



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

November 2012

## STARLIGHT TEA PRESENTS ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE TRIO!

Of all the musical art forms, one of the most pleasing is that of a chamber music trio. Combining skilled soloists in music designed to highlight each player equally, the opportunities for delightful musical interaction are endless! Thus, it is with pride that the Starlight Tea Concert Series welcomes the **Elizabethtown College Trio**, on **Saturday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.** This traditional piano trio, consisting of violin, cello and piano, is comprised of three faculty members from Elizabethtown College: Stephanie McCullough, violin; Sara Male, cello; and Debra Ronning, piano.

Stephanie McCullough is a 2007 graduate of the Master's Degree Program in Music Performance at the University of Delaware, where she studied with Professor Xiang Gao. She also studied with Philip Tietze at West Virginia University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance with a minor in French. She has won numerous solo competitions, including the American Polish Music Society Competition and the University of Delaware Student Soloist Competition. Currently, Stephanie performs in portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware as a solo, chamber, and orchestral musician, particularly enjoying her work as a pit musician for the Fulton Theater in Lancaster. When not performing, Stephanie maintains a private teaching studio and enjoys cooking, working in her church, and spending time with family.

Canadian cellist Sara Male received an Associate of the Arts in Music degree from the Victoria Conservatory of Music in Canada, where she was presented the Principal Emeritus Prize. Sara holds a Bachelor of Music with high honors from Rutgers University, and a Master of Music from the Mannes College of Music in New York City. She is well sought after as a chamber music recitalist, having performed in major venues in the US, Canada, Europe and Asia. She is the founding member of the Newstead Trio with whom she has toured worldwide over the last 17 years. She also is part



of Duo Chiaroscuro, with Canadian pianist Maria Corley. That duo was part of the 2011/12 Starlight Tea series!

Debra Ronning, pianist, has an extensive background in music performance and education. She has performed extensively throughout Pennsylvania and elsewhere both as a soloist and in chamber ensembles.

As Director of Keyboard Studies at Elizabethtown College, she teaches applied piano as well as functional keyboard classes. She also enjoys directing the piano ensemble, which gives students an opportunity to explore duet, trio, and quartet keyboard repertoire. Ms. Ronning has served on the National Board of Directors of Music Teachers National Association (2004-2006) as well as President of the Eastern Division MTNA (2002-2004), and also as President of the Pennsylvania MTA (2000-2002).

Please join us for this very special musical event! As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Stay afterward for the Starlight Tea, and enjoy tea and cookies while meeting the performers!

## KIDS' NIGHT -- CARNIVAL

Longing for an adult night out on the town? Here's your chance! Drop off your kids on Saturday, November 10, in the Family Life Center for a night of fun activities while you enjoy some time for yourself. It starts at 4:30 p.m. and runs to 8:00 p.m. Children ages 3 years – 6th grade are welcome to attend. The Carnival theme night will be packed



with activities including: a moon bounce, carnival games and prizes. A hot dog dinner will be provided. There is no cost, but a small donation would be appreciated. **R.S.V.P.** to Lisa Miley

(656-7936 or [lisammiley@gmail.com](mailto:lisammiley@gmail.com)) or Jodi Yingling (495-2520 or [jodiyinpa@gmail.com](mailto:jodiyinpa@gmail.com)) **by Sunday, November 4, with your reservation.** Friends are welcome, too!

*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 NOVEMBER

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb and Fred Kreider  
 8:40 a.m. Lenny Lambert  
 8:40 a.m. Pat and Glenn Breidenstine  
 9:50 a.m. Rachel and Mo Salamh  
 9:50 a.m. Eileen Weaver and Bob Hopple  
 11:15 a.m. Fern and Gene Bucher



## USHERS

**CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.**  
 Jay Enders & Don King

**SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.**

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

## CHURCH LIBRARY

**Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.**



Burnetta Graham

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

Shirley Gish



## ATTENDANCE

September 16—297  
 September 23—303  
 September 30—315  
 October 7—304  
 October 14—326

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Betty Mayers Clem & Margaret Rosenberger  
 1485A Millersville Pike 3001 Lititz Pike  
 Lancaster PA 17603 P.O. Box 5093  
 Tel. 397-5596 Lancaster, PA 17606-5093

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Flo Wilson  
 Jenny Haines

2 Diane Myers

3 Brad Ditzler  
 Will Stout

5 Dee Zimmerman  
 Paul Groff  
 Dale Hylton

6 Sam Haines

8 Gina Brown  
 Ruth Shultz

9 Cindy Lattimer  
 10 Jim Weaver  
 11 Kristen Snoke

12 Lauren Shafer  
 Paige Keim

13 Tim Heck  
 Eileen Weaver

14 Tyler Heck  
 Roy Garland  
 Gloria Groff  
 John Zimmerman

15 Linda Harnish  
 18 Carly Nace  
 19 Wilbur Graham

20 John Biemiller  
 Miriam Longenecker

21 Dave Evans  
 Andrew Lines  
 Darlene Williams  
 Jack Weiler

22 Nick Hughes  
 Brooke Smith

23 Chuck Neslund  
 Dick Kramer  
 Candee Nace

24 Jon Bridgeman (child)

25 Aaron Breidenstine  
 Al Hansell  
 Stephanie Kline  
 Logan Shafer  
 Coretta Wiker

26 Carol Shearer  
 John Martin

27 Deb Chillas  
 Lois Hansell

29 Rich Shulenberger

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us pause and reflect on some of the ways God blesses us.

Let us give thanks for the blessings of life, health, and strength, the blessings of friends, family, and



Pastor Jeff Rill

church family, the blessings of meaningful worship in song, spoken word, drama, and prayer, the blessings of dedicated leaders and learners alike.

Among the many ongoing programs in our congregation which provide opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and/or learning,

let us especially celebrate one of the more recent highlights.

We celebrate that A Journey Through the Bible, at a two-year Bible study course, which meets weekly for two 13-week sessions on the Old Testament and two 13-week sessions on the New Testament, has an average attendance of 32 persons committed to serious Bible Study. That represents about 10% of our active worship attendance dedicated to regular, in-depth Bible study. Thank you to our faithful, capable teachers for their dedication to Christ and this congregation. They are Gene Bucher, Al Hansell, Cindy Lattimer, and Ben Lattimer. I also teach a few times each year in that setting.

Among our on-going programs, let us give thanks for Wednesday Night Live (WNL), which begins at 5:00 p.m. with an inexpensive, delicious meal. Starting at 6:15 p.m. there is a five-week Women's Bible Study led

by Pastor Cindy Lattimer and a five-week Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Calvin Wenger on the book of James. What a wonderful mid-week time of fellowship with those in our church family and people from our local community. Thank you to the many faithful volunteers who give unselfishly of their time, talents, and energies to set up, cook, clean up, plan for class electives, teach, lead, and do the many tasks necessary for this vital ministry.

We celebrate with the Maranatha Multi-Cultural Fellowship, the bilingual (Spanish/English) group, which meets here in the Lancaster Church of the Brethren building in what is affectionately known as The Upper Room, Rooms 201-202. Under the leadership of Pastor Alix Sable, Maranatha Multi-Cultural Fellowship is growing in number and in spirit.

The above are only a few of the many blessings we celebrate here. But don't stop there! Count and recount the many blessings we enjoy. Give God thanks for them. Then, lend your prayers to each one and all of us together, who seek to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for the ways God is alive and at work in and through the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

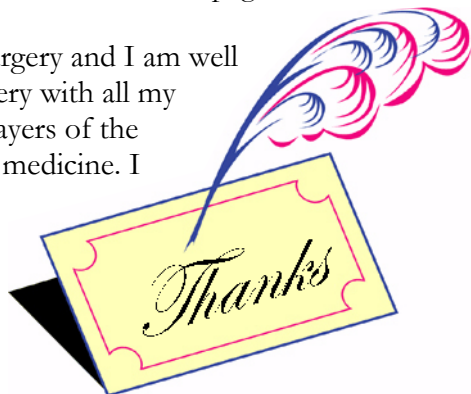
Prayer: Faithful God, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, hearts to feel and celebrate your many blessings to us. Use us to bless others in Jesus' name. Thank you. Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jeff Rill

## THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all of the church members and friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls during the month of September when I was hospitalized twice for different issues. Thanks to my family for all their help during this difficult time. I want to express a special note of gratitude to my grandson, Josh, for his note placed on the church's facebook page and web site. It lifted my soul.

I had my back surgery and I am well on the road to recovery with all my health issues. The prayers of the faithful are powerful medicine. I especially want to thank the pastors for their visits and phone calls. I am so blessed to have



been a part of this congregation for the last 52 years.

May God bless you all,  
Jay D Weaver.

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Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and expressions of love and concern we received during our recuperations. We thank God for His blessings!

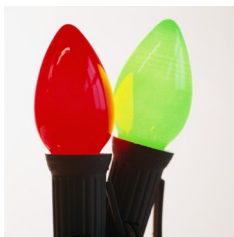
Love, John and Dee Zimmerman  
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Thank you for all of the cards, phone calls, visits, meals and prayers. To have the support and encouragement during a very trying time was a blessing for me.  
Norma Hollinger



## HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Mark your calendars! With less than 45 shopping days until Christmas (not including Sundays of course!) the December newsletter's ***absolute*** deadline will be **November 12, 2012**, and the January ***absolute*** deadline will be **December 10, 2012**. If you have email, please email your articles to Tiffany Dickel in the church office at [lancob@comcast.net](mailto:lancob@comcast.net). Otherwise put them in mailbox 29 or in the "Newsletter Articles" folder behind her desk.



## CLIMBERS' CORNER

The Climbers will have their annual banquet on Saturday, November 10, at noon at Enks (behind the Manheim Grill) on the Manheim Pike. Please bring a donation of canned potatoes, yams and cranberry sauce for the Lancaster County Council of Churches. For more information contact Darlene Creighton.



## MORE EAGLES

Though the Turkki's are no longer living in Lancaster both Grant and Tristan were able to complete their Eagle Scout projects this summer before their move to Florida. To apply to receive this honor a scout must earn at least 21 merit badges and complete a project which serves the community.

Grant's project included painting a fence at one of the historic buildings at the Landis Valley Museum. A scout project entails organizing project funding, securing the materials to complete the project and finding volunteer labor to complete the project. Tristan's project was at the Milagro House in Lancaster. Several members of our congregation volunteered to help Grant and Tristan to do the work for their projects.

The Turkki family is planning to be back in Lancaster during the week of Thanksgiving for Grant and Tristan to receive their awards. If you see them at church November 18 be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

This adds two more of our youth who received the honor of Eagle this year. Four youth of our church have been awarded Eagle Scout.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!

Come and enjoy some great family time around the breakfast table! (Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit and drinks will be provided.) It's a crazy time of year so why not come in and have some breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Kids will have fun decorating cookies and doing a small craft. There is no fee. However, if you would like to make a small donation, it would be appreciated. Please RSVP to April Curran by December 5 at 293-0446 or [aprilcurran254@comcast.net](mailto:aprilcurran254@comcast.net)



## Cookie Decorating

## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 15, there will be Family Christmas Caroling and Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Watch upcoming bulletins and the December newsletter for more details!

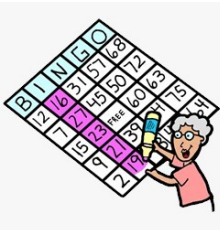


"HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!"

## THANKS, BINGO HELPERS

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Saturday afternoon Bingo, on October 20, at Brethren Village. The residents at Brethren Village very much appreciated you spending time with them.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCOB,  
Marilyn Hummel



## 2013 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED

If you have any phone, address or email changes that need to be made to the 2013 Church Phone Directory, please get them to the church office no later than November 19, 2012. That also goes for any leadership changes and worship volunteer schedules (greeters, ushers, etc...). Email changes to [lancob@comcast.net](mailto:lancob@comcast.net) or put them in mailbox #29. Call the church office if you have any questions at 397-4751.



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## FALL LEAF RAKING AT LCOB

The property ministry team is again requesting the help of the youth and fellowship groups in raking leaves at the church this fall. If there is an activity you have scheduled for your weekend that is a conflict, please switch with another group. The leaves need to be placed at the curb area. Encourage your people to bring rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, etc. It should take a couple of hours to complete.

In case of bad weather, try to help out on the following Saturday. Any help on any of the Saturdays is always welcome. Thank you.

Nov 3----- Pathfinders and Seekers  
 Nov 10 ----- Jr. and Sr. High Youth  
 Nov 17 ----- CRAVE and **anyone who can help**  
 Dec 1 ----- New Directions and Connections  
 Dec 8 ----- Living Faith and **anyone who can help**



## BRIDGE OF HOPE NEEDS YOU!

Once again we want to sponsor a single mother and her children through Bridge of Hope. We are looking for 10 to 12 people who will be the mentors for a 12 to 18 months period. We are looking for a multi-generational group of people: young people, parents, grandparents, etc.



### Helping single Moms

The kind of involvement that may be needed is:

- Help the family in daily activities while the mother completes her education or gets started on supporting employment.
- Taking a child to the dentist.
- Bringing in a meal and making them feel a part of the mentoring family.

Bridge of Hope has an extensive screening process, which assures a high rate of success. The program will start after a four-hour training session by Bridge of Hope is completed. For anyone interested and more details, please contact any OMT member or call Otto Schaudel 656-8592.

## "KINDNESS SHOWN TO THE POOR IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP."

Does this quote from Proverbs stretch your understanding of worship? Perhaps you have been worshipping whenever you have acted to help the poor! At the Lancaster Church of the Brethren we are familiar with the 2 cents a meal offering which supports the local food bank of the Lancaster Council of Churches as well as the Global Food Crisis Fund of the Church of the Brethren.

We may be somewhat unfamiliar with the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF). GFCF is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security. Since 1983, GFCF has provided grants upwards of \$400,000 annually to community development programs in 32 countries. GFCF upholds the biblical command to lift the burden of the oppressed. It honors God, for as stated in Proverbs 14:31 (TEV), "Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship."

GFCF seeks to (1) invest in small-scale economic development, (2) join efforts to improve diet and health practices, (3) champion soil conservation, and (4) promote awareness-raising and advocacy on hunger issues.

Here is a sampling of the 2011 GFCF Allocations (of a total \$320,324):

-Honduras: Project Global Village \$17,500 (Issuing microloans for Lenca Indian enterprises in 11 communities)

-Horn of Africa: Drought and Famine \$50,000 (Providing food, seeds, tools, wells for the displaced in East Africa)

-Liberia: Church Aid Gardening Project \$3,000 (Distributing seed packets for gardening by rural and urban poor)

-Niger: Nagarta 'Water for Life' Program \$15,000 (Digging wells, planting Moringa trees, diversifying family produce)

-Rwanda: Potato, maize project among Pygmies \$3,456 (Supplying seeds and tools to people traumatized by violence)

Our offerings to help hungry people do extend our reach around the world.

Note- Josh Boshart, Director of GFCF, will be in all services here on November 18 for an "information moment."

-Hunger and Poverty Group

## ABUNDANT ~ JOY ~ OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

### 2012 Stewardship Emphasis

We find the Biblical basis for this theme in 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 when the apostle Paul says to the Macedonian church: ***“We want you to know about God’s grace . . . their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity.”***

Stewardship is a matter of spirituality, a matter of commitment to the Lord and everything that it entails: a life in Christ, a constant struggle to say with the apostle Paul that “It is no longer I who live, but Christ, who lives in me.”

A good steward is neither a miser nor a spendthrift. A good steward is not one who economizes, but one who is a good manager of what has been entrusted to him. As members and friends of Lancaster Church of the Brethren, we have, by our own choice, undertaken a responsibility to become managers or stewards of this ministry. That means to love it, care for it, be concerned about it, support it, and promote its Christian work and mission. How well we accomplish these acts of stewardship will determine our success as Christian Stewards.

First - we should decide to **what** degree we should share our TIME with God:

- \* Do I give some of my time each day and each week to prayer?
- \* Do I attend worship regularly and prepare myself properly to receive Holy Communion?
- \* Do I attend Bible studies, retreats, seminars, etc., intended to strengthen my faith?
- \* Do I give of my time to serve my Lord through one of the ministry teams of the Church?
- \* Do I give of my time by helping with the activities of the Church?

Second - we should decide to ‘what’ degree we should share our TALENTS with God:

- \* Do I sing in the Choir, help or teach Sunday School, be a greeter, usher, etc.?
- \* Do I lead or assist in areas of ministry where I am passionate?
- \* Do I respond to needs of the Church to assist in maintaining its facilities by helping with painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, cleaning, beautifying, volunteer driving, etc.?

Third - we should decide to **what** degree we should share our TREASURE with God:

- \* Am I a cheerful giver?
- \* Do I give because I love to do it or because I expect

something in return?

\* Do I give in honest proportion to my many blessings and income?

\* Do I give personally and independently with my conscience, my heart, my love, my concern, my commitment, and my involvement as my guide?

True Christian Stewardship is “giving because we have been blessed and we are to give ‘without condition’, and in response as a thank you for His many blessings”.

Please review and complete both sides of the Pledge Card indicating your intention regarding Time, Talent, and Treasure. Then, bring your Card in its envelope or mail it so it arrives for **Sunday November 4** when we will bring our pledges to the altar in response to God's blessings in our lives and as an expression of our faith and devotion to Christ and His church. If you have not received a Card or you need to replace it, additional Cards may be found in the lobbies or Church Office or speak to an usher. Our Administrator will record your intention and then return the card to you at the beginning of 2013.

Stewardship Ministry Team hopes all of us will choose to pledge our support to the **2013 Plan of Ministry**. If you miss November 4, you may return your Pledge Card by an offering plate or bring to the church office at your earliest convenience.

*Stewardship Ministry Team*

### POEM

by Bill Bard, age 89, who resides at Lancashire Hall

#### My Prayer

“WW II Vet for Peace”

What do I pray for?	I must throw them a lifeline
To get rich beyond compare?	Most important to me.
No! That's not my petition.	Hate, war around the globe
Worldly goods? I don't care.	All atrocity must cease
First, foremost I thank God	Make this world one
For another day to live.	brotherhood
Ask Him what can I do?	I pray fervently for peace.
What service, care give	I ask nothing for myself
To each and every neighbor	God has been, is good to me.
That is suffering, in need?	A life of pure contentment
I must help him. He's my	And grateful I'll ever be.
brother	
My selfless privilege indeed.	
I know many, many people	
With memory loss, in great	
pain.	
Help them in their travail	
Healing? Sweet peace attain.	
People are in trouble	
Tossed by a turbulent sea	



## FROM THE WELL RETURNS DECEMBER 1!

Long-time attendees of the Starlight Tea Concert Series probably remember the American Celtic folk band *From the Well*, whose previous concerts were very well received. We are thrilled to again be presenting the group on **Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 pm**, to once again enjoy their particular brand of folk music artistry! This concert promises to combine traditional Celtic music with a uniquely Celtic take on some Advent and Christmas favorites.

*From the Well* derives its unique sound from five strong vocalists, blending with twin hammer dulcimers, multiple stringed instruments, a variety of whistles and frame drums - all tied together by well-balanced medleys and arrangements. These



may contain material as traditional as Turlough O'Carolan, as fresh as Scottish-born Dougie MacLean, or more eclectic selections from major films and lesser-known writers. Bill Stine and Craig Zumbrun have played music together for 15 years. Their tenor and baritone voices are balanced by the close soprano harmonies of Erin Flynn, Linda Lohr, and Sarah Stine. The band invites you to a musical encounter, drawn from the well of human experience and emotion.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to join us for this musical celebration!



### TIME

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,000 that carried over no balance from day to

day...Allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent every day, of course, and use it to your advantage! Well, you have such a bank, and its name is TIME! Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off as lost whatever of this you failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances, it allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against tomorrow. . . .

*Source Unknown*

### TALENT

We have nothing to do with how much ability we've got, or how little, but with what we do with what we have. The man with great talent is apt to be puffed up, and the man with little (talent) to belittle the little. Poor fools! God gives it, much or little. Our part is to be faithful, doing the level best with every bit and scrap. And we will be if Jesus' spirit controls. . . . *S.D. Gordon, The Bent-knee Time.*

### TREASURE

I place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of God. If anything will advance the interests of the kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time or eternity. . . . *David Livingstone.* The body of David Livingstone was buried in England where he was born, but his heart was buried in the Africa he loved. At the foot of a tall tree in a small African village the natives dug a hole and placed in it the heart of this man who they loved and respected. If your heart were to be buried in the place you loved most during life, where would it be? In your pocket-book? In an appropriate space down at the office? Where is your heart? . . . *Source Unknown.*

<http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/>

. . . *smt*

Is Your

**Pledge**

Up to Date?

## 43<sup>RD</sup> ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD OCT. 12 & 13, 2012

The convening of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Atlantic Northeast District (ANE) Conference took place at the Leffler Chapel & Performance Center on the campus of Elizabethtown College on October 12 & 13, 2012.



Worship and business was led by District Conference Moderator, Robert Wintsch of the Mechanic Grove COB (formerly of LCOB, husband of Misty Wintsch and brother-in-law of Cindy Shuman). The conference theme was, *Made Alive in Christ* taken from Ephe-

sians 2: 4-8. Moderator Wintsch's address at the Friday evening worship service (entitled, *Accepting the Gift*), reminded us, that without confessing one's sins there can be no forgiveness, and we receive God's gift of grace through our acceptance of the crucified Christ who died for our sins.

Although there was only a limited amount of new business, the conference was uplifting and highly spirited with messages, reports and music. Anthony DiBenedetto was honored for 50 years of ordained ministry at Philadelphia Geiger COB; Sherry Eshleman (Lampeter COB) was elected Moderator-elect; Marlin D. Houff (Camp Swatara Administrator) announced his retirement effective June 2013, having served 32 years; COBYS announced the purchase of a building in downtown Lancaster (corner of E. King & Duke) for its use; 2 new church development projects were announced: The Potter's House (Long Island, NY) and Source of Grace (Boston, MA); approved a 2013 District budget of \$634,374 representing a 0.23% increase; and disbanded was the Gardiner Road Fellowship.

Representing you, the LCOB were: Bev & Clyde Angle, Chuck Denlinger, Allen Hansell, Jeffrey Rill, Calvin Wenger and Jay Wenger. Here are their reflections:

**Bev & Clyde Angle:** We want to thank the congregation for letting us serve as your delegates. We were impressed by the growing number of Spanish speaking people there. There was a Haitian man named Jean Jeune, who spoke briefly of his desire to start a church in Boston, MA, as part of ANE District and the COBYS presentation, as always, added some fun and laughter to the afternoon session.

**Chuck Denlinger:** The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Board offered no report. Instead, we were apprised of concerns of friction between the Auction Board

and the boards of the ANE and Southern PA Districts.

**Allen Hansen:** The Moderator's message on Friday evening was about the gift of grace. During the sermon, he showed a video was both funny and profound. Peter was worried that he could never compensate for the sin of claiming that he did not know Jesus before the crucifixion. Jesus gave him a word about grace. Forgiveness is what God does; not what we do. We can't earn grace; it is a gift. Peter did not need anything but to accept grace, go and live a faithful life.

**Jeffrey Rill:** "Source of Grace" in Boston, MA is a new church project, whose pastor is Haitian. He heard about the COB because of our outreach response after the earthquake in Haiti. How wonderful that a result of our outreach is the fostering of a new COB effort in a state where no COB congregation existed before.

**Calvin Wenger:** I was impressed with the District office leadership, the District Ministry Teams and agencies were timely and informative. It was a very good conference in my estimation — blended and woven in throughout the conference was solid spirituality, streamlined business, meaningful worship, comfortable and capable facilities, genuine friendship, delicious food, moving music, fervent prayers, thoughtful sermon, attentive and co-operative delegates.

--Jay V. Wenger

## PRC



The Parish Resource Center (PRC) has resources you may use: Consultants to guide and suggest ideas for church programming, class activities and lessons. Not only do they offer this help but there are many different kinds of resources that can be signed out that can enhance your worship or class such as banners, videos, curriculum, etc... There is no extra cost to you as a LCOB member, so please take advantage of this resource.

The Fall/Winter hours are: Monday 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m., Tuesday—Friday 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00—12:00 p.m. These hours continue through May 23, 2013. For more information visit their website at

[www.parishresourcecenter.com/lancaster/](http://www.parishresourcecenter.com/lancaster/).



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

November 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 November they expect to complete their study of Paul's letter to the *Galatians* and continue into Paul's letter to the *Ephesians*.

**The One Another Class**, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In November 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](mailto:clhusted@aol.com).

**The Thoughtful Life Class**, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussions in a variety of topics. Speakers and topics in November will include:

**Nov. 4** – *The Power of Stories*, discussion led by **Ben Lattimer**.

**Nov. 11** – *Listen! Pay Attention!* **Curtis Dubble** will challenge us to examine various areas in our lives in which it is important for us to really listen.

**Nov. 18** – Guest speaker **Carol Fanelli** will report on her recent mission trip to Zambia through the organization, *We are all God's Children*, including work on the construction of a school in a small rural village and conducting Vision Clinics. This project received *Outreach and Scholarship* funds from our congregation in 2011.

**Nov. 25** – *Rediscovering Values (week 1)*. **Suzanne Schaudel** will lead us in a two-week discussion of this guide for economic and moral recovery by Jim Wallis of Sojourners.

**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.

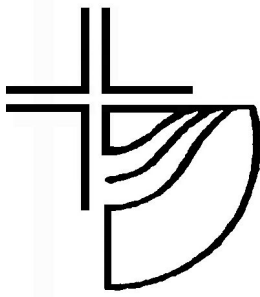
**Third Sunday:** Game Day. Word games to stimulate thinking and conversation.

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

**Fifth Sunday:** Guest speakers addressing Brethren Beliefs.

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### 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—3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
10:15 a.m. S.A.L.T.  
(4<sup>th</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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