

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

Worship
August 23, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* arr. D. Burton

Call to Worship Matthew 28:16-20 (NCV) Carol Van Horn

One: The eleven followers went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

All: On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him, but some of them did not believe it was really Jesus.

One: Then Jesus came to them and said, “All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

All: “Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age.”

*Hymn *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* (#361) vs. 1, 3,4

*Prayer

Hymn *Glorious Is Thy Name, Most Holy* (#376)

Offering Prayer

Offertory *This Is My Father’s World* arr. J. Dixon

*Sung Response to Offering
 We’ve a Story to Tell (#356)

Pastoral Prayer

Teaching Scripture John 1:1-4, 10-14 (NLT)

Sermon *Jesus in the Neighborhood* Pastor Mark
 (A compelling vision for the church)

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* (#440)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Jesus Love the Little Children* arr. M. Kim

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
Worship Leadership Carol Van Horn

Today, August 23rd

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.

Deadline for September’s Pastor’s Pen is TODAY. Please submit all information to the church office.

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

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.

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

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.

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

National Youth Conference Recap Sunday will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026. Join us as we share and celebrate our time in Colorado. Youth will share their experience along with video clips & powerful stories. Plan to attend!

Ladies of Strength Training meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m. from September 1, 2026 through November 19, 2026 and January 5, 2027 through May 20, 2027.The exercises use leg and arm weights and includes 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.

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 2nd. 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 6th - 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.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wed. Sept. 9 at 7 pm in the Mini -Fellowship Hall. Handbell Choir rehearsals begin Wed. Sept 16 at 6 pm. Come join us! You are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE - Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 4:30 p.m. at 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 sheets coming soon!

The Women’s Bible Study will be kicking off at 10:00 on Tuesday, September 15th, with a special presentation on “Creating a Healthier Life in a Toxic World” by Donna Meyers. We will meet in the Searchers classroom. Studies on Paul’s letters will continue every Tuesday after that. Join us!

Pie Request - We would like to serve homemade pies for one of the District Conference meals and request any pie bakers to sign up to donate a pie (or two). Sign-up sheet is in the BLC lobby welcome desk. Pies should be delivered to the church kitchen by noon on Thursday, September 17.

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 16, 2026

Worship – 100	Sunday School – 30
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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