



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

August, 2010



THANKS TO THE ANGELS

It is a great joy watching the clothing and school supplies arrive each week at church for the homeless students of the School District of Lancaster. At the time of this writing (July 19), we have donated over 60 items of clothing (shirts, blouses, pants, etc.) and lots of traditional school supplies. **In addition, we have donated \$2,015.** A hearty thank you to all the Angels at LCOB!

Some of you have asked good questions about the homeless children. Who are they? Where do they live?

Well, they are children like those who live in our homes. They like to do all the things our children enjoy. They have hopes and dreams just like our kids. However, there is ONE BIG DIFFERENCE. There is no home they can call their own; no private space such as one's very own bedroom. Some of these children live in shelters; most move around to many different addresses during the year—living with relatives or friends, requiring them to attend several different schools within the city during the school year.

An aunt, for example, may take in a couple of nieces or nephews because she cares, but she can't afford to keep them for more than a few weeks. The kids move on to the next unfamiliar place. Some older students work part-time to pay for food, and actually live in abandoned houses and cars. There is no money for field trips and school pictures.

Many of these kids are quite creative, but, since there are so many strikes against them, some give up. Ken Marzinko, the facilitator of the homeless project, strongly believes that education is the escape route from this dehumanizing poverty. The uniforms we are donating will help to encourage them to stay in school. At least they can "look like" the kids who come from stable homes. --The Hunger and Poverty Group

*KIDS NIGHT OUT (*A.K.A. PARENTS NIGHT OUT)

Saturday, August 14

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.

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Children ages 3 years – 6th Grade

Theme: Outdoor Luau! (Rain or Shine) The night will be packed with activities including a Slip 'n' Slide, water games, and a moon bounce! **Each child should arrive in a swimsuit and be prepared to get wet!** (A towel and change of clothes is also recommended.) 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, August 8 with your R.S.V.P.

Friends are welcome too!

Lisa: 656-7936 or lisa@deandesign.com

Jodi: 495-2520 or jodiyinpa@gmail.com

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

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Jere Tankesley Terry Hostetter

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Mike Hess Darlene Creighton
David Creighton Shirley Gish Steve Holsinger
Robert Mackey Lin Moyer Jeff Putt

ACOLYTES

Week 1: Drew Smith
Week 2: Grant Turkki
Week 3: Andrew Lines
Week 4: Eric Snyder
Week 5: Cory Betz

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Bill Evans – 569-9359

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

ATTENDANCE

June 27	351
July 4	319
July 11	356
July 18	332

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 (csgraham618@comcast.net) and the church office (lancob@comcast.net) for safety. 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.
4. **Mail** any submissions to the church office, attention Peggy Bush, **NOT** to the editor's home.
5. Use the newsletter folder in the office to submit any written or typed submissions.

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Mary Ellen and I have just enjoyed a visit with an old friend: Rev. Wallace Chappell. Wally is an old friend in both meanings of the phrase – we have known him for many years, and he is indeed “old” but still vital. At age 90, he visited us on a big driving trip from Dallas, Texas, with stops in Louisiana, Alabama, the Carolinas, and New Jersey. He will continue visiting friends and relatives on the way back to Dallas. Quite a tour!

As the pastor of Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church in Dallas, Wally played a very important role in our young lives. Just married, in our early twenties, we settled on Cochran Chapel as our church home, and Wally was just incredible as a pastor, mentor and friend. He sensed that a group of young adults in the church was ready for more in-depth exploration of the Bible and of the vast and broad literature concerning the Christian life. For a couple of years, he personally taught our Sunday School class (called “Nexus”, defined as “a means of connection”). Once he felt we were on our way, he “graduated” us to take turns teaching each other. That experience of learning to study and ponder, in order to share with our friends, helped us all to grow in faith and in learning, and also in support of each other. The Nexus indeed became a means for a disparate group of people to connect and become “family.”

Our recent visit was a time of joy, and of revisiting that feeling of sitting in the presence of a beloved mentor. He spoke with quiet assurance about his sense of God’s constant presence, and of his desire to live as Jesus taught. A poet, Wally is keenly attuned to language, and is constantly seeking the turns of phrase that will comfort, challenge, and “always point to Jesus.”

Most of us have been blessed, once or many times, with mentors that appeared through God’s grace, and helped us become the people we now are. Who were yours? Today, ponder the gifts they gave you, and the gifts that God gave you through them, and utter a prayer of thanksgiving for their lives!

Emery DeWitt

TRANSITIONS

We express our sympathy to the family of Katharine Eyer. Katharine passed away on Saturday, July 3.

We express our sympathy to the family of Aubrey Anne Dunbar. Aubrey passed away on Saturday, July 3.

In October 2007, LCOB adopted a new Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Five Goals and Twelve Core Values.

This month’s featured Core Value is printed throughout the newsletter.

August Value

Christ-Like Life Style

Simple living featuring the “fruits of the Spirit”

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LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

VISION STATEMENT

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

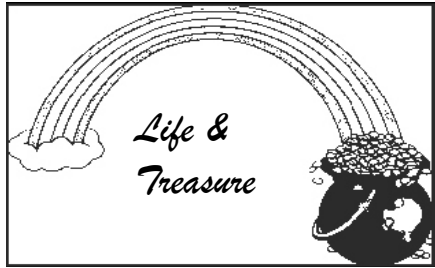
MISSION STATEMENT

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)



Ever heard of "shorting the dollar"?

There are people who invest in other currencies,

hoping the dollar will continue to decrease in order to increase their own wealth.

"Well, that's not very nice," you might be saying. But there may be a lesson to be learned from them. What these people are actually doing is looking at a bigger picture. They examine the way the dollar is functioning in the global economy and then make an educated investment. These guys recently made billions.

We too, need to be looking at the big picture and become wise investors today — but not just in earthly opportunities. Yes, we need to be wiser stewards of the finances God has entrusted to us. But most importantly, we need to step up as believers and realize how the investments we now make in prayer and sharing the Gospel transform into eternal investments — with a guaranteed rate of return that will exceed our wildest imagination!

Let's not settle for small-time investments — let's get serious about investing in the Kingdom of God! There's so much work to be done!

Matthew 6:19-21 *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

<http://www.worthydevotions.com/christian/stewardship> SMT

PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –

Recycle batteries. Do not place batteries in your trash, dispose of them properly.

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls during my recent hospital stay. I would especially like to thank Calvin Wenger and Pastor Rill. I am at home and doing much better now. Thank you all so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Mary Becker

Words are terribly inadequate to express the depth of our gratitude for all your kindnesses and expressions of sympathy following the death of Becky's mother, Jean Royer, in late May. Thank you for all the cards and notes and for the prayers of so many of you, including the Wednesday morning prayer group. The journey from Mom's death, to Emily's wedding, to Mom's memorial service was a difficult one, eased immensely by your support. It is such a joy to know that even though we have "moved away from home," we remain connected by strong bonds of Christian love and fellowship.

Becky and Dave Fuchs

Mark and I were very surprised to receive so many cards in celebration of our 70th wedding anniversary. Thank you one and all. What a caring and thoughtful congregation! God bless each of you.

Our love,
Mark and Thelma Weaver

CHANGING OF THE FLOWER GUARD



Special thanks to Joan Fritsch for coordinating the Sanctuary and Chapel flowers for the past several years. Beginning in July, Melode Forsha and Dee Zimmerman will share the flower scheduling duty. If you would like to place flowers in the church check the flower calendar outside the church office. There are many dates available.

From the desk of the....

Moderator

Be An Angel

Recently, while shopping for school uniforms at K-Mart, Lois and I had some interesting conversations with the clerks. Three young ladies assisted us at checkout—one helped to arrange the uniforms into categories, one operated the cash register, and the third person placed them in the cart for us to take to the car. They were very curious about why we were purchasing 100 school uniforms. That gave us an opportunity to explain the *Be An Angel* program at our church. They had no idea that 1000 students would be served by the Homeless Student Project in the School District of Lancaster during the 2010-2011 year. We expect to hear about poverty in “third world” countries, but we don’t expect to learn about that here on our doorstep.

As we were loading the uniforms into our trunk in the parking lot, a lady walked by with a curious look on her face. “We have lots of children,” I said. “It sure looks like it,” she responded. “We have a 1000 children; a 1000 homeless school children in Lancaster,” Lois added. I’m sure the on-looker went away rather confused. She might have thought, “how can there be 1000 homeless children in Lancaster?”

Basic Beliefs & Core Values

This past April, the congregation approved a set of strategic plans for the next several years. All of those plans were submitted to the Church Board in June for implementation. One important item among the various plans is a paper on Basic Beliefs & Core Values. The document sets-forth 20 beliefs and values that are deemed essential for Christians in general and Brethren in particular.

The plan calls for us to publish a special booklet in 2011. The board voted to call Guy Wampler as editor, and he has gladly accepted the call. Twenty members of the congregation will be invited to serve as writers; each one writing a one page narrative on one of the beliefs/values. Jeff Bach, the Executive Director of the Young Center, at Elizabethtown College, has agreed to serve as our reader, making sure the articles are faithful to our basic beliefs as Anabaptists and Brethren. Also, Brethren Press at the denominational office will be interested in seeing our final documents, with the hope of publication to a larger audience.

Church Board Meetings

Our Church Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, rooms 162-163, 6:30 p.m. These meetings are always open and non-board members are invited to attend. The August 17th agenda will include the first reading of the 2011 budgets as presented by the Executive Committee, the Deacon Body, and the eight Ministry Teams. The Minutes of board meetings are available in the Gathering Place and near the Family Life Center following each meeting.

Staff Evaluations

All staff members (pastoral and non-pastoral) will be evaluated during the month of August. We will receive input from the Executive Committee, the Church Board, task groups serving in specialized areas of ministry (e.g., youth and children), supervisors, and members-at-large.

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BRETHREN VILLAGE NEWS

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Brethren Village needs volunteers to push wheelchairs for Health Care Residents on outdoor Wheelchair Walks. The walks start at Wolfe Auditorium on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. August 26 and September 23.

Please check your calendar and if you can help on any of these dates, call Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121.

CLIMBERS' CORNER

There will be no meeting in August. Look for information about the Picnic in September, in the next Brethren Highlights.



LIBRARY LINES

This is your last opportunity this year for enjoying the summer in a lazy sort of way - curled up with a good book - either in your garden, on your porch, or inside your home - whichever is cooler and more comfortable for you. The Library has a wealth of books to wile away a quiet afternoon or evening - just check some of the titles on the shelves. Whether you enjoy novels, poetry or true stories of other people's lives - you will find it in the Library!

If you are looking for inspiration, check out "Footpaths Through the Forest" by Jay Weaver - a wealth of knowledge. Or if you have already "met" Bruce Feiler in his travel books, check out his newest book - "The Council of Dads". This is the work of a master storyteller confronting the most difficult experience of his life and emerging with wisdom and hope. It is touching, funny and ultimately deeply moving, teaching us how the human spirit can respond to adversity and how to cherish friendships that enrich our lives.

Come to the Library- browse the shelves - you are always welcome!

Your Library Committee

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

August Value

Christ-Like Life Style

Simple living featuring the "fruits of the Spirit"

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

August 2010

9:00 – 9:45 Sunday Mornings

*The following classes are open to everyone. All are invited.
Even though these groups are “ongoing,” they are always looking for new members!*

The Chapel Bible Study Group, led by Calvin Wenger, meets in the Chapel. The class is currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In August the study of the Gospel of *Mark* will conclude, and begin the Gospel of *Luke*.

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

August 1 – *My Journey in the Church of the Brethren*, by **Phil Carlos Archbold**, retired pastor of Brooklyn 1st COB and Annual Conference Moderator in 2001.

August 8 – *Handling Differences in a Christian Way*, by **Donald Robinson**, retired pastor of Reading 1st COB, former Juniata College Trustee, and skilled personal, marriage, and family counselor.

August 15 - Talk Back Session on the four-church visitations.

August 22 – Report from our youth who attended National Youth Conference 2010.

Theme: *More Than Meets the Eye*.

August 29 – Report from our Delegates to the 2010 COB Annual Conference in Pittsburg.

Theme: *Taking Jesus Seriously*.

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

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted, meets in Pastor Rill’s office. In August the group will begin a study of Richard Foster’s *Celebration of Disciplines*. Although the group is small, they welcome anyone interested in joining the discussion is welcome.

The Nesters Bible Study Group, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith. In early August the group will be ending the study of a “parenting” book. Later in the month they will begin a New Testament Bible Study, with a book to be determined: either one of the Gospels or First Corinthians. Contact Todd Bookman at bookert@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

DIRECTORY CHANGES- PLEASE NOTE



Giny and Bob Mackey have new email addresses.

Giny’s is: giny3511@gmail.com

Bob’s is: mroby53@gmail.com

Phone number change – Tim and Jessica Dunbar have new phone numbers.

Tim: (717) 940-5945 Jessica: (717) 940-6021

Address change

Jesus and Wanda Castillo

658 St. Joseph Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

MONEY TALKS AT WNL

I hope this note about Wednesday Night Live finds you having a great, safe and enjoyable summer. We are quickly approaching the end of summer, which means the start of a new school year and the start of a new Wednesday Night Live series . We will be starting again on Wednesday Sept. 15th with a two part session entitled "Money Talks." On Sept. 15th, Gregg Shulenberger, a member of the LCOB Stewardship Ministry Team, a former Wachovia Bank Financial Specialist and a current Business Education teacher, will be doing an open forum discussion about everyday finances. If you have a question about creating a family budget, picking mutual funds in your retirement plan, refinancing your mortgage or anything else about personal finances then this is the session for you. You can either bring your questions that evening to be submitted on a note card, submit them ahead of time via email to gshulenberger@yahoo.com or drop them in LCOB mailbox #79 by September 12th. Please provide as much information as possible about the situation in question. No names will be disclosed in the discussion that evening, just situations and possible solutions. There will be no formal prepared remarks about the topic, so send in ahead of time or bring your topics for discussion that evening and hopefully you will leave with some answers and resources or websites to use for your future financial needs. Estate Planning will follow on September 29th led by Attorney Brian Black

NOTICE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you borrow a DVD from the Sanctuary or Morning Psalm service, please make sure to sign it out on the paper in the blue binder on the bottom shelf where the DVDs are located. Also, if you have any DVDs you need to return, please do so.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

We look forward to seeing you in September for dinner, fellowship and Christian education along with fun and fellowship with church family. Please watch for the brochures with a list of classes for the fall. We will start out with financial, informational and interactive sessions concerning family investments, budgeting and estate planning. Youth will enjoy time with their friends. Children will have fun with music and leader Jamie Nace and a Quiet Room will be provided for children when they are not in music.

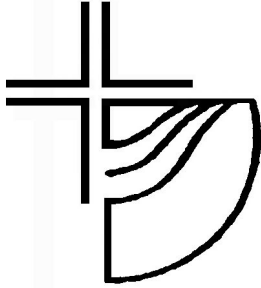
Delicious meals will be provided and covered dish desserts will again be prepared by the fellowship groups. We will have baskets on the tables for you to make your donations toward the costs of food. We will also ask that you complete attendance forms placed on the tables.

If you can help to set up tables mid-day on Wednesdays, please call Peggy Bush at 397-4751. We would also ask for your ongoing help to tear down tables after dinner and assistance in the kitchen putting food away after the meal.

If you have questions, please call Deb Chillias at 299-6843.

SUCCESSFUL VOYAGE

Vacation Bible School enjoyed a successful voyage in July. For five days, 30 children and 16 volunteers sang energetic songs, became part of the Bible stories, made comforting pillow-cases and floating ships, played water games and ate "forgiveness clouds" and "chipwrecks." Our offering goal was to purchase six backpacks for children in COBYS. We surpassed that goal at the final night's picnic and were able to purchase 12 backpacks! Many thanks to all who volunteered, brought their children and supported this program in so many ways. Hope to see you at next year's Vacation Bible School!



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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
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is August 10, 2010.

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