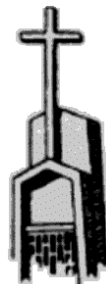


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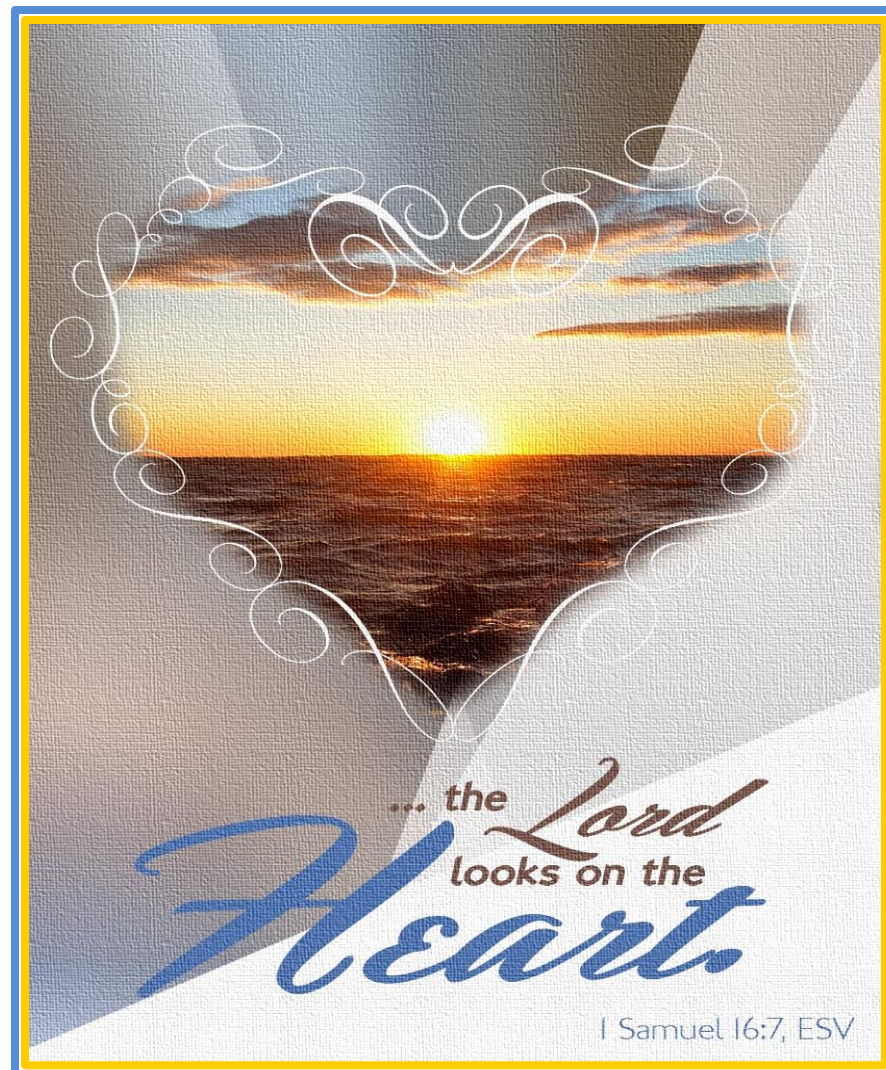
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WORSHIP THEMES

July 6: Annual Conference Sunday

A Sermon Series on Trusting God

July 13: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Manna" (1 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

Worship Theme: The manna miracle in the wilderness offers Israel (and each one of us) a unique opportunity to learn what it means to trust God.

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-35; Matthew 6:7-13

July 20: "Trusting God in a Moment of Crisis" (2 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

Worship Theme: We'll see what trusting God looks like as King Hezekiah faces the threat of the Assyrians conquering Jerusalem.

Scripture: 2 Kings 18-20 (selected verses)

July 27: "An Antidote for Worry" (3 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

Worship Theme: Jesus teaches his disciples not to worry but to trust in the abundant goodness and provision of God.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6;
Matthew 6:24-34

August 3: - TBD

August 10: - TBD

A Sermon Series on "Continuing the Work of Jesus: Peacefully, Simply, Together"

August 17: – *Membership Sunday* – "Continuing the Work of Jesus Together" (1 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

August 24: "Continuing the Work of Jesus Simply" (2 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

August 31: "Continuing the Work of Jesus Peacefully" (3 of 3)

- Eric Seibert

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

-Proverbs 3:5-6, NRSVue

I'm about to reveal a "deep truth," so be sure you are sitting down before reading further. Here it is: *Worrying is easy. Trusting God is considerably harder.* Ok, so maybe this wasn't all that deep, but it certainly rings true for many of us.

It is easy to worry and fret about all sorts of things: our financial situation, political violence, climate change, our health, parenting, difficult relationships, microplastics—the list goes on! Our easy access to information often heightens our anxiety as we are regularly bombarded with bad news and new things to be concerned about.



Yet regardless of what is happening in our world or in our own personal lives, God does not want us to be consumed by worry. Instead, God wants us to live with a sense of confidence and hope, trusting in God's goodness despite the storms of life. But how do we do that? And what does it even mean to put our trust in God?

During the last three Sundays in July, I'm planning a short sermon series that considers these questions from a variety of different angles. We'll see how Israel's manna miracle, Hezekiah's actions under pressure, and Jesus' words provide insight into what it means to trust God. My hope is that this series will encourage and equip you to "trust in the Lord with all your heart" so that you might have the strength you need to face life's challenges with courage and grace.

- Pastor Eric



September 1 – 5: Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
Register at: www.brethren.org/noac

September 3: Senior Day at Camp Eder (Cost \$20)
Register at: 717-642-8256 or campeder@campeder.org

September 14: MCOB Church Picnic
[More information coming soon!]

September 19 & 20: Southern Pennsylvania (SOPA) District Church of the Brethren District Conference at Hanover Church of the Brethren, Hanover, PA. More information at www.cob-net.org/church/sopa or email the District Office at sopadistrict@brethren.org

September 26 & 27: 48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA. Open 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. each day. More information at <https://brethrenauction.org>

September 27: Clean Up Day at Camp Eder (Lunch is provided!)
Call: 717-642-8256 or email campeder@campeder.org



July 6: Luggage

"Why is it sometimes so hard to forgive?"

Luke 6:37; Psalm 66:7; Proverbs 15:3; Romans 12:19; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 4:13; Romans 12:14-17; Hebrews 2:9

July 13: Dust

"What does God see in us?"

Matthew 16:19; Matthew 14:22-31; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Philippians 4:13; John 14:12, 15: 25-26; Galatians 5:16-23

July 20: Bullhorn

"What's the most important thing in your life?"

How does it line up with what Jesus said?"
Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:35

July 27: Lump

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6: 2, 7; Romans 8:38-39

August 3: Rich

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth."

1 Timothy 6:17-19

August 10: Dale Heintzelman from Gideons International will be educating us on the scope of Gideons, both locally and internationally.

August 17, 24, 31: These dates have not been finalized but will include an update from Brethren Housing Association by Jessica Vinton, a synopsis of our denomination's annual conference by delegates Sherry Kimmel and Glen Daughtry, and a report by Cheryl Noll and others from Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren on their February work trip to the Dominican Republic.



MCOB Graduate Recognition Class of 2025

High School Graduates

Macy Creps graduated from Cumberland Valley High School. She plans to attend Bloomsburg University and follow in her family's footsteps working toward a degree in Education.

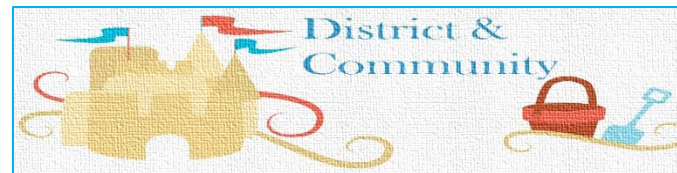
Bobbi Jo Harvey graduated from Cedar Cliff High School on June 6th, 2025. She was awarded the Anthony Gasparette scholarship in honor of her skills in the tech trades of wood and metal. This award also recognizes her creativity as an artist.

Sophia Hoover graduated cum laude (93% or higher GPA) from Cumberland Valley High School. In the Fall Sophia will attend Florida Atlantic University majoring in Finance.

Hayven Mumma graduated cum laude from Cumberland Valley High School. Hayven will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the Fall majoring in Communications Media. She will also be playing field hockey for the IUP Crimson Hawks.

Mercedes Ramos graduated magna cum laude from Covenant Christian Academy. While at Covenant, Mercedes most enjoyed the arts program, studying literature, and being a math tutor. Mercedes will work at Hershey Park until mid-August, when she will head to Rochester Institute of Technology to begin a 5-year combined accelerated bachelor's/master's program, studying Physics.

Congratulations!



SOPA District Picnic - Sunday, July 27th

Little Buffalo State Park, Pavilion #2

Potluck picnic at 4:30 PM

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Meat will be provided by the District.

RSVP: 717-778-2264 or

sopadistrict@brethren.org

The Friends of Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community -Chicken Barbeque & Car Show Saturday, August 9th

10:30 AM until Sold-Out

Pre-ordering deadline is July 29th

www.crosskeysvillage.org/chicken

Mel Markey Memorial Golf Outing Benefiting Children's Aid Society August 14, 2025 Heritage Hills Resort

Register at: www.cassd.org

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 'Backpack Beginnings' for the Annual Conference Host City.

Donations were as follows:

30 Pencil top erasers	2 Document files	
2 Erasers	2 Pencil sharpener	18 Backpacks
96 Pencils	72 Crayons	4 Scissors
44 Hardcover books (14 Spanish, 30 English)		
82 Paperback books (3 Spanish, 79 English)	5 Glue sticks	
8 Tooth brushes	6 Travel Cases	4 Toothpaste tubes
2 Subject notebooks	24 Colored pencils	6 Highlighters
1 Small Teddy Bear	\$445.00 in Monetary donations	
22 Document folders	5 Plastic notebooks	
1 3-pc Notebook set	4 Hair conditioners	
1 2-in-one kids shampoo	1 box Crayola crayons	

Attention Children and Youth of all ages!

The Christian Ed committee is bringing back the **Bible-A-Thon** event! This is a chance to crack open your Bible and use it to test your knowledge!

Study packets are available at the Welcome Center for kids and youth of all ages.

Kids ages Pre-K through first grade will be looking at the story of Creation in Genesis. Children grades 2nd – 4th will study the book of Exodus, Junior High Youth (5th – 8th) will focus on the book of Proverbs, and Senior High Youth (9th – 12th) will dive into the book of Job. Using their Bibles, kids will answer a series of questions and prepare to be quizzed!

Quizzing will take place on Sunday, August 31, 2025 during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00am). All participants will be rewarded with snacks immediately after quizzing and have the opportunity to enter their names for several fun raffle prizes!

Christian Ed is also looking for adult volunteers to act as quizzers for the Bible-A-Thon. This is a great opportunity to interact with the children and youth here at Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren in a relaxed, fun setting! All supplies will be provided to quizzers and they may also take part in the snack celebration. Please use the sign-up sheet in the gathering area outside of the Sanctuary.



MCOB Graduate Recognition Class of 2025

College/University Graduates

Amanda Arbogast graduated from Penn State Harrisburg on May 10th, with a B.A. in Communications. She is pursuing a career in Corporate Media and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Amanda has begun working at Orthopedic Institute of PA (OIP).

Jackson Richmond graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College Nursing Associate in Science Degree Program in December 2024. He is currently working as a graduate nurse at Gastroenterology Associates of Central PA in Hershey. Jackson is currently living at home and is preparing to take the NCLEX RN exam to become a licensed nurse. His future plans include additional schooling to obtain his BSN degree.

Gretchen Murphy-Zug graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a master's degree in Human Genome Counseling. Gretchen is currently interviewing at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for a Genetic Counseling position.

Congratulations!



Let's get ready for an Adventure!

At **True North VBS**, kids will explore how to stay true to God's Word! Take kids into an amazing Alaskan adventure where they'll experience the faithfulness and never-ending adventure of trusting friendship. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and

safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

The fun starts at 6 PM and will end at 8:00 PM every evening Monday, August 4th, through Thursday, August 7th. Call this number 766-8880 or fill out a registration form and return it to Sherry Jones' church mailbox to register your children for this life-changing adventure. Please register as soon as possible so that we can begin to gather enough supplies for our adventure. VBS is geared for three-year old's (who are potty trained) through children who are currently in sixth grade.

Thanks,
Sherry Jones

*There is no cost for this program. We will be collecting donations of items for New Hope Ministries if you would like to donate.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christian Education needs one person each Sunday from July 6 through and including August 31 to volunteer to assist the teacher for the children's class during 9:00am Sunday School.

That additional person insures that our children have sufficient supervision. We are asking each of you to search your heart to see if you'd be willing to do this. You would

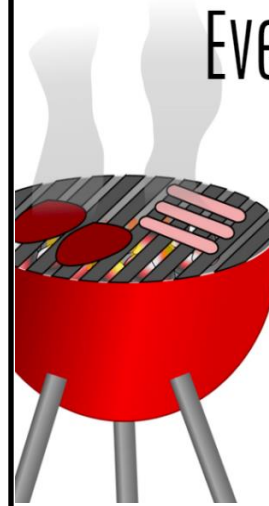
not be asked to teach the lesson but be available to assist with redirecting children to the learning, encouraging, and demonstrating God's love for our children.

If you can do this (& we know you can), please contact Sherry Jones who will help to make that occur, including clearances.

We thank you and so do our children.
Christian Education

NEIGHBORHOOD COOKOUT

Everyone is invited!



JOIN US
for hotdogs &
hamburgers

FREE OF CHARGE

**Saturday, July 26th &
Saturday, August 30th**

12 Noon – 2 PM

The **Church Book Club** will meet
on **Monday, August 25th at 7 p.m.** on Zoom.
The group will discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman.



NO Book Club in July.



Timeline

***Saturday, Aug. 16**
at 6:30 p.m. – set up
tables in fellowship hall.
Ice Cream Social
immediately after.

***Monday, Aug. 18** at
9:00 a.m. – begin
unpacking and pricing

***Tuesday –
Thursday, Aug. 19 –
21** – unpacking and
pricing

***Saturday, Aug. 23
– 7:00 a.m. – 2:00
p.m. Yard Sale Day**

***Monday, Aug. 25** –
box cutting and cleanup

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale

**Saturday, August 23, 2025
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Please place your items on the stage or
in room #129.

⌚ **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.

Plant & Produce Captain – Brenda
Rhoads

Bake Sale Captain – *to be announced*
Kitchen Captain – Jill Risser
Silent Auction – Starr Akens

Questions? Contact the church office or
Arlene Justice.

**NO ITEMS will be accepted
after Wednesday, Aug. 20.**



**Saturday, August 23, 2025
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Please sign up in the narthex to let us know
what you are making. Please prepackage your
goodies if possible.

Contact the church office with any questions.

Baked goods should be dropped off by Friday, August 22nd.

The **Nominating and Personnel Committee** is beginning their search to fill vacancies within our church leadership for 2026. We ask you to prayerfully consider your willingness to help carry out the business of the church. Specifically, we are looking for members who would allow their name to be placed on the church ballot at the Fall Congregational Forum for the following positions starting 1 January 2026:

1. Leadership Team (7 vacancies) – Descriptions below.
2. Annual Conference Delegate (1 vacancy) – the 2026 Annual Conference is scheduled to meet in Fort Wayne Indiana over the 4th of July holiday.
3. District Conference Delegate (1 vacancy) – usually held the 3rd week of September.
4. Mechanicsburg Council of Churches Representative (1 vacancy)
5. Nominating and Personnel Committee (1 vacancy)
6. Church Moderator
7. Church Clerk
8. Church Treasurer
9. Church Assistant Treasurer
10. Church Financial Secretary

The Nominating and Personnel Committee would appreciate hearing from you with your willingness to serve and share your talents with our congregation.

Thank you for your consideration,
Peggy Brechbiel, Jill Risser, Arlene Justice, Kathryn Vinson

Ministry Team on Nurture shall be responsible for fostering the spiritual life of the congregation through music, worship, and fellowship.

Ministry Team on Christian Education shall be responsible for directing the educational mission and program of the congregation.

Ministry Team on Witness shall be responsible for directing the congregation's witness to the world through evangelism, church extension, ecumenical relations, mission, social actions, ministry to the needy and daily vocations.

Ministry Team on Stewards is the legal trustee of the congregation with responsibility for the property in accordance with the decision of the Leadership Team and / or the congregation, and is responsible for the care, protection, and maintenance of the property

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 COB Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC	3 Grief Support Group 1 p.m. (Library) COB Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC	4 COB Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC Church Office Closed	5 COB Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC
6 COB Annual Conference Food for New Hope Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	7	8 Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. (Brother's Restaurant)	9 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 a.m. (Lower Allen Diner) Christian ED Team 7 p.m. (Zoom)	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	14	15 Caregivers Support Group 1 p.m. (Library) Leadership Team Meeting 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20 Donations for Family Promise Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26 Burgers & Dogs Community Cook Out 12/2 p.m.
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. SOPA District Picnic	28 No Book Club	29 Christian ED Team 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)	30	31		

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Parking lot / Fellowship Hall Reserved 6/7 p.m. (Yeager)
3 Food for New Hope Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	4 VBS True North 6/8 p.m.	5 VBS True North 6/8 p.m.	6 VBS True North 6/8 p.m.	7 Grief Support Group 1 p.m. (Library) VBS True North 6/8 p.m.	8	9
10 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	11	12 Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. (Brothers Restaurant)	13 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 a.m. (Lower Allen Diner)	14	15 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16
17 Donations for Family Promise Membership Sunday Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	18 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Yard Sale Prep	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Yard Sale Prep Caregivers Support Group 1 p.m. (Library) Executive Committee 7 p.m.	20 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Yard Sale Prep	21 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Yard Sale Prep	22 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Yard Sale Prep	23 MCOB YARD SALE 7 AM – 2 PM
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