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CHALC Graduation

Join us for our first meeting!

Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 P.M

Harvest Bible Church

1460 Eden Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

Boys bring Drinks, Girls bring Snacks

Graduation

Ceremony will be
held on May 28th

Lancaster Bible

College

901 Eden Rd,

Lancaster, PA 17601



Vist CHALC.org for
more information

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)

Our fall session will run 10 weeks: September 17 – November 19, 2026. Our spring session will run 11 weeks: January 7 - March 18, 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.



Back to School Meeting

Date: September 8th

Time: 6:40PM - 9:15PM

Location: DOVE Westgate Church

Please arrive by 6:40PM to visit 3 different stations. We will begin promptly at 7PM with our "business meeting" to stay on schedule for our speaker! We will have the pleasure of hearing from Bonni Greiner! Bonni is a local farmer's wife, motivational speaker and mom of 8 who has homeschooled for 23 consecutive years and has successfully graduated all 8 children. She has a passion for helping moms do it all by encouraging, giving tips, and challenging them to embrace their God-given and irreplaceable role in their homes. We will get to hear from her about the current homeschooling climate in PA as well as general homeschooling encouragement. We will also enjoy refreshments!

Last Park Day!

Join us for fresh air and fun! We will meet 11am-2pm and be sure to pack a lunch to enjoy with friends! We hope to see you there:

September 10th - Brubaker Park

Hay Creek Festival

Date: September 11th

Time: 10AM - 5PM

Location: 1250 Furnace Rd Morgantown

This event is from September 11-13. We will attend on Friday, September 11th. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with friends! Our annual heritage festival is the most diverse event in Berks County, PA and features over 1,500 volunteers bringing together two centuries of history with authentic demonstrations of early American trades and crafts, mechanical technology exhibits, old-time music, and a modern craft & antique market. So "Step into the Past" and immerse yourself in a history that our forefathers would be proud of experiencing.

Herrs Chip Factory Tour

Date: September 21st

Time: 10AM - 12PM

Location: 285 Old Baltimore Pike Nottingham

Get ready for a delicious blend of entertainment and education as you and your family get a taste of some Herr's history, products and souvenirs at the Herr's Snack Factory Tour.

HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE

A program of Choices Healthcare

In-Person Training

September 19th

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pathways Center for Grief & Loss

Conference Room

4075 Old Harrisburg Pike

Mount Joy, PA

**If you're
15–18 years old
you can join
our SoulMates
Teen Volunteer
Program.**



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- Fulfill school service- learning/community service requirements
- Great addition to add to your resume or college application
- Opportunity for meaningful intergenerational experiences
- Gain valuable hands-on skills



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For more information contact: Jen Horan,
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www.hospicecommunity.org/soulmates

TEEN VOLUNTEER ROLES:

- Provide companionship to patients
- Record patient interviews & life reviews
- Greet visitors at the Inpatient Center
- Help with landscaping/gardening projects
- Play music or sing to patients and families
- Support special community events
- Participate in the Sunshine Crew
(Holiday crafts, birthday cards, baking, etc.)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Teens 15–18 years old
- Must attend in-person Volunteer Training
- Parental Consent Form
- Must have flu vaccination & TB test
(Tuberculosis skin test paid for by organization)
- Desire to make a difference!



MACH

Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers

All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.

Isaiah 54:13

MACH is a group of families committed to supporting each other in the education of our children and in our walks of faith. We are an academic co-op that meets for 26 weeks on Tuesdays from 8:30am-2pm. We have nursery through 12th grade classes. Upper classes receive all the needed instruction for science, history, and writing and literature. High school students may attend without a parent.

Welcome Back MACH Family!

2026-2027 Fall Semester Dates

- 9/8/26: First day of fall semester
- 9/15/26: Pizza
- 9/22/26: Clash Day
- 9/29/26: Pizza
- 10/6/26:
- 10/13/26: Pizza, Grandparents Day
- 10/20/26: Hot Lunch
- 10/27/26: Pizza
- 11/3/26:
- 11/10/26: Pizza, Business Meeting
- 11/17/26: Hot Lunch (Thanksgiving theme)
- 11/24/26: NO CLASSES
- 12/1/26: Twin Day
- 12/8/26: Pizza and Christmas Lunch Party,
Last day of fall semester



Meeting Location: East Fairview Church, Manheim, PA

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

Administrator: Kara Good

Contact: manheimareachristianhomeschool@gmail.com

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www.chaseacademy.org

Rachel Sauder - Director
chasehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com

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

CHASE DAYS

Sept. 14th - First Day of CHASE! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

September 21st - Last day to change fall classes.

September 28th - Normal day.



BASKETBALL OPEN GYM for CHASE CHARGERS will be on Mondays from 2:15 to 4 pm. If any girls in 5th-12th grade that are interested in playing basketball, please come and join us. If you are not a member at CHASE, but would still want to play basketball, please contact Cindy Ebersole at the following email address: chaseacademypa@gmail.com



**Wed., Sept., 23rd at 1 pm
STREAM STUDY
Environmental Center,
One Natures Way
Lancaster, PA 17602**



Leadership Team

Anita Musser - Finance Coordinator, Jamie Culler - Building Coordinator
Cindy Ebersole - Class Coordinator, Jana Gurtler - Admin. Assistant



LANCASTER ACADEMY
for the Performing Arts

Fall Cabaret

Music of The Lancaster Academy
October 2 at 7 PM
First Assembly, 1025 Columbia Ave Lancaster

PAY WHAT YOU WILL TICKETS
CONCESSIONS & INTERMISSION

THE Wind IN THE Willows



The LANCASTER ACADEMY
for the PERFORMING ARTS

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2026



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WITH THE ACADEMY



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CORNERSTONE

Upper Tier

September 2026

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.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: Class Day
Oct. 8: Class Day, Pizza Lunch
Oct. 15: Class Day, Sub Lunch
Oct. 22: Class Day, Chick-fil-A Lunch

Co-op Lunches:

Members, be sure to check the calendar and sign up for co-op lunches. You must sign up by the Friday prior to the lunch date. You can sign up for the whole year now, if you like!

2026-2027 Leadership Team

Director: Shallon Rohrer
Asst. Director: Tracy Geskie
Treasurer: Rachel Shaffer
Volunteer Coordinator: Jenn Hardebeck
Facilities Coordinator: Kim Randolph
Student Liaison: Mandy Silveira
Lunch Coordinator: Stacie Cole
Snack Coordinator: Don and Deborah Mitchell

SEEK YE FIRST THE
Kingdom of God
and His righteousness:
and ALL THESE THINGS
SHALL BE ADDED
UNTO YOU.
MATTHEW
6:33

Interested in
joining?

Scan here to request
new membership:



You are invited to join us in building your transcripts
and your friendships!

Where the world *becomes music.*

One Saturday a month we go somewhere worth listening to — a forest, a cave, a wolf sanctuary, a planetarium. The rest of the month, your child turns what they heard into music of their own. **For young musicians ages 6–14.**

— HOW EACH MONTH WORKS

WEEK ONE

Go

A full six-hour excursion. Transportation, packed lunch, and venue entry all included.

WEEK TWO

Listen

How did composers across classical, jazz, film, and folk respond to the same world?

WEEKS THREE & FOUR

Create & Perform

Students compose an original response, perform it, and add it to a year-long journal.

— TWELVE MONTHS • TWELVE DESTINATIONS

OCT
Forest Hike

NOV
Wolf Sanctuary

DEC
Holiday Lights

JAN
Planetarium

FEB
Art Museum

MAR
Storm & Sky

APR
Wildflower Valley

MAY
Ringing Rocks

JUN
River & Waterfall

JUL
Cave Exploration

AUG
Farmer's Market

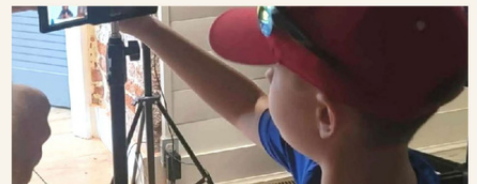
SEP
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Studio recital, spring 2026



On a field trip, summer camp 2026



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Small by design

Never more than ten students, so every child gets real attention.

Everything included

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BEGINS

First Saturday

of October 2026

GROUP SIZE

10 students max

ages 6–14

TUITION

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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.

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

Schedule:

September 15 – First Day of Fall classes
November 17 – Final Day of Fall classes

Field Trips:

Sept. 3 – Blessings of Hope
Sept. 11 – Pennsbury Manor
Oct. 9 – Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Forest School:

Sign in online to see the calendar of activities.

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 classes@teachhomeschoolers.com.

Sports

Soccer and Basketball. Questions? Contact Amy Mease at sports@teachhomeschoolers.com.

Field Trip Group

Once a month trip planned during the school year. Enroll any time! Questions about this program or to register, contact Melissa Smoker at discoverysquad@teachhomeschoolers.com.

Forest School

Outdoor adventures planned twice a month, usually on Fridays. Including playground and ice cream meet ups. Contact Caitlynn Brennan at forestschool@teachhomeschoolers.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 secretary@teachhomeschoolers.com

October 17
Save the Date!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th, 2026 - 10:00AM

HERITAGE DAY

FREE: Parking, Admission & Family Fun



Join us Saturday, October 17th for Heritage Day

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EXPLORE

– EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY –

September 2, 4:15 p.m. – Parachute Play!

Come run, bounce, lift and wiggle away some energy with fun parachute games at the Library! Ages 3-8.

September 2, 4:30p.m.- Writer's Club for Tweens

We will be challenged with silly writing prompts to help spark new ideas and play fun writing games together! Ages 10-12.

September 8, 4:30 p.m.- This is Lit!

Celebrate National Literacy Day at the Library! Ages 2-5.

September 14, 1 p.m. – Painting for Homeschoolers

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

September 14, 1:30 p.m.- Homeschool Storytime for Kids

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

September 14, 4:30 p.m. – Sewing for Tweens

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

September 15, 10:30 a.m. – Dot Day!

The Library is taking part in the global celebration of the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. Ages 0-5.

September 22, 2 p.m. – Fall's Birthday Party!

Come celebrate the beginning of fall at the Library! Ages 2-5.

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

Paint with Me! **A Parent-Child Paint Night** **September 10 @ 4:45 P.M.**

Painting is fun at any age!! In this parent-child event, kids and their grown-ups will follow along with Ms. Mallory as we create fall paintings! Parents only need to register their children but should plan to paint with them! Ages 6-9.

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

STUDENT ART

winner



LILY FOGLE, AGE 11

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Be sure to include:

Full name

Age or grade

Co-op name



Christian Homeschoolers Exchange of Lancaster

www.chexhomeschool.org

**WELCOME
BACK^{TO}SCHOOL**

Dates for the Fall

2nd Level Students Start . . September 9, 2026

Full Co-Op Starts September 23, 2026

Our Leadership Team:

Jen Anteau Director - **Jodi Gaus** Assistant Director/Treasurer

Jessica DeLong Secretary - **Kira Esbenshade** Community Coordinator

Denisha Lewis Elementary Coordinator - **Jenice Weaver** Upper Level Coordinator



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Format:

Parents engage in teaching and assisting in classes for 2 hours, followed by an additional hour dedicated to fellowship and support among parents, referred to as "Prayer & Share." Our program for nursery - 6th grade is offered for 8 weeks each fall and spring, while upper-level classes may extend for either 8 or 12 weeks per 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 may attend independently, without parental presence. Fees are determined by the number of classes attended.
- **Support Group Membership:** This choice is designed for families interested in participating in select extracurricular activities, such as field trips, while being part of the broader CHEX community.

MEET THE AUTHOR

THE PELICAN SQUADRON KATHRYN Z. WEST

**Saturday,
September 26
1:00-2:30 pm**

**Book Signing at
BARNES & NOBLE
150 W. Swedesford
Road in Devon**



"This is a great read for introducing middle school students to World War II... As an educator, I highly recommend this book for classrooms, homeschool families, and students looking to learn more about World War II through story."

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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.



Co-Directors: Steph Brown & Erin Shonio

Who We Are: We are a Christian based homeschool co-op. We provide enrichment classes, gym, music, field trips, track and field, fellowship, and support along your homeschool journey.

Who We Serve: infant through 8th grade

When: Thursdays 12 noon-4pm

Where: [Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster](#)

How Long: 8 weeks in the fall & 8 weeks in the spring

Typical Day: Preschoolers have a lesson, snack, and free play/movie time. Children in kindergarten -6th grade each take a gym class, music/choir class, and 1 elective class. 7th & 8th graders take electives classes, study hall, and/or Upper Tier classes.

Responsibilities: We are a parent led co-op, so all members are needed to teach, monitor, provide snack, and help clean-up.

Openings: Not Currently... Join our Waitlist



**Sunday
9:45 AM**



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**Members, please note the change: 10 week semester will start September 16!
15 week UL classes will still start on Wednesday, August 26.**

Learning Station 2026–2027 Elementary Classes				
Fall Semester				
Group	Chapel 9:00–9:15	1st Session 9:20–10:10	2nd Session 10:15–11:05	3rd Session 11:10–12:00
Chicks (Nursery 0–24 months)	In class	Nursery Sarah Patches Rosene Sauder	Nursery Sarah Patches Hannah Witmer	Nursery Hannah Witmer Rachel Newhook
Chickadees (Preschool 2/3's)	In class	TBD Wonder of Watercolor Jen Luciano Jen Wenger	TBD Sensory Play Lori Cely Carla Stoltzfus	TBD Movement and Movie Jen Jerchau Lori Cely
Hummingbirds (PreK & K)	Large Group Room 1	TBD Animal Habitats Lauren Leitzel Erin Burr	Large Group 2 PE Amy Fanus Jen Zook	TBD Arts and Crafts Bryana Mellinger Susan Shaub
Orioles (PreK & K)		TBD Arts and Crafts Bryana Mellinger Irina Ord	TBD Animal Habitats Lauren Leitzel Jennifer Leiby	Large Group 2 PE Amy Fanus Irina Ord
Goldfinches (Primary A)		Large Group 2	TBD Anatomy STEM Erica Yoder Carrie Carpinteyro	TBD Fun with Art Cristina Landis Rebekah Witmer
Wrens (Primary B)		PE Deanna Martin Chelsey Hurst	TBD Fun with Art Cristina Landis Rebekah Witmer	TBD Anatomy STEM Erica Yoder Carrie Carpinteyro
Sparrows (Primary C)		Gymnasium	TBD Storybook Fine Arts Emily Scherer Halina Agadis	TBD Famous Inventions Cayla Laughman Morgan Good
Robins (Primary D)		Team Games Mollie Donghia Rachel Newhook	TBD Famous Inventions Cayla Laughman Amy Lefever	TBD Storybook Fine Arts Emily Scherer Kate Weaver
Bluejays (Intermediate A)		TBD Book Study Brittany Acri Kelly Funk	Gymnasium PE Danielle MacCartney Chelsea Miller	TBD God's Captivating Creatures Jill Hayes Sarahbeth Norton
Cardinals (Intermediate B)	Large Group Room 2	TBD God's Captivating Creatures Jill Hayes Sarahbeth Norton		TBD Book Study Brittany Acri Maria Ebersol
Ravens (Intermediate C)		TBD Creative Writing Jacqui Ivey Laura Fahnestock	TBD Visual Art Laura Hostetter Melodie Yaw	Gymnasium PE Danielle MacCartney Sarah Martel
Eagles (Intermediate D)		TBD Visual Art Laura Hostetter Melodie Yaw	TBD Creative Writing Jacqui Ivey Laura Fahnestock	