



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

September 2012

PROMOTION SUNDAY



Promotion Sunday will take place in both the Traditional and Morning Psalm 10:15 a.m. services on September 2. Be sure to attend and help us recognize our children and youth!

MORALES-BURGMAN DUO TO PERFORM

On **Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 pm**, the Starlight Tea Concert Series is proud to present the *Morales-Burgman Duo* in concert in our Sanctuary. A dynamic pair, cellist Jesus Morales and pianist Karen Burgman, have joined forces to perform on the artist roster of Pennsylvania's Performing Arts on Tour. Both soloists and chamber musicians in their respective fields, Morales and Burgman are uniquely suited in temperament and artistic ability to perform from the great repertoire for cello and piano.



Morales also serves as cellist for The Dali String Quartet, Cello Professor of the Elite Strings Program (Lansdale, PA), and co-principal cellist of the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra. Centaur Records released Mr. Morales' CD of the Saint-Saens and the Lalo Cello Concertos to rave reviews; and will

soon release his new CD of the Brahms Cello Sonatas. He has a Bachelors degree from The Cleveland Institute of Music and has done post-graduate work at The Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

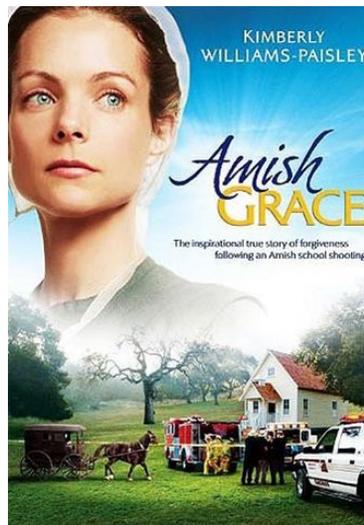
Burgman has performed coast to coast in the US and in Canada and Europe, in venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Toronto Center for the Performing Arts, and she is the founding pianist of the touring Credo Trio. A graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory, she has won numerous prizes for her collaborative piano playing.

As with all Starlight Tea events, admission is free with a free-will offering taken. Please be sure to attend - this promises to be a fine concert!

INC SPONSORS FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT

INC (LCOB's *Into the Neighborhood Committee*) will be holding a Film Discussion on Sunday evening, October 21, 2012, in the Family Life Center at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, beginning at 6:45 p.m. At these twice a year events, a selected film is screened and then discussed by the audience immediately following.

The movie "Amish Grace" (with a running time of 88 minutes) will be shown on October 21. The movie is based on the nonfiction book *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy* (2007) by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt, and David L. Weaver-Zercher. On Monday, October 2, 2006, Charles Carl Roberts IV, a 32-year-old milk truck driver, entered a one-room Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania with guns in hand, killing five female students and wounding five others. He then turned the gun on himself. In the movie, only Roberts is portrayed using his real name. This film is primarily about the Amish community's forgiveness, rather than the sad events inside the schoolhouse.



Popcorn and drinks will be served. Child care will also be available; please contact **Jamie Nace** at 940-1790 by October 18, if child care is needed. Following the film, **Dave Hosler** will lead the group in a discussion. This invitation is extended to all in the neighborhoods surrounding the churches in the Grandview Heights area. Please plan to join us and bring your friends for the showing of this inspiring film.



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 SEPTEMBER

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Pat & Glenn Breidenstine
 8:40 a.m. Donna & Scott Brubaker
 8:40 a.m. Ruth & Glenn Shultz
 9:50 a.m. Brenda & Will Stout
 9:50 a.m. Joan Miley and Jay Wenger
 11:15 a.m. Gloria & Chuck Denlinger



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Jerry Brown and John Graham

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Clyde Angle Bev Angle Stan Cox
 Bill Evans John Herr Barry Nyman
 Clyde Wenger Courtney Hartman

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Grace Cox

ACOLYTES

Week 1: Drew Smith
 Week 2: Jack Smith
 Week 3: Andrew Lines
 Week 4: Gabby Rodriguez
 Week 5: Eric Snyder



VAN INFORMATION

Rich Bohn



ATTENDANCE

July 22—318
 July 29—311
 August 5—331
 August 12—292

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Megan (Eldredge) & Timothy Lester
 450 Euclid Ave., Apt. 1
 Lancaster, PA 17603

Clair & Myrl Greiner
 1390 Hemingway Lane
 Mt. Joy, PA 17552
 471-4433 – Clair 471-4460 - Myrl

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Gerald Snyder	16	Jeff Rill	25	Rich Bohn
3	Brandon Nace	17	John Breidenstine		Tony Groff
	Friedlinde Ebersole		Judy Coble	26	Christine Turkki
4	Dick Bates		Doris Seldomridge	27	Carl Bomberger
	Andrew Gish		Drew Smith		Ella Mae Murray
	Lin Moyer	18	Gay Polanskey		Linda Ross
	John Snader	19	Hazel Huffman	28	Marilyn Hummel
6	Jim Bridgeman	21	Thelma Herr		Tami White
	Caroline Hagen		Courtney Dueck	29	Brittany Riegen
8	Matt Kramer	22	Gregg Shulenberger	30	Jacqui Hostetter
	Carl Shull	24	Mike Curran		
11	Jen Smith		Carl Denlinger		
12	Jayson Gardner		Rose Marie Marzolf		
13	Colin Betz		Paul Groff (husband of Janet)		
	Jere Tankesley				
	Susan Adsitt				



FROM THE SUMMER INTERN'S DESK

As I look back on my summer as an intern at LCOB, I like to think of it as a garden. I started out as a tiny seed at the beginning of the summer. I was placed in our church which I see as the soil. The soil is home to the seed for all of its life, and our church is home to me, even after leaving and coming back from school, I still feel right at home. I feel that Pastor Cindy, my mentor, is the sun. The sun helps the garden to grow and bloom into something greater. Each week I was being presented with new opportunities to step out of my comfort zone and grow as a young Christian woman. She helped me understand how I was feeling and how to deal with the emotions that the ministry presents. She helped me understand what it means to be in a vulnerable place and how do work through that. We learned about everything from being a pastor as a person, to pastoral care, to learning that any question isn't a dumb question. Throughout the summer Pastor Cindy, the sun, gave me a new light. She helped me to see the light through the darker days, and she shared her light with me, helping me grow into a stronger, more confident person. She helped me grow, more than she probably knows, and gave me the tools to continue growing.

All the things I did at church here this summer were like the water. From preaching, to leading worship, to making pastoral visits, all these opportunities were feed-

ing me new ideas, and quenching my thirst for learning more about the ministry.

Lastly I see our entire congregation as the fertilizer. Without a little fertilizer a garden has a slow time growing and the fertilizer helps and encourages the garden to grow. Everyone in the congregation has been overwhelmingly supportive and I could not express my thanks enough. From the prayers to the cards and letters I have received I truly couldn't have had more encouragement and praise from our congregation. The encouragement made me want to work harder, to dig deeper and grow stronger.

As I head back to Bridgewater College this week I carry with me a wealth of knowledge, knowledge that will stick with me forever and help me to continue to grow and learn. Thank you so much for blessing me with the opportunity to be the intern this summer, and thanks so much for the blessing of helping me grow my faith "garden" a lot more!



Kelsey Murray

Kelsey Murray

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS RETURN!

WNL is just around the corner (*September 19, to be exact*) and the programs for children and youth have been revitalized! Children and Youth Programs will run from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (with the exception of the very young children who will begin at 5:40 p.m.). The focus this season will be on music, fellowship and service. Please see the schedule and descriptions on the flier that was placed in your church mailbox. **NEW THIS YEAR - Childcare will be available for children younger than 3!** Want more details? Contact Jamie Nace or Linda Byers.

Adult Classes:

-September 19 through October 10 at 6:30 p.m. - Representative Scott Boyd of the 43rd Legislative District PA House of Representatives will lead us in "The Role of the Church in Government in 21st Century America: A Sardinian Call to WAKE UP."

-October 17 through November 14 at 6:15* p.m. - Women's Bible Study, led by Cindy Lattimer and

Men's Bible Study led by Calvin Wenger

Additional information will follow in your mailboxes. Be sure to come to dinner at 5:15 p.m. for special announcements. We look forward to seeing you this fall. Want to help in the kitchen or have additional questions, please call Deb Chillas.

We look forward to seeing you this fall.

*Note the new time. The Bible Study classes will end approximately 7:30 p.m.



CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 21

Mark your calendars now for the annual CROP Walk to feed the hungry on Sunday afternoon, October 21. Carlos Schaudel will once again be spearheading the fundraising for the LCOB. Contact Carlos for more information about the CROP Walk.



A GOAL MET AND SURPASSED

The Lancaster Church of the Brethren has done it again! In our 5th year of furnishing school supplies and uniforms for the homeless students of the School District of Lancaster we have significantly surpassed the initial goal of 500 uniforms. As of this writing (mid-August) we have received funds totaling \$11,153.04—enough to purchase 820 uniforms!



For the estimated 1200 students who will be homeless at some time during the school year, this is good news. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

And yet we probably all have a nagging feeling that, as wonderful as it is to help meet this need, more is required. We

hope the day will come when we will be notified that there will be no more homeless students. So let us feel good about our accomplishment, but also do all we can, now and in the future, to help assure decent housing for all in our communities.

-Hunger and Poverty Group

BARNSTORMER'S PLAYOFF GAME

Hospitality Ministry Team has 40 box seat tickets to the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, Barnstormer Playoff game. Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchase from George Harmes. Ticket price includes the game, food and drinks.



2¢ A MEAL

At the grocery store, many times my bill will come to some odd cents - e.g. \$40.51. Even if I have the penny, nickel or dime, the least change I give is a quarter. If the clerk asks if I have the exact amount, I say, "Yes, but I save pennies, nickels and dimes for our **\$.02 A MEAL** program at church. This causes interesting conversations!

Our next collection for **\$.02 A MEAL** will be on Sunday, September 9, in all of the services.

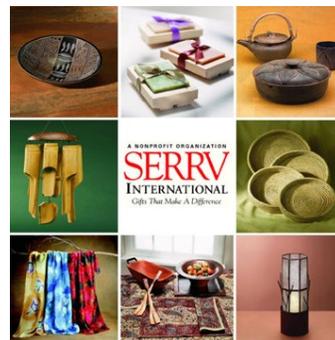


1/3 of the funds go to our local food bank and 2/3 to our denominational headquarters Global Food Disaster Relief. It is surprising how many coins we can collect while shopping. Thanks for participating in this worthy effort to feed the hungry.

-Joyce Bohn for the Hunger and Poverty Team.

SERRV

An opportunity to volunteer at SERRV is on Thursday, September 27. 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.

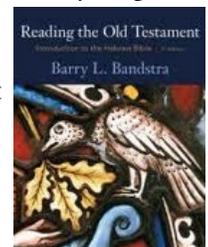
You will even receive a discount! **Plases RSVP** to Rus Adsitt by September 19 at 569-0278. Also, contact Rus for more information.

REMINDER: SIGN-UP! SIGN-UP!

Journey Through the Bible begins Monday, September 10, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in room 162-3.

If you plan to attend the course but have not enrolled, please call the church office immediately. We need to know how many will attend so that we can order enough books.

Thank you. See you there.
-Chuck Denlinger



SAFE CHURCH PRESENTATION

As has already been announced, our church has entered into a year-long Safe Church program run by Samaritan Counseling Center. This program is designed to help us create an environment in which everyone is safe, especially from sexual abuse. It is also designed to help us to reach out to abuse survivors and abusers. A representative from Samaritan Counseling Center will be here to share more information about the Safe Church process. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend this program to help educate us about the changes our congregation will need to embrace to become a Safe Church. The presentation will take place immediately following Soup and Salad on **Sunday, September 23**. Due to the sensitive nature of the discussion, Children younger than 6th grade are not expected to attend the program. Activities will be provided for those younger than 6th grade. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Safe Church team: David Byers, Linda Byers, Priscilla DeJessa, Jamie Nace and Suzanne Schaudel.



IN THE NEWS...

The School District of Lancaster announced that **Pamela Sherts**, the administrative assistant to the superintendent, was recognized as the 2012 National Association of School Superintendents' Administrative Assistant of the Year.

Del Akech Del, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan the LCOB sponsored, was featured in the July 28, 2012, Faith & Values section of the Lancaster Newspaper. Del is a recent graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg and was called as interim pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Lancaster. The full article is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office and in the lower level hallway.



APPRECIATION FROM CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

An appreciation card from the City of Aurora, Colorado, was received recently by the Wednesday Prayer Breakfast. Following the shooting tragedy in an Aurora theatre, our Wednesday Prayer Breakfast remembered all of the victims, their families and the Aurora Community. One of our group sent individual cards, via the City of Aurora offices, to each of the families of those who lost their lives. The note of appreciation that came back to the LCOB Prayer Breakfast stated – *"Dear Members of the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group - We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of support our community has received from throughout Colorado, the country and the world. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. The City of Aurora"* A photo of the outdoor memorial service and huge crowd in the center of town was on the front of the card with the words – Thank You.



MANHEIM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAYS

Join us on Saturday, September 8, at Overlook Campus for Manheim Township Community Days! Lots of fun activities are available for the whole family and LCOB will be promoting our Children's Ministry programs. This event will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

CLIMBERS' CORNER

The Climbers will meet on Sunday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m. for a picnic at Pheasant Ridge Community Center. Please bring your choice of the following items for the Food Bank, spaghetti, applesauce and spaghetti sauce. For more information contact Darlene Creighton.



Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The absolute deadline for the **October** issue is **September 15, 2012**.



CRAVE MEETING & POT LUCK

Sunday, September 30, we're going to gather together for an hour or so to discuss the future of CRAVE Fellowship. Many of you have shown an interest and desire to talk about what we'd like from our small group and how we'll begin our new direction.

We'll be meeting in 162-163 following 10:15 worship. We'll be having a pot luck lunch so bring something to share. If you decide to bring something in a crock pot we can use outlets in the kitchen or 162-163.

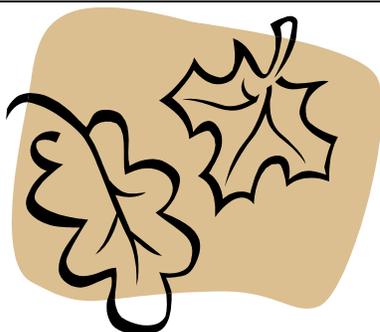
It's extremely important that we have everyone present. If you're not able to attend this meeting then please email me your thoughts and dreams for the group. And also how you may be able to help fulfill those ideas. Please RSVP by September 23.

This is a family lunch so bring the kids!
-Lisa & Bryan

HALLOWEEN PARTY & GAME NIGHT

Saturday, October 27, will be a fun night for everyone whether you like strategic games or simple card games! Hot Dogs or BBQ will be provided. Bring another food item to share. Join us at the Miley house at 5pm. RSVP by Wednesday, October 24. This is a family event. Bring the kids!

To make things 'festive' come in a costume. Be creative!
-Lisa & Bryan



SEPTEMBER PMT ENERGY TIP

Use power strips for your electronics. Put things you use at the same time, like the computer and printer on the same strip. Flip off the strip when you are not using them. Your electronics draw energy even while they are off, and they costs you money. Do not plug your TV into a power strip you turn off. Most TVs need to be reprogrammed if they are completely turned off, making them a bad fit for power strips.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Following worship on Sunday, September 16, all are invited to the All Church Celebration Picnic. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Hospitality Ministry Team will provide the rest. Fun for all... door prizes, bingo and games for kids.



LOOKING FOR—ADMINISTRATOR/CEO/CFO

Camp Swatara of the Atlantic Northeast District is seeking an Administrator/CEO/CFO to begin 6/2013.

The perfect candidate will have success in marketing and fundraising, will be able to manage a million dollar budget and be a team builder/leader. He or she will be professional, hold a B.S. degree, and be technologically savvy. He or she will be the personification of Camp Swatara, a people person, enthusiastic, articulate and innovative.

Applications may be obtained after 9/1/2012 from the Camp Swatara website or from Melisa Wenger at

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

The Senior Adult Fellowship Banquet is sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District at Yoder's Restaurant, 14 S. Tower Rd., New Holland. This banquet will be held Wednesday, October 3, at noon and will feature Bob Kettering at the piano. If you would like to attend, sign up in the Gathering Place by choosing the meal you would like. The cost is \$15.50 which covers meal, tax & tip. Checks should be made payable to the Atlantic Northeast District and given to Grace Cox by September 18.

REAL, BASIC STEWARDSHIP



READ Psalm 8:1-9

You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority.

At this time of year, many churches

focus on stewardship. For sixteen years I continually reminded my congregation that real stewardship wasn't about money. Rather, it was living our whole lives in faithfulness to God's intention in making us in his image and giving us charge over his creation.

Psalm 8 celebrates real, basic stewardship. The psalm begins by praising the majesty of God as revealed in creation. God created humanity, as revealed in Genesis 1 and underscored in Psalm 8 "a little lower than God" and "crowned them with glory and honor" (8:5). Moreover, he delegated to human beings the care of his creation. God made us to be his stewards who manage his creation for his purposes and benefit.

Thus, stewardship is about far more than supporting the church financially, however important this may be. **Real, basic stewardship** is about living our whole lives in faithfulness to our created purpose as human beings. We do this by giving to Christian ministries, to be sure, but also by the way we function at work, by the way we treat our neighbors, by how we vote, by how we relate to others, by our wise care for the earth, and by innumerable other acts of faithful stewardship.

The more we reflect upon the majesty of God in creation, and the more we take to heart whom God has created us to be, the more we will live each moment of each day in response to our high calling as divine stewards.

<http://blog.beliefnet.com/markdroberts/2010/10/Sunday-inspiration-from-the-high-calling-real-basic-stewardship.html#ixzz23aCaTWbA> . . . smt



ABUNDANT JOY, OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

. . . a worship series coming in October

Where else but in God's world does abundant joy plus extreme poverty equal overflowing generosity?

2 Corinthians 8:1-3 *And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.*

Paul suggests that we ought to strive to excel in generosity, too.

Fifteen years ago Ted Turner was quoted in the New York Times challenging his friends in the billionaires club to stop trying to accumulate the most and start trying to give away the most. It was right about that time that he pledged a billion dollars to the U.N. In recent years Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, and Mike Bloomberg have jumped on the generosity bandwagon, with each pledging huge amounts of money toward health and anti-poverty efforts around the world.

This is wonderful, of course, but it still doesn't reach the levels of generosity of the Macedonian Churches – or most third-world churches today. God measures our giving not in dollars but in sacrifice. Bill Gates can give away \$50 billion from his abundance and still have plenty of money to buy a small country. But the Macedonians gave out of their poverty — the only abundance they had was an abundance of joy. . . .
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ISAAC'S COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR

ΑΩ COMMUNITY CENTER

Mark your calendars now for a fall fun night to be held on Thursday, October 18 at Isaac's of Granite Run. Enjoy an evening out with your family and friends. Get to see many others from the Atlantic Northeast District. For everyone who uses a coupon for the Community Night Fundraiser between 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Isaac's will donate 25% of the cost of the meal to Alpha and Omega Community Center. Α & Ω Community Center supports ministries especially serving the Latino community in Lancaster City. For more info, contact Suzanne Schaudel.

BULLETIN STATEMENT COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The 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.” That is the statement that appears on the bottom front of our worship bulletin each week.

At a recent Church Board Meeting a committee was selected and given the task of exploring what that statement means.

The committee held three meetings. We learned that this has been our congregation’s statement since at least the 1960s. We turned to a dictionary to find a clear and deeper meaning of some of the words in this statement. The American Heritage Dictionary was helpful.

While each of the words had more than one meaning, we had no trouble discerning which meaning(s) were relevant for us. “**Open**” means “accessible to all; unrestricted.” To mention or to endorse any specific group without mentioning all groups is to restrict.

“**Accepting**” means “to receive gladly.”

“**Discriminate**” is “to make a clear distinction; distinguish; differentiate,” or “to act on the basis of prejudice.” For the word “**Force**” some synonyms were listed. “Force” means to compel or coerce. “**Coerce**” invariably implies use of strength or harsh measures in securing compliance.”

After the committee met three times, we were amazed and pleased that the statement that has appeared on our bulletins for several decades now is timely and timeless. Any effort to make it more specific would actually dilute it. The members of the committee agree unanimously that this is an excellent and well-crafted statement, reflecting the wide welcome we extend to any and all in Jesus’ name.

The 2012 Standing Committee of Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, in a paper titled “A Way Forward,” calls the church and its individual members to put into practice Ephesians 4:1-3. “*I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*” May God strengthen and guide us, to his glory and for our neighbors’ good.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2012 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren was held in St. Louis, Missouri from July 7-11. Prior to coming to conference there was some concern about whether the Church of the Brethren could or would stay together.

The best speech of the week, in my opinion, was skillfully delivered at the Brethren Press Dinner on July 8th by Guy Wampler. The title was “What Holds Brethren Together.” Guy named and elaborated on five things that hold Brethren together.

“Tribalism” was the first. “The Hebrew people belonged to tribes. Even in the New Testament, Jesus was of the tribe of Judah. Paul was ‘a Hebrew of the tribe of Benjamin.’ We are Christians of a tribe named Brethren.” “The early German-speaking Brethren preferred a different word *Gemeinschaft*.” Often translated as “community, a better rendering is “communion,” “connoting a deeper unity of spirit among brothers and sisters in Christ.”

“Leadership” was the second. “When dispirited Brethren told Raymond Peters who had become an elder statesman in the church, ‘We don’t have great leaders in the church anymore,’ he replied, ‘In difficult times people often think their leaders are inadequate. We have great leaders in the church now. You just don’t recognize them.’ Guy said he “heard those words a generation ago” and remembers “them to this day.”

“No force in religion” was the third. Guy quoted Rev. Harold Martin, a leader in a conservative group within our denomination, the Brethren Revival Fellowship, who said “...there is great freedom at the local level for the congregation to be as biblical as it wants, without fear of interference from denominational leaders....” “He described this freedom of congregations as one of the benefits of continuing within the Church of the Brethren.”

Guy also quoted Emery DeWitt, who wrote on this topic for our Basic Beliefs Booklet, which was published by Brethren Press. “...when Brethren come together remembering our historic commitment to *no force*, we can engage each other and learn from each other in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance.”

“No Creed but the New Testament” was the fourth. Guy reminded us that “All denominations gravitate toward favorite biblical passages that shape their communion. Brethren turn to the Gospels most

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frequently, to the stories about Jesus: his lessons in the Sermon on the Mount about humility, honesty, reconciliation, and simplicity; his portrayal of simple deeds of compassion in Matthew 25 and the parable of the Good Samaritan; his own life: healing the sick, washing the feet of his disciples, suffering on the cross. The Brethren orthodoxy centers on practice, not doctrine.” “This principle holds Brethren together.”

“Service” was the fifth of five. “*Service* in Christ’s name draws Brethren together.” Guy told of members from a more liberal congregation working side by side with members of a non-liberal congregation in an act of service. “The basin and towel symbolize this unifying service.”

Guy closed his superbly crafted and moving speech with the words “Blest be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.” And immediately, the whole room full of Brethren erupted in spontaneous singing “Blest be the tie that binds,” in four-part harmony. Hearts were warmed; tears rolled. How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!

Early in the conference agenda, this speech planted good seed for our staying together as a denomination.

The second thing that powerfully impacted our focus on our unity in Christ was a change in the way we conduct business at Annual Conference. For as long as I have been attending Annual Conference, delegates were seated in rows of chairs, rose to speak on an issue by going to a microphone, where some people were called on to speak. Then the delegate body would vote.

This year, the way of doing business was very different. 731 delegates sat at round tables—there were 100 tables. Seating was assigned, so that delegates from larger districts were sprinkled throughout. Members of Standing Committee, General Board, committees, agencies of all kinds were also spread through the delegate body. A convener at each table led discussion. A scribe recorded on paper all responses from individuals in our group. Those responses were given to the appropriate reporting body. That means that all delegates were heard. After a day of doing business, talking with other delegates at our table, praying together often, we were asked if we wanted to stay with the people at our table to continue business for the conference or if we wanted to change the makeup of persons at our tables. Delegates at 96 of the 100 tables decided to make their table a closed group, meaning they wanted to be together and work together for the duration of conference. Wow! What a powerful indi-

cator of the unity within the denomination.

We heard a report from the rebuilding work in Haiti. 150 of the 160 houses are already built with the money given by Church of the Brethren congregations and individuals. I talked with the person who oversaw the building of those houses and thanked him on behalf of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren for his work. He asked that I convey to all of you his sincere thanks for our extravagant generosity in providing enough money to build five homes in Haiti.

Whether or not you have ever attended Annual Conference, I encourage you to consider planning to attend all or part of the next conference in Charlotte, North Carolina June 29-July 3, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey B. Rill



Do you recognize any of the people in these photos from Annual Conference?

All photos:
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ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 12 & 13

District conference will be held at Elizabethtown College's Leffler Chapel & Performance Center October 12 and 13. This conference is for everyone! No



registration is required for the Friday evening worship service (7:00 pm). The combined District choir will sing under the direction of Joy Brubaker (Midway). The Praise team from Hempfield CoB will lead us in worship. Moderator Robert Wintsch will speak on our Bible text Eph. 2:4-8.

Anthony DiBenedetto will be recognized for his 50 years of ordained ministry. The offering will be for the Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (SeBAH).

Conference begins Saturday with registration at 7:15 a.m. (continental breakfast available). Nursery care and a program for children are available (advance registration required). Contact Angie Mountain 215-583-3505 or angiemountain@yahoo.com)

Connect with brothers and sisters from congregations through-out the district as you learn more about the work and ministries of our District and beyond. Moderator Robert Wintsch will lead the business sessions which begin at 8:20 a.m. Votes will be taken on the ministry investment plan and the 2013 slate. Join us for this special event!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CHOIR

Atlantic Northeast District vocalists are invited to participate in a combined choir during the Friday evening (October 12) worship service of District Conference at Leffler Chapel of Elizabethtown College. Joy Brubaker, choir director from the Midway CoB, will direct the mass choir. A rehearsal is planned for Sunday, October 7, at 2:30 p.m., at the Midway Church. There will be a final rehearsal at 5:30 pm prior to the service on October 12, in the Performance Room of Leffler Chapel. Please encourage your congregation's choir members to participate in this special evening of worship and celebration. Interested persons should contact Evy Brubaker at (717)733-6253 or pebru@dejazzd.com



DISTRICT CONFERENCE CHILDCARE: LIVING IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Learning about grace, kindness, compassion and the endless care of a loving God.

Please register in advance to ensure a spot for your child. See contact information below.

- **What is it?** A fall fun day for children in the Atlantic Northeast District. Join us for a day packed with camp-like activities, including games, stories, crafts, Bible time, music, snacks and more!
- **Who is invited?** All children in preschool through sixth grade. (Nursery for younger children available with advance request.)
- **When will it be?** Saturday, October 13, while the adults are at District Conference.
- **Where will it be?** At the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.
- **What will it cost?** It's free!
- **What should I bring?** Each child should bring a packed lunch. Healthy snacks provided. Adults and senior high youth from the Ambler CoB will guide planned, age-appropriate activities from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Drop-off begins at 8 a.m. Extended care will be provided until District Conference has ended.

Advance registration is **REQUIRED**.

For more information and a registration form, send email request to angiemountain@yahoo.com or call Angie Mountain at 215-583-3505.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 10.

BRETHREN VILLAGE AUXILIARY NEEDS

YOUR SUPPORT

BV Please support the Brethren Village Auxiliary during our annual membership drive. The Auxiliary is a vital part of funding many projects at BV. Fill out the brochure found in this newsletter, put it with your contribution and give to Marilyn Hummel (Box #150). Thank you so much for supporting the Auxiliary and helping to improve the quality of life for our senior members at Brethren Village.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCoB,
Marilyn Hummel



Fall Fun Night at Camp Swatara

Saturday, October 6, 2012 4pm to 8pm
East Area Campfire Circle

4-7pm Food & Fellowship, 7-8pm Fun Campfire

We invite you & your family to spend the evening with us at Camp Swatara fellowshiping with friends young and old, playing games in the ball field and munching on a cookout supper. We will conclude our evening with a fun campfire and sing along.

A donation to camp is requested to cover the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to the camp office by September 30th.

We hope to see you there!

Camp Swatara
2905 Camp Swatara Rd.
Bethel, PA 19507

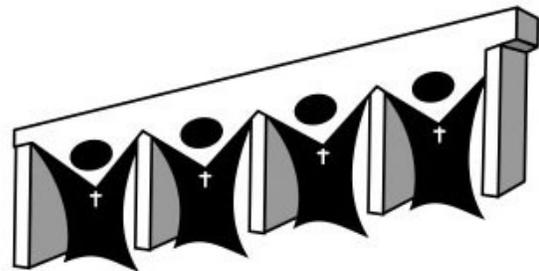
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HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

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.



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22nd RUN/WALK FOR PEACE



5K RUN/WALK KIDS' FUN RUN

An Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren

Recreation Commission Event
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012

Elizabethtown CoB

For more info and to register:

www.etowncob.org/runforpeace

Race beneficiary: Center for Community Peacemaking.

Formerly LAVORP, CCP brings victims and offenders together for reconciliation and healing. Please visit CCP's website for more information: www.ccp.org

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, story telling, puppet ministry, drama performed by adults and kids, and games.

(Children will be dismissed from the 10:15 a.m. 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

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the many people of LCOB who have shown their support and caring through calls, cards, letters, and many prayers. Your prayers and loving concern have been a tremendous comfort and inspiration to both my mother and me as we have faced recent health challenges. I am so grateful to be a part of a community so willing to reach out and support those in need. You are such a blessing to me and my family.

Linda Reis

I appreciate all the support I received during my hospitalization and recovery at home. Visits, calls, cards, meals and especially prayers meant so much. LCOB is really a caring church!

Flo Wilson

The Garman and Glasmire families wish to express their sincere gratitude for the support, prayers, and expressions of sympathy on the loss of their family member, Charlotte G. Garman. It's wonderful to have so many caring friends.

Susan Garman Kirkland

Dear Church Family,

Our sincere thanks for your expressions of sympathy on the death of Jim's father. Your cards, calls and caring words were appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim & Jennifer Martin

I wanted to say a big thank you to the entire church for the unexpected and generous scholarship I received for my internship this summer. It truly has been a summer of growth and opportunity and I feel so blessed to have such a supportive church!

Thanks so much,
Kelsey Murray

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

September 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 September they expect to continue their study of Paul's letter to the *Galatians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In September they will continue their 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. In September the class will feature a guest speaker as well as continued discussions of *Basic Beliefs and Core Values of the Church of the Brethren*, featuring the authors of articles in the book ***Brethren Beliefs*** written by members of this congregation and published by Brethren Press.

Sept. 2 – *Holy Scriptures*, discussion led by **Gene Bucher**.

Sept. 9 – *The Body of Christ*, discussion led by **Gale Shirk**.

Sept. 16 – *Bridge of Hope*, presented by Executive Director **Francesca Crane**.

Sept. 23 – *Eternal Life*, discussion led by **Clem Rosenberger**.

Sept. 30 – *Love Feast*, discussion led by **Chuck Denlinger**

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.



Faith Kingdom

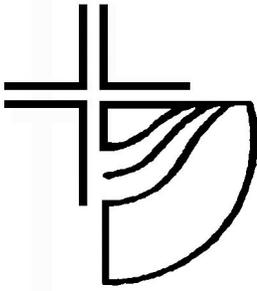
Faith Kingdom is a place where children have the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus through exploring God's Word and applying it to their daily lives. The children will develop relationships with their teachers and peers and will learn to see how God works through everything they do. This Sunday School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

Children's Sunday School locations

Ages 6 weeks - 2 years - Nursery (room 143)

Age 3 - Grade 3 - Room 153

Grades 4-5 - Room 221



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<p>LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.</p> <p>GOALS Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Intentional Faith Development Risk-Taking Mission and Service Extravagant Generosity</p> <p><small>(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)</small></p>	<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>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</p> <p>WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Praise Kidz (Age 4—3rd grade) 10:15 a.m. S.A.L.T. (4th—6th grade)</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00a.m. Children & Adults</p>	<p>Our Staff</p> <p>Jeffrey B. Rill Senior Pastor</p> <p>Cindy E. L. Lattimer Associate Pastor</p> <p>J. Calvin Wenger Pastor of Caregiving</p> <p>Emery A. DeWitt Director of Music</p> <p>Margaret Marsch Jeanne Heck Organists</p> <p>Jamie Nace Director of Children's Music Director of Children's Ministry</p> <p>Linda Byers Director of Youth Ministries</p> <p>Carole Deck Director of Performing Arts</p> <p>Tiffany L. Dickel Church Administrator Newsletter Editor</p>
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