



July / August 2021

The Pastor's Pen...

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...Philippians 4:11-12 NIV

Whenever I'm alone in my car I'm usually playing music. Currently I am listening to the quasi-Christian band, Switchfoot. There is a song on the CD that goes,
This is your life; are you who you want to be?

Are you satisfied with where you are in life? I just heard the true story of a young mother of three who is experiencing an internal struggle.

She loves her children and she loves being a mom, but her job fulfills her in a way that family doesn't. Nevertheless, she is feeling called to quit her job in order to be a stay at home parent. Each time she prays about that decision she gets the same answer. She recently met a woman at the grocery store who has nine children and homeschools. The mother of three asked the mother of nine, "How do you do it? How are you content to stay at home with your kids and not lose sight of yourself?" The answer is surprising. *I've learned to look for the holy among the mundane.*

Perhaps that point of view was Paul's secret to his being content in all circumstances: he looked for and worked for the holy among the mundane.

Maybe that's the secret to our being satisfied as well. Most of us focus on the negative. Most of us look for what we can criticize among the mundane. To take the everyday, common ground and make it holy ground is significant. It puts the face of Jesus on every aspect of our lives and treats it as uncommon blessedness.

I'm more content today and more comfortable in my own skin than at any time in my life. I see more of Jesus and less of Joel in our church and in changing the oil in my car – whatever the circumstances.

We just sang the song *Holy Ground* for our 8:30 service of worship.

This is holy ground; we're standing on holy ground, for the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

I encourage you to look for the holy among the mundane. Look for Jesus until you are content that you've seen Him.

Pastor Joel



Liz Thorpe requested a one-month sabbatical and the Executive Committee of the Board approved the request. Liz will be on leave from June 28th - August 2, which also includes one week of vacation. Liz is planning a spiritual retreat, and she will also take time to rejuvenate. Please respect her time away from her duties during this sabbatical.



Ladies of Strength Training will begin a 12-week class on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, through Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The class includes the use of leg and arm weights along with stretching and balancing. You will need your own weights, a towel, and a bottle of water. A small fee is collected to support church maintenance.

Contact Karen Wagner by e-mail, rkwagn@comcast.net, text 717-504-3949, or call 717-263-4483 for additional information.



Worship in the Park

On Sunday, August 15th, at 10:00 am there will be a combined worship service of the Unity in Christ Church and the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren at the Memorial Park band shell. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating and an umbrella for shade during the service. Casual dress is encouraged. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Brethren Life Center at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. The combined worship service will be the only service held that Sunday.

There will be no Sunday school.

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



Bowling Group Update

Folks who signed up as having an interest in bowling have been out to Nellie Fox Bowl three times so far. We would like you to join us if you like to bowl. We start to bowl at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening.

Over the summer, on Thursday evening, Nellie Fox has \$1 bowling night. That is \$1 per game, \$1 for shoes, \$1 hot dogs and \$1 small drinks. If you have bowled lately you know that is a good deal.

If you would like to come, call me, Don Berger at 717-377-4641 or email me at berger@pa.net by Tuesday of each week you want to come. If I have that information, I can reserve a lane or two. Folks who have already come need not call me.

Thank – you, Don Berger

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Kitchen Event Checklist



The church kitchen is licensed by the health department to prepare and serve food to the public. A checklist has been developed as a guide to those using the church kitchen to help you with how to follow health department rules.

Each person or committee responsible for a food event must complete a checklist and file it as a record of the event.

It is the person or committee's (in charge of each food event) responsibility to inform all volunteers of their duties and rules pertaining to their assigned tasks.

There's a notebook in a kitchen cupboard labeled: **Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Kitchen Event Checklist**. Both the notebook and the cupboard door are labeled. Blank checklists are in the notebook and once completed must also be filed in this notebook.

CCOB Youth Ministry

- **Summer Sunday School** – During this summer, we will be joining the adults this summer as we learn more about our identity in Christ. The youth are encouraged to sit together as a group. See below for more information.
- **Amusement Park Trip to Hershey Park– On Wednesday July 21st** we will be heading to Hershey Park for a day of fun! We will meet at the church at 9am and we will leave by 9:30am. Parent pick up will be at 10pm at the church.

If you are interested in attending this event, please fill out the permission slip and hand it in to Jamie ASAP.

- Due to us having a young youth group, we will also be inviting families. Parents, if you don't feel comfortable with your youth walking around in a group while they are at Hershey Park, we would like to invite you to come and join us for this trip. Please let Jamie know if you and your family will be joining us.
- Transportation will be available for all youth and families.
- If the forecast calls for rain, we will pick another date to go during the summer.

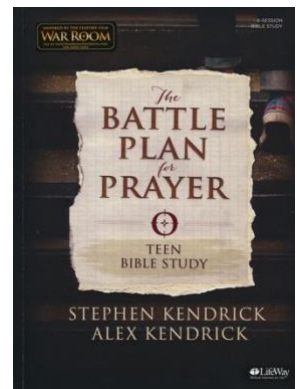
- **Camp Fire Movie Night at the Rhodes House.** Mark your calendar for July 9th and 23rd at 6:30-10pm for a cookout, campfire, and a movie night at 2320 Heidi Circle. Bring a chair and a blanket, all food and drinks will be provided. Don't forget to invite a friend or two!



- **Teen Girls and Boys Bible Study** – Jamie will be hosting a 6-week bible study for both girls and boys. Each group will be meeting on the same days but different times. See below for more information!

The study that we will be diving into will help students understand the power of prayer. "The Battle Plan for Prayer," is written by brothers Alex and Stephen Kendrick, and will help students develop the spiritual discipline of prayer, as well as challenge them to develop a personal prayer strategy. This study has 5 days of homework per week to it and are strongly encouraged to participate.

The first week, all teens will be combined from 10-11:30am with Lunch included. Parent pick up will be at 12:30pm.



Girls - This begins on Monday July 12th from 10-11:30am. This Bible study will continue each Monday for 6 weeks. We will have lunch together afterwards!

Boys - This begins on Monday July 12th from 1:30-2:30pm. This Bible study will continue each Monday for 6 weeks. The boys are invited to have lunch with the girls at 12:00pm!

- **Summer of Surrender at Camp Eder** –August 6th – 8th as we take some time away from our busy lives and learn how we can deepen our relationship with Christ. We will be learning how to surrender stuff, status, sin and self. By focusing on the scriptures, we will be able to surrender to God and become who God wants us to be as children of the Lord. Come and join us for this unforgettable experience!

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

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



Brethren Life Center Improvements **Have you been in the Brethren Life Center lately** **and looked up?**

As you know, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our church was able to pivot to fully online worship services almost overnight. We didn't miss a week of services. Pastor Joel and our paid and volunteer technical staff of Ali Toms, Cody Toms, and Nicholas Wingert made this switch possible through forward thinking before COVID, creative problem solving, and many late nights during COVID. While our quick thinking enabled us to share quality worship services with the world, not all of our creative solutions were sustainable long term.

When the church board was presented with this problem, they saw the value of both continuing our online worship services and ensuring the usability of the Brethren Life Center for our many activities. I am happy to report that the permanent lighting installation approved by the board was completed during the last week of May!

This permanent lighting brings many benefits to our church family near and far, especially the many groups who use our facility. It has improved the quality of our streaming worship services, improved aesthetics and safety for those attending the PERK service, decreased the workload on our volunteers, and made the entire BLC available again for any kind of activity.

A huge thank you goes to the church board for supporting this project and to the entire congregation for your continued support and trust through a very difficult season.



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

July/August 2020



May was a fantastic and busy month at Smart Cookies Nursery School! One of the most special days was our graduation ceremony, held on May 21st. Out of 16 total students, we are thrilled to send nine 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.

We will be holding a summer camp for the month of July. We will be having camp from July 6-29 from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM. We will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our curriculum is "Kingdom Rocks": Where Kids Stand Strong for God." We have 7 children enrolled in our summer program.

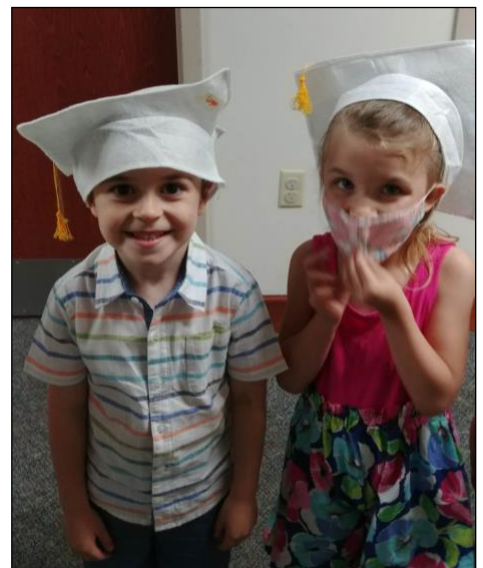
During July and August, we will be preparing for the upcoming school year. We can't wait to meet our new students. We anticipate 13 students to be starting in September 2021. Please continue to pray for parents to enroll their children.

August/September Events

August 30th- Smart Cookies Preschool Orientation (6:30 PM) in MFH.

September 7th- First Day of School for 5-day students

September 8th- First Day of School for 3-day students





Thanks to all who remembered my family and me in prayer or sent those beautiful cards. Thanks to all for your prayers and thoughts during our time of sorrow. It was nice to be remembered when I lost a brother and sister in one week, both younger than me.

Also thanks to Pastor Joel for his visit and prayers.

---Jane Hughes and Family

Thank you to our dependable volunteers, It should come as no surprise that our congregation has a strong group of volunteers. Nearly every time our commission asks for people to help out, we can count on having plenty of helpers.

With that said our neighbors that received the 250 food boxes handed out at our May 29th Food Distribution were served by all those members that showed up then as they have time and time again.

**---Thanks for all you do,
Missions and Service Commission**

Thank you so much for being so thoughtful! Allowing us to use the gym for our exercise class was much appreciated. The space was very accommodating and we so enjoyed daytime class.

---- Grateful, Limber Ladies Class



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Sympathy to:**

Jeff and Andrea Proulx and Family following the death of Jeff's father, George C. Proulx on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Faye Heckman and Family following the death of her brother, Paul W. Stouffer on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

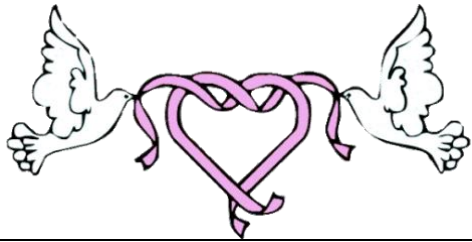
Andrea and Jeremy Pyles and Family following the death of Andrea's grandmother, Patricia D. Riley, on Friday, June 18, 2021.

Leah Orndorff and Family following the death of her daughter, Amber Nicole Orndorff on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Betty Jane Hughes and Family following the death of her brother, Floyd (Jerry) Reasner on Friday, May 21, 2021 and her sister, Ann Shirley Reasner Hughes on Saturday, May 29, 2021.



A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at the Hustontown Volunteer Fire Hall (Fulton County) to share memories and honor the life of Albert Corman. The Family will welcome guests 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Congratulations to:

*V. Darlene Kelso and M. Dean Smolik
who were united in marriage on
Saturday, June 26, 2021.*



Kathie and Joel have disconnected their home phone. To reach the Nogles in the future use the following telephone numbers: 717-357-1333 (Joel); 717-357-2191 (Kathie).



Congratulations to:

Cody and Ali Toms on the birth of a son, Jude Gregory Toms born Tuesday, June 15, 2021. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long.

His excited grandparents are Liz and Phil Thorpe and Lorna and Greg Toms! Great-Grandparents are Roy and Jeanne Monn and Joanie Thorpe.



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

WHEN: Wednesday, July 7th &
Wednesday, August 4th
between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

WHERE: Chambersburg COB

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

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.

Newsletter

Deadline for September Pastor's Pen is Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Please submit all information to the church office.

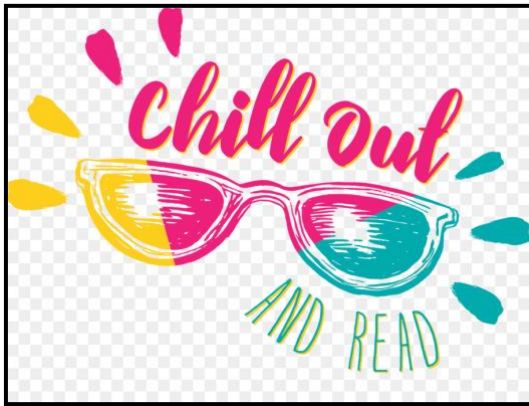


Camp Eder needs your help!

On June 21st, a violent storm passed through the camp property, taking down many trees. One of them landed on the Heckman Pavilion. The Camp is planning a work day to help clear up the downed trees on Saturday, July 10th at 8:30am. A lunch will be provided. We are looking for people skilled with chain saws, wood chippers, roof workers (on the pavilion), and people to load up and haul the cut wood. We praise the Lord that all the children were together and in a safe place when the storm came through, and also that despite the number of trees that came down, only one building suffered significant damage. Please consider coming out to help our SOPA "home in the hills" on this work day. Call/text or email Denny Turner at 717-829-1166 or de.turn02@gmail.com for additional details.

We thank you!

Camp Eder Staff and Board of Directors



New Arrivals in the Library

July

Fiction

Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah

An Unfinished Story by Boo Walker

Non-Fiction

Whisper by Mark Batterson

August

Fiction

Fly Away by Kristin Hannah

An Elephant in the Garden

(Youth historical fiction) by Michael Morpurgo

Non-Fiction

I'll Push You (2 Best friends & 1 wheelchair)

by Pat Gray & Justin Skeesuck

**Drive thru
CHICKEN
BARBECUE**

**Saturday,
August 14
10:30am till
sold-out!**

Mark your calendars for The Friends of Cross Keys Village's celebrated event. At just \$10 for a meal of our world-famous chicken BBQ, potato, roll and applesauce, it's the best deal in town!

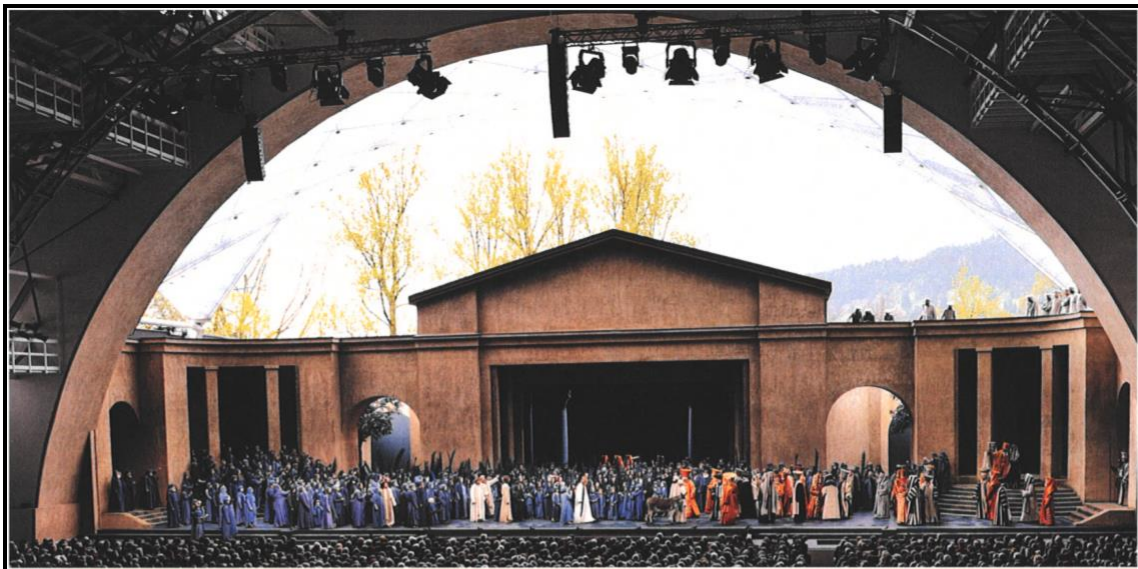
The Friends of
CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community

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

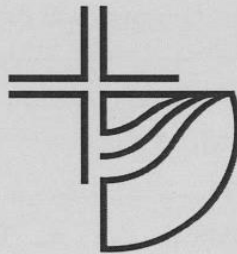
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**Sixty-Eighth Annual
Camp Meeting
of the
Church of the
Brethren**

Held at

Rhodes Grove Camp & Conference Center
7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202

*The Camp is located in a grove of trees and is a cool,
restful, and ideal place for refreshing soul and body.*



Church of the Brethren

August 28 – September 5, 2021
Everyone Welcome

Theme: Characteristics of the Last Days

Theme Verse: *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. – 2 Peter 3 :14*

Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 13 - “Love”

(COB Continuing Education Units – 0.5)

This year's main speaker is Bro. Melvin Hade from the Wales Brethren Church. The Bible Study will also be taught by Bro. Melvin. Brochures with Lodging information and program with worship times are available in the Narthex and the Brethren Life Center Lobby.