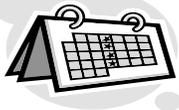




Brethren Highlights

For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren

September, 2009



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER, 2009



STARLIGHT TEA PRESENTS STELLAR VOCAL/PIANO DUO SEPTEMBER 26!

Wednesday Night Live will begin September 16, 2009. You are invited to dinner, which will be available starting at 5:15 P.M. and will end at 6:00 P.M. The food is always delicious, which means first come first served. Such yummy food runs out quickly. We will again ask for donations of desserts from fellowship groups. Helpers in the kitchen are always welcome. Please call Pat Styer if you have questions or can help.

Times for children and youth events are unchanged. COB Kids will start at 6:30. Adult classes will also start at 6:30. Clem Rosenberger and Jay Weaver will lead a class on the Book of Mark. John Snader will be leading a class on the origins, personalities and events that make up the Reformation.

WNL will run through November 18th. Child care is available by calling Millie Bomberger in advance. Watch for more information in your church mailboxes. If you have any questions, please call Deb Chillas at 717-299-6843. Thank you for all the support you have provided in the past. We look forward to another year of food, fellowship and expansion of our Christian knowledge and relationships with each other.

Long-time members of LCoB will remember the exciting day when our Boston grand piano arrived in our Sanctuary - it was and is a wonderful addition to our worship. The dedicatory concert on the instrument was performed by an up-and-coming pianist named **Michael Fennelly**. Folks were so thrilled by his playing that his name has been held in memory ever since!

Now, the *Starlight Tea Concert Series* will proudly present the return of Michael Fennelly, along with his wife and collaborator, the stunning soprano **Megan Weston**. On **Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, this dynamic duo will perform in joint recital. It is an event not to be missed!

Hailed as a singer of "*remarkable virtuosity and charm*" (Financial Times), "*a gorgeous, light lyric soprano*" (Opera Magazine), and "*strong and persuasive*" (The New York Times), Megan Weston has gained international attention through her performances. You can learn more about Megan at her web site: www.meganweston.com.

Following his sold-out recital debut in Carnegie's Weill Hall, pianist Michael Fennelly toured the world with an array of dynamic programs. He has received many prestigious awards. Last season he toured across the United States, and performed in Germany and Belgium. Be sure to check out his web site as well: www.michaelfennelly.com

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to invite all your friends to this very special musical event!



ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION PICNIC

Sunday, September 20

We are celebrating fellowship of friends and family and the joy of sharing the love of Christ with the outside community. Join the entire church for a picnic following the 10:15 worship services. (11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. rain or shine) Bring a covered dish to share! Hot dogs, BBQ chicken and Pork & Beans will be provided. Activities include: Games for all ages, Moon Bounce, Dunk Tank, Bingo, Balloon Artist, Face Painting and Craft Show.

CASTING CALL

Children and adults interested in trying out for our December production need to contact Carole Deck before the end of August. Several actors have already signed on, so call now to join our successful drama ministry team!



SERVING THIS MONTH

GREETERS

7:40 AM Pat and Glenn Breidenstine
8:40 AM Donna and Scott Brubaker
8:40 AM Ruth and Glenn Shultz
9:50 AM Brenda and Will Stout
9:50 AM Joan Fritsch and Jay Wenger
11:15 AM Gloria and Chuck Denlinger

USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

John Graham Barry Wilson

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

*Mike Hess Steve Holsinger Darlene Creighton
David Creighton Shirley Gish Robert Mackey
Jeff Putt Michael Wenger

CHURCH LIBRARY
Staffed Sunday 9:45-10:15 A.M.
Grace Cox

VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning
worship services, please contact:
Jeff Putt- 687-0149

ATTENDANCE

July 26	351
August 2	303
August 9	307
August 16	318

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.



SEPTEMBER PMT Energy Tip

Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the
ENERGY STAR® label.

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September 10, 2009



Someone recently told me that we have not had a “normal” summer. Someone also recently told me, “The world is not ‘normal’ anymore.” It got me to thinking, “what is normal?” It seems to be some sort of average of what most people do most of the time; conforming to the fixed standard; to adjust to the political attitudes and social conditions of a group or nation; to do only what is expected. Some of this is from the dictionary, some from what I think.

Jesus’ followers are the abnormal ones. We don’t fit the norm. Followers of Jesus color outside the lines, think outside the box. We may see things dimly, but we also see things differently.

Turning the other cheek, going the second mile, washing feet, loving the enemy, blessing those who curse you, taking up a cross, forgiving 70X7 and more – all these teachings of Jesus are not normal! Most people have a hard time understanding such teachings, much less living them. Following Jesus is a counterintuitive way of living. Faith is not ruled by logic.

The way to first is by being last. We find our deepest strength through weakness. Being willing to deny ourselves is the way to life. The way of success is service.

Lay down your life in order to gain it. Jesus was not normal! Christian spirituality is highly illogical, paradoxical, volatile, playful, and serious.

“God helps those who help themselves.” That is the wisdom according to normal. “When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). That is the wisdom according to the scriptures. “Seeing is believing.” Normal wisdom. “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:29).

“Those who dance appear insane to those who cannot hear the music.”

Jesus is our norm and the more we follow him the more we become a new kind of person who is a beautifully odd expression of grace and love, an Eikon of Jesus in the face of his followers. As the Autumn season begins and we take up new beginnings, let us walk in the Spirit, in the Way of Jesus, the wild and beautiful breathtaking way of Jesus.

Pastor Shreckhise

TRANSITIONS

We express our sympathy to the family of Mary Allen. Mary died on July 24, 2009.

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.

CORE VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER

Quality

Committed to excellence in worship, music, education, caring ministries and facilities

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)

CHURCH BOARD SERVING THE CONGREGATION

Results of the Reveal Survey conducted by Willowcreek Associates of Illinois on behalf of our congregation have been received for both the Morning Psalm and Sanctuary/Chapel services. The Morning Psalm information has been thoroughly reviewed by the Morning Psalm Ministry Team. Gale Shirk, team chair, and Dick Shreckhise, Pastor, have collaborated in a few sermons regarding the survey. The traditional results are being studied and reviewed by a task force consisting of Pastor Jeff Rill, Chair, Charles Denlinger, Bob Hopple, Darryl Rock, Gale Shirk and Pastor Dick Shreckhise after which they will also review the combined results of both Morning Psalm and Traditional surveys.

The resignation of Greg Hughes as the Chair of Deacon Body was received with regrets. Rachel Salamh has been appointed to serve in this capacity for the 2009 year.

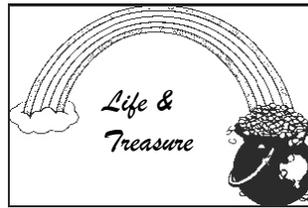
Much appreciation has been expressed to Carole Deck and the Performing Arts ministry for a major donation to the digital sign system.

New in-ear monitors used by the Morning Psalm band and singers have been purchased within the 2009 budget.

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast is a mid-week haven and stimulus for many of our members and others of the community. Dave Hosler has been the inspirational leader and guiding force of this group which has 23 years of continued ministry. You are warmly invited to join them in Room 162-3 each Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

We covet your prayers for our ongoing efforts.

J. Calvin Wenger



A Stewardship testimony told at First Congregational Church, Santa Cruz, CA . . .

Laura and I put our little house on the market this week and we are hoping that

someone else will love our May Avenue home as much as we have.

I have all kinds of mixed emotions about selling our house: excitement, fear, anxiety, curiosity, hope. But one thing I know for sure – this emotional roller coaster ride that I'm on – all this disruption that is happening in my life... it's your fault. It is. It's your fault. . . Actually, more specifically, it's God's fault working through you.

Because the reason we are selling our house, the reason our lives are all topsy-turvy right now is because in August I'm going to begin seminary in Berkeley and Laura will, hopefully, be working as a Chaplain somewhere in the East Bay.

If you had told me four years ago when I first stepped into this church that my life would be unfolding in this way I would have said "no way." Seminary and ministry – that's other people's journey – not mine. . . . But here I am. My life has been transformed.

And if you're still wondering why this is your fault? My life has been transformed because I chose to invest in this church. That investment has taken many forms: time, money, intentionality, prayer – but I have invested in you and you have invested in me. And because of that, my life has been transformed. And it's not just me. This room is filled with people who have been transformed because of God's work through this community of faith.

And so as I think about Stewardship during this season – that's what Stewardship means to me: it's about choosing to invest. Occasionally giving to the offering basket as it passes by, whenever I have extra money in my wallet – that's fine and I know it helps. But Stewardship is a commitment. It's saying: I'm in. I'm here. You can count on me. I'm bringing my full self to God's work in this place. I'm open and I'm ready to be transformed.

It doesn't mean it will be easy and it definitely won't necessarily be convenient. But at least for me – the investment I have made here has returned so much more than I could ever repay.

So in this Stewardship season as you consider your commitment to FCC of time and money for the coming year, I invite you to consider investing deeply in God's work in this place. And trust that people will be transformed.

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

REMINDER

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE Year 1 – Old Testament

The first year of this exciting two-year course will take you through the entire Old Testament in two 13-week semesters, meeting 7:00 – 9:00 PM every Monday evening, September 21 – December 14, 2009 and January 4 – March 29, 2010. The second year (2010-11) will cover the New Testament, following a similar format.

Through this intensive study you will develop a deeper understanding of this library of sacred writings that we call the *Bible*, which forms the foundation of our faith. Taught by master teachers, this course will bring the scripture writings to life by examining their historical and cultural settings, as well as the theological insights of the various writers.

Complete details are available in last month's *Brethren Highlights*, as well as in a brochure that was placed in your mailbox and at various locations throughout the church. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Chuck Denlinger (872-4476 or cgdenlinger@comcast.net).

Please enroll in this course by calling Peggy or Denise at the church office, 397-4751, by September 4. We recommend enrolling earlier, so that we can assure adequate seating and a sufficient supply of Bibles and textbooks in time for the first class.

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BRETHREN VILLAGE AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU!



Please become a member of the Brethren Village Auxiliary during our annual membership drive. This organization is for both men and women and is a vital part of Brethren Village. Projects for 2009-10 include Chapel Curtains, SLA bracelets, Fieldcrest Store, Lever Door Handles for Oakwood House, and Capital Campaign.

To join fill out the brochure found in this 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.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCOB
Marilyn Hummel

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Thank you to members and friends of our congregation for the cards, prayers, visits and good wishes on my behalf during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Jeff Rill for the meaningful anointing prior to surgery. All of this has helped to make my recovery go smoothly. Blessings to you all!

Suzanne Schaudel

Thank you to all of you who sent cards, gave gifts, or offered prayers as we mourned the death of my sister Naomi Waggy. Naomi was more than a sister because she assumed the "Mother" role in 1986 when our Mother died. We appreciate your care and concern.

Joyce Bohn

Many, many thanks for all your prayers, telephone calls, cards, visits, food and flowers I received during my recent knee replacement surgery.

Yours in Christ,
Annette Bucher

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN-UP CONTINUES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Now that our first two photography dates are past we look forward to September and October for the remaining 10 days scheduled for our 2010 Pictorial Directory. Additional sign-up dates are scheduled Sundays, August 30 and September 13 in the Heritage Center Lobby and September 6 in the Gathering Place. Someone will be available to assist you in your selection between services and following the 10:15 services. However, you can sign-up online at our church's webpage www.lancob.org by clicking on the link entitled, "Portrait Sign-up".

The photography dates for September are Tuesday thru Saturday, the 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19. For October they are Tuesday thru Saturday, the 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31.

Don't forget to bring the non-perishable food item for the local food bank on the day of your photo sitting and receive a \$5.00 off coupon. Along with the food being collected, Lifetouch will also be giving the value of a meal for a family of 4 with every sitting photographed for the directory (single, couple or family).

As before, you will receive an 8 x 10 portrait of the pose you select for the directory as well as a new pictorial directory for 2010. Note: No purchase is required, however, this program is made possible to the church at no cost to the church, because of your portrait purchases.

Everyone is invited to participate in this program (members and non-members alike). All orders of portraits will be received by Thanksgiving time. So, if you are thinking Christmas gifts, you will have them well before then.

YOUTH NEWS

SOUP AND SALAD BEGINS SEPTEMBER 27!

Please feel welcome to come out for a time to fellowship with other people of the congregation. This is also an opportunity to support the youth on their trips (National Youth Conference, Heifer International Overlook Farm, Work Camp, etc.) that they take throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

9:00 – 9:45 Sunday Mornings

*The following classes are open to everyone.
All are invited.*

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 September they continue in the Gospel of Matthew.

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

Sept. 6 – *Personal Centered Care, a New Way of Caring*, Brethren Village presentation

Sept. 13 – *Ministry and Outreach of Alpha and Omega in Lancaster*, **Steve Stoeffler**, A&O Board

Sept. 20 – **Jeff Hawkes**, staff writer for *Lancaster Newspapers*

Sept. 27 – *Human Trafficking*, **Arelis Sable**, Maranatha Fellowship leader

The Nesters Bible Study Group, led by Darryl and Sandy Rock, explores the basics of faith – focusing on stand-alone topics that apply to families with young children and support to those seeking some direction in their spiritual journey. They meet in Room 170.

The One Another Group, coordinated by Linda Husted, will resume meeting on September 13 in Pastor Rill's office. They will begin a 9-week study of *Romans*, using the Yale Bible Study series. Discussion is based on a DVD presentation by two Yale Divinity School scholars. Class members receive passages of scriptures to read and questions for reflection prior to class.

CLIMBERS' CORNER

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Picnic- Pheasant Ridge Community
Center



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

NEWS OF OUR IRAQI REFUGEE FAMILY



LIBRARY LINES

Omar, Rajaa and Safa are still adjusting to their new country after arriving in the USA over 16 months ago. As you can imagine, this is a difficult time to be trying to get established here. But the church and others have been very generous in helping to meet their needs. They have been receiving food stamps and PA medical assistance. Dr. Dave Fuchs has been providing medical care, Dr. Jeff Putt their dental care, and Inge Kepple, who was once a refugee herself, is supplying rent-free housing in Lancaster. Despite the hard times, the family has some good news to report. First, all three were granted “green cards” (permanent US residence status) in July.

Safa (5) completed *Head-Start* last year and will start Kindergarten at Buchanan Elementary School this fall.

Rajaa passed her driver’s examination (the first time) on August 6. She held a small celebration party a few days later to thank her teachers, Hank Herr, Otto Schaudel, and others. She took an AutoCAD (engineer’s computerized design) course at HACC last spring, and has been attending ESL classes.

Omar has had his mind set on entering the US Army since the first day he set foot in the US. He sees it as a way to “pay back” the assistance our country has given to Iraq. Now, he also sees it as his best way to find secure employment and establish his family on firm financial footing. He has spent much time and energy in getting to know the local recruiters and seeking their help in the enlistment process. He has several hurdles yet to overcome, but he is optimistic. He really wants to do this.

If the Army sends Omar away, our congregation will need to be more involved in offering moral support to Rajaa and Safa.

September always brings changes in our lives - swimming pools close, study begins again! Therefore, this is a very good time to remember that our Library is filled with excellent books - history, current events, religion, poetry, sports, Brethren issues, etc. The Committee is constantly updating the books, and we urge you to come and see what is offered - it is a Gold Mine for the Good Mind! The Library is staffed each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:15 so you will find help in searching for just the right book. There are also current issues of various publications, and, of course, many, many books for children.

Below are brief summaries of a few of the books you will find when you browse the Library:

The End of Poverty - Economic Possibilities for Our Time, by Jeffrey D. Sachs who offers a deep conceptual map of the world economy and offers some solutions to the interwoven social and economic problems of our world.

A different topic, *A People’s History of Christianity, The Other Side of the Story*, by Diana Butler Bass, authenticates the vital, emerging Christian movements of our time, providing historical evidence that celebrates these movements as thoroughly Christian and faithful to the mission of Jesus.

On the lighter side - for those of us who are aging (and aren’t we all??) *A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to Old Age, Life Changes After 50*, is a quick read and good for some laughs - which we all need in these troubled times.

Explore the Library, and Enjoy!
The Library Committee

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Corinne Wenger	10	Ilene Broderick	18	Marian Varner	25	Rich Bohn
	Gerald Snyder	11	Jen Smith		Gay Polanskey		Tony Groff
2	Denise Witman	12	Jayson Gardner	19	Hazel Huffman	26	Christine Turkki
3	Brandon Nace	13	Colin Betz	21	Thelma Herr	27	Carl Bomberger
4	Dick Bates		Jere Tankesley		Courtney Dueck		Ella Mae Murray
	Lin Moyer		Susan Adsitt	22	Daryl Parmer		Linda Ross
	Sharyn Bowman	16	Rodney St. John		Gregg Shulenberger	28	Marilyn Hummel
	John Snader		Jeff Rill	24	Mike Curran		Tami White
6	Jim Bridgeman	17	John Breidenstine		Carl Denlinger	29	Brittany Riegen
	Caroline Hagen		Judy Coble		Rose Marie Marzolf	30	Jacqui Hostetter
8	Matt Kramer		David Fuchs, Jr.		Paul Groff		Doris Seldomridge
	Carl Shull						Drew Smith

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

HOMELESS STUDENT PROJECT (HSP)

Last year, the Lancaster Church of the Brethren supported School District of Lancaster by donating over 1300 items (approx. \$5,000 retail value) to the *Homeless School Project*. This extremely worthwhile effort is directed by Kenneth Marzinko. Some of you know Ken—he spoke to the *Thoughtful Life Class* last year.

As you know, our Outreach Ministry Team, through the work of the Hunger and Poverty Team, is sponsoring this effort again this year via our Be an Angel program. There is still plenty of time for you to take one or more small angels from the large angels and purchase the suggested items.

One of the objectives under the HSP is to provide “educational materials such as school supplies, uniforms, gym clothes, school pictures and school field trips for homeless students.” Our donation of school supplies will make more money available to the HSP for the other items mentioned. Therefore, when we donate the book bags, pencils, paper, notebooks, etc. we are indirectly helping these students get school pictures, uniforms, gym clothes, and to go on field trips.

Our congregation has been generous in our outreach efforts. We want to do our best to see that 900 homeless students are cared for in the up-coming academic year.

Speaking of being generous, Dave Creighton, the Outreach Ministry Team Chair, recently arranged for the July 26 “2 Cents a Meal” offering to be distributed: \$441.79, Lancaster County Council of Churches; the Global Food Crisis Fund of the Church of the Brethren, \$883.59, for a total offering of \$1,325.38.

We agree with the following comment by Lisa Werner, the chair of the Hunger and Poverty Team: “Despite the economic situation, it’s nice to see that we are a giving church!!!!

Don’t ever stop being Angels!

Hunger and Poverty Team

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HYGIENE KIT SERVICE PROJECT

HYGIENE KITS for the Brethren Service Center will be assembled on Sunday, November 1st following the 10:15 worship services. Your help is needed to purchase items for the kits. **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 call Keith or Marilyn Hummel, 295-9121.

CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 18

Mark your calendars now for the annual CROP Walk to feed the hungry on Sunday afternoon, October 18. This year the CROP Walk, which always takes place on the third Sunday of October, will not conflict with our Congregational Business Meeting. The Church Board decided last year to move the Congregational Meeting to October 25 in order that members and friends of our congregation can participate in the CROP Walk.

Carlos Schaudel will once again be spearheading the fundraising for the LCOB. Contact Carlos for more information about the CROP Walk.

COBYS BIKE & HIKE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13

COBYS Family Services is trying to turn 13 into a lucky number. The 13th annual COBYS Bike & Hike is slated for Sunday, September 13, at the Lititz Church of the Brethren. (At least it’s not on a Friday.) Events begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Bike & Hike includes a three-mile walk through Lititz, 10- and 25-mile bicycle rides on rural roads around Lititz, and the 55-mile Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride, which this year travels along the Susquehanna River Hills to Safe Harbor Dam and back.

Participants may choose to pay a registration fee or obtain sponsors for the event. The registration fee is \$25 per person, with a \$5 discount for those who pre-register by September 7. The registration fee is waived entirely for those who obtain \$25 or more in pledges from sponsors. Pre-registration is not required.

Brochures are being mailed to churches and are available at www.cobys.org/news.htm. For more information, contact event coordinator Don Fitzkee at 800-452-6517 or don@cobys.org.

BEYOND LCOB

PIG ROAST TO SUPPORT HISPANIC MINISTRIES IN LANCASTER

You are invited to attend the Alpha and Omega Family Life Center annual Pig Roast Fundraiser. Come to enjoy a dinner of chicken, pork, rice and beans, other side dishes and dessert. As you are eating, listen to the Alpha and Omega Music Academy Band, a Hispanic Christian Band and enjoy other fun entertainment. Children will have the opportunity to have their faces painted while the parents relax. We hope to see you there.

When: September 19, 2009

Time: 4:00-7:00 pm.

Where: The Alpha and Omega Family Life Center
708 Wabank Street in Lancaster
394-3021

Price of Tickets: \$10 :adults, \$5.00 :children 12 and under

Contact for Tickets: Suzanne Schaudel

MISSION TO MALAWI (SEPTEMBER 18TH - OCTOBER 4TH)

Hello friends. I'm off to serve the Lord in the distant land of Malawi, Africa. A group of nine brothers and sisters from Delaware are traveling to serve with our fellow laborers in Christ. We're partnering with Urban Promise International and CURE International to reach children in one of the fifth poorest nations in the world. However, we cannot go alone. We need your to help to send us through prayer and financial support. If you're interested in learning more about the trip, please visit <http://web.mac.com/bglass/Malawi2009/TripInfo.html> or pick-up a flier in the Gathering Area. If you want to support our trip financially, please make checks payable to Immanuel Church and mail them to Jessica Chillas, 5545 Doral Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808. Thank you for your faithful support of God's work around the world.

Jessica Chillas

CHRISTIAN LEADER FROM ISRAEL SPEAKING IN LANCASTER

Father Elias Chacour, Archbishop of the Melchite Christian Church in Galilee, will speak at First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster on Friday, September 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Father Chacour is the founder of schools serving nearly 3,000 youth in inter-faith and multi-ethnic settings, the author of *Blood Brothers (available in our library)*, and a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness, and First Presbyterian Church, are sponsoring this visit. Admission is free. A free-will offering for the schools in Galilee will be received.

Go to www.pilgrimsofibilin.org for more information about Father Chacour and his work.

PEACE MURAL PROJECT

Plan to come to the Clipper Stadium on Saturday, September 19, between 12:00 – 2:00 for the Peace Mural Celebration. The culmination of the project is the unveiling of the Peace Mural Project at the stadium. Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness assisted by Marie Rhoades of On Earth Peace has been instrumental in making this idea become a reality. Participating churches and community organizations are helping children in grades 1-6 create murals that include their visions and images for peace in the world.

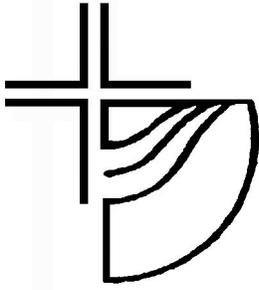
Join in this celebration of peace during the time of the observance of the World Council of Church's International Day of Prayer for Peace.

INTERVARSITY MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL DESSERT

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 ~ 6:30 pm~ Room 162

Come and hear how the InterVarsity ministry at Franklin & Marshall is encouraging students to Live in Truth, Love the Campus, and Laugh bringing Joy to the World. Meet current students and learn about ways you can help more students "Taste and see that the Lord is Good!" (Psalm 34:8)

Often we receive information from other churches or community organizations. The policy for newsletter submissions is: First priority to all LCOB news. Second is Church of the Brethren denomination news. If space still remains *without adding pages*, other community information will be included. This may be edited. Events or other news must be consistent with Church of the Brethren values, mission and policies. No for-profit entities or organizations.



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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

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