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

Pastoral Prayer

Worship September 7, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Welcome and Informal Moments

\*Sung Response to Offering The Family of God (#393)

Prelude How Firm a Foundation arr. J. M. Stevens

**Teaching Scripture** 

Call to Worship Ephesians 4:1-7 (NIV)

Matthew 22:35-40; John 13:34-35; Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

One: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the

calling you have received.

Sermon Living as the Body of Christ Pastor Mark

All: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

One: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of

peace.

\*Sending Bind Us Together (#390)
Blest Be the Tie (#389)

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Laura Story)

\*Benediction

\*Hymn Heaven Came Down (#573)

\*Postlude How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord arr. R. Lau

\*Prayer (\*All who are able, please stand.)

Special Music Blessings Laura Shank Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist Worship Leadership Pamela Wert Laura Shank

arr. R. Lau

Today, September 7th

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 resumes TODAY** 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.

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in Celebration of the 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Robert and Linda Gorman.

We are starting a 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.

**The Church Picnic will be held TODAY** at 4:30 p.m. at Twin Bridge Campground, 1345 Twin Bridge Rd, Chambersburg, PA. We will eat at 4:30 p.m. 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.

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

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

**The Church Board** will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item for the Board, please contact Marsha Smith one week prior to the meeting.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please see Jessica Madden.

**Special Offerings will be held** on Sunday, 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.

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

The next 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.

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. After the kickoff, we will be studying the Book of Ephesians, and meeting at 10:00 a.m. downstairs in Room 7. Please RSVP by September 16<sup>th</sup> to the church office. Thank you.

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.

**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; Brian and Ann Deardorff 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



August 31, 2025

Worship – 125 Sunday School - 25

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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