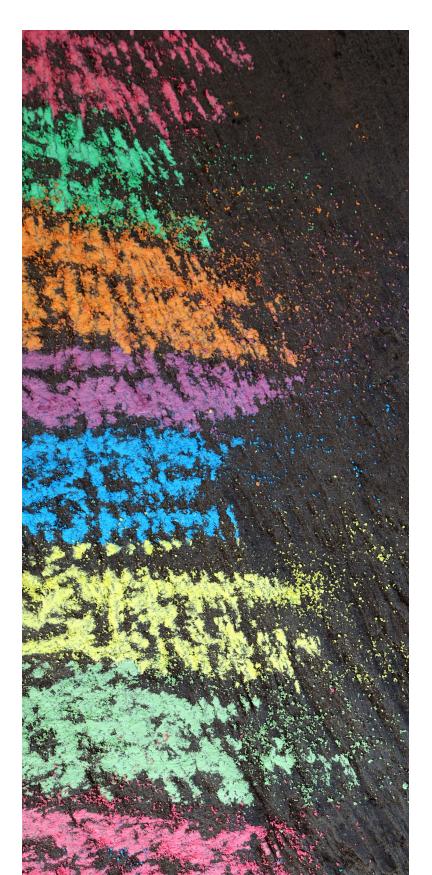
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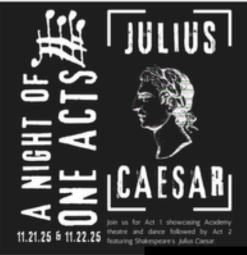




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Urgent need for space!

One of our CHALC groups is seeking a new location. They require 15 classrooms and a gym. If you know of a church or organization that may be interested in discussing rental possibilities, please email chalcpresident@gmail.com.



HOMESCHOOL DAYS

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HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

AT HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH SEP - DEC, MAR - MAY Homeschooled students are invited to join us on the Mountain monthly for experiential learning! Topics will focus on phenology of the Appalachian forest ecosystem. Programs are designed for K-12 students and are filled with hands-on learning activities both inside and outdoors. Registration required.

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Build meaningful relationships across cultures



Explore your gifts and calling in a community setting



Serve others alongside seasoned mission workers



Practice living your faith and sharing Christ's love as a team





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WELCOME * from the PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 30th Anniversary Year of the Coalition of Homeschoolers Across Lancaster County!

We are Samuel and Mary Miller and are entering our 8 th year homeschooling in Lancaster County. We have been deeply blessed by this community at large, and we are humbled by the privilege to serve you as president of the CHALC board this 2025–2026 academic year. We have four children, Levi (7th), Wesley (6th), Hannah (3rd), and Alicen (K). Passionate about the privilege and opportunity that homeschooling provides, we will strive to faithfully advocate for and serve this community to the best of our ability this year.

Please contact us with your questions, needs, ideas, and feedback! We are here to serve you.

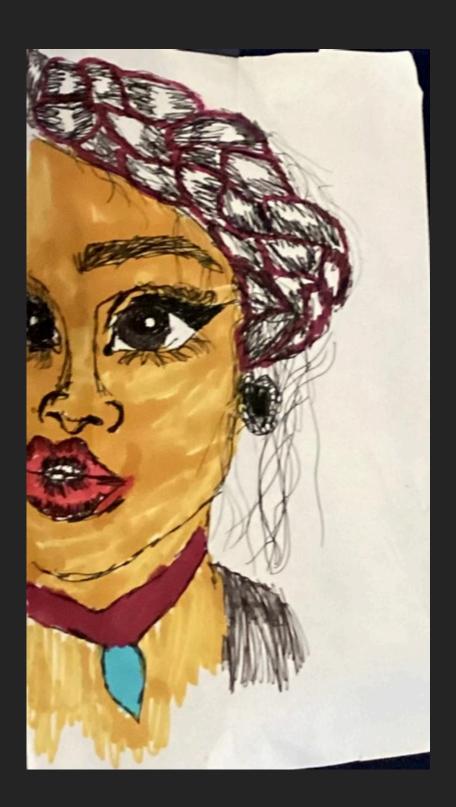
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STUDENT ART

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JOSH BAILEY

7th Grade

Enter your artwork or creative project to win a \$15 gift card in EVERY issue!

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:

Paul Cézanne

Paul Cézanne was a French painter who lived in the 1800s and is often called the "father of modern art." When he was young, people didn't always like his paintings, because he painted in a new and different way. Instead of trying to make things look exactly like a photograph, Cézanne used bold brushstrokes, blocks of color, and shapes to show how he saw the world. He especially loved painting nature, fruit, and the mountains near his home.

Cézanne worked slowly and carefully, sometimes painting the same thing again and again until he got it just right. Other artists, like Picasso and Matisse, admired his style and said his work opened the door for new kinds of painting. Today, people all over the world celebrate Cézanne's art for its beauty, creativity, and the way it helped change painting forever.



Use the following pages to complete this artist study.

Play "See and Say"

- 1.Look closely at "Dish of Apples" by Cézanne for 1 minute.
- 2. Hide the picture.
- 3. See how many details you can remember and say them aloud!

Ask Picture Study Questions Try It Yourself!

- Replicate the Picture: Try drawing or painting the same picture yourself. Notice how Cézanne used brushstrokes, shapes, and colors.
- Make Your Own Still Life: Put some fruit in a bowl and try drawing them just like Cézanne loved to do.

PICTURE STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. What's the very first thing you noticed in the picture?
- 2. Who or what do you think is the most important part of the picture?
- 3. What colors or shapes stood out to you the most?
- 4. If you could step inside this picture, what would you hear, smell, or feel?
- 5. What do you think is happening in the picture?
- 6. What details do you notice that might be easy to miss?
- 7. Does this picture remind you of anything in your own life?
- 8. How do you think the people/animals/things in the picture feel?
- 9. If the picture kept going beyond the edges, what else might we see?
- 10. Can you tell the story of this picture in your own words?

PA History: Labor Day & Pennsylvania Workers

What do you think Labor Day celebrates?

Can you name any jobs that people in Pennsylvania might have done long ago?

Why do you think workers are important to our state?

Labor Day is a holiday that celebrates the hard work of people all across the country—and Pennsylvania has a rich history of hardworking men, women, and even children. In the 1800s, Pennsylvania was filled with coal mines, steel factories, and railroads. Coal mining became especially important in the mid-1800s, and steel production grew rapidly after the 1850s, helping to build cities, bridges, and railroads. Miners dug coal from deep underground, steelworkers shaped iron into buildings and bridges, and railroad workers helped trains carry people and goods across the state. Life was often hard and dangerous, but these workers built Pennsylvania into an industrial powerhouse.

Many workers spent long hours in tough conditions, and some jobs were very risky. Coal miners worked in dark tunnels underground, steelworkers handled molten metal, and railroad workers maintained tracks and drove trains through all kinds of weather. Because the work was so difficult, workers started to organize themselves to ask for safer jobs, fair pay, and reasonable hours. In 1869, the first Pennsylvania labor union for steelworkers was formed, and similar groups for miners and railroad workers appeared around the 1870s–1880s. These early labor movements helped make work safer for everyone in Pennsylvania and across the country.

Over time, workers' efforts led to important changes. Laws were passed to limit working hours, improve safety, and make sure children weren't forced to work in dangerous jobs. In 1894, Labor Day became a national holiday, recognizing the contributions of workers everywhere. Labor unions grew stronger, helping workers have a voice and protecting their rights. Today, Labor Day is a reminder of these efforts and the many contributions workers have made to the growth of Pennsylvania and the nation.

Even now, workers continue to shape Pennsylvania every day. From teachers to nurses, farmers to factory workers, everyone plays a part in keeping communities running. Learning about the people who worked hard in the past helps us appreciate the jobs and opportunities we have today—and reminds us that the work of ordinary people can make a big difference.

Explore and Think

- Which job in Pennsylvania back then would you want to try, and which would you want to avoid?
- How do you think workers felt when their jobs were dangerous or unfair?
- Why do we celebrate Labor Day today?
- If you could visit a factory or mine from long ago, what would you want to see?

Try It Yourself!

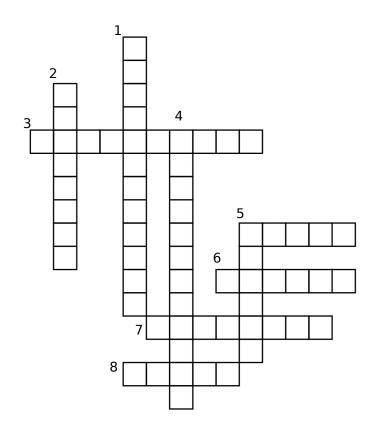
- Create a timeline showing key events in Pennsylvania labor history.
- Write a diary entry from the perspective of a coal miner, steelworker, or railroad worker.
- Draw a map of PA showing where major industries like coal mines, steel mills, or railroads were located.
- Draw a picture showing workers at their jobs.

Optional Challenge

- Ask a family member about the jobs they've had. How are these different or similar to jobs in Pennsylvania long ago?
- Look up one interesting fact about Pennsylvania factories, mines, or railroads and share it with your class or family.



Labor Day and Pennsylvania Workers



Down:

- State where workers' contributions helped build industry
- People who maintained tracks and drove trains
 workers
- 4. Country where Labor Day is celebrated
- 5. Workers who dug coal from underground $_{\circ}$

Across:

- 3. Pennsylvania city known for steel production
- 5. Place where coal miners worked underground
- 6. Organizations that help workers have a voice and protect their rights
- 7. Holiday that celebrates workers
- 8. Type of production that grew rapidly in Pennsylvania

Autumn

by Emily Dickinson

The morns are meeker than they were,

The nuts are getting brown;

The berry's cheek is plumper,

The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,

The field a scarlet gown.

Lest I should be old-fashioned,

I'll put a trinket on.





The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1 NIV

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-EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY-

September 2, 1 p.m. - Typing for Homeschoolers

Come practice basic typing skills! Ages 10-14.

September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11 a.m. - Nature Hour

Come to the Library ready to play and explore outside! We will be reading books, going outside, and creating art! Ages 2-5.

September 8, 1 p.m.- Painting for Homeschoolers

Learn about different types of painting and try them for yourself! Ages 10-14.

September 9, 1 p.m. - Math Games for Homeschoolers

Practice simple math skills like addition, subtraction and division while playing fun games! Ages 10-12.

September 10, 1:15 p.m.- Homeschool Storytime for Kids

Come read, create, and play at Homeschool Storytime! Ages 5-9.

September 15, 1 p.m. - Letter Writing Club for Homeschoolers

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

September 22, 1 p.m. - Classroom Games for Homeschoolers

We will play Heads Up 7 Up, Pictionary and other classroom games. Ages 10-18.

September 22, 4:30 p.m. - Sewing for Tweens

Learn some basic sewing skills while making a cute felt plush! Ages 10-12.

Registration is required. For more info or to register: www.epratapubliclibrary.org

Food for Fines Sep. 2 - 30

During September the Ephrata Public Library will accept donations of nonperishable food items. Each food item will equal \$1 removed from overdue fines on Ephrata-owned items. All food donations will be distributed by Ephrata Area Social Services. Needed items include canned pasta, low sodium fruits and vegetables, canned meats, oatmeal, cereal and boxed potatoes.



HOMESCHOOL ESSENTIALS: CURVICULUM 2025 LOCAL RETREAT

"The primary purpose of education is wisdom and virtue, and every part of the program should serve to teach learners how to think and act rightly."

- Karen Glass

You're invited to a soul-refreshing mother's day out! Saturday, October 11

Time: 12:00 noon - 6:45pm

Cost: \$35.00

Place: Jerusalem Church

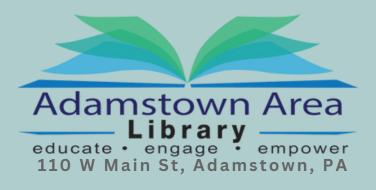
1620 Newport Road, Manheim, PA

Contact: Miriam Bowers

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In addition to a day of encouragement and community, discussing and troubleshooting, listening and learning, your registration fee includes lifetime access to the replays. We'd love to have you join us!

www.scholesisters.com/curriculum



SEPTEMBER Events at the Library

"Read 'em Up and Eat 'em Up" Autumn Reading Program – Through Nov. 29 for ages 12 and under. Pick up your log at the library and read 50 books this Fall to earn a free kid's meal from Texas Roadhouse!

"Bobcat" Discovery Drop-In – Monday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We will use our senses to explore a different Pennsylvania Game Commission Kit of pelts, wings, skulls, claws, books, activities, and all kinds of other manipulatives. All Ages.

STEAM Saturday – Saturday, Sept. 20, drop-in from 10-11 a.m. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth. Ages 5-12.

TEEN "Spice of the Month" - Monday, Sept. 22. Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a packet at the desk that includes this month's spice, recipes, and more.

Wildlife Wednesdays - Sept. 24 at 6 PM at the Library. Every month, the Lancaster County Parks & Rec Dept will teach us about different wildlife and environmental topics. In September, we'll learn about Backyard Wildlife. All Ages.



CHALC Graduation 2026

Tuesday, September 16

Join us for our first planning meeting!

7:00-9:00 PM ~ Harvest Bible Church ~ 1460 Eden Rd, Lancaster

Meeting dates are...

Tuesdays: Sept. 16, Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Mar. 17, May 19

Thursdays: Oct. 16, Feb. 19, Apr. 16

Register for graduation at www.chalc.org by clicking on "Join" at the top and filling out the form.

FOUNDATIONS homeschool group

CONTACT

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WHO WE ARE

- Solid Foundations is a Christ centered Cooperative.
 We offer Nursery through 12th grade and meet every other Tuesday, eight times in the fall and eight times in the winter/spring. Our location is in the Southern end of Lancaster at the Wrightsdale Baptist Church.
- Hiking trips
- Gym day
- Several field trips per year
- Mom's Nights

2025-2026 CLASSES

- Preschool-Literature, Numbers and Letters, Free Time and Games
- · Grades K-1-Flying Creatures, Art, American Sign Language
- Grades 2nd and 3rd -Habitats, Music, Art
- Grades 4th and 5th -Music, History, Anatomy and Physiology
- · Junior High 1- Anatomy and Physiology, Artist Workshop, Communications
- Junior High 2- General Science, Wood Carving, History
- · Senior High- Entrepreneurship 101, Communications, Artist Workshop with 2 period option



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- · NEW! Wednesday: Optional third day tutorial!



Rachel Sauder - Director

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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 8:30am to 2pm for 30 weeks at East Fairview Church of the Brethren in Manheim.

CHASE DAYS October Days: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November Days: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December Days: 1st and 8th (Last Day of CHASE fall semester)



Wed., Sept., 17 at 1 pm Stream Study Environmental Center, One Natures Way Lancaster, PA 17602



Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams are looking for new players! If you are interested in basketball and would like to meet the coaches and fellow players, please contact Cindy Ebersole at crebersole5@gmail.com



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:

Sep 2nd: Co-op Day

Sep 9th: Secondary School Day

Sep 13th: Fall Family Picnic

Sep 16th: Co-op Day

Sep 19th: Landis Valley Homeschool

Sneak Peek

Sep 22nd: March for Life

Sep 30th: Co-op Day











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

Christian Homeschoolers Exchange of Lancaster



www.chexhomeschool.org

Jen Anteau - Director

Jamie Rohrer - Assistant Director

Cultivating Comfort, Connection, and Purpose





First Day of 12 week classes: September 10 First day of Full group: September 24

We meet Wednesday mornings at Calvary Baptist Church, 530 Milton Rd. Lancaster.

Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to partner with families in a Christcentered homeschool community that nurtures Godly character, encourages spiritual growth, and pursues excellence in learning. We seek to equip students and parents through meaningful relationships, hands-on learning, and a shared commitment to honoring God in all we do.



Leadership Team:

Jodi Gaus- Treasurer/Secretary, Jenice Weaver- Upper Level Coordinator,

Jolyn Meadows- Middle School Coordinator,

Denisha Lewis- Elementary Coordinator

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Format:

Parents engage in teaching and assisting in classes for two hours, followed by a third hour dedicated to Prayer and Share, a time for fellowship and encouragement with fellow parents. The nursery through 6th grade program runs for 8 weeks each fall and spring, while upper-level classes may last either 8 or 12 weeks each semester.

Membership Options:

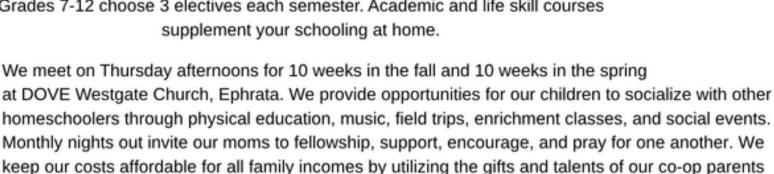
- Full Membership: This option covers the entire family, with fees determined by the number of students, capped at four students.
- Drop-off Membership: High school students can attend without requiring parental presence. Fees are based on the number of classes taken.
- Support Group Membership: This choice is for families interested in participating in select extracurricular activities, such as field trips, while being part of the broader CHEX community.

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



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)

Our fall session will run 10 weeks: September 18 - November 20, 2025. Our spring session will run 11 weeks: January 8 - March 19, 2026 (Eleventh week is a snow make-up day -PLEASE keep it reserved on your calendar!) We meet on Thursdays 12:45-3:25 PM.

Park Day

Date: September 4th Time: 11AM - 3PM

Location: Amos Herr Dream Park

Come and enjoy some fresh air and fun for your P.E. requirement. Feel free to pack a lunch and enjoy a picnic with friends. Please sign up so the kids know who will be there. There is not a lot of shade at this park so dont forget the sunscreen! This park has a playground, fields for games, gaga pit and bathrooms.



7UP Party

Date: September 13th Time: 5:30PM-8:30PM Location: The Singer Home

Get ready for a delightful evening filled with hotdogs and the joy of roasting s'mores over the campfire! Please bring a side dish or drink to share. I'll provide a large 5-gallon jug of water, cups, smores and hotdogs. Enjoy yard games and basketball! Rain Date: September 14th at the same time.

Mandatory Back to School Parents Meeting

Date: September 9th

Time: 6:40PM - 9:15PM

Location: DOVE Westgate Church

Todd Wilson (The Familyman) will encourage us (via Zoom) as we kick-off our homeschool year. His message is valuable ANY time, but as we jump into our "focused" schooling season, he'll direct our hearts and minds (while tickling our funny bones!) to focus on what is most important. You DO NOT want to miss this! Generally, our Back-to-School Meeting is just for moms, but we WANT you to bring your husband! We will begin promptly at 7PM with our "business meeting" to stay on schedule for our speaker!

The Educators Affiliation of Christian Homeschoolers



TEACH exists to enhance and encourage homecentered, 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.

TEACH participation is open for enrollment throughout the year. Individual program registration dates will vary.

Schedule:

September 6 – Co-ed Soccer begins September 9 – Fall Classes begin

Field Trips:

September 12 – Phillies Stadium Tour October 17 – Ephrata Cloister

Forest School:

Sign in online to see the calendar of activities

Soccer Registration is Open!

Registration is now open for co-ed (ages 6-12) and varsity boys (ages 13 and up, spaces are limited) soccer. Visit www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH for details.

TEACH OFFERS:

Organized Tuesday 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 while their students are onsite and serve for at least one hour.

Questions? Contact Katie Walker at bethanygracecoop@gmail.com

Sports

Soccer and Basketball. Questions? Contact Amy Mease at damease95@gmail.com

Field Trip Group

Once a month trip planned during the school year. Enroll any time! Questions about this program or to register, contact Heather Jolley at teachfieldtripsbg@gmail.com

Forest School

Outdoor adventures planned twice a month, usually on Fridays. Including playground and ice cream meet ups. Contact Tara Gill at forestschooladventures@gmail.com

Track & Field Day in May

For more information and to register, visit

www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH

General Questions? Email Tammy Cress at

teachomeschooler@gmail.com



WHO ARE WE?

LearningStation is a parent-run homeschool coop, 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.learningstationcoop.com

Registration for these Jr. & Sr. High Spring Classes is open until December 1.



✓ Biblical Excavation

🗸 Mixed Media Arts

✓ Writer's Workshop

✓ Intro to Health Careers

✓ Computer Programming



August 27 15-week upperlevel classes begin

September 3 10-week upper level and elementary classes begin

October 15 Fall break/Virtual Day for 15-week upper level classes

November 12 End of 10-week classes

November 26 Thanksgiving Break

December 1 Deadline to register for upper level spring classes

December 10 End of 15 week classes

LEARNING STATION'S

INSTRUCTOR SPULLIGHT

AMANDA WITMER

LOGIC, APOLOGETICS, AND DEBATE

Amanda is a dark, brooding, mysterious vigilante who fights crime in Gotham Cit- no wait, that's Batman. Amanda isn't good at writing bios. She is a homeschool mom of two who doesn't drink coffee and has very few interesting hobbies. She does like riding her bike and reading history and apologetics books. She pronounces GIF with a soft G, as its creator intended; and the creator's intentions trump your opinions. They have



entrusted her with teaching thinky things like logic for some reason. Remember, you can diffuse tension and nerves with a joke, but never let go of the truth for comfort. Amanda will take over the world someday... when the laundry is finished. (Joke's on her, the laundry is never finished.)

ADVENTURE CLUB

FIELDTRIPS | CLUBS | CLASSES

2025-2026 FAQ's:

O: How many families are involved?

A: We currently have 51 families and 144 kids (and counting!).

O: What ages are the kids?

A: Most are in the range of babies through 6th grade, with a growing group of 7th10th graders.

Q: Where do you meet?
A: About 95% of our events are in public spaces, with a few in member homes.

O: What kinds of events do you do?

A: Since every family plans one event, our activities are always unique! Past events include:

- ✓ Hikes & museum trips
- ✓ Art classes & apple picking
- ✓ Gardens & business tours
- ✓ Bowling & stadium tours
- 🐎 Plus, we now have a regular Family-Friendly Friday Hike (twice a month)

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Join us as we support one another in the adventure of homeschooling!



September 2025



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.

2025-2026 Student Council

Members:
Mattie Geskie
Griffin Shumaker
Lacey Abel
Lucas Graham
Flisabeth Groff

Co-op Lunches:

Members, be sure to
check the calendar and
sign up for c o-op lunches.
You can sign up monthly or
even for the whole year if you like.



Interested in joining?
Scan here to request new membership:



2025-2026 Leadership Team

Director & Volunteer Coordinator:

Shallon Rohrer

Assistant Director & Student Liaison:

Tracy Geskie

Treasurer: Rachel Shaffer

Teacher Coordinator: Anne Flinchbaugh

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Facilities Coordinator: Kim Randolph Snack Coordinator: Don and Deborah

Mitchell

Lunch Coordinator: Jennifer Hardebeck

September 2025

CORNERSTONE Lower Tier

Cornerstone Lower Tier

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Steph Brown Co-Director

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Warm summer days with picnics and creek splashing are so fun and relaxing!





Our Calendar of Events:

- September 4 Orientation Tours
- September 12 Dessert Social
- September 18 Co-op Class Day
- September 25 Co-op Class Day





MACH

Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers

Meeting Location: East Fairview Church, Manheim, PA manheimareachristianhomeschool@gmail.com

EMAIL: Kara Good

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WEBSITE:

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

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. -Galatians 4:19

About Us

- -26 week academic co-op
- -Meet on Tuesdays
- -9 AM 2:00 PM
- -Nursery through 12th grade
- -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 to Know

September 7: Welcome Back Picnic **September 9:** First Day of Co-op **September 23:** Clash Day

Welcome back MACH family!

2025-2026 Fall Semester

- 9/9/25: First day of fall semester
- 9/16/25:
- 9/23/25: Pizza Day, Clash Day
- 9/30/25:
- 10/7/25: Pizza Day
- 10/14/25: Grandparents Day
- 10/21/25: Pizza Day
- 10/28/25:
- 11/4/25: Pizza Day
- 11/11/25:
- 11/18/25: Pizza Day, Twin Day
- 11/25/25: NO CLASSES
- 12/2/25: Pizza Day
- 12/9/25: Christmas Lunch Party/Last day of fall semester



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Elementary Evaluations. PA certified K-12. Experience in public education and as a homeschool mom of 6 years. Located in Schaefferstown. Would consider meeting in a central location with a group of families in the Northern Lancaster area.

Reasonable rates.

HEY EVALUATORS!

Looking to join our list as an evaluator? Or need to update your current information? Reach out to us at scrawlseditor@gmail.com!

CHALC GROUPS

ADVENTURE CLUB

https://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/adventureclub/ Contact: Stacy Dieffenbach adventureclublancaster@gmail.com

Adventure Club exists to provide a Christian homeschool community for families in the Lancaster area that enjoy experiential learning. We do not meet on a weekly schedule, but instead ask members to plan at least one "event" per year.

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CHASE ACADEMY

(Christian Homeschool Assoc. of Scholastic Excellence)
www.chaseacademy.org

Julie Hostetter, Director - 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

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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.

CHOS

(CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS OF OXFORD AND SOLANCO)

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Christian Homeschoolers of Oxford and Solanco (CHOS) is a Christ-centered co-op serving the Solanco and Oxford communities. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement as well as social and educational opportunities for homeschooling families in a Christ-centered environment. We meet on Friday mornings from 9-11:30am at Mount Vernon Christian Church in Kirkwood, PA. We meet bi-monthly in the fall for a total of 6 weeks, and then weekly in the spring for 8 weeks.

Classes are offered for nursery-12th grade.

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 Lower Tier serves families with children in 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. If you have questions, feel free to email us.

EVERGREEN CO-OP

(Formerly Faith Outreach Homeschoolers of East Donegal)

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We meet in Mount Joy on Tuesdays during two 12-week semesters.

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.

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 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/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, academic Christian co-op, striving to support each other in the home-education of our children, by providing classes for nursery through 12th grade. We meet on Tuesdays at East Fairview Church of the Brethren (1187 Fairview Road, Manheim) from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. MACH requires moms or dads to teach and/or help in classes and to be present during all class hours.

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.

SOLID FOUNDATIONS

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Solid Foundations Homeschool Group is a Christian group that offers classes for Pre-K through High School, field trips and fellowship opportunities. We meet in Southern Lancaster County every other week for 8 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the winter/spring. Parents are required to help during class days.

TEACH

(The Educators Affiliation of Christian Homeschoolers) www.homeschool-life.com/pa/teach Contact: teachomeschooler@amail.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 toghomeschool.com

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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.