



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

March, 2011

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

WNL dinners and classes will run through March 30, 2011. Children and youth will continue their time together. Adult classes, led by John Snader, are as follows:

- March 2 *Bestseller: The History of the Bible in One Hour*
- March 9 *Besides the Bible: The Five Books That Have Influenced Christianity*
- March 16 *A Boy, a Lost Sheep and Jars of Old Parchment: The story and value of the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- March 23 *Celluloid Faith: Five Films to Nourish Your Soul*
- March 30 *The Brethren Jesuit: How the Spiritual Exercises Can Enrich the Brethren*

John Snader will also lead a class entitled, Intro to Islam, in the future. The class was originally scheduled for January, 2011, but because of snow days and cancellation of WNL, it needed to be postponed until this coming fall. If you have any questions, please call Deb Chillas.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 16, 2011

A special Congregational Meeting was held after morning worship and a Spaghetti & Salad lunch served by the Youth on Sunday, January 16, 2011.

The Outreach Ministry Team and the Stewardship Ministry, together, presented the Towel & Basin Service Award for outstanding and devoted service to Christ and the Church to Cindy Shuman. Cindy had just completed six years as Church Clerk, serving as secretary to the Congregational Meetings, Church Board and Executive Committee.

The congregation overwhelmingly approved:

- the ordination of Jennifer Hess to the Christian ministry;
- the licensing of Judith Breidenstine to the Christian ministry;
- and the calling of Lorraine Dotterer to serve as a Deacon.

Also approved was the distribution of \$4,850.00 from the Outreach & Scholarship Endowment: \$1,000 to Curtis Dehney for continuing education; \$1,925 to Bridge of Hope; and \$1,925 to the Alpha & Omega Family Life Center.

The next scheduled Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, 2011.

Jay V. Wenger Assistant Moderator

PEACE FORUM MARCH 20, 2011

Jordan Blevins Greg Lazakovits
Morning Worship
Soup & Salad
TalkBack

SHRECKHISE RETIREMENT DINNER

March 26 at 4:00 p.m. – Dinner and Recognition for Pastor Shreckhise – You are invited to dinner and a time of recognition in honor of our retiring Pastor Shreckhise. Celebrate with the larger church a life dedicated to over 40 years in the Christian ministry and 12 years as Associate Pastor here at LCOB. There will be a gathering at 4:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship with Richard, wife Pat and the family followed by dinner and a program of recognition at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this event, kindly RSVP to the church office: 397-4751 by March 4. Kindly give your name and the number of persons attending with you.

On Sunday, March 27, Richard will be preaching his last sermons as Pastor at LCOB during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Morning Psalm worship services. You are invited to be in attendance for this as well.

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.

SERVING THIS MONTH

GREETERS

7:40 AM Audrey and John Martin
8:40 AM Burnetta and Galen Graham
8:40 AM Dee and John Zimmerman
9:50 AM Deb, Jeff and Karly Shultz
9:50 AM Barb and Russ Morrow
11:15 AM Nancy and Joe Buckwalter

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Jay Enders Don King

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Ken Harnish James Bridgeman
Jere Bridgeman Jon Bridgeman Linda Harnish
George Murray John Vesser Pat Vesser

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

LaRue Helm

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Bob Gish – 560-6767

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

Jan. 23	304
Jan. 30	323
Feb. 6	311
Feb, 13	363
Feb. 20	383

DIRECTORY CHANGES- PLEASE NOTE



Please mark the following email address changes in your new directory:

Bob Mackey: mroby53@gmail.com

Giny Mackey: giny3511@gmail.com

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Biology, economics and science all concur: to stop changing is to die. The question, then, is not shall we change, but how will we change?

I am entering a time of change called retirement. I look forward to signs of emerging changes in what God might do in such changes. How will ministry unfold in the coming years? How will this new experience change and enhance relationships? I do not believe the best is behind me. God is always working at something new in our lives. Indeed, I celebrate the past and all the blessing of good friends, family and ministry experiences. They will ever be treasured.

Perhaps Pat and I will learn new ways of partnering in this unexplored time in our lives. New experiences lie on the horizon for us to open ourselves to.

What lies ahead is opportunity and growth. How we embrace the changes will determine how fruitful our lives will be.

The same is true for the church. Churches that embrace changes are alive, vibrant and full of hope. In the years I have served the LCOB, I have seen dreams become realities of ministry. Many have heard a call to ministry and taken on new ministries in the church and out in the community. The call has led some to licensed and ordained ministry. All the responses to God's call are signs of God's care of our congregation. People are still dreaming and responding to God's call which means new experiences lie on the horizon and what lies ahead are great opportunities and growth. Embrace them with joy and encouragement and see them as signs of the Spirit of God moving in our midst.

One of the most exciting things about the church is how God will use us in the future as we transition into a church oriented more toward God's mission for us.

Many of the pieces are in place for our church to take deeper risks in serving our Lord Jesus through serving the least of these. Church structure is important to support and encourage our people to live the mission of Christ.

Thank you for your ministry to Pat and I over the years. We express our love and prayers for the church here on Sunset Avenue. We are hopeful and expectant of what God will do in this time of transition and change.

-Pastor Shreckhise

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

Discipleship and Evangelism (Matt. 28:18-20)
-Calling and making disciples

Family Values (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:31-33)
-Marriage is a sacred commitment

Forgiveness (Matt. 18:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:16-21)
-We all fail and miss the mark

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

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Dick and I would like to thank all our church community for the prayers, visits, cards and food during the past year. 2010 was a challenging year, first Dick then me. Your caring brought comfort and encouragement. A special thanks to Pastor Shreckhise and Rev. Wenger for their visits and Calls. Dick and Peggy Bates.

At the Congregational Business Meeting in January, I was completely shocked, deeply moved, and very humbled to receive the Towel and Basin recognition from the Stewardship and Hospitality Ministry Teams. Thank you for bestowing this honor on me. It was a privilege to be able to serve the congregation in this capacity. I would also like to thank all of you who provided words of encouragement and helped to inspire me along the way.

Sincerely, Cindy Shuman

Dear Lancaster Church of the Brethren, Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and especially for being so thoughtful. A special thanks to the prayer group for their concerns in my recovery, and a special thanks to Pastor Shreckhise for all his calls.

Rena Ross

I would like to thank the many members of the congregation for their prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Pastors Rill and Shreckhise and to Calvin Wenger for their visits and prayers.

Sincerely,
Judi Peffley

Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, cards, visits, and calls. Being present for the sermon, organ music, choir and prayer breakfast is such an important part of my life. I have missed all of you.

Thelma Weaver



LIBRARY LINES

A very interesting and informative new book has been placed in our Church Library which may be of special interest to Lancaster County residents and to members of the Church of the Brethren. The book is entitled "Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites" by Donald B. Kraybill. Kraybill has spent his career among Anabaptist groups gaining a comprehensive understanding of these traditionally private people. This book is an overview of the beliefs and cultural practices of these societies. The book covers 200 different twenty-first century Anabaptist groups in North America which trace their roots and inspiration back to the Anabaptist Movement in Europe during the 16th century Protestant Reformation. No other single volume provides such a broad overview. It is a must-have read and reference for anyone interested in Anabaptist groups. You will find it on the shelf in the Gathering Place.

Reviewer: Romaine Lefever



PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –

Install a programmable thermostat to keep your house comfortably warm in the winter and comfortably cool in the summer.

MESSENGER RENEWALS DUE

Subscriptions to our Church Magazine, *Messenger*, will expire for most members in April. The deadline to submit renewals is Sunday, March 6. Detailed information was placed in your Church mailbox. Our *Messenger* Representatives are Ken and Linda Harnish. They will be in the Gathering Place between worship services until March 6 if you have any questions. Inspiration, information, connection – these are the heart and soul of *Messenger* magazine, the thread that binds our Brethren family. All members receive a \$3.00 discount off the regular individual price, \$14.50 for a one year subscription or \$27.00 for a two year subscription is a bargain for an annual subscription to any magazine, especially a high-quality publication that links people with the news, views, stories, and happenings of their denomination.

BOOK REVIEW

THE NAKED ANABAPTIST, BY STUART MURRAY

The sub-title of Murray's book is "The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith." Thus, the name of the book. When all of the cultural distortions are stripped away, one is able to see the real (naked) Anabaptist.

Stuart Murray, chair of the *Anabaptist Network* in London, holds a PhD in Anabaptist Hermeneutics. Murray has no background in Anabaptism. He discovered this faith through his reading, and observes that he has embraced the beliefs of Anabaptism without ever knowing it. Anabaptism, he writes, is coming alive in many parts of the world for people who have no historical connection to this 500 year old belief system.

Murray offers seven "core convictions" about the historic Anabaptists, and believes these are truths needed in today's world. Anabaptists, he notes, have been wary of creedal statements because they say too little. Creeds tend to focus on beliefs. The Anabaptists sought to follow Jesus. Jesus devoted most of his teaching to behavior.

Core Convictions (pages 45-46)

1. "Jesus is our example, teacher, friend, redeemer, and Lord." "We are committed to following Jesus as well as worshipping" in his name.

2. "Jesus is the focal point of God's revelation. We are committed to a Jesus-centered approach to the Bible, and to the community of faith as the primary context in which we read the Bible and discern and apply its implications for discipleship."

3. Christendom dominated the world since the days of Emperor Constantine (4th century). When Christianity became the official religion of the empire, it "seriously distorted the gospel, marginalized Jesus, and has left churches ill equipped for mission in the post-Christendom culture." Christendom, as seen in the rapid decline of "mainline churches," is irrelevant to those who are searching for the Jesus of the New Testament.

4. Christendom has been associated with "status, wealth, and force," and those qualities are "inappropriate for followers of Jesus and damage our witness. We are committed to exploring ways of being good news to the poor, powerless, and persecuted." Such a commitment may "attract opposition, resulting in suffering and sometimes ultimately martyrdom."

5. "Churches are called to be committed communities of discipleship and mission, places of friendship, mutual accountability, and multivoiced worship. We are committed to nurturing and developing such churches in which young and old are valued, leadership is consultative, roles are related to gifts rather than gender, and baptism is for believers."

6. "Spirituality and economics are interconnected." Followers of Jesus are committed to "finding ways of living simply, sharing generously, caring for creation, and working for justice."

7. "Peace is at the heart of the gospel." We live in a divided and violent world, and followers of Jesus are "committed to finding non-violent alternatives. . . ."

Reviewer's Comments

The Church of the Brethren has deep roots in Anabaptism, reaching back as far as Alexander Mack, the first minister of the German Baptist Brethren in 1708. The main body of the German Baptist Brethren took the name Church of the Brethren in 1908. It is very interesting that people quite apart from our heritage are enlightened by truths that we perhaps take for granted, or worse, have allowed to become corrupted by our modern, consumer-driven life-style.

Reviewer: Allen T. Hansell

A REVOLUTION BORN OF HUNGER

This was the title of an article by Joel Brinkley, *Intelligencer Journal*, Feb. 4, 2011. Brinkley believes that the unrest in Egypt and other nations in the Middle East is caused by food shortages. "The United Nations office that monitors global food supplies announced last month that world prices of rice, wheat, sugar, barley and meat have reached record levels and will probably continue to rise in the months ahead." "Late last month, the World Bank warned that Yemen was 'particularly vulnerable' to food-price shocks because the country is desperately poor and imports most of its food." The same food-shock is felt in Egypt, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Kenya, and in many other countries. Why?

Speculators in the U.S. and other wealthy countries have driven up shares in the commodity market in recent months. "After hearing about poor wheat crops in Russia and the Ukraine last August, speculators drove the wheat price up by 80 percent."

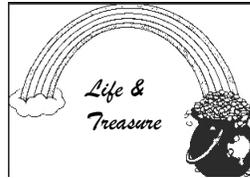
"At the same time, when gasoline prices are high . . . demand for ethanol increases. Ethanol is made from corn, and Washington offers subsidies for corn's use as fuel. The U.S. is the world's largest corn producer, but now 40 percent of the crop is converted into ethanol. As a result, corn prices have risen by 66 percent."

It's all very depressing. The poor get hurt over and over and few seem to care. Is there any wonder Jesus devoted the majority of his teachings to the plight of the poor? Perhaps there is little that we can do; however, when we feed one hungry person, we have done a great deal for that person/family. Let us once again read Matthew 25:31-46, and pray that we will find ways to help make a difference in an impoverished, unjust, and hungry world.

Hunger and Poverty Group

YOUTH IN 30-HOUR FAMINE

On April 8-9 our youth will be participating in the 30-Hour Famine. In short, the 30-Hour Famine is an effort towards raising money and awareness for the hungry in the world. The youth will raise funds and fast from eating for 30 Hours. For more information, check out 30hourfamine.org. Look for upcoming opportunities to donate. Please write checks to "LCOB." THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



A SINGLE MOM'S GROCERY MONEY

Nancy was a single mother with young children. Her ex-husband sent her only a small amount of grocery money every week – so small it couldn't even feed 1 person, much less her family of 4. But Nancy decided to begin giving to God from her little bit of grocery money and trust Him to provide.

Shortly after, she got a job with a cookbook company. The company paid Nancy to go grocery shopping and prepare meals so they could take photographs for their cookbooks. When they were done taking pictures, Nancy could keep the food she had purchased and prepared.

Isn't that an amazing story of God's goodness? Nancy learned that even if you're poor, you still need to learn to give from whatever you have.

This is a true story in a series of radio spots by Brian Kluth of www.GiveWithJoy.org . . . SMT

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH?

We recognize these as gifts that the wise men brought to baby Jesus. These were items of considerable value and significance.

Gold is precious and worthy across all cultures and times. It's a gift fit for royalty. It says to the Christ child, You will be a King.

Frankincense has been touted for its medicinal and soothing properties. Ancient people burned frankincense, believing it to carry their prayers to heaven.

Myrrh was used in incense, perfumes and holy ointments and also medicinally. But its most notable use was that of an embalming material, used in Egyptian mummies. As an embalming ointment it signified that He was born to die for the world. In fact, Myrrh was one of the burial spices of Jesus (John 19:39)

Gifts of value are still being brought today to be used for the work of Jesus. During our pledge campaign in November, a gift of gold coins and jewelry was contributed. These gifts were sold and resulted in a sizable contribution to LCOB's 2011 Plan of Ministry.

Stewardship Ministry Team thanks the anonymous donor and makes note that most gifts of value are welcomed to assist in the work of ministry. . . . SMT

TOWEL & BASIN SERVANT RECOGNITION



Following the youth's spaghetti lunch on January 16 we celebrated the recognition of a person who has set for us an example of service for Christ and His kingdom. This person has been chosen because we admire her walk with our Lord. And we have every confidence that she will continue to be a great example for us all to follow.

This recognition does not diminish the significant service of countless numbers of our members and friends, but rather it reminds us that in serving one another we build up the body of Christ.

We read in Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV, ©2010)

²³ *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*
²⁴ *since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

The Apostle Paul was known for his heart-felt words of appreciation for the faithful members in the many churches he started. Paul knew that the heart of every congregation is filled with dedicated people who give unselfishly of their time, talent, and resources.

For many of us, the service of this person may seem unapparent - almost invisible. Yet this person's work for the past six years has had a significant and profound impact not only on our ministries, but also on the spiritual depth and professionalism of LCOB's administration. It doesn't take long to notice this person's faith. She is committed to Christ Jesus and the church, and this quality enhances and enriches all her other qualities.

By conservative estimate, this person has attended, recorded, and documented 144 church administration meetings over the past six years. She served from 2005 to 2010 as Secretary for Church Board, Secretary for Executive Committee, Secretary for Congregational Meeting, and as an Officer of the Church. It's anyone's guess the number of hours she committed to her service - but surely her husband, Bruce, might have an idea..

If you haven't guessed by now, we are acknowledging **Cindy Shuman** as recipient of the Towel & Basin Servant Recognition for her humble and unselfish example of Christ-like service to our community of faith.

Towel & Basin Servant Recognition is a joint effort of the 'Hospitality Ministry Team' and the 'Stewardship Ministry Team'. Will you join us in gratitude for her inspiring example of Christian servanthood?

We are challenged by the words of "The Servant Song" (written by Richard Gillard; ©1977 Scripture In Song) - #307 in our hymnal.

*Will you let me be your servant;
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are trav-ellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*



CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Camp Swatara is **NOT** just for kids. There are lots of learning opportunities for all ages from a bird watching weekend in May to a trip to Acadia National Park, Maine in September. Week-long camps for children start June 12th. The theme is **Got Spirit?** which will focus on our deep hunger to know the presence of God. **Good as Gold certificates**, which pay for ½ of your fee, are available from the church office.

Volunteer positions are also available for ages 16 and older for being grandparents, counselors, nurses, cooks, housekeepers, and directors.

New campers and their families can come to the **Spring Open House April 10** to check out the facilities and programs. This is free of charge but registration is encouraged.

Family Camping and day camping is available throughout the spring, summer and fall in the Family Camping Center.

May 20th -22nd is **Spring Bird Watchers Weekend**

September 3rd Benefit Auction

September 9th -18th – **Acadia National Park**, Bar Harbor, ME
For information, call Donna Lunger 464-4966, see the bulletin board on the lower level across from the elevator or visit the Camp Swatara website : <http://www.campswatara.org>

Camp Swatara's Outdoor Cathedral is getting a facelift and you can help. **Mason Byers**, one of our youth, is restoring the outdoor cathedral as his Eagle Scout Project. In May, he, other scouts, and volunteers will be painting benches, adding landscaping, refurbishing wiring, etc. What he needs help with is money to cover materials, volunteers, and donated materials. If you would like to help in this worthwhile project, please send your donation to Camp Swatara or contact Mason (390-2725 or mdlbyers@gmail.com) about volunteering or materials you could donate. Any extra funds will be donated back to the camp. Thanks for helping our youth!

Camp Swatara - Cathedral Project
2905 Camp Swatara Road,
Bethel, PA 19507-9554

CAMPUS/YOUNG ADULT MINISTER POSITION

As a representative on the United Campus Ministry Board for Lancaster COB, I wanted to share the following information:

We are seeking a full-time Campus/Young Adult Minister in cooperation with United Campus Ministry at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, First United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist Church and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Primary responsibility is with students at Millersville University and other young adults in the wider Millersville community. Position description and other information can be found at: www.christiansopenminded.com Deadline for applications is March 21, 2011.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please be sure to share the above information.

For those of you who do not know, we donate to this organization through our Plan of Ministry.

Thank you!

Curtis Dehmey

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Ann Horning | 17 | Bill Glasmire |
| 3 | Doug Rohrer | | Bob Mackey |
| 5 | Corey Betz | | Gene Mummau |
| | Grace Doerrer | 18 | Grace Cox |
| | Darlene Creighton | 19 | Rachel Salamh |
| | Gary Horning | | Paige Snyder |
| | Anna Brandt | 20 | Wendy Young |
| 7 | Tyler Shuman | | Julia Kyle |
| 8 | Ross Deihm | 21 | Joan Miley |
| | Danielle Shulenberg | | Eric Shulenberg |
| | Ricky Reynolds | 22 | Susan Johnson |
| 9 | Sue Lines | | Lauren Young |
| | Mark Hollinger | | Pat Wolf |
| 10 | Earl Williams | | Brian Horning |
| 11 | Burnell Kreider | | Billie Forsha |
| | Herb Frey | 23 | Howard Groff |
| 12 | Donna Lunger | | Lisa Miley |
| | Stephanie Schaudel | 25 | Bryan Miley |
| 13 | Harold Benedict | | Keith Hummel |
| | Heather Metzger | 27 | John Groff |
| 15 | Robin Baker | | Doris Bridgeman |
| | Kaitlyn Heck | 28 | Fern Bucher |
| | Glenn Nace | | Dana Shirk |
| 16 | Betty Mayers | 29 | Alex Bookman |
| | Susan Miley | 30 | Helen Thatcher |
| | | 31 | Josef Kinderwater |
| | | | Tim Dunbar |
| | | | Doris Reynolds |

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

March 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 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 March they will be concluding their study of the Gospel of *John*, and possibly beginning the book of *Acts*.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussions in a variety of topics. The topics planned for March are:

Mar. 6 – Discussion of best-selling author Tom Friedman's book, *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, led by **Suzanne Schaudel**.

Mar. 13 – Continued discussion of *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, led by **Suzanne Schaudel**.

Mar. 20 – *Peace Forum*, led by **Jordan Blevins**, On Earth Peace's Board of Directors and Young Adult Steering Committee. Graduate of Bridgewater College, American University and Wesley Theological Seminary.

March 27-April 10 – Discussions of the new book, *Decision-Making and Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way*, led by author **Nancy Bieber**, Quaker psychologist, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Nancy is on the teaching staff of Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development and teaches courses on prayer at Lancaster Seminary. She will focus on "the practice of attending to the wise and loving Spirit whose wisdom far exceeds our own."

Mar. 27 – Beginning with a "Yes."

April 3 – God Deals With What is Real.

April 10 – Learning to Walk; Learning to Wait.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In March they will be discussing views of peace using two chapters from Shane Clairborne's book, *The Irresistible Revolution*. 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. 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 learning. A simple meal is served at 5:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Classes on a variety of topics are offered at 6:30 p.m. Watch for news from the WNL leadership.

LCOB WELCOMES TWO GUEST CHOIRS IN MARCH!



HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR VISITING SINGERS!

Music lovers will have two reasons to rejoice in March with concerts by two superb ensembles in our sanctuary!

On **Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Starlight Tea series welcomes the **Juniata College Concert Choir**. As the premier off-campus choral ensemble, the Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Russ Shelley, tours in the spring semester focusing on historical sacred music spanning five centuries and several cultures. Composed of 50 students from the College, the auditioned members of the Concert Choir come from several academic disciplines available at Juniata. Recent choral department tours include Germany (2003), Ireland (2003), Croatia/Slovenia (2004), Brazil (2005), Poland/ Belarus/Russia (2005), Mexico (2006), Trinidad (2007), Appalachia, USA (2008), and France (2009). This fine choir is not to be missed!

Then on **Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.**, we are hosting **The Singing Men of Ohio**. There is nothing like a fine group of men's voices! Under the direction of Dr. Peter Jarjisian, The Singing Men of Ohio is a choral ensemble of undergraduate and graduate students drawn from all majors of the institution. Established as both a performing ensemble within the School of Music as well as a student organization that sponsors service projects and social activities, The Singing Men of Ohio enjoy a unique blend of professional training in music with opportunities for creative expression in the spirit of fraternity. Guided by its motto, "Unity Through Harmony", the chorus has toured much of the country and even overseas advancing its mission of bringing men's choral singing and its rich traditions to an ever-widening audience.

Please plan to attend both these concerts, and please see the related article concerning home stays for these fine musicians!

As noted in a related article, we are hosting two fine choirs in March. Many of you have opened your homes to visiting college choirs in the past, and can attest to how much fun it is! The students that participate in these touring choirs are the cream of the crop!

We need host families for the Juniata College Concert Choir on **Saturday, March 5**, and for the Singing Men of Ohio on **Thursday, March 24**. Your duties would include picking up your guests after the concert, perhaps offering them a snack, giving them a place to sleep and breakfast the following morning, and returning them to the church. If you can help with one or both of these events, please contact Director of Music Emery DeWitt at 717-468-3558, or via email at emery.dewitt@gmail.com.

SPRING FORUM GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Charles Marsh, Prof. of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia who has done extensive research on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, will be the guest speaker at the Spring Forum of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness on Sunday afternoon, March 20, at 3:00 in Fondersmith Auditorium of Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke Street in Lancaster.

Marsh's topic will be *The Meaning of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Contemporary American Christianity*. Bonhoeffer was a prominent German theologian and dissident during the 1930's who was put to death in a Nazi concentration camp in 1945.

Please plan to make a day of it by coming to hear Dr. Marsh speak after the Peace Forum at LCOB concludes that afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING SOCIAL

The annual Women's Fellowship Spring Social will take place on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the FLC. A brunch will be served for the price of \$5.00. Tickets will be on sale each Sunday in March in the Gathering Place and the Heritage Center.

The featured speaker/dramatist for the affair will be Lu Ann Wise. She will explore the various challenges women face in order to live each day with joy and contentment. Her presentation will include seven "joy robbers" and seven "joy enhancers" that destroy and/or foster peace, joy and contentment on a daily basis. "Enjoying This Journey Called Life" is a call to remain focused on Jesus throughout our daily lives. By doing so, women will discover one of life's greatest treasures.

Lu Ann Wise has been married to her husband Mike for 26 years. They have two sons. One is a freshman in college at Penn Tech and the other is a junior at Manheim Central High School. After staying at home with her boys for 14 years, Lu Ann returned to the teaching field in health and physical education at Manheim Central. Lu Ann is a respected speaker, dramatist, and teacher with a heart for women's ministry. She is actively involved with New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Church of the Brethren which currently meets at the Brickerville Fire Company.

Myrl Greiner will serve as M.C. for the event. Additional Women's Fellowship Committee members are: Milly Bomberger, Fern Bucher, Amy Hollinger, Linda Hopple, Lynne Shively, and Mary Swisher.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Lu Ann's inspiring presentation on April 2 at 10:30 a.m.

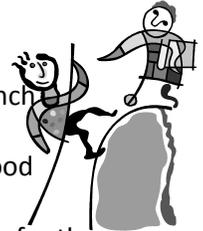
CLIMBERS' CORNER

On Sunday, March 13, we will gather for Brunch at Loxleys at 11:45 a.m..

Don't miss this time of fun, fellowship and good food!

Please bring canned vegetables and/or coffee for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank.

We look forward to seeing you then.



BV EASTER CANDY SALE

Friday, April 15

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Wolfe Auditorium.

Homemade Easter Eggs, Opera Fudge, Peanut Butter Cups, Lollipops, Diabetic Candy, Pretzel Bark, Almond Bark, Dipped Fruit, or your favorite kinds of candy are needed for the annual BV Easter Candy Sale. MAKE SURE THE CANDY IS LABELED. Drop off your donation at the Office of Volunteer Services the week of the sale. Also, YOU can help make this a successful fundraiser by purchasing YOUR Easter candy, \$4.00 per ½ lb. For more details, call

Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121.

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RAINBOW CRUISE

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011

Time: Boarding at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: Served at 6:00 p.m.

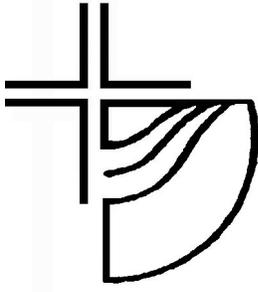
Donation: \$25 – adults; \$15 children (12 yrs. & under)

Includes: Four-Star Dining and Live Entertainment

Tickets Available: March 6 at the Gathering Place or

call Cindy Harmes at 569-5277. Limited seating.





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

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and
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GOALS

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

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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.

The deadline for the April issue
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