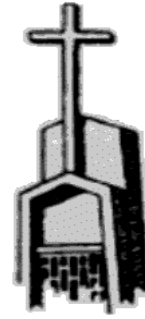


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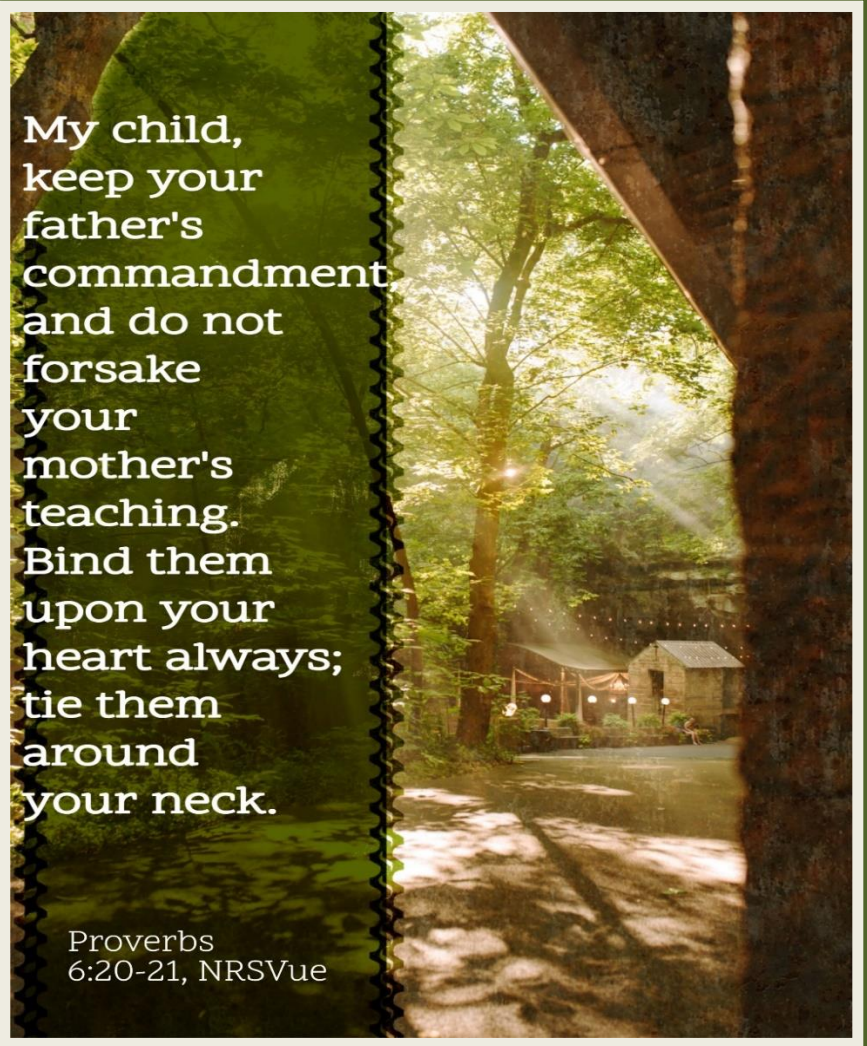
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My child,  
keep your  
father's  
commandment  
and do not  
forsake  
your  
mother's  
teaching.  
Bind them  
upon your  
heart always;  
tie them  
around  
your neck.

Proverbs  
6:20-21, NRSVue

# JUNE WORSHIP THEMES

**May 31:** "Imagining a Community of Radical Inclusion" (1 of 4)  
- Eric Seibert

**Worship Theme:** God loves all people unconditionally, and the church is called to reflect that kind of love. Yet the church has often excluded, persecuted, and even killed certain kinds of people. Imagine what the church would look like if it were characterized by radical inclusion.

**Scripture:** Acts 10:1-48

**June 7:** "Imagining a Church without Division" (2 of 4)  
- Eric Seibert

**Worship Theme:** Over the course of its history, especially the last five hundred years, the church has been plagued by all sorts of divisions and schisms. Imagine what a powerful witness it would be to the world if the church existed without division.

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

**June 14:** "Imagining Christians Who Follow Jesus" (3 of 4)  
- Eric Seibert

**Worship Theme:** Many people who consider themselves Christians do not take Christian discipleship seriously. Imagine how different the world would be if Christians were committed to following Jesus faithfully in word and deed.

**Scripture:** Luke 9:57-62

**June 21:** "Imagining a World without War" (4 of 4)  
- Eric Seibert

**Worship Theme:** Violence is so common in our world that it is difficult to imagine life without it. But harming and killing others is contrary to the will of God. Imagine the kind of world we would have if violence was the exception rather than the rule and if war was abolished.

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 6:8-23; Isaiah 2:1-4

**June 28:** To Be Determined

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."  
(Acts 2:17-18, NRSVue)

I'm really excited about the one-word Annual Conference theme for 2026. The word? *Imagine*. It is both evocative and provocative.

Imagination sometimes gets a bad rap. It is a word that is used negatively in certain contexts. For example, you might hear someone speak disparagingly of a person who has a "vivid imagination." And someone who may be expressing anxiety about a certain situation might be told, "Don't let your imagination run away with you."

But imagination, when used appropriately, can be tremendously useful. Imagination fosters creativity and opens the door to new possibilities. It is vital to human development and spiritual growth. It can inspire us to work for peace and justice, inviting us to remake the world as it should be rather than simply leaving it as it is. Imagination leads us toward a better future, and it cultivates hope.

The verses from Acts 2 (see above) included in the Annual Conference theme statement were spoken by the prophet Joel hundreds of years prior to the Day of Pentecost. What Joel could only imagine became reality with the coming of the Holy Spirit. And with the Spirit working through people, all bets are off. All sorts of things are possible!

As you look to the future, what do you imagine for yourself? For your community? For the church? For our world? Don't be limited by the status quo or by what already exists. And don't be discouraged by naysayers and doubters. Rather, with the Holy Spirit as your guide, let your imagination run wild! Use your God-given imagination to see life in fresh, new ways. Just imagine all that God can do through you, and through us, as we allow the Spirit to empower us to live out the truth of the gospel in a world desperately in need of good news.

Pastor Eric



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### Summer Sunday School

**Adults:** Beginning on June 7, the Living Letters and Willing Learners Sunday School classes will be combining and will be using the *Nooma Video Series* for study.

June 7: Cheryl Noll will teach the lesson "You"

June 14: currently vacant

June 21: Del Keeney will teach the lesson "Name"

June 28: Scott Wise will teach the lesson "Rhythm"

**Children:** There will be six sessions taught throughout the summer on the following dates: June 14 and June 28

July 12 and July 26

August 9 and August 23

Question may be directed to the Christian ED Team.



Pew Communion - Sunday, June 14, 2026  
During the 10:30 am Worship Service



**Sight & Sound  
Bus Trip**

**June 23, 2026**

Happy  
Father's Day



Lord, thank you  
for the men who have  
guided us, prayed for us  
and walked beside us  
in faith.



### From MAYday to Stability!

Tabitha came to us after her vehicle broke down, leaving her and her husband without reliable transportation to work. Through our Hope Rides program, she was able to borrow a car, keep working, and start saving.

With determination and support, Tabitha was able to purchase her own vehicle. Today, they have dependable transportation. We are grateful for the community whose generosity makes stories like this possible.

### Philippians 1:9 (NIV)

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

#### Need Help?

If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.

(717) 432-2087

#### Wish List:

- Canned meats and peanut butter
- Canned veggies/fruit
- Personal care items
- See website for specific needs by Center

#### Volunteer with us!

There are volunteer opportunities available. Please give us a call, or visit our website to see how you can be a part of our ministry!

[www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)

Thank you MCOB for your generous donation of 84 pounds of food!



## About Family Promise HCR

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization serving homeless families through an Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). The IHN coordinates local communities of faith, partner agencies, businesses, volunteers, and community leaders to provide resources that enable families to move from homelessness to home. These resources include compassionate care, hospitality, professional support, lodging, meals, donated goods, and – most importantly – volunteers.

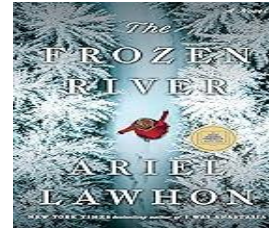


**Catch Up** – a prevention program offering funding related to rent or utilities.

**Wheels Up** – a transportation program offering funding for vehicle-related expenses.

More information can be found at [familypromisehcr.org/up-programs/](http://familypromisehcr.org/up-programs/)

Please visit our



The **Church Book Club** will meet on **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm over Zoom.**

This month's selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

### Anniversary Events a Success

The dedication and commitment that has sustained our church for a century was on full display during the centennial celebration weekend, May 2-3.

While anniversary committee members Warren and Theresa Eshbach, Lois Keeney, Vicky Keebaugh, Margie Fultz, Charlie Richmond and Sherri Kimmel provided planning and structure to the weekend, many other folks pitched in. These include members who set up chairs and tables for the luncheon, then removed them after the meal, those who donated and distributed cookies and made coffee for the post-concert get-together and much more.

The committee also was grateful for the music and messages offered by guest speakers and musicians: Anita and Brent Stapleton; COB Annual Conference Moderator Don Fitzkee; Jeff Carter, Bethany Seminary president; and Jeff Bach, director emeritus of the Young Center.

Thanks to the can-do spirit that typifies members of our church as well as members of the wider COB, the centennial celebration weekend was a success.



**Thank you** to everyone who has helped us prepare for our move into a new apartment by donating needed items and your time to actually move us a few weeks ago. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your friendship and kindness have meant a lot.

With Love, Selena and Elizabeth

**Witness to the Host City** - This year we will be supporting **Alive Community Outreach**, a faith-based organization with a mission to cultivate a community of nonviolence through relationships and education. They support families impacted by homicide and partner with schools to train high school students as peacemakers, building a culture of peace through violence prevention, restorative intervention, and survivor support. They maintain that violence is ultimately a symptom of deeper issues that must be addressed in order to bring about lasting change. The organizational founder, Rev. Angelo Mante, will be the Keynote Speaker during conference's Tuesday morning session, *A Morning of Sparking, Stirring, and Serving*, supporting this year's conference theme of **Imagine!**

As most of us would agree this sounds like quite a worthy cause and in direct keeping with our denomination's peacekeeping philosophies. Therefore, these items will be collected at Annual Conference:

**Art supplies for the Peace Room at each school:** Students often do art tributes to peace, to lost family or friends, or just as a processing tool for getting into a more peaceful frame of mind. Please consider donating colored pencils, markers, pens, paper in different colors, glue, and paint pens that can print on walls, as they often do murals.

**Snacks for the Peace Rooms:** Snacks offer an inviting sense of welcome to the peace room for group activities for group activities or for kids who may just be hungry. Any kind of individually packaged, shelf-stable snacks that you think teens would enjoy are welcome.

**Feminine products for the Peace Rooms:** Students are often caught without products and this is another resource they can have available to help the space feel welcoming and supportive.

**Monetary Contributions:** can also be made with a check which will be collected during conference worship sessions, or through a credit card through the AC website offering page.

There will be bin(s) available in the narthex for your donations, and checks can be given to either delegate. Both Glen and Cheryl will be driving to conference so hopefully space for our collected items should not be an issue. **Items will be collected until June 24.**



## Annual Conference 2026

Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Grand Wayne Convention Center



Germantown Meetinghouse

### Immediate needs include:

1. Improve cemetery entrance -- \$5,000
2. Repair fencing around cemetery -- \$25,000
3. Conduct headstone maintenance -- \$20,000
4. Update meetinghouse roofing -- \$90,000
5. Update meetinghouse basement (including foundation repair) -- \$50,000
6. Baptismal marker repair/maintenance -- \$2,000
7. Complete parsonage renovations -- \$90,000
8. Additional site maintenance costs -- \$18,000

**Projected total cost - \$300,000**

**Help us take the next step!**

[www.brethren.org/giveGermantown](http://www.brethren.org/giveGermantown)

Questions: Contact the Mission Advancement Office 847-429-4370, [MA@brethren.org](mailto:MA@brethren.org)

### *We walk alongside their footsteps*

A capital campaign to preserve the Germantown, Pennsylvania property and the history of the Church of the Brethren in America.

### *What needs to be accomplished?*

Spiritual descendants of the early Brethren share a precious treasure in the Germantown property and cemetery. With that treasure come needs to care for and maintain the meetinghouse, parsonage, and cemetery. Hundreds of people are buried in the cemetery, including early Brethren leaders such as Alexander Mack, Sr. Funds are needed for the care and maintenance needs of these historical facilities.

Germantown Cemetery



# GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

## What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



## What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



Craft  
Idea



# MCOB Annual YARDSALE

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7 am – 2 pm

Yard Sale items can be dropped off beginning Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>- Room # 129

Please consider donating your **CLEAN, USABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** to the church by placing them in Room #129.

Please stack your items as far back in the room as possible.

All furniture donations should be IN GOOD CONDITION, WITHOUT TEARS OR STAINS.

*Please...*

**NO** items that are broken or have missing pieces.

**NO** Encyclopedias, Text Books, or Computer Tech Books.

**NO** TVs, computers, or electronics. **NO** clothing.

**Gas-powered or oily items should be held until the day prior to the sale. (No storage available and will be placed outside on sale date.)**

**All plants and produce should be dropped off on Wednesday/Thursday of sale week.**

**Questions? Contact Peggy Brechbiel or Brenda Rhoads.**

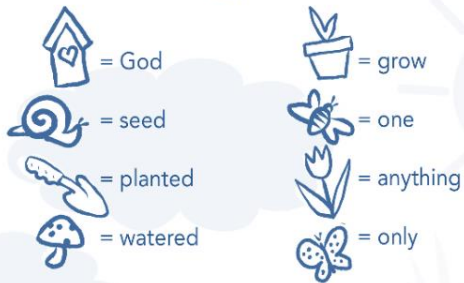
# PUZZLE

## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

### KEY



I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,

but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_.

So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_.

but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, grow, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow

# MAINTENANCE



## SPONSOR A BUILDING PROJECT

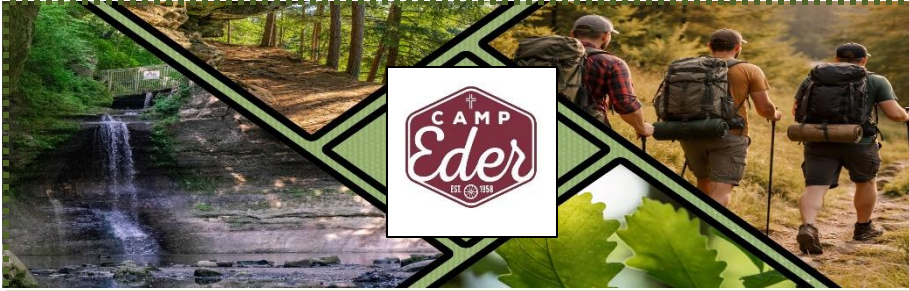
Camp Eder's extensive property spans over 450 acres of lush forest and orchard. Nestled in this landscape are numerous lodges, cabins, and amenities that visitors throughout the year utilize for retreats, renewal, and summer camps. The maintenance and enhancement of our facilities demand significant time and resources. We are actively seeking sponsors to join us in preserving and improving Camp Eder's property.

Below are corresponding amounts for the lodges and cabins we are looking to update and maintain. Your support will play a vital role in ensuring the continued care and enhancement of our facilities for the benefit of all who experience the beauty of Camp Eder.

Building	Sponsorship Cost	Project/Repairs Needed
Geigley	\$2,500	Water Heaters for Kitchen
Tree of Peace	\$2,000	Flooring in Bathrooms
Schwarzenau	\$2,000	Resurface Flooring
Mack Cabins	\$1,200	Heating and Cooling Systems, Paint
Maintenance	\$2,000	Lights, Garage Doors
Heckman Pavillion	\$800	Exterior Lighting and Paint
Miller Meeting House	\$1,500	Peplace Windows, Water Heater
Water Treatment Plant	\$500	Paint
Sewage Treatment Plant	\$7,000	Equipment, Repairs

Could you consider becoming a picnic table sponsor?

Each 8-foot wooden tables cost \$200 each.



## SUMMER CAMP

Join us this summer for a fun-filled week during which your camper can disconnect from the busyness of life and seek God. Our mission here at Camp Eder is to offer a place where people can learn to know Jesus Christ through Bible-based ministry in an outdoor environment. To achieve this goal, campers will spend the week exploring God's creation through different camp activities. They will also be able to grow in their relationship with God while having fun with old and new friends.

Week 1: June 14 – 19 – Grades 7-8; 9-12 and ages 15+

Week 2: June 21 – 26 – Grades 4-6 and 7-12

Week 3: July 5 – 10 – Grades K-1; 1-3 and 4-6

Week 4: July 12 – 17 – Grades 1-3 and 4-6

Week 5: July 19 – 24 – Grades 7-12

Register online at [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org)

**Camp Eder**  
**Christian Camp and Retreat Center**  
**914 Mount Hope Road**  
**Fairfield, PA 17320**  
**717-642-8256**

# June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> Library Reserved 7 pm (CROP Walk)	<b>2</b> Living Letters Reserved 6:30 pm (Rabenstein) Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion) <b>SOPA District Women's Camp</b>	<b>3</b> Quilting 9 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion) <b>SOPA District Women's Camp</b>	<b>4</b> Grief Support Group 1 pm (Library)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved 5/11 pm (Lakkampally)
<b>7</b> <b>Food for New Hope</b> Sunday School 9 am Membership Class 9 am Worship 10:30 am	<b>8</b> Knitting Group 1 pm (Library)	<b>9</b> Men's Breakfast 9 am (Brothers' Restaurant) Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>10</b> Quilting 9 am Ladies Lunch 11:30 am (Lower Allen Diner) Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Pew Communion</b> Sunday School 9 am Membership Class 9 am Worship 10:30 am	<b>15</b> <b>July/August Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> Caregiver Support Group 1 pm (Library) Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>17</b> Quilting 9 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day Donations for Family Promise</b> Sunday School 9 am Membership Class 9 am Worship 10:30 am	<b>22</b> Knitting Group 1 pm (Library)	<b>23</b> <b>Sight &amp; Sound Bus Trip</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved 7/8:30 pm (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>24</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>My 2 Cents Worth</b> Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30 am  <b>COB Annual Conference</b> - - - - -	<b>29</b> Church Book Club 7 pm (Zoom)  <b>Fort Wayne, Indiana</b> - - - - -	<b>30</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 am/5:30 pm (Life Line Screening)  <b>Through July 2<sup>nd</sup></b> - - -				

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