

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

Mark E. Baliles
Pastor

Ashley Boyd
Administrative Assistant

Don Ziegler
Custodian

Kathy Moyer
Wee Folk Director/Teacher

Heather Thomsen
Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

Flip the Script!

Last week, I listened to a sermon with the title, “Flip the Script.” It’s a phrase that has become popular in recent years, meaning essentially “to reverse a situation, especially by doing something unexpected.”

When we think of a script, most of us probably think of a movie or a play. In those settings, the script controls the story, from beginning to end. It tells the actors what to say and what to do.

It should not surprise us, then, to learn that many therapists and counselors use the term “script” to describe the behaviors or attitudes we often default to without even thinking, in response to various circumstances we face in life. These reactions are so ingrained in us that it is like we are simply following a literal script of what to say and do. If we feel threatened, we fight or we run away or we just freeze and do nothing. If we feel accused, we get angry and defensive or we find someone else to blame. If someone hurts us, we hurt them back. It’s the script we have accepted and by which we live out our stories, whether we realize it or not.

But it doesn’t have to be that way. We can choose to act against these deep self-protective instincts. We can flip the script, and in the process, open up the possibility of changing the outcome of a situation...the ending to a story.

Think about how the script of human history was flipped when God entered time and space through the birth of Jesus. Think about how Jesus flipped scripts of what people thought ... by teaching things like “love your enemy,” “turn the other cheek,” “you have heard, but I say...” or “to be great you must be a servant.” Think how Jesus flipped the script of history when he laid down his life on the cross, and how he flipped the script of eternity when he took his life back again. Think about how Paul and Silas flipped the script by singing praises to God from their prison cell in Philippi, how they flipped it further by choosing NOT to escape after an earthquake opened the prison doors, and how the story of the jailor and his family was changed forever.

How is God calling you or us to do something bold and flip a script and allow God to change our story? A good place to start is to meditate on the lyrics to the song “Revolutionary” on page 2 of this issue.

Pastor Mark (Your partner in the journey)

In the Spotlight

Meet **Ashley Boyd**

by Pastor Mark

We have a new Administrative Assistant serving in our church office. Please join me in welcoming Ashley Boyd to this position and to our extended church family.



On her resume, Ashley described herself as a “kind, compassionate, and a hard-working woman, who is continually inspired through working with and helping others.” We are already seeing evidences of those qualities and we are grateful to have her serving here with us.

Ashley graduated from Spring-Ford High School in 2011 and earned an Associates Degree in Liberal Studies from Montgomery County Community College (Pottstown) in 2017. Over the past six years, she was employed as a teacher for Victory Early Learning Academy, a ministry of Victory Church in Audubon, PA.

Ashley is a part of St. Paul AME Church in Malvern, PA, where she worships, grows, and shares her gifts in the areas of worship leading, praise dance, and children’s church.

Ashley lives in Schwenksville with her two daughters, Ariaah (age 3) and Jayley (age 9). She enjoys music, dance, studying and growing in her faith, and helping and serving others in whatever ways she can.

“Revolutionary” (Josh Wilson)

Maybe you're not like me; maybe we don't agree.
Maybe that doesn't mean we gotta be enemies.
Maybe we just get brave; take a big leap of faith;
Call a truce so me and you can find a better way.

Let's take some time, open our eyes,
look and listen.
And we're gonna find we're more alike than we
are different.

Why does kindness seem revolutionary?
When did we let hate get so ordinary?
Let's turn it around, flip the script.
Judge slow, love quick.
God help us get revolutionary!

I'm turning the TV down, drowning their voices out,
'Cause I believe that you and me can find some
common ground.
See, maybe I'm not like you, but I'll walk a mile in
your shoes,
If it means I might see the world the way you do.

What would Jesus do? He would love first.
Yeah, He would love first.
So we should love first.

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Songwriters: Josh Wilson / Jason Mater / James Tealy /
Steve Fee

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Songs, M8r Music, Creed Love Music, Music Of Black River,
Mount Richmar Publishing, Sony Timber Publishing, Mt.
Richmar

Youth Group News

Article and photos by Donna Parcell

Our September activity we celebrated the end of summer by going miniature golfing at Freddy Hill Farms. The golfers included Jadon Bateman, Joseph Grau, Kadlin Grau, and Adam Steward. We were all a little intimidated when Jadon brought his own club, but he assured us that it was a level playing field. Miss Donna was the official score keeper. This is to everyone's advantage as she doesn't ever score higher than a 3, because it's easier to add up the scores in the end that way. We chose the "Discover America" course, and had fun dramatically reading the plaques describing the land marks.



Pam Bateman googled the land marks to see how similar the course was to the real thing. Some were pretty close! We used some very creative golfing

techniques, blatantly ignored a lot of rules, and showed a lot of flexibility as we jumped out of each other's way. The big contest was to see who could get the first hole in one.

The stakes kept increasing until at the end the prize was a cruise, but alas, nobody was able to claim the prize. Along the way, while looking for our own wayward golf balls, we found several extra golf balls. We used those to increase our odds of winning a free game on the 18th hole, but again, alas. No success. All of the scores were pretty close, partly due to Miss Donna's scoring technique, but Jadon came out as the winner.

We celebrated our Brethren heritage by ending the evening with delicious ice cream!



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## Loss and Longing Mom's Group

Article by Sarah Duett

This group was formed as a safe space for women to engage in community with each other and receive support along their fertility journey. Jenna Taylor (Kane) and Sarah Duett co-lead this group that meets every other week. Jenna recognized this need within her own life and reached out to the church to assist in facilitating this vision. The women who attend intentionally engage with each other to support one another in their grief and rejoicing. While the women all have unique journeys, we find common ground in our stories. We rely on each other through the highs and lows. There are typically 6-10 women each session. We develop skills, share information, give resources, grieve together, and intentionally share life. We always welcome more participants, resources, and support!



## Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer

The first few weeks of school have passed so quickly, with many accomplishments already!

The children are enjoying new friendships and are working well in their classes, having made a good adjustment to the daily routines.

We've been blasting off each morning with our Space Ship Rocket Ride song at circle time and learning new things every day about God's creation beyond our planet Earth. We've read science books about the stars, the moon, the work of astronauts, and the solar system! This week, our families will begin observing the moon and drawing the phases of the moon through the month.

With the arrival of fall, we will be noticing the seasonal changes taking place. Our calendar song, "This month is October, the leaves will fall down," will help us begin thinking about fall leaves and other signs of the season.

Our theme in October will find us learning about Owls, Bats, and Spiders ... oh, my! Combining non-fiction reading with some classic children's literature selections, we will discover how amazing these creatures really are. And as creepy as they sometimes seem, we will learn how helpful they can be! Our Puppet-"tree" will become home to owl, bat, and spider puppets for the children to make come to life!

Though we like to be surprised, the children can hardly wait to tell us about their fun and creative costume plans for our Pumpkin Party Days at the end of the month. Once again, we look forward to welcoming the Wee Folk families for our parade of friendly characters, and then returning to our classroom to play games, carve a jack-o-lantern, and share some party snacks!

Another tradition we've enjoyed sharing with our students each year in October is Bring Your Bible to School Day. Again this year, instead of celebrating this special day in the traditional way, we will be giving our new students The Jesus Storybook Bible to take home! As the children hear the stories and view the DVD each month, we hope they will be able to share and reinforce what they have learned with their families at home!

In October, we will sponsor a Winter Wonderland brochure fundraiser. Packets will be available for you to pick up in the Narthex. Should you wish to place an order, you may submit it online or return the completed order form and check made payable to ICCOB to Mailbox #174 by October 22.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support for our Wee Folk program and wish you all a Happy Fall!







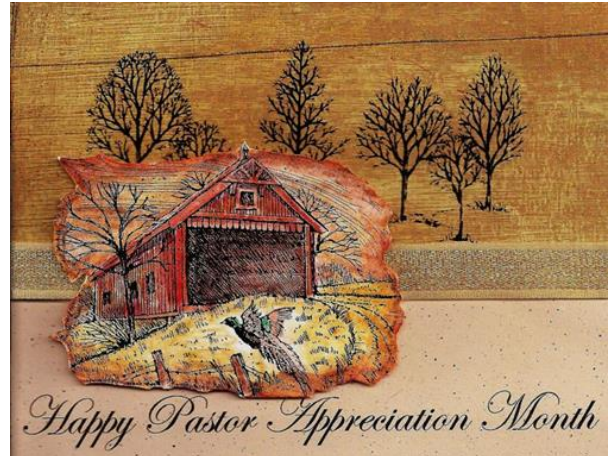
#### October Birthdays

2 Pat Ziegler  
 4 Victoria Bateman  
 8 Lois Bowman, Don Landis  
 14 Carolyn Bechtel, Keith Force  
 17 Marge Landis  
 18 Lamont Edwards  
 19 Carlton Force  
 24 Alicia Bateman  
 28 Shawn Smith  
 29 Seth Baliles, Loretta Warriner

#### Early November Birthdays

1 Elaine Mininger  
 5 Elaine Seitz, Michael Covell

If we are missing *your* birthday, please let the Church Office know! We want to include everybody in our monthly birthday notice.



## Gather Your Blessings

By Louise Pinkerton Fritz



Gather your blessings  
 Whatever they are;  
 Gather, then share them  
 With those near and far.  
 Though they be many  
 Or though they be few,  
 You'll find that in sharing them,  
 God will bless you.

## Autumn

By Mary A. Barnard



Roadsides lined with goldenrod  
 And trees of flaming hue,  
 Fruits and nuts all gathered in,  
 The face of earth is new.  
 The crisp cool air of morning,  
 Indicative of fall,  
 Paints pictures of contentment,  
 Splashed color over all.  
 Happy, cozy time of year  
 When food is garnered in,  
 Then color rules the roadside,  
 And stores are in the bin.