

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

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301 Gale Street  
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Mechanicsburg,  
Pennsylvania

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*Mother's Day!*

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**Worship Theme:** In John 14, Jesus makes two promises. The first comes to mind when we think of the place our Lord has prepared for us when we die. The second is a promise that we often gloss over; though it applies to the here and now. It is a promise for granting what we ask "in Jesus' name". What does that mean? And how do those two promises shape our lives?

**Gathering:** -Ensemble  
*"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"* (arr. Thompson)

**Welcome**

**Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ** (greeting one another)

**Sharing Joys, Introductions, and Announcements**

(Prayer requests will be collected by our ushers along the center aisle and brought forward during the Prelude.)

**Prelude:** (arr. Tornquist)  
*"Here I Am to Worship (with O Worship the King)"*

**\*Call to Worship** (read responsively from back of bulletin)

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Great is Thy faithfulness" **No. 327**

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 7:54-60 NT p. 126

**Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem:** "Amazing Grace" (arr. Edmondson) -Ensemble

**Offering Invitation and Prayer**

**Offertory:** "She Will Be Called Blessed" (Tornquist)

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**Scripture Reading:**

*John 14:1-14*

NT p. 108/109

**Time for Children of All Ages**

Children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"* **No. 324**

**Message:** **"Two Great Promises"** -Pastor Keeney

**\*Hymn of Response:** *"Take my hand and lead me, Father"* **No. 601**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *"Spread a Little Love Around"* (Lee)

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Remembering in prayer:

**Remembering others** who are navigating recovery or ongoing challenges of health.

**Today, we remember** another of our shut-ins and/or retirement home residents with special thoughts and care. **This week we invite you to remember Donna H.** You are invited to keep Donna in prayer, but also to drop a note or card, as you feel led.

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**Today: Mother's Day!**

8:15am: Early Worship

9:15am: "Messenger" Sunday School

10:30am: Morning Worship

**Next Sunday: YOUTH SUNDAY**

8:15am: Early Worship

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Morning Worship

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**Deacons on Call: Brian & Krista P.**

**May 14th – May 27th**

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**This Week:**

Tue. 8:30am: Men's Breakfast @ Brothers Restaurant

1:00pm: Caregivers Meeting in Library

7:00pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Wed. AM: Kitchen Prep for New Hope Dinner

9:00am: Quilting in Choir Room

10:00am: Coffee Fellowship Trip to Eisenhower Farm

**NO Ensemble Practice**

7:30pm: Chancel Choir Practice

Thr. 6:00pm: New Hope Ministries Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Fri. **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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**FOLLOW UP FROM SUNDAY'S CONVERSATION:**

**Thanks to all** who participated in last Sunday's congregational conversation.

While the format was unfamiliar, we appreciate your willingness to participate. This session was intended to provide a beginning for our effort to both gather information and insight, with the hope that it would allow us to identify some of the issues at hand and to enable your leaders to work toward ways of addressing those issues. While no firm direction is set, you may anticipate that several of our Combined Adult Summer Sunday School sessions will be utilized for some further work and conversation. Those settings, while also structured, will give opportunity for sharing personal perspectives and the rationale behind those views. Likely, we will continue to utilize the Six Thinking Hats framework for our next steps.

-John M, Leadership Team Chair &  
-Del Keeney, Pastor

**Pastor Del and Lois will be away** from Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be back in the office on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Deacons on Call during that time will be Brian and Krista P. (May 22 – 27) and Mina Sue B. / Jeff M. (May 28 – 30). Warren Eshbach has agreed to provide crisis pastoral care during that time. If you have needs during this time, you may contact one of these persons, or the church office.

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**Check the BULLETIN BOARDS/INFO TABLES/NARTHEX AREAS:**

- **MAY New Hope Ministries half sheet** (on podium)
- **Camp Eder's 2017 Activities Booklet & Summer Camp**
- **2017 Annual Conference Schedules and Information**

**Check the SIGN UP SHEETS (Sign Up Area/bulletin board) for:**

- **Two spots open - Ecumenical Choir Ushers – May 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - **GREETERS for Month of June, July, August, etc.**
  - **SIGN UP Assistance for Funeral Desserts, Fruit Salad**
  - **Summer Children's Church Volunteers (on bulletin board)**
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**The MAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP GETTYSBURG TRIP is this Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg; home and farm of Ike and Mamie Eisenhower. Those carpooling will leave from the church at 9:00 am** or meet at the museum and visitor center of the Gettysburg National Military Park at **10 AM., where** we will board a **bus leaving at 10:30 AM** to take us to the Eisenhower Farm. We are scheduled to return to the visitor center on the **12 noon** bus for a time to visit the museum book and gift shop before we **leave by 12:40 PM** to head for lunch at the Dobbin House Tavern which is 1-2 PM. (Individual checks) Cost of the Eisenhower Farm tour is \$7/person. **Sign up and pay was Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.** There are no cancellations or refunds. **Directions are located with the SIGN UP SHEET.** Indicate if you need a ride or if you can drive. Carpooling is encouraged.

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**Graduate Information Needed!**

The Nurture Committee is looking to identify all of the current graduates in our congregation. **Please notify the church office** of any graduates from high school, college and post graduate studies. Information should include their name, school, degree and future plans, such as college or career moves.

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**Preparing for Summer 2017 Children's Church:** Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Church during the summer months of June, July, and August. **Please consider volunteering** to help our young people continue to grow in their love of Jesus. Any amount of time you can give will be most appreciated. A **SIGN UP SHEET** has been posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Contact Starr with any questions.

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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING - Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 2pm**

Your Standing Committee delegates, Brothers Mike M. & Larry D. invite all Annual Conference delegates and others interested in the work of Annual Conference to join us for our **ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING on May 21 at 2pm** at Carlisle Church of the Brethren. We'll share in worship & prayer, and then talk a bit about Annual Conference especially for those who may be first time delegates. We will also go over the business items that will be before us this year. We are in a very significant time in life of our Church; please join us for this important gathering.

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**Maker Fun Factory VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8:15pm.** Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Return your completed form to Heidi G's mailbox to register or call the church office at 766-8880 – weekdays from 9am to 1pm. Complete information with a registration form is in the May Newsletter.

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Next Sunday afternoon, **the Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert** will be held. This concert marks **the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the choir**, and this event's support of New Hope Ministries. The Council of Churches would be pleased for the cumulative total of giving for New Hope to **break the \$100,000 mark** this year. **We encourage you to come and support the concert with your presence and your giving**, so that we can accomplish that milestone. Come and enjoy the concert **next Sunday afternoon, May 21st at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church**. The choir this year is under the direction of Justin M, and will include special music by the Camp Hill Presbyterian Brass.

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### **The Friends of Cross Keys Village – News & Events:**

**The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale, Car Show and Auction is Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm.**

The Friends will appreciate any size item that is quilted, not necessarily a quilt for a bed. They accept wall hangings, pillows, place mats, framed items, etc. These are all possible projects that congregations might contribute for the auction. Other Auction Items and Collectables will also be appreciated. Contact Nancy S. with questions.

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**The YARD SALE DONATION ROOM will be ready beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**CAPTAINS are needed** for the Silent Auction, Plants & Veggies and the Bake Sale Table. Items must be clean, in good shape or labeled as broken (how). Hold oil/gas items until after August 1<sup>st</sup>. See Arlene J. with questions or to volunteer. Exact Date of August Sale to be announced in next week's bulletin.

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**REMINDER:** The **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is this **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Put your article information in the secretary's folder near the office door. Mailing date is Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**New Hope Ministry's Needs & Summer Youth Lunch Sign-up:**

Go to: [http://www.nhm-pa.org/?page\\_id=18](http://www.nhm-pa.org/?page_id=18)

- **Urgent Need for two (2) Volunteers** to drive a six-speed truck and load and unload deliveries on Thursdays from 9am to 3pm; also, Monday & Friday afternoons and Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.
- **Three (3) Volunteers for pick-ups** on Mondays and Fridays
- **Two (2) Volunteers for Wednesdays.**
- **Now accepting SIGN-UPS** for groups, churches, and families to **PROVIDE LUNCHES for our summer youth programs.** Learn about this special need and SIGN UP for a day (or two) to put together lunches for about 50 youth by going to:  
<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=WKEU4775> .

**Annual Conference** for the Church of the Brethren is coming up again at the end of June. This year the host city is Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we are being invited to participate in **two ongoing projects - Bethany Christian Services & the Refugee Education Center.**

- **The needs for Bethany Christian Services are as follows:** Twin and Full Sheet Sets, Pens, Pencils, Envelopes, Notebooks, and Scotch Tape.
- **The Refugee Education Center** is requesting Back Packs, Peanut-Free Granola Bars, Small Bags of Dried Fruit, Pretzels, Popcorn, and Crackers (i.e. Cheeze-its, Goldfish, Wheat Thins).

If you would like to contribute to these projects, **please place your items in the collection boxes at the entryways by Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** and Traci R. will get the items to Grand Rapids for us.

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**Our Stewardship for Last Sunday: May 7, 2017**

**REGULAR GIVING:**

Last Week:      Rec'd: \$9,128.00      Budget: \$7,443.92

**Special Donations Received:**

Altar Flowers:      \$40.00

**TOTAL RECEIVED:      \$9,168.00**

**ATTENDANCE:**      Sunday School – 121      8:15 Worship – 35  
10:30 Worship – 101

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