

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

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Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 am – Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Worship

Office Hours

- Monday-Friday
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Staff

(Interim)

Tim Moyer
Pastor

Ashley Boyd
Administrative Assistant

Don Ziegler
Custodian

Kathy Moyer
Wee Folk Director/Teacher

Heather Thomsen
Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

An Active Faith

Readings: James 2:21-26

You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith brought to completion by the works (James 2:22).

Meditation: [The college student] studies the great Missionary movement and feels the weight of these unsaved worlds resting upon him. The question is assuming alarming importance. It is not merely the task of saving those heathen countries but of saving our own Christian America...

But knowledge alone will not suffice: he must also act on that knowledge... Christian living is more powerful than Christian preaching. When we scan our horizon and see the wonderful tasks awaiting us, let us not forget our everyday living. Even though the foundation to character was laid while in college, we must keep on building till the structure is finished and pronounced "Well Done."

Let us not lose our vision of Christ going about doing good, comforting the sad, cheering the down cast, bringing light to the blind and food to the hungry. His days were filled with deeds of love and sacrifice and helpfulness, yet he had the greatest task ever undertaken- the establishing of God's kingdom on earth. May our lives equal our intellects. May we never lose sight of the central and most important thing in the student's wonderful outlook, so that the reflection of right living may brighten and beautify the field of our chosen work.

From "A Student's Outlook," Evelyn Trostle. Rays of Light, Vol. XII, No.4, 1911 (McPherson College), pp. 5-7.

For the day: Take time today to write a letter of encouragement to a college student.

Prayer: God, bless me in my doing today. Amen.

Evelyn Trostl

Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.

Blessings,

Sarah

Ashley's Angle

Written by: Ashley Boyd

Heavenly Father we love and thank You for every beautiful blessing You have given us today. We thank You for Your grace and mercy as we begin this new school year. We ask that You protect and provide the things our students need to be successful in school. We ask for Your grace, wisdom and perfect love to be poured out unto our students and children as they go forward. We thank You for Your promises of peace, protection, provision and comfort and ask that this generation encounters Your perfect love that casts out all doubt and confusion. We thank You for allowing us to speak life and love over your children in this hour and give them the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual support they need. We ask that they be reminded of the precious name "Jesus" and the power and authority that rests within it. We ask that You cover our nation in the shadow of Your wings, so that we may be able to go forth knowing You are with us and that our faith in You is the solid foundation we need. We love You. Amen.

Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer

As we bid summer vacation days "good-bye," it is with eagerness that we look forward to the start of another school year at **Wee Folk!** For the past few weeks, we have been busily working toward getting everything clean and ready for the children when they come to play on their first day of school on September 10. Parents will accompany their children on their child's orientation day, and work with them to decorate a new tote-bag, as well as enjoy specific activities in the classroom together.

Our theme this month will find us down on the **farm**, as we focus our attention on barnyard animals in a variety of literature-based activities and hands-on learning. We will begin each day's circle-time activities singing, *Drivin' My Tractor*, and highlight a different farm animal to learn about each day. The children will be introduced to the many products we get from the farm, and begin to recognize how much we depend on farmers for the good foods we have to eat. And we will use our creative talents to turn our classroom into "Old McDonald's Farm" with an assortment of animals that we make to decorate our walls!

The toy shelves are filled with puzzles and games with a farm theme for the children to explore. Our puppet theater will host an assortment of farm animal puppets for the children to manipulate. And our climber will be turned into a "chicken coop," complete with a nesting box and plastic eggs to be hatched by our very own "hens." You might say we have a lot to "cock-a-doodle-doo" about this month!

We will be kicking off the new school year with a **Fall Fest** fundraiser on **October 12** at the church pavilion. Your support will be appreciated as we are planning to have yard sale tables, craft and business vendors, a bake sale, and more!

We extend our thanks to our Wee Folk Committee Members – Esther Kishbaugh, Pat Bub, and Carol-Joyce Anton; Pastor Tim, and all of YOU who support the work we do through the school year as an outreach ministry of Indian Creek. We covet your prayers that our efforts are fruitful and bring the gospel message to the families we serve.

With an E-I-E-I-O!



Article and photos by Donna Parcell

Concert in the Park

We had two congregational activities in August. The first was another Concert Sundae in the Park. We enjoyed a beautiful summer evening listening to a Billy Joel tribute band, enjoying some delicious ice cream, and of course having fun fellowshiping together.



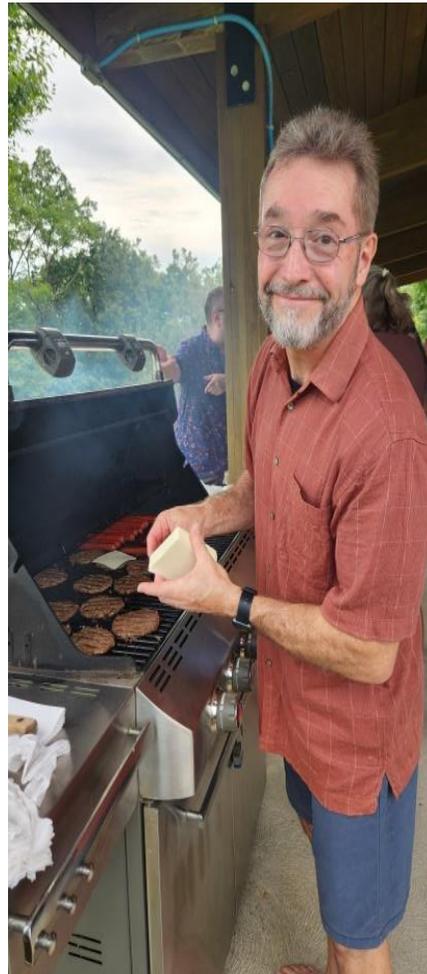
Those in attendance were Marge Landis (my apologies for omitting her name last month!), Cheryl Rostick, Esther Kishbaugh, Pam and Glenn Bateman, Pam and Kevin Bedell, Robin and Dave Whetstone, Susan Wampler and Rory Osler, Sarah, Dennis, Micah, and Charlie Duett, and Donna Parcell. And let's not forget Barney Bedell! A good time was had by all.



Our second activity was to host VBS Sunday and the VBS picnic on the Sunday after Bible school. During the church service we gave a presentation of pictures and our themes for the week. The children did a great job remembering the Bible stories and themes. Then the children sang 3 of their favorite songs.

They enjoyed sharing what they had learned and the congregation enjoyed their energy. We were thrilled to have about 60 people attend the picnic, including 4 of the VBS families. Everyone had a nice time interacting with each other, and of course playing on the playground.

Special thanks to Kevin Bedell, Pam Bedell, and Chris Spigel for handling the grilling. Also special thanks for Natasha who lead the doxology using two slices of watermelon – impressive!



Youth Group News

Article and photos by Donna Parcell

Our August activity was the first ever Brethren Olympics! We gathered at Miss Donna's house and began by fueling up with a cook out. Next we designed flags and made up country names and had a parade of nations. Then it was on to the events! As equestrians, Claire and Kadlin had a bit of an unfair advantage for the equestrian event, which was an obstacle course riding on hobby horses. Joseph reigned supreme in the short jump and the short distance shot put. Jadon was most impressive in reverse wrestling. In this event, the opponent began on the ground, and the goal was to get them to stand. Jadon had Joseph on his feet in a matter of minutes, but it took 4 people to get Jadon standing! Other events included the reverse race (the last one to cross the finish line won), the javelin catch, the balance beam.

The judges gave Jadon extra points for attempting a cartwheel on the balance beam even though he fell off. Claire was the only one to stick the landing. Medals were awarded in elaborate ceremonies. A good time was had by all!



VBS

Written by: Donna Parcell



In August we welcomed 18 children from the community to our Vacation Bible School! The theme this year was SCUBA – diving in to a friendship with God. Each day had a different theme and accompanying Bible story. The volunteers had fun decorating the sanctuary and the library in underwater themes. The children loved the tug boat docked on the piano, the jelly fish hanging from the lights, the beautiful backdrops, the many sea creatures scattered about, and the displays that made the sanctuary and library look like they were under water.



Each day had its own theme and Bible story. On Monday we heard the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal and learned that God is a friend who is real. On Tuesday we studied the story of Jonah and learned that God is a friend who loves. On Wednesday we heard the story of Jesus calming the storm and we learned that God is a friend we can trust. On Thursday we studied about the resurrection and learned that God is a friend forever. On Friday we heard the story of Lydia and learned that God is a friend for everyone.

Each day we looked for “God sightings” and tried to live out what we were learning. We had a great time in music class learning new songs and also singing some familiar ones. We made really neat sea themed crafts, and had fun playing outside in rec. And of course the ocean themed snacks were a big hit! Pastor Tim began each day and ended each day by leading us in prayer and teaching the children to say a “heartly Amen”. Pastor Tim also made everyone balloon whales on Wednesday and a balloon fishing pole with a fish on Friday.

To make things fun we had daily dressing up themes. Monday was hat day. Tuesday was sock day with the additional challenge of wearing socks somewhere other than your feet. Wednesday was sports day and we were glad to see so many Phillies and Eagles fans! Thursday was ocean theme day, and Friday was the all time favorite crazy hair day. Our offering project this year was to support the Kids Summer Food Program through Keystone Opportunity Center. We collected 7 large bags of food donations, plus \$260!

And if that wasn't exciting enough, the Fellowship Hall Sunday school class donated another \$100 for a grand total of \$360!!!



The Sunday after VBS we hosted “VBS Sunday” where we invited the families to church and then to a picnic afterwards. We were so excited to welcome 4 of the families to worship and fellowship with us! We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who made the week possible, including many of our youth who are now too old to attend but returned as volunteers. Many of our leaders were outside of their comfort zone, but all did an excellent job. The children had a great week, and we were all energized from the experience. Thanks so much for all of the prayers and support to make VBS a great week!





After a few hours to digest this statement I thought back about 40 years to an intensive two year Bible course I signed up for from the Navigators--Discipleship Training for Church Laymen -- based on Col 2:7 -- "Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." I was in my late 20's and had the same thoughts as now. It was a course that met EVERY week for 2 years with only 2 weeks off for vacation. We started as a small group of 10 and by the end there were 4 of us still committed to the course. At the first meeting we were greeted with the news that we were required to memorize a Bible verse every 2 weeks -- so by the end -- we would have 52 verses to help us in just about any situation life should bring. Again, I thought, I can't do that! We were asked how many of us had memorized the times tables in school -- which at that time was all of us. I can still remember my mother drilling them into me -- writing them over and over -- saying them over and over -- reading them over and over. We were required to know from 2-10 times tables -- but mom insisted on 2-12 -- and I still know them and use them every day! Learning them is something I have never regretted doing (I wish they still required it in school -- it makes life much easier.)



Deacon Ministry

by Carol-Joyce Anton

HOMEWORK!?

When Pastor Tim said he was giving us homework -- my first reaction was probably the same as most of yours -- what! at this stage of my life -- you've got to be kidding -- memorize scripture? I was never good at memorizing anything.

If I was so committed to knowing the times tables, which has helped me a lot in my life -- how could I not be so committed to knowing the scriptures, which are the Words of God! Those words of God have helped in a lot of ways also -- many more than the times tables have! I was able to memorize the 52 verses within the 2 year time limit -- and still know most of them -- but it is like everything else -- you need to review them every now and then to keep them fresh in your mind. It always seems harder to me to remember the address -- but that is also important. Pastor Tim made it easier on us since they are all from Matthew chap 5. It is also good that he asked us to all memorize in the NRSV, I had a study partner who used NIV and I was faithful to my KJV--I like the poetic sound -- but not always the easiest to understand. However it made it hard to study our scripture memorization together while using different translations.

WHY memorize scripture? -- it is a short term investment with a long term payoff!

It helps us face future problems -- grief, stress, worry, anxiety

There is not a problem you will face, that is not covered in the Bible. Our omniscient, almighty God has covered everything!!

What are some helps to memorizing?

Involve as many senses as you can -- sight, sound, touch! It is a proven fact that the more senses involved in learning something the more it sticks!

WRITE the verse out --

on index cards you can carry with you

on post-its -- put them on your

bathroom mirror, your car dashboard

(something to do when you are stuck in traffic!

READ it OUT LOUD -- you are seeing and hearing it at the same time.

How much time do you spend on Social Media, watching TV, playing video games, reading useless romance novels, etc? Doesn't it make sense to spend more time to LISTEN to God (which is His Word to us).

I know it's not New Year's but it is the beginning of a new school year, so make a resolution to commit to memorizing His Word.

A reminder that when we put on the armor of God, the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Gal 6/17b), is the ONLY offensive characteristic of the armor. It is our way of attacking the lies of Satan! So let's be an army for God and arm ourselves appropriately!



CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Carol-Joyce Anton
- 4 Art Derstine
- 10 Janette Steward
- 11 Erica Godshall, Robin Whetstone
- 13 Erin Barmore, Diane Moyer
- 14 Reece Rostick
- 16 Nancy Freed
- 21 Joseph Grau, Jr.
- 22 Mike Hart
- 24 Bryce Miningier
- 25 Sally Siegfried
- 28 Cathy Zeller, Nathan Stevens
- 29 Dan Bedell, George Derstine
- 30 Owen Smith