



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

June 2012

Summer is all about Kids and having fun!

SUMMER KINGDOM

Every Sunday – 9:00 a.m.

Summer (aka: Faith) Kingdom is a place where children have the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus through exploring God's Word and applying it to their daily lives. The children will develop relationships with their teachers and peers and will learn to see how God works through everything they do. This Sunday School program includes many different activities such as drama, singing, games, crafts and storytelling.



Infant-Age 2 meet in Nursery

Age 3-5th gr. Meet in Preteen Room

Praise Kidz!

Jr. Worship -- Ages 4 - 3rd Grade

Every Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., children, ages 4-3rd grade, gather together in the Praise Zone for a time of worship and teaching. There will be children's versions of familiar energetic worship music, storytelling, puppet ministry, drama performed by adults and kids, and games. (Children will be dismissed from the 10:15 AM Sanctuary, Morning Psalm, and Maranatha worship services. Children not attending either of those services can arrive at rooms 162-163 by 10:30 a.m.)

Questions? Contact Lisa Miley: lisammiley@gmail.com or Jodi Yingling: jodiyinpa@gmail.com.

Are you on Facebook? Look for Praise Kidz at LCOB and become a fan! We'll be using this page to keep parents up to date with the program. You can use this page to share with your friends and encourage new families to visit!



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 p.m. 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.



SALT

(SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER)

Pre-teen Worship -- Grades 4—6

Every Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

SALT will serve as a stepping stone between Praise Kidz and adult worship. Here, Pre-teens will learn about who God is on a deeper level, and how He works in us and through us. When a 5th Sunday occurs, all Pre-teens will attend an adult worship service together (alternating between Contemporary and Traditional worship) and engage in a brief sharing session afterward to discuss the service. SALT will meet in the Pre-teen room located upstairs.



Pre-teen Worship Service

NEXT 5TH SUNDAY: July 29 -- SALT will attend Morning Psalm Worship.

Questions? Contact: Jamie Nace: teachmusic77@embarqmail.com

Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a working, worshiping, learning Christian community, open and accepting without discrimination or force in matters of belief and practice.

SERVING THIS JUNE

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Linda and Guy Wampler
 8:40 a.m. Greg Hughes
 8:40 a.m. Dee and John Zimmerman
 9:50 a.m. Janet and Paul Groff
 9:50 a.m. Doris and Jim Bridgeman
 11:15 a.m. Stewart Kauffman



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Bob Barber
 Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Mike Hess Dave Creighton Shirley Gish
 Courtney Hartman Steve Holsinger Bob Mackey
 Lin Moyer Jeff Putt

CHURCH LIBRARY



Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.

Juanita Lunger

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Howard Groff—393-6560



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Kathy Focht | 13 Jay V. Wenger | 23 Tina Maerz |
| 3 Rena Ross | 14 John Lines | Sofia Grace Breidenstine-Valdes |
| 4 Shirley Martin | 15 Alison Buckwalter | John David Breidenstine-Valdes |
| 5 Mark Weaver | 16 Lynn Shively | 24 Curtis Dubble |
| Scott Hufford | Jerrold Smoker | Rodney Kline |
| Paige Riegen | Galen Miley | Gale Shirk |
| George Harmes | 17 David Ebersole | 25 Mark Smith |
| 7 Anna Heiber | 18 Bette Ruby | 26 Betty Graham |
| 8 Tracy Braksator | 19 Sue Groff | Marjorie Kauffman |
| Sadie Bowser | 20 Ray Heiber | Dorothy Shull |
| 9 Cathy Betz | 21 Jay Nace | Jay Murray |
| David Creighton | Pat Wickersham | 27 Pam Kinderwater |
| John Herr | Ashley Kline | Lenny Lambert |
| June Shulenberger | 22 Melissa Hufford | Mary Swisher |
| 11 Giny Mackey | Cindy Harmes | 28 Connor Snyder |
| Jon Metzger | David Truit | 29 Glenn Breidenstine |
| Sally Shenk | 23 Courtney Mullins (Deihm) | Linda Hershey |
| 12 Edna Shaieblly | Don King | 30 Barb Kreider |
| Bill Evans | | Stacey Shafer |
| Brad Shulenberger | | |



ATTENDANCE

April 22—361

April 29—393

May 6—341

May 13—370

May 20—407

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

If you happen to do any reading about Christianity in our current culture, you are bound to run across a lot of fear. It is no secret - not only mainline Christian churches but also evangelical Christian denominations are on the decline. There are a myriad of reasons and then another myriad of reasons for the reasons. There are scary statistics about millions of twenty-somethings leaving the church and wedge-issue infighting. Quick fix books and blogs and idea-generators are a dime a dozen. The fear sometimes creeps even into Lancaster Church of the Brethren. I hear the questions, sometimes in the open and sometimes rumbling below the surface: Is our church going to die? Where are the young families? Is the church relevant?



Cindy Lattimer
Assoc. Pastor

I've been intrigued by a set of blogs and articles focused on young people leaving the church. Sociologists, theologians, pastors, bloggers and others started giving lists - lists expressing why young people are leaving the church. Google, "Why I left the church" and you will get hundreds of thousands of hits. It is an important question - one to which we would be wise to pay attention. But it's not the *only* question. Blogger and author Rachel Held Evans wrote one of these lists. And then she turned it around. The next day she wrote a new list, "15 Reasons I Returned to the Church." And then she

invited others to give their reasons for being part of the Church. Here's one of my favorites, incidentally from Church of the Brethren minister Dana Cassell:

I'm part of the church...

*Because in the last 24 hours, I've had real conversations with toddlers, teenagers, young adults, middle aged and elderly.
Because worship reminds me which questions are worth asking.
Because church formed me and forms us into compassionate servants.
Because when there was nowhere else to go, church made a place for me.
Because of mason jar burial urns, love feast and footwashing, communal discernment, and the mystery of the Holy Spirit.
Because of Matthew 18, the Sermon on the Mount, Ecclesiastes and the Word becoming Flesh.
Because of Annie Dillard, Anna Mow, Mary Oliver, Ron Rash, Thomas Lynch and Flannery O'Connor.
Because of glimpses of something already and not quite here, inexplicable movement, ineffable relationship, and the possibility of transformation.*

Why are we here? Why are we part of *this* church? Or any church? Seems to me that it defies fear a bit to ask not only "why are folks *leaving*," but also to affirm to each other - and maybe anyone else within earshot-- why *we are here*.

I'd love to hear, so be sure and tell me...Why are *you* here?

Pastor Cindy Lattimer

WELCOME KELSEY MURRAY

AS OUR SUMMER INTERN

Having now completed her sophomore year at Bridgewater College, Kelsey Murray is prayerfully considering a vocation in the Christian Ministry. To assist her in this time of discernment, she will be providing 10 hours per week of ministry related services here at the LCOB under the leadership of Associate Pastor, Cindy E. L. Lattimer. She will be with us from early June through early August. Please welcome her home and offer words of encouragement as she ministers to us during this time of summer internship.

-Jay V. Wenger, Executive Chair



THANK YOU

We wish to thank all for your cards, calls and get well prayers and wishes to Fred while in the hospital and under care at home. Special thanks to the Wednesday morning prayer group, the Deacon Commission and our Climbers Class for your prayers, cards, and notes of encouragement.

We are sorry we missed the pastoral visits due to testing, treatments, etc. Special thanks to Calvin Wenger for his home visit. Also, thank you to Judi Hess for delivering the altar flowers.

Fred and Barbara Kreider

Our thanks to the congregation for all the cards and expressions of sympathy that we received after the loss of Doug's dad.
Doug, Jean, Carly and Ross Deihm

CLIMBERS' CORNER

Climbers will be meeting Saturday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 162-163. The speaker for this event is Nevin Warner, the Drug Court coordinator. Please bring a gift card from Giant or Weis for the Drug Court. Purchase your gift cards from George Harmes and it will benefit the church.



Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The absolute deadline for the July issue is **June 10, 2012.**

CHURCH OFFICE VACATION SCHEDULE

Tiffany Dickel will be on vacation June 18-22. The church office will have modified office hours that week. Linda Harnish will be filling in from 8:00 a.m.—12 noon each day. Feel free to call and leave messages on Tiffany's voicemail (ext. 101), Linda will be retrieving them.

Don't forget to get all July newsletter articles in by **June 10**. Email is preferred for all articles in a Word document or in the body of the email. Email Tiffany at lancob@comcast.net. If you do not have email then put them in Tiffany's mailbox behind her desk, in the office.



JUNE PMT ENERGY TIP

Wash with cold water instead of hot. Hot water is only necessary for very dirty laundry. Cold water will clean just as well when doing your laundry. Wash and dry only full loads. The machines use roughly the same amount of water and energy to wash one item as they do to wash a full load. Make sure you clean the lint filter on your dryer. Clogged filters can prevent your dryer from doing its job.



HYGIENE KITS—THANK YOU

To members and friends of the Lancaster COB: On April 29 about 50 people from the Lancaster Cob and the Maranatha Multi-Cultural Fellowship came together to do 600 Hygiene Kits that will be sent to Church World Service Center in New Windsor, MD. These kits will be sent to places around the world in times of disasters. If you would like to get more info about how you can help, you can talk to Russell Adsitt 569-0278.

HOMEBUILDER NEWS

On Saturday, June 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center the Home Builders and invited guests the Climbers, will feature musician Connor Ream, recent graduate of Lancaster Mennonite High School. He will play a bit of ragtime piano music ala Joanne Castle of the Lawrence Welk Show, followed by a sing-along. Other church friends are welcome as well to join us. If planning to attend, please call Grace Glasmire at 569-5126.

YOU ARE INVITED

An invitation was received to invite all church members to attend the 90th Birthday Open House on June 24, 2012 for Betty Bomberger. From 2-5 pm at the home of John & Mary Bruckhart, 220 E. Hazel Street, Palmyra, PA. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair. In case of rain the party will be held at the Annville CoB, 495 E. Maple Street, Annville (call the Detricks for verification). RSVP to Venona Detrick at vbd50@comcast.net or call 717.428.2669, 717.880.2518 or 717.578.7997. It is stressed NO GIFTS. If unable to attend you are invited to send a card to: Betty Bomberger, 990 Grubb Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078. In addition to Betty Bomberger, Tim & Deb Bomberger, Lane & Anita Bomberger and Venona & Joe Detrick will be looking forward to seeing you.



THANK YOU

I thank each one of you who has been so supportive and kind to me during my recent surgery and recovery. I thank the Wednesday morning Prayer Group for the many cards that were sent, Pastor Rill and Pastor Lattimer for their visits and especially Calvin Wenger for the many phone calls, notes and visits.

God answered my Prayer for giving me good friends in Billie and Jack Forsha and for leading me to such a caring church.

My heartfelt thank you,
Peggy Robinson

DEACON IN-REACH FUND

The Deacon In-Reach Fund has been in effect since October 2011, and we are so thankful for all the donations. As of May 1, 2012, you have given \$26,110.00 to help persons from our congregation in need of money for different causes. Some needs were rents, doctor bills, tuitions, electric bills, love gift, food and medical insurance premiums. When a need for money comes to me, I contact the group who discuss the need and decide if it is a worthy cause. A check is sent to the landlord, PPL, etc. but not to the person making the request.

God has blessed the couple who had a calling to help our own people and made the original gift of \$10,000 and all of you who have added the \$16,110.00 to this gifting. We are continuing to receive money, and if you wish to contribute, please do so as we hope to be able to help persons in the future. Make the check out to Lancaster Church of the Brethren. In the memo, write In-Reach Fund. If a receiver can repay at some point in time, we appreciate it, but repayment is not mandatory if the receiver is unable to make payment.

Thank you everyone for your generous support.
Shirley Wenger, Deacon Chair.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Lancaster Church of the Brethren, for your recent generous donation through the Outreach & Scholarship Fund sending me into outreach ministry to the college students at York College through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. 100+ students and I have been blessed by your prayers and support as I have transitioned from working at Franklin & Marshall College to York College this year. Current newsletters are available in the Gathering place at the church or upon request.

Thank you,
Megan Eldredge

Dear Members and Friends,

Several months ago we informed you that the son of good friends of ours was in need of a kidney transplant. We were informed by his parents that he received a new kidney on May 11 and is doing well with his recovery. We want to thank you for the many prayers that were offered during this intervening period.

Blessings,
Dick and Carol Kramer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Church World Service, New Windsor. Tuesday, June 12, there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor to help process health kits. Volunteers are needed! We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 if you plan to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!

SERRV... An opportunity to volunteer at SERRV is on Saturday, July 14. Join us as we go to New Windsor to process crafts and gift items. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Lunch and a time for shopping in the international mall will be provided. You will even receive a discount! Call Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 for more details or to reserve your seat.

SERRV

LIBRARY LINES - JUNE, 2012



We have received many books from a local neighbor- some will be on the shelves, but many will be displayed on the table in the Library and are there for you to peruse and take home the ones you like. So please come to the Library and investigate them.

The book *Toward a True Kinship of Faiths: How the World's Religions Can Come Together* written by His Holiness about the Dalai Lama has been given to the Library. No country, no culture, no person today is untouched by what happens in the rest of the world. Technological innovation, environmental degradation, economic gain and loss, nuclear weapons, and instant communication have all created unprecedented familiarity among the world's many cultures. The Dalai Lama understands that the essential task of humanity in the twenty first century is to cultivate peaceful coexistence.

Many believe in the inevitability of an escalating "clash of civilizations". Yet the Dalai Lama shows how the challenges of globalization can also move us in another direction, to a deeper plane where nations, cultures, and individuals connect through their shared human nature.

Toward a True Kinship of Faith offers a hopeful yet realistic look at how humanity must step into the future.

CHILDREN DON'T DESERVE THIS

Mr. Ken Marzinko, Facilitator of the Homeless Student Project for the School District of Lancaster, spoke to our Morning Psalm worshippers on May 13. As he reflected on the Matthew 25 passage, he shared a statement that should motivate all of us. "No matter what parents have done, these children don't deserve to be homeless."

It is projected that 1000+ students in the SDL will be homeless in the 2012-2013 school year, as they have been for every year for much too long. We hope and pray for the day when every student has a permanent home, adequate food, medical care, clothing, and loving care. Until then, our continuing help is needed.

On Sunday morning, May 13, all of our worship services embraced a passage of scripture that has been the foundational scripture for the Hunger and Poverty Group for the past four years—Matthew 25:31-46. "Truly," the king said, "I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (verse 40). Pastor Rill reminded us in his sermon that this passage is neither about the giver nor the receiver; it is about the king who holds us accountable for the way we have lived and shared with others, especially those in need.

In our compassion for the children of Lancaster, we are announcing the **BE AN ANGEL** effort for the fourth consecutive year. As in past years, the focus months will be July and August, concluding on August 19. (We, however, are grateful that some families have continued to give throughout the year.) The coordinators are Deborah Hall and Lois Hansell.

We will once again ask you to purchase all sorts of school supplies (notebooks, paper, pencils, glue, erasers, backpacks, etc.) and new school uniforms (available at K-Mart on Fruitville Pike after July 1). You may also give money.

Make checks payable to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, earmarked Be An Angel. Please identify cash gifts as Be An Angel gifts.

God loves **all** of his children around the world, but according to the teachings of Jesus, God's heart breaks for those who are suffering. Let us help bring joy to God's heart by bringing a smile to the face of a child.
--Hunger and Poverty Group



UNFOLDING THE ROSE

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do. He was inquiring of the older preacher.

The older preacher walked up to a rose bush, handed the young preacher a rosebud, and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to tell the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;

But I cannot unfold the petals
with these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
is not known to such as I.

God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,

Then how can I think I have wisdom
to unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in him for his leading
Each moment of the day.

I will look to him for his guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me
only my heavenly Father knows,

I'll trust him to unfold the moments,
Just as he unfolds the rose.

http://www.alifeinchrist.com/unfolding_the_rose.

--SMT



PRAYER PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

This summer 28 youth and advisors will be venturing away from home to serve at 4 different denominational work camps. Twelve Sr. High and advisors have planned to travel by plane to get to their camp's destination.

Each of the Sr. High youth have been invited to participate in a series of meetings to address focusing on work camp as a faith building experience, not just another vacation. Through these meetings we have addressed: this trip as a gift from the congregation, work ethic expectations, loving others (even if you don't like them), serving others "it's not about you" and inviting God to be part of the trip. We have concluded this time thinking about seeking God and using this work camp as a time to grow in faith. Part of growing in faith includes building and strengthening our relationship to God. Each traveling youth has been asked to complete a prayer partner form. Here they are listing how things may challenge them about the trip and what they would want someone to pray for them during the work camp.

The Junior High youth will also be invited to write out what they think will be most challenging for them as well.

HERE is where we need help from the congregation!

We are asking you to become prayer partners for these youth and advisors. You will get a copy of their prayer needs, as they see them, and you will be invited to pray for one specific youth or leader each day of their journey. It would be great to have two partners for each youth and advisor so we will be in need of 56 people (beyond parents) to join us in this endeavor. These youth will know who you are and also pray for you while they are away. This can be a time to really see God in action.

There will be a sign-up list available after our combined worship service on June 3 (when the work campers are commissioned) or you can call the office and speak to Tiffany to add your name to the list as well. Prayer partners will be assigned and the information of whom and what to pray for will be in church mailboxes at least the week prior to the trip.

The following is a list of all those who are planning to travel:

Jr. High Work Camp - Harrisburg, PA June 20 - 24

Laura Bowser - advisor

Alix Sable - advisor (Maranatha Fellowship)

Ava Bowser

Kaitlyn Heck

Stephanie Reynolds

Justin Shertzer

Giovanni Phillips (Maranatha Fellowship)

Elliot Ramirez (Maranatha Fellowship)

Emil Ramirez (Maranatha Fellowship)

Edison Rodriguez (Maranatha Fellowship)

Gabriella Rodriguez (Maranatha Fellowship)

Odett Rodriguez (Maranatha Fellowship)

Sr. High Work Camp – Caimito, Puerto Rico June 26 - July 2

Ricky Reynolds - advisor

Ashley Reynolds

Tristan Turkki

Grant Turkki

Sr. High Work Camp - Pine Ridge South Dakota July 22 - July 28

Linda Byers - Advisor

Mason Byers

Sr. High Work Camp - Camp Colorado July 30 - Aug 5

Jay Murray - advisor

Mike Snyder - advisor

Colin Betz

Cory Betz

Alex Bookman

Matt Brubaker

Shane Heck

Chris Holsinger

Lukas Murray

Connor Snyder

THANK YOU

It's wonderful news to hear how successful the spaghetti dinner was. I know that it made Donna (Myer) feel good to see so many people come together for her. Praise God! You and your congregation are wonderful for doing all that you are doing for Donna. We thank God for you all and appreciate your love and care for her.

Thanks,

Mary Beth Crispell (Donna's sister-in-law)

Thanks to all the youth who took part in Youth Sunday, May 6. The music was outstanding! The film had a very good message! The homilies were well presented, inspiring and thought provoking! The Congregation congratulates all participants on a job very well done. And many thanks to Linda Byers for all the work she did to help the youth prepare for the service.

FROM A FORMER MEMBER

At the two memorial services for Flossie Mellinger and Inez Long that were held on March 31, I spoke with Linda Bard Koch, who grew up as I did in the Lancaster COB. Linda, who now lives in Maryland, told me that her dad, Bill Bard, at age 89 is still a prolific poet and writer. A short time later I received a poem written by Bill Bard in the mail. I called Bill on the phone to ask him for permission to reprint his poem in *Brethren Highlights*. He was happy to share it with others. Bill lives at Lancashire Retirement Village and said he would welcome anyone who would like to call him or stop by.

--Suzanne Schaudel

Peace to You

by Bill Bard

“WW II Vet for Peace”

Peace from God I wish for you.
 Sunrise peace I give to you.
 A tranquil sea I give to you.
 Peace, dear friends, I give to you.
 Peace, full moon, I give to you.
 Peace of pleasant dreams to you.
 Peace to you the whole day thru.
 Peace of roses I give to you.
 Bounty of earth I give to you.
 Peace a rainbow gives to you.
 Peace, deep forests give to you.
 Luck of the Irish I give to you.
 Most peaceful life I give to you.
 Eternal peace I wish for you.

(Inspired by an ancient Gaelic prayer)

Bill Bard

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Lancaster, PA 17601-3467

Tel. 392-0004

THANK YOU

Dear Lancaster Church Family,

I want to send a note of thanks for all of the help provided through the Lancaster Church of the Brethren on my behalf since my hospitalizations in February and more recently in April. The visits, thoughts, prayers, and outpouring of help is amazing. Thanks to Cindy and Calvin for visitation and spiritual support, Joyce for heading up meals, Lynne and Lynn for unwavering support in so many ways and now opening up their home, Emery for moving the organ, more recently the Deacon Fund

for assistance, and so many more. While this has been a very difficult time for me, my families (including church) have really been there for me and I am so thankful. I have just been discharged from the hospital and am transitioning at the Shively's with the aid of hospice. I am looking forward to my son being my caregiver this summer. All who have rallied around me mean so much to me and once again I appreciate you so much. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Thank you for living out Jesus to me and many others.

In Christian Love, Donna Myer

I deeply appreciate the spiritual care given to me throughout my surgery and recovery from so many members of the congregation. The visits in the hospital from Pastors Rill, Lattimer, and Wenger helped me weather some very intense pain. Phone calls, gifts of food and flowers, and so many cards were added blessings. The steadiness of prayer support from the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast group blessed me more than I can express. Thank you for being the hands of Christ to me!

In deepest gratitude,
 Gladys Arnold

My son Matt and I would like to thank the church family for all the prayers, love, cards and other support during my health challenges in the early part of this year. I especially appreciate the anointing service that Calvin Wenger led. Your continuing caring, encouragement, and community are a significant blessing to both of us.

Gratefully,
 Lois and Matt Shenk

To Our Church Family,

I want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits after my knee replacement. Thank you Pastor Jeff, Pastor Cindy and Calvin for your hospital visits. It is encouraging to be part of a caring congregation.

Mo Salamh

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

June 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 June they will be continuing their study of the New Testament book of *First Corinthians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. Group discussions focus on readings from the Bible or other resources for spiritual growth. For up-to-date details, 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. During most of June and the summer months, this class will focus on *Basic Beliefs and Core Values of the Church of the Brethren*, featuring articles in the booklet **Brethren Beliefs** written by members of this congregation and being published by Brethren Press.

June 3 – Gene Bucher will lead a time of "brainstorming" topics for future TLC discussions.

June 10 – Suzanne Schaudel, *Peace and Justice*.

June 17 – Curtis Dubble, *The Simple Life*.

Jun 24 – Galen Graham, *Free Church; Non-Creedal*.

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 their 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.

JOIN US THIS FALL FOR AN EXCITING

Journey Through the New Testament

(Sept. 2012 – April 2013)

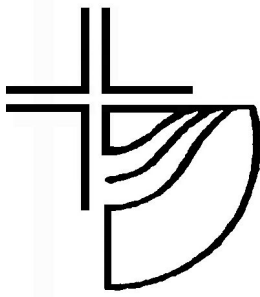
The *New Testament* is a two-thousand-year-old "living library" that, along with the *Old Testament*, forms the foundation of our Christian faith. Yet many of us lack a deep or comprehensive knowledge of it. If you would like to improve your knowledge and understanding of the *New Testament*, we have just the course for you!

Journey Through the New Testament is an intensive 26-week, two-semester course that will examine the *New Testament* in light of the historical, cultural, and theological context in which it was written. It will meet 7:00-9:00 p.m. Monday evenings, Sept. 10 – Dec. 3, 2012 and Jan. 7 – Apr. 1, 2013. It is the *N.T.* portion

of the 2-year *Journey Through the Bible* course that was offered very successfully in 2006-08 and 2009-11. Members of those classes praised the course enthusiastically, saying that it greatly strengthened their understanding of the Christian faith. The teaching team will consist of Gene Bucher, Allen Hansell, Jeff Rill, and Cindy Lattimer.

A brochure announcing full details of this course is being prepared, and will appear in all church mailboxes in early June. Questions may be addressed to Chuck Denlinger (872-4476, mailbox #67, or cgdenlinger@comcast.net).





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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)

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

WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

10:15 a.m. Praise Kidz
(Age 4—3rd grade)
10:15 a.m. S.A.L.T.
(4th—6th grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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