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

Worship **September 14, 2025** 9:30 a.m.

Anthem

Always By Our Side M. Burrows/arr. M. McDonald Chancel Choir

Offering Prayer

Teaching Scripture

Welcome and Informal Moments

Offertory

The Church's One Foundation

arr. J. Dixon

Tim Monn

Prelude Will You Come and Follow Me arr. J. Payne

*Sung Response to Offering The Love of God (#111)

Call to Worship

Jerry Moore

Adapted from Proverbs 16:3, 8, 18 & 19 and Matthew 23:12 (NIV)

Leader: Pride goes before destruction,

Congregation: and a haughty spirit before a fall.

All: For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Leader: Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to

share plunder with the proud.

Congregation: Better a little, with righteousness, than much gain

with injustice.

All: (But) Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will

establish your plans.

*Sending

Sermon

For the healing of the nations (insert)

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Matthew 23:12 (NRSVUE)

Seeking Justice and Forgiveness

(Where Is God In History?)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Isaiah the prophet has written of old arr. J. Dixon

Prayer

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Scripture Song O God, You Search Me (based on Psalm 139) Bernadette Farrel

(words on screen; led by Tim Monn on guitar)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist Worship Leadership

Pamela Wert Jerry Moore

Pastoral Prayer

Today, September 14th

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as during the Sunday School hour. Nursery/Toddlers (age 0-2) are in room #4 on the lower level. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level. The nursery space outside the Sanctuary will be maintained as a baby nursery with space for nursing mothers, diaper changes, and (eventually) staffed baby care as needed.

Our regular Sunday School schedule has resumed with the following change. Our Elementary Class (grades 1-5) will be held in the main level meeting space of the Brethren Haus next door.

Special Offerings will be held TODAY, September 14, 2025, and Sunday, September 21, 2025, to benefit the 48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction held on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. Please use the offering envelopes provided in the pew and mark it Disaster Relief.

Contemporary Worship Service TODAY at 10:45am! "Coffee Corner" will return and will be open 15 minutes prior to that time for fellowship and light refreshment. We see this service as a mission to reach young adults and families by having short sermons that speak to experiences specific to this generation and hands-on interactions to help make faith personal and build community. If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center.

Pastor Mark and Reba are with family this weekend. Pastor Mark will be back in the office on Tuesday this week.

Gail Appenzellar would like to invite you to help celebrate her granddaughter Emma Stoehr's 21st Birthday on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, with a surprise card shower. Cards can be addressed to: Emma Stoehr, 1653 Old Kiln Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-9220

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held September 9, 2025 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Teachers Wanted: Join Our Nursery & Children's Program!

Please contact Donna Meyers or Megan (Preso) Carbaugh if you would be willing to help.

Smart Cookies Preschool Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Table Games are held each week on 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. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) will be held on Wednesday, September 17th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please see Jessica Madden.

4th Street Kids programming (grades 1-5) will be held September 17th. Families of our Youth and Kids will be invited to share in the light supper at 5:30 in the Brethren Life Center. Please see Pastor Mark and Reba or Jessica Madden if you can help.

Loving Hearts Group will meet on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 12 Noon at Stoner's Family Restaurant. We will be playing Bingo. Please contact Vivian Fisher if you plan to attend (717) 809-0521.

Deadline for October Pastor's Pen is Sunday, September 21st. Please submit all information to the church office.

Sign-up Sheet for Worship leading for 2025 is on the Welcome Table in the Brethren Life Center lobby. Please consider serving in this important worship ministry!

Come Join Us – even if it's your first time – Women's Bible Study kick off will be 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. Please RSVP by September 16th to the church office. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study - After the kickoff, we will be studying the Book of Ephesians and meeting each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. downstairs in Room 7.

Bus Trip to see Joshua at Sight and Sound! - A Bus Trip is planned to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see "Joshua" on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Depart church at 8:00 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a family style meal at Riehl's Quilts and Craft Shop, an authentic Amish Home beginning at 2:15 p.m. Departure for home at approximately 4:15 p.m. Cost for bus, tickets, and meal is \$170 for Adults and \$109 for Children (ages 3 thru 12 yrs.) 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. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be held at the Lebanon Expo & Fairgrounds, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pa on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th. Special Offerings are being collected for this event by our church.

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 – Bob Shank; October – Luke Preso Friday and Saturday, September 19-20, 2025 - Southern PA Church of the Brethren District Conference at Hanover Church of The Brethren, 601 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, PA. Delegates are Ray and Linda Burkholder; Kim Frazer and Carol Wingert and Pastor Mark.

Friday, September 19th, 2025 - You, as a member of CHILREN'S AID SOCIETY, INC. are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the members of Children's Aid Society, Inc., scheduled in conjunction with the annual conference of the Church of the Brethren of the Southern District of PA will be at Hanover Church of the Brethren at 2:40 p.m.

Friday, September 19th, 2025 - Annual Corporation Meeting of the members of The Brethren Home Foundation at 2:10-2:40 p.m. at the Hanover Church of the Brethren, 601 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, PA.

To give online, please scan



September 7, 2025

Worship – 112 Sunday School - 37

Unified Budget Needed to Date \$365,393.61
Actual Income through 8/30/25 \$272,974.38
Actual Expenses through 8/30/25 \$327,388.39
Net as of 8/30/25 \$-54,414.01

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden
Director of Music and Organist — Pamela Wert
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.
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