



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

May 2012

2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-21, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Hey, Kids! Get ready to soar through the skies on an adventure where you will discover that EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD! Children age 3 through grade 5 are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School from June 17-21, 6:15-8:15 nightly. Experience Bible stories, creative crafts, scrumptious treats and crazy games! Watch for registration forms throughout the church. If you would like to help with this sky-high adventure, please contact Jamie Nace at 397-4751 ext. 106.



GRADUATION RECOGNITION ON JUNE 3

We would like to recognize all graduates in our worship services on the first Sunday of June. If you or a family member have earned a diploma since last June, whether from high school or a post-secondary degree, please contact Suzanne Schaudel by calling 656-8592. We want to know what school or college the diploma is from and what the individual plans to do in the future. We hope all graduates can be present at one of the worship services on June 3 to receive the recognition in person.



HUNGER PROJECT

Jesus said, "when you feed the least of these, you feed me."

In the Community Ministry Team (INC) will be providing a meal for the hungry in Lancaster on August 7, 2012. We will cook the meal and serve those who are hungry. We estimate 200 meals will be provided. They will be served at a sit-down dinner held at First Reformed Church UCC. The cost to prepare these meals will be approximately \$400.00. We need your help! Donations should be marked **INC-August 7 Hunger Project**. Please support this worthwhile attempt to help those in our community. If you have any questions, please call Deb Chillas.



WALKING INTO A WORLD OF NEED

*"Beyond these walls, we'll be Your hands
Beyond these walls, we'll be Your feet
Turn our faith into action
We'll go forth with compassion,
For we are called beyond these walls..."*

Over the last several weeks, all of our worship services have focused on those Core Values that take us beyond the four walls of our church building: Loving your neighbor, We cannot serve two masters, Seeing Christ in others, and Calling and making disciples. Hopefully our hearts have been filled and transformed. Hopefully this focus has encouraged and charged all of us to live out our faith in tangible ways. Hopefully we are feeling energized to be the hands and feet of Christ. Hopefully we are ready to recognize and walk into a world of need – because that is exactly what we are being called to do!

During the month of May, the Lancaster Church of the Brethren will be intentionally focusing on our mission out in the world. **Every member, regular attendee, and friend of the church is being challenged to volunteer to serve out in the world** during our focus – specifically between the dates of May 13 – June 3. Your service can be small – perhaps

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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 MAY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb and Fred Kreider
 8:40 a.m. Renea and Mike Snyder
 8:40 a.m. Shirley and Ervin Martin
 9:50 a.m. Darlene and Earl Williams
 9:50 a.m. Debbie Hall and Mim Longenecker
 11:15 a.m. Marvin Harnish



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

John Graham
 Barry Wilson

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*John Groff	Zachary	Rich Bohn
	Baughman	
Marvin Harnish	Ray Leckrone	Ed Riegen
Calvin Wenger	Shirley Wenger	

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Nicole Putt

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Glenn and Ruth Shultz—569-7599



ATTENDANCE

March 25—359
 April 1—380
 April 8—510
 April 15—308

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Linda Hershey—(New temporary address & phone.)
 118 Owl Hill Rd., Apt. 2
 Lititz, PA 17543
 Phone 626-2485

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Matt Shaffer | 11 John Graham | 21 Don Hursh |
| 2 Barb King | | Donna Myer |
| 3 Melode Forsha | 13 James Biemiller | 23 Taylor Husted |
| Nathan Biemiller | Joe Bryson | Larry Ross |
| Gladys Arnold | 14 Stu Kauffman | 24 Dory Voulopos |
| Steve Holsinger | Juanita Lunger | 25 Pat Breidenstine |
| Wendi Holsinger | 15 Tracy Sadd | Shirley Frey |
| Bonnie Frick | 16 Jeanne Heck | 26 Madelynn Riedel |
| 4 Andrew Graham | Emery DeWitt | 27 Kate Kinderwater |
| Laurie Rhoades | Luke Wenger | Joe Peffley |
| 5 Robert Smith | Troy Nace | Joanne Mellinger |
| Liz Roth | 17 Kyle Shirk | 29 Gwen Martin |
| Otto Schaudel | Jill Bridgeman | Laura Bowser |
| Vince Ruby | 18 Judi Hess | |
| 6 Eric Yunginger | Nicklaus Kreider | 30 Courtney Riegen |
| 9 Sherry Weaver | 20 Audrey Martin | Lois Shenk |
| Jodi Yingling | Donna Wilson | |
| 10 Joan Yunginger | Donna Hernandez | |



From the Performing Arts Director's Desk . . .

"I saw myself in Sunday's drama. It made me aware I need to be more accepting of other styles of worship."

This comment was made by one of our church members after a Sunday morning drama. It reflects the impact drama can have in church ministry.



Carole Deck

The short slice-of-life Sunday morning performances capture our attention and create interest in current issues. Good drama makes us laugh at ourselves or touches us where we're most vulnerable.

Drama played a significant role in the Morning Psalm worship service since it began almost 17 years ago. After many requests, drama ministry was incorporated in the traditional worship service in 2010.

It's been a joy to see the overwhelmingly positive reception from the traditional congregation. And the actors are always encouraged by the choir's enthusiastic responses.

Along with adding a new dimension to worship, drama gives our seasoned L.C.O.B. Performing Arts actors an opportunity to use their talents to glorify God.

Most of our actors developed their acting skills through the successful 13-year run of our dinner theatre

that featured 25 productions. They spent a lot of time and effort over the years making acting look natural.

Some people don't realize that actors don't magically know where, when and how to move in a performance. That's the job of the director, along with guiding the actor in character development.

As director of performing arts, it's my job to schedule dramas with pastors/worship leaders; search for and/or write scripts; cast actors; direct rehearsals; schedule sound checks; coordinate props.

We are fortunate to have a small group of sensational, seasoned actors who are willing to devote their time and talent to our dramas. But over the years, our acting troupe has decreased due to people leaving the church for a variety of reasons or they can no longer perform due to health issues, educational or work conflicts.

So we're looking for new people to join our L.C.O.B. Performing Arts troupe. You don't need acting experience, but you do need a willingness to learn with a passion to serve God through our drama ministry.

I'll be waiting to hear from you!

Blessings,

Carole Deck

Director of Performing Arts

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

MEETING REPORT

After a delicious Soup & Salad Lunch served by the CBYF (thank you youth, parents and staff), the congregation met on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. dealing with business of the church.

Reports were given by all three pastors, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Auditors, Deacons, and Chairs of the eight ministry teams.

Action of approval was given to making our current Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Linda Byers, Director of Youth Ministry beginning the 1st of May. Linda received a 95.5% approval vote. Approval was also given to making our current Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministry, Jamie Nace, Director of Children's Ministry beginning the 1st of May. Jamie received a 98.8% approval vote. Both votes indicated strong support for the work being done by both of these individuals. Congratulations, Linda and Jamie!

Approved was the recommended distribution of the Outreach and Scholarship Funds: Interservice Fellow-

ship, York College, \$1,500; Bridge of Hope, \$2,850; and Chestnut Housing Cooperation, \$2,850.

Concern was raised that our current giving to date towards our Plan of Ministry is behind 5% in comparison to last year's giving. It is hoped this will be corrected in the near future.

Guy Wampler reported on the progress of *Brethren Press* publishing our *Brethren Beliefs* booklet. Its anticipated date of publication will be in early July and made available for the first time at Annual Conference.

Announced was that to date the Inreach Fund has topped \$35,000 and that the Poverty and Hunger Group has purchased 367 additional school uniforms for homeless children at the School District of Lancaster. All thanks to extravagant generosity.

The Leadership Search Team is requesting suggestions to fill the followings positions in 2013: Assistant Chair of Property Ministry Team, Chair of Hospitality Ministry Team, Auditor, Treasurer, delegates to Annual Conference and District Conference.

Jay V. Wenger

SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION

The church hopes to provide a class in 2013 for those in our church who would like to receive their ServSafe Certification and for those who would like to be recertified. This certification is necessary to cook in the kitchen. If you have not already contacted Deb Chillas, please do so in the near future. You can also tell Allen Hansell if you are interested.

CLIMBERS

The Climbers and their guests, the Homebuilders, will meet on May 12 for a slide presentation by Dr. Larien Bieber in rooms 162-3 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a donation of canned beef stew, baked beans and/or rice for the Food Bank.



LIBRARY LINES



You will want to read the following two books that have just been placed in our library. They are currently on the shelf in the Gathering Place.

Questions That Refuse To Go Away - Peace and Justice in North America by Marian Franz.

The book contains many thoughts and guidelines on ways we can act to promote peace and justice. The author shows how a growing emphasis on the military might actually breed insecurity as it consumes resources and widens the gap between rich and poor. It is time for Christians to choose new values and priorities. A very inspirational and thought provoking book on Christianity and justice and on the church and social problems.

Jesus for President – Politics for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw

This is a book to provoke the Christian political imagination. It is about a project in renewing the imagination of the church in the United States and of those who would seek to know Jesus. What we need is an exploration of the Bible's political imagination, a renovated Christian politics, and a new set of hopes, goals and practices. As the authors say, "We believe the growing number of Christians who are transcending the rhetoric of lifeless presidential debates is a sign of the renovation." Every page of this interesting subject will compel your desire to continue reading on in this book.

CHURCH PROPERTY SPRING CLEAN UP

Please join the property ministry team's annual spring clean-up team on Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m.—noon. Bring your favorite gardening gloves and tools, especially rakes, trimmers, or large garbage cans. Everyone has a good time working together. This is the kind of work that has visible results, and it shows the community that we care about our church.



MAY PMT ENERGY TIP

Don't supersize your Air Conditioner. Bigger isn't always better when it comes to room air conditioning. The Federal Department of Energy advises that you use a unit that's sized for the area it's meant to cool or it'll be less efficient, less effective, and more costly to stay comfortable in the summertime.



HOMELESS STUDENTS IN LANCASTER

As is well known, there are more than 1000 homeless students each year in the School District of Lancaster. Last July and August, through our "Be An Angel" program, we donated 400 uniforms, lots of traditional school supplies, underwear, and socks. We have been involved in this caring ministry for over four years.

A few months ago, a member asked whether or not the Homeless Student Project, facilitated by Ken Marzinko, needed continuing help. We contacted Ken, and he said he was in dire need of more uniforms. After checking with local merchants, we discovered that local stores stock the uniforms only during July, August and early September. With that disappointing news, Ken said he thought he could order them from a supplier in New York.

To make a long story short, Ken ordered, received, and distributed **337** new uniforms to homeless students in the SDL. **Total Cost: \$2,218.59 (\$6.32 per uniform).** By way of comparison, we paid **\$21** per uniform last summer. Ken assured us that the quality is equal to or better than those purchased locally. We might be able to order from this outlet this fall.

With enough funds in the Hunger and Poverty account, our Outreach Ministry Team authorized a check to the Homeless Student Project for \$2,218.59. We thank those Angels who continue to support our Hunger and Poverty efforts, especially one couple who gave the majority of the above funds. Yes, the "Be An Angel" program was alive and well in March and April. Thank you!! --Hunger and Poverty Group

EAGLE SCOUT

Two of our youth have recently received the honor of Eagle Scout. Mason Byers and Andrew Lefever who are both seniors at Lampeter-Strasburg. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor in scouting. It requires at least 21 merit badges earned and a community project to be completed. In applying for this honor a scout is also required to be recommended with letters of commendation by members of the community. For anyone who has worked to attain this honor, they are aware of the amount of work it includes.



Mason Byers Andrew Lefever

Andrew, the son of Jayne and Mark Lefever, has earned 39 merit badges over the course of his scouting career. His scouting troop is #56 in Strasburg. Andrew's project entailed planting trees and additional work at a public park in Strasburg. He regularly attends the traditional service with his grandmother, Romaine Lefever, and very close friends Stan and Grace Cox.

Mason is a scout with the Willow Street Troop #58. He earned 35 merit badges making him eligible for the award. His project was refurbishing the outdoor cathedral at Camp Swatara. Mason attends Morning Psalm service with his parents, David and Linda Byers and his grandparents, Ron and Joan Yunginger, who attend the Chapel service when they are not in Florida.

Please congratulate these young men for their milestone achievements in the scouting organization.

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Looking ahead: Due to vacations, July newsletter articles will be due June 10.

WALKING INTO A WORLD OF NEED

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noticing a neighbor in need and helping out. There will be a list of service projects in the Gathering Place beginning April 29 that you can sign up to do if you are looking to go as a group or if you need help thinking of a place to serve. Don't let this opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and truly impact the world around you and your family pass you by!

On Sunday mornings May 13, 20, and 27, there will also be a "Mission Fair" taking place in the Gathering Place. Organizations that are working to meet the needs of the impoverished, lonely, homeless, and hurting will be present with information about their organization. This is a great opportunity to learn about the different places where we as a church choose to give our money in outreach – as well as a chance for you to get further involved in places where your greatest passion meets real needs in the world.

After three weeks (May 13-June 3) of serving out in the world and learning about places where we can get plugged in to the ongoing work for others in our area, ***we will come together as an entire congregation to celebrate in combined worship services on June 3!*** Come here and share stories of how God has moved in us and around us through our work beyond these walls!

Join us, "*we'll go forth with compassion,*" as we:

Learn... About service organizations that the LCOB supports in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings before and after worship May 13, 20, and 27!

Serve... Every member, regular attendee and friend is challenged to go out and serve sometime between May 13 – June 3. A variety of service project opportunities will be available for sign up in the Gathering Place beginning April 29 – or create your own service to others!

Celebrate... Come together as a congregation to celebrate God's work in our lives and in the world around us!

If you have questions or are looking for other ways to be involved, please contact Pastor Cindy Lattimer.

ⁱ From the song, "Beyond these Walls" by David Gaulton. The song will be used in Morning Psalm during May. Check out www.davidgaulton.com to listen!

LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BR

Worship Services:

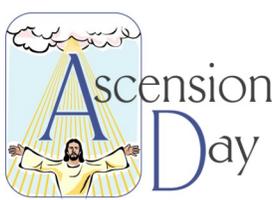
8:00 AM	Morning Worship	Chapel
9:00 AM	Sunday School hour	Various Locations
9:00 AM /10:15 AM	Morning Psalm Worship	Family Life Center

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1.	2. 6:45am Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Praise Kidz 6:30pm Carillon Bell 6:30pm MP Worship 7:00pm MP Band Rehearsal 7:00pm MP Singers 7:45pm Chancel Choir
6. Youth Sunday—Chapel & Sanctuary	7. 8:30am TOPS—Rms 162-3 6:00pm TOPS—Room 221	8. 1:00pm Greeting Card Committee— G. Place 6:00pm LCOB Softball team plays Zion EP @ Menn Field  6:30pm Ministry Team Meetings	9. 6:45am Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Praise Kidz 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Carillon Bell 6:30pm MP Worship 7:00pm MP Band Rehearsal 7:00pm MP Singers 7:30pm Chancel Choir
13. 	14. 8:30am TOPS—Rms 162-3 7:00pm TOPS—Room 221	15. 6:30pm Church Board Meeting— Rms 162-3 7:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays Zion Land @ Menn Field 	16. 6:45am Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Praise Kidz 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Carillon Bell 6:30pm MP Worship 7:00pm MP Band Rehearsal 7:00pm MP Singers 7:30pm Chancel Choir
20. 8:00 & 10:15am Choir Sunday— Sanctuary 11:30am Soup and Salad—FLC	21. 8:30am TOPS—Rms 162-3 7:00pm TOPS—Room 221	22. 7:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays Hum Grey @ Apostles Field 	23. 6:45am Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Praise Kidz 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Carillon Bell 6:30pm MP Worship 7:00pm MP Band Rehearsal 7:00pm MP Singers 7:30pm Chancel Choir
27. Bread & Cup Communion—All services 	28. 8:30am TOPS—Rms 162-3 7:00pm TOPS—Room 221	29. 7:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays Grace Baptist @ Apostles Field 	30. 6:45am Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Praise Kidz 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Carillon Bell 6:30pm MP Worship 7:00pm MP Band Rehearsal 7:00pm MP Singers 7:30pm Chancel Choir

ETHREN – MAY 2012 CALENDAR

Worship Services:

10:15 AM	Praise Kidz/SALT	Room 162-163
10:15 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 AM	Maranatha – Bilingual Worship	Upper Room

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Breakfast—Rms 162-3 Rm Dcrtng Choir Rehearsal Planning—WR Rehearsal—FLC Rehearsal—Rm 219 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3. 6:00pm LCOB Softball team plays Grace UM @ Menn Field</p>   <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>	<p>4. 3:30pm Girl Scouts—Troop #70451 Rms 162-3 6:00pm Church Board Retreat—FLC</p>	<p>5. 8:00 am Middle East Interest Group— Rms 162-3 1:30 pm Sarah Broadwell Piano Recital—Sanctuary 4:30 pm Kids Night Out—FLC</p>
<p>Breakfast—Rms 162-3 Rm Dcrtng Bible Study—Chapel Choir Rehearsal Planning—WR Rehearsal—FLC Rehearsal—Rm 219 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10. 7:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays St. Peter's @ Menn Field</p> 	<p>11. 4:30pm Daisy Troop—Rms 162-3 Last Day of Preschool</p>	<p>12. 8:00 am – Outside Yard Clean 10:00 am Children's Ministry Volunteer Brunch—FLC 7:00 pm Slides by Dr. Bieber - Climbers—Room 162-3</p>
<p>Breakfast—Rms 162-3 Rm Dcrtng Bible Study—Chapel Choir Rehearsal Planning—WR Rehearsal—FLC Rehearsal—Rm 219 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17. 6:00pm LCOB Softball team plays Wayside @Wayside Field</p>  	<p>18. 3:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop #70451— Rms 162-3</p>	<p>19.</p>
<p>Breakfast—Rms 162-3 Rm Dcrtng Bible Study—Chapel Choir Rehearsal Planning—WR Rehearsal—FLC Rehearsal—Rm 219 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24. 6:00pm Margaret Marsch's Student Recitals—Sanctuary & Rms 162-3 6:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays CTK @ Menn Field</p> 	<p>25. 4:30pm Daisy Troop—Rms 162-3</p>	<p>26.</p>
<p>Breakfast—Rms 162-3 Rm Dcrtng Bible Study—Chapel Choir Rehearsal Planning—WR Rehearsal—FLC Rehearsal—Rm 219 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31. 6:00 pm LCOB Softball team plays Mennonite @ Menn Field</p> 		



WALK YOUR TALK

E.W. Boreham reminds us of a story from the life of Francis of Assisi...

“Brother,” Francis

said one day to one of the young monks at the Portiuncula, “let us go down to the town and preach!”

The novice, delighted at being singled out to be the companion of Francis, obeyed with alacrity. They passed through the principal streets, turned down many of the by-ways and alleys, made their way out to some of the suburbs, and at length returned, by a circuitous route, to the monastery gate. As they approached it, the younger man reminded Francis of his original intention.

“You have forgotten, Father, that we went down to the town to preach!”

“My son,” Francis replied, “we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. Many have seen us; our behavior has been closely watched; it was thus that we preached our morning sermon. It is of no use, my son, to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere we walk.”

Christians are living witnesses who should walk worthy of the calling they have received.

“This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:5-6

http://www.alifeinchrist.com/walk_your_talk.html
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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)

SENIOR ADULT DAY AT CAMP SWATARA

June 6, 2012

9:30 a.m. – Registration/coffee/pastry

10:00 a.m. – String quartet “Serenade”

11:00 a.m. – Hymn sing

12 Noon – Dinner

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Choose from:

Nathan and Jennifer Hosler share about Nigeria

Ken Kreider sharing the 300th anniversary celebration of COB

Van tour of Camp Swatara

Miniature golf

Sit, walk, visit on the trails

Registration deadline: May 31

Call - 717-933-8510

Fax - 717-933-7064

Email – mhouff@campswatara.org

\$12.00 fee covers all the above – payable upon arrival.

CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Camp Swatara offers a variety of activities for children, youth, and adults.

- May 18-20 Adult Birding Trip
- May 22 – Day trip to Winterthur and Longwood Gardens
- June – Summer camps begin – Grades 1-12
- July – Benefit golf Tournament
- August – Rekindle – Young Adult Overnight
Algonquin Canoe Trip to Canada
- September- Family Camping Center Auction
- Adult Acadia National Park Trip
- October – Brethren Heritage Bus Trip to Virginia

Remember to register your children for Summer Camps by **May 19** to avoid the late fee. This will be a fun, spiritually-growing experience for your child. Also, remember that our church will pay for half the cost of children’s camp with a **Good as Gold Certificate** available at the church office.



For more information, check out the Camp Swatara bulletin board located on the lower level across from the elevator, or contact Donna Lunger, Camp Rep. at 464-4966, or go to the Camp Swatara website at: www.campswatara.org

INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION

Jeff Bach, Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, invites the congregation to visit the Young Center's exhibit, "**Pastor, Poet, Weaver, Writer: The Life of Alexander Mack, Jr.**" It presents the life and work of Alexander Mack, Jr., one of our most important ministers in the 1700s. The exhibit is open through June 22, 2012.



Alexander Mack, Jr.

The exhibit is in honor of his 300th birthday this year. The exhibit includes the last Bible he owned, his account book with poetry and family information in his own handwriting, letters, and some books that he wrote. The exhibit is free. The Young Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Special hours in the evening and on weekends to groups can be arranged by calling 361-1470.

MOTHER'S DAY GOLF & BIKE EVENTS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS MOTHERS & THEIR CHILDREN

CONTACT: Christopher Fitz, director of development Brethren Housing Association, Harrisburg, PA cfitz@bha-pa.org or (717) 233-6016.

Mothers are the focus of two days of special events May 11 and 12 sponsored by Brethren Housing Association (BHA), a ministry that works to equip homeless families with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty.

The Mother's Day weekend will be dedicated to two special events to raise funds for this purpose.

Golf Tournament

On Friday, May 11, a four person scramble golf tournament will be held at Par Line Golf Course in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Golfers and sponsors can sign up online and take part in contests throughout the afternoon. All golfers will be eligible to win and take home numerous prizes for themselves or a favorite "mom."

The golf event begins with registration at 11:15 a.m., followed by a putting contest and 18 holes of team play. It concludes with prizes and awards over a legendary catered dinner. To enter a team or sponsor a hole or contest, call Brethren Housing Association at (717) 233-6016 or access BHA's website at www.bha-pa.org. Registration deadline is May 4.

Spring Thaw Bike Tour

The second event of Mother's Day weekend is the Spring Thaw Bike Tour, Saturday, May 12, for participants challenging themselves to bicycle 25 or 50 miles.

The bike event offers two scenic and moderately challenging rolling courses through Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Riders start together at 8:30 a.m. for the 50-mile route, 9 a.m. for the 25-mile route. Start and finish is at Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut Street, Palmyra. All riders receive a route map and cue sheet, sag wagon support, and refreshment stops every 10-15 miles. Refreshments and lunch also will be served at the start/finish area. Riders may get sponsorships or pay their own registration and may sign up online at www.bha-pa.org or call Christopher Fitz at (717) 233-6016.



Participating in one of these ways is a way to honor a mother who has passed away or one who is living. Proceeds from both events benefit mothers in BHA's programs.

Brethren Housing Association has been building a future with hope for homeless women and their children in the Harrisburg area since 1989. Its transitional housing program provides homeless families with secure housing and intensive case management for up to two years while participants work on goals to help them transition into independent, productive members of the community.

THANK YOU...

Many, many thanks for the expressions of care and concern during my recent hospital visit. The prayers, calls and cards were very encouraging. The pastoral visits by Jeff and Calvin were sincerely comforting. God's love shines through the warmth exhibited by our church family.

Doris Bridgeman

We would like to thank the pastors and congregation for their cards, phone calls and prayers over Katrina's surgery and Jon's accident at work in February. We are both doing well again. We appreciate all of the care and concern.

Sincerely,
Jon and Katrina Bridgeman

Dear Members & Friends,
We and our whole family want to express appreciation to the Lancaster church, Rev. Rill, Calvin Wenger, Grace Cox, and all participants and servers at the Memorial Service for Inez Long conducted there on March 31. Her ashes were placed the next day beside her husband John's at the family plot in Meyersdale, PA.

We understand it was a full day at the church, but was meaningful to us and hopefully to others on the heritage and mission that has so well been added to and carried on. Very best wishes, love, and prayers to everyone now and in the future.

Gratefully, David & Barbara Long

To Rev. Rill, Calvin Wenger, and the congregation of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren: The family of Inez Long wishes to thank the leaders, participants, and many volunteers of the Lancaster church who assisted with the Memorial Service for our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend, Inez Long, on March 31. Her legacy continues in the many lives she touched and remains evident in the life and mission of the faithful members of the Lancaster church. Thank

you for your time, effort, and hospitality to celebrate Inez's life.

With gratitude,
David and Barbara Long and family
Kathy and Dan Missildine and family

Our family would like to thank everyone at Lancaster Church of the Brethren for all the encouraging thoughts, prayers, words, and flowers sent our way during Bob's sister Doris' illness and after her passing.

We, also, were delighted by the beautiful music at Doris' memorial service, and we truly appreciate the Chancel Choir members who shared their musical talents in those anthems.

Once again, we are reminded how much it means to us to be part of such a caring church family.

Bob and Judi Hess
John and Jennifer Biemiller
Michael, Emily, Luke and Logan Wenger

Dear Church Family & Friends,
Thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. It was fun. The cards were lovely, and I will read over them many times. I appreciated all the gifts.

In Christian love,
Betty Mayers

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 15th of every month.
2. ***Electronically submitted is best!***
3. Email to the church office at lancob@comcast.net.
4. Please do not extensively format emailed submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. An attached file should be in a *Word* document.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention Tiffany Dickel, or place them in the "Newsletter" folder in the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

May 2012

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

9:00 – 9:45 Sunday Mornings

The Chapel Bible Study Group, led by Calvin Wenger and John Snader, meets in the Chapel. They are currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In May they will be continuing their study of the book of *I Corinthians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In May they will be continuing their discussion of the book *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr. Group discussions will focus on *Spirituality for the two halves of life*. If you have any questions, contact Linda Husted at clhusted@aol.com.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussions in a variety of topics. In recognition of the mission focus our congregation is emphasizing in May, we have invited representatives of several agencies supported by our congregation to tell us about the activities and goals of their organization.

May 6 – Phyllis Stacks, V.P. for Development of *Tabor Community Services*, will share how *Tabor* helps Lancaster County families find solutions to housing & financial problems.

May 13 – Don Fitzkee, of *COBYS Family Services*, will share how this agency of the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren educates, supports and empowers children and adults to reach their full potential.

May 20 – Brenda Kauffman, Co-chair of the *Marcellus Shale Gas Community Action Forum*, will speak on the topic of *Environmental Stewardship and our Faith*.

May 27 – Dale Hylton will speak on the topic, *Poor Single Moms*.

Connections, a casual conversation group meeting in room 200, opens at 8:30 for coffee and conversation, and continues informal conversation during the 9:00 Sunday School hour. It is open to everyone interested in connecting with other people on a more personal level. Loosely organized discussions each month will be focused as follows:

First Sunday: Holiday(s) of the month and its religious background.

Second Sunday: Hot topics within the church.

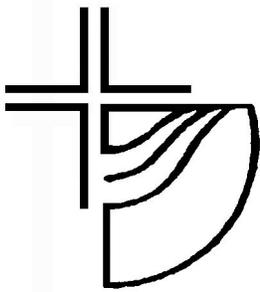
Third Sunday: Game Day. Word games to stimulate thinking and conversation.

Fourth Sunday: God at the Movies – our take on a Pastor Shreckhise favorite topic.

Fifth Sunday: Guest speakers addressing Brethren Beliefs.

Follow the **Connections** sign to room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.





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