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Coalition of Homeschoolers Across Lancaster County



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at Roland Memorial Park
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The CHALC Board is seeking a passionate individual who enjoys investing in young adults for the paid position of Graduation Committee Chair for the 2025-26 school year.

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It's your time to shine!

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



**Congratulations to this
month's winner
Liam Davidson, Grade 6**

General Announcements

Support CHALC by Becoming a Friends and Family Sponsor!

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Enter "Sponsorship" as the invoice number.

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Email a photo depicting homeschool life to scrawlseditor@gmail.com along with a brief 10-15 word blurb. Please obtain permission from those featured in the image.

Adamstown Area Library has the ONLY Christian & Homeschool-specific section in the entire county! We offer resources specifically recommended by and for our community including textbooks, biographies, nonfiction, fiction, magazines, audio, DVDs. But, we are more than books! Check out our AMAZING Programs and cool stuff to borrow at AdamstownAreaLibrary.org

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 ephrapubliclibrary.org.

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A photograph of a hand playing a piano keyboard. The hand is positioned over the keys, and the image is cropped to focus on the fingers and the keys. The background is dark, making the white and black keys stand out.

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.

CHALC Graduation 2025



Next Meeting:



**March 20, 2025,
7pm**

**Girls bring a snack
Guys bring a drink**



**Harvest Bible Church
1460 Eden Road
Lancaster, PA 17601**

Future Meeting Dates:

April 15,
May 15



CHALC Formal

English Garden

May 2nd, 2025

Open to Juniors and Seniors

\$55 per ticket, price goes up after
March 20th.

Graduation will be held
Friday, May 23rd 2025

7:00p.m

Lancaster Evangelical Free Church
419 Pierson Road, Lititz, PA

Social:

Ice Cream Date

Join us for a time of ice cream, food and fun!

When: Saturday, March 22nd at 2pm

Where: Fox Meadows Creamery,
Ephrata

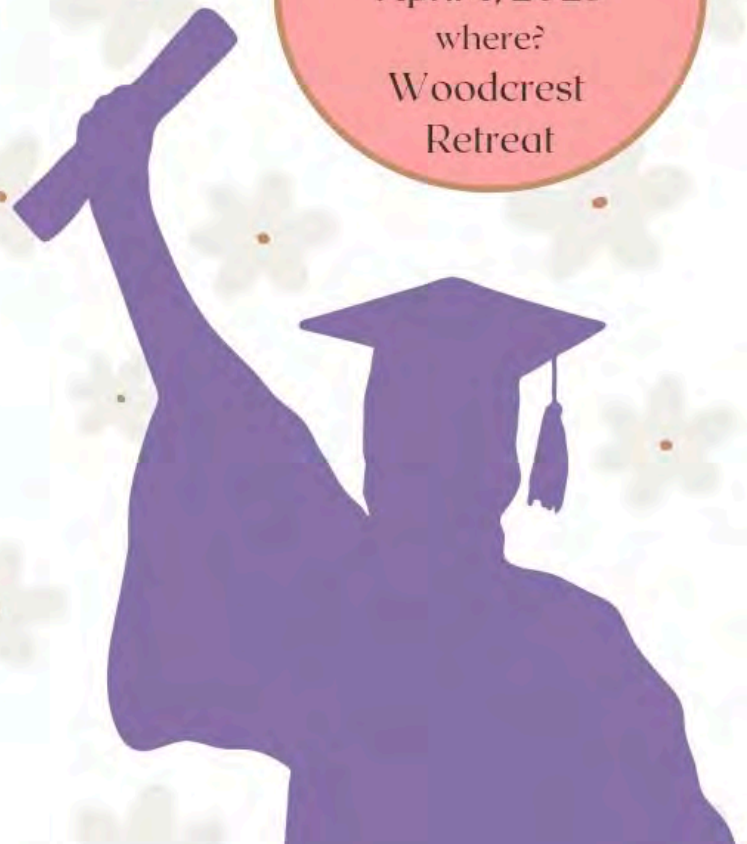
Family Night

when?

April 4, 2025

where?

Woodcrest
Retreat



CHALC Class of 2025 Senior Formal

English Garden

Friday, May 2nd



*The Silk Mill on Main
330 E. Main St., New Holland, PA*



Register early to save! Deadline: April 11

*Register **HERE***





DO YOU
HAVE A GRAD

WHO WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CHALC CEREMONY,
BUT YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THEM IN THE SCRAWLS?

Email a Bio and
Senior Headshot to
scrawlseditor@gmail.com
by April 10!

Please include the following in 100 words or less:

- Graduate's name
- Parents' name
- # of years homeschooled
- Church you attend
- Homeschool groups you attend
- Type of diploma you are receiving
- Hobbies, interests, talents
- Mission trips / volunteer activities
- Post graduation plans
- Academic or other honors received
- One personal favorite bible verse (verse needs to be written out)

Attention, graduating seniors!

You're invited to be featured in the
Scrawls Online May Graduate Edition.

Submit a one-page piece showcasing your talent—
whether it's a written work, artwork, or a photo of
an achievement from your high school journey.
This is your chance to share something meaningful
with our homeschool community!

**Submissions must be one page,
print-ready, and sent as a PDF or .png file
to scrawlseditor@gmail.com.**

Canva is a great tool for formatting.

The deadline for submissions is April 10, 2025.

We can't wait to celebrate your accomplishments!

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?

- * Social hour before dinner with served hot and cold hors' d'oeuvres
- * 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



For sign ups, details on pricing and group rates scan the QR code and mail in today!



*Regular fee after Feb 14th -\$75.

FUN FACT: Did you know our deejays are graduated homeschooled brothers who own a successful deejay business and have traveled to numerous states to entertain for all sorts of occasions? So awesome!

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WHEN: IN 2025, WE OFFER
 TWO HOMESCHOOL
 RETREATS
 MARCH 28-30
 APRIL 4-6
 DATES ARE FLEXIBLE
 WHERE - ALPENHOF
 AIRBNB SIX MILE RUN, PA
 WHO: THE RETREAT IS
 FOR MARRIED COUPLES
 HOSTS AND SPEAKERS ARE
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 HOMESCHOOLING)
 HOW: TO RESERVE YOUR
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**Tuesdays & Saturdays: 10-4
 Thursdays & Fridays: 12-7**



HERITAGE HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

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



OUR STUDENTS

Preschool through
Secondary Grades



OUR CURRICULUM

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WHEN WE MEET

Wednesdays in Lancaster
9:00am - 12:30pm



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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:

Mar 4th: Co-op

Mar 8th: Mom's Retreat

Mar 18th: Co-op

Mar 22nd: MS Girls' Book Club

Mar 25th: Leadership Meeting

Mar 26th: The Orchestra Rocks Concert

Apr 1st: Co-op (Crazy Day)

Apr 15th: Co-op



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

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

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Check out our spring open house!

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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



INTERESTED
IN ENROLLING?

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

Tuesday, April 3rd from
2:00pm-3:00pm

JOIN US FOR AN UPCOMING
OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND
TO JOIN OUR OPEN
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Our Program

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday for a full day of classroom learning. Our teachers provide structured assignments for the student's "work from home" days. We cover Math, Language Arts, Science, History, Bible, and more! Our class sizes are small as we seek to provide a sense of community, support, and resources to help all students within our program to have a positive and enriching educational experience.

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SPRING 2025

[REFRESHINGMOUNTAIN.COM/HOMESCHOOL-DAYS/](https://refreshingmountain.com/homeschool-days/)



2025

LYME ART CONTEST



Pennsylvania students in grades 1-6 are encouraged to submit a poster or video showing how to avoid exposure to ticks, check for ticks, and/or remove ticks.

Videos should be under 30 seconds.

Posters should be no larger than 11"x17."

Winners will be selected for each category and grade level.



Scan to Learn More
[Tick Diseases \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/tick-diseases)

What's a tick?

- An arachnid that has 8 legs like a spider
- Lives in tall grass and low shrubs
- Could be in your own backyard

How to prevent?

- Treat clothing and gear with products containing permethrin
- Apply insect repellent
- Perform tick checks

Lyme Disease Symptoms?

- Round/oval rash that sometimes looks like a bull's-eye
- Flu-like symptoms
- Fatigue

Why do we care?

- Participation in the Lyme Art Contest promotes interactive student learning about tickborne diseases, ticks, and how to protect themselves from ticks and tickborne diseases
- Children are at higher risk for being bitten
- PA is a leading state for Lyme disease

 **Pennsylvania Department of Health**

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March 14, 2025

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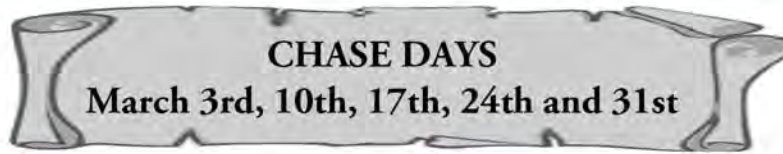
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Christian Homeschool Association of Scholastic Excellence

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

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

Age Groups:	Classes:
Nursery	Birth- 3 yrs.
K3/4	Math ABC Time, Circle Time, Story Time, Free Play
K5	Seasonal Themes, Literature, Free Play, Math, Science
E1/2	Read&Write, Fun Math, Health, Habitats, Gym, Pioneer Days, Map Skills, Music, Art and Legos
E3/4	Zoology 2-Swimming Creatures, General Science, Physical Science, Gym, BJU 3, Book Club, Writing Workshop, Little House, Civics, Spanish Intro., Art, Heros of the Bible, K'nex-Simple Machines, Choir
E5/6	Educational Board Games, Crocheting, Gym, Mystery of History 2, US History and Presidents, Apologia Chemistry& Physics, Science Units, IEW Writing, Literature, Public Speaking, Art, No Bake Cooking, Choir
Middle School	World Geography, Creative Writing, Literature, General Science, STEM Science, Gym, Civics, PA History, Safety
Middle School/High School	Biblio Plan History 2, American Sign Language, Photography, Art, Mystery of History 2, Physical Science, Cooking, Algebra 1, Psychology, Robotics, Career Explorations, Homesteading/Life Skills, SAT Prep
High School	Speech, Research Paper, Literature, US History, Algebra 2, Biology, Accounting and Business Math, Anatomy& Physiology, Geometry, Spanish 1 and Spanish 2, Physics, Gym

(Classes are tentative and subject to change due to teacher availability.)



**Wed., March 19th at 2 pm
Dissection
Pavilion 11,
733 Williamson Road,
Lancaster, PA 17602
(maple sugaring pavilion)**

Leadership Team

Anita Musser - Finance Coordinator
Rachel Sauder - Building Coordinator
Cindy Ebersole - Class Coordinator
Jana Gurtler - Admin. Assistant




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Jane Eyre
The Musical

March 13, 7:00 pm
 March 14, 7:00 pm
 March 15, 2:00 pm
 March 15, 7:00 pm
 at
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 Day School's
Gardner Theatre



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Learn.
Together!**

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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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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)

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 !



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.

March 20, 2025

We WILL use our snow make up day as a regular co-op day.
Please make sure to mark your calendars that we WILL have co-op that day!

Concert Rehearsal

March 21, 2025 – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Spring Concert Rehearsal will be held immediately 10AM-12 Noon, in the auditorium.
Please make this rehearsal a priority.

Spring Concert

March 21, 2025 – 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!

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:

March 4 - Girls' Soccer Begins

For registration and info, see the website

Field Trips:

TBD

Forest School:

Sign in online to see the calendar of activities

What: TEACH Track & Field Day

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Who: for students in K-12th grade

How to register: Track & Field info page

- <https://www.homeschool-life.com/3464/custom/102288>

Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Any questions:

email shallon84@hotmail.com

Can't wait to see you there!

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, visit www.homeschool-life.com/PA/TEACH

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

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

YOUNG FILMMAKERS' workshop



JUNE 22 - 27, 2025

A unique summer filmmaking program held on the scenic campus of Messiah University!

Designed to foster a community of young filmmakers through an enriching summer camp environment, the Young Filmmakers' Workshop provides college-level filmmaking skills for students in grades 10–12.

- Taught by industry professionals and experienced Messiah University faculty
- Students will discuss and practice storyboarding, shot construction and hands-on camera training.
- Personalized attention with a small class size

Students will also:

- Learn how to pitch story ideas
- Discover the basic techniques on how to bring their creative vision to the screen
- Produce a short video
- Learn to be a writer, director, actor, cinematographer and editor

Register by April 1 and receive the discounted rate.

Tuition, room and board

Students will reside and dine on campus within walking distance from class in film studies and editing suites. Students are chaperoned by trained resident assistants. Scholarships available.

Resident student: \$825

Commuter student: \$725

** Local students are strongly encouraged to take part in the full residential program.*

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A unique summer writing program held on the scenic campus of Messiah University

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JUNE 22 - 27, 2025

Register by April 1 and receive the discounted rate. Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Tuition, room and board

Students will reside and dine on campus within walking distance from class in Boyer Hall. Students are chaperoned by trained resident assistants. Scholarships available.

Resident student: \$725

Commuter student: \$625

** Local students are strongly encouraged to take part in the full residential program.*

messiah.edu/writersworkshop

Scholarships available for both workshops. Application is on the website.

For more information, contact Sally Keefer, assistant to the special projects coordinator: skeefers@messiah.edu | 717-691-6013



EXPLORE

– EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY –

March 3, 4:30 p.m. - Wild about Reading!

Join in for a story and explore stations spotlighting different, loveable animals. Ages 4-9.

March 4, 1 p.m. - Typing for Homeschoolers

Come practice basic typing skills!
Ages 10-14.

March 5, 1:30 p.m.- Homeschool Club for Kids - STEAM Day

Come try out our STEAM toys and do some fun experiments! Ages 6-9.

March 6, 1 p.m. - Child-Led Learning

Fine motor, gross motor, STEAM and dramatic play. Ages 2-5.

March 10, 1 p.m. - Painting for Homeschoolers

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

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

Art, games and science. Ages 10-12.

March 13, 1 p.m. - Saint Patrick Celebration

We will be making arts and crafts, singing songs and making friends while playing on Saint Patty's Day. Ages 2-6.

March 17, 1 p.m. - Letter Writing for Homeschoolers

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

March 20, 4 p.m. - Trivia for Teens

We'll be breaking up into teams and seeing who knows the most trivia! Ages 13-18.

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



Suessical Storytime Saturday, March 1 @ 1 pm



Join in a Read Across America Day celebration with a whimsical and fun-filled adventure in our Suessical Storytime! Children will enjoy listening to some famous Dr. Seuss books. Alongside the stories, there will be activities, crafts and games that encourage imagination, creativity and the love of reading. Children are invited to dress up as their favorite Seuss or book character. Ages 4-9.

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

CORNERSTONE

Lower Tier

March 2025

Cornerstone Lower Tier

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RoseAnn Kuhns Co-Director

Steph Brown Co-Director

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

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.
Psalm 143:10*



Lower Tier students had the opportunity to tour the PA State Capitol Building and visit PA State Senator Scott Martin's office.



Our Calendar of Events:

- ❖ March 6 Co-op Class Day & Sub Lunch
- ❖ March 7 Aladin Field Trip
- ❖ March 10 New Member Registration Opens
- ❖ March 14 Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Field Trip
- ❖ March 14 Talent Show
- ❖ March 20 Co-op Class Day
- ❖ March 27 Co-op Class Day, Spirit Day & Chick-fil-A Lunch

CORNERSTONE

Upper Tier

March 2025

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Monday, March 10th-Returning Member Tiered Registration Opens:

- 3/10-entering 12th grade,(students of teachers and leadership)
- 3/11-entering 11th grade
- 3/12-entering 10th grade
- 3/13-entering 9th grade
- 3/14-entering 7th and 8th grade


Monday, March 17th-New Member Tiered Registration Opens:

- 3/17-new members entering 11th and 12th
- 3/18-new members entering 9th and 10th
- 3/19-new members entering 7th and 8th

Thursday, March 20th-Open Registration

Cornerstone Upper Tier Open House – Thursday, March 6 10:00am-1:30pm Grace Baptist Church 1899 Marietta Ave., Lancaster
 Drop in to see what Cornerstone has to offer, speak with leadership, meet teachers, take a tour, visit classes, and enjoy refreshments

You're invited!
Cornerstone Graduation
Friday, May 30 at 7pm
Wheatland Presbyterian Church
1125 Columbia Ave. Lancaster



2025-2026 Class Offerings

8-8:55	9-9:55	10-10:55	11-11:55	lunch	12:30-1:25	1:30-2:25
Environ. Sci. Lab (fall)	General Sci Lab (fall)					
Biology Lab(spring)	Physical Sci Lab (spring)		Yearbook <i>Richey</i>		Basic Studio Art <i>Richey</i>	
	Spanish 1A(9:00) <i>Paine</i>	Spanish 1B (10:00) <i>Paine</i>	Spanish 2 <i>Paine</i>		Introductory Spanish <i>Paine</i>	
	Calc <i>B Smith</i>	MUS Pre-Calc <i>B Smith</i>	Sports History <i>B Smith</i>		MUS Geometry <i>B Smith</i>	Shakespeare full year HS Lit
	Health (f)(s) <i>Worrell</i>	Vocal Ensemble <i>Umholtz</i>	Music Theory(f) Music Appreciation(s) <i>Umholtz</i>			
3D Design & Sculpture <i>Goss</i>	Photography & Graphic Design <i>Goss</i>	Drawing 1&2 <i>Goss</i>	Advanced Art 1&2 <i>Goss</i>			
	Sewing 1 <i>Neupauer</i>	Sewing 2+ <i>Neupauer</i>	Women in History (f) <i>Brown</i>			
Hebrew (f) Career Explorations (s) <i>Fogle</i>	Consumer Math <i>Cherasaro</i>		Saxon Pre-Alg <i>Weaver</i>			
MUS Algebra 1 <i>Hershberger</i>	MUS Geometry <i>Hershberger</i>	MUS Algebra 2 <i>Hershberger</i>	Saxon Algebra 1 <i>Hershberger</i>			
Psychology <i>E.Campbell</i>	Grammar and Essay <i>E.Campbell</i>	HS American Literature <i>E.Campbell</i>	Writers Workshop <i>E.Campbell</i>		History of the Christian Church <i>E.Campbell</i>	Civics(f)/ Geography (s) <i>E. Campbell</i>
Chemistry Lab <i>M.Campbell</i>	Chemistry <i>M.Campbell</i>	Physical Science <i>M.Campbell</i>	Physics <i>M.Campbell</i>		Mechanical Drawing (f) Intro to Architecture (s) <i>M Campbell</i>	Space Exploration 7-12 <i>M Campbell</i>
	Biology 9:00 <i>Zeller</i>	General Science <i>Zeller</i>	Environmental Sci. <i>Zeller</i>		Biology 12:30 <i>Zeller</i>	HS Early American History <i>Brown</i>
			HS Lit- Orphans & Fantasy <i>Sharp</i>		MS Lit (f) Poetry (s) <i>Sharp</i>	
IEW Jr High Writing <i>Lehman</i>	World History & Literature <i>Lehman</i>	American History & Literature <i>Lehman</i>	Academic Writing <i>Lehman</i>		Speech (f)(s) <i>Moore</i>	7-10 Literature <i>Moore</i>
	French 1A <i>Powles</i>	French 2 <i>Powles</i>	French 1B <i>Powles</i>		Intro French <i>Powles</i>	French 3/4 <i>Powles</i>
Gym (f)(s) <i>Atticks</i>	Fencing (f)(s) <i>Newschwanger</i>	Woodworking I&II <i>Newschwanger</i>				
	German 4 <i>Rohrer</i>		HS Modern World History <i>Sandoe</i>		German 1 <i>Rohrer</i>	

Interested in joining?
Scan here to request new membership:



Check our website for detailed class information, pricing, and availability

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
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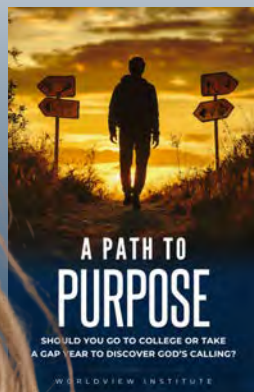
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Upcoming Open House

March 3, 2025
6:30-8:00 PM

April 9, 2025
2:30-4:00 PM

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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

March 12, 2025 ~ Open House for new families (sign up online asap)

2025/2026 Registration Dates

Current Members ~ March 15, 2025

New Members ~ April 15, 2025

Spring 2025 Semester Dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 (12 & 24 week classes: 4/2, 4/9)



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 was having a hard time explaining how lightning works, but then it *struck me.*”

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS EXCHANGE



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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
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MACH Member Enrollment is open

New Member enrollment opens on April 1, 2025

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

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Purpose

Our goal is to have Christ formed within our children.

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

About Us

- 26 week academic co-op
- Tuesdays
- 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM
 (8:30AM -2:00 PM in 2025-2026)
- 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

- 3/4/25: Snow Make Up Day
- 3/18/25: Pajama Day

Lunches

Pizza Days: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

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

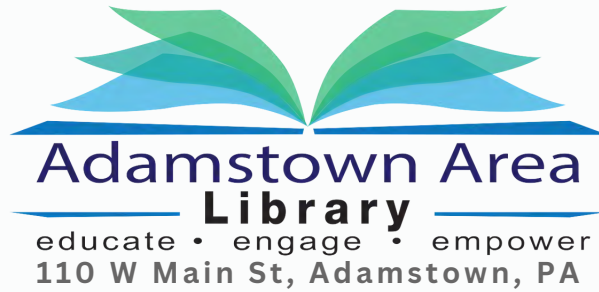
7th & 8th grades: Earth Science, World Geography, Writing & Lit

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)*





UPCOMING EVENTS

“Barn Owl” Wildlife Discovery Drop-In – Monday, March 3 & Tuesday, March 4 from 10 AM- 4 PM. Every month we will use our senses to explore a different Pennsylvania Game Commission Kit of pelts, wings, skulls, claws, books, activities, and other manipulatives. For all ages.

Doggie Downtime – Wednesday, March 5 at 10:45 a.m. Gaze into “Twinkle’s” big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

Game Morning – Friday, March 7. Drop-in from 9:30-11:30 AM. Enjoy a relaxing morning playing tabletop games by the fireplace. All Ages.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, March 18 @ 6:30 PM on Zoom. Discover together “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

Hunger Games Book Trivia – Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM. You love trivia. “Real or Not Real?” To celebrate the new book release *Sunrise on the Reaping* this month, we challenge you! Prize awarded to the winner. And “May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor!” Tween/Teen/Adult.

See all of the the library’s free events for every age at:

AdamstownAreaLibrary.org



Learning Station

WHO ARE WE?

Learning Station is a parent-run homeschool cooperative, 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.



Character Day, 3rd-6th grade participants

TWO TRACKS TO MEMBERSHIP

There are 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



Wacky Day, upper level participants

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 26: 2025-26 Upper level schedule posted
- April 9: 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)



WWW.HOMESCHOOL-LIFE.COM/PA/LSCOOP

Q&A

Want to learn more about Learning Station's upper level program? Join our upper level leadership team and some of our instructors as we meet for an open forum Q&A session. A pizza lunch will be provided. We look forward to meeting you, spending some time getting to know each other, and answering any questions you may have.

When: March 12th @ noon
Where: Lancaster Evangelical Free Church (LEFC)-A7 Room





schedule a preview visit
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.

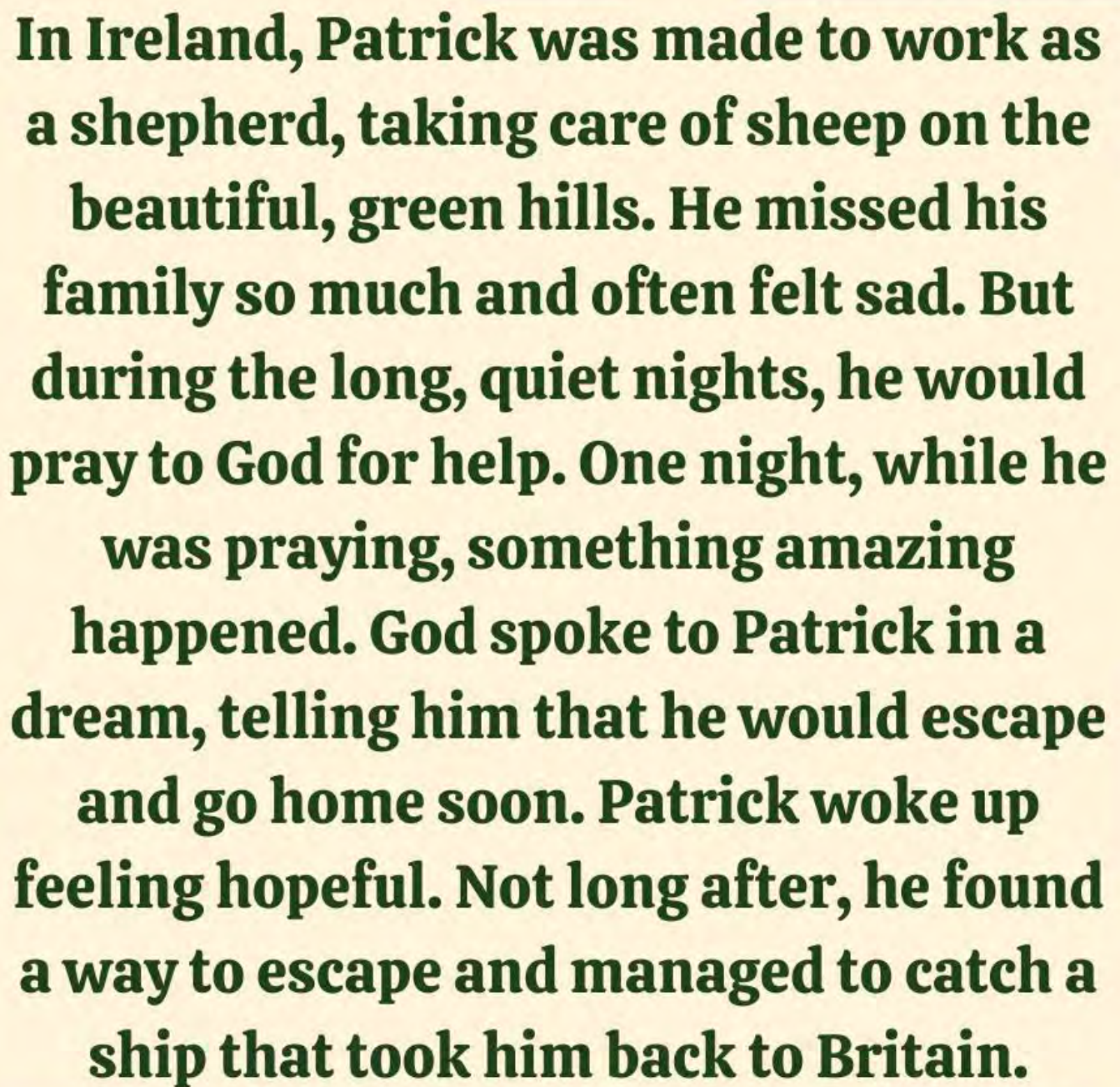
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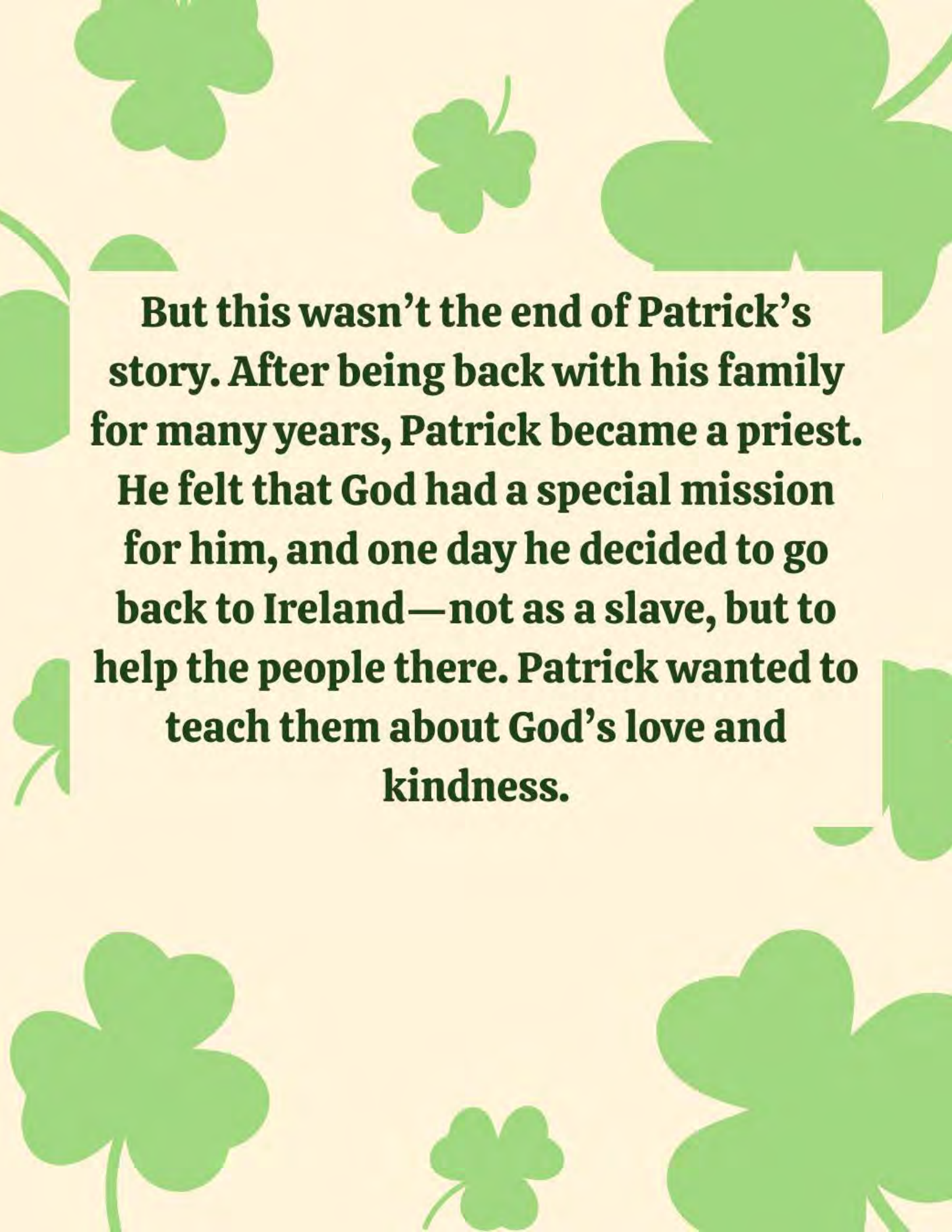
St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and we've got everything you need to celebrate! Dive into the inspiring story of St. Patrick and explore thoughtful, engaging activities that bring his legacy to life. Whether you're looking for creative crafts or meaningful reflections, we've got ideas that will make this St. Patrick's Day extra special for your family.

THE STORY OF ST. PATRICK

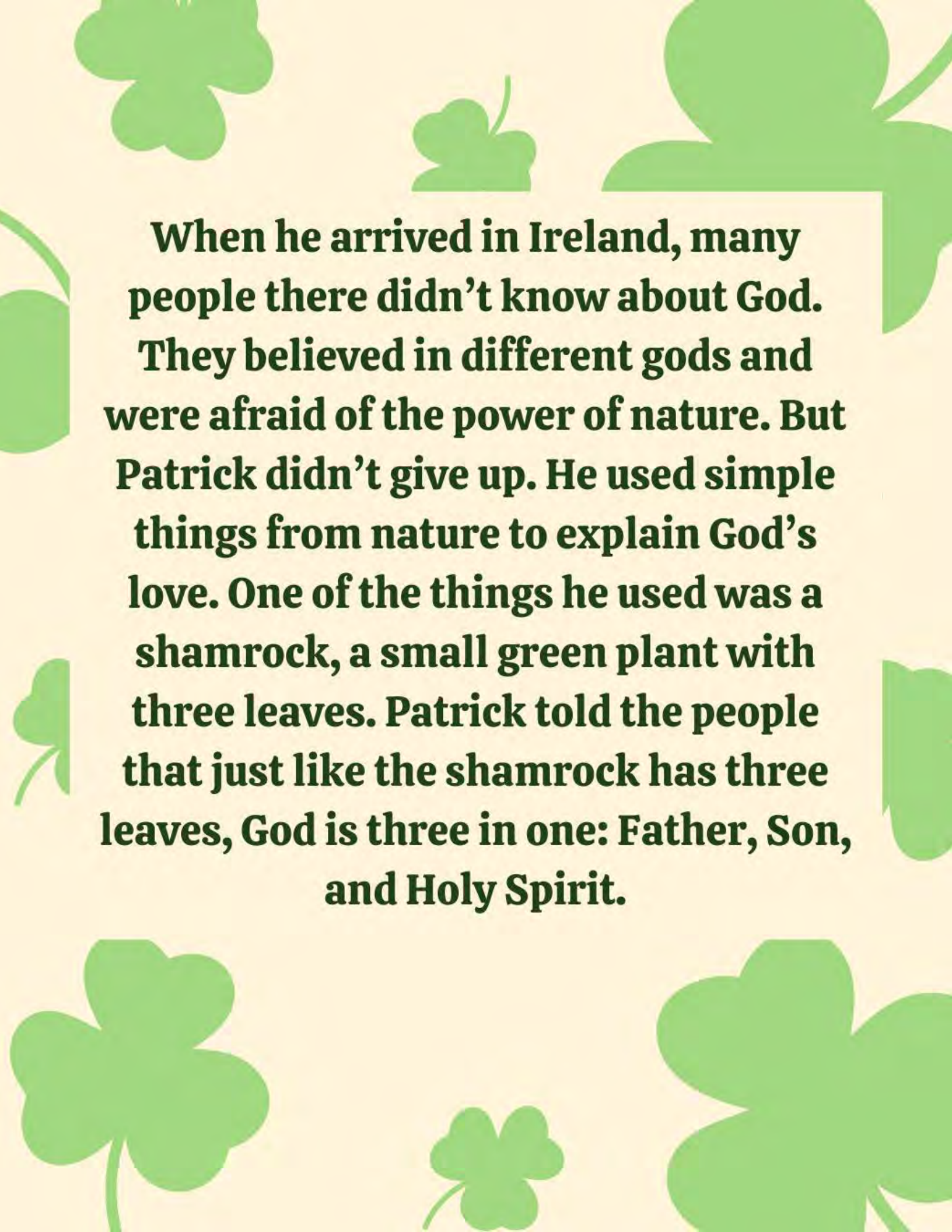
About 400 years after Jesus walked the earth, in a land called Britain, there was a young boy named Patrick. He had a happy life with his loving family, and everything seemed perfect. But when Patrick was just 16 years old, something frightening happened. Pirates came to his village, kidnapped him, and took him far away to a place called Ireland. Patrick was scared and lonely, but he was also brave.




In Ireland, Patrick was made to work as a shepherd, taking care of sheep on the beautiful, green hills. He missed his family so much and often felt sad. But during the long, quiet nights, he would pray to God for help. One night, while he was praying, something amazing happened. God spoke to Patrick in a dream, telling him that he would escape and go home soon. Patrick woke up feeling hopeful. Not long after, he found a way to escape and managed to catch a ship that took him back to Britain.




But this wasn't the end of Patrick's story. After being back with his family for many years, Patrick became a priest. He felt that God had a special mission for him, and one day he decided to go back to Ireland—not as a slave, but to help the people there. Patrick wanted to teach them about God's love and kindness.



When he arrived in Ireland, many people there didn't know about God. They believed in different gods and were afraid of the power of nature. But Patrick didn't give up. He used simple things from nature to explain God's love. One of the things he used was a shamrock, a small green plant with three leaves. Patrick told the people that just like the shamrock has three leaves, God is three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The page is decorated with several green shamrock leaves of various sizes scattered around the text. The text is centered and reads:

Patrick spent many years teaching the people of Ireland to be kind to one another and to believe in God's love. He was patient, gentle, and never gave up—even when it was hard. Because of his hard work, many people in Ireland became Christians, and Patrick became known as a hero of kindness and faith.



Today, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, the day he passed away. On this day, people wear green, enjoy delicious food, and think about the wonderful things Patrick did to help others. And whenever you see a shamrock, remember that St. Patrick used it to teach the people of Ireland about God's amazing love.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day: Meaningful Activities for Kids

St. Patrick's Day is a great opportunity to reflect on St. Patrick's faith, courage, and dedication to spreading God's love. This year, why not explore the spiritual side of St. Patrick's Day with your kids?

Here are some meaningful activities and crafts that help children of all ages connect with the historical and spiritual significance of the day.



For Younger Kids (Ages 3-8)

Prayer Stones

St. Patrick's faith and prayers were a big part of his life, especially during his time as a captive in Ireland. Introduce your little ones to the idea of prayer by creating "prayer stones." Help them paint or write a simple prayer—like a blessing or part of the famous "St. Patrick's Breastplate" prayer—on a stone. These prayer stones can be kept as a reminder of their own prayers and faith, or even gifted to loved ones as a token of kindness.

St. Patrick's Day Blessing Cards

St. Patrick is known for blessing the people of Ireland with messages of faith and protection. Encourage your children to create their own "blessing cards" to share with friends and family. On the card, write a simple prayer like "May the road rise up to meet you" or "God bless you and keep you safe." This simple craft is a fun way to help kids share blessings while learning about the saint's compassionate heart.

Shamrock Stamping with Bell Peppers

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a fun and creative craft that also introduces a little nature! Simply cut a bell pepper in half to reveal a shamrock-like shape, then dip it into green paint to stamp onto paper. This simple activity allows kids to make their own shamrock art while learning about the symbolism of the shamrock in St. Patrick's teachings.

Rainbow Scavenger Hunt

Take a fun and colorful approach to learning about rainbows with this exciting scavenger hunt! Hide small objects around the house or yard in each color of the rainbow. Give kids a checklist to find all the colors, then let them arrange the items in rainbow order. This is a great way to engage kids while teaching them about color and the playful connections between St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, and the legend of the pot of gold.

For Older Kids (Ages 9-13)

St. Patrick's Missionary Journey Map

St. Patrick's life was defined by his journey to Ireland, where he worked tirelessly to spread the Christian faith. Have your older children create a map that traces his travels throughout Ireland, marking important locations like Tara and Croagh Patrick. This activity helps children understand the historical impact of St. Patrick's missionary work, while giving them a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices he made to share his faith.

Create a St. Patrick's Day Prayer Journal

Introduce the concept of prayer journals by encouraging your kids to create their own. They can use the journal to write reflections about faith, gratitude, or St. Patrick's example of courage and devotion. Kids can decorate their journals with symbols like crosses or shamrocks, and over time, they can add prayers and personal reflections—just as St. Patrick did during his own journey of faith.

The "St. Patrick's Breastplate" Prayer Poster

St. Patrick is said to have composed the "St. Patrick's Breastplate," a prayer asking for God's protection. Share this powerful prayer with your kids, and encourage them to illustrate it in a poster format. They can write portions of the prayer and decorate it with images of protection—like shields or angels. This hands-on craft helps older kids reflect on St. Patrick's deep spirituality and the importance of trusting in God's protection.

St. Patrick's Day STEM Challenge:

Build a Rainbow Bridge

Encourage your young builders to take on a St. Patrick's Day-inspired STEM challenge! Using materials like straws, popsicle sticks, or pipe cleaners, challenge them to design and build a rainbow-colored bridge strong enough to hold a small pot of "gold"—chocolate coins or beads. This hands-on activity is a fantastic way to combine creativity, problem-solving, and a little St. Patrick's Day fun!

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CHALC GROUPS

ADVENTURE CLUB

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

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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

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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)

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/

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

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

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

FIRMLY PLANTED CLASSICAL COMMUNITY

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We are a Christ-centered, classical co-op meeting for 24 core weeks dedicated to intentional community and like-minded discipleship of our children for the Gospel's sake.

To facilitate the Grammar Stage (ages 4-12) in community we: -Introduce weekly memorization across seven subject areas. -Practice public speaking and active listening skills at age-appropriate levels. -Grow in the foundational skills of and appreciation for classical art and music. -Experience hands-on science accompanied by Socratic dialogue.

To prepare for the logic and rhetoric stages (during grades 4-6) we offer English grammar, applied conceptual mathematical games and challenges, and writing composition (utilizing the Institute for Excellence in Writing program). Membership is limited. Currently accepting applications.

HERITAGE HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

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

LEARNING STATION

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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

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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.