



June 2021

The Pastor's Pen...

***The name of the LORD is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10***

By the time you receive this edition of *The Pastor's Pen* and read it, children will be out of school for their annual summer vacation. Streets and parking lots will have an increase in bicycle traffic. The pool will be crowded. Skateboarders will be surfing the concrete and asphalt. And there will be a lot of extracurricular activities that are fun but also have an element of danger.

Once in a while, I think it's good to be reminded to keep safety at the forefront of our minds. Drive with some extra caution, anticipating a ball, a bike, a child unexpectedly entering your path. Keep your eyes on your child if you go to the pool or an ocean resort. Sparklers and fireworks can be fun and have their place; just remember we only get two eyes and ten fingers.

I used to have a church member who, every summer, would give a children's story on water safety because he was a member of the community fire and rescue department and knew firsthand what a family goes through whenever there's an accidental drowning. He'd always stress the importance of swim lessons and wearing a floatation device when waterskiing or aboard a boat.

It may seem strange for a pastor to use his/her space in the church newsletter as a bully pulpit for summer safety. But the Israelites depended on the LORD to be their safety and shield and I would much rather have my sheep safe than keep vigil at a hospital bed or officiate a funeral.

Think safety. What applies to children applies to adults. And when you're driving, don't forget to be on the lookout for scooters and motorcycles. Look left, look right, and look left again before you enter an intersection.

Have a safe summer!

Pastor Joel



Service of Baptism and Church Membership – June 27th.

On Sunday, June 27th, we will receive new members into our 4th Street Family. If you are interested in officially joining our congregation, please talk with Pastor Joel soon about being baptized or re-baptized, or about transferring your membership from a previous church to ours.

For the Kids of Chambersburg



SAVE THE DATE
April 5, 2022

Plans are underway to resume Taste of The Valley on April 5, 2022.
Hope to see you there.

All funds raised are to benefit Children in the Chambersburg Area through Non-profit Agencies that support children.



Sunday, June 6th **Graduate Sunday**

We will be recognizing and honoring our 2020-2021 graduates.

Acts 3:1-10 Broke and Beautiful
Pastor Joel preaching

Summer Office Hours – Beginning on Friday, June 4, 2021 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.
Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 10, 2021

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. AS OF MAY 17, NO ONE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SERVING. If no one steps up and comes forward, our church family will continue to be vulnerable and the issue of safety will be a liability.

Please pray and seek the Lord's answer as to whether you are being called. A job description is below.

Thank you!

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.



We are excited about 2 opportunities to support the ministries of this church. We are looking for volunteers for 2 committees to support the use of the kitchen for both congregational events and outreach ministry events like the Mid-Week Connection.

Kitchen Committee

Purpose: To provide assistance to kitchen volunteers in adhering to safe food serving practices and the licensed kitchen requirements as well as current Covid-19 guidelines.

Tasks:

- Provide the kitchen checklists to leaders of kitchen events and activities.
- Provide on- going information and training of volunteers as deemed necessary.
- Do a walk-through of the kitchen to insure the kitchen is ready for the next user. Inform last user of any items that require their attention to complete (items remaining in the refrigerator, cleaning items, equipment stored properly, trash placement, checklist completed and in folder, etc.)
- Inform church leadership of needed equipment repairs, conflicting kitchen schedules and any ongoing kitchen use issues.

Note: This would NOT be a cooking committee and members would not be responsible for being at each event.

Mid-Week Connection Cooking Committee- We are also considering a committee to work specifically on staffing the kitchen for Mid-Week Connection. This committee would plan and prepare the meals for the monthly meals.

Training will be provided for both committees. If you are interested in volunteering for either or both of these committees, a sign-up sheet is in the Brethren Life Center Lobby at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions you are encouraged to contact Tim Monn, Board Vice-chair at (540) 905-2182 or pastortimmonn@gmail.com.

CCOB Youth Ministry



- **Graduate Sunday** is scheduled for Sunday, June 6th at both services. This is a time for us to celebrate all our high school and college graduates.
- **Camp Fire Movie Night at the Rhodes House.** Mark your calendar for June 11th and 25th at 6:30-10pm for a cookout, campfire, and a movie night at 2320 Heidi Circle. Bring a chair and a blanket, all food and drinks will be provided. Don't forget to invite a friend or two!
- **Summer Sunday School** – During this summer, we will be joining the adults as we learn more about our identity in Christ. The youth are encouraged to sit together as a group. See below for more information.

Summer Sunday School
Located in the Sanctuary
9:30am – 10:30am
Hybrid Option Available –
Please see Jamie for more information

DEFINED
BIBLE STUDY

Who God Says You Are is the Kendrick brothers' new video Bible study based on their new movie, OVERCOMER. This new Bible Study is about finding your identity in God. Before asking, who am I?, you need to be able to answer, who is God?

The problem with our search for identity is that we are looking in all the wrong places. Scripture teaches that we are all made in the image of God. We do not define ourselves - the Creator does. We were all created to be known and loved by God. Once those answers are clear, we can move forward and discover all God has called us to be.

Volunteer Teachers

June 6th, 13th and 20th – Joel Nogle

June 27th, July 4th and 11th – Leon Yoder

July 18th and 25th, August 1st – Jamie Rhodes

August 8th and 15th – Harold Yeager

August 22nd – Kendal Trader

August 29th – Annual Conference Recap – Jerry and Cathy Moore

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

10AM- Virtual Welcoming Video filled with highlights of the week's exciting lessons, learning our new VBS songs, and a special invitation to Monday Evening's Treasure Hunt!

6-7PM- At the Church, 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

10AM- Fully virtual each day on Facebook (Just like last year).

Friday

10AM- Virtual recap of the great week that we had! A short devotional, songs and an invitation to our **Treasured Celebration!**

6-7PM- A **Treasured Celebration** will be held 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 conclude our Celebration!

Online Registration Is NOW Open!
WWW.CHAMBCOB.ORG



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

May 2020

May is a review month. We are reviewing our shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We have been learning about the life of Paul and the Wordless Book. In Science we have been discussing insects and butterflies. We got to see our butterflies hatch out of their chrysalis and then released them a few days after that.

On Friday, May 7th and May 14th we had our Muffins With Mom and Donuts with Dad celebrations. The moms and dads really enjoyed this special time with their child. On May 12th, we had our spaghetti ice event, which as always was a big success.

As the school year comes to a close we are preparing for graduation and wrapping up a great school year. Graduation is Friday, May 21st.

We are so thankful that we were able to have school this year, despite COVID and the restrictions that were in place.

21st- End of the Year Program/Graduation

21st- Last Day of School





We would like to thank our Church family for all the kindness, cards, calls, and flowers for our 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Thanks to all! We appreciate it very much.

---Nate and Janet Eshleman

Our "Smart Cookies" students will certainly be a step ahead for the upcoming school year with the purchase of Chromebooks for the classroom.

Each of you who contributed to this very worthy cause has moved our preschool into the future of learning for our children.

This is an on-going endeavor if you still wish to contribute to this project.

Our sincere thanks from this committee for your continued support of "Smart Cookies."

---Smart Cookies Committee

Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, and visits while I have been at Menno-Haven.

---Lois Black



Our Sympathy to:

Angela and Mel Kendle and Family following the death of Angie's father, Charles E. Fogle Sr. on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Mabel Hawbaker and Family; Raymond and June Hawbaker and Family; Eugene and Mary Hawbaker and Family; following the death of their brother-in-law, Glenn C. Miller on Sunday, April 25, 2021.



The Church Yard Sale will NOT be held in 2021.

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

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

Please take note that the next newsletter will combine the months of July & August.

Deadline for July/August Pastor's Pen is Sunday, June 27th.

Please submit all information to the church office.



New Arrivals in the Library

Fiction

A Week at the Shore by Barb Delinsky

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Historical Fiction

Orphan Train by Christina Kline

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.

A logo for 'Food Distribution' featuring a green shopping cart filled with various food items like fruits, vegetables, and a loaf of bread.

Food Distribution

Opportunity to Service

On Saturday, May 29th at 3:00 pm our church will be partnering with Maranatha Ministries for a dairy and food distribution.

This will be conducted as a drive-up give-away in our Brethren Life Center parking lot. Starting at 2:00pm between 15 to 20 volunteers are needed to help with putting the boxes into vehicles.

Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby.



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

WHEN: Wednesday, June 2nd between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

WHERE: Chambersburg COB

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

The Church Library is Open during the Week if you wish to check out books!

UPDATES on COVID Protocols approved by the Church Board, May 2021

As we have done throughout the pandemic, Chambersburg Church of the Brethren will follow guidelines of government officials for mask wearing and social distancing.

Effective Sunday, May 23

Based on a recommendation by the CDC, if you are fully vaccinated, you may choose to go without a mask while in church buildings.

If you are not vaccinated, we would appreciate if you would continue to wear a mask for your safety and for the safety of others, especially the most vulnerable individuals in our church family and guests.

Effective Sunday, June 6

Based on the lifting of indoor restrictions by Gov. Wolf, signs in the pews will be removed and chairs in the BLC will be arranged in regular rows. You will be permitted to sit wherever you choose for both services.

Sanitation policies will remain in effect to ensure the safety of all individuals using the church facilities.

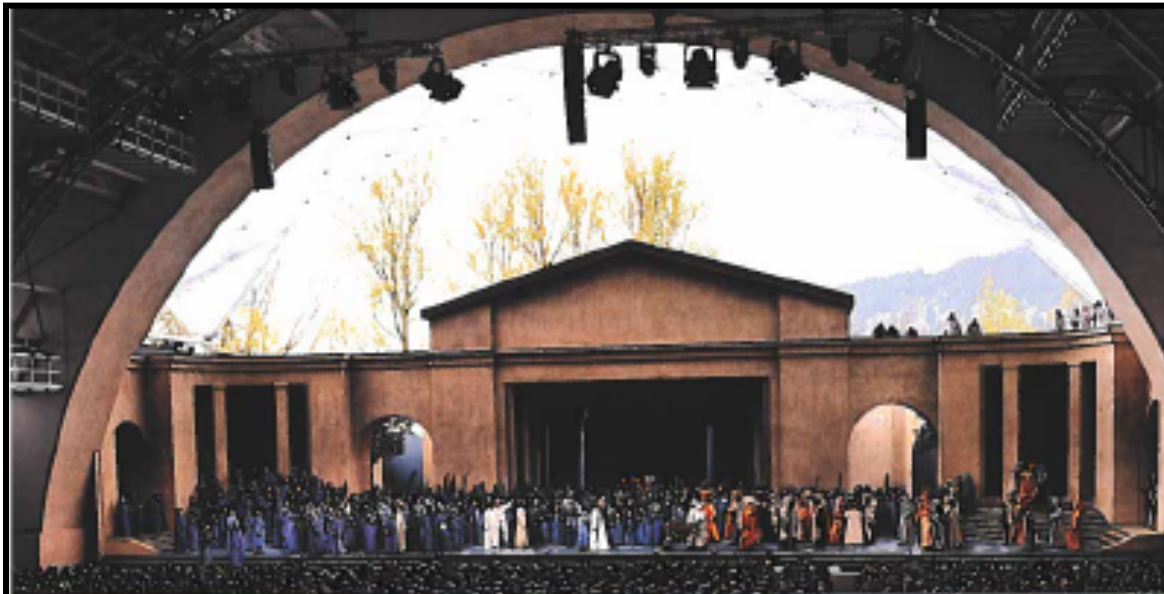
Thank you for your patience and compliance during the past 15 months and as we continue to transition out of the pandemic. As we said last March, we are in this together and we are in God's hands.

Oberammergau Passion Play & The Best of the Holy Land Tour with Pastor Joel and Kathie Nogle

June 6-18, 2022

Brochures are available in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby.
Registrations are currently being accepted.

You may contact Rhonda DeShong for more information 717-267-2180.



June 6 - 18, 2022

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY & **The Best of the Holy Land**

with **Pastor Joel & Kathie Nogle**



For more information or to book, contact:

Rhonda DeShong - DreamVacations

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Summer FULL OF LIFE

Blood Drive **Chambersburg Church of the** **Brethren** **Brethren Life Center**

Gym
260 South Fourth Street
Chambersburg

Thursday, June 24
1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ChambersburgCB to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RedCrossBlood.org

Special offer from our partners at Amazon! To thank you for coming to give June 14-30, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gc-legal. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/together.



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Clinical Pastoral Training for Laypersons

WHAT: A course designed to teach dedicated and talented persons how to provide pastoral care in a hospital/clinical setting and to give them an opportunity to grow and mature in their role as lay leaders.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm, from June 15- November 16 at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. Weekly visitation practicum sessions also required. Graduation ceremony to be held in early December.

COST: Cost of required course materials (\$35) and required background checks and clearances. Otherwise, free.

Apply by May 23, 2021

www.wellspan.org → Medical Professionals → Allied Health and Other Programs → Clinical Pastoral Training

Space is limited...
Act today!

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