

## Are you a parent or caregiver of a child with Autism or Aspergers?

You are invited to join a Support Group for parents of children on the Autism Spectrum at Plains Mennonite Church. This group gathers monthly to give and receive emotional and practical support as well as to exchange information, share stories, and be more effectively equipped with skills and insights to parent children on the Autism Spectrum.

Pastor Dawn Ranck gives overall leadership and coordinates the group.

Catherine Heller M.Ed, leads discussion and shares her knowledge and expertise around topics chosen by the group.

The group meets the second Friday of each month, 7-8:00 p.m., at Plains Mennonite Church.

**Contact Pastor Dawn Ranck to register  
or with questions:**

215/362-7640 or  
dawn.ranck@verizon.net

**Note:** No childcare provided.

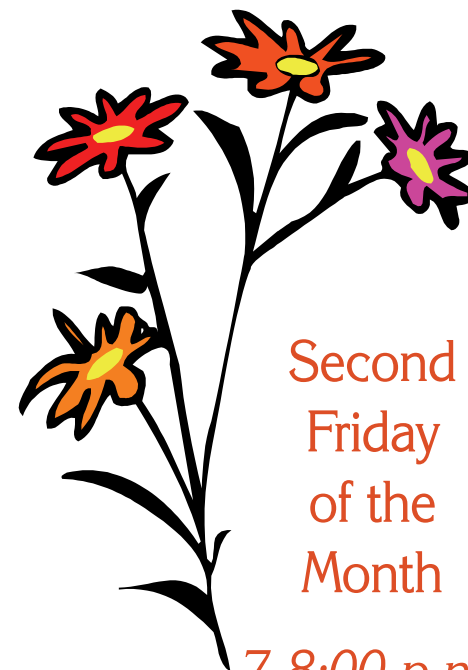
Plains Mennonite Church  
50 West Orvilla Rd, Hatfield, PA 1940

# Support Group

for

Parents of Children  
on the  
Autism Spectrum:

*From Autism to Aspergers*



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## Group Leaders

**Dawn Ranck M.Div**, has been one of the pastors at Plains Mennonite Church since March 2003. She gives leadership to mission and outreach, worship, and children and youth ministries.

**Catherine Heller M.Ed**, specializes in current best practices in the classroom for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She is currently a teacher in the Souderton Area School District in the Intermediate Autistic Support classroom. She is also a doctoral candidate in Special Education at Arcadia University focusing her studies on the brain structure of students with spectrum disorders, as well as the manifestation of executive functioning and best practices in teaching executive functioning skills.

Ms. Heller has worked with autistic spectrum disorders as both a teacher and a consultant for over 10 years. She has presented numerous workshops to parents and professionals and was a collaborative member in developing the Souderton School District Autistic program.

**The Support Group for Parents of Children on the Autism Spectrum is funded by Plains Mennonite Church and Joni and Friends.**

**“Let the little children  
come to me;  
do not stop them.”  
— Jesus  
(Mark 10:14)**

## Plains Mennonite Church

At Plains you will find women and men, young and old, seeking to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. The members at Plains are committed to caring for others, practicing peacemaking, and sharing God's love and resources in the local community and across the wider church and world.

### Church Contact Information

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### Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

*Handicapped accessible.  
Hearing aids available.*

