

Through The Church Our Homes and Our Community Are Strengthened With Christian Principles and Truth



Church of the Brethren

4273 Bristol Avenue

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"FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THY NEIGHBOR'S GOOD"

The local congregation was organized in September, 1948 under the leadership of the Reverend Edward H. Lander. A parsonage-chapel served as Church and Sunday School space until 1962 when the present Church was built.

Our Christian denomination originated with the Pietistic movement in Germany, starting with a small group at Schwartzenau in 1708 and coming to America eleven years later.

Their beliefs, which carry through to the present day, are a rededication to the teachings of Jesus Christ following the acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. His teachings are to become a personal inward experience for each individual, outwardly expressed in our daily living. We have no written creed but accept the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. The Church firmly accepts and teaches the fundamental evangelical doctrines of the inspiration of the Bible, the personality of the Holy Spirit, the virgin birth, the deity of

Christ, the sin-pardoning value of His atonement, His resurrection from the tomb, ascension and personal and visible return. The Church historically opposes militarism. Persons are received as Christians by their confession of faith and by trine immersion.

Central offices for the Church of the Brethren and the Publishing House, located in Elgin, Illinois, serves the Christian cause in many parts of the world. Printed materials are used by several denominations. Ministry and service programs meet both physical and spiritual needs among rejected peoples in areas of Africa, India, Europe and South America.

Several self-help programs, such as "Heifers for Relief", have originated with the Brethren as a result of belief in a practical and serving Christianity. Trained youth dedicate a year or more of service in relief centers, teaching, hospital work, reconstruction programs and similar projects. Medical and agricultural assistance join the Christian witness at Castaner, Puerto Rico.

We believe in working with other Christians in meeting the needs of the world. As members of the Body of Christ, we must do our part and not oppose the contributions of other members who are given their individual talents. Romans, Chapter 12.

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