

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

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Sunday School

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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

A Child of God

Readings: John 1:10-14

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God (John 1:12).

Meditation: In many ways it seems like only yesterday. The preschoolers in Mrs. Kanode's Sunday school class were singing enthusiastically the childhood favorite: "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today. Come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." And in a flash, over a half-century later, I am sitting in Sunday worship with the pastor playing her guitar and leading the congregation in the singing of that same precious children's chorus. As a sixty-something, the memory of being a preschooler in Mrs. Kanode's classroom and singing the children's chorus gave me goose pimples. The pastor's challenge this day is for each of us to enter into the presence of the triune God as a child. My mind wandered to the story in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus encourages the children to come to him (19:13-15). As I observe our eight-year-old grandson and his friends, they model how to live with gusto; how to disagree, yet stay in community; how to look forward! Are these traits that our Lord Jesus Christ is asking us to live today inside and outside of the church? The pastor's words from that Sunday morning worship continue to ring in my ears "The words of this simple children's chorus are all we need to say to God in order to receive Christ's saving grace." Wow! Powerful! This gift of grace brings a lifelong commitment of living our discipleship in childlikeness.

For the day: As a child of God, always seek to follow Jesus' teachings in all you say and do.

Prayer: God, as our loving parent, teach us to be childlike as we walk our Christian journey. Forgive our childish behavior. Nudge us to respond to and trust your leading as we relate to our loved ones, our community, and the global village. Amen

Judy Mills Reiner

Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.

Blessings,

Sarah



Ashley's Angle

Written by: Ashley Boyd

What comes to mind when you think of fall/autumn? Personally, I am reminded that change is a constant in life. As the leaves change colors, and the air begins to cool I am reminded of a few things that I hope brings comfort to us all.

Even though the world and everything in it is continuously changing, our God is the same today as He was yesterday and will be tomorrow. *Hebrews 13:8 God's love for us as His children never changes, which is why it is the perfect solid foundation to build our lives on.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

God made seasons within time and God's timing is perfect. Ecclesiastes 3:2

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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Trusting in God's will for our lives is easier when we remember that His will is for our good and God's glory. Romans 8:28

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Jesus came to give us a life to live that is complete with a sound mind and joyful heart. Sometimes within all the changes of life we can forget this and lose our peace momentarily. We are all God's children and He loves us very much, meaning we have nothing to fear in this world. Psalms 18:1-2

Psalm 18:1-2

I love you, LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Having a fresh perspective and understanding of biblical concepts brings so much to our lives, as a result in our relationship with Christ as we grow closer to Him. Romans 12:2

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer

The first weeks of school have come and gone quickly, with many accomplishments already! The children are getting acquainted and are learning the daily routines. Our new students have made a smooth, easy adjustment, and we have had no tears to dry! Playground time is a favorite part of each day, and we are thankful that the weather has been so favorable to enjoy outdoor play on these early fall days. What a nice way to start a new school year together!

As we head into October, we will continue along with our farm theme, with hen, rooster, and baby chick project work in our plans! We will culminate our unit by making a “Chick-feed” treat to enjoy for our snack, and riding colorful ponies we create from pool noodles!



The second half of the month will find us observing and learning about the seasonal changes that take place now that it's fall. We will be continuing learning about the work farmers do, as we compare and contrast how apples and pumpkins grow, and discover the seeds inside them. October project work will reflect this theme as we make apple prints, cook up applesauce together, paint paper plate pumpkins to use for musical shakers, and then turn them into jack-o-lanterns!

The children are already excited to tell us about their fun and creative costume plans for our

Pumpkin Party Day 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 return to our classroom to play games, carve a jack-o-lantern, hear a fun story, and enjoy roasted pumpkin seeds and other party snacks.

Another tradition we've enjoyed sharing with our students each year in October is Bring Your Bible to School Day. This year, instead of celebrating this special day in the traditional way, we will be giving the children The Jesus Storybook Bible to take home!

We will be using this new book and coordinating curriculum for our monthly Bible stories. As the children hear the stories and view the DVD, they will be able to share and reinforce what they have learned with their families at home. We also look forward to welcoming Pastor Tim to our classroom, as he has asked to share Bible stories while making his famous balloon animals for our students! Pastor Tim has already greeted our students at VBS and our Welcome Back Picnic. His enthusiasm for Wee Folk is sure to generate a special relationship with our students, which may result in wanting to bring their families to church on Sunday, too!

Our Wee Folk Committee Members and others supportive of our ministry are busily working to make our Fall Fest fundraiser a special event for ALL! There is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy on October 12 th! More detailed information packets are available to pick up in the narthex to see how you can support our efforts! We hope to see you there!!



Deacon Ministry

*Please check out the newly refurbished shrubbery bed up at the pavilion. *

This project was funded by Nancy Scherfel in loving memory of Ray.

Thank you so much Nancy for this generous contribution.





Article and photos by Donna Parcell

For our September activity we supported COBYS by participating in their annual Bike and Hike on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Litiz, PA. Traditionally the weather is not that great for this event, so we were excited to have a wonderful fall day. We had 2 members of our congregation, Kevin Bedell and Rory Osler, participate in the 10 mile bike ride. Rumor has it they may have slightly gone off course, but they completed their ride in plenty of time.



The walkers were Pam Bedell, Susan Wampler, Teresa Wampler, Donna Parcell, and Barney Bedell. All participants received a free COBYS t-shirt, even the dogs! We had a nice time strolling through the beautiful town of Litiz and enjoying the sights while we walked for this important cause. At the end of the event we were treated to ice-cream and other treats. It was delicious! The most important part was that over \$102,000 was raised to support COBYS mission of caring for children and families in need.

Youth Group News

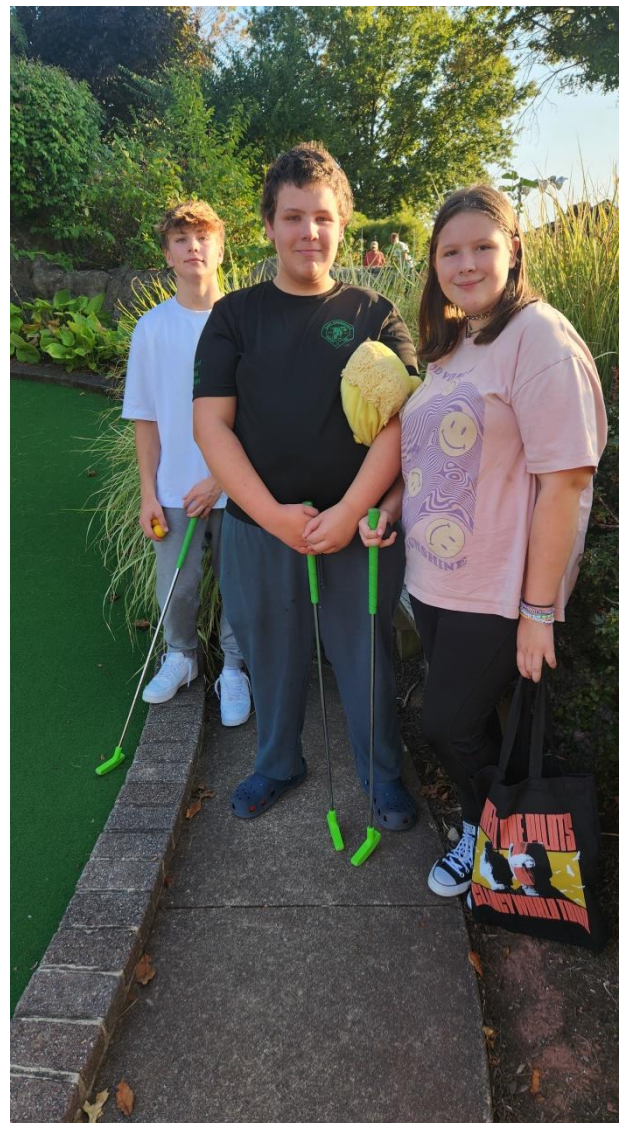
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Our first September activity was going to see the movie “The Forge” at Souderton Theaters. Some members of the Fellowship Hall Sunday school class had gone to see it, and really encouraged the youth to go.



They even paid for our tickets which was a nice surprise. We found the movie to be very meaningful, and had some good discussions afterwards about the underlying themes. Those who attended were Jadon Bateman, Joseph Grau, Kadlin Grau, and Nathan Stevens. Thanks again to the Fellowship Hall Sunday school class for supporting us.

Our second September activity was a rousing round of miniature golf at Freddy Hill Farms. Jadon Bateman, Joseph Grau, and Kadlin Grau teed off on the Tour America greens. We are pleased to report that only one golf ball was lost (Kadlin doesn't know her own strength!), but it was made up for the fact that one random golf ball was found by Jadon. He also found a random broken golf club in the bushes which left us a bit confused. Joseph kept us up to date on what part of the country each hole represented. Afterwards we celebrated with ice cream! We all had a great time.



Each Life Affects Another

We may not always realize
That every thing we do,
Affects not only our lives
But touches others, too!

For a little bit of thoughtfulness
That shows someone you care,
Creates a ray of sunshine
For both of you to share.

Yes, every time you offer
Someone a helping hand ...
Every time you show a friend
You care and understand ...

Every time you have
A kind and gentle word to give ...
You help someone find beauty
In this precious life we live.

For happiness brings happiness
And loving ways bring love;
And giving is the treasure
That contentment is made of.

- Amanda Bradley



Question: Why did the lions move
at the end of summer?

Answer: *Because the pride goeth
before the fall!*



Birthday's CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

- 2 Pat Ziegler
- 4 Victoria Bateman
- 5 Tim Moyer
- 8 Don Landis
- 9 Charlotte Duett
- 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 Birthday's

- 1 Elaine Mininger
- 5 Elaine Seitz
- 6 Charlotte Moyer
- 7 Vanessa Rostick
- 10 Susan Wampler

