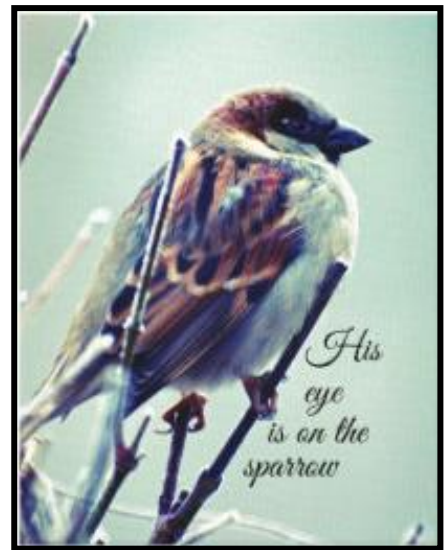


January/February 2022

The Pastor's Pen...



Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. Matthew 8:24

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in You. Isaiah 26:3

As I write this, the National Weather Service has posted a winter storm watch for our area Sunday afternoon through Monday morning. Depending on which prognosticator you watch or listen to and the temperature, track, and timing of the storm itself, we are forecasted to receive 3-5", 5-8", 8-12" or as one forecast safely reported, a "significant amount" of the white powder.

Wherever I go, the impending storm seems to be on everyone's mind. I have no doubt that stores will be inundated this weekend with sales of milk, bread, shovels, sidewalk salt and, oh yes, toilet-paper. There's no such thing as too much preparedness!

At our cabin, winter storms are a little more problematic than the norm. Our driveway is uphill from the main road to the house. It is laid with stone, making it difficult to plow or shovel. If we receive too significant of a snowfall, we could be stranded for a couple of days. But honestly, if that is the worst that can happen, Kathie and I are blessed.

I think of the road crews, electrical repairmen, the essential healthcare providers who have to brave the elements and work through the storms. I think of the tireless hours they put in and I always feel a burden to pray for their safety as they faithfully strive to keep us safe.

But if you're not one of the above and you don't have to be on the roads, there could be worse things than snowfall. Even so, Scripture tells us the LORD has our backs and we can rest assured whenever we trust in Him.

Even the motorists who were stranded on the I-95 corridor the other week were not out of his watchful eye. The hymnwriter reminds us that, *his eye is on the sparrow and I know He's watching me.*

That's why Jesus didn't lose any sleep when a furious squall on the sea of Galilee threatened to sink the boat in which he was a passenger. The frantic disciples aroused Him from slumber: "Lord, don't you even care that we're perishing!" Of course He cares. I Peter 5:7 says so. But He also has control over the outcome of the storm.

It would be good if we could keep in mind that the Word says,

“When you pass through the waters they will not overwhelm you; and when you walk through the fire you will not be scorched, for I am the LORD.” Isaiah 43:2-3a

Whether it’s a January Nor’easter or a storm of life, God will neither leave nor forsake us. Even in the threat and the inconvenience there are moments of beauty and growth through which we can find our peace and assurance.

Happy shoveling!

Joel



Pennsylvania House of Representatives Declared December as Salvation Army Red Kettle Month

Last month the Salvation Army celebrated Salvation Army Red Kettle Month, as declared by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This holiday season, the faith-based nonprofit organization found itself in dire need of volunteers to staff Red Kettles and ring bells to help raise money for individuals and families who need holiday assistance, food, shelter, utility assistance, case management and more.

The Salvation Army ranks #2 on the Chronicle of Philanthropy's 2021 America's Favorite Charities list. This year's message, "Hope March's On" was meant to build awareness for those who continue to be impacted from pandemic poverty - whether they are homeless, on the verge of eviction or are hungry. As the needs continue to increase there was a greater need for volunteers. Without the help from the community, the Salvation Army may not have reached that little child who was on the verge of not having a Christmas this year.

Again this year our congregation (as part of multiple ways we supported the Salvation Army's mission) covered a day of ringing the bell for the Red Kettle Project at the Butcher Shoppe on December 4th for 10 hours. Ten people donated an hour each of their Friday to raise \$793.06 by the end of the day. In total the Salvation Army of Chambersburg raised \$143,149.73 throughout the entire Red Kettle Project this year. Even though this is their single most contributor to their annual budget, it reflects just a small fraction of the money they need to operate each year, according to Captain Chris Mauk.

Thanks to all those that volunteered again this year.



Note:

Due to the winter season, Please be advised that if Chambersburg Area School District BUILDING is closed or is dismissed early due to weather conditions, YOUTH GROUP will NOT be in session.



- **Youth Group!** We will continue each Wednesday of the month; February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.
- **Service Project Night!** On February 9th, we will be delivering our Valentines Gifts that we made last month. If COVID issues arises, these plans will be adjusted.
- **Ice Cream Run!** On February 23rd, we will be heading to the Meadows here in Chambersburg to enjoy some of their delicious ice Cream.

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 the church office and assistance for this event can be discussed.

ALL non-refundable deposits are due by January 26th, 2022 to hold your spot.



DAYSTAR Concert - Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Daystar, a local male gospel group that has recorded approximately ten CDs of gospel favorites, will be in concert on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren sanctuary. The group consists of three vocalists (Eugene Diller, Michael Knight, and Roger Martin) from Franklin County. Please invite your family and friends for a night of inspiration through song. A free will offering will be taken. To learn more about Daystar and to hear some of their selections go to <https://daystarvocal.com/home>.



Save the Date - Thursday, May 19, 2022

The Fellowship and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound theater for "David" in Strasburg, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The trip will include transportation, tickets, and a stop for dinner. The play will be the 11:00 am matinee performance. More information, including costs, will be provided later. For information concerning the theater and the play "David" go to <https://lancasterpa.com/attractions/sight-and-sound-theatre/>.



INDOOR YARD SALE March 17, 18, 19, 2022

Smart Cookies Preschool will sponsor one of our favorite events, and you can all play an important role in Smart Cookies ongoing funding.

After being canceled last year because of Coronavirus safeguards, the famous Indoor Yard Sale fundraiser is back!

Donations cannot come to the Church building until Monday, March 14th.

We will have volunteers at the church from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM on Monday through Wednesday (March 14-16) to help carry in any donations. If you have heavy or bulky items and need help getting them to the church, we will have a crew with an enclosed trailer to help. It will be available by appointment only.

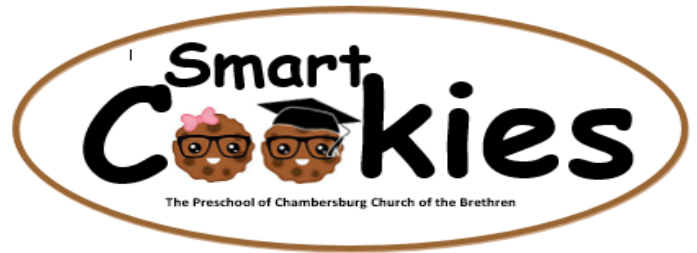
Thursday March 17th 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Friday March 18th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday March 19th 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

We are asking for donations of anything **still useable** that you are willing to donate. Clothes, books, CDs & DVDs, furniture, appliances, kitchen items, dishes and cookware, musical instruments, electronics (still working well), cameras (digital and film), toys, collectables, etc.

Volunteers are needed for many jobs. Food donations are also needed. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby and Narthex soon.



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

Happy Winter! December has been a very busy month for our Preschool. We have been continuing to learn our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We also have started to learn about syllables, writing our names, and learning how to be healthy. In December, we learned about the Birth of Jesus. For January and February, we will be looking at the lives of Joshua, Gideon, David, and Daniel.

On December 13th, we had our Christmas Program. It was so nice to be able to do this in person. The children acted out the Nativity Story, while Marsha Smith narrated the story. The children enjoyed singing Christmas Carols, visiting with Santa Claus, and working at various craft stations.

On December 20th we had our Christmas Party and gift exchange. After a very busy week before Christmas, we all enjoyed our break.

For January, we will start a martial arts class. The month of February we will be busy celebrating Dental Hygiene Month, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, and Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Amy

January Events

12th- Martial Arts Classes Begin
17th - No School-MLK Jr. Day

February Events

2nd- Groundhog Day
14th- Valentine's Day Party
18th- 21st- No School: President's Day
23rd- 100th Day of School Celebration (tentative)
28th-March 4th- Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Week



On behalf of the Deardorff Family we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the church family for their concerns, prayers and cards after the passing of Glenn Deardorff Sr. We also wish to thank the Deacons for preparation and serving of the meal following the service.

A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Joel and Liz. They were a true blessing with their visits to Glenn in his final days, as well as service to the family during this pivotal time.

*Our church family is a true blessing.
--The Glenn Deardorff Jr. Family*

I just want to thank everyone who came to my Appreciation/Thank You Reception this past December. I felt very loved by all your kind words, cards, and gifts. God has blessed me and my family with such great people in Chambersburg that I call family. I am thankful for all the years of serving at the CCOB and all the memories that will last a lifetime.

*Thank you for everything.
--Jamie Rhodes*

I want to thank Pastor Joel for his visit and the congregation for the many cards and phone calls after the passing of my son Fred, Jr. who was 59. Fred passed out at home on a Sunday morning. His wife called 911. He was taken to Chambersburg Hospital and tested positive for COVID. They flew him to York Hospital where tests were taken. He had a massive stroke and died at the York Hospital on November 15th. He hadn't been sick, so this was a shock!

Fred attended this church from birth until his teenage years. Later he met his future wife, Bobbie Bittinger from New Franklin and became an active member of her church, Bethel Assembly of God on Miller Street.

He worked at the Chambersburg Automatic Transmission Garage on Lincoln Way West and became owner of the garage for 27 years. His hobby was buying 15 rentals and fixing them. He also substituted at Vo-Tech for the Auto Mechanics class.

Fred had an efficiency apartment at Ocean City, Maryland for his family and friends. Fred and Bobbie have two daughters, Holly (nurse) and Andrew Friese; April (hairdresser) and Brandon Kauffman. Each daughter has two children.

Fred could fix anything. We will miss him.

--Jean Gindlesperger



New Arrivals in the Library

Our Sympathy to:

Mindy, Vernon, Garrett, Lydia, and Ivy Bayer and Family; Devin and Faith Brandt and Family following the death of their mother and grandmother, Linda R. Brandt on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Tim and Jane Monn and Family following the death of Tim's brother, Stephen L. Monn on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Janet Eshleman and Family following the death of her husband, Nathan 'Nate' S. Eshleman on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Douglas and Alisa Heinbaugh and Family following the death of Douglas' brother, Sterling David Heinbaugh, Jr., on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Hope and Sidney Parson and Family following the death of Hope's mother, Joyce K. (Knoll) Mackey on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

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Fiction

Reason to Breathe
Chasing Dreams
Finding Wings } by Deborah Raney

One More River to Cross by Jane Kirkpatrick

February 2022

Fiction

A Rush of Wings
The Still of Night
The Breath of Dawn } by Kristen Heitzmann



Newsletter

Deadline for March Pastor's Pen
is Sunday, February 20, 2022.

Please submit all information to
the church office.

Meat Canning Project



4 Days
April 18-21

Processed at:
Christian Aid Ministries
Ephrata, PA

Sponsored by:
Southern PA &
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

- Help with canning and labeling, there are 2 shifts each day, 7:15 a.m. to noon and 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Note: change in shift times.**
- Sign-up early to secure your preferred day and time.
- Volunteers are also needed to provide meals or finances to help cover the cost of meals.
- See Meat Canning brochure or District website for more details.
- Contact your District Office to **VOLUNTEER!**



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

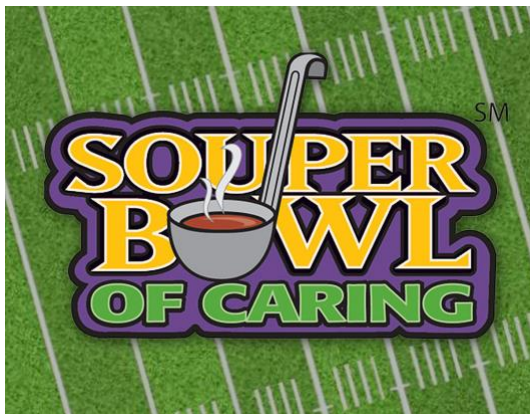
WHEN: Wednesday, February 2nd
Wednesday, February 2nd between
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

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.



“Soup”er Bowl

Missions and Service Commission will be sponsoring “Soup”er Bowl of Caring. “Soup”er Bowl Sunday is February 6th and February 13th.

Root for your favorite football team by placing your canned food items on your team’s table in the BLC Lobby. Items collected will benefit SCCAP Food Bank.

Watch the Brethren Life Center lobby area for tables to place your canned items on. All items will be delivered after February 13th.



Men's Spiritual Leadership Summit

Unity and What it Means for the Church

Guest Speaker: David Sollenberger

2022 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Registration
8:10 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. – Welcome & Session 1
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Break
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Session 2

LOCATION:

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

301 Gale St. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

\$16.00 Registration Fee

(Send check payable to SOPA District COB & mail to 3375 Carlisle Rd Suite A, Gardners, PA 17324)

*Ordained Ministers desiring .30 CEU credit should also indicate by placing a checkmark
in the appropriate box on the registration form.*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

SPONSORED BY:

The Nurture Commission

Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

**Brochures with Registration forms for this event are in the
Brethren Life Center Lobby and the Narthex.**