

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

**Worship**  
**August 16, 2026**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Special Music      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*      T. Dorsey  
Bill Abbott, soloist & Robin Faust-Hambright, accompanist

Pastoral Prayer

Welcome and Informal Moments

Teaching Scripture      Romans 12:9-16 (NLT)

Prelude      *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*      arr. J. Payne

Offering Prayer

Call to Worship      Psalm 95:1-7 (NLT)      Sam Robertson

Offertory      *God Cares for You*      arr. J. Dixon

One:    Come, let us sing to the Lord!  
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

\*Sung Response to Offering  
*The Servant Song* (#384), vs. 1, 3

**All:    Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**  
**Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

One:    For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest Mountains.

Sermon      *Improving Our Welcome*      Pastor Mark

**All:    The sea belongs to him, for he made it.**  
**His hands formed the dry land, too.**

\*Hymn      *We Are Called to Be God’s People* (#391), vs. 1-2

One:    Come, let us worship and bow down.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God.

**All:    We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.**

\*Benediction

\*Hymn      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (#13)

Church Board Information Session

\*Prayer

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

**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**  
Worship Leadership      Sam Robertson

**Today, August 16th**

**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 the crib room off the Narthex. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level.

**Contemporary Worship Service** TODAY at 10:45 am! “Coffee Corner” will be open 15 minutes prior to that time for fellowship and light refreshment. If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:30 am in the Brethren Life Center.

**Church Board Minutes** from the meetings held July 14, 2026, and August 4, 2026, are posted on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

**The church has some chairs and a few other items** that have been replaced or will be discarded as part of our interior redesign. Furniture can be seen in the Brethren Life Center. A church pew currently in the library is also available. If anyone is interested in providing a new home for any of these items, please contact the church office. Items must be removed by Saturday, August 29th.

**Fellowship & Recreation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 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.

**The Loving Hearts Group** will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at Stoner’s Family Restaurant at 12 Noon. Following lunch, our speaker will be from the Franklin County Area on Aging. Please contact Vivian Fisher if you plan to attend (717) 809-0521.

**Properties Commission** will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**The Searcher’s Sunday School Class Picnic** is scheduled for Saturday, August 22 at the Menno Haven pavilion where it was held last year. Please arrive between 4:15 and 5:00 p.m. – we plan to eat about 5:15. Bring a covered dish to share and lawn chairs. Chicken will be provided by the Sunday School class along with tablecloths, plates, cups, utensils and drink. If you are planning to attend, please call Diane or Don Berger at 717-377-4641 by August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Deadline for September’s Pastor’s Pen** is Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please submit all information to the church office.

**Missions and Service Commission** will meet on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

**Worship and Music Commission** will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Smart Cookies Preschool Orientation** will be held on Friday, August 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

**Deacons Commission** will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall.

**Mid-Week to Go.....**plan to join us on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

**Youth Group Begins on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Join us from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The evening will include dinner, worship, crafts and games. Plan to attend!

**Annual Conference Wrap-Up, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** - Join us in the Mini-Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for an Annual Conference Wrap-Up report from our delegates Nicholas and Samuel Wingert.

**SAVE THE DATE - Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. at Twin Bridge Campground, 1345 Twin Bridge Rd, Chambersburg, PA. Sign-up sheets coming soon!

**Southern Pennsylvania District Conference** will be held Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. District Conference Moderator, Nicholas Wingert, warmly invites you to be a part of this joyful gathering of faith and community. Our theme for this year, drawn from Psalm 34:1, is: *With Every Breath That I Am Able, I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.* This powerful reminder calls us to live lives filled with gratitude and continual praise.

**Pre-Service Hymn Singing** - The second Sunday of each month at 9:15 am. Come ready to request your favorite hymn or contact Robin with your request earlier in the week.

**Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.** Place items on the shelf marked Food Pantry Donations located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

**Church Closing Schedule** – August – Bob Shank;  
September – Don Lehman

To give online, please scan



August 9, 2026

Worship – 113      Sunday School – 39

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| Unified Budget Needed to Date   | \$302,211.95 |
| Actual Income through 7/31/26   | \$326,709.30 |
| Actual Expenses through 7/31/26 | \$312,287.72 |
| Net as of 7/31/26               | \$ 14,421.58 |

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles  
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert  
Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden  
Director of Music and Organist – Pamela Wert  
Traditional Worship – 9:30 AM – Contemporary Worship – 10:45 AM  
Sunday School – 10:35 AM  
Children’s Church - 9:30 AM-10:30 AM & 10:35AM – 11:45 AM.  
Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday  
Friday – 8:00 AM – 12 Noon - Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.  
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