



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

June, 2011

INC PLANS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT SEBEST FAMILY

Have you heard of the new group at our church called *INC*? *INC* stands for *Into the Neighborhood Committee*. Current members of this committee are David Hosler, Theresa & Hank Herr, Kathryn Riegen, Jeff Rill, Suzanne Schaudel and Calvin Wenger, chairperson. Some of the goals of *INC* are to get to know our neighborhood better, to respond to the needs of the community and to coordinate projects with area churches.

Our first big project is to try to raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to help the Jim Sebest family in securing a "standing wheelchair" for Jim who suffered a catastrophic swimming accident in August 2010 leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down. A standing wheelchair will allow Jim to get himself into a standing position without the need for three adults to lend assistance. It will help with his circulation and general health more than a normal motorized wheelchair can do. Unfortunately, the health insurance company is resisting this request for a standing wheelchair. This is where the need for fundraising comes in.

Many of you will remember the Sebest family who worshiped with us in the past and still considers the LCOB as their church. The Sebests live on Louise Avenue in the Grandview Heights area. As Jim has been in hospitals and rehab centers since the accident last summer, his wife Andi and their two children are anxiously awaiting his return home very soon.

Our congregation, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran, Grandview United Methodist and Rossmere Mennonite are coordinating this project to bring the community together for the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser that will take place in our FLC on Saturday, June 4 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. We are planning a delicious meal, music entertainment, games for children and a festival atmosphere for this event. All proceeds will go to the NTAF – the National Transplant Assistance and Catastrophic Injury Fund, which is handling all of Jim Sebest's special medical needs. Please tell your family and friends, invite your neighbors and plan to attend the Spaghetti Dinner on June 4. Checks should be made out to *NTAF Mid-Atlantic Spinal Cord Injury Fund* with *Jim Sebest* in the memo.

PANDAMANIA AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 26-June 30, 6:15-8:15 pm

Hey, kids! A wild adventure for you is just around the corner. At PandaMania you'll discover that God is wild about you! Children age 3 (accompanied by an adult) through grade 5, come join us for a Vacation Bible School adventure from June 26-30, 6:15-8:15 nightly. Experience Bible stories, crazy crafts, treetop treats, bamboo blast games and a rowdy wrap-up of singing. Look for registration forms throughout the church or contact Madelynn Riedel (569-7626) for more information.



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 Linda and Guy Wampler
8:40 AM Lenny Lambert
8:40 AM Dee and John Zimmerman
9:50 AM Janet and Paul Groff
9:50 AM Linda Adsitt and Ben Greenawalt
11:15 AM Shirley and Clyde Wenger

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Bob Barber Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*John Groff Zachary Baughman Rich Bohn
Marvin Harnish Ray Leckrone Ed Riegen
Calvin Wenger Shirley Wenger

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

Juanita Lunger

ACOLYTES

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

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Shirley Gish – 898-7876

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

April 17	441
April 24	538
May 1	353
May 8	356
May 15	405

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*From
the
Pastor's
Desk*

Pentecost is also known as the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10), the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16), and the Day of the First Fruits (Numbers 28:26). “Jewish tradition held that the Law was given on this day.”ⁱ It is a one-day celebration held on the fiftieth day after Passover. Pentecost falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter, ten days after Ascension Day and commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Christian Church.

Pentecost has also been called “Whitsunday,” short for White Sunday, due to the tradition of clothing the newly baptized in white baptismal robes on Whitsunday.

According to Acts 2 the Holy Spirit came upon one hundred and twenty disciples who were gathered in Jerusalem to observe Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit confirmed God’s acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian church and was responsible for the rapid growth of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire.

Luke, the writer of both the Gospel according to Luke and the book of Acts, “sees the Christian community as...Spirit led, and Spirit empowered.”

June 12th is Pentecost Sunday this year. And, as is our practice here at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, we celebrate Pentecost with the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the New Testament Greek word which means “give thanks.” After Jesus gave thanks, he blessed and broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then “took the cup also,...saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.’”

“All who are in love and fellowship in the family of God, who do truly and earnestly repent of our sins, who humbly put our trust in Christ, and who desire his help that we might walk in newness of life, are invited to draw near to God and receive this holy communion” for the renewal of faith and commitment to following Jesus.

Jeffrey B. Bell

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books, New Revised Standard Version (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), p. 162^{NT}.
Stephen L. Harris, The New Testament: A Student’s Introduction, 5th ed. (McGraw-Hill, 2006), p. 193.
I Corinthians 11:23-26, NRSV.
For All Who Minister: A Worship Manual for the Church of the Brethren (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 1993), pp. 233-234.

Congratulations to Jamie and Troy Nace on the birth of their daughter, Ella. Ella was born on Monday, May 16.

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

The featured Belief and Value for this month are:

Anointing (James 5:13-16)

The prayer of faith will save the sick

**LANCASTER CHURCH
OF
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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

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CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and good wishes following my recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Jeff Rill for the anointing service he performed prior to my surgery and to Calvin Wenger for his visits and phone calls. Linda and I feel fortunate to have such a caring church family.

Bob Hopple

Cruise volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers behind the scenes -- food preparation, dish washers, servers, dining room hostess, set up/teardown, reservations, set design, decorations, audio/lighting -- and the talented performers who helped to make the Rainbow Cruise a success.

You're the best!

Carole Deck

BRETHREN VILLAGE NEWS

An Evening of Melody at Brethren Village's Wolfe Auditorium

Saturday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening of music provided by musicians from area churches. This year, Lenny Lambert, Matt Shenk, Tristan Turkki and Jeanne Heck will be participating. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Brethren Village's Auxiliary Projects.

Brethren Village
Key Person for LCOB, Marilyn Hummel



PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –

June PMT Energy Tip – If you are still using an old toilet save the flushes. Put a plastic bottle full of water in your tank.

SUCCESSFUL MAIDEN VOYAGE FOR RAINBOW CRUISE

From the moment you boarded the Rainbow Cruise through the artistically designed entrance, you knew it was going to be an evening to remember. While not the typical dinner theatre that the L.C.O.B. Performing Arts achieved critical acclaim for, it was indeed, using director Carole Deck's words, "an extraordinary evening of entertainment."

Once again Deck showed her skill for writing a creative shipboard script to showcase extremely talented musicians (oboe, saxophone, piano) and singers with a delightful dash of comedy. The music performed from Broadway to Motown had a broad appeal for the 200 plus cruise guests. And the ballroom dance routine was a classic Deck comedy performance that we've come to enjoy and expect at an L.C.O.B. Performing Arts event.

Kudos to the chef for the delicious and different dining cuisine featuring Mandarin Chicken and wild rice. One question people keep asking is whether Deck has decided to resume doing dinner theatres again. We sure hope so!

[Note: Deck ended the dinner theatres in December 2009 after 25 productions and 13 years]

J.P. Singer (retired theatre reviewer)



LIBRARY LINES

Now is the time to plan for your summer reading - there are many good books in the Library to peruse as season approaches! If you like fiction- there are several shelves from which to choose - some are classics, others are new! Or, check the many shelves of the Biography and Autobiography lists.

If Brethren History intrigues you - we can supply you with books on that topic. Or world history?

And how about current events and concerns? Or books on Christianity as well as other religions? Or poetry? Women's Issues; Sports; Children's books - all are there for your enjoyment.

The Library is staffed on Sunday Mornings from 9:45 to 10:15 - we hope you will come in and check out some books.

The Library Committee.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



We realize that what we are accomplishing is a drop in the ocean. But if this drop were not in the ocean, it would be missed (Mother Teresa).

If you want happiness for an hour—take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day—go fishing.

If you want happiness for year—inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime—help someone else (Chinese Proverb).

--From *Random Acts of Kindness*

We continue to give much needed food to the Food Bank of the Lancaster County Council of Churches. You may bring food at any time and place it in one of the shopping carts in the Heritage Center or the Gathering Place. **The next Sunday morning presentation of food to the Food Bank will be June 12, our next Bread and Cup Communion.**

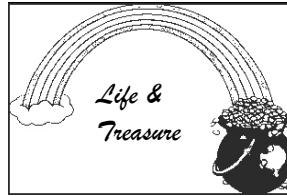
The Food Bank is in need of the following foods: rice, applesauce, canned meat, canned fruit, pork & beans, gravy, tomato sauce, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, salad dressing, jelly, ketchup, yams or sweet potatoes, salt, gelatin or pudding, elbow macaroni.

Hunger and Poverty Team

SANCTUARY ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

Much progress has been made on the console for our updated Sanctuary organ since January! The construction of the wooden case is under way, and the layout of the organ (including all the "draw knobs," "stop tabs," "pistons" and "toe studs" that control the various sounds) has been completed by the Walker Digital Organ Company, and reviewed by organist Margaret Marsch and Director of Music Emery DeWitt. Samples of the Sanctuary paint and stain colors have been given, so that the instrument will match our existing trim. We are well on the way for installation in July or August!

We continue to accept donations for the organ fund, with just under \$29,000 remaining for the contract amount. This amount is being "guaranteed" by the Livengood Endowment, but of course, we want to cover the expense as completely as possible to allow the Livengood funds to be available in future years. Thank you for your faithful giving to prepare our organ for the next 50 years!



PRACTICAL ADVICE ABOUT GIVING

by Rev. Brian Kluth

1. If you are NOT a Christian:

Don't worry about giving to God. Instead, realize and accept what God wants to give to you -- complete forgiveness, a brand new start, the power to be good and to do good for others, help for your problems, the ability to forgive, and a home in heaven. If you recognize your need for these things, pray and invite Jesus Christ to bring these things into your life.

2. For all Christians: Always make it a priority to faithfully support the work of your local church first. Then give special gifts and offerings to other Christian causes, projects, missions or the needy as God leads you.

3. If you're fearful about giving 10% or more of your income to the Lord, try a 90-day test: In Malachi 3:10 God invites people to "test Him" in the matter of tithing (giving the first 10% of your income to God's work). Therefore, I encourage people to try a 90-day test. Begin giving 10% of your income to the Lord's work and watch and see if God does not begin working in your life in ways you haven't previously experienced. If you regret that decision OR if you feel you never experienced God's divine help in your finances during this time period, then discontinue the test. However, if you experience God's help, joyfully continue giving 10% or more to the Lord's work.

..... to be continued

<http://www.givewithjoy.org/articles.htm> ... SMT

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OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE FOR THE BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

The Outreach Ministry Team would again like to commend our Congregation for your "Extravagant Generosity" in providing #32,600 to rebuild homes in Haiti. Those funds have been delivered to New Windsor and are on their way to help our Haitian brothers and sisters. The reports we receive from the Brethren Disaster Staff in Haiti are that the building project is going well and our gifts are very much appreciated and will help greatly in achieving the project goals.

Brethren Disaster Ministries continues to focus on Haiti long term recovery by partnering with several organizations, such as the Haitian Church of the Brethren, Global Mission Partnerships and IMA World Health which allows the transition from basic survival to long term recovery. This means the ongoing plan includes home construction as a primary focus, in addition to Health Care, agriculture, clean water sources and construction of a guesthouse in Croix des Bouquets. This guesthouse will serve as headquarters for the Haitian COB and will welcome volunteers and delegations from the US and other countries.

Because of the fact that Haiti was not a well developed country before the earthquake in 2010 it is different than many other disaster situations. Brethren Disaster Ministries and our partners have taken on a new kind of long term recovery. In addition to building and repairing homes this projects includes teaching agriculture, setting up education and health care systems, providing clean water sources so that the Haitian people can become a self sustainable country.

The BDM staff reminds us that many times relief efforts and the influx of money can often create problems in developing countries like Haiti. However by working through the Haitian COB their leadership has demonstrated increasing skills and understanding of accountability and responsibility that is required. We can rejoice in this emerging Church and how God is working through these leaders.

I recently received an update on the flooding and tornado situation in many areas closer to home. In response to flood damage in Tennessee in the spring of 2010 the Brethren Disaster Ministries opened a project in May near Ashland City, Tennessee. In this area 578 homes need assistance, including 41 homes destroyed and 76 homes needing major repair. A second site will open the first week of June in Brentwood, Tennessee. Many volunteers have already signed up for both these sites.

Pulaski County, Virginia, Raleigh, North Carolina and as far south as Alabama have all received severe tornado damage and the BDM staff are presently meeting with officials to determine what help we can provide. And yet to come will be the area along the Mississippi River Valley. As always, prayers of the Christian community for the victims and responders are needed, welcomed and appreciated.

Outreach Ministry Team
Dave Creighton

YOUTH NEWS

This summer the Youth of our congregation (both Junior High and Senior High) will be spending their Sunday School Hour in a local Café. (so local it is right in the church youth room). The Sunday School atmosphere will be transformed into "Refreshing Spirit Café" as we enjoy a deeper study of the Fruit of the Spirit. Each study will include a fruit snack (provided by generous parents or volunteers) and discussion. Volunteer Helpers are needed to serve as table waiters/waitresses (only need one per Sunday). **Helpers are welcome to share in the snack and enjoy the lesson (no teaching necessary).**

If you have a Serving Spirit and a Heart for Teens - consider contacting Linda Husted 393-7422 or Linda Byers 390-2725.

The Refreshing Spirit Café will be open Sunday's from 9:00 am to 10:00.

Kick Off Fruit Salad and Breakfast begins June 19. The following menu item will be featured each week:
June 26 - Strawberries of Love
July 3 - Peaceful Blueberries and Joyful Oranges
July 10 - Patience of Pineapple
July 17 - The Kindness of Cold Lemonade
July 24 - Grape-ful Goodness
July 31 - Watermelon of Faith
Aug. 7 - Gentleness of Cantaloupe
Aug. 21 - The Kiwi of Self-control

The Café will end with a Wrap-up on August 28.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Kathy Focht	22	Melissa Hufford
4	Shirley Martin		Cindy Harmes
5	Mark Weaver		David Truit
	Scott Hufford		Don King
	Paige Riegen		Tina Maerz
	George Harmes		Sofia Grace
7	Anna Heiber		Breidenstine-Valdes
8	Tracy Braksator		John David
9	Cathy Betz		Breidenstine-Valdes
	David Creighton	24	Curtis Dubble
	John Herr		Rodney Kline
	June Shulenberger		Gale Shirk
11	Giny Mackey	25	Mark Smith
	Jon Metzger	26	Betty Graham
	Sally Shenk		Marjorie Kauffman
12	Edna Shaiebly		Dorothy Shull
	Bill Evans		Jay Murray
	Brad Shulenberger	27	Pam Kinderwater
13	Jay V. Wenger		Mary Swisher
14	John Lines	28	Connor Snyder
15	Alison Buckwalter	29	Glenn Breidenstine
16	Lynn Shively		Linda Hershey
	Jerrold Smoker	30	Barb Kreider
	Galen Miley		Stacey Shafer
18	Bette Ruby		
19	Sue Groff		
20	Ray Heiber		
21	Jay Nace		
	Pat Wickersham		
	Ashley Kline		



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

June 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 June they will be continuing their study of 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. In the first two weeks of June they will focus on Christian relief efforts in Africa. In the second two weeks in June and the first two weeks of July, the class will hear Reflections from Retired Pastors.

June 5 – Bread for Life, presented by Dr. **Sue Heilman**, St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster. This program, begun in 2004, empowers women in Africa by helping to distribute and sell beautifully handcrafted jewelry made from recycled paper, as well as lip balm and soap made from organic shea butter, from shea nuts.

June 12 – David Radcliff, of *New Community Project*, will report on recent developments in South Sudan, one of the poorest nations in the world. He will report on his recent visit there and NCP projects supporting girls, women, and reforestation. He will also touch on challenges facing women around the world, one of NCP's focus areas.

June 19 – July 10. *Reflections from Retired Pastors:*

June 19 – Guy Wampler.

June 26 – Calvin Wenger.

July 3 – Don Hursh.

July 10 – Curtis Dubble.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. Plans for the summer months are uncertain at this time. For the latest details, contact Linda Husted at clhusted@aol.com.

The Nesters Bible Study Group meets in Room 170. In June they will study John Ortberg's, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*. From the students' guide, "Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting for you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying, thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called *Lord*. The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process." After viewing a DVD segment, the class will be devoted to open questions and discussion. Contact Todd Bookman at bookert@gmail.com if you have any questions. NOTE: The Nesters Class will not meet in July.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Bank Needs

The Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank is in need of the following items: rice, canned meat, pork & beans, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, jelly, yams or sweet potatoes, gelatin or pudding, elbow macaroni, applesauce, fruit, gravy, chicken broth, salad dressing, ketchup and salt.

HYGIENE KIT SERVICE PROJECT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Please remember the "Gifts of the Heart" Hygiene Kit Service Project for the Brethren Service Center. Your help is needed to purchase items for the kits. To contribute, make checks payable to LCOB, write "Hygiene Kits" on your check and envelope and place it in the

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP AUGUST 21-23

All women are invited to attend Women's Fellowship Camp August 21-23 at Camp Swatara. Amy Messler, currently pastor of the Waynesboro, PA COB is the speaker. Her theme is "A Woman's Hope Chest". There will be opportunities for worship, Bible study, hiking, swimming, water aerobics, crafts and other interest groups. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship, personal growth and renewal. Put it on your calendar now. More details will be available in July.

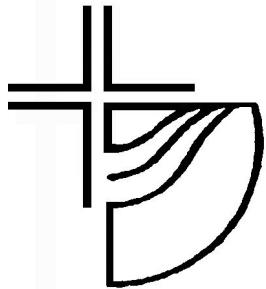
CLIMBERS' CORNER

Our event this month is to join the Hospitality Committee of the Church at the Barnstormers baseball game on Saturday, June 11. We will be served a wonderful buffet dinner from 6 - 8 PM and watch the game from a large suite. Enter on the far side of the entryway. If you do not already have tickets, contact George Harmes. The cost of the game and buffet is \$32. Please bring gift cards from Giant or Weis for the Drug Court Incentive Program.



WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

For years many of you have contributed money for the Christmas stockings for the handicapped residents of PAI (Partners Achieving Independence) who live in group homes. Today Bill and I collected the bags of empty stocking (to be refilled). Included were so many touching thank you notes. Until all these stockings are returned to the headquarters of PAI it is so far past the season that I have never mentioned it. However, I really should tell you that all the residents really look forward to and enjoy them very much. So thank you all sincerely for making this yearly much-appreciated event possible.
Grace Glasmire



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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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