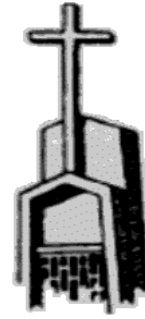


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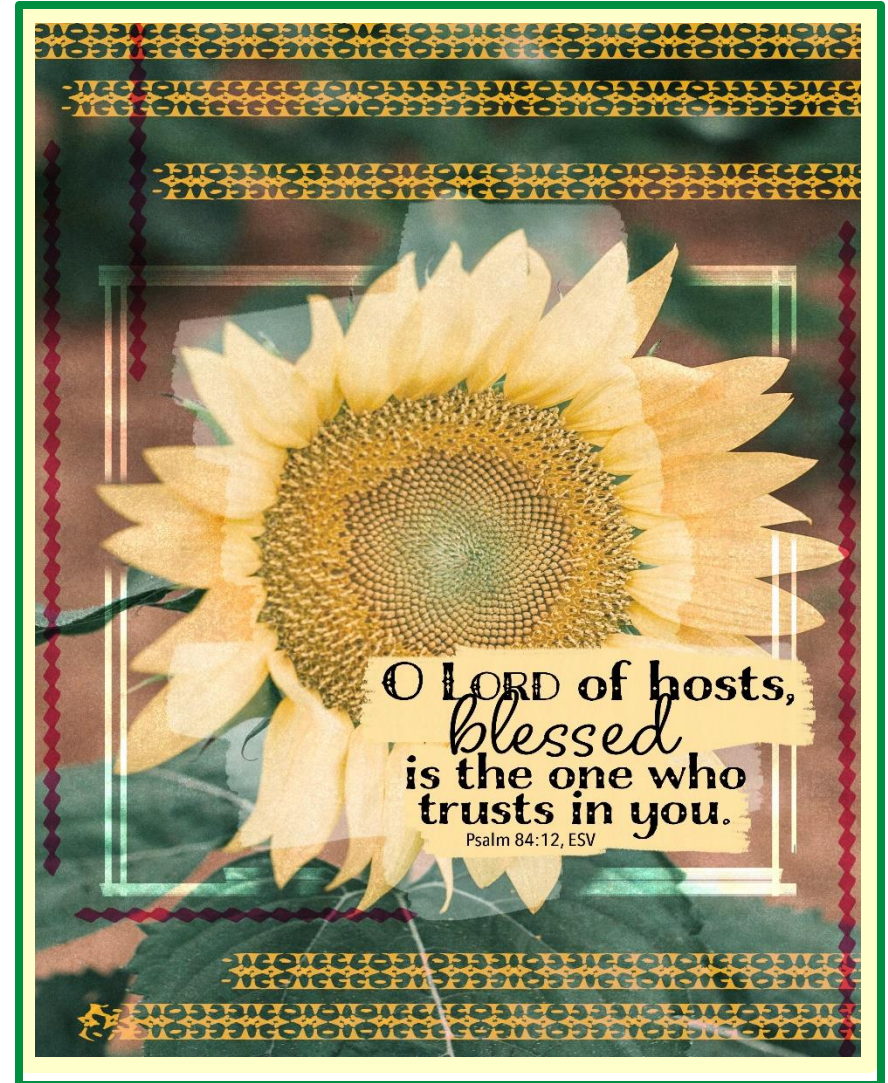


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## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEMES

**A sermon series:**  
**"Ten Weeks with the Ten Commandments"**  
**- Pastor Eric Seibert**

### **September 7:** "Put God First" (1 of 10)

**Worship Theme:** If our devotion to God, the one true God, is total and complete, it effectively sidelines all other "gods" clamoring for our attention.

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

### **September 14:** "Don't Make Images of God" (2 of 10)

**Worship Theme:** Any attempt to represent God in concrete, tangible ways always results in a poor substitute for the reality of God, a God who is big, beautiful, and irreducible.

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:4-6; Isaiah 44:9-20

### **September 21:** "Don't Take God's Name in Vain" (3 of 10)

**Worship Theme:** Although this commandment is often simply understood as a prohibition against using words like "God" or "Jesus" inappropriately (e.g., as swear words), a closer look reveals there is much more to the third commandment than bad language.

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:7; Amos 2:6-8; Ezekiel 36:16-23

### **September 28:** "Observe the Sabbath" (4 of 10)

**Worship Theme:** In our increasingly busy and frantically paced world, this commandment is perhaps more needed today than ever, reminding us that rest and renewal are blessed by God.

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

When God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

-Exodus 31:18, NRSVue

This is a test. Without looking in your Bible, how many of the Ten Commandments can you name—in order? Take a moment and give it a try. Write them down if you like. Okay, now open your Bible and read Exodus 20:1-17. How well did you do?

Even if you could not name all of them from memory, I assume most of you have some familiarity with these "Ten Words" as they are called in Hebrew. They are at the heart of ancient Israel's covenant with God and are undoubtedly the most well-known laws in the entire Old Testament. But what do they mean and how do they apply to us today?

This September, I'll begin a sermon series titled "Ten Weeks with the Ten Commandments." By focusing on just one commandment each week, we'll be able to take a closer look at these important laws. While considerable time and energy has been invested in the debate over whether the Ten Commandments should be displayed in public places, my interest in this series is to gain a better understanding of what they involve and to challenge us to live ever more faithfully in light of them.

As we make our way through the commandments over the next couple months, I hope you will be encouraged by the enormous amount of wisdom they have to offer us in our ongoing efforts to be rightly related to God and to others. Thanks for joining in!

Pastor Eric

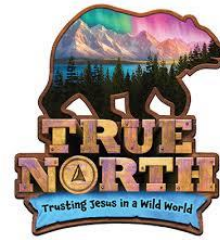




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where faith and fellowship come together.  
We are a welcoming community dedicated to spreading love  
and compassion. Explore our various ministries and outreach  
programs that aim to make a positive impact on the world.  
At our church, you will find a place to belong, grow, and serve.  
Come as you are and experience the joy of community.



*Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

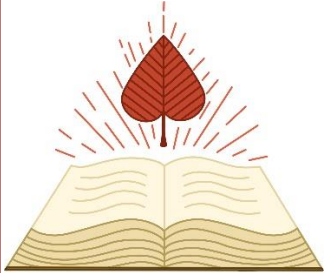


At **True North VBS**, which was held from August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, we had an average attendance of 10 participants each evening. What a spectacular turn out!

The week was all about trusting Jesus, when we wonder, need help, feel alone, feel powerless, and need hope.



A few pictures  
of activities  
taking place at  
story time,  
making crafts,  
and playing  
games.



### FALL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study begins on  
Wednesday, September 3,  
2025 at 9 a.m. on Zoom.  
We will be continuing our  
study on the book of  
Exodus.



**Sunday School Classes begin on  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

### Willing Learners Sunday School Class

Mark your calendar for our first class  
meeting on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.  
Please bring something to share – I hope to  
catch up and chat. Nothing better than food  
and drink.

**Suggestions:** Juice      Baked goods  
Cups      Plates      Napkins

Peace, Phyllis



**Fall  
CRAFT FAIR**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

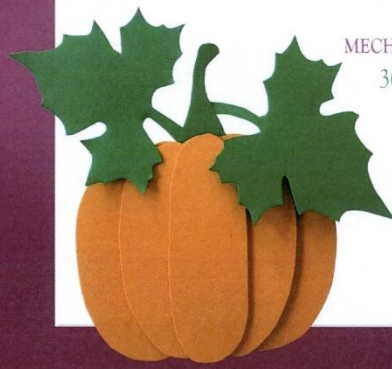
**Saturday, October 18th  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Bake Sale, Wood Carvings, Wreaths, Table Runners,  
Crochet Items, Holiday Decorations and Much More!

Please drop off donations of food and personal care items.  
We could not provide these items without your support!

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**Hoss's Community Day** to benefit the  
Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk

**Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025**



**61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17055**

Present a copy of this flyer when ordering lunch, dinner or a take-out on **Sept. 25, 2025** and **Hoss's Mechanicsburg** will donate up to 25% of your total check to feed the hungry.

**Group #132001.** Complete the **CROP Walk Activity Page** and spin to win a prize!

100% Volunteer-led



**Mechanicsburg/West Shore**

**CROP Hunger Walk**

**Sun., Oct. 19, 2025**

**5K/1.5-mi. Fun Run/Walk**

*Rain or Shine*

**Memorial Park, Memorial Park Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA**

**1:00PM Check-In & New Registrations**

**1:30PM Team Pictures 1:50PM Kick-Off 2:00PM Walk Begins**

**T-Shirts guaranteed to walkers who register online by  
Sept. 26, 2025**

Strollers & Leashed Dogs Welcome Live DJ Refreshments

Use the **link below** or **QR code** to register as an individual and/or form a team or register in person on the day of the walk.

**<https://crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa>**

Walkers are invited to generously sponsor themselves and to solicit sponsors. Make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**.

Facebook: **CROP Hunger Walk – Mechanicsburg/West Shore**

**100% of proceeds** benefit **New Hope Ministries,**  
**Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels**  
and the global relief efforts of  
**Church World Service.**



For more info, contact **Ulli Klemm**, Coordinator  
**ulliklemm@yahoo.com 724.464.8748**

## Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Fellowship Hall –  
immediately following  
worship**



## Lunch & Learn Fellowship

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.**



We will begin Lunch and Learn with a Virtual Field Trip. Through Zoom, The Continental Congress at the Colonial Courthouse in York, PA will come to life.

The Continental Congress's significant accomplishments which include: Articles of Confederation, 1<sup>st</sup> National Day of Thanksgiving, French Alliance, and Continental Currency during their nine-month stay.

This presentation lasts about 45 minutes with time for questions and answers.

The York County History Center offers this virtual field trip. There will be Historians walking us through this event.

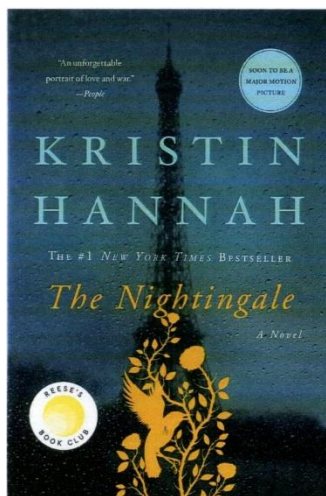


"Burgers  
& Dogs"

Everyone is  
welcome!

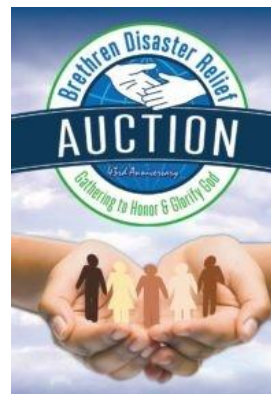
# Community COOKOUT

Saturday,  
September 27<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon – 2 p.m.



The **Church Book Club**  
will meet on  
Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
on Zoom.

This month's selection is  
*The Nightingale* by Kristen  
Hannah.



**Friday, September 26 &  
Saturday, September 27 –  
Lebanon Valley Expo Center.**

We are a group of volunteers from the [Atlantic Northeast District and Southern PA Church of the Brethren](#), practicing our Christian faith by helping others in need. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is comprised of many hundreds of generous volunteers who share of their

time, talents and resources.

In addition, there are many hundreds more who are supportive with their finances and donate items to be sold as well as providing funds to accomplish the purpose of raising funds for disaster relief work.

[Brethren Disaster Ministries \(BDM\)](#), a program of the Church of the Brethren, restores hope for the most vulnerable disaster survivors by engaging volunteers to repair and rebuild storm-damaged homes, and by providing grants to support the disaster recovery efforts of faith-based partners.

[Children's Disaster Services \(CDS\)](#) meets the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by disasters. CDS also educates parents and caregivers on how to help children cope.

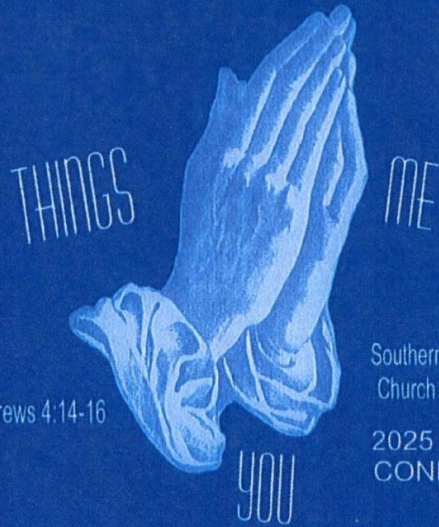
## Calling All Bakers!

**Baked goods are needed for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.**

**Please use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Pie pans and foam trays are available for your goodies.**



Prayer changes...



Hebrews 4:14-16

Southern Penna. District  
Church of the Brethren

2025 DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE

**Southern Pennsylvania District  
Church of the Brethren  
2025 District Conference  
September 19 & 20  
Hanover Church of the Brethren**

## It's College Student Care Package Time!

We are collecting individually wrapped snacks, treats and other helpful goodies to send to all the college students connected to our congregation. Right now, we know of about a dozen or so who are either on campus or are commuters. Please place your donations in the designated bin by the coat rack across from the Pastor's Office. We will then pack the boxes and get them in the mail to our students that week.



**Just a note** for those of you who prefer to donate to the mailing costs and purchase of additional items for the boxes (if necessary)..... At this time, we can easily cover all costs via the budgeted line item. What an awesome position in which to find ourselves.....thanks to all of you, of course!!!!

**PARENTS:** Please check the list on the bulletin board to be sure we have the correct address for your student. If it's correct, just mark, "OK". If it's not, please write the correct one. Did we miss anyone????



**FREE  
EVENT**



**JOIN US AT**  
 Mechanicsburg  
 Church of the Brethren  
**for our**  
**trunk or**  
**TREAT**

**SATURDAY  
 OCTOBER 25  
 4:00PM-6:00PM**

**WEAR YOUR  
 COSTUMES AND JOIN  
 US FOR  
 FAMILY FUN**

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**Join us for Fun Games and Activities!  
 S'mores, Barrel Train Rides, and More!**



**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Dunker  
 Church Service**  
**September 14, 2025, 3:00  
 p.m.**  
 Held at the Dunker  
 church, located on the  
 Antietam National  
 Battlefield.

**HELP US CHANGE LIVES IN THE HEART OF ALLISON HILL**

**LITTLE  
*Black* Dress  
 SOIREE**

Join us for an unforgettable evening  
 of connection and impact with  
 delicious food, great conversation,  
 and meaningful purpose.

**OCTOBER 2, 2025**  
 5:30 - 7:30pm • Historic King Mansion

**BHA ANNUAL  
*Celebration***

Please join us for our annual  
 celebration luncheon that directly  
 supports single parent families  
 experiencing homelessness.

**NOVEMBER 12, 2025**  
 11am - 2pm • Zembo Shrine

*Early bird ticket discount*

**ATTEND BOTH EVENTS  
 FOR ONLY \$100! (flip for details!)**





**Camp Eder**

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2025

**SENIOR DAYS**

**PROGRAM FOR SENIOR DAY**  
9:30 Meet and greet with  
continental breakfast

**COST:**  
**\$20/PERSON**

10:00 Morning Program:  
Mr. Peluso brings 27 years of glass experience and education. Engage in an interactive demonstration. Ask questions and understand the how and why of glass blowing. From the basic materials to how, why, and where glass blowing started. All while enjoying a live demonstration.

12:00 Delicious Lunch

1:00 Dismissal

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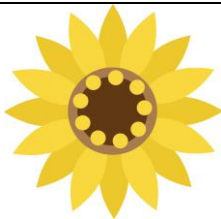
PLEASE RSVP by calling (717) 642-8256 or emailing [campeder@campeder.org](mailto:campeder@campeder.org)

Save the Dates!

Sept. 27: Clean Up Day at Camp Eder

Oct. 18: Camp Eder Fall Festival

# September

| Sun                                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                                      | Tue                                                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                   | Sat                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                             | <b>1 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED</b><br><b>NOAC Lake</b><br><b>Junaluska, NC</b><br> | <b>2 NOAC Lake</b><br><b>Junaluska, NC</b><br><br>CE Team Meeting<br>7:30 p.m. (Zoom)                                                              | <b>3 NOAC Lake</b><br><b>Junaluska, NC</b><br>Bible Study 9 a.m.<br>(Zoom)<br><b>Senior Day at Camp</b><br><b>Eder</b><br>Choir 7:30 p.m.                     | <b>4 NOAC Lake</b><br><b>Junaluska, NC</b><br><br>Grief Support Group 1<br>p.m. (Library)<br>Music & Worship<br>7 p.m. (Zoom)          | <b>5 NOAC Lake</b><br><b>Junaluska, NC</b>                                            | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>7 Food for New</b><br><b>Hope</b><br>Sunday School 9 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.                                                                           | <b>8 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED: Vacation</b><br>CROP Walk 7 p.m.<br>(Library)                                                                                       | <b>9 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED: Vacation</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>9 a.m. (Brother's<br>Restaurant)<br>Executive Committee<br>7 p.m. (Budget) | <b>10 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED: Vacation</b><br>Bible Study 9 a.m.<br>(Zoom)<br>Quilting 9 a.m.<br>Ladies Luncheon 11:30<br>a.m. (Lower Allen<br>Diner) | <b>11 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED: Vacation</b>                                                                                     | <b>12 CHURCH OFFICE</b><br><b>CLOSED: Vacation</b>                                    | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>14 COB Missions</b><br><b>Offering</b><br>Sunday School 9 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.<br><b>Church Picnic</b><br><b>after worship</b><br>(Fellowship Hall) | <b>15 OCTOBER</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER</b><br><b>DEADLINE</b>                                                                                                                | <b>16 Caregivers</b><br>Support Group 1 p.m.<br>(Library)<br>Leadership Team<br>7 p.m. (Budget)                                                    | <b>17 Lunch &amp; Learn</b><br><b>Fellowship 11:30</b><br><b>a.m.</b><br>Quilting 9 a.m.<br>Choir 7:30 p.m.                                                   | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>19</b><br><br><b>SOPA District</b><br><b>Conference at</b><br><b>Hanover COB</b>   | <b>20 Fellowship Hall</b><br>Reserved 3/10 p.m.<br>(Susquehanna Mayalee<br>Assoc.)<br><b>SOPA District</b><br><b>Conference at</b><br><b>Hanover COB</b>                         |
| <b>21 Donations for</b><br><b>Family Promise</b><br>Sunday School 9 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.                                                               | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>24</b><br>Bible Study 9 a.m.<br>(Zoom)<br>Quilting 9 a.m.<br>Choir 7:30 p.m.                                                                               | <b>25 CROP Walk</b><br><b>Community Day at</b><br><b>Hoss' Restaurant</b><br>Fellowship Hall<br>Reserved 5/7 p.m.<br>(Mid Penn Motion) | <b>26</b><br><br><b>Brethren Disaster</b><br><b>Relief Auction</b>                    | <b>27 Clean Up Day at</b><br><b>Camp Eder</b><br><b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b><br><b>Community Cook</b><br><b>Out 12/2 p.m.</b><br><b>Brethren Disaster</b><br><b>Relief Auction</b> |
| <b>28 My 2 Cents</b><br><b>Worth Collection</b><br>Sunday School 9 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.                                                                | <b>29</b><br>Church Book Club 7<br>p.m. (Zoom)                                                                                                                           | <b>30</b><br>Fellowship Hall<br>Reserved 5/7 p.m.<br>(Mid Penn Motion)                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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