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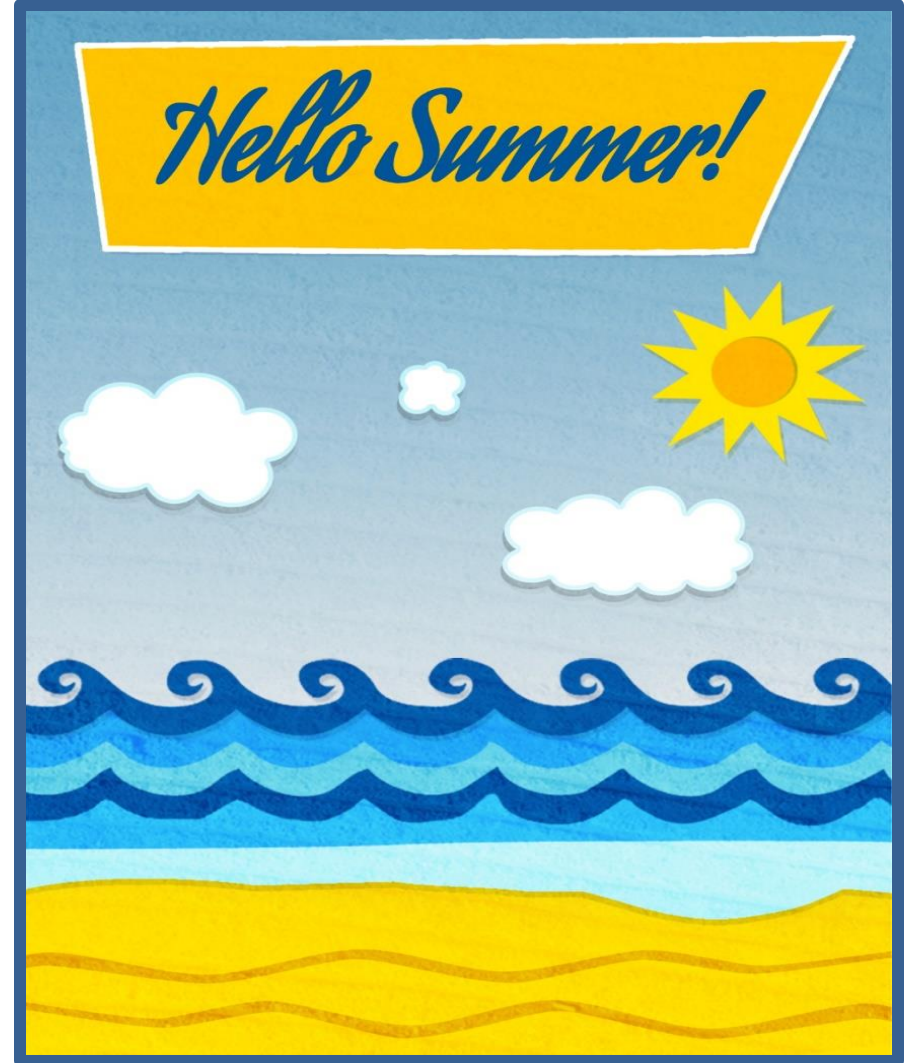
# CARILLON

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# June Worship Themes

**June 2: "Vessels of Christ"** - Traci Rabenstein

**Scripture Texts:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12

**June 9: "Water from the Well"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** Sometimes we have to dig a little deeper to realize just how blessed we are.

**Scripture Text:** Isaiah 12

**June 16: "Seed, Scattered and Sown"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** To be a person of faith is like being a farmer in the sense that we are called to act without any guarantee that our actions will lead directly to the outcomes we hope for. We plant seed and trust God.

**Scripture Text:** Mark 4:26-34

**June 23: "Treasure in Clay Jars"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** If you had something extremely valuable, where would you keep it? Paul claimed God had chosen to put "treasure in clay jars." We are both fragile and precious to God.

**Scripture Text:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

**June 30: "Do You Believe in Magic?"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** The power that Jesus had, and which we also have when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, isn't magic. It is the power of love.

**Scripture Text:** Mark 5:21-34

## Reading Season

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

*"I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation [of the world]." Matthew 13:34-35*

Sometimes, to tell the truth you have to tell a story. In fact, it is through stories that we have all come to know the truth about God through Jesus. Each of the four gospels describes Jesus in a different way, but each of them is a story. And Jesus himself used stories (called parables) to communicate the truth he had to share.

No mere list of facts can accomplish what a story can. Facts have to be carefully gathered, double-checked, and put into context before we can even begin to get a hint of what they mean or whether they are relevant to the fundamental questions we face: Who are we? Where do we come from and where are we going? Do we have a purpose, and if so, what is it?

Stories, on the other hand, can address our concerns directly even if they are entirely fiction. The parables are a good example. The validity of the story of the Good Samaritan does not depend on us finding archeological evidence of a particular Samaritan behaving in the way described. The validity of the story lies in Jesus' telling of it and its ability to describe human behavior we can recognize and with which we can identify.

For many of us, summer is a time when we do a bit more reading, either at the beach, in a cabin in the mountains, or at home. Much of that reading is fiction. Romances and thrillers are popular genres. But there are also works of fiction that help us consider the big questions, and if you plan to do some reading this summer (or any time of year), I encourage you to consider some of it. You can start with one or more of the gospels themselves. You might also consider some of the classics, like *Paradise Lost*, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, or *The Narnia Chronicles*. You can also check out C. S. Lewis' parable of heaven and hell, *The Great Divorce*.

There are no doubt plenty of other good books for you to read, and certainly many others who could provide better recommendations. I simply want to give you encouragement to immerse yourself in stories, because stories can (and sometimes do) tell the truth that we can't get at any other way.

Have a great summer!

Peace, Pastor Jim



# PLUG



## INTO FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Join us in person on Sunday mornings!

Stop by the Welcome Center for a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa before Sunday School at 9 a.m.

**Our Worship Service begins in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.**

You may also join us by Zoom or Live Stream.  
*Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren* on YouTube.



For the latest worship and activity information, visit our website.

[www.mechanicsburgcob.org](http://www.mechanicsburgcob.org) or follow us on



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

# WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**COB Annual Conference  
July 3-7, 2024  
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

***"Witness to the Host City"***

This year we are supporting two local organizations with our Witness to the Host City project: **Kids' Food Basket** exists to increase access to healthy food for children and families. Our core belief is that food is a right, not a privilege. Because that is not yet a reality, we mobilize human and financial resources to break down barriers that cause food insecurity. **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Monetary donations for both **Kid's Food Basket** and **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** for Annual Conference should be given to our delegates: Madison Creps and Cheryl Noll.

# MCOB News & Activities



## No Summer Bible Study

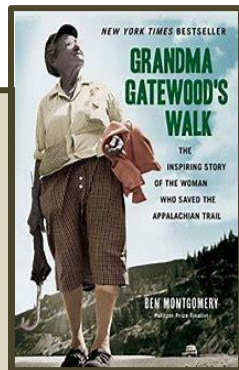


Weekly Bible Study by Zoom will return in September.



**Christian Education has staffed Summer Sunday School for the children. BUT...**we could use one or two people who would be willing to act as substitutes. Please consider volunteering to do this. If you have your Child Abuse clearances, you are good to go. If you do not, we can help you obtain them. Please see Colin Scott or Linda Crook Saylor for an instruction packet.

The **Church Book Club** will meet via Zoom on Monday, June 24, 2024. This month's selection is *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. Kathy Reynolds will be the discussion leader.



## Summer Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

### JUNE

- June 2:** Chelsea Goss Skillen, BVS Volunteer Coordinator.
- June 9:** Joanne Castner, Associate with the Sisters of Mercy, Immigration Crisis at the Border.
- June 16:** Mark Pickens, Field Associate for Anabaptist Disabilities Network.
- June 23:** Chris Elliott, Education in Rwanda, pastoral training college there, nursery schools in Rwanda and Burundi, and the Church of the Brethren in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.
- June 30:** Walt Wiltschek, At-Large Editor for Messenger Magazine.

### JULY

- July 7:** Messenger Sunday – when the May issue will be discussed. Hosted by Brian Case.
- July 14:** Katrina Boyer, PA Department of Banking speaking on financial scams and fraud.
- July 21:** Alyssa Parker, Executive Director, and Devin Dixon-Rosario from bcmPeace, speaking on peace and justice in troubled neighborhoods.
- July 28:** Gerald Rhoads, On Earth Peace Consultant and Vice Chair of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, Harrisburg Chapter.

### AUGUST

- August 4:** currently open.
- August 11:** Carolyn Neher, Associate Director of Children's Disaster Ministries.
- August 18:** Mandy Park, On Earth Peace, speaking on the Kingian Non-Violence Training Project.
- August 25:** Annual Conference Delegates' wrap up report.



## Children's Aid Society

*Serving children and their families since 1913*

### *Our Vision*

All children are safe and feel loved

### *Our Mission*

Empowering children and their families to build stronger, healthier lives

## Upcoming opportunities



## Franklin County Golf Outing

Save The Date!

2024 Franklin County Golf Outing held  
at the Chambersburg Country Club

June 27, 2024



## ADMISSION

Single \$25  
Family Of 4 \$50  
5\$/person over 4

## Music

Cold Spring  
Union  
&  
Morning Glory



# FAMILY PROMISE Fam Jam

Sunday, June 9  
12-4 p.m.

Fun for  
Everyone!

## Silent Auction

Heavy Hor D'oeuvres  
with  
Kid friendly  
options

## Kids Activities

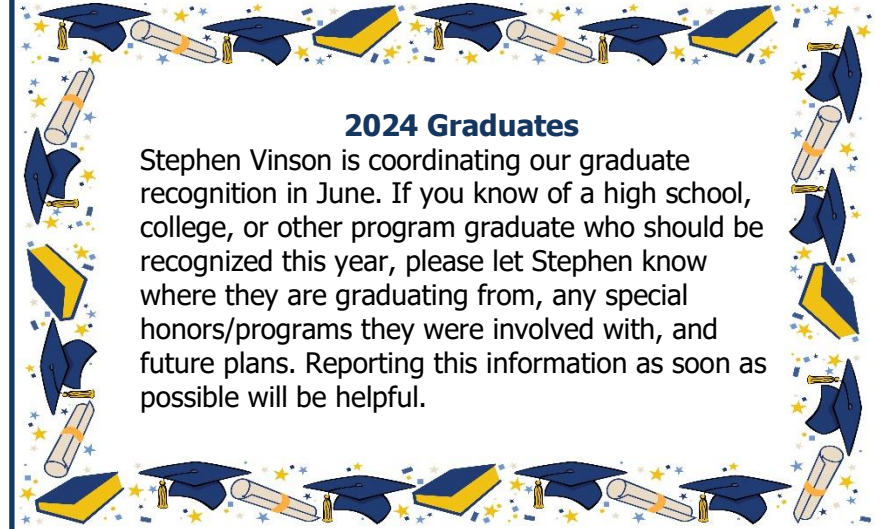
- Giant Bubbles
- Face Painting
- Balloons
- Photo Booth

## The Englewood

1219 W. End Ave. Hershey

Proceeds Benefit

Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region  
Tickets at [www.familypromisehcr.org](http://www.familypromisehcr.org)



## 2024 Graduates

Stephen Vinson is coordinating our graduate recognition in June. If you know of a high school, college, or other program graduate who should be recognized this year, please let Stephen know where they are graduating from, any special honors/programs they were involved with, and future plans. Reporting this information as soon as possible will be helpful.



**Our next Family Promise hosting week is  
June 16 – 22.**

Please help support this important ministry by showing hospitality to these families in need. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. We are still in need of a few van drivers, meals, and overnight sleepers.



**Project Share of Carlisle** is in need of new or hardly used books to distribute to the kids during their Summer Feeding 4 Kids 10-week program. Last summer, the program distributed over 79,000 meals to children and nearly 3,000 books. We are short 1,500 for this season and call upon those able to provide new or hardly used books from Pre-K to High School.

**A box is located outside the office for your donations or you may contact [JKloza@projectSHAREpa.org](mailto:JKloza@projectSHAREpa.org)**



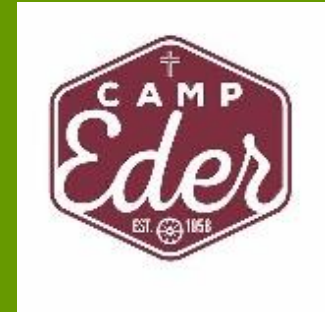
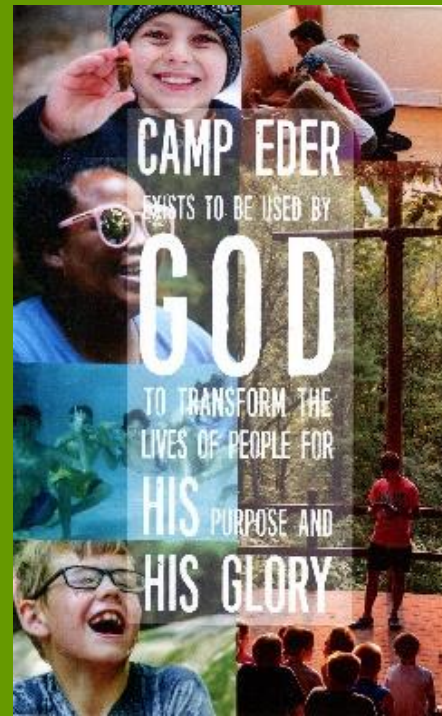
## Dive into VBS like Never Before!

At Scuba VBS, kids will Dive

into a friendship with God! Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. (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 6:00 PM and will end at 8:00 PM every evening Monday, August 12th, through Thursday, August 15th. 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 olds (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.



## Summer Camp begins on June 16th!

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

914 Mount Hope Road  
Fairfield, PA 17320  
717-642-8256

*See you at camp!*

SUMMER CAMPS



Whether you like cooking, art, science, or anything in between, there is something for everyone at Camp Eder! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine life skills, arts & crafts, water activities, Bible study, and worship into one incredible week.

Camp Eder provides a professionally trained staff to help create the most meaningful, unforgettable and fun-filled camp experience you'll find anywhere . . . right at home in one great community!





# District & Community News



**Ricky, Hanover**



**Sheri, Dillsburg**



**Sue, Dover**

**What's Cooking?**  
Meet our dedicated Kitchen Coordinators! They create nutritious and delicious meals for the guests of New Hope from Monday through Friday.

Additionally, our staff and volunteers at other centers work tirelessly to prepare nutritious tastings for our guests. Offering these meals goes beyond satisfying hunger; it affirms the dignity and worth of every individual. Everyone deserves food that is prepared with care and respect. **Thanks to your support of our programs, we can do just that!**

God's intent is for hungry people to be fed, and he calls his people to participate in providing the food.

Matthew 14:16

<p><b>Need Help?</b> If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us. (717) 432-2087</p>	<p><b>Wish List:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canned meats and peanut butter</li> <li>• Canned veggies/fruit</li> <li>• Personal care items</li> <li>• See website for specific needs by Center</li> </ul>	<p><b>Volunteer with us!</b> 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!</p>
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[www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)



## Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

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

Please consider donating your CLEAN, USABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS to the church by placing them **on the stage**. Please stack your items as far back 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.)

Questions? Contact the church office or Arlene Justice.

Plant & Produce Captain – Brenda Rhoads  
Bake Sale Captain – Linda Crook Saylor



**Kitchen Captain:** someone to be in charge of the kitchen on the day of the sale. Their menu of choice.

**Soup Makers:** volunteers to make soup and freeze in quart containers, to be sold from the kitchen on yard sale day.

\*All items used for the above are reimbursed by receipt.

**Silent Auction Captain and Helper:** someone to be in charge of preparing the auction items and overseeing the silent auction on yard sale day.

**Will YOU accept the challenge??**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:30 P.M.**

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK, SO  
LET'S SET UP FOR THE YARD SALE AND  
THEN ENJOY SOME ICE CREAM!**

**ICE CREAM WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**PLEASE BRING A TOPPING TO SHARE.**

**UNPACKING, PRICING &  
TABLE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS  
BEGINS ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 9 AM.**



Box cutting and cleanup  
will take place on  
Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.



Last Saturday of the Month

(May-September)

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

This summer MCOB will be hosting a  
monthly cookout  
and are inviting members of the  
congregation and our community to attend.

Our next cookout will be

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Noon to 2 p.m**

Hope to see YOU there!



# BAKE SALE



Once again, we will be including a Bake Sale as part of the MCOB Yard Sale on August 24, 2024.

**SO.....CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS, & SWEETS PROVIDERS...**

It is time to start thinking about what you might contribute for the sale.

We get requests for all sorts of items. Ultimately, you get to choose as you are the bakers!

We have found it helpful if you prepackage your goodies in order to limit the number of hands that touch the food.

There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard near the office window. Please ponder and let us know what you are considering.


If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact, Rita Ranck, Jean Richwine, or Linda Crook Saylor.

If you'd like to volunteer at the stand, please see Linda for the open schedule slots.

Thanks to everyone...without YOU, we could not do this.



# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Food for New Hope</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>3</b> SOPA District Women's Camp	<b>4</b> SOPA District Women's Camp	<b>5</b> 9 a.m. Quilting (Choir Room)	<b>6</b> 1 p.m. Grief Support Group (Library)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Pew Communion</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>6/7 p.m. SOPA Prayer Gathering (Carlisle COB)</b>	<b>10</b> 7 p.m. CROP Walk Committee Meeting (Library)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 a.m. Quilting (Choir Room) 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon (Lower Allen Diner)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Donations for Family Promise</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>18</b> 1 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group (Library) 7 p.m. Executive Committee <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>19</b> 9 a.m. Quilting (Choir Room) <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Family Promise</b>
<b>23</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>24</b> 7 p.m. Church Book Club (Zoom)	<b>25 Bus Trip to Sight &amp; Sound Theater – bus leaving MCOB at 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. Quilting (Choir Room)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs Community Cookout 12 – 2 p.m.</b>
<b>30 My 2 Cents Worth</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship						

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