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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](http://chalc.org) for graduation info or e-mail [chalcgraduation@gmail.com](mailto: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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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 [scrawlseditor@gmail.com](mailto:scrawlseditor@gmail.com), and you're entered to win the random drawing.

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## **Congrats to November's winner!**



**Lily Strayer  
Grade 4**

# CHALC Graduation 2024

## Next Meeting:



Harvest Bible Church  
1460 Eden Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601



November 21, 2023,  
7pm

*Guys bring a drink,  
girls bring a snack.*

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## Future Meeting Dates:

Jan. 18, Feb. 20,

March 21,

April 16, May 16

[chalc.org](http://chalc.org)

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

Lancaster Evangelical Free Church  
419 Pierson Road, Lititz, PA

**Next Social Event:**  
**Oregon Dairy Corn Maze**  
**November 4**  
**@5:30pm**

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to turn in candle  
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BEGINNER THROUGH ADVANCED

# PIANO LESSONS

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ADULT BEGINNERS WELCOME!



**YOU have access to World Watch News!  
 Visit: [worldwatch.news/signup](http://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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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:

**Nov 7th:** Personal Finance at the Cloughs

**Nov 9th:** The Amish Farm and House Tour

**Nov 14th:** Co-op

**Nov 21st:** Personal Finance at the Cloughs

**Nov 28th:** Co-op (Christmas Cheer)



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

Questions?  
Contact Kaddie Hollinger at [toghomeschool@gmail.com](mailto:toghomeschool@gmail.com).



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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:*

November 7 - Last Day of Fall Term

### *Field Trips:*

November 15 - Fort Indiantown Gap

### *Forest School:*

November 3 - Creative Campfire Cooking

November 10 - Orienteering Program @ Woodcrest Retreat

November 17 - Forest School Friendsgiving @ Brubaker Park

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR  
CLASSES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, VISIT  
[www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH](http://www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH)**

General Questions? email Tammy Cress  
at [teachhomeschooler@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bethanygracecoop@gmail.com)

### **Sports**

- Soccer
- Basketball

Questions please contact Amy Mease at [damease95@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [forestschooldadventures@gmail.com](mailto:forestschooldadventures@gmail.com)

### **CHALC Scrawls subscription**



# EXPLORE

– EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY –

## **November 1, 4:30p.m.- Be an Artist for Kids**

Have fun creating art! Ages 6-9.

## **November 6, 1p.m.- Home Economics for Homeschoolers**

This month we will learn basic cooking skills. Ages 10-18.

## **November 7, 4:30p.m.- Sewing for Tweens**

Create a cute felt animal! Ages 10-12.

## **November 9, 1:30p.m.- Public Speaking for Homeschoolers**

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

## **November 9, 4:30p.m.- Full STEAM Ahead**

Tech, robots and more! Ages 10-12.

## **November 14, 1p.m.- Homeschool Club for Tweens**

Art, games and science. Ages 10-12.

## **November 16, 2:30p.m.- Homeschool Club for Kids**

Art, games and science. Ages 6-9.

## **November 21, 4:30p.m.- Art for Tweens**

Have fun creating art! Ages 10-12

## **November 30, 1p.m.- Homeschooler Book Discussion**

"The Bad Beginning" by Lemony Snicket. Ages 10-14

**Registration is required.**  
**For more info or to register:**  
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## **Annual Fall Book Sale**

Opening Night: Friday, October 20 - (5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) | Admission \$7 Fri. only

Saturday, October 21 - (9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Sunday, October 22 - (12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Monday, October 23 - (10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.) | \$7 Bag Sale

Tuesday, October 24 - ( 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.) | \$5 Bag Sale



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# Vine & Branches

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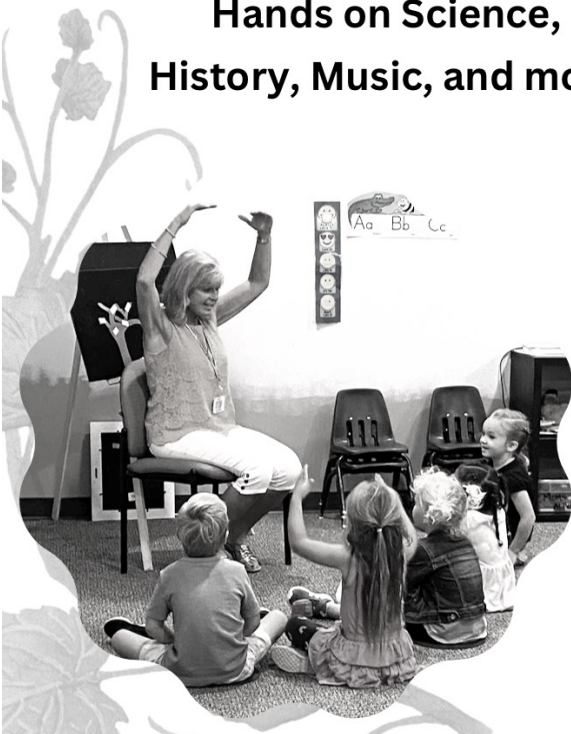
### *Age Breakouts*

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### *2 Class Periods*

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**CONTACT:**



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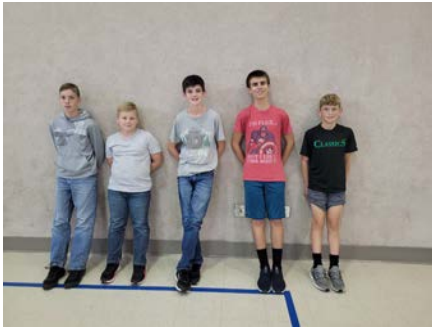
NOVEMBER CHASE DAYS

November 3

November 13

November 20

**November 27-REMEMBER NO IN PERSON CLASSES!!**



***Christian Homeschool Association of Scholastic Excellence***

*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. Classes meet on Mondays from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at East Fairview Church of the Brethren in Manheim.*

Information about C.H.A.S.E., visit our website at

[www.chaseacademy.org](http://www.chaseacademy.org)

Julie Hostetter, Director

[chasehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com](mailto:chasehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com)

Leadership Team: Krista Arnold, Judith Cook, Cindy Ebersole, and Jana Gurtler



# ONELIFE GAP YEAR PROGRAM

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**Goal: Raise \$15,000 to build a new dormitory to increase the number of precious lives empowered and protected!**

Dinner | Music | Raffles | & More

Reserve your spot today!



SCM runs a school + orphanage in remote Kenya. SCM does such a great job taking care of the students and empowering the community, that the government in Kenya has based other children's centers off of SCM. The government also refers so many children that SCM is out of space and needs to build 3 new dormitories, so we are hosting a fundraising dinner!

Founders, John & Gaye reside in York, PA, but spend about 6 months/year ministering and overseeing in Kenya. When local, they love to share stories of what God is doing through SCM! Please email: [info@ShalomChristianMissions.org](mailto:info@ShalomChristianMissions.org) to plan a time for them visit + share with you!



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## Science:

We offer science from kindergarten through 12th grade.

### **From our science teachers:**

We are learning about the history of the space program, telescopes, our solar system, and the stars. The calls will be taking a field trip to Grundy Observatory on October 16th. - Mrs. Osman, 7th/8th grade science

We focus on the incredible intricacy of the cell and how the biochemical processes work 24/7 to keep us alive! These processes are often so difficult for our minds to comprehend, so we use this complexity as evidence of a Creator God! In this lab, students investigate how cells use enzymes to support life.

- Mrs. Miller, high school biology

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**WEBSITE:**

<https://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach>



## Purpose

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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

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- 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

## Extras

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- Picture Day: 10/24/23
- Fall Party: 10/29/23

## Lunches

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- 10/24/23 Pizza
- 11/14/23 Pizza
- 11/21/23 Hot Lunch

## Fun Days

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- 10/31/23 Clash day
- 11/21/23 Fall day







# Hamlet & Twelfth Night

Academy High School Theatre

One-Act Plays

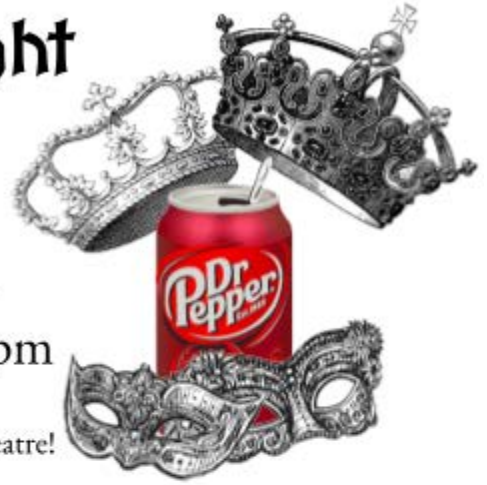
~ Pay What You Will ~

Friday, November 17, 7pm

Saturday, November 18, 1:30pm

Lancaster First Assembly, 1025 Columbia Ave

Seriously, we're not kidding around. This Is Great Theatre!



## The LANCASTER ACADEMY for the PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Concert & Art Show on December 9 at 7pm ~ *Lancaster First Assembly*

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Lower Tier

November 2023

[www.CornerstoneLowerTier.com](http://www.CornerstoneLowerTier.com)

[lower.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com](mailto:lower.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com)

**RoseAnn Kuhns** Co-Director

**Lauri Shumaker** Co-Director

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 having a great time at co-op from nursery time to teaching time- learning how to play, learning about music and geography, learning about good literature, and wearing cool tie-dye for spirit day.

Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth!  
Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you.  
Psalm 86:11NLT



### ***Our Calendar of Events:***

- ❖ November 2 Class Day
- ❖ November 3 Nature Class- GPS
- ❖ November 16 Class Day & Chick-fil-A Lunch
- ❖ November 30- December 1 Great Wolf Lodge Weekend

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



# CORNERSTONE

## Upper Tier

November 2023

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cornerstone](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cornerstone)  
upper.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com

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.

### Upcoming Events:

- 11/2-Parent Prayer Time- 8am in the library
- 11/9- Spirit Day-anything but a backpack day
- 11/16- Spirit Day-sports team day
- 11/23- **Thanksgiving Break**- enjoy your time off.



Our Spring Semester classes still have spots available.

Email leadership by December 1st

- *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



### Our Leadership Team—

Director- Anne Flinchbaugh Richey  
Treasurer- Rachel Schaffer  
Building Coordinator- Priscilla O'Byrne  
Teacher Coordinator- Meredith Shore  
Volunteer Coordinator- Sherri Worrell  
Lunch Coordinator- Catherine Sharp  
Snack/Fundraising Coordinator- Katie Hess  
Student Liaison- Ellen Eschenwald

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Psalm 100:4



# GAP YEAR 2024-2025

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# Learning Station

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/liscoop](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/liscoop)



## 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.

**Visit our website for information about membership.**

## 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.

Registration for upper level spring classes is open until December 1. See the website for details.

## Upper Level Spring Class Registration Open for...

Mechanical Drawing  
Intro to Crochet  
Photography & Graphic Design  
Research Writing  
PA History  
Drawing  
Intro to Computer Programming  
Artistic Crafts  
Advanced Volleyball  
Basketball Skills  
Painting

## 2023-24 Calendar

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Wed, Aug. 23        | Orientation for Co-op Track Members                                       |
| <b>Wed, Aug. 30</b> | <b>UL-15 week classes begin</b>   |
| Wed, Sep. 6         | Elementary classes begin<br>UL-10 week classes begin                      |
| <b>Wed, Oct. 18</b> | <b>UL-15 week virtual day</b><br><b>Elementary &amp; UL-10 Fall Break</b> |
| Wed, Nov. 15        | Elementary & UL-10 week classes end<br>Elementary Fall Showcase           |
| <b>Wed, Nov. 22</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>   |
| Wed, Dec. 13        | UL-15 week classes end  |

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





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# Community Arts Association

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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)

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## ARTS WORKSHOPS

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### Dance Workshop

Monthly every 2nd Wednesday from 1:30 to 3pm  
Taught by April Martin  
Teaching a variety of dance forms, starting with Worship Dance, other classes include tap and ballet  
Workshop fee: \$15.00 per monthly session

### Writers' Workshop

Tuesdays, November 21 & 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Taught by Dan Armstrong  
Course fee: \$40.00

### 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

## 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

[facebook.com/  
Community.ArtistsReleasingtheKingdom](https://facebook.com/Community.ArtistsReleasingtheKingdom)

### 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)

### 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.

All of the workshops are held at the Mulberry Art Studios (MAS)  
Register for each workshop by emailing [stephanie.mulberryart@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.mulberryart@gmail.com)  
Mulberry Art Studios is located at 21 N. Mulberry St, Lancaster, with free parking behind the building.

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

DATES

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10/23

11/13

## *Firmly Planted Classical Community*

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In our community, we use the Classical Christian model of education, emphasizing memorization for the younger students and continuing with logic and reasoning skills in the higher elementary grades. We have found the classical model to be refreshingly scaleable among different learning styles and capabilities, facilitating cyclical learning that provides repetition over time and allows gentle absorption of knowledge according to the student's developing capabilities.

*He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither;  
and in whatever he does he prospers. Psalm 1:3*



## Community Day Classes

Assembly: Community wide Scripture memory and devotions.

All Ages (4 years-7th grade):

-New Grammar: Memorization of facts and information across seven subject areas with fun songs, hand motions, etc. Includes history and world timeline.

-Presentations: Weekly practice in public speaking and active listening skills.

-Science: Hands-on experiments and projects working through the Scientific method within a Socratic dialogue, where questions guide students to discovery.

-Music: Music theory concepts are gleaned from engaging group lessons using instruments and voice.

-Art: Learn fundamental skills, study great artists and their work, try creating in their style.

-Spanish: Engaging topical vocabulary presented with lots of conversational repetition and songs.

-Story time: Age appropriate (picture book or novel) read-alouds provide imaginative continuation of topics learned (preschool-3rd grade).

-Math Games: Age appropriate games that encourage speed and accuracy in addition and multiplication, or logic and reasoning challenges (1st-7th).

- Writing with Structure and Style (Institute for Excellence in Writing): outlines, paragraphs, stories, research and more in historical thematic context, made approachable and attainable (4th-7th grade).
- English Grammar: intricacies of English Grammar presented in a fun, approachable and logical way (4th-7th grade).



*Firmly Planted  
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Community*

OPEN HOUSE DATES 10/23 AND 11/13

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# Conestoga Valley Homeschoolers

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/cvhomeschoolers/](http://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)

## Fire Safety

**October 6, 2023** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Kinzer Fire Company**  
3521 Lincoln Hwy East  
Kinzer, PA 17535

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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIRE SAFETY DAY: 10/4**

**SPIRIT DAY: 10/18**

**END OF SESSION LUNCH: 11/8**

**FINAL SECOND LEVEL CLASS: 12/6**

**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.

## Fall Semester Classes

Whole group meets:

10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8

Additional 12- & 24-week class dates:

11/15, 11/29, 12/6

**LOCATION:** Calvary Baptist Church, 530 Milton Road, Lancaster (off Lampeter Road), centrally located near Rt. 30. We use CBC’s facilities, but we are not affiliated with the church.

**Paula Montijo, Certified School Psychologist**

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## >>> CHALC Groups

### CHASE Academy (Christian Homeschool Assoc. of Scholastic Excellence)

[www.chaseacademy.org](http://www.chaseacademy.org)

Julie Hostetter, Director - [chasehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com](mailto:chasehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com)

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](http://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.

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### Cornerstone Upper Tier

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

Contact: Anne Flinchbaugh Richey, Director

Email: [upper.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com](mailto:upper.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com)

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/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/PA/cornerstonelowertier/)

Contact: RoseAnn Kuhns or Lauri Shumaker

Email: [lower.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com](mailto:lower.tier@cornerstonehomeschoolers.com)

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](http://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/lcoop](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lcoop)

Contact: Stacy Dieffenbach (Co-op), Jen Hahn (Upper-Level)

[LearningStationCoop@gmail.com](mailto:LearningStationCoop@gmail.com)

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/lcoop/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lcoop/) and click on the FAQ link.

### **Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers**

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach)

Contact: Sara Gantz [sarangantz0410@gmail.com](mailto:sarangantz0410@gmail.com)

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](http://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)**

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/teach](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/teach)

Contact: [teachhomeschooler@gmail.com](mailto:teachhomeschooler@gmail.com)

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**

[www.homeschool-life.com/pa/treasuresofgrace](http://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/treasuresofgrace)

Contact: Kaddie Hollinger - [toghomeschool@gmail.com](mailto:toghomeschool@gmail.com)

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/](http://www.vineandbrancheshslanco.org/)

Contact: [admin@vineandbrancheshslanco.org](mailto:admin@vineandbrancheshslanco.org)

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.





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