

Our Mission
-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -

Worship
September 10, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. M. Thompson

Opening Scriptures
excerpts from Hosea 11:10 and Revelation 5:11-13

*Praise *The Lion And The Lamb*
I'll Fly Away

*Prayer

Anthem *New Born Again* arr. Ralph Long Chancel Choir

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Meditation III* M. Kim

*Presentation of Gifts

The Solid Rock (#511)

Pastoral Prayer

Teaching Scripture Matthew 24:36, 44
2 Peter 3:10

Sermon *Are You Ready?* Pastor Gretchen

*Sending *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* (#302)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Irish Carol* arr. G. Emlen

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
Organist Pamela Wert
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe

Today, September 10th

Childcare is available for infants thru age 4 in the Crib Room during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and the Sunday School hour following.

Individualized Sunday School classes resume TODAY. The Christian Education department encourages each classroom to take this time as a class to come back together and share about their summer and their plans for the future. This would be a great time to discuss teachers and learning materials as a class. This would also be a great time to invite new people into your class. There are so many parishioners that could benefit from our Sunday School classes. Each class will return to the classroom they last attended in the Spring. If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Honor of Ed and Denise Garnes, given by their 8 Grandchildren.

Don't Miss the Church Picnic.....TODAY at Hamilton Ruritan Picnic Grounds on Edenville/Cheestown Road (*note change of location this year*). We will eat at 4:30 p.m. Chicken will be provided. Each family is asked to bring one dish to share, place settings, and lawn chairs. Good food and good fellowship!

Special Offerings will be taken TODAY, and Sunday, September 17, 2023 to benefit the 46th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. Please use the special offering envelopes provided.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall (open to church members).

Food items are needed for District Conference on Sept 15th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex & the BLC Lobby. Items needed are mini muffins, breakfast breads, donut holes, grapes, apples, orange juice and PIES. Have your items in the church kitchen on Thursday, September 14th.

The Church is asking for help in recycling electronic waste items. The Borough of Chambersburg will be collecting items September 13th through the 16th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you are willing to take items for the church, please stop in the church office that week to pick up. Thanks for your help!

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks each week for our Youth Group meetings. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up in the lobby!

Deadline for October Pastor's Pen is Sunday, September 17th. Please submit all information to the church office.

Fellowship and Recreation Commission will meet on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Helping Hands Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall. We will be assembling school kits for the Cumberland Valley Relief Center.

Youth Group will be returning Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Youth from 6th thru 12th grades are encouraged to attend and do not have to be members of our church.

Table Games will begin on Wednesday, September the 20th in the Brethren Haus from 1-4. All are welcome for this fellowship. We decide what to play once gathered. If you wish you may bring a game. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Loving Hearts will meet on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at Noon at The Family Table, 2830 Lincoln Way W, Chambersburg. Following lunch, a guest speaker will talk about Medicare. Please RSVP to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-052.

Stewardship Commission will meet on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound – “*The Miracle of Christmas*” on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Depart the church at 8:00 a.m.; stop for meal (Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant) and return to church at approximately 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$150 per person and includes bus, ticket, and meal. Payment is due upon sign-up (If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement.) Make check payable to Rhonda DeShong and give to Rhonda or Carol Wingert in the office. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

A Women’s Bible Study is being held on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Room 7 (Challengers Sunday School classroom). Pastor Liz leads this study, and it is open to all ladies. Plan to join!

“Refresh and Renew: R&R in Christ” is a ministry led by Pastor Liz via Zoom on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is a time of quiet reflection, scripture reading, and sharing – a time to slow down from our busyness and be quiet in the presence of God. Please contact Liz at the church office (717-264-6957) or by email at lizthorpe62@gmail.com if you want to join and she will send the Zoom link to you.

Preaching Schedule – September 17 – Ian Irvin; September 24 – Ali Toms; October 1 – Ian Irving

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

Church Closing Schedule - September – Sam Wingert; October – Brian Deardorff

Friday and Saturday, September 15-16, 2023 - Southern PA District Church of the Brethren District Conference at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, 260 S. 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 – Annual Corporation Meeting of The Brethren Home Foundation at 9:20 a.m. at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, 260 S. 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA.

Saturday, September 16th, 2023 –Annual Corporation Meeting of the members of CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY, INC. at 10:15 AM at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, 260 S. 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA.

46th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be held at the Lebanon Valley Expo, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pa on Friday, Sept. 22nd and Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Special Offerings are being collected for this event by our church.

To give online, please scan



September 3, 2023

Worship – 93 Sunday School - 28

Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$354,331.92
Actual Income through 8/31/23	\$294,054.48
Actual Expenses through 8/31/23	\$281,861.91
Net as of 8/31/23	\$ 12,192.57

Pastor of Administration and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth Ministries: Gretchen Sortzi
Associate Pastor of Worship and Preaching – Ali Toms
Associate Pastor of Congregational Life and Preaching – Ian Irvin
Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM
Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday– Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon
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