



October 2021

The Pastor's Pen...

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 NKJ

Years ago a gospel trio from Pennsylvania, the Couriers, had a song called *Empty Hands*:

One by one God took things
from me until my hands were empty.
He then said, "Lift your empty
hands to me."
Finally, I comprehended God can-
not pour His riches into hands
already full.

Bishop T.D. Jakes says there is something about emptiness that attracts God; He enjoys filling empty things. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Hungry people *know* they are empty.

So why did we sell our home and move into a cabin north of Caledonia? When we purchased our cabin

last December, we envisioned it to be a mountain getaway, perhaps a place I could go on Thursdays to work on my sermons or a retreat setting for both recreation and contemplation.

Sometime this spring, however, we sensed God's Spirit working on us to downsize and lighten our load for what will eventually be the age of retirement. Real estate was selling well and our house on Acorn Circle – though it was a blessing for five years – was more house than we needed with more work than we wanted. One day we came to the realization that we were supposed to "empty our hands."

One of the tenets of our Brethren Heritage is **living simply**. As I understand it the simple life is striking a standard of living which celebrates the blessings God intends for us while keeping things of the world in balance and perspective.

We gave a lot of our stuff away, we sold some of it, and we put more of it in a dumpster. But as the brothers and sisters who helped move us can attest, we still had far more than enough to put in storage, finding life to be not that simple after all.

I don't think everyone should do what we did; ours was a definite "ask" from the Lord. He asked us to let go and trust him with our living arrangements. A few of you have asked if I think we'll be happy with our decision. As with anytime the Lord calls and the Holy Spirit convicts, we wouldn't be happy if we would have made a different decision. We firmly believe we were led to Acorn Circle and we were led to 2149 Pine Grove Road.

Where is your cabin? Many of you have asked and are even looking. If you take 30 east out of Chambersburg and proceed until you come to the traffic light at the Caledonia/Totem Pole intersection, turn right onto Rt. 233 North. Once past the driveway to Caledonia State Park, drive 4.2 miles. Our cabin (currently getting a bit of a face lift) is on the right, about 100 yards from the road. We have a mail box and a sign above it that reads, Emmanuel Cottage. That's what we've named our new home.

If you call ahead, you're welcome to drop by and see for yourself. Our dogs are big but they are friendly. Our phone numbers are

Joel: 717-357-1333

Kathie: 717-357-2191

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our gratitude to Larry Bricker, Ray Burkholder, Bill McMullen, Gary Mills, Jerry Moore, Jim and Carole Prohaska, Joe Rankin, Rey and Todd Rankin, Jamie and Travis Rhodes, and Bob Witter for helping us pack and move.

As I've often said, whatever you do trust in the Lord with all of your heart and don't lean on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Joel

Pastor Joel will be on his annual spiritual/Advent retreat October 17 thru 22.
Ali Toms will preach for both services on Sunday, October 24.



Upcoming C-Group Activities:

October 7, 9:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.: **Chocolate Dipped Candy Making** – learn to melt chocolate and dip goodies such as pretzels and peanut butter balls to create delicious candy treats. Great Christmas gift idea! Supplies will be provided. A donation basket will be available to cover cost of supplies. Workshop led by Margie Diller.

October 11, 6:00 p.m.: **Christmas Tree Pictures** – bring a frame from home or pick one up at the dollar store or thrift shop to create a beautiful Christmas tree picture embellished with buttons, beads, and other trimmings. Material for trees will be provided as well as some trimmings available. Please feel free to bring your own material or embellishments. Workshop led by Linda Ross.

October 14, 9:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.: **Decorative Candy** – learn to use colored chocolate wafers and holiday molds to create stunning and delicious candy. Beautiful addition to your holiday table. Supplies will be provided. A donation basket will be available to cover the cost of supplies. Workshop led by Margie Diller.

October 25, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.: **Knots and Thoughts** – beginning crochet workshop OR if you already know how to crochet, knit or macrame, please join us for creating knots and sharing our thoughts. This group will continue to meet the last Monday afternoon of each month (except in December). Supplies will be provided. Workshop led by Liz Thorpe



Join us for Combined Worship on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to ordain Jamie Rhodes to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren. The Combined Worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m.

This is Worldwide Communion Sunday and we will be having pew communion during the service.

Our traditional Love Feast and Communion will not be held given the current COVID situation.

Attention All 9th – 12th Graders!!

National Youth Conference: These selected youth members will be going to Ft. Collins Colorado for NYC this upcoming July 2022. If you are interested in attending this AWESOME event, please plan to contribute \$250.00 as a non-refundable deposit. If your family has more than one (1) youth member attending this event, we are asking you to contribute \$375.00 towards the non-refundable deposit. If money is an issue, please contact Jamie Rhodes and assistance for this event can be discussed.

**ALL non-refundable deposits are due by
January 12th, 2022 to hold your spot.
Late deposits will NOT be accepted.**

FOUNDATIONAL
Colossians 2:5-7



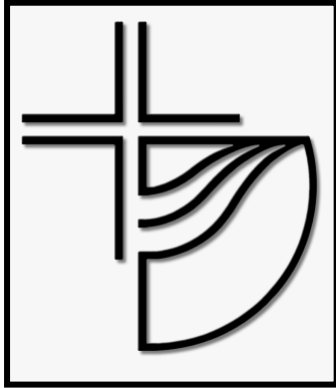
Fall has arrived and it is time to put summer behind us and think about indoor table games. You signed up for table and board games back in the spring and we have begun meeting.

Following previous years' format, we are having weekly get-togethers on **WEDNESDAYS, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.** in the first floor of the Brethren Haus.

Please bring with you your favorite board or card game to share with others. Also, voluntary lite snacks are welcomed.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Gary Meyers
717-263-4152



Southern District of Pennsylvania Church of the Brethren District Conference Highlights

Southern District of Pennsylvania Church of the Brethren District conference was held on September 18 at the York First Church. Delegates from our congregation were Wanda Ebersole, Linda Hawbaker, Joel Nogle, Tenni Pyles and Nicholas Wingert. Kudos to Judy Witter who served as recorder for the conference.

Congratulations to Joel Nogle who was elected Moderator-Elect. He will serve as Moderator in 2023. Ellen Yoder was elected to the District Board and Nicholas Wingert was re-elected. At the Board Reorganization meeting Leon Yoder was elected Chair. Liz Thorpe continues on the Board, so Chambersburg is well represented at the District Board level.

At the business portion of the meeting we heard reports from all the District Commissions, Committees, mission agencies and entities the Church supports. I was impressed by how each had adapted to the restrictions caused by COVID 19. The proposed 2022 budget was presented and passed by the delegation. The 2022 budget is less than last year's and the fair share per member was kept at \$79.00, same as the last few years.

David Steele, Executive Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, attended and talked about the Board's priorities including developing the following:

- a framework for equipping evangelism
- a program for healing and reconciling relationships and transforming conflict
- a pilot program for effective ministry placement.

He also talked about receiving and supporting Afghan refugees. These priorities may be something our church would like to consider as we plan for the coming year(s). There are resources to support many of the national and district level initiatives.

The next District Conference will be held September 16-17, 2022 at the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren. Moderator John Shelly chose as the theme "The Love of Jesus Christ". I was happy to represent the church at this district conference.

---Linda Hawbaker



Join the Youth Group

CCOB Youth Ministry

What will be expected? The youth will sign in at the welcome desk, get their temperature checked and will wash their hands in the restrooms. The church has posted the following statement:

*The current CDC guideline for areas of substantial and high transmission rates of COVID-19, including the highly transmissible COVID-19 delta variant, is the recommendation **(not a mandate)** that all individuals wear masks when gathering indoors.*

This is the recommendation of the church Board as well.

We urge you to prayerfully consider the recommendation keeping Matthew 7:12 in mind. "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them..." (ESV)

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates, as warranted.



Youth Group: Wednesday, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 6:00pm till 8:00pm.

For the month of October, we are dedicating it to Connecting our Youth through fun Activities!

We will be taking some fun field trips and having some fun activities at the church. Here is what you can expect for each Wednesday of October. Permission slips with more information will be handed out in September. All these events are **FREE!**

Activities:

Corn Maze, Pumpkin Carving, Fall Service Project, and a Fall Painting Class

See October Parent Letter for exact dates for these activities.



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to school! Smart Cookies Preschool reopened on Tuesday, September 7th for in person instruction! We are so excited to have 15 students enrolled in our program for the 2021-2022 school year. We are expecting to have a fun and exciting year. We have been learning also about respect, friendship, sharing, and more. Over the next few weeks, we will start to learn our letters and numbers, more exciting Bible stories, all about autumn, apples, pumpkins, and fire safety.

We will begin some special events as well. On September 20th, we begin Soccer Shots with Coach Tom. Our soccer time will be every Monday afternoon. On Friday mornings, Liz Thorpe teaches music to the class. On Wednesday afternoons, Linda Remson has a library time with the class. I am so thankful for all of these activities and the time that the teachers and coach are putting into their lessons.

We could use more volunteers, so if you can help us, please see Carol Wingert in the church office.

October Events

4th-8th Fire Safety Week

17th- Mrs. Amy's Birthday

20th- No School

23rd- National Pumpkin Day

29th- Halloween Party





Fellowship and Recreation Commission along with the Believers Sunday School class have a bus trip planned to the Bible Museum in Washington DC on October 22, 2021 departing the church at 8 AM. The cost is \$50 per person (Bus and Bible Museum tickets).

All meals will be on your own, there is café at the Museum for lunch/snacks and will stop for dinner on the way back to the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and BLC for the trip. Make checks payable to the church.

We will follow CDC guidelines at that time.



Brick Wall Addition/Updates

The Properties Commission, along with the Church Board, have approved the updating/adding of bricks to our brick wall in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Bricks are on sale now and can be purchased for \$100.00 per engraved brick. An order form is included with this newsletter (see last page).

The brick can be imprinted with three lines of up to 15 characters each (including spaces). Please print clearly (with capital letters) the name or message you would like on your brick. The order form shows an area for brick color and font styles. That does not apply. The bricks will be printed to match the current brick wall.

Make check payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren and attach to order form. Payment must be accompanied by the order form.



Thank you for the cards and notes of support after the passing of our father and grandfather, George Proulx. A special note of thanks to Pastor Joel for visiting dad several times during his stay at the hospital.

---Jeff, Andrea, Madie and Courtney Proulx

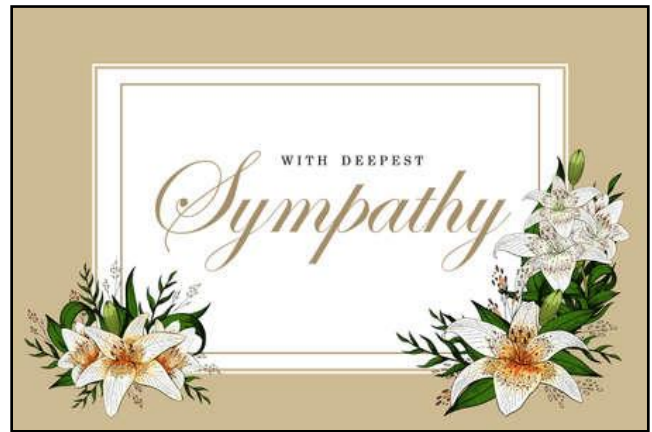
Thank You Church Family & Friends for the prayers, visits, calls, texts, and food deliveries while we were sick and hospitalized. A special thanks to Pastor Joel for all the phone calls of encouragement. This was definitely a faith building experience.

---Bob and Laura Shank

To my friends at Chambersburg COB: How can I ever thank you all for the prayers, calls, food, and cards received during and after surgery for breast cancer? Your prayers sustained and calmed any anxious moments that I had. Thanks to Pastor Joel for the anointing service prior to surgery. Dr. Plazak reported to Harold she feels the cancer was all removed.

Presently, the plan is for radiation to begin in about a month.

**---In Christian love,
LaVerne Yeager**



Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Kathleen Hull Mitchell following her death on Saturday, September 4, 2021. She was the wife of Rev. Floyd H. Mitchell who was our pastor from 1971 through 1982.



Deadline for November Pastor's Pen is Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Please submit all information to the church office.

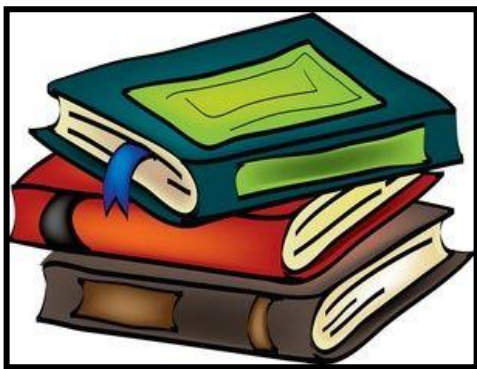


Camp Eder Volunteers Needed

Our congregation has made a donation to help Camp Eder refurbish The Tree of Peace Lodge. Part of this is re-staining the building. On October 2nd @ 8:30 am (rain date of Oct. 9th) we are looking to line up 8 to 10 people to help to do just that.

The Camp would like three of these volunteers to be carpenters to help with replacing some rotted wood.

Please see sign-up sheet in the Brethren Life Center.



New Arrivals in the Library for October

Fiction

Red Mountain by Boo Walker

Red Mountain Rising by Boo Walker

Red Mountain Burning by Boo Walker



The Helping Hands Circle met on Tuesday, September 21st and **regrets to inform** the church that **no** Christmas candy will be made again this year due to COVID concerns.

We hope to be able to return to candy making in 2022; so save your orders until then!

Thank you for your past support of our candy sales!



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

WHEN: Wednesday, November 3rd
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.



Mark Your Calendars for Camp Eder's Annual Fall Fest!

October 16th, 2021

10:00am – 3:00pm

914 Mt Hope Rd, Fairfield, PA 17320

<https://www.campeder.org/fall-festival>

Fall Festival is a celebration designed for the whole family. Fun and fundraising for Camp Eder's programs include a benefit auction, food, local craft vendors, and children's games. Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with eat in or take out available. Sandwiches, soup, and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat.

THINGS TO DO:

Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal.

\$12 adults, \$8 kids (12 + under) under 4 free

- Live Auction
- Live Music
- Apple Butter Making
- Craft Vendors
- Eder's French Fries & Delicious Sandwiches
- Kid's Games and prize
- CANDY TREASURE HUNT
- Food Court & Bake Sale
- Live Demos all day:



HELP NEEDED

**Camp Eder needs the following items:
Please see sign-up sheet in the BLC Lobby**

- 10 Baked Pies
- Bake Sale Items
- Money Donations to help with Food Expenses.

Camp Eder Required Maintenance Capital Campaign

Camp Eder has undergone many improvements over the past two years. God has proven himself faithful in supplying building and monetary donations and qualified volunteers. Completed projects include new metal roofs on Geigley, Tree of Peace, Heckman Pavilion, Mack Cabins, Zeigler Cabins, sewer plant, and a bath house. A three-bay garage located below the maintenance shed was also built with donations and volunteer labor. However, there are some costly repairs and improvements still needed due to either roof leaks or replacements to failing equipment.

Below, Camp Eder's needs are listed in order of priority:

❖ **Tree of Peace Lodge central air conditioning units: \$11,000.00 installed**

As of now, there are ten aged window units that are currently failing. Replacing them would improve efficiency and cut electricity costs.

❖ **Schwarzenau Lodge roof: \$6,500.00 in material**

A metal roof would replace the currently leaking shingle roof. The shingles are roughly twenty years old.

❖ **Maintenance Building roof: \$5,500.00**

The maintenance building houses a lot of expensive woodworking equipment, replacement parts, and other sensitive equipment. There are several leaks in the roof that over time will damage thousands of dollars worth of equipment, as well as cause structural damage.

❖ **Pool House roof: \$7,000.00**

The roof is soft and leaks. This is a heavily used building during camp, as both swimmers and residents of Mack Cabins and even wagon units use this bath house for restrooms, showering, and changing. The laundry room for summer staff is also located here, as well as expensive water heaters, furnaces, pool pump, and pool supplies.

❖ **Water Treatment Plant roof: \$3,000.00**

The roof has a few leaks and is beginning to grow black mold.

❖ **Zeigler Cabins Bath House roof: \$3,000.00**

This bath house is used for Hammock Hut, climbing wall, and is a good central bathroom. Recently, this bath house was replumbed and repainted. The roof is soft and leaking.

❖ **Geigley Lodge new heating and cooling system: \$24,000.00**

Installing a new heating/cooling system will cut down on humidity, preserve the integrity of dry goods in the kitchen and improve the noise level by replacing the current heating boxes. It will not affect the beautiful exposed wooden beams nor cathedral ceilings.

Note: If central air conditioning is installed in Tree of Peace Lodge, the working window units would be transferred to the Geigley dormitories.

Would you be able to help us achieve our goals? All funding will be applied to specific project.

Projects will begin in order of completed funding.

Camp Eder 914 Mt Hope Rd Fairfield, PA 17320

Personalized Brick Order Form

Color/Type Style/Message Selection:

The brick can be imprinted with three lines of up to 15 characters each (including spaces). Please print (with capital letters) the name or message you would like on your special Glen-Gery brick in the boxes below. Glen-Gery reserves the right to choose type size and arrange words to maintain balance and improve legibility.

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Color Selection Design # _____

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Custom Design Order:

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Send a clear black and white copy of camera-ready artwork. An estimate will be provided to you, if alterations to artwork are needed.

Have You Remembered To:

1. Specify colors?
2. Legibly print your brick order?

Thank You for Your Order!



Glen-Gery Brick

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