



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

April, 2011

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On Maundy Thursday, April 21st we will gather in the Family Life Center for Love Feast and Communion to remember and enact the events and lessons of Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room. Examining our relationship with our Lord and with each other precedes eating the agape meal, feet washing, and bread and cup communion.

Then, immediately following Love Feast and Communion is the Tenebrae Service. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows." The purpose of the service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. We start that service in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are Scripture readings, plus a white Christ candle. After each Scripture passage is read a candle is extinguished, until only the Christ candle remains. Then, after the last scripture passage is read the Christ candle is put out, leaving us in total darkness—a powerful experience, reminding us of the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. At this point the service ends. There is no benediction and, after the lights are turned up enough for us to see, the people leave in silence.

On Good Friday, April 22nd you are invited to the Chapel to remember the death of Jesus on the cross. From 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. there will be a quiet time for personal meditation and prayers. From 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. David Hosler will lead a service of Readings, Worship, and Prayers in the Chapel.

On Easter Sunday, April 24th you are invited to begin your Easter Celebration with a delicious breakfast at 7:00 a.m. in Rooms 162-163, made by the Nace family.



On Easter Sunday, all services will experience the joy of Easter through music! Both the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Traditional services will be held in the Sanctuary, and the Chancel Choir will be present in both services. The anthem will be a stunning arrangement of the great Easter hymn *The Strife is O'er*, arranged by composer Hal H. Hopson. In the 10:15 service, the Carillon Bell Choir will ring a new arrangement of *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* by Cynthia Dobrinski. And as always, organist Margaret Marsch will provide stunning Easter music on the organ, including Charles Marie Widor's much-beloved *Toccata* from his *Organ Symphony No. 5*.

Continuing a long tradition at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, the Traditional services will be concluded with the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus* from George Frederick Handel's great oratorio, *Messiah*. Any member of the congregation can join the choir in this heartfelt celebration – we will have plenty of copies of the music available!

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday, April 17th

Immediately after the 10:15 a.m. services

Lunch will be served, (hotdogs, chips, fruit and drink), followed by the egg hunt. Bring your camera to capture the kids hunting for eggs in their Sunday best! Don't forget your child's basket!

For more information and to RSVP, please contact April Curran by April 13th at 293-0446 or aprilcurran254@comcast.net

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

SERVING THIS MONTH

GREETERS

7:40 AM Carol and John Graham
8:40 AM Loretta and Burnell Kreider
8:40 AM Linda and Ken Harnish
9:50 AM Jean and Dave Hosler
9:50 AM Pat and Tom Wolf
11:15 AM Joyce and Rich Bohn

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Jere Tankesley Terry Hostetter

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Ben Greenawalt Bev Angle Clyde Angle
Stan Cox Bill Evans Lois Hansell
John Herr Barry Nyman

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

Jean Deihm

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Clyde Angle – 581-5721

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

Feb. 27 362
Mar. 6 322
Mar. 13 353
Mar. 20 338

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When Mary Ellen and I first came to Lancaster Church of the Brethren, I was fond of saying, "I'm the newest Brethren in the room!" We had been long-time members of the United Methodist Church before coming to LCOB, but it became obvious to us very quickly that the Church of the Brethren was a good fit for us, and we joined soon after I became Director of Music in July, 2004.

Almost seven years later, I am no longer always the newest Brethren in the room, but I still often feel like a "newbie" compared to friends who grew up with Brethren traditions. Nevertheless, I was recently asked to contribute an article to our upcoming congregational book on Brethren beliefs and traditions. I found the process of researching and just thinking about it very rewarding. I don't want to give too much away – the book will be available late this year! But I will say that I am looking forward to reading the rest of it. My tiny part helped me realize the deep worth of our denomination and our fellowship.

I have sort of an odd story to illustrate what I mean. Once, when flying to visit Mississippi relatives, we had a layover in Cincinnati. After we had boarded the plane, a boisterous group of hunters boarded, and they were loudly laughing about their missing companion. Believe it or not, his name was Bubba – perfectly completing the redneck stereotype! Bubba had gotten separated from the group and was in danger of missing the flight. But as the friends were joking about Bubba, the hunter who had settled next to me said quietly to himself, "Well, if he don't get on, I'll get off so he don't have to wait alone."

Do you see? In the midst of some raucous fun, he exhibited the trait of CARING. And to me, that is the core of the Brethren tradition. Some churches focus on pomp and ceremony, some on strict doctrine, some on praise and some on politics, but the Brethren seem to always focus on the care that the world needs so desperately. Here's a great example: recently, when the congregation was asked to help support building in earthquake-torn Haiti, we raised nearly \$19,000 in one week! There are many, many examples in our congregation of people extending themselves with offerings of time, money, prayer and all the other types of caring that Christ calls us to extend as witness to His grace.

I am so deeply grateful for the grace that brought us here, and for the example of the members of this congregation. As we strive to grow and serve together, may our CARING be a light to each other and to the world!

Emery DeWitt

TRANSITIONS

We express our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Carr. Elizabeth passed away on March 10.

We express our sympathy to the family of Arlene Moore. Arlene passed away on March 11.

In 2010, LCOB adopted a new statement of Basic Beliefs and Core Values.

The featured Beliefs and Values for this month are:

Love Feast

Matthew 26:20-29; John 13:1-17

Agape Meal, Feet-washing, Eucharist

Salvation

Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-10

We are justified by faith

LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

VISION STATEMENT

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

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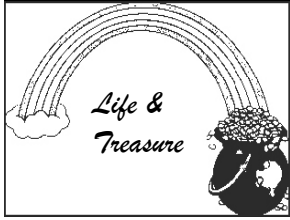
To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.

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 NEWS



YOUNG GIRL HELPS BUY MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CAMP FOR \$1.00

John Bechtel, a missionary in Hong Kong, wanted to start a Christian camp to reach people for Christ. A bankrupt multimillion-dollar hotel and conference center became available for sale. He made an offer to purchase the property and then traveled around the world to raise the millions he would need. But no one was willing to help and he returned to Hong Kong discouraged.

Then one day he got a letter from a young girl that included \$1 and a note saying she wanted him to use this to buy the camp. John Bechtel prayed and took the girl's \$1 to the real estate closing and the corporation decided to accept the \$1 as full payment!

Since its inception in 1971, over one and a half million people have experienced the evangelistic program and over 130,000 of them have indicated a decision to accept Christ.

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

CHURCH PROPERTY SPRING CLEAN UP AND MULCHING EXTRAVAGANZA

Do you have an unfulfilled urge to garden? Have you moved into a no maintenance home and wish you could feel the earth beneath your fingertips again? Would you like to expose your family to the fun of interacting with others for the common good of the wonderful property we have at 1601 Sunset Ave and appreciate parts of the property you have never explored or noticed? Are you tired of cleaning up your own yard? Please join the property ministry team's annual spring clean up and mulching team on Saturday May 7th from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Bring a willing spirit, your favorite gardening gloves, tools, wheelbarrows, etc. Everyone always has a good time! We really need your help.

Property Ministry Team

LORD, YOU'RE MORE THAN ENOUGH

Proverbs 3:5-6 (New Living Translation)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

do not depend on your own understanding.

6 Seek his will in all you do,

and he will show you which path to take.

Every day we can allow the Lord to take control of our lives or we can choose to retain certain areas of our life. We all know that the best course of action is to surrender all to the God of the universe and trust that He knows what is best for us.

If we surrender to God's wisdom, we find that many of the bad decisions we used to make start to diminish. To read His word and seek His will is better than staying in the familiar patterns of our own understanding. This is how HE will show us which path to take.

And *one day*, we will rejoice saying "Lord, You are more than enough for me . . ." Lyrics to Reuben Morgan's song, *One Day*, say it well . .

*More than I could hope or dream of
You have poured Your favor on me
One day in the House of God is
Better than a Thousand days in the world*

*So blessed I can't contain it
So much, I've got to give it away
Your love taught me to live now
You are more than enough for me*

Lord, You're more than enough for me

(Reflection from Plan of Ministry pledge campaign) . . . SMT



PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –

Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems can waste electricity if they aren't properly maintained. Change filters and have your unit serviced on a regular basis.



LIBRARY LINES

Happy Spring to everyone! You will find some new books in the Gathering Place this month and we hope you will check them out to read. One Featured Book this month is: *Little Princes; One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*, by Conor Grennan.

Conor was initially reluctant to volunteer, unsure whether he had the skill or enough passion to get involved in a developing country in the middle of a civil war. But when he met the herd of rambunctious, resilient children they challenged and rewarded him in a way he had never imagined. When he learned the unthinkable truth about their situation he was stunned: the children were not orphans at all. Child traffickers were promising families in remote villages protection for their children from the civil war--for a huge fee - by taking them to safety. They would then abandon the children in the chaos of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu.

For Connor, this becomes a commitment to reunite the children with their families, but this was no small task. He risked his life on a journey through the mountains of Nepal, facing the dangers of a bloody civil war.

This is a true story of families and children, and what one person is capable of when faced with seemingly insurmountable odds. This book is a testament to the power of faith and the ability of love to carry us beyond our wildest expectations.

Theresa Herr

The Featured Series this month is *The Firstborn Series* by Karen Kingsbury-currently America's best selling inspirational author. Her writing brings Christianity into our everyday life so that we can relate to the characters in her books. They make us laugh, cry, and they fill our hearts with a love that can only be God touching our hearts and souls. The four books in the *Firstborn Series* take us into the lives of the Baxter family and present a story of hope, healing, and God's divine leading even in the face of impossible circumstances. God has truly used Karen Kingsbury to touch many lives.

The books are 1) "Fame", 2) "Forgiven", 3) "Found", 4) "Family". Look for them in our library!

Beverly Angle

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Matthew Harnish	16	Justin Shertzer
	Romaine Lefever	17	Mark Harnish
	Aidain Buckwalter	18	Linda Husted
3	April Curran		Bill McKinney
	Kyle Shaffer		Mackenzie Metzger
	LaRue Helm	19	Clemens Rosenberger
4	John Hagen		Guy Wampler
5	Jack Smith	20	Jay Rhoades
6	Suzanne Kline		Arlene Moore
	Marissa Nace		Jay Weaver
8	Warren Evans	21	Jon Bridgeman
10	Alexander Nye	22	Mary Weaver
	Ray Frace		Christopher Holsinger
11	Steve Polansky		Esther Hartman
12	Suzanne Schaudel		Christina S. Miller
13	Blair Breidenstine	23	Joyce Marks
	Pat Young		Jay Enders
14	Jillian Graham	25	Jeff Breidenstine
Schmidt		26	Adelynn Noelle Yunginger
	April Ditzler		Jack Forsha
		27	Eleanor Stambaugh
		29	Shirley Rowe
		30	Jere Bridgeman
			Joshua Kreider
			Kate Rill



THE BRETHREN VILLAGE
EASTER CANDY SALE
 Friday, April 15
 Wolfe Auditorium
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Homemade Easter eggs, opera fudge, peanut butter cups, lollipops, diabetic candy, pretzel bark, almond bark, dipped fruit, or your favorite kind of candy are needed for this event. **Make sure your candy is labeled.** Drop off your donation at the Office of Volunteer Services the week of the sale. You can also help make this a successful fundraiser by purchasing your Easter candy, \$4.00 for a half-pound. Contact Marilyn Hummel, 295-9121, for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School, June 26-30, 6:15-8:15 p.m. nightly, for children age 3 through grade 5! Watch for more information coming next month.

KIDS NIGHT

Saturday, April 23

Longing for an Adult night out on the town? Here's your chance! Drop off your kids in the Family Life Center for a night of fun activities while you enjoy some time for yourself.

4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Family Life Center
Children ages 3 years – 6th Grade

Theme: Outer Space

The night will be packed with activities including a moon bounce, crafts, and lots of fun games! A hot dog dinner will be provided. There is no fee. However, if you are able, a small donation would be appreciated. Please contact Lisa Miley or Jodi Yingling by Sunday, April 17 with your R.S.V.P. Friends are welcome too!

Lisa: 656-7936 or lisa@deandesign.com

Jodi: 495-2520 or jodiyinpa@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND CLEANUP

Please check the top of the filing cabinet in the office workroom for lost and found items. **All items not claimed by April 15 will be donated to the church yard sale** happening on April 16. Thank you!

STARLIGHT TEA PRESENTS HERSHEY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE APRIL 30!

On **Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm** the Starlight Tea Concert Series is proud to present the **Hershey Handbell Ensemble**. The Ensemble is an auditioned community handbell group formed in 2004 and based in south-central Pennsylvania. The fourteen-member group, under the direction of Shawn Gingrich, performs on seven-octaves of Malmark handbells, handchimes, and assorted other instruments. The ensemble was formed to fulfill the need for an auditioned community ensemble comprised of persons able to play advanced literature, interested in advancing the art of handbell ringing through education and performance, and interested in uniting people through this musical art. The Ensemble has published two compact disc recordings, which are available via their Website: www.HersheyHandbellEnsemble.org.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free with a free-will offering taken. Please join us in supporting this fine group as they present the art of bells!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

April is the month for the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. We have scheduled our road cleanup for Saturday April 30th. We will be participating by cleaning our designated area along Oregon Pike that day. We need your help! We meet at the church at 8:30am and it usually takes about 1 1/2 hours to complete. This is a service project that can be done as a family. Your children must be at least 10 years old to participate. It is recommended you wear long pants and work boots or sneakers. Gloves and vests will be provided. Please join us on April 30th. Contact Scott Hufford if you have any questions.



RAINBOW CRUISE

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011

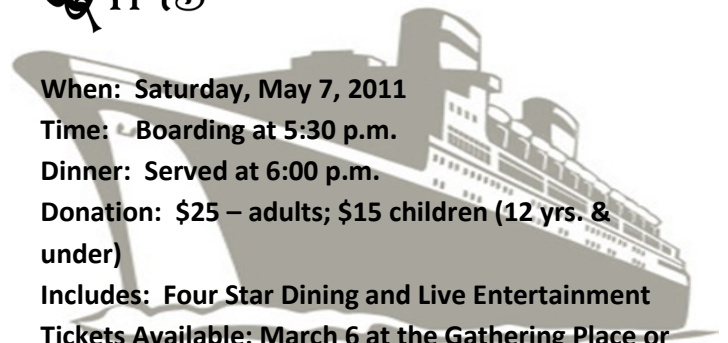
Time: Boarding at 5:30 p.m.

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.



HOMEBUILDERS EVENT

The Homebuilders will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. in rooms 162-3. There will be a presentation by Mark Cunningham, Executive Director of COBYS.

Mark your calendars now!

THE HYGIENE KIT SERVICE PROJECT

will take place on Sunday, June 12, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship services. Please plan to help assemble hygiene kits for The Brethren Service Center. We also need funds to purchase supplies. **Make checks payable to LCOB, write "Hygiene Kits" on your check and envelope and place it in the offering plate.** If you have any questions, please contact Keith or Marilyn Hummel at: 295-9121.

CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Got Spirit? is the theme for Camp Swatara summer camps. Campers will explore ways to connect with God every day. Sign up your child before May 20th for a fun-filled, spiritual week in the woods. Camps are available for campers K-12th grade.

Volunteer positions are also available for those wanting to give of their time and talents.

A **Spring Open House April 10th** is for new campers and their families to see what the camp has to offer. This day is free, but registration is encouraged.

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

September 3rd Benefit Auction

September 9th – 18th – Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME

Family Camping and Day Camp is available throughout the spring, summer, and fall in the Family Camping Center.

Good as Gold certificates, which pay for ½ of your fee, are available from the church office.

For more information, check out the Camp Swatara Website : <http://www.campswatara.org>, the bulletin board on the lower level across from the elevator, or call Donna Lunger 464-4966

SENIOR ADULT DAY AT CAMP SWATARA – JUNE 8, 2011

Schedule

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Registration, coffee and pastries

10:00-10:30 a.m. – Announcements and Devotions

10:30- 11:30 a.m. – “Music Delight”

H. William Moyer and Keynote Presentation

12:00 noon – Dinner (\$10) – Pay at the door

1:00-2:00 p.m. Options:

Presentation by Irv and Nancy Heishman who have just returned from a 7-year mission in the Dominican Republic

Presentation by Donald R. Brown on “The Study of Postcards”

Van tour of camp property

Walk, play miniature golf, borrow binoculars and watch birds

2:30 p.m. – Depart for home

The deadline to register is May 20. Call Camp Swatara at (717) 933-8510 and give the number attending with your party.

CLIMBERS' CORNER



We will meet on Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 at Church in Room 162-163. John and Theresa Herr will present an "Almost Perfect Program", titled "1 to 9 + 30" ! Don't miss this interesting, enjoyable evening!!! Remember to bring items for the LCCC Food Bank; facial tissues, paper towels, and/or toilet tissues.

LANCASTER AREA SENIOR ADULT SPRING FELLOWSHIP

April 14 at noon at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. The “Harmonizers” from LVBH will be the featured entertainment. Sign up immediately in the Gathering Place or see Grace Cox.

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE



If you are interested in traveling to the 2011 National Older Adult Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC on one of the two Atlantic Northeast District buses this September (Sunday 9/4 through Saturday 9/10), please contact Bill Puffenberger at: (717) 367-7021 or email him at: wvpuff@comcast.net for more details. One Elite Coach will depart from Brethren Village (hosted by Earl and Vivian Ziegler) and the other (hosted by Bill and Kitty Puffenberger) will depart from Spring Creek Church of the Brethren in Hershey.

Information and specific pricing details will be mailed out to all interested parties. If you have traveled with us in 2008 or 2009, and your address has not changed, you will automatically be sent all of the information for travel, registration, lodging, and meals as soon as it become available.

If this is your first time attending N.O.A.C., or if you have any questions or health concerns about your ability to travel with the group, or you are a single traveler and need to find a roommate, **contact Bill or Kitty Puffenberger to sign-up and/or to get more information.**

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

April 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

NOTE: On Easter Sunday, April 24, there will be no regular adult Sunday School Classes. Instead, everyone is invited to the Gathering Place for fellowship and refreshments.

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 April they will be studying 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.

March 27-April 10 – Discussions of her 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.

April 17 – April "surprise" guest speaker

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In April they will begin studying the book of *Mark* using a Bible study program from Yale Divinity School. The class begins with a short video presentation on a specific chapter of *Mark*, followed by group discussion.

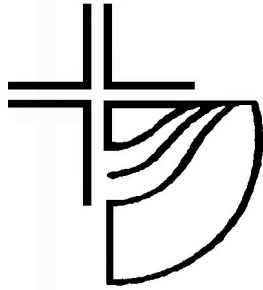
The Nesters Bible Study Group, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith. In April they will be using a DVD video study, *On Being a Good Samaritan*, with discussion afterward. Discussions are casual and leisurely, and anyone is free to join in at any point. Contact Todd Bookman at bookert@gmail.com 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. Megan is looking for some leadership help.

6:30 Wednesday Evenings

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