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Coalition of Homeschoolers Across Lancaster County

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About Us

CHALC Provides **learning co-ops & sports**, leadership events & support, **a website for each of our groups**, liability insurance for co-op activities, **educational developments & tips**, updates on homeschool legislation, **annual graduation ceremony**, music, art, & other lessons, **field trip announcements**, homeschool evaluators listing, **recognition of student achievement**, local resources & events, **homeschooling discounts...** even more items of interest to homeschoolers!

CHALC Homeschool Group Membership for the 2023/2024 school year is just \$25/family! If a family is in more than one CHALC Homeschool group, a rebate will automatically be sent in the Spring.

The various positions on the CHALC Board are filled by fellow volunteer homeschool parents. If you would like to learn more about the Board and its activities, e-mail us. Co-op members are invited to attend opening devotions and share a public comment at board meetings. Please reach out to us if you're interested. Meeting sites may change.

2024 Graduates...

Check out chalc.org for graduation info or e-mail chalcgraduation@gmail.com.

See page two for meeting dates as well as the back cover for information about an upcoming social!

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It's your time to shine!

Open to Grades K-12:

Enter your artwork or creative project to **win a \$15 gift card** in EVERY issue! All you have to do is send a photo of your project or artwork to scrawlseeditor@gmail.com, and you're entered to win the random drawing.

Congrats to December's winner!



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CHALC Graduation 2024

Next Meeting:



Harvest Bible Church
1460 Eden Road
Lancaster, PA 17601



January 18, 2024
7pm

Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

Future Meeting Dates:

Feb. 20, March 21,
April 16, May 16

Mark your calendars!

Family Night

will be held

April 5, 2024

at Woodcrest Retreat.

*Keep an eye out for more
information!*

chalc.org

Graduation will be held
Friday, May 24, 2024
7:00pm

Lancaster Evangelical Free Church
419 Pierson Road, Lititz, PA



Christmas Party

All 2024 CHALC Grads are invited to
come out for a Christmas party held
the second week of December!



Bring a gag gift



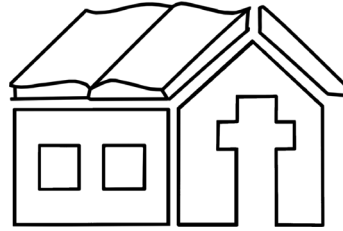
Wear a Christmas sweater!

Harvest Bible Church
(same location as graduation meetings)

More details will be sent out via email



Get Caught up with CHALC!



Here are some announcements from our
CHALC Leaders' Breakfast on October 14, 2023:

- 1. Science supplies are available to borrow from Elizabethtown College.** "Science in Motion" Equipment Request as well as a link to the list of supplies will be made available on chalc.org.
- 2. Sarah Northrop from Firm Foundations Academy presented about the Vision and Vocation Institute,** an 18-month program beginning in the fall of 2024 for seniors in high school and any student ages 18 to 21. The student has to be 18 by January 1 of the year they enroll. A PDF of the program description is available on chalc.org.

She would like an opportunity to come to your co-op and present this program to your high school students and parents. This program emphasizes vocation: Where is the Lord calling you? Another emphasis on glorifying God in the workplace, being salt and light in our workplace, being culture shapers.

During 3 sessions of coursework spread over 18 months, students will learn about life and vocation, literature and history, Old Testament and New Testament Survey, and building a theology of work.

Students will do one or two apprenticeships. Currently 13 businesses are partnering with VVI. The businesses want applicants with strong character who are innovative, collaborative, teachable, and able to lead. They will teach them the hard skills they need. These are paid apprenticeships that the students will be able to add to their resume, might lead to a full-time job, and will help them launch their career.

More information also available on page 7!



3. Gwen Schuit, retired CEO of Friendship Community, with expertise in nursing education, leadership and art education, shared around the topic, “Homeschool Leadershift Essentials to Embrace.”

Here are some takeaways:

- Leadership is simply influence. Leaders, it’s a good idea to decide whether to focus on solving problems or developing people.
- We lead in proportion to our level of faith. We control in proportion to our level of fear.
- The best learning is intentionally created. As a leader, choose an Inner Circle – people close to you, your confidants. Also, create and foster an Outer Circle of people who are gifted differently, who will challenge you to get out of your comfort zone. You need some contrarians in the room, and you need to listen to them!
- Don’t be a soloist, be a conductor.
- When you have one-on-one sessions, don’t leave before you know what the other person values.
- As a board or leadership team, consider: how will this decision affect others? What can I give?
- No one ever coasted to success. The more you pay for something, the more value it has when you achieve it. Always be ready, willing, and committed to climb the hill first, and then call out, “Follow me!”
- Recommended reading: Jim Collins, Good to Great
- Exercise Care and Candor. When you as the leader need to offer constructive criticism, make sure you flower it. Can you flower it?
- Make the communication shift from Directing to Connecting: collaborate, listen, side by side, empowering, understanding, ask questions and your agenda, not mine.
- Diversity is a blessing! Do not feel threatened by it, because diverse teams fill the knowledge, perspective, and experience gaps for each other.
- Move from Maintaining to Creating: foster creativity and celebrate innovation.
- Move from Positional Authority to Moral Authority: Leaders who influence based on who they are. This is attained by authentic listening, consistency and building trust. Transforming what is to what can be... Look at how Jesus led his disciples.
- Move from a Career to a Calling: embracing your purpose every day inspires those around you.



FIRM FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

Hear about the vision & mission of Firm Foundations Academy, a K-12 hybrid program in Ephrata, PA, see some sample curriculum and tour our facility.

Thursday Jan. 11th, 1:45pm OR Tuesday Feb. 13th, 7:00pm



JAN 11

PLEASE SCAN QR
CODE TO RSVP

FEB 13



Questions: Please email Head of School, Sarah Northup - snorthupffa@gmail.com

SERVANT STAGE

Do you have a student who enjoys singing, dancing and acting? Or perhaps they would like to learn more and improve their skills? You are invited to join Firm Foundations Academy as we partner with Servant Stage to offer a 16 week enrichment class where the students will learn skills relating to acting, dancing, and singing. Students must be between the ages of 8 and 18.

Deadline for registration is Monday, December 18.

Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30pm from Jan 10 - Apr 24

New Joy Church | 35 New Joy Drive | Ephrata, PA.

COST IS \$250/STUDENT

Please mail a check to:
Firm Foundations Academy
35 New Joy Drive | Ephrata, PA 17552

REGISTER
HERE



FIRM FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

The background of the central text area is a faded, sepia-toned image of a vintage compass rose overlaid on a map. The compass rose shows cardinal and ordinal directions, and the map shows street grids and geographical features.

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 30TH

7:00PM

35 NEW JOY DR.

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AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

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- 18 MONTH PROGRAM
- AGES 17-21 (MUST BE 18 BY JAN. 1)
- ENGAGE IN CLASSES 2 DAYS A WEEK
- WORK IN A PAID APPRENTICESHIP WITH PARTNERED BUSINESSES IN A FIELD OF INTEREST
- POUR INTO OUR COMMUNITY BY SERVING IN LOCAL MINISTRIES.

We desire to assist Christian students as they work to discern their callings. Through coursework, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and ministry, VVI students will be thoroughly equipped with work skills and thinking skills.

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WOODWORKING

AND MORE....

The logo for Firm Foundations Academy features a stylized illustration of a classical building with columns and a pediment, with an open book in front of it.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS
ACADEMY

EXPLORE

– EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY –

December 4 & January 8, 1p.m.

Letter Writing for Homeschoolers

Write letters to seniors in our community.
Ages 10-18

December 7 & 21, 1p.m.

Kids STEAM Time

Science, technology, engineering, arts and math activities. Ages 3-7.

December 11, 1p.m.

Home Economics for Homeschoolers

This month we will learn money basics.
Ages 10-18.

December 12, 1p.m.

Homeschool Club for Tweens

Art, games and science. Ages 10-12.

December 14, 1:30p.m.

Public Speaking for Homeschoolers

Practice public speaking through fun games.
Ages 10-18.

December 18, 4p.m.

The Price is Right

Play the Price is Right. Ages 10-18.

December 20, 4p.m. & 4:30p.m.

Kids Reading to Tailwaggers

Read to KPET registered dogs. Ages 4-12.

December 21 & January 31, 2:30p.m.

Homeschool Club for Kids

Art, games and science. Ages 6-9.

January 22, 1p.m.

Fire Safety for Homeschoolers

Learn about fire safety. Ages 10-18

January 18, 1p.m.

Homeschooler Book Discussion

"Matilda" by Roald Dahl. Ages 10-14

Registration is required.

For more info or to register:

www.epratapubliclibrary.org

Cookies and Milk with Santa

December 2, 2p.m.

Join us for a special visit with Santa!
Enjoy a snack, child-friendly beverages,
holiday art activities and fun with
family and friends! All ages.



550 S. Reading Rd. – Ephrata, PA 17522- 717.738.9291

Learning Station

Celebrating 30 years

Established 1993



Who are we?

Learning Station is a parent-run homeschool co-op, which meets at Lancaster Evangelical Free Church (LEFC) in Lititz, PA. Elementary classes run for 10 weeks per semester while 7th-12th grade classes run for 10 or 15 weeks per semester.

Two Tracks to Membership

Learning Station offers two tracks to membership: co-op track and upper level only track. Co-op track members teach and serve within Learning Station. This track is required for all families with enrolled elementary-aged children or those with older students who wish to participate Theater Arts program or Student Council. Upper level only track class registration opens to families with 7th-12th grade students after co-op track students have registered.

Learn more at www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lcoop

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 13	UL-15 week classes end
Wednesday, January 3	Spring UL-15 week classes begin
Wednesday, February 7	Elementary & UL-10 week classes begin
Wednesday, March 27	Spring Break/Snow Make Up
Monday, April 1	2024-25 Upper Level Schedule Posted
Wednesday, April 17	Last day of Spring Semester
Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4	UL Theater Arts class production at Cavod Theatre

Mission: Supporting homeschool families by providing a cooperative learning environment in which students develop academically and socially in a Christian community.

open house



Aviation Venture Crew 52



sites.google.com/view/crew-52

Venturing is a co-ed, youth-led program, which is offered by the BSA for ages 14-21 and is about building adventures with friends. Venture Crew 52 bases its meetings and activities on the many disciplines in aviation. **Drop in at Smoketown airport on December 9th between 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm to learn more.** Scan the QR code or go to URL for more information.

(In the event of winter weather, the event will be rescheduled to December 17. See the website for updates.)

LEARNING STATION'S UL THEATER ARTS CLASS PRESENTS...



Save the Date

A Play About A Dragon

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 3 & 4, 2024



"World Watch is GREAT! Sometimes it's funny,
and every morning it gives me information about everything!"
- Paul, 4th Grade, Learning Station

YOU have access to World Watch News!
Visit: worldwatch.news/signup

As a member of your CHALC Co-op, This is a daily video news program produced by Christian journalists for students. Most of the programming is appropriate for all ages but when they cover a topic that may be too mature for the youngest in your family, they provide a warning. **It's a great way for families to stay up on current events in the framework of a Christian worldview.** If you'd like to use this awesome resource in your own homeschool plan, simply go to the signup page and enter this code: **RHAE3R**, then continue with setup instructions.

If you would like to use the app on your phone, you must download the one for schools for Android or Apple (ipad/iphone). (There is an app for Apple TVs.)

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HERITAGE HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

Heritage Homeschool Academy is a parent-led co-op that aims to guide our children into thankful service to God through the study of truth, goodness, and beauty. We believe this path should be vigorous yet peaceful, full of both wonder and understanding. Through our co-op, we support families along the journey of homeschooling to grow in Christ-like maturity as a community of believers.

OUR STUDENTS

Preschool through
Secondary Grades



OUR CURRICULUM

Classical Paired with Restful
Learning, Known as Scholé



WHEN WE MEET

Wednesdays
9:00am - 12:30pm



PLEASE VISIT WWW.HOMESCHOOL-LIFE.COM/3961/ FOR MORE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. — PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9



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Merry Maker's Market

HANDMADE CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS - AND MORE

Come shop and meet our families, while helping students learn what goes into running a small business. We hope to see you there!



Wednesday, December 20, 2023
1:00 - 2:00PM

Faith Bible Fellowship Church
151 Donerville Rd, Lancaster, PA 17603





TREASURES OF GRACE

HOME EDUCATORS

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians. 4:7

Treasures of Grace is a Christ-centered co-op that seeks to support and encourage member families in their homeschooling journey through friendship development, encouragement and prayer.

We are a bi-weekly co-op that meets on Tuesday's from 9:00am - 12:30pm.

Lancaster Alliance Church
210 Pitney Road, Lancaster

OUR CALENDAR:

Dec 1st: The Nutcracker

Dec 5th: Personal Finance at the Cloughs

Dec 8th: Cookies and Carols

Dec 19th: Personal Finance at the Cloughs

Jan 9th: Co-op

Jan 10th: Herr Chip Factory Tour

Jan 16th: Mid-Year Meeting

Jan 23rd: Co-op



<https://www.homeschool-life.com/PA/treasuresofgrace/>

Questions?

Contact Kaddie Hollinger at toghomeschool@gmail.com.

I am a Christian, currently 23 years homeschooling mom of seven children, Homeopathic teacher with 7 years experience, certified in Essential Oils and Aromatouch application offering personal wellness consultations in the privacy of your own home for you and your family! Looking for natural health solutions for a healthy school year? Do you have gut issues? Muscle aches and pains? Overwhelmed or anxious? Need deeper sleep? Skin concerns? Trouble focusing? Interested in natural products for healthy, pure house cleaning? Let me offer support....NATURALLY!



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The Educators Affiliation of Christian Homeschoolers
www.teachhomeschoolers.com



TEACH exists to enhance and encourage home-centered, parent-directed Christian education in Northeastern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

TEACH seeks to enhance the teaching and nurturing skills of home education parents through organized classes, field trips, and supplementary resources.

As members of TEACH co-op you can choose any or all of the programs available that could be instrumental to your homeschooling journey.

Schedule:

December 30 - Juniors Basketball Begins

(Forms located at www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH/)

January 4 - Spring Classes Registration Deadline
Membership and Facility Fee Due

Field Trips:

December 19 - Christmas Party

January - PA Farm Show (TBD)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR
CLASSES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, VISIT**
www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH

General Questions? email Tammy Cress
at teachhomeschooler@gmail.com

TEACH OFFERS

Organized classes

We are a parent run co-op that provides two 10 week semesters in the fall and spring (Some upper-level academic classes run for 30 weeks.)

We meet on Tuesdays from 9am-2pm.

Choose the classes that best suit your family's needs, you can stay for one hour or the full five hours. Parents are expected to stay the whole time and serve for at least one hour. Questions please contact Katie Walker at bethanygracecoop@gmail.com

Sports

- Soccer
- Basketball

Questions please contact Amy Mease at damease95@gmail.com

Track & Field Day

is hosted once a year in May with races and activities for all ages Kindergarten - high school.

Field Trip Group

Once a month trip planned during the school year.

Questions about this program or to register, contact Samantha Hanks at teachcellgroups@gmail.com

Forest School

Outdoor adventures planned weekly during the school year. There is a long hike Friday, nature project Friday, educational program Friday and a book club Friday. Questions about this program please contact Amy Rhoads at forestschooladventures@gmail.com

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Cornerstone Lower Tier serves families with children in the nursery - 8th grade with enrichment classes, gym, choir, field trips, and opportunities to fellowship in a christian environment. We meet for eight weeks in the fall and eight weeks in the spring. All participating members are expected to serve by monitoring, teaching, and cleaning. Please visit our website for more information, and feel free to mail questions to the Directors.



We are enjoying the wonderful gift from God of friendships and support. We are co-laboring together to care for each other and our families. We are looking forward to some social visits over the winter break.

I appeal to you, dear brothers, and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10



Our Calendar of Events:

- ❖ December 7 Christmas Party
- ❖ December 14 Peter Pan Field Trip
- ❖ January 12 Nature Class – Animal Signs
- ❖ January 25 Cartoon Magician Magic Show

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.

Carl Rogers

CORNERSTONE

Upper Tier

December 2023 / January 2024
www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cornerstone
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Cornerstone Upper Tier is a 30-week, Christian educational program for students in **7th-12th grades** that meets **Thursdays at Grace Baptist Church**. Classes are taught by professionals in the areas of Science, Literature, Writing, Art, World Languages, Social Studies, and Electives. Cornerstone Upper Tier is committed to providing a **regular rotation of core academic classes** necessary for graduation and a variety of elective classes to help you meet your educational goals. **Please visit our website** for membership and registration details and current class availability.

Wishing our Cornerstone family a Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/5- Mandatory Cornerstone Graduation Meeting- 7:30 Fellowship Hall
- 12/7-Parent Prayer Time- 8am in the Library
- 12/14- Spirit Day- everything Christmas Day
- 12/21& 12/28 **Christmas Break**



Our Spring Semester classes still have spots available. Email leadership to register.

- *Music theory*
- *Art history*
- *Gym*
- *Geography*
- *MS literature*
- *Master of Defense*
- *New Testament Bible history*

2023-2024 Co-Op Class Dates

Fall 2023

August 31 First Day of Classes
September 7, 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14

Spring 2024

January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March 7, 14, 21
April 4, 11, 18
April 25 *snow makeup*

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:13-14

Classes Resume January 4th

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of a weather emergency, an email will be sent by 7am if the schedule is modified. During a delay the following schedule is used:

- 1st period (8:00 - 8:55) ---> 10:00 - 10:25
- 2nd period (9:00 - 9:55) ---> 10:30 - 10:55
- 3rd period (10:00 - 10:55) ---> 11:00 - 11:25
- 4th period (11:00 - 11:55) ---> 11:30 - 11:55
- All afternoon classes are scheduled as normal.

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Our Leadership Team—

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Treasurer- Rachel Schaffer
Building Coordinator- Priscilla O'Byrne
Teacher Coordinator- Meredith Shore
Volunteer Coordinator- Sherri Worrell
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ARK (Artists Releasing the Kingdom)

Community Association draws from the rich variety of local Christian Artists and Ministries, providing venues where people can teach and train others, and the local community can engage in family-friendly fine arts. (Visual, Musical, Performing & Literary)

ARTS WORKSHOPS

Music in Worship

Mondays, December 4 & 11 from 7:00 to 8:30

Taught by Todd & Merci Brill (*Master's Musicians*)

Course fee: \$40.00

Polymer Clay Workshop

Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Taught by Marina Hull

Course fee: \$60.00 (includes materials)

Signing in Song Workshop (ASL)

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Taught by Joanne Creel

Workshop fee: \$15.00 (each night)

Free Monthly Events

Roundtable Discussion . 1st Sat., 6:30 pm @ARK

Movie & Discussion ... 2nd Sun., 6:00 pm @ARK

Writers' Group 2nd Tues., 7:00 pm @ARK

Open Mike 3rd Thurs., 6:30 pm @MAS

Spotlight Last Thurs., 7:00 pm @MAS

See our Facebook page for additional activities

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Pastel Workshop

Tuesdays, January, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Taught by Elva Hurst (*Barnyard Art Studios*)

Course fee: \$70.00 (includes materials)

All workshops are taught at an introductory level and will have certificates issued upon completion. All fees are for all sessions of the workshop unless otherwise noted and are due by the first workshop. We need a minimum of 5 students registered to have the workshop.

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ARK Ministries is a faith-based (Christian) 508c1a non-profit located at 340 West King Street in Lancaster PA
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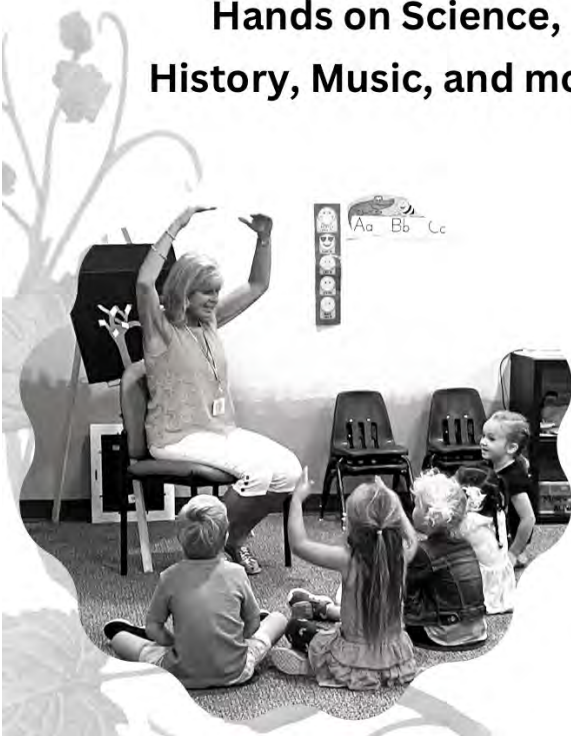
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Purpose

Our goal is to have Christ formed within our children.

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.
 -Galations 4:19

About Us

- 26 week academic co-op
- Meet on Tuesdays
- 9 AM - 2:30 PM
- Upper classes receive all needed instruction for science, history, writing and literature
- High school students may attend without a parent
- Moms enjoy connecting in a family atmosphere

Dates

- December 14, 2023: Mom's night out
- 11/28-12/26/23 Break
- January 2, 2024 classes begin

Lunches

- Pizza Days: 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- Hot Lunch: 3rd Tuesday

Merry Christmas
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Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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MOMS' BRUNCH: 1/6

SECOND LEVEL STARTS: 1/10

ELEMENTARY STARTS: 1/24

FORMAT: Parents teach or help in classes for two hours and join "Prayer & Share," a time of fellowship & encouragement with other parents, for a third hour. Elementary (nursery thru 6th) meets 8 weeks each fall and spring; nursery provided. Second Level academic classes meet 12 weeks each semester.

TIME: We meet on Wednesdays with required devotions and announcements starting at 8:45 am. Classes begin at 9 am. We have three class periods for 55 minutes each, ending at noon. All families are welcome to enjoy their lunches together afterwards.

MEMBERSHIP: Includes classes, track & field day, standardized testing option, CHEX Showcase, social events & more.

Spring Semester Classes

Whole group meets:

1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

Additional 12- & 24-week class dates:

1/10, 1/17, 3/27, 4/3

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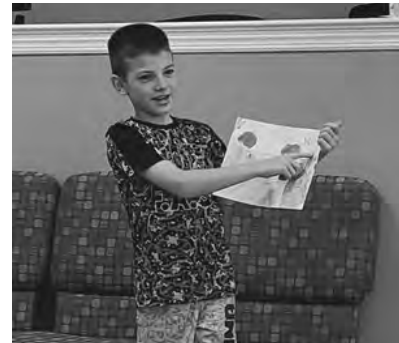
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Fulfill the yearly fire safety requirement by attending Fire Safety at Kinzer Fire Company. The morning usually begins with a short video followed by different stations outside. The stations vary each year, but they always do a great job. So mark your calendar!

Please RSVP by Friday, September 29th, so we can give an estimated count for attendance.

No fee is charged by the fire company, but we encourage each family to give a \$1/person donation in cash to the Kinzer Fire Company on the day of the event as our way of saying "thank you" from Conestoga Valley Homeschoolers.

Handcraft Fair

December 9, 2023 9:00am - 12:00pm

DOVE Westgate Church

1755 W. Main Street

Ephrata, PA 17522

(at The Cove)

Join us for the Homeschool Handcraft Fair!

7UP Fall Party at the Russell's Home

October 27, 2023 (Rain Date: Saturday, October 28)

4:30pm - 9:00pm

Details: We will be carving or painting pumpkins and enjoying outdoor games, yummy food, and a campfire. (We will be doing the pumpkins first, so if it isn't something you enjoy, we will plan to eat around 5:00) Parents and siblings of 7-ups are welcome to join. If dropping off, we prefer no one under 4th grade stay without a parent or designated parent. This is an outdoor event so dress accordingly.

We will provide hotdogs, drinks, and s'mores. Bring a side dish to share.

Bring a pumpkin to carve or paint, pumpkin tools with your name on them if you have some.

Woodcrest School of Wonder: Christmas

November 30, 2023 9:45am - 12:00pm

Woodcrest Retreat (Indian Rock Dining Hall)

225 Woodcrest Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

Join your friends at the School of Wonder at Woodcrest Retreat for Christmas Around the World: An annual favorite with our families and co-ops, Christmas Around the World is a great way to kick off the holiday season. This year we travel to Germany as we discover the traditions of the past and present. This exciting class includes a time of baking and crafts while also hearing from missionaries who have served in Germany. They will share about how we can pray for the German people.

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>>> CHALC Groups

CHASE Academy (Christian Homeschool Assoc. of Scholastic Excellence)

www.chaseacademy.org

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A Christian co-op offering weekly classes. We meet on Mondays from 8:30 - 2:00 at East Fairview COB in Manheim. Classes are a 30-week commitment. Opportunities include academic and elective courses, music, sports, and field trips. Our mission is to equip and encourage parents who have chosen to homeschool their children by providing educational classroom opportunities in a Christ-centered environment. Members must participate by teaching or helping in classes for the benefit of the group.

CHEX (Christian Homeschoolers Exchange)

www.chexhomeschool.org

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CHEX is a group of homeschool families joining together to fellowship, encourage each other in our life's journeys, and provide excellent group learning opportunities for our children. We meet as a whole group on Wednesday mornings from 8:45am - 12:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, 8 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the winter. High school academic and some elective classes meet an additional 8 weeks for a total of 24 weeks.

Conestoga Valley Homeschoolers

www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cvhomeschoolers/

Conestoga Valley Homeschoolers is a Christ-based, parent-led co-op, offering classes for preschool through high school, as well as nursery care. Students in grades K-6 have choir, gym, and an elective choice each semester. Grades 7-12 choose 3 electives each semester. Academic and life skill courses supplement your schooling at home. We meet on Thursday afternoons for 10 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring at DOVE Westgate Church, Ephrata. We provide opportunities for our children to socialize with other homeschoolers

through physical education, music, field trips, enrichment classes, and social events. Monthly nights out invite our moms to fellowship, support, encourage, and pray for one another. We keep our costs affordable for all family incomes by utilizing the gifts and talents of our co-op parents to teach classes and organize group activities. "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:" (Romans 12:6a)

Cornerstone Upper Tier

<http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cornerstone>

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Upper Tier is a 30-week, Christian, educational program for students in 7th-12th grades that meets on Thursdays. Classes are taught by professionals in the areas of science, literature, writing, art, world languages, social studies, and electives. Tuition is required. Annual registration begins in April for best class availability. Rolling registration accepted. Space still available.

Cornerstone Lower Tier

www.homeschool-life.com/PA/cornerstonelowertier/

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Cornerstone Homeschoolers Lower Tier is a Christian organization that seeks to provide quality educational opportunities along with support for families that are homeschooling their children. The Lower Tier is a co-op type structure where parents provide gym, choir, and enrichment classes for Nursery - 8th Grade. We meet 16 weeks on Thursday afternoons from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Grace Baptist Church in Lancaster. Students may participate in track & field day, Valentine's exchange, picnics, field trips, choral concerts, and the learning fair. Because we are run by member parents, all participating students must have a parent who is an active participant in planning, teaching, monitoring and cleaning up.

Faith Outreach Homeschoolers of East Donegal
Not accepting new members at this time.

Firm Foundations Academy

Contact: Sarah Northup

www.firmfoundationsacademy.com

At Firm Foundations, we believe that children are made in the image of God, "Imago Dei," and that all students, including those that struggle to learn traditionally, should have access to schooling that teaches truth, beauty, and goodness. We offer a classically minded hybrid homeschool program that seeks to glorify God through educating all students. We meet in Ephrata, PA and serve families in Lancaster County and surrounding areas. Students attend Firm Foundations two days a week and work from home on structured assignments three days a week. We employ high academic standards based on the classical philosophy of education and utilize curricula and a methodology that purposes to educate the whole child. Our goal is to provide a sense of community, support, and resources to help all students within our program to have a positive and enriching educational experience.

Firmly Planted Classical Community

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We are a Christ-centered, classical co-op meeting for 24 core weeks dedicated to intentional community and like-minded discipleship of our children for the Gospel's sake. To facilitate the Grammar Stage (ages 4-12) in community we: -Introduce weekly memorization across seven subject areas. -Practice public speaking and active listening skills at age-appropriate levels. -Grow in the foundational skills of and appreciation for classical art and music. -Experience hands-on science accompanied by Socratic dialogue. To prepare for the logic and rhetoric stages (during grades 4-6) we offer English grammar, applied conceptual mathematical games and challenges, and writing composition (utilizing the Institute for Excellence in Writing program). Membership is limited. Currently accepting applications.

Heritage Homeschool Academy

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Heritage Homeschool Academy is a Christian educational community that aims to guide our children into thankful service to God through the study of truth, goodness, and beauty. We believe this path should be vigorous yet peaceful, full of both wonder and understanding. Our goal is students who understand their humanity, the world they live in, and whose hearts are tuned to praise their Creator God. Through our program, we support parents and students along the journey of homeschooling to grow in Christ-like maturity as a community of believers. We provide Biblically-founded teachings in an academically-focused environment to children in Preschool through Secondary grades with a commitment to a classical curriculum combined with a literature-rich approach and a pedagogy of restful learning, known as scholé. Membership is limited.

Learning Station

www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lscoop

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Learning Station supports homeschool families by providing a cooperative learning environment in which students develop academically and socially in a Christian community. Learning Station meets at Lancaster Evangelical Free Church in Lititz, PA. Classes meet on Wednesdays. Co-op track is open to families with students from infant through 12th grade, while upper-level only track is open to students in 7th through 12th grade. To learn more about Learning Station, visit www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lscoop/ and click on the FAQ link.

Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers

www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach

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MACH is a 26 week Christian-based co-op offering classes for nursery through high school. We strive to provide quality academic and elective courses to help facilitate and support families in their homeschooling endeavors. We meet on Tuesdays at East Fairview Church of the Brethren. Academic classes are held in the morning from 9am-12pm, with optional elective classes held in the afternoons from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Members are required to participate by teaching and helping in classes. An option for high school students to attend without a parental participation in MACH is available.

Second Plane Homeschool Collective

secondplanehomeschool.weebly.com

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Second Plane Homeschool Collective is a Christian hybrid, Montessori-inspired homeschool group that meets up to 2.5 days a week for 15 weeks in the fall and 15 weeks in the spring. Parents partner with a Pennsylvania certified teacher to create a continuous learning experience from the community classroom to home learning.

TEACH (The Educators Affiliation of Christian Homeschoolers)

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TEACH provides support for homeschooling families in Lancaster and southern Berks counties. Our support is distinctively Christian and includes co-op classes, cell groups, sports teams, music, field trips, and special events. We accept new participants but require each member to commit to volunteering in a way that benefits the group.

Treasures of Grace Home Educators

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The mission of Treasures of Grace Educational Home School Association is to support the member home-schooling families through friendship development, encouragement, and prayer; and to provide an opportunity for students to explore subjects which are best experienced in a group setting. Treasures of Grace meets bi-monthly for a total of 16 weeks of co-op. Co-op time is from 9:00-12:30. We offer classes for nursery through high school. Members pay an annual fee. We meet on Tuesdays at Lancaster Alliance Church, 210 Pitney Road, Lancaster, PA.

Vine and Branches Homeschoolers

www.vineandbrancheshslanco.org/

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WHO IS THE GROUP FOR: Christian homeschooling families that seek community and shared learning experiences as a supplement to their home-based schooling. This is a cooperative rooted in faith in Jesus and the truths in His Word. WHERE: Northwestern Lancaster County meeting in Ephrata at Dove Westgate Church! WHEN: Main gatherings will be on Wednesdays starting at 9:00 AM. We aim to offer 3 learning sessions including 2 classroom based and 1 session for physical education. There will also be a short group devotion time and a shared lunch together. We will meet approximately 10 weeks in Autumn and Spring.

The True Story of Christmas Word Search



Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are **underlined**. The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

The True Story of Christmas

More than 2000 years ago, there lived a young woman named **Mary**. She was preparing to be married to a man named **Joseph**.

One day, an **angel** appeared to Mary and said, "Listen! You will soon have a son, and you will name him **Jesus**. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God."

Around the time for Jesus to be born, the Roman rulers ordered everyone to return to their hometown to be counted.

Joseph and Mary had to travel to the town of **Bethlehem**. When Joseph and Mary arrived at Bethlehem, the town was very crowded. They had to stay where **animals** were kept.

While they were there, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him with pieces of cloth and placed him in a **manger**.

That night, in a field near Bethlehem, **shepherds** were looking after their sheep. An angel appeared to them and said, "I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in Bethlehem, a Savior has been born. He is **Christ** the Lord!" Then many more angels appeared, praising God for the birth of Jesus.

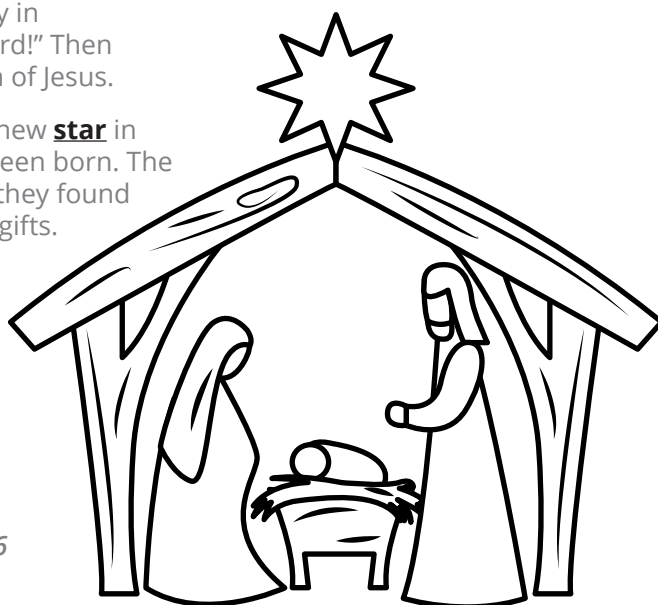
Sometime later, **wise men** from the east saw a bright, new **star** in the sky. They knew it was a sign that a great King had been born. The wise men followed the star to look for the child. When they found Jesus, they bowed down, worshiped him and gave him gifts.

This is the true story of **Christmas**. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

God sent his Son, Jesus, to be born on earth because he loves us very much.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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