up sheets in the BLC lobby for various events such as cycling, walking, hiking, board games, etc. If you are interested in participating in a small group activity or helping to lead an activity, please contact Liz Thorpe.

C-Group Craft Corner Workshops: We have three upcoming craft workshops. Sign-up sheets are in the BLC lobby. Craft items will be on display in the BLC lobby throughout the next several weeks. Space is limited, so sign-up today!

April 26 & May 3, 6:00 p.m. – Beginner Watercolor Painting – learn techniques of painting with watercolors led by Ann Deardorff. All supplies will be provided. Cost of \$5.00 total for supplies.

April 28, 1:00 p.m. – Communion Bread – learn to make the delicious communion bread we serve for our Love Feast and Communion services. Mabel Diller will be walking us through the steps to mix, prepare and bake the bread. This will be limited to 5 people.

May 10 & 17, 6:00 p.m. – Beginning Clay Building – we will be making 4 ornaments and 2 different types of angels. Led by Cinda Frey. Cost of \$20.00 total for supplies.

June 7, 6:00 p.m. – Painting “Americana” Paver – paint this nice paver for your home to celebrate Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Led by Phyllis Kegerreis. Cost to be determined.



The Church Yard Sale will NOT be held in 2021.

Mark your calendars for January 2022 for our Annual Church Yard Sale!

Safety and Security Team Needed

The safety and security of our members and friends is a vital and necessary concern. What do we mean by safety and security? Answer: the level of preparedness we as a congregation have to ensure the well-being of those who participate in our ministries -- how well-equipped and trained we are to respond in the event of a

- a. fire emergency
- b. medical emergency
- c. intruder emergency
- d. community emergency

We need 6-10 people from the church to serve on a Safety and Security Team. Please read the adopted job descriptions below. If you have an interest in joining this ministry, please let Pastor Joel or Carol Wingert know.

Thank you!

Safety and Security Team Coordinator

The Safety and Security Team Coordinator oversees the recruitment, training, scheduling, and on-site supervision of the Safety and Security Team, with support provided from the church staff as needed. The position's responsibilities may be divided between two individuals (one for the 8:30 service and one for the 10:45 service) if needed.

Safety and Security Team

The Safety and Security Team is a team of volunteers present before, during, and after Sunday morning services. Its members are trained in first aid, fire safety, and emergency scenarios, and are the church's first responders in any emergency situations that arise on the premises. They watch the doors, assist attendees when needed, stay updated on the general safety issues facing the church, and take charge in any emergencies. The Safety and Security Team may work closely with the Properties Commission on opening and closing the church.

Ideally, the members of the team would serve on a fairly consistent basis, minimizing the amount of training necessary, reducing confusion over who is helping with safety on a given Sunday, and increasing familiarity and experience with safety issues. This makes inner-team communications easier for texting and speed dialing in emergencies. The September 2019 Security Report contains numerous training recommendations and resources for the team and the church to use. The Safety and Security Team may also make additional safety recommendations to the church staff and church board as new issues arise.

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

June 14 thru 18, 2021

Pre-Schoolers (4 Years Old) thru 5th Grade

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



We are excited for this upcoming VBS where we are going to learn how **TREASURED** you are in God's eyes! We are going to discover that God knows you, hears you, comforts you, forgives you and **CHOOSES YOU!**

You are Special!

This year will be looking a little bit different from the years past.

Our goal is to continue to keep all children, families and volunteers safe as we continue to navigate through COVID.

Monday –

AM- Virtual Welcoming Video filled highlights of the week's exciting lessons, learning our new VBS songs, and a special invitation to Monday Evening's Treasure Hunt!

PM- At the Church from 6-7pm, we will be having a Treasure Hunt! All children who are Pre-Schoolers (4 Years Old) thru 5th Grade will be able to participate. They will travel to 4 different areas around the church where they will collect their "treasure," which will be the material that they will need for their at-home experience.

Tuesday – Thursday

Fully virtual (Just like last year)

Friday-

AM- Virtual recap of the great week that we had! A short devotional, songs and an invitation to our **Treasured Celebration!**

PM- A **Treasured Celebration** will be held from 6-7pm in the church sanctuary. All children and parents will be able to be experience a live Opening, Bible Buddy Video, Bible Story, Closing and songs throughout. Afterwards, we will be having an ice-cream truck to end our celebration!

More Information About Online Registration Coming Soon!



CCOB Youth Ministry

- **Youth Group:** We will continue each Wednesday of the month; May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

- **Youth Sunday! May 2nd:** It will be a combined worship service at 10:00am and Sunday School at 9:00am. There will not be Sunday School for the

youth that day due to the youth practicing the songs and getting ready for the worship service in the BLC. Jamie will contact each youth (during Youth Group) to talk about their role for the service. If you are interested in participating and have not been contacted, please communicate your willingness to participate to Jamie ASAP.

- **Ice Cream Run!** On Wednesday May 5th, we will be heading to a local Ice Cream shop to enjoy fellowship with our peers and leaders. This is a free event but a permission slip is required.

- **End of the Year Party!!** On May 26th, we will be celebrating our last night of Youth Group. Come and join us for food and fun games!!



New Arrivals in the Library for May 2021

Fiction

The Woman I Was Before by Kerry Fisher

The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach by Pam Jenoff

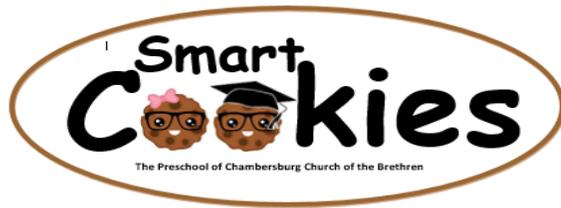
The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

Volunteer Needed

Our church library is looking for a volunteer to assist with the operations of the Adult section of our library.

If this is something you think would be a good fit for you, please contact Gloria Oldham or Linda Remson.

The Church Library is open during the week if you wish to check out books!



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

April 2020

The month of April is flying by. We have been very busy in our preschool program. We are continuing to learn our letters, numbers, etc. We have enjoyed watching our chicks hatch. We currently have caterpillars in our classroom and the class is anxiously waiting for them to change into butterflies.

We finally had our first field trip. We went to Red Run Park in Waynesboro, to enjoy a Preschool Wonder Walk. The instructor was from Renfrew Museum. The kids and their parents had a great time. They played games, explored leaves, rocks, and sticks, looked through looking tubes, and danced with scarves.

We will continue to be busy throughout the month of May. Our last day of school is May 21st. We thank you for your continuous support to our program.

May Events

7th- Muffins With Mom

12th Spaghetti Ice

14th-Donuts with Dad

14th- Water Day

17th- Water Day Rain Date

19th- End of the Year Party/Carnival

21st- End of the Year

Program/Graduation

21st- Last Day of School





We would like to thank our Church family for their response to two recent events in our lives. After my Dad's passing, we were appreciative of many cards, calls, and notes that we received. The warm expressions of sympathy were a blessing to us and they showed the caring nature of our congregation. Thanks, also, to the Deacons for the beautiful bouquet.

Following Carol's knee replacement surgery, we were again blessed. Our wonderful church sent cards, made meals, came to visit, and called to check on pain and progress.

Thanks to all! We both felt your abundant love.

---**Terry and Carol Koons**

A heartfelt thank you to all those who volunteered their time and efforts with the milk and food distribution on April 10th. This was the second time that the church partnered with Maranatha Ministries to hand out boxes of food and dairy items from the USDA, loaves of bread from Martin's Famous Pastry and eggs from Pete & Gerry's. All said nearly 400 boxes were handed out.

A special thank you to the youth that delivered approximately 30 boxes directly to those in need in Chambersburg. All this is greatly appreciated.

---**Thanks so much,**
Missions and Service Commission

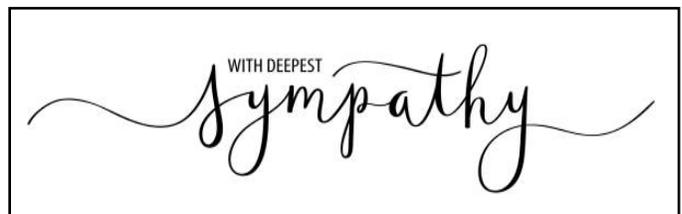
Thank you...
To all those that contributed to the Special Offering held for the Meat Canning Project in February. \$3,015.00 was collected to help the project continue its mission.
---**Missions and Service Commission**

To Our Dear CCOB Family:
This past year has taken LaVerne and me down a path we have never experienced before—a blood malady, a heart problem and cancer. April 12, 2021, our Fox Chase Cancer Center doctors gave us wonderful news—"Cancer free". We are praising the Lord for the good news.

Throughout the past year, we have been amazed at the outpouring of support that buoyed our spirits and kept us going. Pastoral care, cards, emails, texts, meals, donations of expense money, lawn work and assurances of prayers on our behalf have blessed our spirits. Our congregation, our family, and our community, have responded wonderfully on our behalf and we are so grateful for the tangible help and prayers.

May God bless us each and all as we wend our way together toward a place where infirmities do not exist.
Thank you!
----**In Christian love, Harold Yeager**

Thanks to you those that donated food items towards our Easter food drive in March. In the week after Palm Sunday over 250 items were delivered to the SCCAP food pantry. In counting the canned hams alone, the food collected provided enough to supply at least 15 families the ability to have a special holiday meal.
-----**Blessings to you all,**
Missions and Service Commission



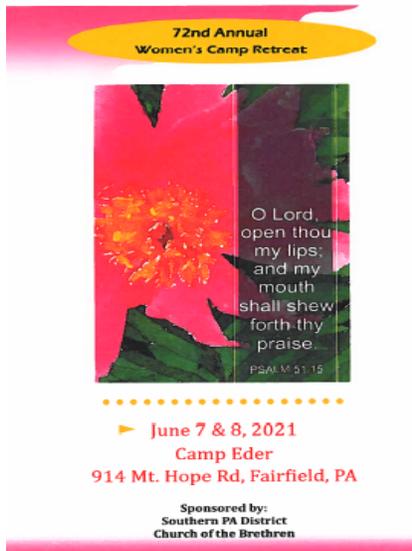
Our Sympathy to:

Cynthia Miller and Family following the death of her brother, Gregory A. Miller on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.



Deadline for June Pastor's Pen is
Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Please submit all information to the
church office.



72nd Annual Women's Camp At Camp Eder

*"O Lord, open thou my lips; and my
mouth shall shew forth thy praise"*
Psalm 51:15

This is the theme for the 72nd Annual
Southern PA District Women's Camp
Retreat on June 7 & 8, 2021 at Camp
Eder in Fairfield, PA.

Guest speaker is Bernice Wagner a
member of the White Oak Church in
Manheim, PA. Bernice has been
active in speaking over 30 years and is
so excited to be 'going to Camp' in
June.

Brochures with registration
information are available in the
Brethren Life Center Lobby and
Narthex. Deadline for resignation is
Wednesday, May 26th.

Dear Church Family,

*Bob and I want to thank you for all the prayers,
support and love. We also know it has been a
long year and a half for all of us. You are in
our prayers daily. We love you!*

*Also a special thank you, Carol, Pastor Joel and
Liz. You have held our hearts, minds and
hands. And you have helped us always see
the light of Christ in the darkest hours.*

*In Feb. 2020, we had a car accident. I was
fine, Bob received a hole in his left retina. Two
surgeries, he has lost sight in his left eye. The
right eye has Macular Degeneration.
The eye doctor told him a few weeks ago that it
is not at its worst stage. He cannot see
anything in the center and he has slight vision
in both sides. But he sees double. He can see
a form in front of him, but cannot see our faces.
Please if you talk to Bob, tell him who you are
(He does not always recognize your voices). He
loves people as most of you know. (He says all
women look beautiful to him). Sorry guys.*

*He also has Parkinson's Disease and has had
some very serious seizures this past year.
I call them his squiggles and wiggles. If you
see him shaking, don't worry, he will tell you it
doesn't hurt. I am doing okay. Six weeks ago
spent four days in the hospital with kidney
stones. Two and one-half weeks ago, surgery
for another, and on the 20th surgery to remove a
large one. I bounce back!*

*God has been very good to us and we know
each day we are truly blessed. And no matter
what we will be held up by our Lord.
Remember life is an adventure and everything
good or bad brings us closer to each other, our
families, and our Lord.*

Love you so much....God Bless You.
---**Bob and Gail Appenzellar**

*Bob will soon be fitted with special glasses to
help him see a little clearer.*



WHAT: Mid-Week to Go.....

WHEN: Wednesday, May 5th
between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

WHERE: Chambersburg COB

Meal delivered to your car!
First come-first served basis.

REVIVAL ON THE HILL '21

MAY 14-16TH

SHIPPENSBURG COMMUNITY
FAIRGROUNDS

GATES OPEN AT 5PM, SERVICES BEGIN AT 6PM

COME HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST



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GRAND POINT CHURCH

LIFEHOUSE CHURCH

BRADY STEINOUR

ADAM FIELD





2021 Camp Eder Golf Registration and Sponsorship Form

**Saturday, May 22, 2021 At Gettysburg National Golf Course
4099 Bull Frog Road, Fairfield, PA 17320**

Golf Registration Information

Individual Golfer: \$85

Foursome: \$325

Hole Sponsor & Foursome: \$425

6:30 a.m. - Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Shotgun Start (Four Player Scramble Format)

12:00 Noon - Lunch at Camp Eder

Registration includes Continental breakfast, cart, greens fees, range balls, prizes and Lunch following the tournament at Camp Eder.

Blessed Bags, Powerballs & Mulligans will be available.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Platinum Sponsor: \$1500

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000

Silver Sponsor: \$650

Bronze Sponsor: \$250

Hole Sponsor & Foursome: \$425

Hole Sponsor: \$125

Sand trap Sponsor \$ 75

Friends Listing: \$50

All donations will be listed if you choose in the program.

PLEASE, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES* & No Smoking at Camp Eder

Covid protocols will be enforced as per State of Pennsylvania.

REGISTRATION:

(Name) (Address) (Phone)

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Sponsorship Level _____ Amount Enclosed _____