



2025

The Pastor's Pen...

"Let's Do This Together"

You have likely already heard some news or announcements about a new Contemporary Worship service that we are launching in just two weeks. Beginning September 7th, this service will prioritize exploration, reflection, and community, as we seek to reach out to new friends and neighbors, as well as to meet needs of current church family members. This service will take place in the Brethren Life Center during our regular Sunday School hour. Coffee corner will begin at 10:30 am, and the service will begin at 10:45 am. I decided to use this space this month to answer a couple of questions that you may have.

Who is this service for?

While much of the planning and promotion has been focused on young adults, the Contemporary Worship is for anyone who is drawn to the timing, the style, the music, the topics, and/or the potential to help welcome new worshipers. We certainly would love to have more young adults and young families as part of our church family. We also would love to have a multi-generational presence in these gatherings as we seek to welcome and nurture guests and worshipers of any age.

The invitation flyer puts it this way. "Join us for worship on Sundays as we create a space where young adults, families, and people of all ages can connect with God and each other through contemporary worship, real conversations, and hands-on moments that make faith feel alive and personal. With short messages that speak to real life and each other, it's a space for exploration, reflection, and community."

How can I help to support this new ministry?

There are a number of ways you can help to support this new ministry. Here are my top ten.

- (1) Pray faithfully for wisdom and strength for those planning and leading the service; then express your encouragement to them.*
- (2) Pray that God would use this ministry to welcome more people into our church family and to bless many who are already here.*
- (3) Volunteer to be a greeter in the BLC lobby between 10:30 and 10:50.*
- (4) Volunteer to help with Coffee Corner one Sunday a month.*
- (5) Volunteer to help with a technical task, such as running the laptop to advance slides for songs and sermon visuals or helping with live streaming.*
- (6) Volunteer to help in the Nursery or Toddler Room during the 2nd hour (10:30 – 11:30). Volunteering one Sunday each month—or even once every other month—would be a tremendous help.*
- (7) Volunteer to teach or help in one of our existing Sunday school classes, as a few of our regular teachers will be involved in leading the Contemporary Worship.*
- (8) Attend the service as you are able. The style, topics, content, speaker, and worship experience will differ significantly from our 9:30 service, so you can even attend both without duplication.*
- (9) When you cannot attend, watch the live stream video later.*
- (10) Invite others you know to visit the service and help to spread the word.*

If you don't know who to contact about getting involved, just reach out to Marsha Smith or to me, and we will get you connected. Let's do this together!!

Your partner in this journey,
Pastor Mark



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Starting Sunday September 7th
10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center (Gym)
at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren



Everybody experiences some level of anxiety and worry in their day-to-day lives. Join us in September as we look at ways to reorient ourselves in Scripture and prayer when these moments of worry start to overwhelm us.

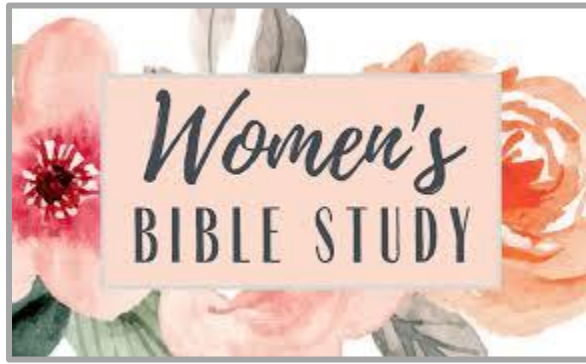
9/7: Rooted in Worry: Naming the Anxieties
Scripture: Matthew 6:26-34

9/14: When Panic Hits: Finding God in the Moment
Scripture: Luke 22:40-44

9/21: Give it to God: Shake it off of Me
Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

9/28: Habits of Peace: Replacing Worry with Worship
Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7





Come Join Us – even if it's your first time – Women's Bible Study Kick Off
Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center

Join the Women's Bible Study for a delectable and informative taste of the Bible. What foods did Moses and Jesus eat? What foods were typical in Biblical times, how were they used ceremonially and where they are listed in scripture? Healing and nutrition will also be included.

After the kickoff, we will be studying the Book of Ephesians, and meeting on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. downstairs in Room 7.

Please RSVP by September 16th to the church office. Thank you.



Camp Eder Needs You

Our 47th Annual Fall Fest is camp's biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds go to our camp's monthly expenses, summer camps, programs throughout the year and most importantly camp scholarships (for those children whose families cannot afford to send them to camp to hear God's word.)

Fall Fest is quickly approaching and we need your help to make it a success. Your attendance and donations to the auction are two of the best ways to help raise \$\$ for camp. We will again be accepting donations for gently used or new items as well as basket donations to be sold at the silent and/or live auction, (see your church office for a basket suggestion list with ideas.) If you are a designer of furniture, artwork, quilts, wood products, etc., or know someone that is, please consider donating one of your creations. Please drop off all donations at Camp Eder before Thursday, October 16th.

If you need to have any items picked up, please call Deona Schmittel (717) 451-3797

Thank you for your support.

When: Saturday, October 18, 2025 10AM-4PM

Where: Camp Eder

(914 Mount Hope Rd, Fairfield, PA 17320)

Silent Auctions: 10:00-10:45 am & 11:00-11:45 am

Live Auction: 12:00 noon

Turkey & Pork Lunch: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Food Court: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

FIRST DAY OF YOUTH GROUP SEPT 3RD 2025

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm to 7:30pm

260 S. FOURTH STREET
CHAMBERSBURG PA

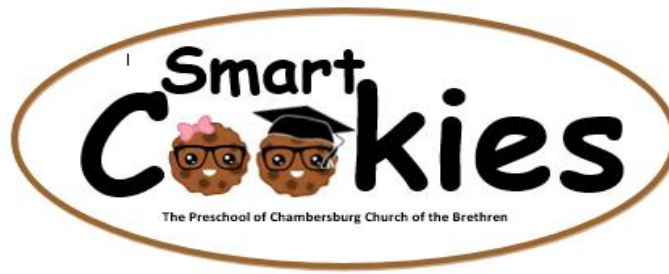


1ST & 3RD WED . OF EACH MONTH

WILL BE OUR FAMILY NIGHT WITH
4TH STREET KIDS- LIGHT SUPPER AT
5:30 FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP

2ND & 4TH WED . OF EACH MONTH

YOUTH GROUP ONLY FOR GRADES 6TH-
12TH LIGHT SUPPER AT 5:30 FOLLOWED BY
WORSHIP, BIBLE LESSON,
CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES & SO MUCH MORE!



SMART COOKIES PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello Smart Cookies Family,

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and wonderful summer! It feels like just yesterday we were celebrating our Pre-K graduates, and now we are getting ready to welcome a new group of bright learners—alongside our returning Smart Cookies.

We are so excited to work with our young learners—sharing Bible stories and helping build a strong foundation of faith within our community. Along the way, we will explore numbers, colors, shapes, and math; while also diving into the many curious questions our little learners bring each day.

The first day of school is just around the corner—September 2—and we are so excited to see everyone again. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and community together!”



Smart Cookies Preschool is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom. You can volunteer for a full-day (9:30 AM-2:30 PM) or you can volunteer for ½ of the day (9:30 AM-12:00 PM or 12:00 PM-2:30 PM). If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jessica Madden, Amy McNeil, or Amy Kobie know.

All for Him
Amy Kobie
Amy McNeil





Thank you all for your prayers and cards following my knee surgery and recuperation.

**---God bless you,
Daphney Martin**

Thank you to my Church Family for the meal delivery, my bulletins that were brought to me, phone calls, cards and especially your prayers following my knee surgery. They are very powerful. Thanks so much!

---Love to all, Viv Fisher



Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Linda Ross following her death on Monday, August 18, 2025.



Sing While You Drive.....

At 45 miles per hour, sing...
Highways Are Happy Ways.

At 55 miles, sing... *I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven is My Home.*

At 65 miles, sing... *Nearer, My God, To Thee!*

At 75 miles, sing... *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There.*

At 85 miles, sing... *Lord, I'm Coming Home.*



PLAN TO ATTEND!

Sunday, September 7th
4:30 p.m.

Twin Bridge Campground,
1345 Twin Bridge Rd,
Chambersburg, PA

Chicken will be provided. Everyone attending is to bring a covered dish to share, their own place settings, and their own drinks. Optional lawn chairs.

We plan to play BINGO (normal), corn hole and other outdoor games!

There are bathrooms provided at the pavilion.

Sign-up in the
Brethren Life Center Lobby today!



Loving Hearts

Thursday, September 18, 2025-12:00 Noon
Stoner's Restaurant

We will be playing BINGO

Thursday, October 16, 2025-12:00 Noon
Church-Brethren Life Center

There will be a guest speaker who is a comedian

Please contact Vivian Fisher
 if you plan to attend (717) 809-0521.



Books for September

Brides of Georgia by Connie Stevens

Abner's Story by Louise M. Coffee
 (Fiction of Brethren History)

We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

Rebel With a Cause by Franklin Graham



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

WHEN: Wednesday, September 3rd
 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.*



Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for October Pastor's Pen is
 Sunday, September 21, 2025.

Please submit all information to the
 church office.



Ladies of Strength Training Class

Ladies of Strength Training class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m. from September 2, 2025, thru November 20, 2025.

The class uses leg and arm weights along with stretching and balancing. You need weights, a towel, and a bottle of water. A donation is accepted to support church maintenance. Stop in anytime to see if it might be something you would enjoy! Contact Karen Wagner for additional information: call, text or e-mail 717-504-3949 rkwagn@comcast.net.

*Special
Offering*

Missions and Service Commission will hold Special Offerings on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and Sunday, September 21, 2025 to benefit the 48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center.



INVITATION

Hearken House Picnic Dinner & Fellowship

Hearken House Ministries Board, Staff, and Residents cordially invite you to join them for an evening of testimonies and information at our summer picnic fundraiser.

Note: This year, no minors are to be present.

Friday evening, September 12, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
OUTDOOR PAVILION AT "GRAND POINT CHURCH" -

2230 Grand Point Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202



Picnic (Hot Meal) Catered by Long's Family Catering

Cost: Freewill Donations Greatly Appreciated

Opportunity for Partnership and Financial Support will be provided.

Note: At 6:45 PM a Program Will be Presented of Ministry Updates, Testimonies by Current and Former Residents, Recognition of Volunteers, and Vision Sharing.

RSVP is requested by September 8, 2025

Please register by calling the Hearken House Office at 717.552.2891 or

Email: Ray Addis at ray@hearkenhouse.org with the number attending.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

NOTE: If you are not able to attend this picnic in person, would you kindly consider making a donation to enable us to provide opportunities for men reentering society from prison and seeking to restart their lives in a Christian community?

You may go online - www.hearkenhouse.org and click "Donate" or mail donation to 79 S. Franklin Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

"Reaching out to those whom society rejects, loving those who fear love, walking beside those who hide in shame, and bandaging the wounds that many prefer to ignore."



SEASONS OF WAITING



Day 1	Ecclesiastes 3:11	Day 16	Lamentations 3:25
Day 2	Psalms 27:14	Day 17	Isaiah 30:18
Day 3	Luke 1:45	Day 18	James 5:11
Day 4	1 Samuel 12:16	Day 19	Psalms 40:1-1
Day 5	Isaiah 40:31	Day 20	Psalms 62:5
Day 6	Psalms 37:7	Day 21	Habakkuk 2:3
Day 7	John 13:7	Day 22	Galatians 6:9
Day 8	Philippians 1:6	Day 23	2 Peter 3:9
Day 9	Exodus 14:14	Day 24	Psalms 33:20
Day 10	Hebrews 6:15	Day 25	Psalms 130:5
Day 11	Micah 7:7	Day 26	Psalms 31:14-15
Day 12	Romans 12:12	Day 27	Psalms 62:7-8
Day 13	Colossians 1:11	Day 28	Isaiah 58:11
Day 14	1 Corinthians 15:58	Day 29	Isaiah 33:2
Day 15	James 1:12	Day 30	James 5:7