



Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

October, 2010

GREAT GOSPEL MUSIC WITH THE ESSENCE OF JOY ALUMNI SINGERS!

On Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm, the Starlight Tea Concert Series welcomes **The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers (EOJAS)**, under the direction of Dr. Anthony T. Leach! Fans of gospel music and spirituals already are familiar with the Essence of Joy ensembles, which perform sacred and secular music from the African and African-American tradition. Their high-energy performances are huge crowd-pleasers!

EOJAS, founded in 2005, is composed of alumni of the Essence of Joy choirs. They have performed extensively in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington D.C., Belgium, Luxembourg, and France.

Dr. Leach is an associate professor of music and music education at The Pennsylvania State University, and is director and founder of Essence of Joy, Essence 2, and the Essence of Joy Alumni Singers. Dr. Leach teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in choral music education.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to plan to attend, and stay afterward for the Starlight Tea, where you can enjoy some tea and cookies, and meet the performers!

SPECIAL RESPONSE HEARING

In 2009 the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference began a two-year process to study the controversial issue of the church's stand on same sex covenantal relationships. As planned in this special response process, districts are asked to hold hearings to listen to each other and to share information for Standing Committee to prepare recommendations to the 2011 Annual Conference.

The hearing that is scheduled closest to Lancaster will take place at the Lititz COB on Monday, October 18 from 7 – 9 p.m. As a member of the COB, you are encouraged to participate in the hearing. We ask that you place your name on the sign-up list outside the church office or call the church office to have your name added to the list. The planners for this event need to know how many people are coming in order to have enough facilitators to lead the discussions.



BRIDGE

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Chapel • Morning Psalm • Sanctuary • Maranatha

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 Donna Wilson and Gloria Myers
8:40 AM Shirley and Herb Frey
8:40 AM Bev and Clyde Angle
9:50 AM Rene and Larry Ross
9:50 AM Bonnie Frick and Wilma Garland
11:15 AM Linda and Russ Adsitt

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

Bob Barber David Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Ken Harnish James Bridgeman Jere Bridgeman
Jon Bridgeman Linda Harnish George Murray
John Vesper Pat Vesper

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

Jack Bryer

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning worship services, please contact:
Marvin Harnish – 872-4074

Acolytes

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

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

August 29	367
September 3	330
September 12	360
September 19	337

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Yesterday, I attended and helped to preach the funeral service for my last great uncle on my father's side—my paternal grandmother's little brother. Bayard Bollinger was his name.

Active in his church, he was a leader. A good singer, he sang with the choir for decades.

Working for the good of his community, Bayard was a life member of the local fire company. He drove fire truck and ambulance. Whenever the call came to help or to serve, Bayard dropped everything to go and serve.

A peacemaker, Bayard did not like quarrels. He had a good sense of humor. He was energetic and a hard worker.

A husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, Bayard was loved and appreciated by many people. Hundreds of people attended the three services held in his honor.

It has been said that there are only two kinds of people. There are givers and there are takers. Bayard was a giver. He gave to his family, his church, and his community.

I was inspired yesterday by firemen in full dress uniform, ambulance drivers and paramedics in their garb, family members, friends, people from his church and neighboring churches, coworkers from his working days, all there as if to say, "thank you, Bayard, for who you were and for all you gave. We are better people because of you."

Bayard blessed so many people. Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master.

May we so live to bless others in Jesus' name. -Pastor Rill

TRANSITIONS

Congratulations to David and Tracy Braksator on the birth of their son, Anders Thomas, on August 15.

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.

Love

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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)

YOU DO MATTER! WE CARE!

Dr. Wess Stafford, writing in Too Small to Ignore, says: "Few gifts on earth are as wondrous as the love of a child. Advocates for children know deep in their hearts the truth of the saying 'You never stand so tall as when you stoop to help a child'" (page 5).

During July and August, our congregation did just that; we stood tall. We don't write this to brag about how great we are; we write to acknowledge what faith can lead us to do when Christ Jesus touches our hearts. It is no small matter, in these tough economic times, when the gifts of money and actual donations of clothing enabled us to provide nearly 400 school uniforms for the 1000 homeless students in Lancaster, at a retail value of over \$8,000. Plus, we donated over \$500 worth of traditional school supplies.

When the uniforms and the school supplies were delivered to Ken Marzinko's office at the Carter and MacRae Elementary School, August 25, he again expressed his great appreciation. As we moved the uniforms and supplies on three large carts, mothers and children were already waiting in line for the needed help.

A single dollar invested in others in need, especially children, produces great returns. A school uniform may encourage a child to stay in school and complete his/her education; it instills a sense of dignity to those who may not feel very worthwhile; and, the giver receives a great blessing as well.

Read once again the litany used in worship on August 15 when the uniforms were consecrated in all of our worship services (adapted from *Too Small to Ignore*, page 184):

Poverty whispers its destructive message into the spirit of a child: 'Give up, Nobody cares. You don't matter.' It is a voice that wars against the truth of the Gospel: 'You do matter. God loves and believes in you.' Children are victimized by war, pornography, and prostitution, as well as by lack of funding, feeding, educating, and protecting. Yet, in a few short years the world's challenges will be theirs to manage.

Now is the time to act on their behalf and invest in children . . . because they are too small to ignore.

Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?

Here we are; use us.

Hunger and Poverty Team

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

My sincere appreciation is extended to all who expressed their sympathies on the death of my brother, Robert, whether by card, spoken, telephone, or visit. Your show of concern was both humbling and uplifting during a difficult time.

Sincerely, Rich Bohn

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I want to thank everyone who volunteered at Brethren Village in May, June, July, August and September for the Outdoor Wheelchair Walks. Your interest in volunteering and donating your time to help the BV residents enjoy this activity is much appreciated.

Please remember to become a part of the Brethren Village Auxiliary by filling out the form found in the September newsletter. Put it with your contribution in an envelope and give to Marilyn Hummel (Box #150). Thank you so much for becoming a part of the auxiliary and helping to improve the quality of life for our senior members at Brethren Village.

Once a year, our church is responsible for having a birthday/anniversary party for the residents at Brethren Village. The following items are needed: angel food cakes (baked or purchased), Ice cream Dixie cups, party favors, table centerpieces, paper products, and snacks. **Contributions of money would be greatly appreciated.** I also need people to help at the party in the afternoon on Tuesday, November 2. Please call me at: (717) 295-9121 to let me know what you would be willing to donate and if you are able to help at the party. Thank you.

MORE THAN ENOUGH...

II Corinthians ¹⁰*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

¹²*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

¹³*Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

Filling the needs of the church is only one of the goals of generosity. The other goal is for the benefit of the giver. Paul writes, ¹¹*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.* But the **ultimate goal of generosity is that it glorifies God through obedience** (9:11-13). Our acts of generosity are acts of obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ (v. 13). This obedience produces renewed and enriched relationships between the giver, the receiver, and God.

From "Sharing Abundantly" article by Kevin Park published in 'Giving' an annual pub. by Ecumenical Stewardship Center . . . SMT

HYGIENE KIT SERVICE PROJECT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

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 offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Keith or Marilyn Hummel at: (717) 295-9121.



MORE THAN ENOUGH...

sermon series Oct 17, 24, 31

2 Corinthians 9:8

*God is able to make all grace abound to you
So that having all sufficiency*

In all things

At all times

You may abound in every good work."

Jesus doesn't mean for this to be just a lofty ideal. He intends for us to believe this and make our decisions based on it. He means it when he says "do not be anxious about your life" (Matthew 6:25).

It's so important to Jesus that we believe this that he purposefully designs the course of our lives so that we face all kinds of uncertainty, and some seemingly impossible situations. These experiences transform us into windows through which we and others can see the glorious, all-sufficient grace of God and put our hope more fully in him. His grace shines especially brightly when he demonstrates that "all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27).

The story of the feeding of the 5,000 encourages us to be fearless givers. An economic recession can be a moment when the abounding grace of God can be put on display in a way that isn't seen as clearly in prosperity. It can call us to confront our fears and false hopes and preach to ourselves that God's wealth is as bottomless and boundless as it was when the future appeared more certain.

When Jesus performed this wonder, he was giving Philip, the disciples, the boy, the crowd, and us a crucial lesson in kingdom supply-side economics. Namely, that God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

<http://www.unlimitedglory.org/morethanenough.html> . . . SMT



October PMT Energy Tip – Do not rinse your dishes before loading the dishwasher. The dishes will clean just as well if you don't rinse before loading your dishwasher. Rinsing first is a waste of water and energy.

DO WE DO ENOUGH?

Here are some thoughts from the Outreach Ministry Team.

Thanks to your generosity, we feed many needy people on the local level and many desperately poor people on the global level through your participation of 2 cents a meal. 1/3 stays here in Lancaster, 2/3 of your giving goes to the General Board for distribution. Throughout the year, but especially during Communion and Love Fest, you bring food items for the LCCC food bank. Every second Wednesday two or three of us help the food bank to distribute food to shut-ins at the Church Towers apartments.

You bring used clothing for the Lancaster County Council of Churches for their distribution. Thanks to your tremendous effort in the "Be An Angel" project, the Hunger & Poverty team could deliver 388 uniforms for the homeless school children in the Lancaster City school district. Look for a different article about the "Be An Angel" project from Lois Hansell. She is coordinating the H & P efforts.

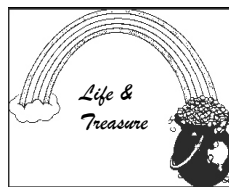
Early this summer a young mother and her three children graduated from the Bridge of Hope project. It took dedicated people from our congregation to make this happen. We volunteer our service to the New Windsor Service center. Some of our congregation went to disaster areas to help in the rebuilding of lost homes. This brings me to the final point. We feed people, we clothe people and we need to continue our efforts in this field. Now, it might be time to look into the next logical step. **We need to house them!**

Just like in biblical times there are many who need a helping hand to get their life in order. Are we ready to go to that step? Stay tuned. The last item is just a brain teaser to give it some thought and look into the feasibility.

OMT Chair, Otto Schaudel

Love

For the glory of God and the neighbors' good.



DO SOMETHING!

An old mountaineer and his wife were sitting in front of the fireplace one evening just whiling away the time. After a long silence, the wife said: "Jed, I think it's raining. Go outside and check, will ya?"

The old mountaineer continued to gaze into the fire for a second, sighed, then said, "Aw Ma, why don't we just call in the dog and see if he's wet."

We have a tendency to get lazy sometimes, don't we?

John Wesley traveled 250,000 miles on horseback, averaging twenty miles a day for forty years. He preached 4,000 sermons, produced 400 books, learned ten languages. At age eighty-three, he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes. At age eighty-six, he felt ashamed he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

Hmmm. There is much to do for the Kingdom today — none of us should be bored! Let's get up and do something for God today! There's so much work to be done!!

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

We need your help! The Fall Road Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 16th. 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 October 16th. Any questions contact Scott Hufford.



LIBRARY LINES

"Something The Lord Made" tells the inspiring and emotional true story of two men who defied the rules of their time to launch a medical revolution.

Working in 1940's Baltimore on an unprecedented technique for performing heart surgery on "blue babies", Dr. Alfred Blalock and lab technician Vivien Thomas form an impressive team. Even as they race against time to save a dying baby, the two occupy very different places in society. Blalock is the wealthy, white Head of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital; Thomas is black and poor, a lowly skilled carpenter. Together they invent a new field of medicine, saving thousands of lives in the process.

However, social pressures threaten to undermine their collaboration and tear their friendship apart. It is not until many years later that Thomas finally gets the recognition he so richly deserves. This is one of the best and most amazing movies that you will ever see and well worth your time to watch!

Beverly Angle

YOUTH NEWS

Senior High Youth Activity:

Field of Screams Haunted Hayride, October 30th leaving LCOB 6:00 p.m. Bring \$15.00 for the hayride. RSVP to Scott Brubaker 560-6461 by October 15.

Annual CROP Walk on October 17

Carlos Schaudel will be accepting your pledges and donations to fight hunger through the annual CROP Walk, which takes place on Sunday afternoon, October 17, beginning at 1:00 p.m. from Clipper Stadium. The CROP Walk is a Church World Service program that supports long-term development in 80 countries, with 25% of the proceeds going to local food banks. You can make a difference by supporting the Lancaster County CROP Walk for the hungry. See Carlos in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings in October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LANCASTER AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

24th Annual Celebration Dinner

Monday, October 4, 2010

Lancaster County Convention Center
25 North Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa.

Reception 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken to benefit local Habitat programs. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Outreach Ministry Team Bulletin Board in the lower hallway near the Family Life Center or call Dave Creighton at 397-7267.

THE SENIOR ADULT FALL FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

of the Atlantic Northeast District will be held at Yoder's Family Restaurant in New Holland on Wednesday, October 6 at noon. Andy and Terry Murray will be our musical guests.

CLIMBERS' CORNER

On Friday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 162-163, we will be traveling west to "Explore the Grand Staircase". This program uses a DVD featuring breathtaking cinematography, seasons, storms, majestic music and authoritative information about the north rim of the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. You won't want to miss this beautiful trip. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.



HOMEBUILDERS

On Tuesday, October 26, at 5:00 p.m. in Townhouse Brethren Village the Homebuilders will enjoy a Mismatched Dress Halloween Party with dinner and Bingo.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

October 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 October they will be continuing their study of the Gospel of *John*.

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

October 3 – Discussion of the book, *The Field – The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe*, by Lynne McTaggart. Presented by **Don Hursh**.

October 10 – Discussion of the book, *Hot, Flat and Crowded*, by Thomas Friedman. Presented by **Suzanne Schaudel**.

October 17 – *How might the Brethren pray for Our Nation*, presented by **Jay Weaver**.

October 24 – *Community Involvement*, presented by **Theresa and Hank Herr**.

October 31 – *Update on Brightside Opportunities Center in Lancaster City*, Presented by **Ted Darcus**.

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 October they will continue their study of Richard Foster’s book, *Celebration of Discipline*. Although the group is small, they welcome anyone interested in joining their discussions.

The Nesters Bible Study Group, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith through Bible study. In October the class will be continuing their study of Corinthians using a new study guide. No materials are required, but you are encouraged to bring your Bible. 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.

The young adult group "J.U.M.P." (Jesus, use me please!) meets mostly Monday evenings. For details, contact Megan.eldredge@gmail.com or 717-250-6713.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Calvin Wenger	Adam Horning	19	Galen Graham	28	Robert Wenger
	Todd Forsha	Nancy Schaeffer		Derek White	29	Judy Witmer
	Peggy Bush	Linda Wenger	21	Jessica Chillas		Mo Salamh
2	Michelle Bookman	Ben Greenawalt	23	Amy Hollinger		Shirley Wenger
	Burnetta Graham	Jonathan Shertz	24	Orpha Bauer		Carole Deck
	Gloria Myers	Gene Bucher		Margaret Rosenberger		Martha Pierce
3	Bob Hess	Cody Shuman	25	Jaycie St. John		Carlene Hufford
	Alison Mackey	Dave Hosler		Jennifer Madison		Michael Shafer
	Doris Tankesley	Myrl Greiner	26	Melissa Gish	30	Robert Barber
	Marilyn White	Ken Harnish		Margaret Herr	31	Rhoda Gamble
4	Jeff Putt	Sherry Wiggins		Doug Lunger		Gabbi Maerz
5	Jean Deihm	Ella Breidenstine		Michelle Hernandez		
7	Joyce Bohn	Laura Breidenstine		Leah Wenger		
8	Nancy Denlinger	Mary Fahnestock		Terry Hostetter		
9	Zachary Baughman	Billy Haynes	27	Ron Kline		
	Kathy Mummau	Russell Adsitt				
	Nevin Snader	Matthew Greiner	8			
12	Jordon Young					



On Earth
Peace



What is Change for Peace? Change for Peace is a daily devotional practice, a bridge to community initiatives for justice and peace, and an investment in God's reign of justice and peace.

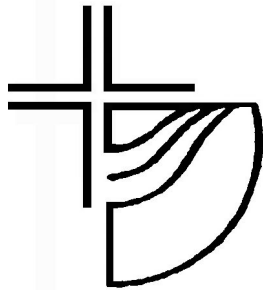
How do I participate? In a vessel (cup, jar, bucket) that symbolizes the change for peace you want in yourself, the community or the world, deposit your pocket change daily and pause for prayer, focus and reflection. Pick up a Change for Peace label at church to place on your container. On four designated Sundays between now and March 2011, bring your special peace offering to church. 1/3 of the total contributions will go to benefit the ongoing work of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW), a local organization that promotes biblical values of justice, peace and nonviolent solutions to conflict and 1/3 will support the work of Bridge of Hope, a grassroots organization empowering homeless and at-risk mothers to attain permanent housing. In addition 1/3 will go to On Earth Peace to continue and expand ministries of nonviolence, peace, and justice.

Change for Peace is spiritually transforming. Change for Peace helps you spiritually turn away from violence and toward the life that is really life. It helps join with life-sustaining initiatives where you live. As we grow spiritually and branch out into the community with Change for Peace, each of us can take the change further and get involved with the organizations to which we donate.

These are the dates of our Change for Peace special offerings:

October 17 and December 12, 2010

February 13 and March 20, 2011



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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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