



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

February, 2011

2011 CHURCH BOARD

Listed below, you will find the names of persons serving on our Church Board this year. Please hold them in your prayers throughout the year; contact them if you have questions or concerns; and know that you are welcome to attend all board meetings. The board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Allen Hansell, Moderator and Board Chair
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Stewardship: Clair Greiner, Chair; Doug Deihm, Assist. Chair

Traditional Worship: Gene Mummau, Chair; Don Dotterer, Assist. Chair

For a listing of the names of others who serve on the Ministry Teams, consult the 2011 Church Directory, pages 6-10.

Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a working, worshiping, learning Christian community, open and accepting without discrimination or force in matters of belief and practice.

PEACE FORUM, MARCH 20, 2011

An exciting event will be happening in our church on March 20. We will be celebrating our first ever Peace Forum as a congregation.

The Church of the Brethren, one of the three historic peace churches, has a vital role to play in today's world. What is the church's role? What is our role as Christians who claim to be followers of the Prince of Peace? We will welcome two guest speakers on March 20, and their job is to help answer those questions and challenge our thinking and practices.

Jordan Blevins, Church of the Brethren staff for witness, is the coordinator of National Council of Churches' (NCC) ecumenical peacemaking program, associate director of the NCC's Eco-Justice Program, and coordinator of Poverty Initiatives and Washington Internships for the NCC since 2007. Jordan is a member of the Westminster (MD) Church of the Brethren and a member of the On Earth Peace Board.

Jordan will speak in the chapel at 8:00 and at the 10:15 a.m. traditional worship and lead the discussion in the Thoughtful Life Class at 9:00 a.m.

Greg Lazakovits, lead Pastor at Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren since 2006, served as a consultant to the denomination's program in Brazil for two years, assisting with new church starts. Previously, Greg served on the national staff of the Church of the Brethren directing the Washington Office (legislative affairs), and coordinated an Anti-Racism Project for the denomination. Greg will speak at the Morning Psalm services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. After worship and a Soup and Salad lunch, prepared by our youth, there will be a discussion and talkback with Jordan and Greg. The afternoon program will conclude by 2:30 p.m.

As an added bonus for the day, we will learn and sing a new hymn, written by Jay Weaver, titled: "My Peace I Give You."

Mark your calendars. You will not want to miss these exciting events. We hope all of you will attend, regardless of your position on peace and justice issues.

--Peace Forum Planning Committee

SERVING THIS MONTH

GREETERS

7:40 AM Donna Wilson and Barb King
8:40 AM Grace and Stan Cox
8:40 AM Shirley and Calvin Wenger
9:50 AM Cindy and Bruce Shuman
9:50 AM Bonnie Frick and Jack Wilson
11:15 AM David and Donna Hernandez
Judi and Bob Hess greeted in January

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Bob Barber Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Jay Wenger Donald Brenner Scott Brubaker
Joan Miley Marvin Harnish Paul Herr
Carol Kramer Dick Kramer

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45-10:15 A.M.

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VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
John Zimmerman – 396-9724

ACOLYTES

Week 1: Drew Smith
Week 2: Grant Turkki
Week 3: Andrew Lines
Week 4: Eric Snyder

HOW TO GET PUBLISHED!

If you are interested in submitting an article or letter, here's how to do it!

1. The deadline is the 10th of every month.
2. If submissions are emailed, the deadline is the 11th. ***Electronically submitted is best!***
3. Email to **both** the editor and the church office for safety. csgraham618@comcast.net
4. Please do not extensively format emailed submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. No bullet points, graphics, etc. An attached file must be in a *Word* document.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention Peggy Bush, **NOT** to the editor's home.
6. Use the newsletter folder in the office to submit any written or typed submissions.

ATTENDANCE

Dec. 19	407
Dec. 26	265
Jan. 2	348
Jan. 9	324
Jan. 16	319

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Did you make any resolutions for the New Year?

Resolutions, according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, involve “being resolute,” which is “characterized by firmness or determination; pursuing a fixed purpose; unwavering.”

Many times our new year’s resolutions involve something we intend to do or not do. For instance, we resolve to eat healthier food and/or exercise more regularly. These are good goals, which often go by the wayside fairly quickly. Many resolutions focus on the self—what I will do for me.

While the calendar year is still young, I invite you to consider a new resolution focused on the good of others. Why not resolve to show kindness to one person each day? That action may take many forms, limited only by our love, our sensitivity to others, and our imagination.

In I John 4:7 NRSV we read: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

Many of us have blessings for which we are thankful. Why not consider being a blessing to one person each and every day? Ask God to help you see others as God sees them, the needs of others as God sees them.

Let us transform the world by doing our part in showing love and kindness to one person each day. What if every member and attendee of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren put that kind of love into action on a daily basis? Persons within and outside of the church might well say, “See how they love one another.” That was what happened in the surrounding community as people of the first century church lived their faith.

Let us be determined, then, to show kindness to one person every day. Blessed are we who do this, and they who are the recipients of love.

-Pastor Rill

Snow Cancellation Policy— Sunday worship services will almost always be held for those who can come. Cancellations will be extremely rare. Listen to radio stations DSAC (94.5 FM), WARM (103 FM), WLAN (ss1390 AM), WROZ (101 FM), or call the Prayer Line at 397-1888. In the event that Manheim Township cancels school or has an early dismissal or delay for weather reasons, all church activities will be cancelled. The church office will also be delayed or closed depending on whether the district is delayed or closed.

In 2010, LCOB adopted a new statement of Basic Beliefs and Core Values. The featured Beliefs and Values for this month are:

Peace and Justice (Matt. 5:9; 5:43-48)

-Love your neighbor

Service to others (Matt. 25:31-46)

-Seeing Christ in others

LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

VISION STATEMENT

To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.

GOALS

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



Thank you to the church family for prayers, cards, conversations and gifts of food following my surgery. It made the recuperation much easier.

Gladys Hylton

Dear Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of Church World Service. We were honored this year by your financial support and encouraged by your concern for refugees.

Warm wishes for the holidays,

Laura Beltle

Church World Service Refugee Program

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and calls during Jim's recent hospitalization. Thank you also to Pastor Rill and Calvin Wenger for their visits. A special thank you to the prayer group and the Deacon Commission for their concern. We appreciate all of you!

Jim and Mary Fahnestock

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and thank you to Calvin Wenger for his visits during my hospital stay. Also, I really appreciated the Christmas Carolers at my house.

Sherry Wiggins

Dear Lancaster Church,

My mother Inez Long, along with my wife Barbara, sister Kathy, and several folks from Crosskeys Village, very much appreciated the beautiful Starlight concert on Sunday evening, January 9. We are glad that at age 93 she could again see some of her long-time friends. Thanks also to those who have kept in touch with her over the years. Best wishes to all.

Sincerely, David W. Long

LUCK OF THE DRAW!

Did you ever stop to consider the fact that you had nothing to do with the family into which you were born? You could have been born in a family where "one in every six people lives on less than a dollar a day" ("Making Poverty History," a Church World Service publication). Those of us who were lucky enough to be born into families here in the USA are very blessed, and with those blessings come responsibilities.

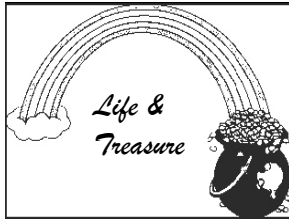
A church in our district a few years ago held a special Thanksgiving meal for its members. It was hosted by the youth, and the members were expecting a traditional Thanksgiving feast. What they saw was quite a surprise and a chance to experience how most of the world lives.

It was set-up as a **World Table**. Members were given numbers when they arrived, directing them to the proper table. The entire event was done in silence. The "first world" table was so full of food that it was difficult to find room for the dinner plates. The "second world" table had less food and more people. There were other tables, including the final table set for the really poor. That was by far the largest group. That table had three legs, no chairs, no dinner plates, no silverware, and only a small loaf of bread and water.

The dinner ended with the first world folks (voluntarily) sharing their food with the others, including the very poor. Following the meal, the youth and a few adult leaders led a time of discussion about what they had experienced. One person observed that it was the worst and best Thanksgiving of his life!

Our table is the "luck of the draw." Are we willing to learn what it means to be poor, and to give our time and money to help make a difference? Our congregation has been working at this faithfully though our 2-Cents-a-Meal offerings, food for the Food Bank, the school uniforms, blankets, meals, winter coats, Health Kits, and much more! Thank you!

-Hunger and Poverty Team



Start the New Year off in Freedom

When Jesus rose from the dead, He said something interesting to His disciples, "Whatever sins you forgive will be forgiven. Whatever sins you retain will be retained."

When we retain something, it means we hold on to it. I believe one thing God is saying in this passage is that when we hold on to the wrongs that people have done, when we retain their sin, it not only contaminates us, but that sin is like a seed. It can actually produce in us exactly what they are.

In other words, when you don't forgive, it's easy to become what you hate.

One thing I know for sure - God is a just God. I don't know what may have happened to you or how long it will take to make the wrongs right, but God promises to restore what the enemy has stolen. It doesn't matter how badly you've been hurt or how wrong the other person was, if you will turn it over to God, He will settle your cases.

Why don't you choose to live this New Year in freedom by choosing forgiveness? Let God settle your cases. He has your best interest at heart, and when you forgive others, God will forgive you.

John 20:23 (NIV, ©2010)

²³ *If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.*"

from Joel & Victoria Osteen's Dec 31, 2010 blog
<http://www.joelosteen.com/HopeForToday/> . . .SMT



LIBRARY LINES

So, have you all started increasing your reading of books from the Library as was suggested in the last Newsletter?? We hope so and we hope to see you continuing to check out books.

Now we have another idea for you - February will be our annual "give away" in the Library! On the large table you will find many books that have been removed -- to make room for new books! These books are available for you to take home to keep or pass along to friends! They will be on display during February, so don't miss this opportunity to add to your personal library!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CHANGE FOR PEACE CONTINUES

Change for Peace offerings will be received during all services on February 13. We will conclude this special offering on the day of our Peace Forum, March 20. *Change for Peace* encourages us to pray daily for peace and contribute our pocket change to peaceful causes. 1/3 of the contributions will go to support the work of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness, 1/3 will go to Bridge of Hope and 1/3 will support the ongoing work of On Earth Peace in its ministries of nonviolence, peace and justice. Labels to mark your *Change for Peace* jar are available in the Heritage Center and Gathering Place.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP

On behalf of our Iraqi refugees, Omar, Rajaa, Safa and Ibrahim, please accept a great big "Thank You" for your generosity at Christmas time and throughout the year. Your contributions to the LCOB "Refugee Fund" have enabled them to stay afloat in this time of financial hardship. Omar has still not found a job, despite many attempts. Safa is doing quite well in first grade at Buchanan Elementary School, and Ibrahim is a very healthy 10-month-old. Rajaa is trying to be optimistic, but both she and Omar will be relieved when he finds a real job. A very generous friend of the church is providing a rent-free home, but she cannot continue to do that much longer. Any suggestions and/or offering to help Omar find a job will be greatly appreciated.

Chuck and Gloria Denlinger



PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH

Power down that PC! The U.S. Department of Energy suggests turning off the computer monitor if unused for more than 20 minutes and turning off both the monitor and the central processing unit if it will be idle for more than two hours. In addition, plug your computer equipment and accessories into a power strip/surge protector. Turn off the strip to prevent the equipment from using power even when turned off, something called "phantom load." Lastly, the Department of Energy says saving energy with ENERGY STAR computers or monitors will only work if you activate the power management features on that equipment.

CLIMBERS' CORNER



February meeting
7:00 pm February 11, 2011
Room 170 at the Church.

Our speaker will be Carol Fanelli, founder and president of 'We're All God's Children'. She will show a DVD of the 2010 trip to Africa and the 2009 Trip to North Dakota. Please make plans to attend.

THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

will be held at the Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren on Saturday, March 12 from 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. April Hershey, Superintendent of Warwick School District and active in the praise band and choir at Ephrata COB. April's topic will be "For Such a Time as This" based on the book of Esther. Watch for further details in weekly bulletins and church bulletin boards.

WHO CAN GO TO CAMP SWATARA IN THE WINTER?

1st -6th graders can experience Camp Swatara in the winter for a wonderful weekend or overnight stay.

5th-6th graders - March 4-6

Theme: Let's Get together

4th-5th graders - March 11-13

Theme: a New Song

1st-2nd graders-March 18-19 (overnight)

Theme: Wonder-Full

Invite your friends and sign up to enjoy a fun-filled weekend. Our church will pay half of the fee with a Good-as-Gold certificate available at the church office. Brochures are on the Camp Swatara bulletin board. Any questions? Call Donna Lunger 464-4966.

STARLIGHT TEA CONCERT SERIES

On Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., the Starlight Tea Concert Series is proud to present **Sarah Daughtrey, mezzo-soprano** in concert. Dr. Daughtrey is Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Vocal Studies at Elizabethtown College. She received the DM degree in Vocal Performance and Literature from the prestigious Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, a BA in Vocal Performance from Austin Peay State University, and pursued graduate studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she was a Knoxville Opera Company Apprentice performing in the Educational Outreach program. With UT Opera Theatre, she performed several roles, including Ottavia in Monteverdi's *The Coronation of Poppea*. While at IU, she was privileged to perform as the Student/Singer in a staged version of Argento's song cycle *From the Diary of Virginia Woolf* under the direction of acclaimed baritone Håkan Hagegård with the composer in attendance.

An active soloist and recitalist, Dr. Daughtrey's performances include alto soloist for several works, including Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra on the Notre Dame University campus, the Mozart *Requiem* at Lebanon Valley College, and both the Bach *St. John Passion*, and a concert of vocal works by Heinrich Schütz with *Music! Gettysburg* at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to bring your friends to hear an evening of beautiful song!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS			
1	Elaine Snyder	13	Charles Armstrong
	Clyde Angle		Morgan Husted
	Bob Meily	14	Bob Hopple
2	Owen Stout	17	Judith Breidenstine
3	Sherry Kreider		Christa Shulenberger
4	Heather Baker		Kelsey Murray
	Emily Wenger	18	Mark Snyder
	Deldonna Forrest	19	Reba Horst
	Linda Hopple	22	Gladys Hylton
6	Charlotte Garman		Jenny Elmeier
	Ralph Martin		Loretta Kreider
7	Richard Bowser		Peg Thomas
8	Megan Eldredge	24	Mary Ellen DeWitt
11	Bretta Illig		Penny Kettering
12	Grace Glasmire	25	Virginia Herr
		28	Tim Kreider
			Jean Hosler
			Bob Gish

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2011

The following classes are open to everyone. All are invited.

Even though these groups are "ongoing," they are always looking for new members!

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Sunday Mornings

The Chapel Bible Study Group, led by Calvin Wenger and John Snader, meets in the Chapel. They are currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In February they will be continuing their study of the Gospel of *John*.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussions in a variety of topics. In February, **Jay Weaver** will lead the class in a study of **Jim Wallis'** book, *The Call to Conversion: Why Faith is Always Personal but Never Private*. The topics planned, subject to change, are:

Feb. 6 – Chap. 1: *The Call*; Chap. 2: *The Betrayal*

Feb. 13 – Chap. 3: *The Injustice*

Feb. 20 – Chap. 4: *The Peril*; Chap. 5: *The Vision*

Feb. 27 – Chap. 6: *The Root*; Chap. 7: *The Victory*

In his book Wallis says, "The goal of Biblical conversion is not to save souls apart from history but to bring the Kingdom of God into the world with explosive force; it begins with individuals but is for the sake of the world." We will pursue the meaning of conversion both for the individual and for the church, and try to learn how that can be applied to bringing in the Kingdom. We will pursue what that means to the church today and to our congregation in particular.

This group likes to start early, about 8:55 a.m., so plan to arrive on time.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In February they will be continue their discussion of the "Corporate Disciplines" as outlined in Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Disciplines*. Although the group is small, they welcome anyone interested in joining their discussions.

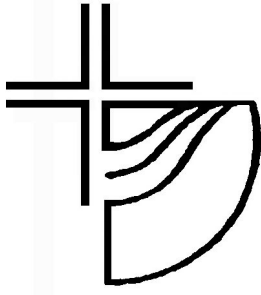
The Nesters Bible Study Group, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith through Bible study. In February the class will continue their study of Corinthians using a study guide. No materials are required, but you are encouraged to bring your Bible. Discussions are casual and leisurely, and anyone is free to join in at any point. Contact Todd Bookman at bookert@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Various Times

The young adult group "J.U.M.P." (Jesus, use me please!) meets at various times. They've been gathering once or twice a month in homes for a meal or going out to lunch after church. For details, contact Megan Eldredge via email at megan.eldredge@gmail.com or call her at 717-250-6713.

6:30 Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Live is an evening of fellowship and leaning. A simple meal is served at 5:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Classes on a variety of topics are offered at 6:30 a.m. Watch for news from the WNL leadership.



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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICES**

- 8:00 a.m. Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Family Life Center
- 10:15 a.m. Family Life Center
- 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Maranatha

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

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