

The Pastor's Pen...

November 2023



At Annual Conference this past summer, I came across a book of poetry titled, “*Patchwork and Rhythm*” by Mary Stone Wine. It was published in 1949 and was originally priced at \$1.50. The pages have yellowed over the years, and the book’s jacket cover is tattered and torn, but the poetry is timeless.

I do not know much about Mary, except that she was the wife of Church of the Brethren Pastor, Grover Wine, and she was a faithful worker in the church. Her beautiful poetry blends the art of poetry with spiritual insights. “Life need not be merely a joining of crazy pieces seam after seam... life can be beauty and faith intertwined, patchwork and rhythm deftly designed.”

I chose a poem about quilts to share with you. As the nights and days become cooler, the warmth and comfort which comes from a beloved patchwork quilt is something to cherish. May you rest in the knowledge that you are a quilt block of precious design made by God to be a part of the Creator’s magnificent quilt. ~ *Pastor Liz*

Patchwork Quilts By Mary Stoner Wine

I know a room, where beauty rare
And sweet content and quiet toil
Are blended with the pastel shades
And rainbow hues and spiral coil
Of patchwork quilts.

With nimble fingers, scissors, thread,
With patient art and patterns true,
She appliques each tiny scrap
Of yellow, green, and pink and blue
Into her patchwork quilts.

With tiny needle, even stitch,
She fashions feathers, diamonds, stars,
And Windblown Tulips, Sharon’s Rose,
Great Dresden Plates, and Sunburst Flowers
Upon her patchwork quilts.

And all the while she dreams sweet dreams
Of Baskets full of Roses Red,
Log Cabins, Trips Around the World,
And Friendship, Names upon a bed,
Her dreams in patchwork quilts.

A Crazy, Nice Patch, Irish Chain,
Embroidered, Rose, a Snowball white,
Striped Watermelons, spreading Fans
In turn shall grace tall beds at night,
Her dainty patchwork quilts.

A Lover’s Knot Beneath the Stars,
Along the Flower Garden Trail,
A Wedding Ring, Sun Bonnet Babes,
Sweet memories all that never fail,
Life’s love, in patchwork quilts.

Her patient toil and calm content,
With pastel shades of dark and light,
All someday blended with life’s love
And dreams, shall give sweet rest at night
Beneath her patchwork quilts.

Pastoral Candidate for Consideration

Dear Members,

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have a pastoral candidate for your consideration. Our candidate was recommended by a unanimous vote of the committee.

You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate in just a little over two weeks. On **Saturday, November 11**, we will meet in the Brethren Life Center at 7 PM and the candidate will be introduced at that time. Interim District Executive, Georgia Markey, will conduct an interview and following that interview time is set aside for you to ask any questions. We will end the evening with some light refreshments and an opportunity for some informal time with our candidate and his wife.

On **Sunday, November 12**, our candidate will provide the sermon of the morning. Our morning worship service will be immediately followed by a congregational meeting and a vote of acceptance will be taken. If the vote is positive, a second vote will be taken to approve the financial package that has been negotiated with the candidate. No Sunday School will be held.

We encourage your participation and your prayerful consideration for this process. We believe this provides us with an opportunity for a restart that will allow us to move forward together as a unified congregation.

Your Pastoral Search Committee

Kim Frazer

Terry Koons

Megan Preso

Tenni Pyles

Marsha Smith

Nicholas Wingert

Larry Bricker, Chairman





**The Chambersburg Congregation Church of the Brethren
Annual Council Meeting will be held on
Sunday, November 19, 2023 immediately following worship
in the sanctuary.**



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will be placed for Sunday Worship on December 24, 2023.

Orders **MUST** be returned by Sunday, November 12, 2023.

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: **Marble with green foil** – 6-inch pot with 5 to 7 blooms - \$9.00

Number of 6-inch pots _____ Total (cash) _____ (check) _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

All Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary.



A WORD FROM PASTOR GRETCHEN,

It's been a tough month as change has found its way to my door. I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their endless love and support. It is a great pleasure to know I will get to spend another few weeks with you before my family moves home to Virginia. This transition is a big adjustment for me and was a seriously difficult decision.

As a church family you know the importance of family, and your understanding has been amazing and uplifting. I would ask that you continue to keep us in prayer as we are looking for a home in a tough market. We are faithful God will show us the way, but more prayer is always helpful.

I hope you all know that I love you and this church deeply and leaving you is a very hard thing to do. I will take so many things with me forever.

In Great Love,
Pastor Gretchen

A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The weather sure has been lovely as the leaves change into magnificent colors. This is a great time of year for a long drive on a Sunday afternoon.

It's also a great time to try a Sunday School class. All of our classes are well into the school year and our topics in each class have been wonderful. Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who help make this program run so well.

Our Youth Group has been doing some exciting work over the last few weeks as we dived into the story of Creation. Each day offered us a new lesson on how we can create in the world, too. Students engaged in several activities and had lots of fun. Their display was up for most of October and we hope each of you got the opportunity to check it out. We are so proud of our students.

Reminders:

We'd like to remind each class to continue to take attendance on Sundays!

The attendance clipboard in the classroom is a great tool for invites and miss you's!

The entire Christian Ed department is dependent on volunteers. We need YOU!

We are so blessed as a church to have so many people pouring into the education of our members and youth. As we stay educated and informed in Christ, we are better disciples for Him.

Be blessed,
Pastor Gretchen on behalf of The Christian Education Department



Smart Cookies 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. For our Bible lessons we have been learning about Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, and the Tower of Babel. We enjoyed dividing into teams and trying to build the tallest tower without being able to communicate verbally to one another.

On October 11th, we attended a field trip at Stoner's Dairy Farm. The class had a great time learning about the cows in the barn, looking at a birthing pen, and seeing how cows are milked in the milking barn. While in the birthing pen, we got to see the birth of a calf. After that, we went on a wagon ride and got to pick a pumpkin. The students had a great time.

Back in the spring the activities director for one of the facilities at Menno Haven asked if Smart Cookies Preschool would like to participate in a monthly intergenerational program. We took our first trip there on October 20th. The children met with the seniors, and they enjoyed their time baking pumpkin cake pops and having a pizza lunch together.

On Monday, October 30th, we will be having our harvest festival. The students are looking forward to trick or treating around the church.

November Special Dates

10th- No School-Veteran's Day

17th- Menno Haven Trip

22nd-12:30 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving

23rd-28th- No School- Thanksgiving Break

29th- Preschool Reopens





Dear Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,

Leon and I want to personally thank you for your willingness to host the Southern PA District Conference. The RED shirt team did a wonderful job. We know many hours were given to conference planning prior to the actual date. THANK YOU!

May God continue to guide and direct as we move forward in serving our Lord.
--Leon and Ellen Yoder

Thank you to the congregation for cards and prayers after my recent surgery and for visits from Liz.
--Phyllis Kegerreis

Thank You!

Camp Eder's Fall Fest was a successful one and many thanks go to those who contributed in some way to the success. Thank you to Donna Meyers, Vicki Shreiner, Ann and Brian Deardorff and family and Linda Hawbaker for volunteering to help with the meal.

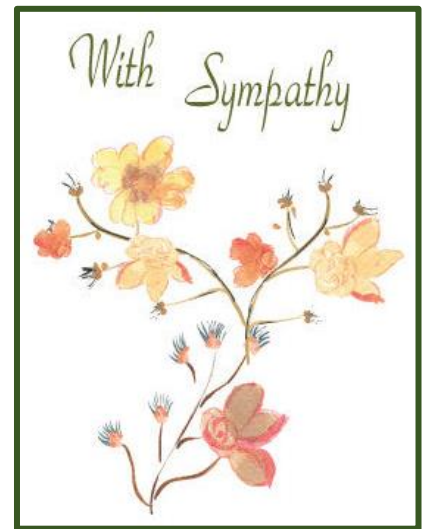
Thank you to all those who donated pies (we got 10!) and to those who donated items for the auction. The auction alone raised over \$5800.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, love, cards, and support for yet another hospital stay for me. I am better and very grateful for the expert care. And very grateful and humbled by God's love and all He's done for me and my church family and friends.

I am praying for you all.

--Love, Gail Appenzellar



Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Barbara A. Zeigler following her death on Friday, September 29, 2023.



**Don't forget to Turn
back your clocks**

Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday night or you will be an hour early for church in the morning!



Additions to the Library for November

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo - When he nearly loses his son, Pastor Todd is feeling angry. When his son recovers, he is surprised that his son can tell him what he and his wife were doing while he was on the operating table. Both mother and dad are amazed, but their son tells them more and more about heaven that he cannot know at age 4.

The Prayer Jars by Wanda Branstetter - Three young women struggling with various issues visit an Amish farm. Each find some antique jars filled with Bible verses, quotes and prayers written by an unknown author. How will this influence their lives?

Broken on the Back Row by Sandi Patty - Forgiveness begins on the back row at a church balcony as Sandi struggles with her sin.



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

WHEN: Wednesday, November 1st
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.



November Senior Day

Wednesday November 8th

9:30am Check in/Breakfast

10:00am Craig Caltagirone brings his one man song and dance act with musical selections from Classic Broadway show tunes and the Great American Songbook.

-Followed by Apple Tasting Activity

12:00 pm **Lunch** Pork and Turkey Meal, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, apple Crisp and Ice Cream

1:00 pm **Afternoon Program** Seasonal Craft Time

RSVP BY 11/1

Cost: \$20 Per Person

RSVP by calling 717-642-8256

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VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

Salvation Army Red Kettle Project

Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring an opportunity to serve and share with the Salvation Army.

Our congregation will ring the bell for the Red Kettle Project at The Butcher Shoppe on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and sign-up for an hour or two.

Thanks for your help!

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for December

Pastor's Pen is Sunday,
November 19, 2023

Please submit all information
to the church office.



Share your time, talents and compassion by becoming a hospice volunteer!

Provide companionship and a calming presence
with a friendly face, kind voice and compassionate spirit.

Impact lives in a meaningful way by visiting, talking,
listening, reading, writing or singing.

Find a purpose and self-fulfillment. | Meet people you will never forget.

Do I need any special skills?

Hospice volunteers are special. They are sensitive to others, non-judgemental, listen intently and truly care.

Do I need any special training?

Hospice provides free training for all volunteers at times convenient for you. A healthcare background or past hospice experience is not necessary.

How much time am I expected to give?

You can volunteer for as little or as much time as you want to give. We will make your volunteer experience fit your schedule, passion and comfort level.

Do you have specific volunteer needs?

Yes, we have opportunities for...

...direct care volunteers to provide friendly visits for support and companionship

...bereavement phone volunteers to make supportive calls to bereaved families

...office volunteers to fold and stuff envelopes

...individuals with sewing skills to make memory bears and pillows for bereaved families

Also, did you know studies show **volunteers live longer and healthier lives** than non-volunteers?

Call us or visit our website for more information!

570.599.5390 | www.SpiriTrustLutheran.org/volunteer-2

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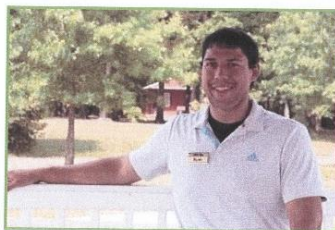
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FUME's OWN

* Paula Hepfer * Ann Hill * Elizabeth Hill *

Linda Peppernick * Ben Schellhase * Craig Stahl * Elizabeth Stahl *
Jackson Stahl * Justin Stevens * Terri Stevens * The Chancel Choir

Present A Benefit Concert



To support the
"Christians in Action"
missionary role of
Ryan Sanchez

through **JOYEL**

*Featuring the Music of Mark Hayes,
Dove Award winning composer and arranger.*

November 12, 2023, 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church,
225 S. Second Street. Chambersburg, PA

Free will Offering to be Taken

MOMENTS OF WORSHIP



Day 1	Psalm 50:14	Day 16	Ephesians 1:16
Day 2	Colossians 4:2	Day 17	1 Chronicles 16:8
Day 3	Ezra 3:11	Day 18	Colossians 1:3
Day 4	Psalm 140:13	Day 19	Jonah 2:9
Day 5	2 Corinthians 4:15	Day 20	Psalm 18:49
Day 6	2 Samuel 22:50	Day 21	James 1:17
Day 7	2 Corinthians 9:15	Day 22	Romans 16:4
Day 8	Psalm 26:6-7	Day 23	Psalm 100:4
Day 9	Daniel 6:10	Day 24	1 Thessalonians 5:18
Day 10	Psalm 136:2	Day 25	Psalm 35:18
Day 11	Psalm 95:2	Day 26	2 Corinthians 2:14
Day 12	Matthew 26:27	Day 27	Revelation 7:12
Day 13	1 Timothy 4:4	Day 28	Psalm 30:4
Day 14	Romans 14:6	Day 29	1 Chronicles 16:34
Day 15	Psalm 69:30	Day 30	Psalm 116:17