

Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

June, 2010

THOSE ATTENDING NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE NEED YOUR PRAYERS

As part of our Senior High Youth Summer Sunday School program we are learning about Spiritual Practices and how we can grow our faith in stronger connection with God. These things include understanding fasting, scripture study, worship, service, prayer, solitude and other forms of learning to feed our "spiritual side".

This is an exciting summer for the group who will be traveling to National Youth Conference in July. The journey for most will begin July 11 as the bus will pull out for the two week excursion. The team will travel west to Fort Collins, Colorado while stopping at several locations for fun and education along the way. They will return July 25.

This is the point where the youth will need the help of the entire congregation. We have been so blessed to have the financial support for the past four years in preparing for the cost of the trip. We should all be praising God that costs are covered. What we need now has a much deeper meaning to the trip. **We need prayer partners.** We need folks dedicating to daily prayer for each of the students and leaders who are taking on this challenge.

In the course of this summer's study, the students will be preparing lists of things they would like you to pray for as they travel. They will also in return be praying for their partners (you) back home. Each member of the team will need at least 3 persons willing to pray for them. If you are willing and able to undertake this faithful task during our trip please contact the church office. You will be partnered with one of the persons attending NYC and receive their prayer list. We will need at least 63 individuals to cover all our travelers with prayer. What a simple way this is to be connected and be involved in the lives of our youth and all it costs is a small amount of your time. In addition, you will be invited to stand and be recognized on Sunday, June 27 at our Dedication of the team attending National Youth Conference.

We anticipate that this will add to our faith journey and experience as we seek God's will on our trip.

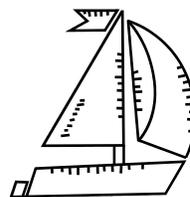
LAWN PARTY RETURNS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9



The Annual Lawn Party for the church and our community is scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9—rain or shine. Chicken corn soup, chicken potpie, pulled pork, salads, strawberry pie, and drinks will be available. Weather permitting, tables will be placed outside the Family Life Center. Proceeds will help the Hospitality and Community Friendship Ministry Team fund caring projects.

In preparation for the Annual Lawn Party, Strawberry Picking is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 7. Strawberry Cleaning and Pie Making are scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, under the leadership of Grace Cox. Also, the Team will request each ministry team to provide two helpers for the event. Please consider lending a hand and a return visit or a first-time visit for a time of food, fellowship, and games for children.

SET SAIL FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Ahoy, matey! Vacation Bible School is set to sail on the High Seas, June 27-July 1, 6:15-8:15 nightly. Children age 3 through grade 5 will explore the mighty love of God as we sing, play games, hear God's Word, make crafts and eat goodies from the galley! Watch for registration forms throughout the church. Contact Madelynn Riedel at 569-7626 with any questions.

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 Linda and Guy Wampler
 8:40 AM Greg Hughes
 8:40 AM Dee and John Zimmerman
 9:50 AM Janet and Paul Groff
 9:50 AM Rose Martzel and Jay Wenger
 11:15 AM Marjorie and Stewart Kauffman

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Bob Barber David Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Greg Hughes John Biemiller Bob Hoppie
 John Lines Doug Lunger Barb Morrow
 Russ Morrow Mark Smith

ACOLYTE

Week 1: Jared St. John
 Week 2: Tristan Turkki
 Week 3: Andrew Lines
 Week 4: Brad Snyder
 Week 5: Colin Betz

VAN INFORMATION

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

ATTENDANCE

April 25	364
May 2	354
May 9	383
May 16	438

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. Please do **not** create a zip file. *Pasting into the body of the email instead of attaching a file saves the editor several steps and is much appreciated.*
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.
7. Articles should be in final form when submitted. All approvals and committee revisions should be completed prior to submitting for publication.

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This actually happened to me a several years ago. I turned on the water spigot at the kitchen sink and nothing happened. Nothing! Oh no, I thought, the water pipes are frozen. Down the basement stairs I went, hair dryer in hand, to thaw them out. After about 45 long minutes the water flowed again. How did this happen? After I washed the dishes the night before I closed the kitchen cabinets below the sink-not a smart thing to do on cold winter nights. Usually I keep the cabinets open in the most frigid weather, so that warm air can prevent frozen pipes. Sometimes I even let the water drip; moving water is less likely to freeze. But that night the water was turned off and the cabinets closed.

Those frozen pipes are a lesson about our spiritual selves. When our faith is stagnant, we are like those water pipes in the off position during winter-susceptible to freezing. For our faith to be alive and healthy we must allow the Lord to be at work not only within us, individually, but we must allow Him to flow through us, spilling over into the lives of those around us-family members, students, friends, work colleagues, church members, even strangers.

When we keep our faith to ourselves, and do not share it in word or deed, we are in danger of blocking out the warmth of God's life-giving love. Jesus gives life-giving water. Don't let it stagnate or freeze. Why not resolve to share your faith in word and deed, serving others in the name of the Lord?

-Pastor Rill

DIRECTORY CHANGES- PLEASE NOTE



Bill Evans has a new phone number. It is 560-6502

Note from the Office Staff:

Address Changes

When we send out newsletters, and they are returned because of an address change, it costs the church money. Please contact the church office if your address changes. Thank you.

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.

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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)

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Once again I have been a recipient of your support, inquiries, prayers and well wishes during my hospitals stay and recovery. Thank you Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

Curtis W. Dubble

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FROM MARANATHA MULTICULTURAL FELLOWSHIP

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Thess. 1:2 & 3 (NIV)

We **appreciate** Lancaster Church of the Brethren! For more than six years, we of the Maranatha Fellowship have been the recipients of your Christ-like loving kindness.

We **appreciate** that you eagerly made your facilities available for our use.

We **appreciate** your warm and friendly hospitality which has provided opportunities for us to have worship, fellowship and times of enjoyment with you (Love Feast, WNL, the Annual Picnic, Soup & Salad and much more.)

We **appreciate** your enduring love, your kind sharing and your faithful caring. We always knew we were welcome at LCOB!

We **appreciate** your strong support and giving—the generous grants and use of the parsonage given for Maranatha's pastoral ministry program, and we are grateful for the annual contributions for the MEPA Mission Project given by many brothers and sisters of LCOB.

We **appreciate** LCOB! We love you and praise God for the various programs and ministries you do. We look forward to continuing our relationship with you. May the spirit of Christ lead us all to nurture and strengthen our friendship, build up our relationships, and make us worthy to be faithful followers of Jesus. As we move into the future, may our witness and work together be only for the glory of God and the sharing of Christ's love! Amen!

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN by Ina Hughs

In a recent service, Susan Adsitt gave a heartfelt, sometimes tearful, reading of this powerful poem. It is printed here that we may prayerfully read it again, and having read it, act on behalf of the most vulnerable in our world.

We pray for the children who put chocolate fingers on everything, who love to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin new pants, who eat candy before supper and who can never find their shoes in the morning.

And we also pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who have never bound down the street in a new pair of shoes, who never played "one potato, two potatoes," and who are born in places that we would not be caught dead in and they will be.

We pray for the children who give us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with their dog and who bury their goldfish, who hug us so tightly and who forget their lunch money, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who watch their fathers shave, and who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those who will never get dessert, who have no favorite blanket to drag around behind them, who watch their fathers suffer, who cannot find any bread to steal, who do not have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures are on milk cartons instead of on dressers, and whose monsters are real.

We pray for the children who spend all their allowance by Tuesday, who pick at their food, who love ghost stories, who shove their dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse the bathtub, who love visits from the Tooth Fairy, even after they find out who it really is, who do not like to be kissed in front of the school bus, and who squirm during services.

And we also pray for those children whose nightmares occur in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who are not spoiled by anyone, who go to bed hungry and wake up hungry, who live and move and have no address.

We pray for those children who like to be carried and for those children who have to be carried, for those who give up and those who never give up, for those who will grab the hand of anyone kind enough to offer it and for those who find no hand to grab.

For all these children, we pray today, for they are all so precious.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

BE AN ANGEL

Again this year, our congregation is having a **BE AN ANGEL** campaign in July and August to collect school supplies for **homeless children**. Ken Marzinko, the director of the Homeless Student Project, says the situation is the worst he has seen in his 18 years of work for the school district. The School District of Lancaster will have served over **1000** homeless students during this school year, which ends on June 15. Their ages ranged from Pre-K to High School seniors.

Watch for the BIG ANGELS around church. One will appear in the Gathering Place and another near the entrance of the Family Life Center. You will notice many small angels that will name the types of supplies needed.

Outreach Ministry Team/Hunger & Poverty Group

...UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE.

There has been a tremendous outpouring of love and help for the people of Haiti, by the people of LCOB, which includes 650 Hygiene Kits taken to New Windsor in February and 600 kits in May. We are confident that there will be continuing support and the fall kit assembly has been scheduled for **Sunday, October 31**. To contribute, make your checks payable to LCOB. Write "Hygiene Kits" on the check and envelope and place it in the offering plate. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Keith or Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121.

 Brethren Village needs volunteers to push Health Care Residents on outdoor Wheelchair Walks. The walks start at Wolfe Auditorium on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. June 24, July 22, 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.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEWS

On behalf of **Omar** Rushdi, **Rajaa** Muhsen, and their 6 year-old daughter **Safa**, we want to thank you for the support you have shown them during this time of need. On March 28, Rajaa gave birth to twin boys, **Ibrahim** and **Ismael**. Ibrahim is in fine health and progressing nicely, but as was expected, Ismael died 20 days later of multiple congenital anomalies. This experience of simultaneous joy and sorrow has been difficult for the family, but they are coping.

The family's financial situation is precarious, as you can imagine. Their generous landlady, Inge Kepple, is providing them rent-free housing and also keeping them well supplied with baby clothes and other supplies. PA state welfare provides medical insurance, food stamps, and some cash assistance. Funeral expenses were minimal, thanks to Scott Brubaker and Young Funeral Home, and have been covered by contributions. At this time our Refugee Funds have been depleted, and we are in **urgent need** of additional contributions. You can give by writing a check to Lancaster Church of the Brethren, with "Refugee Fund" written in the memo line.

Omar has been unable to find a full-time job, even though he has expended much time and effort trying to find one. He tracks down all leads, but so far they have not led to employment. Even the few part-time jobs he has had were temporary and did not last long. Helping him find a full-time job would be greatly appreciated. At this point he needs help (action) more than suggestions!

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact us –

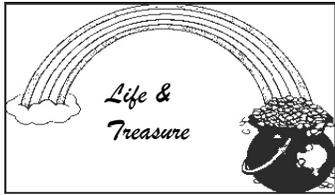
Chuck and Gloria Denlinger (872-4476 or cgdenlinger@comcast.net)

PMT ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH –

Buy green cleaning products. Use a green product even if it costs a little more.

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He's Looking For A Few Good Men and Women!

The following is an excerpt from Dwight L. Moody's Anecdotes:

A young man enlisted, and was sent to his regiment. The first night he was in the barracks with about fifteen other young men, who passed the time playing cards and gambling. Before retiring, he fell on his knees and prayed, and they began to curse him and jeer at him and throw boots at him. So it went on the next night and the next, and finally the young man went and told the chaplain what had taken place, and asked what he should do. "Well," said the chaplain, "you are not at home now, and the other men have just as much right to the barracks as you have. It makes them mad to hear you pray, and the Lord will hear you just as well if you say your prayers in bed and don't provoke them."

For weeks after, the chaplain did not see the young man again, but one day he met him, and asked – "By the way, did you take my advice?" "I did, for two or three nights," the soldier answered. "How did it work?" "Well," said the young man, "I felt like a whipped hound and the third night I got out of bed, knelt down and prayed." "Well," asked the chaplain, "How did *that* work?" The young soldier answered: "We have a prayer meeting there now every night, three have been converted, and we are praying for the rest."

Oh, friends, I am so tired of weak Christianity. Let us be out and out for Christ; let us give no uncertain sound. If the world wants to call us fools, let them do it. It is only a little while; the crowning day is coming. Thank God for the privilege we have of confessing Christ.

Need we say more? Let's ask the Lord to touch our lives with power today. That we may be released from our stresses, our problems and even our own desires — that we may become focused on being available for the task at hand. There's so much work to be done!

Revelation 22:12 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

June 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. They are currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In June, they expect to finish the Gospel of *Matthew* and begin a study of the Gospel of *Mark*.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussion in a variety of topics. In June the class will hear from leaders of other local congregations with unique programs, different from ours. The series will be titled ***Thinking Outside the Box***.

June 6 – Jim Whiteman, Lancaster County Bible Church: *A Different Approach to Ministry*.

June 13 – Dustin Sauder, Manheim Brethren in Christ Church: *Focus on Youth Program*.

June 20 – Josh Tyndall, Minister of Music, Elizabethtown COB: *A Visionary Music Ministry*.

June 27 – Sue Waterfield, E. Chestnut St. Mennonite Church: *Focus on Outreach to the Community*.

The Nesters Bible Study Group, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith. The group is currently studying the book, *Parenting: Loving our Children with God's Love*, by Richard Patterson Jr. The book focuses on Biblical principles of parenting. It is not necessary to own or purchase the book to be part of the class. Contact Todd Bookman at bookert@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted, meets in Pastor Rill's office. They are continuing an intensive study of *Second Isaiah* (Isaiah 40–55), using the Yale Bible Study series. Discussion is based on a DVD presentation by two scholars from Yale Divinity School. Although this group is small, they welcome anyone interested in Biblical studies followed by group discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLIMBERS' CORNER



On Saturday, June 5 at 6:30, we will be attending the Barnstormers Baseball Game, followed by fireworks at Clipper Stadium.

Please bring Gift Cards from Giant or Weis Markets to be given to the Drug Court, as an incentive for use in their program.



LIBRARY LINES

You are invited to visit the Library anytime to check out books. However, please remember to take out the card and place it in the proper box - i.e. Adults, Children or DVD. Unfortunately, several books are not on the shelves and no cards for them are in the boxes! We are especially looking for: *Eternal Life: A New Vision*, by John Shelby Spong. This is a new book and is being studied by the Thoughtful Life Sunday School Class. PLEASE CHECK AROUND YOUR HOUSE TO SEE IF IT IS HIDING SOMEWHERE. THANK YOU!

Also, check the shelves in the Gathering Place for the following new titles:

Papa Rakers Dream, by Dick Cowen; *Just Walk Across the Room*, by Bill Hybels; *Jesus*, by Deepak Chopra; *Nothing to Fear - F.D.R.*, by Adam Cohen; *Lost Symbol*, by Dan Brown; *Audacity of Hope*, by Barak Obama; *When the Crocodile Eats the Sun*, by Peter Godwin; *Creating a World Without Poverty*, Muhammad Yunus.

Your Library Committee

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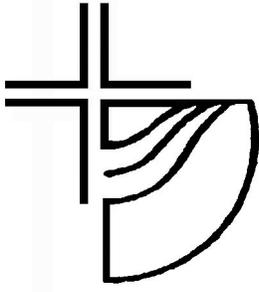
If you have not been on the church birthday list and would like your name added, please contact the church office.

ANE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

All women of the ANE District are invited to attend Women's Fellowship Camp at Camp Swatara, August 22-24. Our speaker will be Belita Mitchell, current pastor of the Harrisburg First COB. Belita was moderator of Annual Conference in 2007. Her messages will be based on "Daughters of the Divine: Fearless and Free to Shine". There will be opportunities for worship, Bible study,, hiking, swimming, water aerobics, crafts and other interest groups. Detailed information and registration forms will be available in July. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and personal growth with other women of our district. Mark your calendars now!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

		18	Bette Ruby
		19	Sue Groff
		20	Ray Heiber
		21	Jay Nace
			Pat Wickersham
			Ashley Kline
		22	Melissa Hufford
			Cindy Harmes
			David Truit
		23	Courtney Deihm
			Don King
			Tina Maerz
		24	Curtis Dubble
			Rodney Kline
			Gale Shirk
		25	Mark Smith
		26	Betty Graham
			Marjorie Kauffman
			Dorothy Shull
			Jay Murray
		27	Pam Kinderwater
			Mary Swisher
		28	Connor Snyder
		29	Glenn Breidenstine
			Linda Hershey
		30	Barb Kreider
			Stacey Shafer



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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 July issue
is June 10, 2010.

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