

# *The Pastor's Pen...*

**June 2024**



**HONOR**

## ***Honoring Fathers and Others***

Each year, in our church and our country, late spring is filled with days and events inviting us to express honor. We have honored mothers and teachers. May 27<sup>th</sup> we will observe a national holiday set aside to honor the men and the women who gave their lives serving and defending our country. June 9<sup>th</sup>, in our Sunday service, we will honor high school and college graduates within our church family. Then on June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will join our nation in honoring our fathers.

Writing to the church in Rome, well into the first century, Paul wrote about honor. In Romans 12:10, a section focused on our relationships with each other, he wrote, "Honor one another above yourselves." In Romans 13:7, focused on relationships with the people in the world around us, he wrote, "Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes;... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." And then in his letter to the church in Ephesus, in a context about relationships within families, he quoted the sixth commandment, "Honor your father and your mother" (Ephesians 6:2). In each of these cases, the word translated "honor" carries the idea of making a careful and accurate valuation of someone and then expressing their worth through our attitude toward them, and through our words and deeds.

This is where it gets tricky. We often undervalue people. A person's worth is more than what we can see on the outside. It is greater than our experience of that person or the benefit we recognize that they have provided to us. Proper honor of anyone starts with acknowledging that they have worth simply by virtue of being someone who is created by God, loved by God, and who bears the image of God.

Yet, honor goes beyond that. It also carries the idea of worth related to their role in our lives or in the lives of others (parents, teachers, government officials, law enforcement officers), what they have accomplished (graduates), or what they have given to group of people, a nation, or humanity as a whole (soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving up their lives to help keep our country safe).

Fathers specifically impact their children, through participation in giving life, through participation in the provision and nurturing of that life, or both. There are few people in our lives (mothers being one) with the potential to impact us for good as much as fathers.

But just as we acknowledged last month in relation to Mother's Day, things can also get a little complicated on Father's Day. Fathers can also leave deep wounds. Not everyone had a father who was present, let alone a father who saw them, understood them, affirmed them, equipped them, provided for them, loved them, or even liked them. How do we honor a father who in some ways was not honorable?

It is possible to give respect and even honor to our fathers in the midst of a reality that may be far short of the ideal. It is possible to love and to forgive fathers and to seek to be better and to do better for our own children.

Let's also make room in our hearts for those whose fathers are no longer present, for those fathers who have lost children or whose children are separated from them, and for those who have wanted to be fathers but are not.

As we continue through this season, and every season, let's seek to cultivate a culture of recognizing the true worth of those around us, of extending grace and compassion, and of honoring one another well.

Pastor Mark (Your partner in the journey)

# The Board Report

June 2024



In April, following the regular business meeting discussion – financials, commission requests, old and new business items, Pastor Mark and Ian Irvin lead the board members through a personal assessment tool called DISC. This tool is used to help improve teamwork, communication, and productivity in any environment where teams work together.

DISC is an acronym that stands for the four main personality profiles described in the DISC model (D)ominance, (I)nfluence, (S)teadiness and (C)onscientiousness.

People with D personalities tend to be competitive, driven and are results oriented.

People with I personalities tend to be persuasive, inspiring and enthusiastic.

People with S personalities tend to be dependable and place an emphasis on cooperation and sincerity.

People with C personalities tend to place an emphasis on quality, accuracy, expertise and competency.

The Board members took a short personality assessment and accumulated their scores to determine their predominate personality type. Many scored high in more than one category. Understanding one another's personality styles will allow Board teams to build stronger, more effective working relationships.

The Board then identified three high priority items to work on and assigned 5 Board members to each team.

In June, teams began working on the following three high priority items:

- Organizational Structure
- Employee Handbook
- Growth of Young Families, Singles and Elementary Aged Programs

Pastor Mark distributed DISC style reports for insight into how to work with various styles. In addition to accomplishing results for the high priority items, members are asked to learn about working as functioning teams, respecting differences, and utilizing everyone's strengths.



## Save the Date – Friday, July 19, 2024

Fellowship and Recreation Commission will be hosting an Ice-Cream Social with Movie Night in the Brethren Life Center Friday, July 19, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

They are planning to show the movie “*Unsung Hero*” one family’s journey from Down Under to center stage.



## Bus Trip to “*Daniel*” at Sight and Sound

Date is **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

Time: 7:30AM depart church

Arrival: 10:30AM Sight and Sound

Show: 11:00AM - 1:45PM Story of DANIEL

Meal: 2:00PM - 4:00PM at New Hershey Farms Family Restaurant Complex

Depart: 4:15PM for return to church by 6:00PM

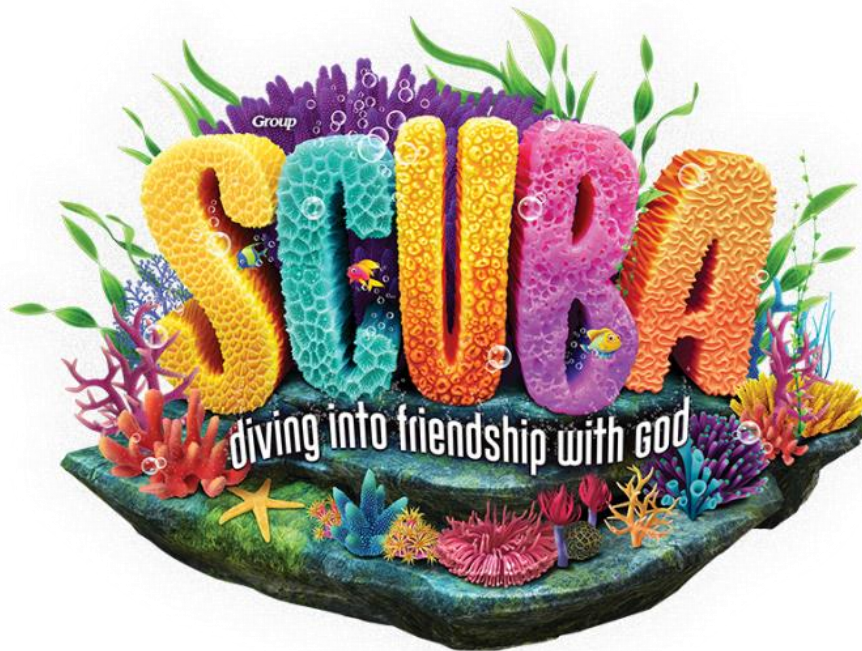
Price is \$170 per person ADULT

Price is \$115 per CHILD (4/12 yrs)

Must pay for ticket to confirm reservation. If you cannot make the trip you will be responsible for finding someone to purchase your ticket for the day. Sign-up sheet is in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Make check payable to Chambersburg COB.

# Vacation Bible School

June 10 thru 14, 2024  
9AM till 11:30AM



Pre-Schoolers (4 Years Old) thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

260 South Fourth Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-264-6957

Register online at [www.chambcob.org](http://www.chambcob.org)  
or in the  
Brethren Life Center Lobby at the VBS Display!



## SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

May was a review month. We are reviewing our shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We learned about the lives of Samuel and David. In Science we have been discussing insects and butterflies.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> we had our spaghetti ice event, which as always was a big success. On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> we had our Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad celebrations. The moms and dads really enjoyed this special time with their child.

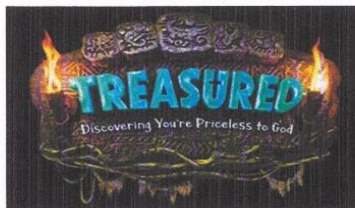
Graduation was held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a nice time, and we had a great turnout. Half of the class will be moving on to kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

So far, we have 8 students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. We are very excited to see what the new school year brings.

Ms. Amy will be teaching at a summer camp this year (held at Smart Cookies). It will run from June 24-July 19<sup>th</sup> (every Tuesday- Thursday) from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. The theme for this year is "Treasured: You are Priceless to God". There are still spots left for students to enroll.

A 4-week summer program  
for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:00-12:00 (snack included)  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

This Summer Featuring:



Come and join us for Crafts, Games, Snacks,  
Science Experiments, Bible Stories and much  
more!

Registration fee \$20 (non-refundable)  
And registration due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
Program cost \$170  
(payable at beginning of session)  
Second child in family ½ off cost

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren  
260 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Chambersburg, PA 17201  
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Church of the Brethren,  
I want to thank all my friends from the Church for the many beautiful cards for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The cards were appreciated and beautiful!  
I displayed them in front of the fireplace.  
I want to tell the congregation my granddaughter Holly Friese had a baby boy named Cruze Michael Friese on April 4<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lb. 5 oz.  
He has two sisters.

**---In Christian Love,  
D. Jean Gindlesperger**

Linda and I want to thank our church family for their prayers for my healing and the patience we both needed over my ankle recovery.  
The many cards, calls and visits were greatly appreciated. We certainly felt the love during this difficult time.  
Thanks to Pastor Mark for his visits and prayers and to Pastor Liz also for her many prayers.

**---Ray & Linda Burkholder**

I want to express my sincere thanks to my church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and hugs I received after the passing of my grandson.  
They each touched me deeply, and I'm thankful for your love and support.

**---Mimi Kelly**

Church Members,  
With many thanks to you for your kindness.  
Thanks for all the prayers, calls, and visitors during my burn accident.  
**---Galen Yeager**

Thank You to the volunteers that helped with the workday at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a great day and worked hard.

**---Kim Frazer, Missions & Service Chairman**

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,  
I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and visits while I was sick. Your prayers were answered, and I appreciated the cards and visits, and the wonderful warm greeting I got when I was able to get back to church and Sunday School.

I also want to thank Pastor Mark for his visits and bringing communion to me. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

I want to thank the Youth Group; Jacob, Logan, Devin, and Pastor Mark for their visit, the handmade card, and beautiful plant. I really enjoyed their visit, and the plant brings me lots of joy each time I look at it.

We have a wonderful and God loving church.

**-----God Bless All of You,  
Janice Valentine**

Jack and I thank the church family for expressions of support, for the meaningful sympathy cards and for your many prayers, as Barbara Lyn, wife and daughter-in-law coped with Parkinson's  
**God bless you,**

**---Doris and Jack Demuth**

We would like to thank the congregation for their expressions of sympathy, cards, and prayers, following the death of Gene's sister Betty Miller, and his sister-in-law Mabel Hawbaker.  
We appreciate it so much.

**---Gene and Mary Hawbaker**



**Congratulations to:**

*Cody and Ali Toms on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor (Nora) Elizabeth Toms, born on Monday, May 13, 2024. She weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 ½ in length.*

*Big brother is Jude Toms.*

*Proud Grandparents are Phil and Liz Thorpe and Greg and Lorna Toms.*

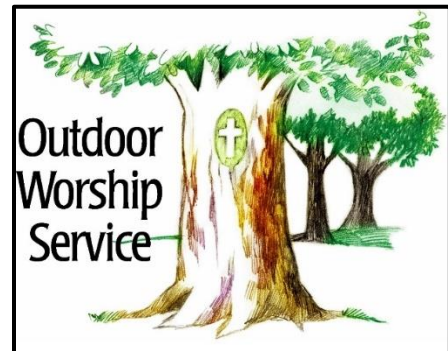
*Proud Great Grandparents are Jeanne Monn and Joanie Thorpe.*



**Newsletter Deadline**

**Please take note that the next newsletter** will combine the months of July & August.

Deadline for July/August Pastor's Pen is Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.



**WORSHIP SERVICE AND COOKOUT AT NORLO PARK (ROUTE 30 EAST)**

**When: Sunday, July 14th  
Time: 11 a.m. Worship.  
Meal to follow.**

The Annual Community Church Fellowship Service and Luncheon will be held at Norlo Park at 11:00 a.m.

Chambersburg COB is not participating in the service this year, but anyone that wishes to attend is welcome. \*Bring your lawn chairs.

Worship will be held at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will also be held as normal that day.



**Congratulations to:**

*Megan Preso and Kevin Carbaugh on their marriage on Saturday, May 25, 2024.*

*They will be living at 5411 Guitner Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202*

*We wish them much happiness!*



## Loving Hearts Event

### June

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**-12:00 Noon Lunch at Stoner's Restaurant. Following lunch, we will have guest speaker Ashley Winters from Mercy House. Mercy House is designed for and focused on comfort care at the end of life. Individualized round-the-clock care is provided in the community home setting by a dedicated team of trained caregivers and volunteers.

Please RSVP to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 if you plan to attend.



Table Games will continue to meet all summer. We meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4PM in the Brethren Haus. **YOU** are invited to join us. Games played vary but are chosen once we meet. We are always willing to learn a new one if you bring it.

We have played: Uno, Gulf, Dump it, Skip-bo, Phase 10, Five Crowns, Rummikub, Skyloo, Flinch.

(We review rules often.)



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

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 5th  
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.*



### Book Added to the Library for June

*Three From Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes

*Two From Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes

*The Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman

*I Keep Trying to Catch His Eye* by Ivan Maisel



## For the Kids News

The annual dispersing of funds took place in May.

NETwork Ministries	\$1800.00
Frances Leiter Center	\$1800.00
Women in Need	\$1000.00
Fr. Co. Homeless Shelter	
Child Support	\$ 250.00
Bopic	\$2400.00
YMCA/ Sam's Club	\$ 750.00
Camp Joy-EI	\$ 750.00
Rhodes Grove Camp	\$ 500.00
Circles/ SCCAP	\$1000.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 750.00
Children's Advocacy Center	\$1000.00
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Total	\$12,000.00



Next meeting is July 11 at 6PM. We will meet at Johnnies Family Restaurant. You are Welcome!  
Fund Raisers planned are: Ledo Pizza-late June. Also, Hoss's, Meadows, and Rita's.



## Summer Camp

### 2024 Summer Camp

There are 5 weeks of summer camp starting June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 21 for Kindergartners through senior high schoolers. See Camp brochures at the BLC Welcome table or the camp website <https://www.campeder.org/>

There are scholarships available to attend from both Camp Eder and our church. See the church office for information on scholarships.

## Camp Eder Needs for Summer Camp

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** consider filling in as camp nurse for a week at Camp Eder. Volunteers are needed to manage campers medications and hand them out at their appropriate times. If you cannot serve for the whole week, contact Mike Kovacs at the camp about days you could volunteer.

Camp Eder is also still looking for a male counselor for this summer. Camp starts the week of June 16.

Contact Camp Eder to volunteer or for more information or questions. 717-642-8256

Prayers for Facing My Fears



Day 1	Romans 8:15	Day 16	2 Timothy 1:6
Day 2	Isaiah 41:10	Day 17	Psalms 56: 3-4
Day 3	1 John 4:18-19	Day 18	Proverbs 12:25
Day 4	Joshua 1:9	Day 19	Matthew 6:34
Day 5	Psalms 23:4	Day 20	Psalms 55:22
Day 6	John 14:27	Day 21	Isaiah 54:4-5
Day 7	Psalms 27:1	Day 22	Psalms 27:3
Day 8	Isaiah 43:1	Day 23	Mark 5:36
Day 9	Deuteronomy 31:6	Day 24	Proverbs 29:25
Day 10	1 Corinthians 16:13	Day 25	Psalms 94:19
Day 11	Hebrews 13:6	Day 26	Isaiah 26:3
Day 12	Psalms 34:4	Day 27	Proverbs 3:5
Day 13	Psalms 118:6	Day 28	Psalms 91:7
Day 14	1 Peter 3:14	Day 29	Isaiah 35:4
Day 15	Isaiah 41:13	Day 30	Psalms 112:7

Friends of Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,

As I take a moment to reflect on our journey together, my heart overflows with gratitude for the incredible privilege it has been to walk alongside our middle school students in our communities this year. We have witnessed remarkable growth and witnessed the gentle hand of God leading young souls to Jesus, because of the care, understanding, and unwavering support from all of those who have been involved.

Amid our outreach program, these middle school students have found more than just a safe haven; they have found a family. It's within this circle of love and acceptance that they have been given the space to grow, to explore, and to discover their true worth and potential in Christ.

We've seen shy smiles blossom into beams of confidence, hesitant steps transformed into bold strides of faith. And through it all, we have been privileged to witness the gentle work of the Holy Spirit, guiding these young hearts closer to the loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

In the moments of laughter and friendship, in the quiet conversations of encouragement and prayer, we have sown seeds of hope that will bear fruit for years to come. Christians in Action is more than just a program; it is an environment of love and community, a beacon of light in a world often shrouded in darkness.

As we continue this sacred work of reaching out to our middle school students, let us do so with hearts overflowing with love and compassion. Let us be ever mindful of the profound impact we are making, not only in the lives of these young souls but in God's eternal kingdom as well.

Through your engagement and support this year we are fulfilling His greatest commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

Thank you for your generosity and the hospitality you have shown us this year!

Until we meet again,

Ryan Sanchez

Christians In Action Coordinator

Joy El Ministries