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Coalition of Homeschoolers Across Lancaster County



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Plan a memorable night with your friends at the
Lancaster County Homeschool Ball

held in the beautiful Presidential Room at the Eden Resort, Lancaster!

Wednesday, April 30th, 5:00-10:00, grades 8-12, bring your friends, homeschooled or traditionally schooled, for fun, delicious food and dancing! What does your early-bird \$65 entrance fee* cover?

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- * Endless punch
- * Your choice of four delicious entrées - Vegetarian and allergy friendly meals upon request
- * Sides of salad, rolls with butter and beverage
- * Endless dessert bar
- * 5 hours of Deejay service with vetted music and dancing
- * One personal request song noted on registration form
- * One ticket to enter for drawing

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CHOS

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS OF OXFORD & SOLANCO

Open House Days:
February 14, 2025
March 7, 2025

Our mission is to provide support and encouragement as well as social and educational opportunities for homeschooling families in a Christ-centered community.

We meet on Fridays from 9-11:30am at Mt. Vernon Christian Church located at 1 Lighthouse Drive in Kirkwood, PA.



We are a parent-led co-op serving homeschooling families with children from nursery through 12th grade. We have 3 class periods that are 45 minutes each.

For more information on our open house days or our co-op please email at: choshomeschool@gmail.com or visit our website at: www.homeschool-life.com/pa/chos

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INTERESTED IN ENROLLING?

Tuesday, February 11 from
2:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, March 18 from
7:00pm-8:00pm

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OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN
MORE!

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2025/26 TEACHER NEEDS

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Kindergarten
Learning Support



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



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Wednesdays in Lancaster
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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
Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th



CHASE CHARGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Games

2/3 - JV @ 4PM Heritage

2/10 - JV @ 4PM - Varsity @ 5PM TEACH

Varsity playoffs week of the 17th.

Tournament is the 21st and 22nd.



Wed., Feb. 19th at 2 pm
Microscope Activities
Environmental Center,
One Natures Way
Lancaster, PA 17602

Leadership Team

Anita Musser - Finance Coordinator
Rachel Sauder - Building Coordinator
Cindy Ebersole - Class Coordinator
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& Class Offerings
Available in March

Jane Eyre
A Musical Drama
March 13-15, 2025
The Gardner Theatre
at Lancaster Country Day School

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SUMMER 2025
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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JULY 14-19
MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY JULY 28-AUG 2

Spring Concerts & Art Show at LBC's **Good Shepherd Chapel**
Choral on April 11 at 7:00p & **Instrumental** on April 12 at 2:00p

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God's Law: A Primer

Civics Course, March 28 and 29, 2025

Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, 225 Woodcrest Drive, Ephrata, PA, Mountain View Lodge (next to the pool)

In today's rapidly changing world, it's more important than ever for our teenagers to know how to be informed, engaged citizens. We bring in an experienced faculty to teach each of the Ten Commandments and demonstrate their profound relevance to the civil sphere. Your teen will gain a deeper appreciation for the moral foundations of a just society and be empowered to become an active, responsible Christian citizen. This comprehensive class goes beyond the superficial civic lessons of the past, equipping your child with the biblical knowledge and inspiration to make a meaningful impact in their community. Invest in your teen's civic education today and watch them transform into engaged, principled leaders of tomorrow.

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome
9:15-10:05	Intro to God's Law – Pastor Joel Saint, IRBC
10:05-10:20	Break
10:20-11:10	The Decalogue Game
11:10-12:00	First Commandment: No Other Gods – John Bingaman, IRBC
12:00-12:15	Quiz 1 – Registrar presiding
12:15-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:05	Second Commandment: No Graven Images – Audrey Saint
2:05-2:55	Fourth Commandment: Keep the Sabbath Holy – John Bingaman, IRBC
2:55-3:10	Break
3:10-4:00	Fifth Commandment: Honor Father and Mother – Pastor Joel Saint
4:00-4:30	Quiz 2 – Registrar presiding



Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30-9:20	Third Commandment: No Taking the Lord's Name in Vain Luke Saint, FutureofChristendom.com
9:20-10:10	Eight Commandment: No Stealing – Conrad Martin
10:10-10:30	Break
10:30-11:20	Sixth Commandment: No Murder – Luke Saint, FutureofChristendom.org
11:20-12:10	Tenth Commandment: No Coveting – Pastor Joel Saint
12:10-12:25	Quiz 3 – Registrar presiding
12:25-1:10	Lunch
1:10-2:00	Ninth Commandment: No False Witness- Matt Wear, IRBC
2:00-2:50	Seventh Commandment: No Adultery – Henry Karasch
2:50-3:10	Break
3:10-3:40	Final Test – Registrar presiding
3:40 – 4:30	Final Wrap-up and Discussion – Pastor Joel Saint, IRBC

Cost: 35.00 per student

How to register:

Send an email to the registrar, Audrey Saint, audreysaint4@gmail.com. Put **CIVICS COURSE** on subject line. Provide names and age(s) of attending student(s). Pay on first day of class.

Provided

Subject material, notebooks and paper
Water bottles
Certificate of completion

What to bring each day

At least one pencil with eraser and one pen
A packed lunch and snacks each day
A Bible OR a tablet for Bible use only
A game to share during breaks or lunch (indoors or outdoors)

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ONELIFE PREVIEW DAYS

Come see what our gap year is all about!

JAN. 25

OneLife
at **Sakanaga**
Marietta, SC

JAN. 31

OneLife
at **Pleasant View**
Manheim, PA

FEB. 7

OneLife
at **Lodestar**
Upper Tract, WV

FEB. 17

OneLife
at **Three Springs**
Morris, PA

Register and see more dates on our website !



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.

Christmas Party Fun

We enjoyed a presentation from students at The Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts, We decorated cards for the elderly, enjoyed playing Christmas Bingo, made an ornament, and decorated cookies.



Our Calendar of Events:

- ❖ February 6 Co-op Class Day & Talent Show Auditions
- ❖ February 11 Field Trip to Grocery Outlet
- ❖ February 20 Co-op Class Day
- ❖ February 27 Co-op Class Day
- ❖ February 28 Native American Nature Class

CORNERSTONE Upper Tier

February 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 Registration begins in March

Calendar

February

6 – Class Day, Parent Prayer
13 – Class Day, Pizza Lunch
20 – Class Day, Chick-Fil-A Lunch
27 – Class Day, Bagel Lunch, Pajama Day



Vocal Ensemble



Spring Semester 2025

Class Dates

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27

Apr 3, 10, 24

May 1 snow makeup

Save the Date!
Cornerstone Upper
Tier Open House –
Thursday, March 6

In case of SNOW...

Inclement Weather Policy

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

During a delay the following schedule is used:

-1st period (8:00 -8:55) ---> 10:00 -10:25

-2nd period (9:00 -9:55) --->10:30 -10:55

-3rd period (10:00 -10:55) ---> 11:00 -11:25

-4thperiod (11:00 –11:55)---> 11:30-11:55

-All afternoon classes are scheduled as normal.

Please use your own discretion if roads are not acceptable to drive on in your area.

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Theme for the Year – Build Each Other Up



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FEBRUARY'S
OPEN HOUSE**

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February 5, 4:30 p.m. - Writer's Club for Tweens

Join us for a fun afternoon of creative writing!
Ages 10-12.

February 6, 1 p.m. - Kid's Kindness Craft Time

Learn about kindness from our story time and crafts. Ages 2-4.

February 11, 1 p.m.- Homeschool Club for Tweens

Art, games and science. Ages 10-12.

February 13, 1:30 p.m. - Homeschoolers Valentine Exchange Party

Homeschoolers are invited to a special valentine exchange party! Ages 6-9.

February 18, 1 p.m. - Typing for Homeschoolers

Come practice basic typing skills!
Ages 10-14.

February 20, 1 p.m. - Counting for Kids!

We will read a story about numbers and learn how to count them! Ages 2-4.

February 20, 1 p.m. - Model City for Homeschoolers

Help us make the town of your dream! Ages 10-18.

February 24, 1 p.m. - Letter Writing for Homeschoolers

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

February 24, 1:30 p.m. - Story Snackers

Join us for a delicious story time! We will read a story and make a fun and yummy edible craft! Ages 3-7.

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

Winter Book Sale

Wednesday, February 5 (9 A.M. - 7 P.M.)

Thursday, February 6 (9 A.M. - 7 P.M.)

Friday, February 7 (10 A.M. - 4 P.M.)

Saturday, February 8 (9 A.M. - 4 P.M.)



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SOLID FOUNDATIONS

homeschool group

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 days
- Several field trips per year

CLASS DATES 2024-2025

September 10th, 24th
October 8th, 22nd
November 5th, 19th
December 3rd, 17th
January 7th 2025, 21st
February 4th, 18th
March 4th, 18th
April 1st, 15th
***Snow Make-up April 22nd

2024-2025 SCHEDULE PRESCHOOL

GRADE K-1 CLASSES
LITERATURE AND CRAFTS, HANDS-ON SCIENCE, GYM/MUSIC

GRADE 2-3 CLASSES
LITERATURE AND CRAFTS, EARTH SCIENCE, GYM/MUSIC

GRADE 4-5 CLASSES
EARTH SCIENCE, LITERATURE, ARTIST WORKSHOP

GRADE 6-8 CLASSES
CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS, ARTIST WORKSHOP, LIFE SKILLS

GRADE 9-12 CLASSES
FOUNDATIONS IN PERSONAL FINANCE, LIFE SKILLS, ARTIST WORKSHOP, AMERICAN LITERATURE

For any additional information contact:
Sfhgpa@gmail.com

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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:

Jan 11th: Middle School Girls' Hang Out

Jan 18th: Middle School Girls' Book Club

Feb 4th: Co-op (Pajama Day)

Feb 11th: Overlook Rollerskating

Feb 18th: Co-op

Jan 25th: Leadership Meeting

Mar 4th: Co-op

Mar 18th: Co-op



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

Questions?
Contact Kaddie Hollinger at toghomeschool@gmail.com.

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 spring session will run 11 weeks: January 9 - March 20, 2025
(Eleventh week is a snow make-up day - PLEASE keep it reserved on your calendar!)
We meet on Thursdays 12:45-3:25 PM.

Mandatory Meeting: Planning for Next Year's Classes
February 4th - 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM
Calvary Church

It is important for EVERYONE to attend this meeting as we determine classes for the next co-op year! We want to lock-in the class schedule EARLY so that it makes your planning for the coming school year easier. We need you to come prepared with SPECIFIC class ideas that you are willing to teach or assist. (Consider partnering with a friend to teach if this will be your first time.)

Moms' Night Out - Movie Night
February 11th - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Small Theater at Luther Acres

Come prepared to relax with friends for a Movie Night. We'll be watching a heart-touching faith-based movie called "Unsung Hero". Drinks will be provided, bring a snack to share.

Moms' Night Out - Game and Craft Night
March 7th - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Angela's Home

Angela welcomes us to come enjoy fellowship and a game night of fun trivia with other moms in her home. Please bring an appetizer and \$5 for a fun craft.
Host: Angela Bozhko

Spring Concert
March 21st - 6:20 PM - 9:00 PM
DOVE Westgate Church
Enter through the Lobby.
Concert in the Auditorium.

Please arrive BY 6:20 PM for the Spring Concert. We will have students stand as classes for pictures at 6:30 PM. The concert will begin at 7 PM.

We are inviting family and friends to join us at 7 PM for the concert - we'll be praising Jesus with our voices and giving Him the glory!* We would LOVE for ALL of our co-op families to attend this event, even if you no longer have students 6th grade or younger. It is a wonderful time of fellowship together!

ADVENTURE CLUB

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ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS!

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. Events vary and may include: field trips, hikes, monthly/weekly clubs and activities centered around common interests. Members can pick and choose what events to attend that will best suit their family and schedule.

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

www.homeschool-life.com/PA/adventureclub

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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:

February 18th - Spring classes begin

Field Trips:

February 6th - Blessings of Hope Family Shift

February 28th - Oakes Museum of Natural History

Forest School:

Sign in online to see the calendar of activities

Scan to see a listing of Spring 2025 classes and registration info



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 Samantha Hanks at teachcellgroups@gmail.com

Forest School

Outdoor adventures planned weekly during the school year. There is a long hike Friday, nature project Friday, educational program Friday and a book club Friday.

Questions about this program, please contact Tara Gill at teachcellgroups@gmail.com

Track & Field Day in May

Legacy Speech & Debate

Contact Nancy Petersheim at legacystoa@gmail.com.

For more information and to register for classes and other activities, visit

www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH

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

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS EXCHANGE



A cooperative place for the whole family to learn and grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Visit chexhomeschool.org or email chexcoop@yahoo.com for more info.

Upcoming Events

February 12, 2025 ~ Spirit Day, dress like a senior citizen

February 15, 2025 ~ Middle School/High School Info session

February 19, 2025 ~ No classes (potential inclement weather make up day)

February 26, 2025 ~ Open House for new interested families (sign up online starting 02/01/25)

2025/2026 Registration Dates

Current Members ~ March 15, 2025

New Members ~ April 15, 2025

Spring 2025 Semester Dates: 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19

12 & 24 week classes: 3/26, 4/2

We meet Wednesday mornings at Calvary Baptist Church, 530 Milton Road, Lancaster. Required devotions and announcements start at 8:45 a.m. Classes begin at 9 a.m. Each of the three class periods are 55 minutes. Upper level offers an optional Active Time class after lunch.

*"I try to keep our house very *classy*."*

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS EXCHANGE



A cooperative place for the whole family to learn and grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Visit chexhomeschool.org or email chexcoop@yahoo.com.

Format:

Parent(s) teach or help in classes for two hours and join Prayer & Share, a time of fellowship and encouragement, with other parents for a third hour. Nursery through 6th grade meet for 8 weeks each fall and spring. Second level classes could be 8 or 12 weeks each semester.

Community:

The members of CHEX are able to develop a close community. During Prayer and Share, parents grow their friendships with each other. As the teachers, parents are able to develop closer relationships with their children and their peers.

Membership Options:

Full: Includes the whole family. Fee is based on the number of students and capped after 4 students.

Drop-Off: High School students attend, parents are not required to be present. Fees are based on the number of classes.

Support Group Membership: This option is for families who want to participate in some extracurricular activities such as field trips and be part of the larger CHEX community.





MACH

Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers
@ East Fairview Church of the Brethren, Manheim, PA
manheimareachristianhomeschool@gmail.com

MACH Open House:

February 18, 2025

Please note the date change (not 2/25/25)

Come and participate in our classes for the day!
Parents and children are welcome.

Go to <https://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach>
for more information and to sign up.

A Peek into 2025-2026

Planning is still underway...please refer to our website for the most up to date info.

Nursery: Child care is provided

2&3 year olds: Storytime, Crafts, and Planned motor skills activities

Preschool: Alphabet time, Crafts, and Planned motor skills activities

Kindergarten: Hands on Science, History and Gym

1st & 2nd grade: History, Hands on science, and Gym

3rd grade: Science, History, and Gym

4th grade: Science, History, and Gym

5th & 6th grades: Science (Apologia Astronomy and Anatomy), Ancient Civilizations, and Gym

7th & 8th grades: Earth Science, World Geography, Writing & Lit

9th grade: Physical Science, World Geography, Writing & Lit

10th-12th grades: Biology, Government, English with American Literature Emphasis

*Electives: Botany and Spanish/Sign Language (elementary)
Gym and Debate (high school)*

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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

-Tuesdays

-8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

-Upper classes receive all needed instruction for science, history, writing and literature

-High school students may attend without a parent

-Moms enjoy connecting in a family atmosphere

Dates to Know

2/4/25: Dads and Doughnuts/Pizza

2/11/25: Business mtg/Crazy Hair Day

2/18/25: Open house/Pizza

Lunches

Pizza Days: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Learning Station

WHO ARE WE?

Learning Station is a parent-run homeschool co-op, meeting at Lancaster Evangelical Free Church (LEFC) in Lititz, PA. Leaders and teachers affirm and operate in agreement with the Christian statement of faith, which is available on our website.

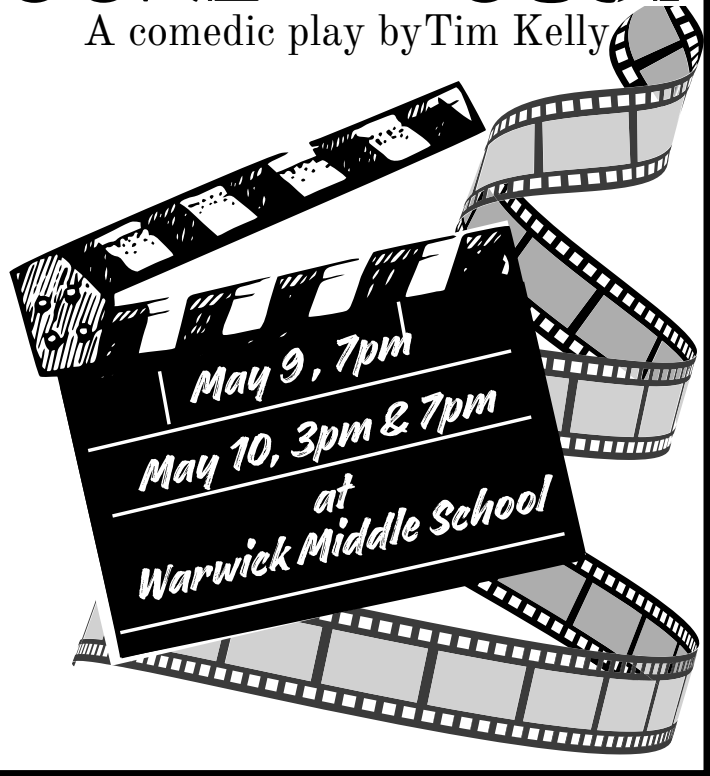
TWO TRACKS TO MEMBERSHIP

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.

*Learning Station's
Jr. & Sr. High Theater Arts Class presents...*

GONE with the GUST

A comedic play by Tim Kelly



IMPORTANT DATES



January 8: 15-week spring UL classes begin

February 12: 10-week spring classes begin

March 19: Spring Break/Snow Makeup

March 26: 2025-26 Upper level schedule posted

April 16: New families may register for UL classes

April 23: End of Spring Semester Classes

April 25: Closing Program

April 30: Track & Field Day (Co-op Track)

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

INFLUENCE

The Next Generation

CONSIDER TEACHING A HOMESCHOOL CO OP CLASS

who we are

Learning Station is a homeschool cooperative that meets at Lancaster Evangelical Free Church on Wednesdays throughout the school year. **VISION:** Investing in our children's future by inspiring them to reach their God-given potential. **MISSION:** Supporting homeschool families by providing a cooperative learning environment in which students develop academically and socially in a Christian community.

why we need you

We are seeking people who are excited to come alongside the next generation and teach them a myriad of skills and/or subjects. Classes may be for enrichment purposes, trade training, or strictly educational. Subject possibilities are endless and are based on our teachers' experience, interests, expertise, and sometimes their hobbies. Our students have a wide variety of interests and educational needs. Our classes reflect that range of needs. Each instructor sets their class fee.

requirements

- Be able to affirm our statement of faith.
- Be ready to make a commitment to teach an 1hr long class on Wednesdays between 9am and 4pm. (Classes can run for 10 or 15 weeks per semester- either spring or fall.)
- No teaching certification is required, but all instructors must submit clearances in accordance with PA law.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



📞 Call the UL coordinator, Adrienne Brubaker: (717)821-9457

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🌐 Visit us on the web: www.homeschool-life.com/pa/lcoop
Click the main menu link, Independently Contracted Teachers, for FAQs and to submit an application.





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by emailing
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Firmly Planted Classical Community

*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*

We are a Christian, academic, classically minded co-op serving western Lancaster county. We offer art, music, science, "new grammar"/ memory work, and age-appropriate public speaking for all, as well as writing and English grammar in grades 4-6. We do other fun, "icing on the cake" stuff too, but that's our core.

What our members love: team support for teaching, seeing every subject every week (not just the subject they teach) as their children do, friendships, authentic community, and growth in their children.

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TO FIND OUT IF FPCC IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

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K-12 Evaluations (at local parks or virtual) Special Ed. Certified. With 9 years of PA teaching experience, now teaching my own children at home, I support families so they know what to expect at the evaluation and can enjoy the year!

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➤➤➤ CHALC Groups

Adventure Club

<https://www.homeschool-life.com/pa/adventureclub/>
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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. Events vary and may include: field trips, hikes, monthly/weekly clubs and activities centered around common interests. Members can pick and choose what events to attend that will best suit their family and schedule. Join us as we support one another in the adventure of homeschooling!

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
Director: Jennifer Anteau, 223-667-1709, jen.anteau@gmail.com
Jamie Rohrer, 717-368-1178, austinandjamierohrer@gmail.com
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)

Contact: Jen Hershey, choshomeschool@gmail.com
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>

Contact: Anne Flinchbaugh Richey, Director

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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/

Contact: RoseAnn Kuhns or Lauri Shumaker

Email: 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.

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.

Firmly Planted Classical Community

Contact: firmly.planted.classical@gmail

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

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

Manheim Area Christian Homeschoolers

www.homeschool-life.com/pa/mach

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

Second Plane Homeschool Collective

secondplanehomeschool.weebly.com

Contact: Katie Strohecker,

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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: 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

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.

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The **Ephrata Public Library** has many valuable resources to offer homeschooling families, including digital services, STEAM To Go Kits, a Library of Things, programs for all ages and much more! To learn more about our services and to view our online program calendar, visit ephratapubliclibrary.org.

ELANCO Library is conducting a survey to determine how we can better serve and support homeschooling families, students, parents, and teachers. No demographic or personal information will be collected (just opinions about the library), and responses will be kept strictly anonymous.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mHE5W5355X>

Story Time at the Creek

Classic and truth-filled stories, snack, and craft for ages 2-5. Millcreek Bible Church - 270 Strasburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17602
10 am-11 am on: January, 22 - February 26 - March 26 - April 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 23 - August 27

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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.