

Our History

Columbus Area Christian Homeschoolers (CACH), has been serving Central Ohio Homeschool families for nearly 30 years. Here's a brief look at how it all began.

In 1994, several moms just beginning the adventure of homeschooling decided to form a group. Sandy Bowen and Jane Bruns led with goals to provide mutual encouragement to the moms and social opportunities and shared learning experiences for the children. The group, called "Bring It On Home," quickly added members through word of mouth. Classes were held at the Lytham Rd. campus of the leaders' church, Upper Arlington Lutheran. In addition to these classes, special events like pancake breakfasts and field trips to places like the American Whistle Factory or the Renaissance Festival were organized. The group also held an open house at the end of each year to give the children an opportunity to showcase highlights from their school year.

In 1999/2000, a new campus was built for Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, and this campus, located at Mill Run, was much bigger. The co-op began meeting at the new campus soon after, and somewhere along the way adopted the new name, "Upper Arlington Christian Homeschoolers."

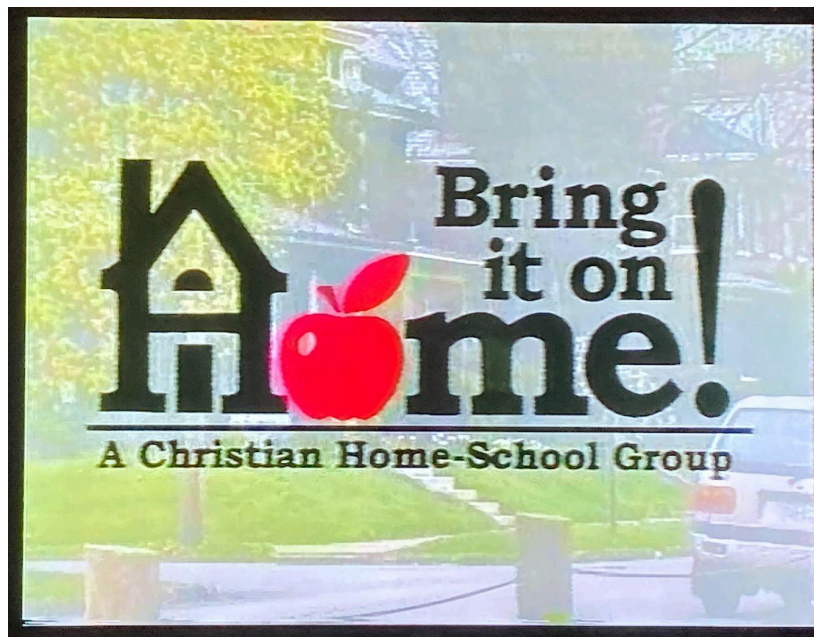
As the years passed, the co-op continued to grow. Home to a consistent number of about 25-35 families, they enjoyed classes, field trips, and parties, similar to how we operate today.

Fast forward: Our close-knit co-op would gain and lose a few families each year. Old friendships strengthened and new friendships were created. In 2020, when the Covid-19 Pandemic shook things up, the strength of our group proved strong, as we creatively found ways to continue meeting, despite the temporary unavailability of our host church. We transitioned for a time to meeting at the Columbus Metro Parks for classes. Then, in the fall of 2022, Upper Arlington Area Christian Homeschoolers was able to re-enter the church at Mill Run, and hold indoor classes once again.

While it seemed that the time for transitioning had passed and old routines could once again begin, another curveball was waiting just around the corner. In the spring of 2023, the co-op was notified that due to some programming and construction conflicts, we would not be able to use the Mill Run campus for the next school year!

Immensely thankful for all that the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church had provided for our group over the decades, it was time to look for a new home. A search began, and leadership and members reached out to nearly twenty different local churches to find a host home for the following school year. After a few months, the Lord answered our prayer by providing us with a new host church: Northwest Chapel in Dublin. With the anticipation of this new location, it became evident that it was also time for a name change, as we would no longer be meeting in or near the Upper Arlington area. In addition, we wanted it to be clear to all that our co-op was a group that would be open and welcoming to homeschool families throughout Central Ohio. We would now come to be known as “Columbus Area Christian Homeschoolers” (CACH). This name took effect beginning in the fall of 2023 and we’ve proudly held it since that time.

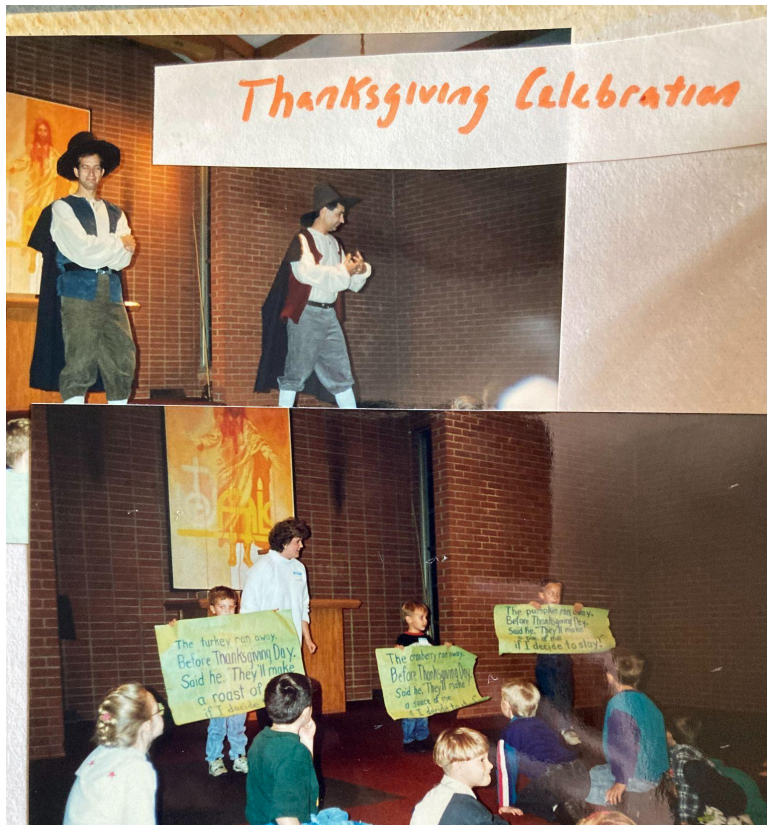
Please enjoy a selection of photos collected from over the years!



Original Logo



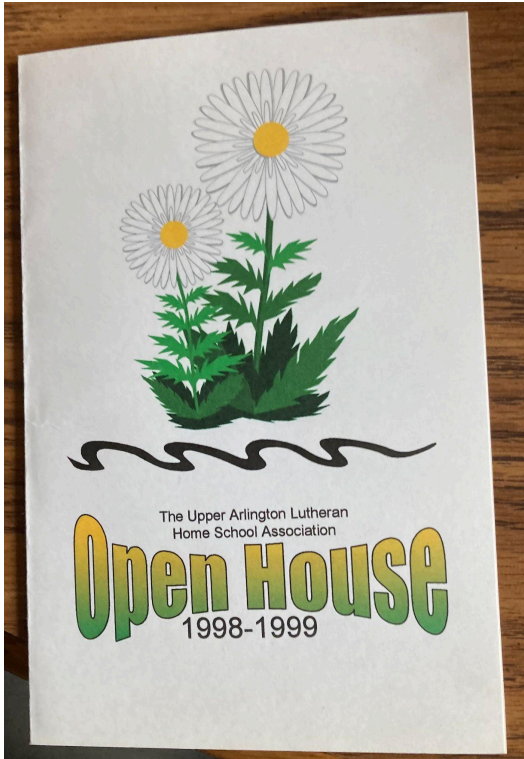
Party at a member's home



Thanksgiving Celebration



Sign Language Class



Welcome to the Upper Arlington Lutheran Homeschooler's 1998-1999 Open House. We celebrate God's provision of another year to educate our children at home. Our Lord has given the children wonderful talents and gifts, some of which will be showcased in the recital and drama portions of the evening. God has also blessed the children with sharp minds and willing hearts to work hard on their studies. Please take the time to investigate their table displays. We can heartily agree with the Psalmist and say that "children are a gift from the Lord." Enjoy the fellowship this evening, and get to know some other families!

Thanks for joining us!

Open House Program of Events

- Address from Barb Witt
- Drama Presentation
- Talent Show
- Special Thanks & Recognition
- Slide Presentation - A Year to Remember
- Fellowship & Table Time

Open House Program

Although many individuals were instrumental in assisting in another wonderful year of education and experiences for our children, a special thanks is given to the following people for their time & efforts:

Barb Witt, Michelle Kurfees, & Tamra Puffenberger for their ongoing commitment to lead our group ~ a thankless job at times!

Melody Thompson for teaching our children how to draw more than just stick figures!

Carrie Rubinow for instilling a love for drama and creating the next generation of Shakespearean performers!

Kelly Sullivan for teaching a whole semester of gym by herself ~ wow!

"We will tell them about what the Lord has done that is worthy of praise. We will talk about his power and the wonderful things he has done. Then those born later would know his laws. Even their children yet to come would know them. And they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God. They would not forget what he has done. They would obey his commands."
- Psalm 78:4-7

Talent Show Program & Participants

David & Sharon Puffenberger	Piano Duet
Amber Bruns	Piano
Anna & Brennan Kurfees	French Dialog
Hal Laurence	Piano
Chase & Alex Kitzmiller	Bible Memorization
Andrew, Emily, Erica, & Mrs. Karen Rogers	A Taste of German Culture
Jennifer Sullivan	Piano
Lauren Sullivan	Piano
Allison & Amy Witt	Science Experiments
Cassie Henderson	Poem
Molly Miller	Piano