

Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

August, 2011

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the support from our own congregation, Grandview United Methodist and St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran in addition to the larger community, we were able to raise more than \$34,000 to assist the Sebest Family with the ongoing needs of husband and father Jim. As you probably will recall, Jim Sebest was paralyzed as the result of a swimming accident in August 2010. For a short time in May, Jim was able to come home from the hospital but had to be readmitted due to infections and ongoing complications. Since then he has had surgery to remove kidney stones. Hopefully Jim will soon be released from the hospital and able to join his family at 1028 Louise Ave.

The spaghetti dinner fundraiser was planned by our church's *Into the Neighborhood Committee - INC* for short. The premise behind *INC* is that we can accomplish much more as a community than we can as a single congregation. The Sebest Fundraiser proves that point. With the support of other Grandview Heights churches and the broader community, we were able to double our efforts for the Sebests. Thanks to the many people of our congregation who helped to cook, set up, serve, do dishes, clean up and bake cakes. Thanks to Wendie Holsinger of ASK Foods in Palmyra for donating the spaghetti sauces, Turkey Hill Dairy for cold drinks, Willow Valley Bakery for Italian bread and other donations from the Riegens, Giant, Weis and Stauffers of Kissel Hill. June 4 was a great event for everyone involved. The Sebest family has expressed their sincere appreciation for the wonderful aid this fundraiser has provided them.

INC continues to plan other community activities. Some of the current ideas being considered are a community picnic, a film and discussion night in the fall and offering a Saturday evening worship service for the students of Stevens College of Technology. Please continue to support future *INC* activities. Just as with the spaghetti dinner fundraiser, we can accomplish so much when we work together.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

As high school seniors and juniors and their parents give consideration to college visits and applications, we encourage taking a look at the six colleges across the country that were originally founded by the Church of the Brethren. All offer various levels of financial aid for members of the Church of the Brethren. Additionally, Elizabethtown College has scholarship money available exclusively for a member of Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Contact David Hosler with questions.

Pennsylvania	<u>Elizabethtown College</u> and <u>Juniata College</u>
Virginia	<u>Bridgewater College</u>
Indiana	<u>Manchester College</u>
Kansas	<u>McPherson College</u>
California	<u>University of La Verne</u>

SUCCESSFUL PANDAMANIA VBS

It was a wild week of "PandaMania" at Vacation Bible School! Nearly 40 children heard Bible stories that came to life, prepared yummy snacks, got wet from water games, made keep-sake crafts and learned memorable songs that told of God's love. The week's offering of over \$215.00 was sent to COBYS to purchase Bibles for adopted children. With the generous help of 26 volunteers, this year's program was a success! We hope to see you next year for another grand Vacation Bible School.



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 Tracy and David Braksator
8:40 AM Pat Styer and Kate Kennedy
8:40 AM Bonnie Frick and Bill Evans
9:50 AM Carol and Terry Shearer
9:50 AM Doris and Jim Bridgeman
11:15 AM Jerry Smoker and Nancy Dotterer



CHURCH LIBRARY

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

Beverly Angle



ACOLYTES

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



ATTENDANCE

June 26	333
July 3	297
July 10	364
July 17	321

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USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Jere Tankesley Terry Hostetter

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

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

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Bill Evans - 560-5602



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.



Pastor Jeff Rill

From the Pastor's Desk

As I looked back over some of my writings for this column I noticed that the ones which touched me most deeply were the stories of or tributes to individuals who lived their faith in a way that inspired others.

People are the most important part of life. If it were not so, God would not have sent his only Son for us people, so that we can enjoy abundant life here and now and the promise of eternal life.

In this life it is so easy to get caught up in the busy-ness of life, with lists of things to do, that we do not take time for the important people in our lives.

May this summer be a time when we can make a deliberate choice to schedule some time with those important people in your life. You know who they are. There may never be a better time. Just do it!

Pastor Jeff Rill

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the bread and cup of kisses.

We must get your recipe for the bread!

It has been a joy to worship with you. We look forward to learning to know you better.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Judy & Steve Hain

TRANSITIONS

We express with deepest sympathy to the Mary Boyle family on her passing June 27, 2011.

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

The Body has many members

(1 Cor. 12:12-13)

No force in belief and practice.

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)

Lancaster Church of the Brethren – August, 2011 Calendar

Worship Services:

8:00 AM	Morning Worship	Chapel
9:00 AM	Sunday School hour	Various Locations
9:00 AM /10:15 AM	Morning Psalm Worship	Family Life Center
10:15 AM	Praise Kidz	Room 162-163
10:15 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 AM	Maranatha – Bilingual Worship	Upper Room

Monday, August 01, 2011

8:30AM	Room 162-3	TOPS
6:30PM	Room 170	Kitchen Committee
7:00PM	Room 221	TOPS

Tuesday, August 02, 2011

7:00PM	Work Room	Youth Oversight Team
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Wednesday, August 03, 2011

7:00AM	Room 162-3	Prayer Breakfast
5:00PM	Room 162-3	Praise Kidz Room Decorating

Saturday, August 06, 2011

12:00AM	FLC	Kids Night Out
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Monday, August 08, 2011

8:30AM	Room 162-3	TOPS
7:00PM	Room 221	TOPS

Tuesday, August 09, 2011

6:30PM	various locations	Ministry Team Meetings
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Wednesday, August 10, 2011

7:00AM	Room 162-3	Prayer Breakfast
5:00PM	Room 162-3	Praise Kidz Room Decorating

Saturday, August 13, 2011

6:00PM	FLC	Meet and Greet - potential Assoc. Pastor
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Sunday, August 14, 2011

11:30AM	Sanctuary	Special Congregational Business Meeting
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Monday, August 15, 2011

8:30AM	Room 162-3	TOPS
7:00PM	Room 221	TOPS

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

6:30PM	Room 162-3	Church Board Meeting
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Wednesday, August 17, 2011

7:00AM	Room 162-3	Prayer Breakfast
1:30PM	Room 162-3	Down Memory Lane Homebuilders
5:00PM	Room 162-3	Praise Kidz Room Decorating

Friday, August 19, 2011

12:00PM	Room 170	AARP Board Meeting
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Sunday, August 21, 2011

4:00PM	Stoner Park	Junior/Senior High Family Picnic
4:00 PM	Groff's farm	Choir Party

Monday, August 22, 2011

8:30AM Room 162-3 TOPS
7:00PM Room 221 TOPS

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

7:00AM Room 162-3 Prayer Breakfast
5:00PM Room 162-3 Praise Kidz Room Decorating

Saturday, August 27, 2011

7:00PM Sanctuary Starlight Tea - Musical Associates

Monday, August 29, 2011

8:30AM Room 162-3 TOPS
7:00PM Room 221 TOPS

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

7:00AM Room 162-3 Prayer Breakfast
5:00PM Room 162-3 Praise Kidz Room Decorating

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Dear Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

Inez Long, wife of Rev. John Long, a former pastor of the congregation, was moved from her cottage to the assisted living unit at Crosskeys Village Brethren Home in New Oxford, PA. Among other things, she sang in the church choir, taught Sunday School lessons, and wrote several books on Brethren leaders and the religious life. At age 93 and in increasingly failing health, she still likes brief visits, while preparing to bid this world farewell.

Best regards,
David and Barbara Long

Dear Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

I want to express my thanks to those who have kept me in their prayers, sent cards, brought food, and visited in person and over the phone during the difficult time of dealing with Vestibular Ocular Malfunction. I am making progress through physical therapy, but the progress is slow. It is a wonderful blessing to belong to such a wonderful, caring church family

Lois Hansell

PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –



Stop that dripping faucet. Sixty drips a minute will waste about 6,428 gallons of water per year, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

LIBRARY LINES



We have several additions to the Library again this month, so be sure to come and check them out - and we do mean "Check Them Out" - good reading is available for you.

Gene and Fern Bucher have

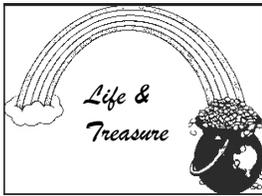
donated many of their books to the Library, so you will find many classic books available for checking out and reading.

Many of you have been asking about the book Curtis Dubble wrote - *My Life, Recollections & Reflections* - which has been missing from the Library. Thanks to Curtis, we now have another copy of this book, as well as another one of his writings - *Insights That Inform and Transform*. Both these books are gems of wisdom - helpful for all of us! So come and check them out - but, please, remember to return them promptly to the Library when you have finished reading them. This will assure that other people have a chance to read them.

Very soon we will be having another Library Give-Away month - Our shelves are crowded, so we like to share some of the older books with others!

Enjoy! Your Library Committee





Practical Advice about Giving

.. continued ..
by Rev. Brian Kluth

7. **If you are deciding whether to give off the gross or the net of your income:** Pray and ask God what He wants you to do. If He prompts you in your heart to give off the gross amount, go ahead and do this, trusting Him with the results. If you don't have a peace about this, begin giving 10% off the net amount for a few months and see what happens. After a few months, if you experience God's creative care in your life, then begin to give 10% or more off of your gross income.

8. **If you're wondering about how much to give to your church and how much to give to other places:** A good practice I have used is to give 10% of my main source of income to my local church (i.e. my main income goes to support the work of my main source of Christian fellowship and teaching). Then, I use 10% or more of all other incomes sources and unexpected blessings to help fund other Christian needs and opportunities that God brings into my life.

9. **If you have children at home:** Help your children set up a place where they can set aside "God's portion" of any money they receive (i.e., allowances, work projects, gifts of money, etc.). Have them give at church, to missions, and/or to help people in need.

10. **If you have "fallen behind" in your giving to God's work:** If you knowingly or accidentally have fallen behind in your giving to God's work, you will never regret the decision to "get right" in this area. Review your financial records from the past several months and pray about "making up" the amount you have fallen behind. One elderly lady in her 90's I heard about sent a tithe check to the church office with the note, "I want to be prayed up, paid up, and ready to go!"

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

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES BE AN ANGEL

Our July and August effort to purchase uniforms and school supplies for the School District of Lancaster is moving along nicely. Again, we remind everyone that the K-Mart of Fruitville Pike is the official outlet for uniforms in the Manheim Township. Other places sell uniforms, but they may not have the type needed in Lancaster. If you are unable or prefer not to shop for the uniforms, a money gift will be quite acceptable. Members of the Hunger and Poverty Group will do the shopping for you. Thanks for your caring support.



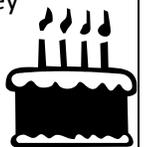
Hunger and Poverty Group

STOCKS – BONDS – MUTUAL FUNDS AS GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Members are again considering various investment securities as useful means for making gifts to the Church. Whether completing a commitment to one of the Church projects or giving to regular Plan of Ministry support, we are able to accommodate gifts of all types of securities or precious metals. Contact the Church Office or Assistant Treasurer David Hosler for information and an instruction sheet.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Bill Breidenstine	16	Todd Bookman
2	Adam Ferguson	18	Mark Forsha
	Donna Brubaker		Shirley Turner
	Jamie Nace	19	Alex Hughes
3	Mabel Umble		Craig Kinderwater
4	Carlos Schaudel	20	Fran Armstrong
6	Andrew Putt	21	Marian Snader
7	Ed Riegen	22	Susan Breidenstine
9	Lorraine Dotterer		Curtis Dehmey
	Kathryn Riegen	23	Keith Snyder
10	Wilma Garland	24	Pat Styer
11	Andrew Nye		Lisa Werner
12	Thelma Weaver	27	Ellen Snader
14	Linda Wampler	29	Millie Bomberger
15	Althea Wiggins		Ryan Forsha
	Jennifer Martin		Maxine Shallenberger
	Kevin Groff	30	Matthew Brubaker



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

August 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 August 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. Topics for August will be:

August 7 – *Reports from the 225th Annual COB Conference, at Grand Rapids MI*
by delegates **Suzanne Schaudel, Ellen Weaver, and Jay Wenger**.

August 14 – *Reports from Youth Workcamp in Lombard, Illinois*, by **our Senior High youth**, who worked with children who attend the York (Ill.) Community Resource Center.

The next four weeks will focus on *Concerns of and for the Senior Citizens in our midst*. Each guest will speak from authentic experience either ministering to senior citizens, or life at Brethren Village, or both.

August 21 – **Gary Clouser**, CEO of Brethren Village

August 28 – **David Fuchs**, Chief Physician for Brethren Village

Sept. 4 – **Mark Tedford**, Chaplain at Brethren Village.

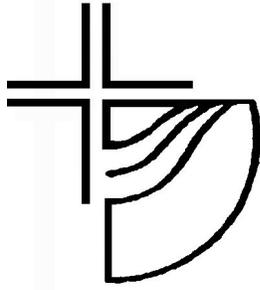
Sept. 11 – **Phil Carlos Archbold**, Resident of Brethren Village

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, and normally meeting in Pastor Rill's office, will not be meeting again until early September. For further details, contact Linda Husted at lhusted@aol.com.

The Nesters Bible Study Group meets in Room 170. In August they will resume their study of 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.

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 seeking others who would like to share leadership responsibilities for this group.



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