



March 2022

The Pastor's Pen...

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. Acts 2:1-2 CSB

I didn't sleep well last night. I fell asleep without a problem. Staying asleep was the challenge. Finally, at 3:00 a.m., I got out of bed and sat at our dining room table, listening to the wind roar over our mountain retreat.

At daybreak, when I went outside with our dogs, our lawn was littered with fallen branches. The lighted tree on our deck was resting at a 45° angle. The dogs paced warily because of the continuing sound of the gale. No doubt about it, the force of the storm was one to be reckoned with.

Wind can be disruptive and destructive. I swerved several times on my drive to church in order to avoid downed trees. It is powerful enough to turn 120-foot turbines in order to generate kilowatts that will illuminate a city. It can alter a familiar landscape in a matter of seconds and drop the temperature by 20° in a matter of minutes. Yet it also is an agent of cleansing by which *seasons of refreshing will come.* Acts 3:19

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples experienced the sudden onslaught of a *violent rushing wind from heaven that filled the whole house.* It came unexpectedly. It came as a gust, strong and forceful like the blowing of breath on a birthday cake. It filled the room to capacity, literally like the surge of flood waters. This was their introduction to the power and presence of the Almighty.

The Greek words *pneuma* and *pneo* are used to describe both wind and the breath (spirit) of God. Not a gentle breeze that delights on a warm spring day, but more like the gust in the down draft of a violent summer storm, *pneuma* can alter and disrupt the landscape of our lives while offering seasons of refreshing in times when it is desperately needed.

How powerful is this gale of God? Author Annie Dillard wrote,

“We should put on crash helmets in church. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews...for the awakening God may draw us to where we can never return.”

A windblown encounter with the Holy of Holies can rend our world topsy-turvy with reckless abandonment and we will never quite be the same. That's why the proverb says, *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*. But you know, I welcome it.

Most of you know I am retiring in September and the landscape of 2022 is going to significantly change for Kathie and me by then. Far from quitting the ministry, we prefer to think that we are being "windblown" into a season that will have both its rewards and challenges. And I wish no less for each of you.

***Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think – to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever!
Let it be! Eph 3:20-21 ESV***

Joel



Our Youth Room in the lower level of the Brethren Haus has been recently renovated with new flooring, furniture and lighting.

A huge thank you goes to:

- Terry and Tangela Gibbons
- Bob Witter
- Ray Burkholder
- Travis Rhodes

+Our Youth Room was consecrated by the students on Wednesday, February 23.



YOUTH GROUP CONTINUES

Even though we are between directors, our Youth Group continues to meet and have activities every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- 2/23 Ice cream at the Meadows Frozen Custard
- 3/2 Group meeting, Bible study and games
- 3/9 Making Easter crafts for Village Square
- 3/16 **No Youth Group Tonight**
- 3/23 Movie and discussion
- 3/30 Topic: New Beginnings

April

- 4/6 **Black-Coffey Caverns!** The Youth will be taking a trip to Black-Coffey Caverns in Williamson, PA. on April 6th. We will explore this 3,000-foot cave together! We will leave the church that night at 5:45 p.m. and return at approximately 8:15 p.m. Permission slips for the event will be mailed soon!

Thank you to a great team of leaders who have a passion for the Lord and our students and whose help is invaluable.

Music and Worship: Cody Toms & Nicholas Wingert
Secretary and Leader: Amy McNeil
Bible Study and Small Groups: Terry & Tangela Gibbons
Recreation: Megan Preso
Snack Coordinator: Stacy Gray
Youth Leaders: Sam Wingert & Joel Nogle

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.**



DayStar *Vocal*

www.DayStarVocal.com

Saturday, March 26, 2022
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
260 South Fourth Street Chambersburg, PA

Please invite your family and friends for a night of inspiration through song.
A free will offering will be taken.

Robin Hockenberry will be playing preservice music so if you have a favorite hymn you'd like to hear, please contact her at 717-860-4621.

She will gladly bring that to the keys!



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 and rescheduled this 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

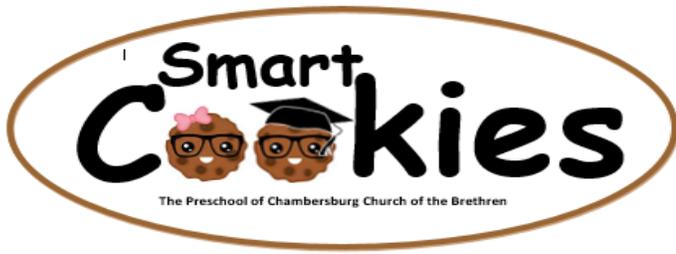
Friday March 18th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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

March 2022



February has been a very exciting month at Smart Cookies. We are learning about winter animals, groundhogs, Valentine's Day, Dental Health, letters, the numbers 6&7, many Old testament stories, and about our community.

On February 14th, we had our Valentine's Day party and had some fun activities. On February 9th, we finished up our martial arts class and the children got to play in a bounce house. On February 23rd, we celebrated our 100th day of school.

For the month of March, we have fun activities planned, such as our Dr. Seuss celebration, our St. Patrick's Day activities, the beginning of Spring, and much more. We will also be starting our Spring Season of Soccer Shots.

- On March 1st, we will begin to accept early registrations for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Our early registrations are open to current preschool families and members of the congregation. We open registration to the public on April 1st. Please pray that we have many families register their children for our preschool program.

Upcoming March Events

March 1st-4th - Dr. Seuss Activities and Celebration

March 17th- Wear green for St. Patrick's Day

March 18th- No School- Spring Break

March 20th- First Day of Spring

Sincerely,
Mrs. Amy





Pastor Joel and the people of CCOB, Thank you for your special end of year gift toward my role in the CIA ministry. It's a privilege to receive. Being in the church this fall and giving students a chance to get plugged into the church and hear the word has been great. Keep praying for CAMS South to grow so that we can reach more students in your community.

**---Your partner in ministry,
Kaleb Jentsch
CIA – Joy El Ministries**

I want to thank Pastor Joel for his prayers, visits and phone calls during my health issues the last several months.

A special thank you to Cindy Emerick, who checked on me almost every day to make sure I was okay. I also want to thank all of the people who prayed for; called me, and sent cards during this time. It is wonderful to know that I have such caring and wonderful church friends.

I have regained most of my strength now, but I'm still under the doctor's care. God Bless all of you!

**In Christian Love,
---Janice Valentine**



Congratulations to:

Dorothy Blough who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 30, 2022.



Our Sympathy to:

Linda Remson and Family; Stacy Gray and Family following the death of their husband and father-in-law, Eldred W. "Skip" Remson, Jr. on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Janet Eshleman and Family following the death of her brother, David McCleary Rotz on Friday, January 21, 2022.



And the victor of The "Soup"er Bowl 2022 is....the Cincinnati Bengals! With nearly 500 food items donated the Bengals won over the Los Angeles Rams 321 to 160.

Thank you to all those that played along and donated making the SCCAP Food Bank the real winner!



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

WHEN: Wednesday, March 2nd
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.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

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

Please submit all information to the church office.



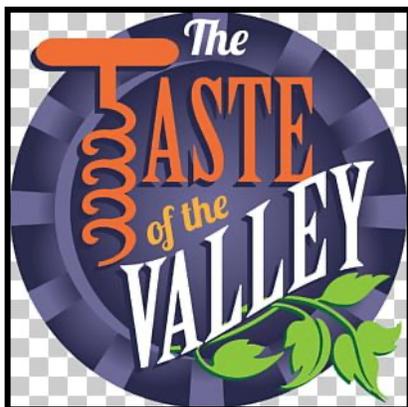
From the Church Library

On the Heart by Gregory Boyle

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Sidelined by Chuck Pagano

We Are the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter



Taste of the Valley will be on April 5, 2022 at LifePoint Church. Seating is being reduced so order tickets early!

Tickets are still \$25, and are available from Lora Bucher or Stacy Grey.



Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th, 2022.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour!

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!**

The Lehman Center Auxiliary
Presents

31st Annual Auction Benefiting Children's Aid Society The Lehman Center

Tuesday, April 26th 2022

Auction Preview & Food
12:00 p.m.

Live Auction
5:00 p.m.

Silent Auction including
Art Collectibles
Theme Baskets
Gift Certificates

Live Auction Featuring
Art Collectibles
Sports Items
New Merchandise



Location
New Fairview Church of the Brethren
1873 New Fairview Church Rd, York, PA 17403

Kitchen Will Be Open & Serving:
Homemade Soup
Bar-B-Que
Homemade Pies

For More Information

Call 717-845-5771
www.cassd.org



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 schedule of the day will be departing the church at 8:30 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m.; stop for meal (Bird-in-Hand), and return to church.

Cost for bus, tickets, meal buffet (Bird-in-Hand) is \$125 for Adults and \$90 for Children. Payment is due upon sign up and payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement. No refunds will be given. Reservation deadline is April 1st. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

For information concerning the theater and the play "David" go to <https://lancasterpa.com/attractions/sight-and-sound-theatre/>.



Become a Friend in 2022!

Money was tight in the early years of the Brethren Home and **the Women's Auxiliary** was created to provide activities and services for the residents. These included conducting religious services, canning goods for the kitchen and rolling bandages for the nurses.

Today, the Auxiliary is CO-ED and known as the **Friends of Cross Keys Village**. The mission of providing for our residents remains unchanged. In 2021, **the Friends' fundraising events and memberships raised \$25,000**, most of which was given to the Good Samaritan Fund for residents who have outlived their resources, and to the Brethren Home Education Assistance Program (BHEAP) to encourage additional education for our Team Members.

2021 was a challenging year, with most of our fundraising events altered or reduced in scope. Right now, we need our Friends more than ever before, and we are counting on your membership. Please start or renew your membership today, and keep the Friends' mission going strong.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Date: _____

Church of the Brethren Affiliation (if applicable) : _____

Please circle your choice: **\$10 Bronze Single** **\$20 Bronze Couple**

\$50 Silver Single **\$100 Silver Couple**

\$100 Gold Single **\$200 Gold Couple**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Fill out the form with your check made out to **Friends of CKV**, put it in the campus mailbox addressed to **Carol Replogle, Membership Chair, 516 Grace Terrace, New Oxford, PA 17350**

Questions can be addressed to **Carol Replogle: replogle2@icloud.com | 717-624-3830**

Online membership and credit card payment: www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends