



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

Rich in Faith

Readings: James 2:5-7

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that has promised to those who love him? (James 2:5).

Meditation: The renowned priest and professor left his prestigious university to stay with the severely handicapped in a community where those who were cared for and those giving care lived together. The man with whom he was paired could not speak or see or hear. His body was misshapen, and he could not walk. His only motor skill was to hold a fork. His name was, of all things, Adam. This gifted teacher, who was accustomed to the most brilliant students, was as trapped in his great ability as Adam was in his disability. He had no idea how to deal with Adam. For three weeks he lived in fear and anxiety. It took much of the day just to bathe and dress Adam, offer him his meals, and attend to his needs. And then something began to pass between the teacher and Adam. The teacher sensed something deep in the man. Adam had a human spirit. For the poor, many of the things that we think essential are stripped away—money, clothing, shelter, adequate medical care. They are left vulnerable. Their condition leaves no extra energy for deception. They cannot help being who and what they are. They do not have control. This is why the poor often have a faith that the rich and privileged can only imagine. Jesus is drawn to the poor. People of privilege, like the Pharisees and rulers of Jesus's day, have all the answers. They have power. The poor have nothing. Like Adam, the only ability they have left is the ability to respond. They are stripped down to their human spirit. It is here that God meets us. It is here that God's kingdom emerges. The poor are as naked and open as Adam.

For the day: Think about your weaknesses and uncertainties. Do you sometimes cover them up? Let God come to you where you are vulnerable.

Prayer: Remind us that we are not in control. Free us from the illusion that money and power are the measure of our value. Show us that your love comes to us when we are “poor” in spirit.

James H. Lehman

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

The pastoral search committee met with ANE District Executive, Pete Kontra, on April 22nd to discuss ICCOB's next steps. Pete reviewed COB documents with the committee and identified our next critical step as creating a congregational profile. This is a document that the denomination has created to assist churches in their pastoral searches. The profile has many components, and ultimately attempts to give a clear picture of who we are as a church. The Pastoral Search Committee met again on April 29th to determine further logistics and create a more detailed plan for the upcoming months. The team created a survey for individuals connected to our church to complete. The survey will gather the data necessary to complete the congregational profile. Surveys will be put in mailboxes on May 12th. Surveys will also be emailed to everyone on our email blast list, and mailed to those in our congregation who do not have email. All surveys must be submitted by June 2nd.

This survey is your opportunity to voice your opinion. It is important that we hear from everyone to gather accurate data of where our congregation stands. We want to accurately portray to potential pastors who we are as a congregation. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have!

Blessings,

Sarah

Ashley's Angle

Written by: Ashley Boyd

Lessons for my God-Mom
Philippians 4:4-7

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

When I think of my Mom, the bible verse that comes to mind is this one. It has been the anchor of her faith for many years and is what she held tightly unto in her darkest hours. Her fierce love for God has been a great example for me. It has allowed me to physically see how loving God transforms you; from within while also illuminating the purpose He has for you on the outside. Getting to know Him and His spirit becomes the best and most fulfilling part of this journey called life.

Here are a few things she has said that have taught me so much.

“Although we don't know what our future holds. We can rest assured that our lives are in His hands and that's the safest place to be, so rejoicing and thank Him for who He is.”

“Once you've prayed about it leave it with God because that burden and/or battle is not yours.”

“Get into God's presence”

“God is working it out: To prosper you but most importantly for His glory.”

“Yes, the storms will come and it will all work out, so just keep both of these things in mind.”

Thank you Momma, I love you!

Youth Group News

Article and photos by Donna Parcell

Our April youth activity was part community service, part celebration of Earth Day, part just having fun. We participated in the annual “Perkiomen Stream Clean Up.” Jadon Bateman and Joseph Grau accepted the challenge to help make the Indian Creek cleaner and more beautiful. The guys were eager to help out. Joseph kept saying he was going in the creek, and he kept true to his word. Despite cold air temperatures and even colder water temperature, and the fact that he was not wearing waders, Joseph stayed in the water the entire time – sometimes waist deep.



Jadon searched and searched but did not find any snakes or snapping turtles this year. We did find a deer spine though and that was pretty cool.

We were pleased to discover that there was hardly any trash as we walked along the creek. This is a good sign! The bad news is that there was a considerable amount of trash on either side of the bridge where the road crosses the creek. Why do people think its ok to throw trash out of their car windows?



The youth and Miss Donna were joined by Pam Bedell, Susan Wampler, Robin Whetstone, Sue Moyer, and our fearless leader Don Moyer. Special thanks to Don for organizing and delivering our trash to the appropriate place. Also thanks to Don and Sue for starting our morning off right with delicious donuts!!!





In April the Nurture team sponsored a Fellowship meal with the theme “favorite recipes or recipes representing your heritage”. There was a great turn out and a wonderful variety of dishes! Lots of traditional Pennsylvania Dutch recipes and of course lots of awesome desserts.



The winner for the most unique was the “1000 year old eggs”, a Chinese recipe submitted by Teresa Wampler.

We were glad that our guest speakers of the day, Bob Kettering and Ralph Moyer were able to join us as well. Ralph said it always feels like coming home, as Indian Creek will always be his home church. Many enjoyed visiting with him and with Bob. Special thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. Many hands make light work!

It was so much fun tasting everyone’s favorites, and of course fellowshiping with one another.



Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer

Our school year is rapidly coming to a close, with many accomplishments and much growth evident in our Wee Folk. In a few weeks, we will be graduating another class to kindergarten, with lots of hugs and some tearful good-byes. Along with the joy we share daily with the children, comes an association with each family that is special and unique. We treasure each one. And when fall comes around, how nice it will be to welcome new and returning families again!

In May, our attention turns to alphabet activities, with a wide assortment of alphabet themed books, puzzles, and games, including ABC BINGO! Letter recognition will be emphasized in literature experiences and in tactile ways with all of the hands-on materials we have to offer.

The children will be making Blessing Bracelets for their mommies as we prepare for Mother's Day. We look forward to sharing with the Wee Folk mothers, grandmothers, and aunties for our Mother's Day celebration at the pavilion on May 9 & 10. We are busy preparing songs and treats as a way to recognize and thank those who hold such a special place in our hearts.

Then to honor our daddies, we look forward to our annual "Daddy and Me" fishing outing at Center Point Pond this month, too! The Batemans graciously host this for day for us each spring, which is always a great time for all ... and the worms are free!

May is also the time when we welcome Transportation Services for our annual bus safety program. Though they can no longer take the children out for a ride, just boarding the bus and learning about all the safety rules is still quite the treat for our kindergarten bound students. Parents sometime tell us that their child was so excited they couldn't sleep the night before this special event!

We will end the year with class picnics at the pavilion, especially honoring the children who

celebrate summer birthdays. Our graduates will receive diplomas and memory books filled with pictures of their "Wee Folk Days." Their last day of school will be an outdoor day filled with water fun activities, before we say our last good-byes.

From all of us at Wee Folk, thank you for your prayers and support through another school year. And to our faithful Wee Folk Committee members, Esther Kishbaugh, Pat Bub, and Carol-Joyce Anton, know that you are appreciated and much loved!

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer, and we'll see you again in September!





Congregational submission

(Submitted by Darlene Ziegler)

For my grandchildren

Prayer:

Dear Lord, I know that my grandchildren will face many choices in their lives. Of all the decisions they make, first and foremost, I pray that, they'll choose to follow and serve You, the one true God. May they declare as Joshua did, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

I pray they will choose faith- strong faith in You with no doubting. And in those times when they're tempted to waver in their resolve to trust You because they're being tossed about by the winds and waves of change, I pray they'll stand steadfast and sure in their devotion to You.

Help my grandchildren listen to godly advice and refuse to walk in the ways of fools who trust their own hearts and lean on their own understanding. Remind them to acknowledge You in all their ways and that You will make their paths straight. I thank You for guiding them so they'll make wise decisions.

Please keep my grandchildren's minds alert and fully sober so they'll set their hopes on the grace that is found in Your Son. The Lord Jesus Christ. I pray they'll choose to not conform to evil desires but, as Your children, will live holy in You.

And, Father, I want my grandchildren to make choices that will benefit the coming generations and make it easier for their grandchildren to walk in Your truth.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Joshua 24:15; James 1:6-8; Proverbs 12;15:
Proverbs 3;5-6: 1 Peter 1:13-15



CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

- 2 Janet May
- 4 Jeanette Kirk
- 9 Chester Detweiler
- 21 Ruth Baker
- 27 Debbie Kane
- 29 Dale Galecki

Early June Birthdays

- 1 Esther James**