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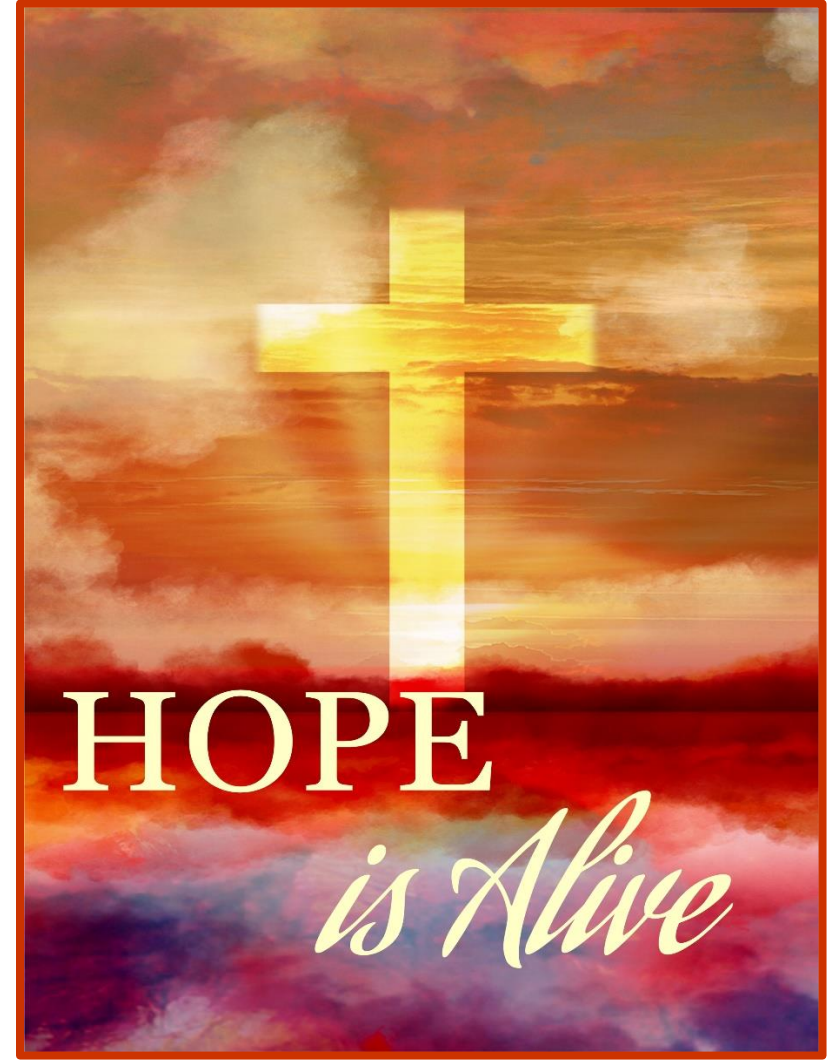
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April Worship Themes



April 6: "What Good Can Come from Suffering?" (3 of 3)
- Eric Seibert

Worship Theme: Though God does not cause our suffering, God can work through it to strengthen our character and to transform us.

Scripture: Psalm 34:11-22; James 1:2-4

April 13: *Palm Sunday* - "A Different Kind of King"

Worship Theme: Kings often rule by force and violence. While Jesus' donkey-ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday has royal significance, his life and ministry demonstrate that he is a different kind of king.

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 19:28-40

April 20: *Easter Sunday* - "This Changes Everything!"

Worship Theme: Peering into the empty tomb and encountering the resurrected Christ changes everything.

Scripture: Luke 24:1-27

April 27: To Be Announced

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:8 (NRSVue)



How powerful are you? "Faster than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound." Probably not. But chances are, you are far more powerful than you realize.

This year, we are focusing on the theme of power in our Lenten study series as we are making our way through Kathy Escobar's book *Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power*. According to Escobar, "It's crucial that we recognize we all have power. Power, in and of itself, isn't bad or negative; *it is what we choose to do with that power that matters*" (p. 4).

Most of us are far more powerful than we realize. As people of faith, we are called to use our power in constructive, non-coercive ways, to build others up rather than tearing them down. We can use our power positively to advance God's kingdom of peace and justice in the world. And we can use our power to meet the needs of others and to advocate for the most vulnerable members of society.

Though our superpowers may not manifest themselves in the form of great strength or dramatic acts, they sneak out in acts of love and service. Let us remember that we are empowered by the very same Spirit who empowered Jesus. May that encourage us to live godly lives and to bear witness to the good news of Jesus this Easter season.

-Pastor Eric



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ___
2. H → ↑ → ___
3. V → ↑ ↓ ___
4. I ← ← ↑ ___
5. T ↑ ← ↑ ___
6. P ↑ → → ↓ ___
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ ___
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← ___



Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



MCOB News & Activities

Love Feast

Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18, 2025
at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday,
April 19th
10:00 a.m.
Rain or Shine

**Community
Easter Egg Hunt**



The Spring Congregational Forum will be held on Sunday, April 27th after worship.

We will begin with a carry-in meal. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share, along with plates & utensils for each family member.

The business meeting will begin by 12:30.

Spring Fling Rummage Sale



Friday, April 4th from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 5th from 8 a.m. – Noon

Serving soup & hot dogs plus baked goods.

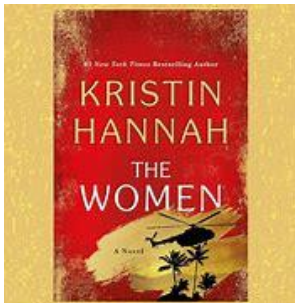


Lunch & Learn Fellowship

April 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be Geraldine Dolan from Dover.

Geraldine lost her son to Fentanyl overdose. Since this family tragedy, Geraldine speaks publicly about the dangers of drugs but especially Fentanyl. Her sister Leona hosts the Dover football team on home games in her bakery. Geraldine and Leona hope that the team learns about the dangers of drugs.



The Church Book Club will meet on

Monday, April 28th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

This month's selection is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Our Discussion Leader will be Margie Fultz.

FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE

Galatians 5:6b

Annual Conference 2025

Greensboro, North Carolina

July 2-6

Koury Convention Center
3121 W Gate City Blvd

Witness to the Host City



BackPack Beginnings

BackPack Beginnings (BPB) is a nonprofit dedicated to making a difference for local, low-income children and families by providing for their tangible basic needs. Our mission is to connect children and their families to resources needed to thrive. By ensuring food and basic necessities are given directly to children in need, we are making a positive and lasting impact on the health and well-being of over 25,000 children in our community.

We distribute basic necessities to children via our 183 Community Partners and through our Family Market. Our Community Partners include schools, headstarts, pediatricians' offices, non-profits, churches and the Housing Authority. The BPB Family Market is a dignity of choice, "one-stop" shopping experience where parents and children select their basic needs at no cost in a retail-like, welcoming environment. Families have access to expanded food choices such as frozen foods, fresh produce, and dairy items as well as resources such as hygiene products, children's clothing, diapers, baby accessories, school supplies, and even childhood joys such as toys, books, and sports equipment!

Our newest program, Beyond the Basics (BTB), is a no-cost coaching program designed for our Family Market guests who are eager to set and achieve goals that will positively impact their families. BTB offers personalized coaching, referrals and case management to support each participant's journey. To learn more about our work, please visit backpackbeginnings.org.

These items will be collected at Annual Conference. Monetary contributions can be made by check during the worship offering or on the AC website offering page.



LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE KNOWN

Philippians 4:5

National Junior High Conference June 20-22, 2025

Juniata College • Huntingdon, PA

Gentleness, commanded in scripture and named as a “fruit of the Spirit,” is not valued by the culture around us. How would our relationships with each other and with God change if gentleness guided us? What does it mean to “Let your gentleness be known?”

Come explore these questions
with us this summer!

Register
NOW!

www.brethren.org/yqa/njhc

Registration fee: \$275 (Until June 1)

For Junior High Youth (those who have completed grades 6 – 8) and their advisors.

Scholarships (intercultural and travel) are available.

Questions?

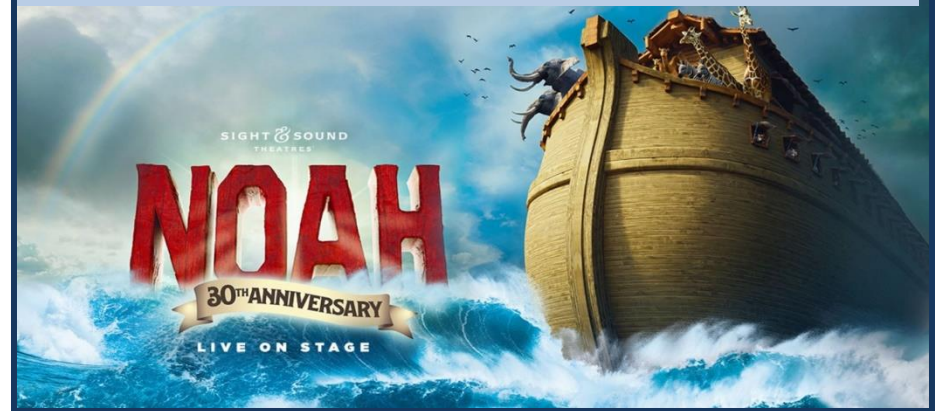
Contact Becky Ullom Naugle
Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries
bullomnaugle@brethren.org or 847-429-4385

Church of the Brethren
www.brethren.org

Don't Miss the Boat!

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater - June 24, 2025

Contact the Church Office for more information: 717-766-8880



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!

There will be study packets available for kids and youth of all ages starting Sunday, May 25, 2025. 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. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area outside of the Sanctuary starting May 25th! Please contact any Christian Ed Team member with any additional questions: Madison Creps, Sherry Jones, Cheryl Noll, or Linda Crook Saylor.

District & Community News



HOPE

Roots and Branches
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Young Adult Conference

May 23 – 25, 2025

Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center
(Keezletown, VA)

Registration: March 1 – May 1 • \$250

www.brethren.org/yya/yac

Young Adult Conference offers people ages 18–35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults!

Do you wish YAC was longer? It can be! Add on YAC MAX to your registration and stick around on Sunday for lunch and a long afternoon of fellowship!

Questions?
Contact Becky Ullom Naugle
bullomnaugle@brethren.org
847-429-4385



Church of the Brethren

Senior Day at Camp Eder is Wednesday, April 9th
featuring Craig Caltagirone (singer of oldies).
Register at 717-642-8256

CAMP EDER

Golf Outing

Wednesday May 21st, 2025

Carroll Valley Golf
Course at Liberty
Mountain

78 Country Club Trail
Fairfield, PA 17320

7:00 am Registration &
Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Shotgun Start (Four
Player Scramble Format)
1:00 Lunch at Camp Eder

Registration

\$90 per person

\$360 per-four person team

Hole sponsor and Foursome
\$460

To register or for more information
contact Camp Eder

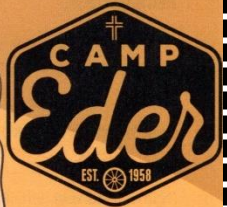
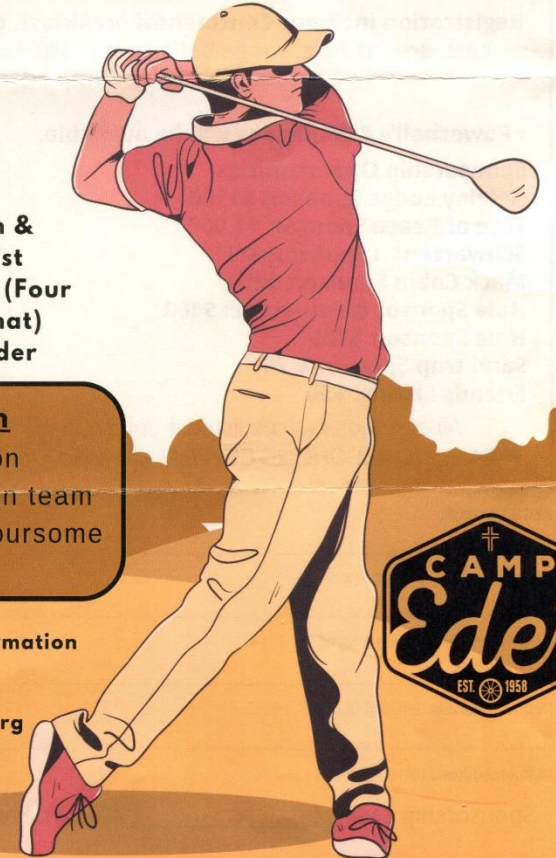
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campeder@campeder.org

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Fairfield, Pa 17320

www.campeder.org

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The Children's Aid Society will hold their 34th Annual Auction on Tuesday, April 29th.



Visit cassd.org for more information



SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 15, 2025
OPEN HOUSE FROM
3:30 - 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING & DEDICATION AT 5:00 PM

The Werner Early Learning
Childcare Center
636 West Poplar Street
York, PA 17401

For more information email
WELCC@cassd.org



Meat Canning Project 2025 4 Days (April 21, 22, 23, & 24)

Processed at Christian Aid Ministries
2412 Division Highway, Ephrata, PA

Sponsored by:
Southern PA District &
Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- ** Help with canning & labeling (two shifts each day – 7:15 a.m. to Noon & 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- ** Sign-up early to secure your preferred day & time
- ** Volunteers are also needed to provide an early morning snack and a lunch for volunteer workers
- ** Contact your District's Contact Person to volunteer (570-295-9879 or Email: kimgeisewite@gmail.com)



**Southern PA District Church of the Brethren
Women's Camp at Camp Eder
June 2 & 3, 2025**

Registration begins at 8:45 AM

Retreat begins at 9:30 AM

COST OF MEALS

(Vegetarian options for all meals)

Monday Lunch - \$12.00 Tuesday Breakfast - \$10.00

Monday Dinner - \$14.00 Tuesday Lunch - \$12.00

COST OF LODGING PER PERSON: Please visit campeder.org for more details on lodging facilities

TREE OF PEACE - \$65.00 – 8 rooms, each room has 2 single beds, one double bed, one trundle bed

SCHWARZENAU LODGE - \$42.00 – Sleeps 32 total, two dorm rooms with eight bunk beds each

GEIGLEY LODGE - \$32.00 – Dorm A – Sleeps 14 people, Dorm B – Sleeps 15 people, bathroom side,
Dorm C – Sleeps 22 people, over kitchen area

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 19, 2025*****

REGISTRATION FORM – COMPLETE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK PAYMENT TO:

Southern PA District COB, 3375 Carlisle Road, Suite A, Gardners PA 17324

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Southern PA District COB TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Refunds will not be given after May 19th.

"DAY" GUEST – CHOICE OF MEALS

VEGETARIAN options for all meals

Monday - Lunch = \$12.00

Tuesday - Breakfast = \$10.00

Monday - Dinner = \$14.00

Tuesday - Lunch = \$12.00

TOTAL COST OF "DAY" GUEST MEALS = _____

"OVERNIGHT" GUEST – TOTAL COST INCLUDES LODGING AND ALL MEALS

TREE OF PEACE = \$113.00

SCHWARZENAU LODGE = \$90.00

GEIGLY LODGE = \$80.00

CAN'T DO STEPS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # _____



Spring is a season of **renewal, growth, and fresh starts** – a perfect time to celebrate the incredible journey of nine determined women who have taken a bold step toward brighter futures. Recently, these remarkable individuals graduated from New Hope Ministries' pre-clinical classes, with five completing Nurse Aide training and four finishing Phlebotomy studies.

Just as the **first blooms of spring signal new possibilities**, these graduates are now stepping forward into their clinical training at HACC, bringing them closer to careers that will not only change their lives but also make a meaningful impact on the health of our community.



nhm-pa.org

Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

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Dillsburg, PA 17019



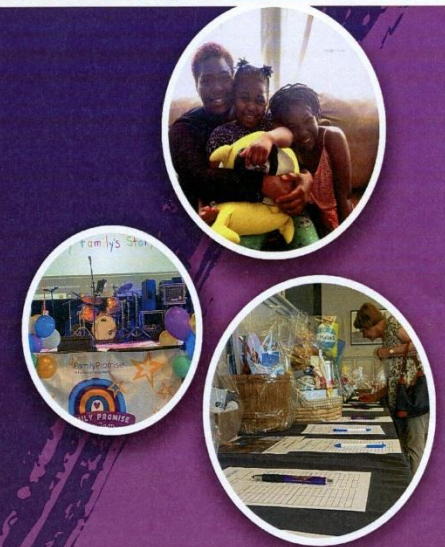
Fam Jam is *back!*

APRIL 27, 2025

**The Englewood
12PM - 4PM**

Join us for a fun-filled event with **great music, delicious food, exciting activities for kids, a silent auction, and more!**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the day while supporting our mission to help local families transition from homelessness to home.



**FEATURING THREE
ROCKIN', LOCAL BANDS!**

SCAN HERE
TO BUY
TICKETS!



**MOJO
FILTER**

THD
Two-Hour Delay

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Christian ED Meeting 7 p.m. (Zoom) Fellowship Hall Reserved (Rummage Sale)	2 Bible Study 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Rummage Sale)	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Rummage Sale) Grief Support Group 1 p.m. (Library)	4 Rummage Sale 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	5 Rummage Sale 8 a.m. – Noon
6 Food for New Hope Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Lenten Study 3 p.m.	7	8 Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. (Brother's Restaurant) Fellowship Hall Reserved 5/8:30 p.m. (Mid Penn Motion)	9 Camp Eder Senior Day Bible Study 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m. Ladies Luncheon 11:30 a.m. (Lower Allen Diner)	10	11	12 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Deacons) SOPA District Women's Spring Tea & Luncheon
13 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Lenten Study 3 p.m. Love Feast 6 p.m.	14 Knitting Group 1 p.m. (Library)	15 Caregiver Support Group 1 p.m. (Library) Executive Mtg. 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved 5/8:30 p.m. (Mid Penn Motion)	16 NO Bible Study Quilting 9 a.m. Lunch & Learn Fellowship 11:30 a.m.	17 May Newsletter Deadline	18 Good Friday Service 7 p.m.	19 Community Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.
20 Easter Sunday Donations for Family Promise Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	21 SOPA District Meat Canning	22 SOPA District Meat Canning Fellowship Hall Reserved 5/8:30 p.m. (Mid Penn Motion)	23 SOPA District Meat Canning Bible Study 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m.	24 SOPA District Meat Canning	25	26
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Spring Congregational Forum (after worship) Family Promise Fam Jam	28 Knitting Group 1 p.m. (Library) Church Book Club 7 p.m. (Zoom)	29 Fellowship Hall Reserved 5/8:30 p.m. (Mid Penn Motion)	30 Bible Study 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m.			