

# November 2021

## *The Pastor's Pen...*



### ***Give thanks with a grateful heart...***

I guess it all started on Sunday morning. I began my prayer time thanking God that I was alive another day and thanking Him for all the things that He gave me the day before.

When I arrived at church I was initially greeted by Harold and LaVerne, Judy, and Linda. I thought to myself, "I love our church family." And again I was thankful.

I was thankful for a good church attendance; I was thankful for the sermon the Lord gave me and for the presence of the Holy Spirit as I stood before the body.

Later that afternoon, Kathie and I left for my spiritual retreat and the vibrant autumn colors of our road south caught my eye. The traffic was even and our trip uneventful. Our car was dependable.

We had a good night's rest and Kathie and I awoke in time to drive to the shoreline to watch the sun rise over the roar of the Atlantic. While our two dogs played in the sand I couldn't help being humbled that, after 39 years of diabetes, I still have good eyesight to take it all in.

And that's when it occurred to me, I'm basically a thankful person at heart. Sure I have my moments. But 80% of my prayer life is an expression of praise and thanksgiving.

President Lincoln reportedly said most of us are as happy as we make up our minds to be. There is a degree of truth in his words. I find if I discipline myself to keep a thankful heart, my day goes better and my outlook is where God wants it to be.

The Apostle Paul encouraged us to give thanks in all circumstances. He didn't tell us to give thanks *because* of all circumstances. We can learn something from every circumstance and we can grow because of it, but not every circumstance is, by definition, a source for thanksgiving.

Still, if we can keep a thankful perspective, we can begin to see the brighter side of life. More important, we can *be* that brighter side for someone else.

There is a Facebook meme that suggests when Halloween is past, Christians should make a strident effort to let November be a whole month of thanksgiving. December and all it offers will be here soon enough. How would our lives be transformed if we heeded that counsel?

Thank you for reading this. Thank you for being a huge part of my life and patiently giving me the opportunity to be your shepherd and servant. And thank you, God, for making it all possible. There... I've said it again.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## ***Joel***

**There was a mistake in Joel's October Pastor's Pen article.** With regard to the location of the Nogles' new home, it should read, "proceed until you come to the traffic light at the Caledonia/Totem Pole intersection and turn LEFT onto Route 233 North."

### *Sermons*



***Thy Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.***

- Sunday, October 31:** *Dead Men Tell No Tales*  
**Sunday, November 7:** Pastor Liz Thorpe preaching  
**Sunday, November 14:** *Doing Business with God*  
Luke 16:1-13  
**Sunday, November 21:** *Taxes, Tolls, and Tithes*  
Malachi 3:8-12  
**Sunday, November 28:** **Advent 2021** *Heart & Soul*  
Ezekiel 36:26-27

**Theme:** *In the Bleak Mid-Winter Jesus Comes*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – Ezekiel 36:26-27 *Heart & Soul*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** – Luke 1:26-38 *Doing Right in Fear-filled Times*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – Philippians 2:5-11 *Who is this Jesus?*  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Matthew 2:1-12 *What Can I Bring?*

**Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.**  
Luke 2:1-7 *A King-Sized Manger*



**The 2021 Congregational Council Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 11 am in the Sanctuary following the combined worship service at 10 am. Please bring a pen or pencil to mark your ballots as they will not be distributed at the meeting. Packets for the meeting will be distributed in church boxes by November 7th.

Given the unusual circumstances associated with COVID, church members who do not feel comfortable attending the meeting in person will be given the opportunity to vote for new Board members, confirm annual conference and district conference delegates and vote on the 2022 budget by absentee ballot. On Thursday, November 18, Carol Wingert and a Board member will be at the church from 5-7 pm to distribute and collect ballots. To vote, you will drive into the parking lot behind the church and remain in your car. You will be handed two ballots per member. After marking the ballots, you will place them into separate, closed boxes, which will not be opened until Sunday morning when the other ballots are counted.

Please note that allowing voting by absentee ballot again this year does not establish a precedent for absentee ballots at future council meetings. We are simply responding to limitations presented in relation to COVID concerns and in the spirit of including members who cannot risk exposure.



## **Connect Groups: C-Groups Craft Corner Schedule**

**November 8, 6:00 p.m.: Holiday Gourds** – Select a gourd from the bin under the C-Group table in the BLC Lobby. Take it home and clean it up. Bring it back on November 8 and create a beautiful angel, snowman, or Santa. Class is led by Phyllis Kegerreis. Cost is \$5.00 to cover paint supplies. Sign-up sheet is in the BLC lobby.

**November 15, 10:00 am. Or 6:00 p.m.: Watercolor Painting** – Ann Deardorff will be leading another class on watercolor painting. Create beautiful watercolor works of art. No previous painting skills required. Ann will provide all instruction necessary. There will be a small cost for the supplies for this class. Please sign-up in the BLC Lobby.

**November 29, 2:00 p.m. - Knots and Thoughts** – Come join us for a time of learning to crochet and sharing our thoughts. If you already know how to crochet or knit, please join us! We will begin with learning the basic crochet stitches and make a coaster or two. We will then begin working on a sampler afghan. Supplies will be provided for the instruction and coasters. Class is led by Liz Thorpe. Sign-up today in the BLC Lobby.



## Stewardship Snapshot

The next several weeks will have an emphasis on Stewardship. The Church Board asked the Stewardship Commission to provide an update on our general giving compared to the expenses. We will be providing detailed figures through several methods of communication.

Stewardship first would like to highlight that 2018 was the last year the Church's revenues exceeded the expenses. Our Business Manager will be providing a one-page report that summarizes the financial picture of our Church over the past few years. The trend shows that revenue will need to increase and the expenses need to be reduced in order to be sustainable.

The Stewardship Commission has met with the Board twice over the past few months and is recommending that the congregation receive these highlights and be made aware. The Stewardship Commission has recommended the Board consider reducing each Commission budget for 2022 by up to ten percent. Again, more communication and a financial highlight page will be provided soon.

Yours in His Service,

Gene Hawbaker, Chairman



## 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.





## CCOB Youth Ministry

- **Youth Group: Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm till 8:00pm.**

We will not have Youth Group on November 24<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

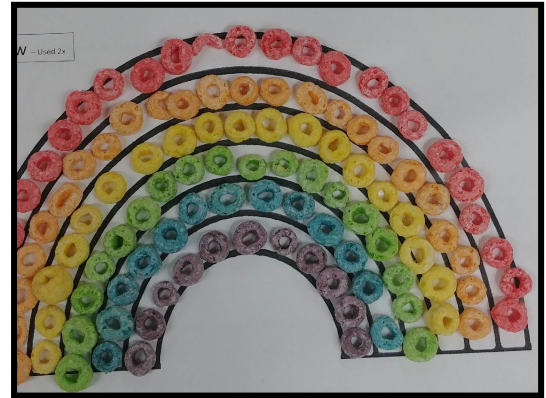
This month we will dive into a series called “*At the Table.*” When we think of our kitchen tables or even our lunchroom tables at school, it is a place of meeting. What do you do at your table? Yes, we eat, but I’m sure there is more to “the table” than just food. It is a place where we can get to know each other, a place to talk about how we are feeling, and enjoy friendship. Jesus meets us at “our table.” No matter what that table looks like, or what we look like, or who decides to show up... Jesus wants us to come.

### **Attention All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to hold your spot.  
Late deposits will NOT be accepted.**





## SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

October has been a very active and busy month. We are learning about autumn, apples, pumpkins, scarecrows, fire safety, and lots of other exciting things. Our students will learn about how pumpkins grow and complete a pumpkin investigation. They have learned how to dial 911 in case of a fire, the importance of firefighters and what they do, and learned "Stop, Drop, and Roll". We even had a fire drill. We also have been learning rhyming, colors, and different math skills.

We will be finishing up our program called Soccer Shots at the end of October. The class has been learning soccer skills like control, toe touches, pull backs, etc. and about determination, teamwork, etc. This is a great program that we all enjoy.

On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our harvest festival. The students are looking forward to trick or treating around the church.

### November Special Dates

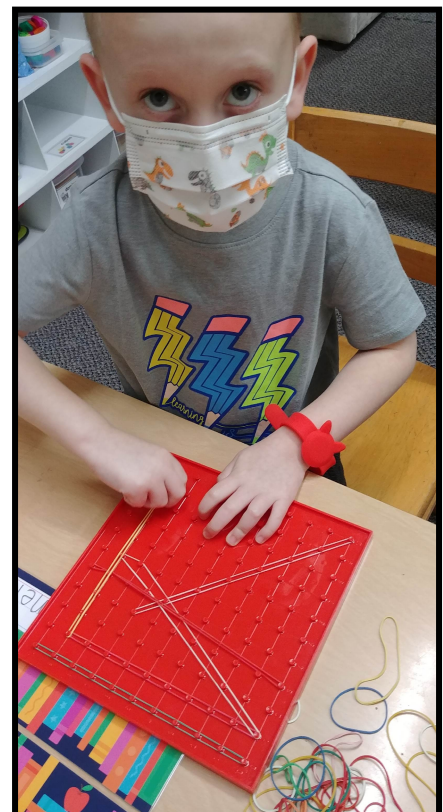
11<sup>th</sup>- No School-Veteran's Day

16<sup>th</sup>- Smart Cookies Preschool Sharing Meal

24<sup>th</sup>- 12:30 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving

25<sup>th</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup> - No School- Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Preschool Reopens





*The Black and Blush Boutique fundraiser held September 10, 2021 for our Smart Cookies Preschool amounted to \$200.00 in proceeds.*

*Thank you all for shopping that day and helping the Smart Cookies Preschool.*

**--Smart Cookies Preschool Committee**



**To the CCOB Congregation:**

*Thank you so much for all of your support during my journey though obtaining Ordination. To the left is the beautiful necklace that the church gave me for this special occasion. As I wear it, I will always remember this great day.*

**--Love, Jamie Rhodes**



**Our Sympathy to:**

*Gary L. Russell and Family following the death of his wife, Donna M. Russell on Saturday, October 16, 2021.*

*Cinda Emerick, Edie, Gary and Zachary Mills and Family following the death of their son, brother, and uncle Carl D. Emerick on Thursday, October 7, 2021.*



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS**

Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night or you will be an hour early for church in the morning!



Pickleball will begin again in the Brethren Life Center starting Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30-8:00 pm for our church family and friends. Beginners Welcome!



### New Arrivals in the Library for November

#### Fiction

*Window on the Bay* by Debbie Macomber

#### Non-Fiction

*The Exiles* by Christina Kline

*No Surrender* by Chris Edmonds



YOUR invited to play table games. We meet in the Brethren Haus each Wednesday from 1 PM to 4 PM. There are a variety of games, but if you have a favorite you want to play bring it along.

Come every week or just now and then, I'm sure we'll enjoy your company.

Any Questions contact Lora Bucher at (717) 830-7992.



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

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 1st 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.*



**Deadline for December Pastor's Pen** is Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Please submit all information to the church office.





Since 2015, our church family and friends have created and donated more than 275 items to World Vision/Knit for Kids. We have made sweaters, hats, mittens and blankets. Knit for Kids sends these items all over the world as well to the United States when there is need. They are now accepting fleece blankets as well. Fleece blankets should be 36 X 42 inches in size.

Thanks for your help. Any questions, contact Linda Gorman at [ruhlady@comcast.net](mailto:ruhlady@comcast.net) or 717-375-6160.



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### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will be placed for Sunday Worship on December 19, 2021.  
Orders **MUST** be returned by Sunday, November 14, 2021.

Please place your order in the boxes provided in the Narthex and the BLC Lobby.  
**Payment in full is expected when you place your order.**

The price is: **White Poinsettia with Blue Foil** – 6-inch pot with 5 to 7 blooms - \$9.00

Number of 6-inch pots \_\_\_\_\_ Total (cash) \_\_\_\_\_ (check) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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*Jen H., earns for hockey*

If you would like to join or have questions about Smart Cookies Fundraising, contact Marsha Smith at [marshajeansmith@hotmail.com](mailto:marshajeansmith@hotmail.com)

or 717-660-1739

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The banner features the AmazonSmile logo on the left and the text "Already an AmazonSmile customer? Sign in" on the right. The main headline reads "Be part of something bigger \$262 million donated to US charities". Below this, it says "Supporting your charity is easy" and shows a search bar with "smile.amazon.com" entered. Three columns of text describe the benefits: choosing a charity from over one million options, shopping at smile.amazon.com for the same products and prices as Amazon, and AmazonSmile donating 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the chosen charity. At the bottom, it states "Charity Name is Chambersburg Church of the Brethren".

## Camp Eder Senior Day



The flyer is titled "November Senior Day" in red script, followed by "Wednesday November 10th" in bold black text. A note says "New Date!". The schedule includes: 9:30 am Gathering/ Morning Program with Thanksgiving Crafts and Party Favors, followed by Thanksgiving Themed Games and Activities; 12:00 pm Lunch with Turkey/Pulled Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, and Apple Crisp; and 1:00 pm Afternoon Program with Christmas Crafts and Party Favors, followed by Christmas Themed Games and Activities. A red box contains the cost of \$18 per person and RSVP information: call 717-642-8256 or email mkovacs@campeder.org. The Camp Eder logo is in the bottom right corner. The footer provides the address: Camp Eder ~ 914 Mount Hope Road ~ Fairfield, PA 17320 ~ 717-642-8256 ~ www.campeder.org.

# 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.

### Type Styles:

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### Name Brick Order

**Color Selection**      **Type Style** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dealer Name/Address:

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### Stock Graphic Brick Order:

**Color Selection**      **Design #** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Stock Graphic Brick Order:

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### Custom Design Order:

**Color Selection**

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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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