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April Worship Themes

April 7: "All For One" - Glenn Brumbaugh

Worship Theme: Now that the events of Lent and Easter are behind us, what do we do when the excitement of Holy Week fades and things get back to "normal"?

Scripture Text: Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31

April 14: "So I Send You" - Jim Benedict

Worship Theme: Jesus was sent by God to demonstrate God's love for all. Now it is our turn.

Scripture Text: John 20:19-31

April 21: "One Flock, One Shepherd" - Jim Benedict

Worship Theme: In an age that seems to be emphasizing the divisions in the human family, we are called to emphasize our shared humanity.

Scripture Text: John 10:11-18

April 28: "A Celebration of Music" - Jim Benedict

Worship Theme: Music speaks to parts of us that words alone can't reach. It comforts, it challenges, and it inspires. It is a gift from God, and we should give thanks for it.

Scripture Text: Psalm 96

Flowers and Mud

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

I have good news and bad news: it's April. That's it – April showers bring May flowers . . . and mud. It is getting warmer and the grass is growing, but that means the lawn will need mowing. Trees are budding and leafing out which we love to see, but that also means more pollen in the air which is bad news for those with allergies. Heating and cooling bills are generally lower, but taxes are due.

Ever since Adam and Eve got kicked out of the Garden of Eden, every season of life has brought both good and bad, challenges and opportunities. Trials are inevitable. That's just how life is, and scripture acknowledges this. Certainly, the first generation of Christians, to whom the books of the New Testament were addressed, experienced many trials – both the ordinary trials of life as well as the trials of persecution. Nonetheless, they flourished and the Christian movement grew.

That first generation managed to flourish in spite of trials because they interpreted their trials as a kind of spiritual exercise which was able to make them stronger and wiser. They believed that God was at work through them to transform the world and that setbacks, while unavoidable, were temporary. Of course, this attitude was grounded in their faith in the resurrection of Jesus. If God could conquer even the power of death, there could be no power that could stop what God was doing through and for them.

April showers will always bring both flowers and mud. Life will always include opportunities and challenges. There will never be progress without trials along the way. But we can endure the trials by holding on to our faith that it is ultimately God who is at work in us and in the world, and God's power will prevail.

Peace,
Pastor Jim



Upcoming
EVENTS



Camp Eder Golf Outing

Friday, May 10, 2024, Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain
www.campeder.org

Brethren Housing Association Golf Tournament

Friday, May 31, 2024 at Fairview Golf Course www.bha-pa.org

SOPA Prayer Gathering

Sunday, June 2, 2024, 6 p.m., Carlisle First Church of the Brethren

SOPA District Women’s Camp

Monday/Tuesday, June 3-4, 2024, Camp Eder

SOPA District Prayer & Praise Gathering

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 6 p.m., Carlisle First Church of the Brethren

COB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday – Sunday, July 3-7, 2024
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Theme: “Welcome + Worthy”

**35th Ecumenical
Choir Concert**



**Sunday, May 19, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Featuring over 100 voices from 33 area churches,
including these voices from MCOB:

Deb Wakefield
Arlene Justice
Del Keeney

Janet Zeiters
Margie Fultz
Glen Daughtry

Free will offering – proceeds to benefit New Hope Ministries



Weekly Bible Study (via Zoom) will resume on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 9 a.m. Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to join.

Lunch & Learn will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Steven Anderson will present a program on Thaddeus Stevens who was a lawyer, politician, and opponent of slavery.

The **Church Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7 p.m. (via Zoom). This month’s selection is A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Discussion Leader is Oceana Goodwin.

Thank You!

The “College Student Care Box Committee” would like to thank the congregation for its gracious and generous support for this project. We were able to pack a wide assortment of treats and other “goodies” plus a note for each student. We packed six boxes and eight commuter bags. The mailing costs for the boxes was covered by a budgeted line item under Nurture.

THANK YOU from the College Care Packing Team (Lois & Linda), the Nurture Team and all of our young adults!

The Witness Team received this urgent request from Church World Service (CWS) Harrisburg:

We will welcome more than triple the number of refugees that we welcomed last year. Our funding sources do not adequately serve the basic needs of our clients, especially our most vulnerable including single mothers and those with severe medical issues. Your donations will be put to work immediately.

Questions? Contact Erika Juran at ejuran@cwsglobal.org or call 717-660-5312. Give at www.cwsharrisburg.org/donate/

Checks are welcomed and be made payable to:
CWS Harrisburg
2101 N. Front Street
Building 3, Floor 3
Harrisburg, PA 17110

We also learned of an opportunity to help a specific family that CWS Harrisburg is resettling.

Some church members met Col. Mohammed Rasouli at the church picnic held for the Nayaze-Haidary family from Afghanistan in summer 2022. Mohammad's brother, Hanif, is coming to Carlisle under the auspices of CWS very soon. Hanif is a fluent English speaker who worked with the U.S. and Canadian military to provide internet services. Until recently, he was hiding from the Taliban. Hanif, his wife, Moria, and two girls have valid visas and will be eligible for green cards a year after their arrival.

Mohammed asked if there was any help our church could provide. CWS has the staff to do much more of the work and a greater collection of household goods and furniture than when we sponsored the Nayaze-Haidary family, but there may be some needs CWS can't fulfill. We will know more once the family arrives.

Questions to Sherri Kimmel.



Meet Shauna, a single mom who experienced a traumatic physical injury a while back, which made it impossible for her to return to work. Over the years, we've built a great relationship with Shauna, and she always tells us that coming to New Hope feels like coming home. Recently, Shauna was able to get a beautiful new pair of sneakers from our Christmas Blessing Express program, and she also got an amazing outfit using a clothing care card. She feels so grateful to be able to take care of herself with a little help from New Hope, especially since her daughter always comes first. **It's amazing to see how much of an impact we can make in someone's life with just a little bit of kindness and support.** Shauna is pictured here on the right, standing with Center Manager Victoria.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canned meats and peanut butter• Canned veggies/fruit• Personal care items• See website for specific needs by Center	Volunteer with us! There are many volunteer opportunities available. Please give us a call, or visit our website to see how you can be a part of our ministry!
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www.nhm-pa.org



Family Promise

56 Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
717-737-1100

www.familypromisehcr.org

"A community response for homeless families"

Day Center Needs

Printer Paper	Trash Bags (not Good Sense)
Laundry Detergent	Swiffer Mop Pads
Swiffer Wet Jet Solution	Febreze
Women's Razors	Dish Soap
Baby Wipes	Shampoo
Shaving Cream	AA and AAA Batteries
Zip Loc Bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap	
Paper Plates	Queen Inflatable Mattress

Gift cards to Sheetz, Giant, Walmart – These help families with gas to go to work, food beyond what we provide here, and medicine. Many items families need can be bought with these cards, allowing families to save their money towards housing while they are here. Another great thing about gift cards...they take up very little space!

Items can be placed in the container located in the gathering area outside fellowship hall, or you may drop off at the address listed above.

Help Share the Promise



Saturday, August 24, 2024, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Start packing up those items that you no longer need to donate to the yard sale!

Drop off dates to be announced soon!



Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theater June 25, 2024

Leaving Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren parking lot at **8:45 a.m.** for Sight and Sound show at 11:00 a.m.

Following show, late lunch/early dinner at Hershey Farms smorgasbord (chicken & turkey, soups, salad, breads, and desserts before returning home.

Cost: \$156.00/person (Bus driver tip not included in cost.)

Need 42 people to sign up before March 31st.

Wheelchair seating available on bus as well as theater. Seats are all in nonstep area of theater, but a lift is on the bus.

Max seating on bus is 48. The first people to sign-up will go.

NO REFUNDS. However, you may sell or give your ticket to someone of your choice if after May 1st.

**Payment confirms your seat and MUST be received by
May 1, 2024.**

Checks payable to Arlene Justice.



**HELPING WOMEN IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST BREAST
CANCER.**

Pink Hands of Hope is a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to supporting women in Central Pennsylvania during their battle against breast cancer.

Located at 5325 E. Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. They are open Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Phone number: 717-620-8264.

Thrift Store: Pink Hands of Hope operates a thrift store where the proceeds go directly to supporting women with breast cancer in Central Pennsylvania. They sell items such as clothing, furniture, and formal wear.

Support and Comfort: In addition to selling items, they provide essential products like wigs, Chemo caps, Chemo shawls, and knitted knockers to women undergoing treatment. They also offer financial assistance for medical bills and transportation costs through gas cards

If you'd like to learn more or get involved, you can visit their website: Pink Hands of Hope. They're doing incredible work to make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer. 🌸🧡

The Lehman Center Auxiliary
Presents
33rd Annual Auction
Benefiting
Children's Aid Society
The Lehman Center

Tuesday, April 30th 2024

Auction Preview & Food
12:00 p.m.

Live Auction
5:00 p.m.

Silent Auction including
Art Collectibles
Theme Baskets
Gift Certificates

Live Auction Featuring
Art Collectibles
Sports Items
New Merchandise



Location
New Fairview Church
1873 New Fairview Church Rd, York, PA 17403

Kitchen Will Be Open & Serving:
Homemade Soup
Bar-B-Que
Homemade Pies

Join us also online!
Some of our items will be available 'Virtually' prior to the Live Auction starting Saturday April 27th till Monday April 29th!

For More Information
Call 717-845-5771
www.casid.org/casauction.html



Children's Aid Society would like to have you Join us for the 33rd Annual Auction.

Virtual and Live!

Virtual Auction
begins Saturday April 27th at 12:01a.m.- Monday April 29th at 7p.m.



DISTRICT & COMMUNITY



Meat Canning Project April 1-4, 2024

Processed at: Christian Aid Ministries
Sponsored by:
Southern PA & Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

The goal this year is to can approximately 17,000 pounds of chicken in the 4 days of processing. Please contact the District Office if you are able to volunteer on canning days or are able to financially contribute to this project.

SOPA District Office: 717-778-2254 or 717-778-2264



April Senior Day

Wednesday April 10th

9:30am Check in/Breakfast

10:00am Elva Hurst will be presenting a live chalk talk her theme is "New Spring/Easter celebrating the splendor of spring and sharing the story of Easter in chalk, music and story with special blacklight effects.

12:00 pm Lunch Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls w/ Butter, Salad, Mix of Lemon and Chocolate Chip Cookies with Ice Cream

1:00 pm Depart

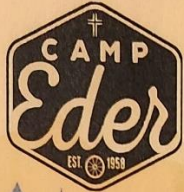
Cost: \$20 Per Person
RSVP by calling 717-642-8256

RSVP BY 4/3

Camp Eder · 914 Mount Hope Road Fairfield, PA 17320 · (717) 642-8256 · www.campeder.org

**MEN'S OUTDOORSMAN DAY
APRIL 6TH**

**CO-SPONSORED BY CAMP EDER &
THE SOPA DISTRICT NURTURE COMMISSION**



DEVOTIONAL THEME: MEETING GOD IN
THE GREAT OUTDOORS



APR 6

8:30AM-3PM

**\$40
LUNCH
INCLUDED!**

CLAY SHOOT AND FISHING

JOIN US ON APRIL 6TH FOR A DAY FILLED WITH ADVENTURE! OUR JOURNEY BEGINS WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE FROM MATT ILKO AND NEVIN FUNK, SEASONED FIREARM INSTRUCTORS. TOGETHER, WE'LL DELVE INTO THE WORLD OF CLAY SHOOTING, MASTERING GUN SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND HONING OUR SKILLS TO BECOME PROFICIENT CLAY TARGET SHOOTERS. LATER IN THE DAY, WE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE TRANQUILITY OF FISHING UNDER THE MENTORSHIP OF SETH BRICKNER, A PASSIONATE ANGLER WHO WILL SHARE INVALUABLE BASS FISHING TECHNIQUES. SECURE YOUR SPOT BY REGISTERING ON THE CAMP EDER WEBSITE OR BY CONTACTING THE CAMP OFFICE VIA PHONE.

CAMPEDER.ORG/REGISTRATION
717-642-82567

914 MT HOPE RD
FAIRFIELD, PA 17320

**SOUTHERN PA DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
2024**

DISTRICT WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
9:00 AM**

**"A COMMANDMENT TO KEEP AND A CHOICE TO
MAKE"**

GUEST SPEAKER: KIRSTEN HARRIS KEYS

**HOSTED BY:
WEST SHORE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**



**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD**



Sunday, April 28, 2024

4:30 to 7:30 pm

The Willows at Ashcombe Mansion

1100 W. Grantham Road, Mechanicsburg

Evening Details

Mix & Mingle

Enjoy delicious food & drinks

Silent Auction

Cocktail Attire

Evening Emcee

Alicia Richards, ABC27 Anchor

Proceeds

Benefit children's dental & medical services
at Sadler Health Center

Tickets

\$100 per person | Sponsorships available

For more info, please contact Laurel Spagnolo
at 717-960-4333 or lspagnolo@sadlerhealth.org

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 9 a.m. Quilting NO Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir	4 1 p.m. Grief Support Group (Library) Bells 6:30 p.m.	5 10 p.m./12 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (B & H Islamic)	6 Men's Outdoor Day at Camp Eder 10 p.m./12 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (B & H Islamic)
7 Food for New Hope 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 1 p.m. Knitting Group (Library)	9 7 p.m. Executive Meeting	10 Sr. Day at Camp Eder 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom) 11:30 Ladies Luncheon 7:30 p.m. Choir	11 Bells 6:30 p.m.	12	13 4 p.m./10 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Susquehanna Malayalee Assoc.)
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15	16 1 p.m. Caregivers Group (Library)	17 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom) 11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn 7:30 p.m. Choir	18 Bells 6:30 p.m.	19	20 District Women's Spring Luncheon
21 Donations for Family Promise 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Worship Congregational Forum	22 1 p.m. Knitting Group (Library)	23	24 9 a.m. Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 p.m. Choir	25 Bells 6:30 p.m.	26	27
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Worship Sadler Health Benefit	29 7 p.m. Church Book Club (Zoom)	30 Children's Aid Society 33rd Annual Auction				

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