



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.
Proverbs 3:11-12

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."
Luke 15:20

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Myerstown Church of the Brethren

June 2026

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from Pastor Chris

Verse of the month "Galatians 6:9"

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — NIV

As we move into June, life starts speeding up. School is ending. Vacations are beginning. Schedules change. Cookouts, sports, travel, yard work, family events — everything seems to compete for our attention. And if we are not careful, our spiritual life can quietly drift into autopilot.

That is why Galatians 6:9 is such an important reminder for us as a church family.

Paul writes to believers who were growing tired. They were trying to live faithfully in a difficult world. They were serving, loving, giving, forgiving, and continuing to follow Christ — but like many of us, they were getting weary. Maybe you understand that feeling.

Sometimes we get tired of praying for the same family member.

Tired of trying to lead our home spiritually.

Tired of fighting temptation.

Tired of serving when nobody notices.

Tired of being faithful while the culture around us keeps drifting further from God.

But Scripture reminds us: do not grow weary in doing good.

Notice Paul does not say we will never feel tired. Even faithful Christians get weary. Even strong believers have moments where they feel discouraged. The issue is not whether we get tired — the issue is whether we quit.

The enemy would love nothing more than for believers to slowly back away from spiritual things during the summer months. Church attendance becomes optional. Prayer becomes occasional. Time in God's Word becomes rare. Before long, people who once burned passionately for Christ become spiritually dry.

Church family, summer should not be a season where we drift from Jesus. It can become a season where we grow deeper in Him.

Farmers understand something many Christians forget: there is always a waiting season between planting and harvest. You do not plant seed one day and gather crops the next morning. Growth takes time. Faithfulness takes time. Obedience takes time.

In the same way, many of the prayers you are praying today are seeds being planted. The godly example you are setting for your children matters. The unseen acts of faithfulness matter. The quiet obedience when nobody else sees matters.

God sees all of it.

And Paul gives us a promise: "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Not our timing — God's timing.

Not always the harvest we imagined — but the harvest God knows we need.

So this June, let us stay faithful.

Stay planted in God's Word.

Stay committed to prayer.

Stay connected to the church family.

Stay faithful in doing good even when you feel tired.

Because harvest season always comes for those who refuse to quit.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for April 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

Sunday School – 23
Worship Service – 99
Online Views – 32

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: **Faye Brubaker, Dixie Gasper, Lois Hassinger, Ken Gross, Doris Lausch, Lois Sheetz, LaMar and Joanne Fahnestock, Shirley Brandt, Anna Mae Kupp and Mark Landis, Sr.**

MCoB email list - join by sending your name and email address to info@myerstowncob.org

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for June is Far Reach Ministries.

Gift Cards

The gift card order is always processed ***the first Sunday of the month***. Look for your order form in the newsletter or on the bulletin board. The list of businesses is always changing. How many cards do you think you can use in a month? You don't have to buy a card to give away, you can use them yourself. You can buy your groceries or gas for your vehicles.

Morning Greeter

Anyone interested in being a greeter from 9:30 am until 10:00 am on a Sunday morning, please sign the sheet in the Gathering Place.

Sharing Cupboard

For the month of June we are collecting cereal and boxes of crackers.

June Wedding Anniversaries

12th Robert & Evelina Krall
16th Brett & Lori Lentz
28th Chris & Jen Hostetter

Kids Club

Kids Club will be June 14th. There will be a meal and activities starting after church and lasting till 1:30 pm.

Jr. Youth

Jr. Youth will be June 14th. After the Kids Club meal we will go mini golfing, weather permitting. If the weather is unfavorable, we will go bowling. Ice cream will follow either activity.

Bible Study

We are having Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are welcome! We will be studying the 7 Churches of Revelation and how it will apply to us.

Vacation Bible School

July 12 – 16, 2026

Time – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Supper will be served

Ages – 3 years old to 5th grade

Please bring nonperishable food item for the Sharing Cupboard.

Registration is available on the church website - www.myerstowncob.org

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Brenda Lentz or Ray Honnigmann.

Bible Verse

Do you have a favorite Bible verse or verses?

Pastor Chris is collecting favorite verses to

share with the church family. Forms for

submitting your verses are available in the

Gathering Place. Completed forms may be

placed in the offering plates at the rear of the

sanctuary. You may also use this link to

submit your verse(s)

<https://forms.gle/PxFnufd4BhBLHe9k>

Londonderry Village

Londonderry Village MISSION MOMENT

newsletter is available to receive

in your email. If you would like to subscribe, you can email:

oharris@londonderryvillage.org

Men's Chorus

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering

Place for a Men's Chorus to sing Sunday,

August 30th for the worship service. We will

have 2 practices – Wednesday, August 19th

and Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm.

Please consider joining us. All men are

welcome! Any questions, contact Earl Liskey.

Verse of the Month - June

"Let us not become weary
in doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest if we
do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: May 19, 2026

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:40 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Cindy Sattazahn

Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble

Secretary's Report of April 21, 2026

Approved as presented by aye vote

Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2026

Approved as presented by aye vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman
Earl Liskey, David Dubble, Pastor Chris

Worship leaders are in place for June

June 7 – Bob Noll

June 14 – Linda Zimmerman

June 21 – Tim Fetzer

June 28 – Kevin Wenrich

Our Tuesday morning Bible study is going well. We are studying the 7 churches of Revelation and all are welcome to join.

On Sunday, May 31st, Chris Elliott of Far Reach Ministry our Mission of the Month will fill the pulpit in Pastor Chris' absence.

On June 28th, Annual Conference Sunday, Greg Golden of Vine Ministry will be here to fill the pulpit. Earl Liskey reported that we were gifted music for our choir from Spring Creek Church of the Brethren.

Earl also reported that by next meeting he should have the line up for the Fall Music Program on October 11th.

We discussed having a dedication of our Annual Conference delegates prior to Sunday June 28th.

We approved a request from Earl Liskey to start a Men's Choir.

We discussed a date for an upcoming Men's Breakfast.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson – Janet Dubble,
Tammy Landis, Kim Lengel

Janet had prayer.

Mission of the Month Updates

January- OnFire Youth Ministries - \$861.00
February - Sharing Cupboard - \$807.00
March - COBYS - \$726.65
April - Lebanon County Christian Ministries - \$1,317.00
May - Sharing Cupboard
June - Far Reach Ministries - Chris Elliot
July - Vine Ministries- Greg Golden
August - Sharing Cupboard
September - True Life Ministries
October - Operation Christmas Child
November - Sharing Cupboard
December - Sock tree and ELCO Family Fund

For the month of June, the following item(s) will be collected for Sharing Cupboard -
Cereal and crackers

ELCO Middle School staff will be contacted to submit the names of 4 students who show exceptional leadership and kindness to receive the MCoB Good Neighbor Award. Each student will receive a certificate and a \$20 gift card from J.O.Y. Bookstore.

The Commission reviewed a draft of a trifold Welcome Brochure. We discussed different formats and layouts for the Welcome information,

The following is a list of Upcoming Community Outreach Opportunities:

Myerstown Night Out at the Reading Fightin' Phils

Londonderry Village Upcoming Events

- a. Estate & Barn Sale - Thursday, May 28 - 9:00-5:00, Friday, May 29 - 9:00-5:00, Saturday, May 30 - 9:00-1:00
- b. Lunch 'n Learn - June 10 "CASA of Lancaster and Lebanon". See brochure on bulletin board for details and future sessions
- c. Sign up to receive the new Londonderry Village MISSION MOMENT newsletter. Email to: oharris@londonderryvillage.org.

2026 Holiday Parade - Saturday, Nov. 28 - MCoB will enter a float

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Lebanon Area Fair - July 25 - August 1, 2026 - We will Inquire with OnFire if they will need volunteers for their food booth? Tuesday's date is: July 27.

Women's Fellowship Activities

- a. Golden Age Dinner - Sunday, May 3. 68 Seniors attended; 20 children and parents helped prepare and serve. Total cost was \$738.40. Thanks to all who helped.
- b. Provided candy for moms for Mother's Day.

Christian Education Commission: - Chairperson - Brenda Lentz,
Walter Sattazahn, Christine Blackwell, Cindy Sattazahn

Flower sale was a success.

We are looking for a Junior Choir director.

Thank you to Payton Fuhrman and Abby Hostetter for the Mother's Day reading.

We discussed plans for June 14th Kids Club.

Trustee and Property Commission: – Chairperson – George Nagle
Mark Landis, Jr., Bill Kline, Mike Weaver

We had the windows cleaned in the Gathering Place and front door area.

The old propane tank for the old generator was removed and the hole was filled.

The new generator is getting installed as of June 3, 2026. It is a 10 KW Generac. It is all automatic start controls. It will be front west end of building.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll
Jay Lentz

As of April 30, 2026

The Mission of the Month of March was Lebanon County Christian Ministries \$1,317.00

The total received this year for the tax prep done at the church was \$1,308.00

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving.

Pastor's Report

Things I have done since our last meeting:

- Prayed and planned weekly worship services
- Been preaching through The Gospel of Matthew
- Met with a group of Brethren pastors.
- Meet monthly with a pastor mentor.
- Monthly newsletter article, and verse of the month.
- Called and visited several people from the congregation, and community. In hospital and at home.
- Visited with lady's aid.
- Visited with people at sharing cupboard.
- Helped with Tuesday morning Bible study. Going through the seven churches of Revelations.

Thank you for all the prayers and help throughout this past month it has been greatly appreciated. It has been exciting to see how God has been working here in our congregation.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

It was decided to not have a July Board meeting.

This was approved by a motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Scott and Kim Lengel have agreed to be on the Church Board.

They were unanimously voted onto the board by a motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:10 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bible Study 10:00 am	3 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	4	5	6
7 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	8	9 Bible Study 10:00 am	10 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	11 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	12 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	13
14 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	15	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg 7:00 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm	17 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	18	19	20
21 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	22	23 Bible Study 10:00 am	24 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	25 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	26 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	27
28 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Annual Conference	29 Annual Conference	30 Bible Study 10:00 am Annual Conference				

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Charlie Krall Andy Heisey	10	11 William Kline	12 Christine Blackwell Weston Fouch	13 Allison Dubble Trina Miller
14	15	16 Bill Yoh, Jr.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Robert Gibble Barbara Wenger	27
28	29	30				



Bible Reading Plan

The best way to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word. This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year. ☺

JUNE

1 Job 21 – 24	11 Psalms 34 – 37	21 Psalms 89 – 94
2 Job 25 – 30	12 Psalms 38 – 42	22 Psalms 95 – 103
3 Job 31 – 34	13 Psalms 43 – 49	23 Psalms 104 – 106
4 Job 35 – 38	14 Psalms 50 – 55	24 Psalms 107 – 111
5 Job 39 – 42	15 Psalms 56 – 61	25 Psalms 112 – 118
6 Psalms 1 – 8	16 Psalms 62 – 68	26 Psalm 119
7 Psalms 9 – 17	17 Psalms 69 – 72	27 Psalms 120 – 133
8 Psalms 18 – 21	18 Psalms 73 – 77	28 Psalms 134 – 140
9 Psalms 22 – 27	19 Psalms 78 – 80	29 Psalms 141 – 150
10 Psalms 28 – 33	20 Psalms 81 – 88	30 Proverbs 1 – 3

Only a Dad
By Edgar Albert Guest

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame,
To show how well he has played the game,
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more.
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of men.

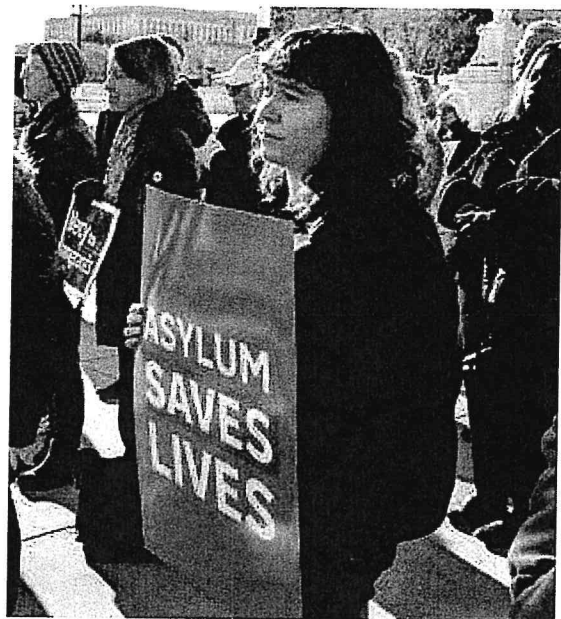
Church supports asylum seekers in Supreme Court

The Supreme Court in late March heard arguments in *Noem v. Al Otro Lado*, in which the Church of the Brethren joined an interfaith amicus brief filed on behalf of the plaintiffs. Some 30 faith organizations filed the amicus curiae brief coordinated by the Kairos Center on Religion, Rights, and Justice.

The case focuses on Department of Homeland Security authority to prevent individuals from entering the United States at ports of entry to file for asylum. Plaintiffs challenged a DHS interpretation of 8 U.S.C 1158(a)(1), which states that

“[a]ny alien who is physically present in the United States or who arrives in the United States ... may apply for asylum.” DHS has interpreted the language to mean that the individual must step across the border, and that an individual stopped right at the border is not eligible to apply for asylum.

The Ninth Circuit Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and the federal government appealed to the Supreme Court. If DHS prevails, the case will effectively allow the US to refuse asylum to all asylum seekers who seek to enter lawfully at a US border.



Hannah Nelson, a Brethren Volunteer Service worker at the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, holds a sign at the interfaith vigil outside the Supreme Court.

Board urges prayerful action to support immigrants

The Mission and Ministry Board issued the resolution “Walking Together: Immigration, Peacemaking, Conscience, and Supporting One’s Neighbors” emphasizing the church’s longstanding commitment to civil disobedience when government policies are unjust or conflict with biblical teachings.

The board drew on decades of church statements to urge individuals, congregations, districts, and the denomination to support immigrant communities, speak out against policies that harm families, and engage in civil disobedience when necessary. “Church of the Brethren history and tradition include radical discipleship, conscientious objection, and participation in civil disobedience,” the board said.

The resolution grew out of an Atlantic Southeast District query referred by the Annual Conference officers so that an urgent question could be answered in a timely way. It was prepared by a board-appointed committee and will be passed on to Annual Conference.

The board acted during its March 13-15 meeting in Modesto, Calif. The meeting was led by chair Kathy Mack with chair-elect Josiah Ludwick and general secretary David Steele.

A highlight was attendance Sunday morning at five congregations in the area. Board members and staff spread out to visit Empire Church of the Brethren, Centro Agape en Acción in Los Banos, Nueva Visión la Hermosa in Waterford, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren in Sacramento, and

Modesto Church of the Brethren.

The visit “started with handshakes and ended with hugs,” reported one board member. Others described stories, an impromptu opportunity to provide pastoral care, meaningful prayer, good music, and “so many connections.”

The board was hosted by pastor Andrew Sampson and the Modesto congregation, which prepared meals and introduced some of the non-profit ministries that share space in the building. These include an organization that provides temporary housing for families, a community

radio station, a daycare, and several other groups—which together bring “energy and life” to the church, Sampson said.

District executive Russ Matteson and board chair Gail Heisel described the Pacific Southwest District and its varied congregations, which range from some of the largest in the denomination to fledgling church starts.



Board members and staff visited several Church of the Brethren congregations in California.

Wanda McFadden

Consultation sets next phase of South Sudan ministry

A consultation on the Church of the Brethren mission in South Sudan was held early this year in Nappanee, Ind., at Union Center Church of the Brethren. Participants included Athanasus Ungang, mission worker in South Sudan; Roger Schrock, Country Advocate Team member; Roy Winter, executive director of Service Ministries; and Sharon Norton, executive director of Global Mission.

The main objectives were to plan for building a headquarters for Brethren Global Services near Juba, the capital city, and to provide training for pastors and church planters in Church of the Brethren values, practices, and history. The Brethren Global Services team is led by Ungang and consists of a program manager, a woman's ministries coordinator, and several church planters and pastors.

Appreciation was expressed to Ungang for his years of service. The group acknowledged that, as the goals of the mission continue to grow, he needs the support of many more people in South Sudan and in the US to carry out and implement the vision.

The consultation decided to focus on providing temporary aid to the people who are committed to building the Church of the Brethren in South Sudan, while also giving aid to others as possible, as the country is affected by ongoing violence and attacks on humanitarian relief efforts. The strategy will be to collaborate with local partners who are focused on developing revenue-generating projects with communities, projects with which Church of the Brethren pastors and church planters can participate.



Deana Ward cares for a young child as part of the Children's Disaster Services response in an area of Michigan affected by a tornado. She was one of the volunteers who responded in Union City and Three Rivers after an EF3 tornado damaged or destroyed some 70 homes, killed 3 people and injured another 12. CDS volunteers also responded March 16-17 following a tornado that hit Aroma Park, Ill.

Grants support South Sudan mission and refugees in DRC

■ \$213,000 from the Emergency Disaster Fund supports the Church of the Brethren mission in South Sudan in providing humanitarian relief in a time of escalating violence, and will help build a new church headquarters. Brethren Disaster Ministries and Global Mission staff will coordinate programming to help families address trauma, reduce intracommunity conflict, and target relief in areas where congregations are being developed.

■ \$75,000 from the EDF supports a relief effort for refugees, coordinated by the Church of the Brethren in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Communities in the DRC and neighboring Burundi have been affected by violence as the M23 rebel group has mounted an offensive across provinces of the DRC. As of early 2026, the eastern DRC was at a critical juncture that could expand into a regional war.

Personnel

Matt DeBall and **Nancy McCrickard** began March 23 as interim co-directors for the Church of the Brethren Mission Advancement. McCrickard is leading the giving and planned giving portion of the work, while DeBall leads stewardship and communication.

Mandy Park has begun as director of development for On Earth Peace. She is a member of Brownsville (Md.) Church of

the Brethren and holds master's degrees in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. Her professional experience ranges from teaching middle school Latin to local economic development, and she has played a key role in the Church of the Brethren Gun Violence Prevention Action Team.

Arndt Peter Schulz began March 9 as part-time Buildings and Grounds assistant at the General Offices in Elgin, Ill.

Janice Shaw-Morgan of La Verne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren has joined the Mission and Ministry Board, filling the unexpired term of Erik Brummett who resigned in December 2025.

Tamisha Tyler resigns at the end of this spring semester as visiting assistant professor and director of the master of arts program at Bethany Seminary, where she began as a Louisville Postdoctoral Fellow in 2022.



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BDM rebuilding focuses on Hurricane Helene

The Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuilding Program has a new focus on recovery from Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. This April, the program began serving survivors in Ashe, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties.

Previously, the program had helped Helene survivors through a two-week project in Spruce Pine, N.C., in May 2025, and a project in Johnson County, Tenn., from September to November 2025.

In Ashe County, a two-week

project was carried out working with the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In Henderson and Transylvania Counties, an eight-week rebuilding project began April 12. Volunteers are working in partnership with Henderson County and Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity, and the Transylvania County Habitat chapter.

Additional Hurricane Helene recovery sites in North Carolina may include a 10-week site in Yancey County beginning June 7.



A new home being built by Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteers in Henderson County, N.C., for a Hurricane Helene survivor.

Standing Committee acts on transition from Eder to Everence

Standing Committee approved two documents related to Eder Financial's transition of services to Everence Association Inc. in a Zoom meeting on April 13. The meeting of the Standing Committee of district delegates to Annual Conference was led by moderator Don Fitzkee.

Eder is an Annual Conference agency which, along with predecessor organizations, has been in existence for 83 years as a Church of the Brethren organization. Everence is a financial services nonprofit that is a ministry partner to the Mennonite Church USA.

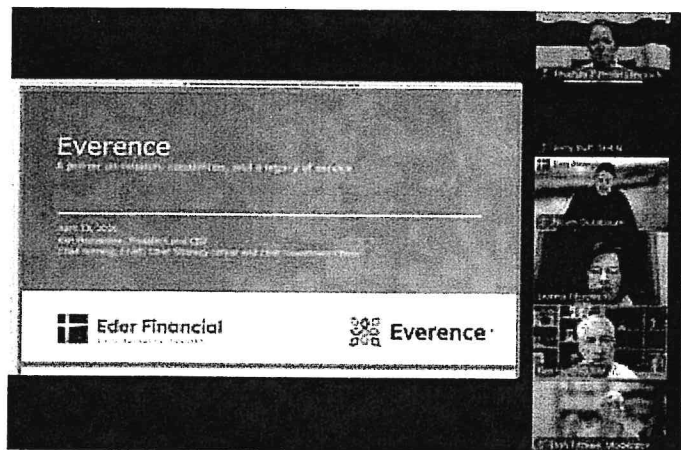
The decision endorses Everence as the Church of the Brethren's preferred provider for services being transferred by Eder to Everence, primarily employee retirement and organiza-

tional investing. Standing Committee approved an interim Memo of Understanding (MOU) for a Resource Partnership between the Church of the Brethren and Everence and a "Certificate of Secretary" as legal foundation. The documents outline how Everence proposes to serve the Church of the Brethren, its members, and institutions pending approval of a final agreement with Annual Conference in 2027.

With the interim MOU, the Church of the Brethren authorizes transfer of the Eder Retirement Plan, its assets, and existing participants to the Mennonite Retirement Trust; shifts institutional investment management to Everence; and grants Everence access to gatherings of the Church of the Brethren at the denominational and district levels. Everence will not have agency status with Annual Conference but will be a "resource partnership."

Eder cited changing demographics, financial realities, and challenges from the COVID pandemic as reasons for the transition. The pool of full-time, benefits-eligible pastors in the Church of the Brethren is significantly reduced, said a release. "Approximately 70 percent of Church of the Brethren congregations are served by part-time pastors who are unable to access full benefit packages. As a result, only about 200 congregations currently have employees actively contributing to the Eder Retirement Plan.... At the same time, the organization's staffing, product offerings, and service expectations have expanded, creating financial pressures that are no longer sustainable."

Most Eder employees are expected to be let go by the end of 2026. They are receiving severance packages and professional help with job placement.



Everence leaders presented information about their organization during the special meeting of Standing Committee.

Grants

Emergency Disaster Fund:

■ **\$95,000 supports the Nigeria Crisis Response through 2026.** After 12 years, 2026 will be the last year of an annually planned program. Going forward, grant requests from Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) will be considered case-by-case.

The 2026 plan focuses on resettlement in Nigeria of families from a refugee camp in Cameroon, including repair or rebuilding of 30 homes, assistance to 800 households, and scholarships for 60 children. An additional \$10,000 was added to the planned grant for newly displaced families affected by Boko Haram violence following the US missile strikes against terrorist groups in December 2025.

■ **\$25,000 supports aid by the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD)** for families displaced by the war between Israel and Hezbollah. LSESD's relief arm, Middle East Revive and Thrive, developed the plan for at least 10,000 families needing assistance.

Global Food Initiative:

■ **\$20,000 supports a goat and chicken farming project of the Church of the Brethren in Uganda.** The project trains people in livelihood development and

supports improved nutrition for vulnerable communities including those related to Radiant Star Orphanage and Junior School.

■ **\$6,990 supports an agricultural training component at the Great Lakes Bible School.** The school is a ministry of the Rwanda church. Students will receive practical training in sustainable and low-resource farming practices.

■ **\$4,576 supports Farming God's Way in the Church of the Brethren in Burundi.** Trainings are for a holistic model that combines faith and creation care with regenerative agricultural practices.

Brethren Faith in Action:

■ **\$5,000 to Iglesia el Buen Pastor,** Blacksburg, Va., supports families facing immigration issues.

■ **\$5,000 to Monte de Hermon,** Bassett, Va., supports families facing job loss and a reduction of hours.

■ **\$5,000 to Mountain View Fellowship Church of the Brethren,** McGaheysville, Va., helps fund a commercial-grade sign with message board.

■ **\$5,000 to Onekama (Mich.) Church of the Brethren** supports ECHO His Love programs for those experiencing homelessness.

■ **\$5,000 to Troy (Ohio) Church of the Brethren** supports a Laundry Outreach project.

FAITH COMMUNITIES SAY NO TO HISTORIC \$1,500,000,000,000 PENTAGON BUDGET



The Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

signed an interfaith letter opposing the proposal for a \$1.5 trillion budget for the Pentagon. "Our traditions are united by a shared moral conviction," the letter said, in part. "This proposed budget would represent a staggering 50 percent increase over the already enormous \$1 trillion dollar FY 2026 Pentagon budget—at a moment when millions of Americans are losing access to health care, food assistance, and other vital support."

■ **\$5,000 to Union Grove Church of the Brethren,** Muncie, Ind., supports a paper pantry.

■ **\$4,800 to Ridgeway Community Church of the Brethren,** Harrisburg, Pa., supports a monthly drive-through breakfast ministry.

■ **\$3,900 to Potsdam (Ohio) Church of the Brethren** funds community outreach events in 2026.

■ **\$2,500 to Camp Emmaus,** Mount Morris, Ill., supports renovation of volleyball and basketball courts and a campfire-picnic area.

Personnel

Huma Rana on March 27 resigned as director of Financial Operations for Eder Financial, to accept an offer with the Salvation Army. She began with Eder in July 2015.

Eder Financial on April 2 concluded the work of three staff: **Russ Chruschel**, director of Retirement Benefits, an employee since 2022; **Beth Martin**, Marketing director, an

employee since 2022; and **Felicia Kaplan**, Content Marketing manager, an employee since 2024.

Michelle Martinez began April 27 as assistant treasurer and manager of accounting for the Church of the Brethren at the General Offices in Elgin, Ill. She holds an accounting degree and a master of business administration.

Risa E. Dickson has been named president of the University of La Verne, Calif., after being interim president since 2024. The ULV board affirmed her leadership following input from the university community prioritizing experienced leadership, continuity, and stability, among other priorities.

Tim Courtright has resigned as executive director

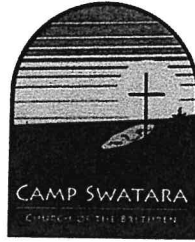
of Camp Swatara in Bethel, Pa., effective Sept. 5.

Andrew Hamilton, Southeastern District executive, will represent the Church of the Brethren on the board of Churches for Middle East Peace. He follows Nathan Hosler, director of the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, who served on the CMEP board for 14 years.



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CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Who is getting excited for the 2026 camping season? Camp sites can be booked in the Family Campground 11 months prior to your stay. Visit the camp website to reserve your site today!

Upcoming Activities at Camp:

- June 19th-June 21st—Free Mini Gold for Father's
Come camp for the weekend or just spend the day!
- June 27th 3pm-5pm—Strawberry Festival
Love Strawberries? Come out to Camp to enjoy some fresh strawberries and ice cream. \$5/person
- July 4th 8pm
Enjoy fireworks to celebrate our Nation's Founding!
- August 15th 11am-4pm—Car Show
Bring your classic or customized car or just come to see all the cool cars!
- August 22nd 9pm-10pm—Glow Mini Golf
Play our mini golf course with Glow Sticks and Blacklights
- **Visit** www.campswatara.org **for additional activities.**

Attention Campers!!!

The 2026 resident camp calendar is here and registration is OPEN! Good As Gold Certificates are also available for church families. Please see Jessica Singer for additional information.

SUMMER AT A GLANCE

DATE:	EAST	WEST	FCC - DAY CAMPS
MAY 28 - JUNE 3	COUNSELOR TRAINING		
JUNE 5 - 6	<u>BIG & SMALL - GRADES K-3</u> (FRI TO SAT) DROP OFF: 7PM PICK UP: 7PM		
JUNE 7 - 11		<u>MONARCH I - AGES 16+</u> (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30PM PICK UP: 6PM	
JUNE 14 - 18	<u>EUREKA - GRADES 5-8</u> (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 3 PM PICK UP: 6PM		
JUNE 20 - 27	<u>MUSICAL - GRADES 8-12</u> (SAT TO SAT) DROP OFF: 3 PM PICK UP: 9AM		
JUNE 22 - 26			<u>DAY CAMP - GRADES 1-8</u> (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) DAILY DROP OFF - 9AM DAILY PICK UP - 4PM
JUNE 28 - JULY 2		<u>MAPLES - GRADES 1-4</u> (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30PM PICK UP: 6PM	
JULY 5 - 9		<u>MONARCH II - AGES 16+</u> (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30PM PICK UP: 6PM	

LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DAY CAMP - BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

THEME: INTO THE WILDERNESS

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Ace Hardware \$25.00	6%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.5%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.5%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	14%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	14%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Auntie Anne's \$10.00	7%		\$	Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	3%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Moe's Southwest Grill \$10.00	7%		\$
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Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Nike \$25.00	11%		\$
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Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$100.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$25.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Firehouse Subs \$25.00	6%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
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Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant Food \$100.00	3.5%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	7%		\$	Giant Food \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	7%		\$	Giant Food \$50.00	3.5%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
				HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
								Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$

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Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$10.00	6%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$

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