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Living out our faith

Being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with open minds and hearts.

We exist to be a community of welcome and worship where people find peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ.

A former principal of Central High School used to open every month of May Faculty Meeting by reminding teachers that:

"Idle hands are the devil's workshop; idle lips are his mouthpiece."

(Proverbs 16:27-29 The Living Bible).

His goal, of course, was to encourage teachers to keep students busy until the very last minute to avoid potential problems.

Well, even though we are a church, not a school, and even though summer is just about over, not beginning, and even though most of us are WAY past our mischievous student days, that scripture still carries sound advice.

So, in case you didn't know, there's plenty to keep all of us busy, with good people, here at church coming up in the month of August!

For example, August 2 is the Roaring Spring Community Service at Shawnee Park at 9:15. Notice the change in location for this year! Pastor Dave will be bringing the message that morning. Please bring your own chairs. Also, your support of the Lions Club by coming early for their Pancake Breakfast is appreciated!

That ensuing week is Vacation Bible School at Albright Church of the Brethren. There are plenty of opportunities to help, teach and learn! Friday night of that week is the Pool Party at Martinsburg Memorial Pool sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. Even if VBS isn't your idea of keeping busy, spend some time swimming, fellowshiping, eating and maybe even "cannonballing" at the pool!

And watch the newsletter and calendar for the JOY Ice Cream Social, Men's Fellowship Picnic and Fifth Sunday Meal. Along the way, don't forget about Quilting, Book Club, Good Grief Support Group, Love Them Through It Support Group, Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study. And, of yeah, don't forget Sunday worship and Sunday School!

In case all of that is not enough to keep you from looking for trouble to get into, the Central High School Football team has their first home game August 28.

Of course, the goal in all of this really isn't to help keep you out of trouble. It's to give you plenty of opportunity to build relationships with your sisters and brothers of the congregation, and to draw closer to Jesus Christ. So, Hope to see you there!

Leadership Team

The leadership team did not meet in July. Their next meeting is on August 4th.



The August 2nd Community Worship Service will be at Shawnee Park in Roaring Spring with Pastor Dave at 9:15 am. Pancakes will be served in the cabin at 7 am. Hope to see you there!



Willow Miller Graduated in May from Central High School. We overlooked her recognition in the June newsletter and want to wish her the best for a bright future!

Over 50 teachers and helpers contributed their talents and time to Children's Church, ReCharge, and Sunday School during the 2025-2026 year. The Church thanks all who supported these programs and made them possible. This photo is from the May recognition during Service. Plans are underway now for 2026-2027. If you have any interest in teaching or helping with any of these Christian Education programs, please contact:

Children's Church -

Jodie Dellinger

Recharge - Angie

Russell

Sunday School

Superintendent-

Becky Bryson

Christian Ed Chair -

Chad Crumrine



HELPING HANDS IN AUGUST

Greeter
Deacon Greeter

Jill Delozier/Linda Claycomb
Krista Snyder

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Candlelighter					
Organist	Community Worship	Terry Hershberger	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Neal	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Community Worship	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Jill Delozier	Cathy Petre	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Kaye Russell	Rob Carter			
Storyteller	Tammy Dell	Pastor Dave	Sandy Norris	Betsy Garach	Bethann Frederick
Children's Church	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	Alayna Snowberger & Elsey Kephart	Angie Russell	Amy Nooyen
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	
Parking Lot Greeters	Rick Carrier	Don Myers			
Flowers			Memory of Joseph Weyandt by Daughter Tammy Dell	Memory of Nancy Musselman by Natalie & John Hummel	
Bulletins		Memory of Tena Pheasant by Mother, Carol Strum	Memory of Joseph Weyandt by Daughter Tammy Dell		



Good Grief
Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm



Love Them Through It Monday,
August 17th @ 6:30 pm



Annual Pool Party!
Friday, August 7th
7:30-9:30 pm
Hershberger Memorial Pool



Summer Recharge Event
Mini Golf @ Lakemont Park
Wednesday August 12th @ 5:45



The Women's Fellowship will be hosting a meal on Sunday, August 16th. Please watch the bulletin for more information!



Bobbi Beers will host a bonfire for the Youth on Saturday, August 22nd



****VBS will be a combination of First Church of the Brethren and Albright Church****

Vacation Bible School
August 4-7
6pm to 8:30pm
Albright Church of the Brethren

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6 pm

The Dream

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by August 16th

ALL LADIES WELCOME!

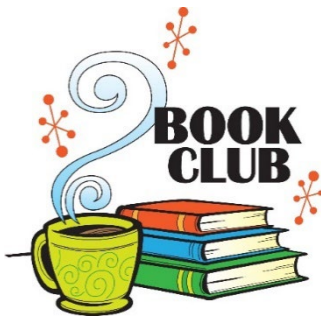


MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August
13th

6 pm – Picnic

All men are welcome!



Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.

Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on August 17, 2026.

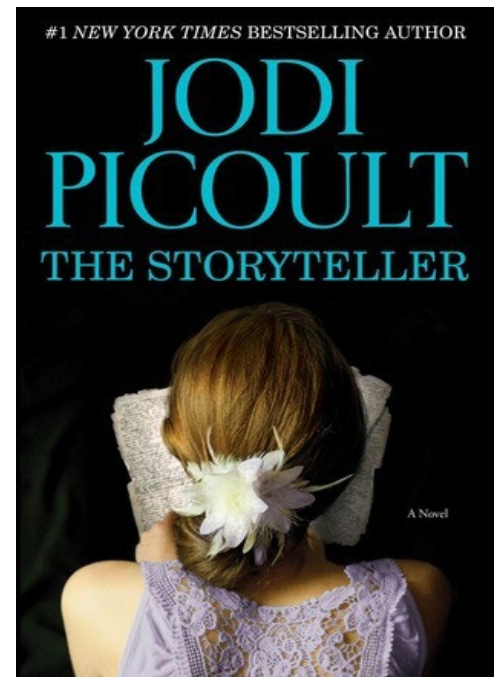
The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult

Some stories live forever . . .

Sage Singer is a baker. She works through the night, preparing the day's breads and pastries, trying to escape a reality of loneliness, bad memories, and the shadow of her mother's death. When Josef Weber, an elderly man in Sage's grief support group, begins stopping by the bakery, they strike up an unlikely friendship. Despite their differences, they see in each other the hidden scars that others can't, and they become companions.

Everything changes on the day that Josef confesses a long-buried and shameful secret—one that nobody else in town would ever suspect—and asks Sage for an extraordinary favor. If she says yes, she faces not only moral repercussions, but potentially legal ones as well. With her own identity suddenly challenged, and the integrity of the closest friend she's ever had clouded, Sage begins to question the assumptions and expectations she's made about her life and her family. When does a moral choice become a moral imperative? And where does one draw the line between punishment and justice, forgiveness and mercy?

In this searingly honest novel, Jodi Picoult gracefully explores the lengths we will go in order to protect our families and to keep the past from dictating the future.





8/5 Mandy Croft

Sandy Burket

8/6 Dave Brumbaugh

Traci Totillo

Owen Conrath

Tyreke Green

8/7 Krista Snyder

8/8 Parker Frederick

8/10 Mitchell Frederick

8/12 Don Myers

8/13 Pat Dick

8/14 Earl Bryson

8/15 Arlene Beers

Melinda Green

8/16 Tom Thompson

8/17 Dana Avvampato

Dave Imes

Rosalie Bowser

8/19 Tom Shaw

8/20 Kevin Snowberger

8/22 Ashlynn Detwiler

8/24 Anita Hoover

8/29 Karen Long

Patrick Long

8/30 Beth Burns



8/6 Rusty & Anita Hoover

8/19 Tom & Joyce Holsinger

8/15 Chad & Tori Crumrine

8/22 Gary & Barbara Wineland

8/16 Dave & Dawn Crumrine

8/28 Ron & Darlene Eicher

Dante & Melinda Green



JOY Ice Cream Social – Thursday, August 20th at the Ponderosa. Meet at 5:30pm and eat at 6:00 pm.



Youth! It's that time again – Join friends for fellowship in the Hall following the home football games! Friday, August 28th 9-11 pm



Join us Sunday, August 30th following Sunday School as we gather for a fellowship meal!



Dates for 2026:

Aug 2nd

Sept 13th

Oct 11th

Nov 1st

Dec 6th

From 6-7:30 pm

Middle PA District News

Brethren Open Golf Tournament

The Brethren Open Golf Committee is looking for sponsors and golfers. If your congregation or someone you know would be interested in being a sponsor this year, please reach out to Camp or District offices. There are several levels of sponsorship, and no amount is too little. We also like to have prizes and gift cards as giveaways for those golfing.

The Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, **August 11th** at Iron Master's Country Club with Registration 11:30-12:30, Start: 1pm. Please contact your church office for the registration form!

Heritage Fair: Sept. 19, 2026

Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District are planning another day full of activities and goodies for people of all ages!

Heritage Fair is a joint fundraiser between Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District Church of the Brethren. Each year the district churches set up a booth that has food or items for sale, activities, or demonstrations. All proceeds are donated to Camp and the District, so anything you purchase has a direct and lasting impact! These funds help make summer camps affordable for everyone and help the district provide support, resources, and programs for pastors, churches, and youth in the district.



Our Church specifically is looking for donations of clothing in various sizes for the scarecrow building – don't forget hats and gloves too! We would appreciate the lending of pop-up tents, volunteers, straw/hay, and of course baked goods! Please contact Sandy Norris @ 814-935-2582 for more information. New ideas for fundraising for this event are always welcome!

Heritage Fair Auction Items Needed

Heritage Fair is just around the corner on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Camp Blue Diamond. The Ministry Auction is one of the big events that happen at Heritage Fair each year. This will begin at 11:00 am under the big tent. We are looking for donations of items, gift cards, theme baskets, handmade items, and business donations.

Silent Dessert Auction

New this year, we will be having a Silent Dessert Auction at Heritage Fair! We plan to have a separate location for the desserts to be displayed and bid on. Winners will be announced during our regular auction. Non-perishable desserts will work best, but a coupon could be given so that a dessert could be made for someone at another time. Who is that one person in your congregation that makes the best potluck dessert?

Camp Blue Diamond is searching for:

FACILITIES DIRECTOR | Camp Blue Diamond | Petersburg, PA

Camp Blue Diamond is seeking a gifted and dedicated individual with a passion for outdoor ministry to serve as its next Facilities Director. Nestled on 238 acres within the Rothrock State Forest near Petersburg, Pennsylvania, Camp Blue Diamond is a retreat center, summer camp, and family campground affiliated with the congregations of the Middle Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren. Guided by its mission, Camp Blue Diamond strives to encourage discipleship of Jesus Christ while fostering growth and healing in each person's relationship with God, with others, with themselves, and with the created world.



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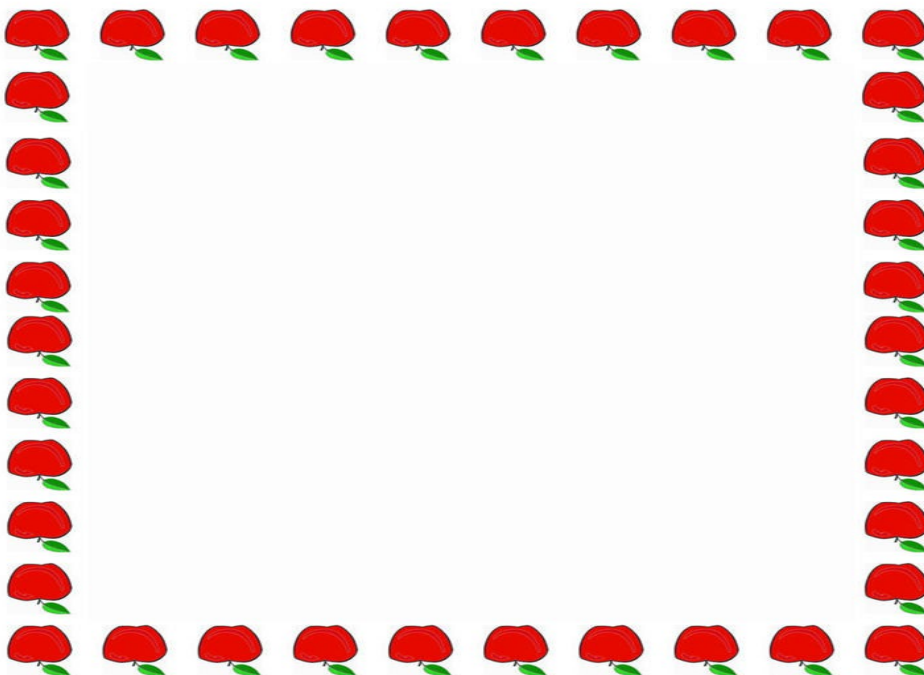
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