



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

August 2012

FEED THE HUNGRY IN LANCASTER

In the Community Ministry Team (INC) is planning an August 7, 2012 Feed the Hungry Project in Lancaster. LCOB is trying to raise \$400 in order to buy food, which members from our church will use to prepare a meal and serve those hungry in Lancaster. We will also need 200 servings of dessert donations for that night. Desserts can be delivered to the church kitchen no later than 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 6. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for you to list your name and how many servings your dessert donation will provide. If you want to come along to serve or have any questions, please call Deb Chillias at 299-6843. Your check donation should be made payable to Lancaster Church of the Brethren and in the memo or on your offering envelope write: **INC-August 7.**

--Hunger Project.



HIGHLIGHT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Guy Wampler, former pastor of LCOB, gave the address at the Brethren Press and Messenger dinner at Annual Conference, St. Louis, July 8, 2012 entitled ***What Holds Brethren Together***. If you would like to read his address, that brought a standing ovation, then visit our website at www.lancob.org. If you do not have a computer and would like a hardcopy they will be available in Room 162-3 on August 5 during the Sunday School hour for the *Annual Conference in Review*, led by Jeff Rill, Allen Hansell, and Jay Wenger.

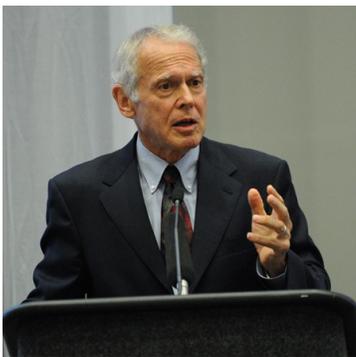


Photo by Glenn Riegel.

STARLIGHT TEA BEGINS NEW SEASON WITH MUSICAL ASSOCIATES

The 2012/13 Season of the Starlight Tea Concert Series will begin on **Saturday, August 25, at 7:00 pm**, with a performance by *Musical Associates: A Chamber Chorus in Lancaster, PA*. This semi-professional group, under the direction of our own Emery DeWitt, has traditionally kicked off each new season with a program of stunning choral music.

This year, the group will explore *Music of the Night!* That theme is deep and broad, so the program will range from Medieval music in honor of St. Mary (often sung at the evening Vespers service) through modern compositions exploring various aspects of the night. Composers will include Craig Hella Johnson, Johannes Brahms, Imant Raminsh, and more.

One very special treat: composer David Bennett Thomas has written a vocal piece specifically for *Musical Associates*, based on his jazz composition *Dieu*. And Mr. Thomas will join the choir to provide an improvised piano accompaniment - musical history being made on the spot! The group will pair that piece with David's *In Time of Silver Rain*, a sparkling, up-tempo evocation of a text by seminal jazz poet Langston Hughes.



Another fun set: several compositions on texts by William Shakespeare, set by Matthew Harris. Shakespeare included songs in many of his plays, and Mr. Harris has written an extensive set comprising six volumes. *Musical Associates* will excerpt a few in various styles to highlight this creative composer.

The concert will close with a familiar spiritual, *Every Night, When the Sun Goes Down*, and Dan Forrest's gentle, lovely *Basque Lullaby*.

Admission to Starlight Tea concerts are free, with a free-will offering taken. Please join us for a wonderful musical event!

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 AUGUST

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Karen and Bob Barber
 8:40 a.m. Anna Heiber
 8:40 a.m. Bonnie and Bob Frick
 9:50 a.m. Carol and Terry Shearer
 9:50 a.m. Wanda and Frank Fox
 11:15 a.m. Jerry Smoker and Nancy Dotterer



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Jere Tankesley and Terry Hostetter

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Beverly Angle

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Marvin Harnish



ATTENDANCE

June 24—283
 July 1—336
 July 8—319
 July 15—336

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Lisa Werner |
| 3. Frank Fox
Mabel Umble | 15 Althea Wiggins
Jennifer Martin
Kevin Groff | 26 Diana Koser
27 Ellen Snader |
| 4. Carlos Schaudel | 16 Todd Bookman | 29 Millie Bomberger
Ryan Forsha
Maxine Shallenberger |
| 6. Andrew Putt | 18 Mark Forsha | 30 Matthew Brubaker |
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Curtis Dehmey | |



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Not the Vacation I Intended... Psalms 25: 4-5 goes - *"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your path. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."*



A year ago when I first accepted this part time youth leadership role, we were already considering plans for a multi-country, summer 2012 tour of Europe. We planned to visit each of our previous exchange students. It was going to be the trip of a lifetime to travel to Hungary, Switzerland, Netherlands and Norway. Included in the tour we'd celebrate Mason's graduation and the graduation of two of our European kids. (Beate of Norway and Mélissa from Switzerland). When I call this trip 'envisioned', I really do mean 'envisioned'. Not only was the plan to visit the families and countries of our former students, but also during our 5 day stay in each country we were making arrangements to do some volunteer service. We really felt God's call to do this as a witness to 'our kids' and our faith in a foreign land. Even the kids were excited to find us places to volunteer together.

Linda Byers

However, for a multitude of circumstances, these plans became the trip we wanted to happen - but not the trip we needed. As we tried to scramble the plans to still go but drastically reduce the trip from 3 weeks to 2, to maybe stay in one location and bring the kids to us, our wise Dutch student - Bas - reminded me these changes would not be the trip of our dream or the trip we intended. He told us to wait until the time was right. It brought tears to my eyes to know that he wanted us to have our dreams come true. Bas was right and I knew it in my heart there was something different God had in mind for us.

I must clarify; we are usually travelers - not vacationers. On many occasions we come back from our vacation in need of a vacation day to recover. This time we were being lead away from a trip of constant travel and fast paced movement to finding a place to relax, reflect and rejuvenate.

Twenty years ago, when I was employed as a cartographer, I had learned about this somewhat forgotten island that is part of the Bahamas. Eleuthera is the eastern most island in the chain, it's 110 miles long and only a mile wide in a few places. As I researched it became more and more clear - this was the place we could go to meet our needs.

I don't believe in coincidence. There have just been too many times in my faith journey where God has re-

vealed Himself in the details and in the plans. God usually doesn't let me know up front what is going to happen next but, through His direction I have become more open and willing to trust Him as I go.

Once we arrived, we learned not only does the caretaker of our villa attend a church in the nearest town to us - he is also a pastor there. We had a great worship experience with his congregation twice during our stay. There are also four summer camp facilities on the island. Three of them welcome mission teams of youth workers and adults. One of the places, Eleuthera Bible Training Center (best t-shirts on the island), is accredited by Lancaster Bible College to teach the people of the island. They are also called to teach English as a second language to many of the Haitian's who are arriving on the island looking for better opportunities. Methodist Habitat's Camp Symonette has been a founding location for hurricane relief work and continued mission to housing in the community. We visited and toured both camps during our stay - and both were only a short drive from our place. While on a trip to the far north of the island to visit a historic site we happened to meet the man responsible for the beginning of the work at Habitat on the island and he is now working on a new endeavor to encourage growth on Eleuthera. We had time for a great conversation and learned he is personal friends with Shane Claiborne and has worked with Bill Hybel and Rob Bell through his new mission. Another encounter was with a young lady who had just moved to the island (that week) to begin her ministry through 'Young Life'. We met her and her family at church then we bumped into her on three more occasions until we finally invited her over to our place for dinner.

Now, if all of these things added together seem like just interesting occurrences, I think that would be revealing. I don't know what God is up to in bringing us to this island, at this time, to show us these things but, I know He's got something in mind. It may even be as simple as sharing this information with you so that in 20 years you may recall hearing about Eleuthera. Whatever the case may be, I think the first lesson is as simple as the verse in Psalms - Show me, Teach me and Lead me - and I will wait for You God. This trip did not begin as the vacation I intended but it became the place God wanted to reveal to us.

Linda Dows-Byers
Director of Youth Ministries
Lancaster Church of the Brethren

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS

The Climbers Fellowship Group and the Outreach Ministry Team want to thank the congregation for your “Extravagant Generosity” with your donations toward the Clean-up Bucket project. We were able to fill 24 buckets, which were delivered to the Church World Service’s warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. These buckets will be greatly appreciated by disaster victims as they start the enormous task of cleaning up after a flood or tornado. The Clean-up Bucket Fund will continue, so we will pack more buckets as soon as the funds accumulate again. Thanks to everyone that donated funds and to everyone that helped pack the buckets and procure the merchandise that went into the buckets.



VBS RECAP

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held on June 17 through June 21 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. The theme for VBS this year was “Sky” where *Everything is Possible with God!* We had an amazing crew of 30 volunteers that helped make our VBS such a success this year! Some helped behind-the-scenes, some helped out a night or two, and some were involved every night. It was amazing to see many folks break out of their comfort zones and really shine during the week of VBS!



32 children attended throughout the week. On the last night, we held a dinner for the children and their families. Approximately 60 people attended the dinner. After we ate, the children and families watched a DVD of photos taken throughout the week. Thank you, Lisa Miley, for creating this DVD! The children were glued to the screen the whole time! To end the evening, the children recapped the Bible stories and Bible points from each night. We sang several of the children’s favorite songs, too. It was great watching many of the adults trying the motions! Throughout the week, we collected money for LCOB’s “Be an Angel” campaign. We raised \$157.09 for this campaign. It was a great week!
--Jamie Nace

THANKS TO ALL YOU ANGELS

Many thanks go out to all members and friends for your support of the “Be an Angel” project. You are helping approximately 1200 homeless students in the School District of Lancaster obtain uniforms and school supplies for the coming school year.

Why do we do this? The Annual Conference theme this year reminds us. “Continuing the Work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.” Moderator Tim Harvey wrote, in his commentary on the theme, “In a world where the powerful often leave the poor, minorities, immigrants behind, scrambling to find even ‘daily bread,’ the Church of the Brethren responds by “Continuing the Work of Jesus Together.””

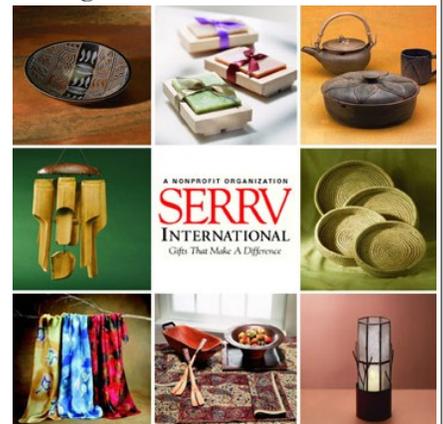


At Lancaster we have many opportunities to live up to this calling- through food collections, preparation of health kits, serving community meals, the 2 cents a meal offerings, Christmas white gifts, assisting with food delivery at Church Street Towers, the monthly work day at the New Windsor Service Center, and many more.

The Lancaster Church of the Brethren has responded, and will continue to respond, to the call to help the poor and hungry.
--Hunger and Poverty Group

SERRV

An opportunity to volunteer at SERRV is on Wednesday, August 8. 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! **Plases RSVP** to Rus Adsitt by August 2 at 569-0278 also, contact Rus for more information.



BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be held Friday and Saturday, September 21 & 22, 2012 at the Lebanon Valley Expo. This is a joint effort of the Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA districts of the Church of the Brethren and all proceeds are used for relief efforts in our local districts and worldwide through the Brethren Disaster Ministries. Your support of this effort is needed so that relief efforts at home and worldwide will continue, and by working together we can bring "Honor and Glory to God."



There are many ways that each of us can help support this cause. First, by attending this effort and purchasing some of the wonderful food: Saturday morning breakfast, baked goods, produce, and Amish made pretzels and donuts. You may want to attend the Main Hall where many donated items will be auctioned including: quilts, antiques and paintings. Other auctions throughout the grounds include: lawn and garden tools, furniture, sports equipment, theme baskets and a Heifer Auction. There is also an Arts and Crafts tent with many stands you can shop from.

All of these things that are for sale at the Disaster Relief Auction have been donated. If you are interested in being a donor there are many ways you can participate. If you have antiques or collectibles you are no longer using, or if you are gifted in woodworking, painting, pottery, or other handcrafts consider donating something to the Disaster Relief Auction. A monetary donation to help defer the cost of food will be greatly appreciated or if you would like to donate some time to help in the kitchen or serving area this would be appreciated.

You may want to participate in the Share A Meal program as a host/hostess or purchase a meal ticket for you and your friends. If you would like to be a host /hostess, see me for specific information and an application. Or if you are a crafts person and would be interested in having a booth in the Arts and Crafts area I can also provide you with the information and an application.

For the past several years the LCOB has donated 100 or more pies for the Baked Goods stand and we plan to do this again this year. The pies will be baked

on Thursday, September 20.

There will also be information on the Outreach Ministry Team's table in the Gathering Place or contact Dave Creighton at 397-7267 for more information.



A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that, he let out a whistle, "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by her little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared; this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." --Ecclesiastes 4:9

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LOOKING FOR ODD JOBS

Rajaa Muhsen, Iraqi refugee sponsored by our congregation, is seeking part-time odd jobs. She needs the income, and is willing to do whatever she is able. If you have an odd job that you need done, please consider calling her at 396-0151. She is available immediately.

- Chuck Denlinger

LEMONADE OPEN HOUSE

In celebration of sunshine and summer, please join us at our lemonade social. Hosted by Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC) on Tuesday, August 7, at 4:00 p.m. LCCC is located at 344 North Marshal Street, Lancaster. We want to give you a tour of the Council so you can see our missions first-hand.



Enjoy music from DJ Blazin Asian and light refreshments. Mingle with staff, volunteers, and our friends from our partner churches. Then see where so much of our mission work happens.

RSVP by email mclay@lccchurches.org or call Marianne Clay at 291-2261.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING

A Woman's Concern, a non-profit pro-life medical center, is seeking a part-time Office Manager/

Receptionist. The position requires approximately 18 hours per week, with the possibility of hours

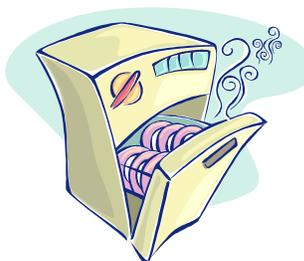
expansion in the next year. The qualified candidate will be passionately pro-life. He/she will possess excellent communication skills, acute attention to detail, the ability to multitask, a good working knowledge of local community resources and Microsoft Suite. The qualified individual would also (ideally) be flexible with availability and be reliable. Paid vacation is available after one year of service.

Interested candidates should email a resume to Cathy Hendrixson, Executive Director, at cathyawc@epix.net by August 17. Please do not phone the office.



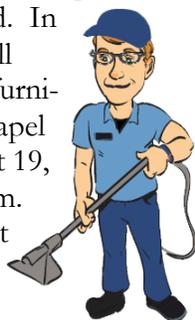
AUGUST PMT ENERGY TIP

Use your dishwasher to wash your dishes. Why? You can save 5,000 gallons of water each year and \$40 in utility costs using a dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand, according to Energy Star. Using the air dry option will save energy and keeps the machine from using the heating element to bake your dishes dry.



HELP NEEDED!

On Tuesday, August 21, the carpet in the Chapel will be re-stretched and then cleaned. In order to do this, Troy Nace will need help moving pews and furniture out of the Chapel on Sunday, August 19, following 10:15 a.m. worship. Please let Troy or the office know if you can help. Bring a phillips head screwdriver if you have one.



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.

THANK YOU

I want to thank all my friends for being so supportive during my convalescence from my fall. There were no broken bones, only deep bruises which made sitting, walking and moving painful and difficult. Thank you deacons body, homebuilders class Wednesday morning prayer group and Calvin Wenger for his calls and visits. I am finishing physical therapy which has been a great help.

Thelma Herr

Thank you! Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to the LCOB congregation and pastors for the many caring acts shown to my family during my father's illness and passing as well as my mother's recent hospitalization. Your prayers and support made a very difficult situation easier to bear. God certainly works through the LCOB; your thoughtfulness meant so much!

Steve, Wendie and Chris Holsinger and Lennie DiMatteo

Thank you for all the support from the members of this church family. The prayers, the cards, the concern during Don's illness and his death were of great comfort to me. A special thank you to Margaret Marsh and Emery DeWitt and the choir for the beautiful music that added so much to Don's memorial service. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Rill, Pastor Lattimer and Pastor Wenger. They helped me through this long difficult time in so many ways.

Thank You, Elizabeth Trostle

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and most of all the prayers. Also, for all the meals that were brought to the house when I came home. Thanks to pastors Jeff, Cindy and Calvin for anointing me before my surgery. I know all the prayers helped with the outcome of my surgery.

Shirley (Mrs. Clyde) Wenger

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for sharing my invitation in your newsletter. It was a joyous Ice Cream Sunday bash with over 100 persons attending.

Persons attending and lovely cards were most appreciated.

Although I am keeping my membership at Annville I will come to Lancaster as much as I can.

In appreciation and warm caring,
Betty Bomberger

Dear Friends at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Barnstormers box tickets for last weekend's game (June 30). We had such a wonderful time... the food, game and fireworks were a real treat. Thank you for thinking of us... we are so appreciative for your kindness.

Warmly,
Clare House

Service Day Project Thank You...

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the brunch you prepared for families at Hospice of Lancaster County on Sunday, May 20. You have no idea how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness. My mother is a patient here, and May 20 was her 88th birthday. What a blessing you are!

Sincerely,
Marjorie Sassaman and Family

On behalf of our staff, volunteers and the many patients and families whom we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your contribution is very much appreciated. Thank you so much for the delicious brunch shared at the Lancaster IPU.

Hospice of Lancaster County

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

August 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 August they expect to conclude their study of *Second Corinthians* and begin Paul's letter to the *Galatians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In August they will begin a study of Karen Armstrong's widely praised book, *A History of God*. For 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. Topics in August will include:

Aug. 5 – *Annual Conference in Review*, led by **Jeff Rill**, **Allen Hansell**, and **Jay Wenger**.

Aug. 12 – *Three Weeks in Israel – a Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience*, by **Kelsey Murray**.

Aug. 19 – *Junior High Work Camp Experiences* in Harrisburg PA and Caimito, Puerto Rico.

Aug. 26 – *Senior High Work Camp Experiences* in Pine Ridge SD and Denver CO.

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 are 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.





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