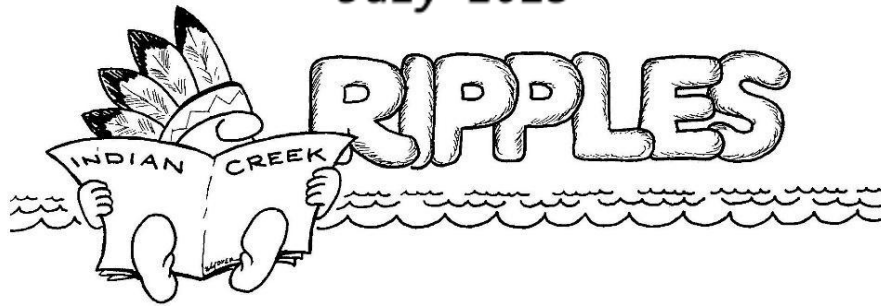


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Indian Creek Church of the Brethren  
821 Main Street, Harleysville, PA 19438

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### Church Staff

**Tim Moyer**  
Interim Pastor

**Courtney Covel**  
Administrative Assistant

**Don Ziegler**  
Custodian

**Kathy Moyer**  
Wee Folk Director/Teacher

**Heather Thomsen**  
Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

## A Summer Devotion

By Ruth Sall, submitted by Courtney Covel

We are deep in the heart of summer. The days are long and hot. The sun washes everything in glowing light. Gardens of vegetables and flowers are growing high and colorful. The pavement is blisteringly hot, and it feels good to wear sandals and wiggle our toes. It is truly the definition of summertime right now.

A few years ago I was walking to church and noticed on my last few steps along the sidewalk before turning to go to the front doors that a tomato plant had somehow started to grow in the crack of the pavement. It was sprawling along the edge with several small, green tomatoes. I couldn't believe that this plant had been able to take root, grow, and thrive in the midst of the hot, steamy sidewalk and was even producing fruit. I watched over it the next few weeks as more fruit grew from its branches and ripened into lovely red tomatoes. I showed my daughters and we picked ripe tomatoes to share with congregants at church. When we would explain where the tomato was growing, everyone was always amazed and would head out to take a look.

There is beauty in the world right around us, and sometimes we don't even realize it. Walking down the street there are signs of God's creation growing at our feet. Whether we are in the city or the country, the suburbs or the farm, God's creation envelopes us every day. The heart of summer is a wonderful time to experience the Creator. We feel the summer sun, the heat, and remember how God created "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." We see and smell the deep green vegetation around us and know that God has provided all we need. We hear the twitter of birds and feel ourselves surrounded by all creatures great and small. We feel the cool water of the pool, the lake, the hose, or the stream and know that God has washed us in living waters.

*Dear God, we praise you for creating the world. We thank you that we are part of that creation. We see, hear, smell, touch, and taste the wonders of nature. Thank you for giving us the beauty that surrounds us today and always. Amen.*

# Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.  
Blessings,  
Sarah

## Nurture Nook

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

Our Nurture activity for June was our annual church picnic. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon to enjoy a time of good food and fellowship. We feasted on hotdogs and leftover pulled pork, plus lots of delicious sides and desserts provided by the congregation.

We had a great turn out, and enjoyed catching up with each other while picnicking. The children (and some adults!) had fun playing on the playground. We brought some games, but we were so busy talking and eating that we didn't even play them.

It was a wonderful day until the gale force winds forced us to put the food away. Paper plates and lids were flying everywhere! After we successfully retrieved everything we decided to just clean up and call it a day. Even with the wind it was a really nice time and a fun day.





# Youth Group News

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

As soon as school was out in June, a group of our youth headed to Portland Oregon to participate in a FaithX service trip. Those who served were Jadon Bateman, Joseph Grau, Kadlin Grau, and Casper Spigel.

Together, we served at an organization called "Snowcap" which provides food to those who are food insecure in the Portland area. They serve over 14,500 people each month.

Monday was spent outdoors, weeding the garden beds. We were blessed with excellent weather all week, temperatures in the mid 70's, so it was easier to make weeding fun.

On Tuesday we transferred a huge skid of cucumbers into individual bags of 4 each. Later that day, we also formed an assembly line and bagged various food items that would be picked up later in the week.

On Wednesday we prepared their quarterly newsletter for mailing. We completed over 5,000 newsletters!

On Thursday we went grocery shopping for supplies, and then prepared 100 sandwiches and bagged lunches to be dropped off at a local soup kitchen that gives out these lunches on Saturdays.

In the evenings and on our rec day, we were fortunate to see some of the beautiful Oregon scenery. We visited Broughton Beach Park, Multnomah Falls, and Tunnel Beach. We also got to explore downtown Portland.

Thanks to everyone for your support, your prayers, and a special thanks to those who wrote cards! We really enjoyed reading them each day.





## ICCOB July Birthdays

2 David Whetstone  
11 Valeria Kramer  
15 Brian Coleman  
28 Zach Filburn

9 Dennis Moyer  
12 Pam Bateman  
22 Cheryl Rostsick  
29 Sharon Moyer



## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



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•Watermelon •Grape •Melon  
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•Pineapple •Pear •Fig