

Greensburg Church of the Brethren
June 2026



*“Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from Him.”*
Psalm 62:1

Pastor's Reflection

As we enter the month of June, we arrive at an important moment in the year — the halfway point. Six months have passed, and six months still lie ahead. June reminds us that life moves quickly, time keeps marching on faster and faster every year, and every season gives us an opportunity to slow down and reflect.

At the beginning of the year, many of us made those so called new year's resolutions or another way of putting it, promises, set goals, dreamed dreams, and prayed prayers. We spoke about drawing closer to God, being more faithful, spending more time in prayer, treating others better, and walking stronger in our purpose. Now the question before us is this: Where do we stand today?

Have we stayed faithful to what God placed in our hearts?

Have we grown spiritually?

Have we become more loving, more forgiving, more obedient?

Or somewhere along the way, did distractions, disappointments, weariness, and the pressures of life cause us to fall behind?

The good news is that God is a God of fresh starts. Even if we stumbled during the first half of the year, June reminds us that there is still time to recover, rebuild, and refocus. The Lord does not abandon His children because they become weary. Instead, He lovingly calls us back to Himself.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13-14 that he was "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Paul understood that dwelling on failure keeps us from moving forward. God's mercy gives us strength to begin again.

This month is an invitation to examine our hearts:

Are we making time for prayer?

Are we walking in faith or fear?

Are we pursuing God or merely surviving each day?

Are we building our lives upon Christ, or have we allowed the world to pull us away from our foundation?

June is not just the middle of the calendar year; it is a spiritual checkpoint. It is a chance to realign ourselves with God's will and remember that our greatest goal is not earthly success, but faithfulness to Him.

Perhaps some plans did not unfold the way we expected. Perhaps prayers are still unanswered. Perhaps burdens became heavier than we imagined. Yet even now, God is still working behind the scenes. He is still opening doors, still healing hearts, still guiding steps, and still calling His people to trust Him.

Let us not spend the second half of the year discouraged over what has not happened. Instead, let us move forward with renewed faith, renewed prayer, renewed commitment, and renewed hope. The year is not over, and neither is God's work in our lives.

God Bless,

Pastor Stephen

Pastor Stephen will be away from June 27 - July 4 for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. If you need any pastoral services, please call the Deacons, unless it is an emergency. He will return in time for services on July 5.



Calling all prayer and yarn enthusiasts!

One year ago, I lost my mother at the age of 96. Despite her age, she continued to be a devoted prayer warrior and crafter. She knitted and crocheted prayer shawls for those going through difficult times.

I would like to continue this mission. If you or someone you know knits or crochets and would like to make some prayer shawls, there are patterns, yarn and tools I can give to you. Also, if you or someone you know needs some comfort, we can get you one. We will pray over the prayer shawls before they are gifted.

God bless,
Wendy Muir

CAMP HARMONY

SUMMER CAMP 2026
PROVIDING ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE.

DAY CAMPS \$110
GRADES K-6, 9AM-4:30PM
Day Camp 1: June 15-19
Day Camp 2: July 6-10
Day Camp 3: July 13-17
Day Camp 4: July 27-31

PRE-K CAMPS \$65
AGES 3-5, 9AM-12PM
Pre-K Camp 1: June 8-12
Pre-K Camp 2: July 13-17

OVERNIGHT CAMPS \$390

OVERNIGHT 1	OVERNIGHT 2	YOUTH ADVENTURE
GRADES 2-12	GRADES 2-12	GRADES 7-12
June 28 - July 3	July 19-24	July 26-31

WILDERNESS CAMPS \$390

Wilderness 1: June 21-26	
Grades 2-8	
Wilderness 2: July 5-10	
Grades 7-12	

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST!
www.CAMPHARMONY.ORG

Sunday Morning Opportunities:

- 9:30 Sunday School for children; Adult Sunday School—"How to Pray" - Carole Nedrow
- 10:00-10:30 A Deacon and/or the Pastor will be available in the chapel every Sunday a.m.
- 10:30 The worship service will be live-streamed every Sunday to the Fellowship Hall

What's Going On at GBGCOB?



"Snack Cake Sunday" - Please remember the need for snack cakes on the third Sunday of each month. We are now asking for packaged "snack cakes", i.e., Little Debbie, Tasty Cakes, etc. This makes distribution much easier for Meals on Wheels.

Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Applebees Restaurant, at noon,
Rt 30 by Westmoreland Mall
ALL women are welcome to join us
for good food and great fellowship.
We'd love to see you there!
Please bring something for the Blessing
Box to bless others...

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday evening, June 30, at Panera Bread near Greengate Center at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome!



Women's
Faith & Friendship Dinner
will not be meeting in
June, but please put July
21 at 6:30 p.m. on your
calendars now!

There is an important congregational church meeting after church on **JUNE 7th**. This will be a time of discussion and prayer, the purpose of which is to provide updated GBGCOB financial and budget information. If you are a member or friend of the church, please plan to attend.



The most recent copy of Our Daily Bread (June - August, 2026) is now available on the table next to the mailboxes at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take a copy of this devotional home to read.

Service on the
Lawn

*“Services on the
Lawn” are held eve-
ry Wednesday
evening at 7 p.m.
Please come and in-
vite your friends
and neighbors!*

The Adult Sunday School class is currently being led by Carole Nedrow. She is teaching on the topic “How to Pray” every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The class will not meet on June 7th but will continue again weekly beginning on June 14th. Plan to make this a regular part of your Sunday morning time spent with God and your community of faith!



GREENSBURG CHURCH OF THE
BRETHREN
554 STANTON STREET
GREENSBURG PA 15601

Expedition
NORWAY
June 8th-12th 6pm to 8pm

Register: www.gbpcob.org
Questions Call:
[724] 834-2130

VBS dates:

June 8-12, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Teachers and helpers are
needed!**

**Please speak to Michelle
Sipes if you are able to
contribute in some way!**

**Be sure to invite your friends'
and neighbors' children to
join Expedition
Norway at GBPCOB this
summer!**

**Flyers and registration forms
are available in the office.**

There are no Leadership meet-
ings planned for the months of
June and July.

It's Graduation Time!

Congratulations to James D. Whipple (J.D.) upon his graduation from Hempfield High School on May 30, 2026! He completed his high school career as an honor student. J.D. plans to attend Westmoreland Community College in the fall and then transfer after 2 years to the University of Pittsburgh in Greensburg. He intends to take up a history major with certification to teach.

J.D. was born in Greensburg, moved to Colorado for a time and then returned here in time to attend Fort Allen Elementary School at Fort Allen. He attended Harrold Junior High School before completing his education at Hempfield. Some of his school activities included involvement in drama, choir, and Project 18, a program to help students understand politics and how to be a good citizen. He has a third degree in Tai Kwon Do. In all his spare time, he works as much as he is able at Rizzos Restaurant.

J.D. attended church here as well as other Church of the Brethren churches, following his grandfather, Rev. Charlie Whipple. When he was here, he sang in the choir.

We hope and pray that J.D. will sense God continuing to guide and direct him now and in the days and years ahead!

Thought for the Month

When God requires us to take action in His name, it is not for His benefit, but our own.

News and Notes from the Worship Team

May came with the choir learning some new songs. We hope you enjoyed them!

Mother's Day, May 10th, was a lovely warm day and Amy Ramer with the children passed out tulips to the mothers. What a beautiful sight. Thank you!!!

May 24, we honored the members who have passed with carnations. We cherish our memories and their service.

We started Service on the Lawn on May 27. We are hoping to have more participation each week. Come and enjoy a nice evening on the lawn with music, a message and good fellowship.

We hope your Memorial Day was fun and safe!

Anyone who would like to join the choir or just sing with us for the Services on the Lawn, please come join us! (No auditions are needed---haha!)

God bless,
Joy and Chuck Sphon

Church of the Brethren Beliefs - Part II

“What it means to be a Christian”

The specific words vary from congregation to congregation as members are received into the church, but all affirm their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They promise to turn from sin and to live in faithfulness to God and to the church, taking the example and teachings of Jesus as a model. Brethren never stop discussing what that model means for the daily life of the believer.

Seeking to follow Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world” (NRSV), Brethren insist members should not thoughtlessly adopt the patterns of the world around them. At an earlier time, features like dress, homes, and meetinghouses were distinctively plain as we sought to live what was called “the simple life.” Brethren refused military service and practiced nonviolence in the face of violence. We refused to take oaths or go to court to solve problems. These practices set us apart from the world.

Today we seek to interpret biblical teachings in fresh ways for our day. We encourage members to think about what they buy and how they use their money in an affluent society. We are sensitive to the limited resources of our global community. We encourage people to “affirm” rather than “swear” when taking an oath. With earlier Brethren, we believe that “our word should be as good as our bond.”

Above all, Brethren seek to pattern our daily living after the life of Jesus: a life of humble service and unconditional love. As part of a larger body of believers--the church, the body of Christ--we go into all the world today with a mission of witness, service, and reconciliation.

(Drawn from “Who are These Brethren?” by Joan Deeter; “Reflections on Brethren Heritage and Identity,” Brethren Press; “The Brethren Heritage,” Elizabethtown College)

Deacons' Notes

A reminder that a Deacon and/or the Pastor are available for prayer every Sunday between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. before the worship service. Our recent activities include visitation and anointings for those from our church community who have expressed special needs or unable to attend worship for health reasons.

We are pleased to have reinstated Vern Eichar as a Deacon. Welcome, Vern!

This month's prayer focus for our pastor is on our pastor's marriage and family. If the enemy cannot get to the Pastor, he will work on dividing, devouring, and destroying his family. PRAY for our Pastor's wedding promises to his wife. PRAY that Jesus will be real within their home.

God bless,
Dale Struzzi

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COMMUNION

AT HOME

Please call
Pastor Stephen
if you would like
home
communion.



Joyful Celebration



EVERY MONDAY, 5 PM