



*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

- In transition**
Pastor
- Ashley Boyd**
Administrative Assistant
- Don Ziegler**
Custodian
- Kathy Moyer**
Wee Folk Director/Teacher
- Heather Thomsen**
Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

Trust in Him

Readings: Psalm 37:35-40; Isaiah 57:20; James 1:11

But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him (Ps. 37:39-40 KJV).

Meditation: Blessings of help, salvation, and deliverance are promised to those who walk uprightly, while destruction is promised to those who are transgressors of God's law. However, life doesn't always seem that simple for us. We observe wicked people who appear to be prospering, while at the same time those who we think are righteous seem to be facing all kinds of challenges and reverses. We need to recognize that God sees things from an eternal perspective, as did the psalmist in Psalm 37. God also has different timetable than do we. While Satan's reward for those who follow him always inevitable destruction, sometimes it takes a while for that to occur. In the meantime, life for the wicked can appear to be enticing. However, prosperity for the wicked is always temporary. Whatever happens or doesn't happen in this life, the Bible teaches that there is an afterlife for every human being. Heaven is promised to those who embrace the gospel message, while a place of torment is promised for those who reject God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ. We can take comfort and hope from the promise that the Lord will help and deliver those who take refuge in him even though we cannot possibly understand the circumstances around us.

For the day: We are liberated from having feelings of envy toward the wicked. Remember that God in control, and he knows what is best for us, both for this life and for the next.

Prayer: Dear Father, help me to keep an eternal perspective as I go about my daily activities. Help me to walk in the path of the righteous and avoid the path of the wicked. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Robert Lehigh



Please look here in future Ripples issues for updates as we walk this journey of transition together.
Blessings,
Kevin Bedell, Leadership Team Chair

Pastoral Transition

Our District Executive continues to seek an interim pastor for us. There is no new information to share.

Search Committee Update

Pastoral Search Update

The pastoral search committee distributed a survey on May 12th to gather information from the congregation to complete the congregational profile. Surveys are currently being gathered. Once the deadline has passed for collecting the surveys, the team will compile the data and present the completed document to the district. From there, the district will assist in identifying potential candidates.

Thank you for your continued patience and encouragement with this process!

Blessings,

Sarah

Ashley's Angle

Written by: Ashley Boyd

Blessings

Becoming

Lifted and

Elevated while

Sincerely

Seeking

Instruction as well as

Noticing

God's

Sanctification in our lives

Article and photos by Donna Parcell

In May our senior high youth participated in National Youth Sunday. Jadon Bateman and Nathan Stevens did a great job leading worship.

We were also excited to welcome youth alumni Trent Detweiler to lead the praise team as part of the service. Later in May, we continued our Cinco De Mayo celebrations and had a taco party! It was so delicious. Jadon, Joseph, Kadlin, and Claire were more than happy to tackle the leftovers from the church's taco feast.



Always loving a good theme, after eating they played many rousing rounds of a fun game called Taco Takeover. It's a card game where you see who can build a taco first with specific ingredients. It was hard to decide which was more fun – wearing the sombrero and taco hats, or yelling "Ole!" to win the game!



Article and photos by Donna Parcell



We also spent time talking about our FaithX trip in June. We are very excited to serve the community of South Bend Indiana! The details are coming together, and we would be grateful for your prayers as we prepare and as we serve.



In May, the Nurture team decided to support the youth and also celebrate Cinco de Mayo by hosting a make your own taco bar after church on National Youth Sunday which was on May 5th. It was a rousing success! It was a very nice

turn out and people enjoyed the festive decorations – including fun hats and a giggling little boy running around in a sombrero.





Everyone was excited about the wide variety of taco toppings. Some were especially pleased to see cilantro, guacamole, and lime as options. It was also a good time to encourage the youth who participated in the service, and Jadon did a great job offering the prayer before the meal without knowing he was going to be asked to do that! We always enjoy food and fellowship, and this was a fun way to celebrate our youth.



Women's Fellowship

Tea for Two and More

By: Pat Bub

On the Saturday after Mother's Day about twenty women and girls gathered to enjoy tea, lots of good food being together and a wonderfully sunny, warm afternoon. Those who hosted a table brought everything from a tablecloth to favors for each guest at their table. The rest of us brought goodies such as tea sandwiches, fruit, cookies and fudge, muffins and scones, deviled eggs and celery sticks stuffed with peanut butter. In past years, Naomi Piatek removed most of the furniture from the Library, decorated it with lots of teapots and kettles, and a bunch of things from her home. Since she has moved, it fell to us to do the planning and decorating. We moved the celebration to the Fellowship Hall for convenience for all of us.

In addition to enjoying the teas, food and decor, we played just two games - an "America Says" style of finish the word after seeing the first letter which was equipment (both metal or china and fabric) used to serve the tea and scrambled foods or ingredients common to a tea. We all had some difficulty with these games so each person was declared a winner and sent home with a portulaca or snapdragon plant

I also stumped the group when I sent around a bag that held a block of tea, like that which those who were present threw into the harbor during the "Boston Tea Party". History lesson for all of us.

We hope you will join us next year when we offer this fun adventure again.



Countless Blessings

**Grey skies give way to skies of blue,
The wind has lost its sting,
As gently, ever gently,
Nature ushers in the spring.**

**The morning brings a robin's song,
The noon, a warming sun,
And sunset shows the silhouette
Of budding that's begun.**

**Our hearts are overcome with joy,
Our spirits fill with cheer,
As the miracle of springtime
And rebirth once more is here.**

**And as we think of all God's gifts
And blessings that are ours,
We find that they're as countless
As His lovely springtime flowers!**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
Psalms 118:23



(pg. 73 of *Reflections of Love* in the tradition of
Helen Steiner Rice by Alice Joyce Davidson)

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

- 1 Esther James
- 9 George Watts
- 12 Noah Baliles, Trent Detweiler
- 14 Nancy Seachrist
- 17 Darlene Ziegler
- 25 Donna Stevens
- 28 Joe Grau, Sr.
- 29 Donna Mansfield, Don Moyer

Early July Birthdays

- 1 Bonnie Cassel
- 2 David Whetstone

“Faith does not eliminate
questions. But faith knows
where to take them.”

—Elisabeth Elliot

