



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

October 2012

LOVE FEAST

As Chuck Denlinger wrote in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, “The Love Feast is one of the most distinctive practices of the Church of the Brethren. It is a service of worship held in obedience to the teaching of Jesus as understood by the early Brethren from their study of the New Testament. Those who attend love feast celebrate together the gift of God’s love, the sacrifice of the Son, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.”

“The Bible tells us that on the same evening that he was betrayed and arrested, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come, shared an intimate Last Supper with his closest companions.”ⁱ

Love Feast will be held on World Communion Sunday, **October 7, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. For this Love Feast we will sit at long tables, in order to encourage community building and fellowship. Men and women may sit together. This will allow for family members and friends to sit together. There will be four stations for feet washing—one for men, one for women, one for married couples, and one for families to teach their children by word and example about this important practice. Some persons find it difficult or impossible to stoop to wash feet. As usual, hand washing will be offered for those who choose it.

In the *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries* we learn that “The earliest Christian communions probably resembled the typical church carry-in meal, with individuals bringing food for the Love Feast.”ⁱⁱ We are very excited to return to this tradition. There will be a full meal for Love Feast this time. **Please bring a dish of food for the common table.** Place settings will be provided. Come prepared to share fellowship in love with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

“Although the actual form has evolved over the years,” there are “five major components of the love feast: examination and preparation, the agape fellowship meal, feet washing or hand washing, bread and

cup communion, closing prayer and hymn.”ⁱⁱⁱ Even though we are returning to an earlier form for the meal, we will still observe all five components of the Love Feast. In celebration of it being World

Communion Sunday, we are using a style for the meal that is used by our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world.

School-age children are welcome to participate in the meal and to observe the feet washing and communion. Child care will be provided for small children. If you want childcare please telephone Jamie Nace at 940-1790 or email her at teachmusic77@embarqmail.com.

“The earliest Brethren understood the message Jesus gave loud and clear: ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’”^{iv}

Plan now to be part of this Love Feast. Invite and bring your family and

friends.

ⁱ Charles G. Denlinger in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2012), p. 77.

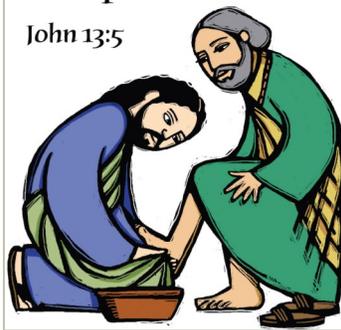
ⁱⁱ *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries*, (Elgin, IL: Association of Brethren Caregivers, 1998), p. 215.

ⁱⁱⁱ Charles G. Denlinger in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2012), p. 78.

^{iv} *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries*, (Elgin, IL: Association of Brethren Caregivers, 1998), p. 215.

He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet ...

John 13:5



LCCC FOOD BANK

As is our custom, whenever we hold Love Feast and Bread and Cup Communion, we bring non-perishable food items for the Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC) Food Bank. Here are some food items that are needed: Fresh

produce (potatoes, yams, apples, etc.), peanut butter, canned tuna fish, canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans and

rice. Please place your donations in the grocery carts located in the Gathering Place or Heritage Center.



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 OCTOBER

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Donna Wilson & Gloria Myers
 8:40 a.m. Shirley & Herb Frey
 8:40 a.m. Bev & Clyde Angle
 9:50 a.m. Rene & Larry Ross
 9:50 a.m. Bonnie Frick & Wilma Garland
 11:15 a.m. Linda & Rus Adsitt



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Bob Barber & Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Greg Hughes	John Biemiller	Bob Hopple
John Lines	Doug Lungert	Barb Morrow
Russ Morrow	Mark Smith	

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.

Jack Bryer



ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Bill Evans



ATTENDANCE

August 19—312
 August 26—310
 September 2—329
 September 9—380

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Greg and Kimberly Hughes
 615 Danbury Dr.
 Red Lion, PA 17356
 Phone # is staying the same (717-471-6939)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Calvin Wenger	12 Jordon Young	19 Galen Graham	28 Robert Wenger
Todd Forsha	Adam Horning	Derek White	
Peggy Bush	Nancy Schaeffer		29 Judy Witmer
2 Michelle Bookman	Linda Wenger	21 Jessica Chillas	Mo Salamh
Burnetta Graham	Ben Greenawalt		Shirley Wenger (Calvin)
Gloria Myers	Jonathan Shertz	23 Amy Hollinger	Carole Deck
3 Bob Hess	14 Gene Bucher	Victor Armenta-Valdes	Carlene Hufford
Jesse Koser	Cody Shuman	24 Orpha Bauer	Michael Shafer
Alison Mackey		Margaret Rosenberger	30 Robert Barber
Doris Tankesley	15 Dave Hosler		
Marilyn White	16 Myrl Greiner	25 Jennifer Madison	31 Rhoda Gamble
4 Jeff Putt	Ken Harnish		Gabbi Maerz
5 Jean Deihm	Sherry Wiggins	26 Melissa Gish	
7 Joyce Bohn	Ella Breidenstine	Margaret Herr	
8 Nancy Denlinger	Laura Breidenstine	Doug Lungert	
9 Zachary Baughman	Mary Fahnestock	Michelle Hernandez	
Kathy Mummau		Leah Wenger	
Nevin Snader	17 Russell Adsitt	Terry Hostetter	
		27 Ron Kline	



FROM THE PASTOR OF CAREGIVING'S DESK

An excellent 20/20 Planning Committee for ALCOB has been functioning to help position ourselves for the next eight years. Serving on this group has been John Biemiller, Frank Fox, Bob Hopple, Lisa Miley, Gale Shirk, Cindy Shuman and Jay Weaver. Frank Fox, the 20/20 chair, has expressed that in his perspective the key goal for the congregation is to lead each member to complete surrender to the will of God. He believes that many of us have a thirst to do life as genuine Christians and, therefore, our integrated teaching, preaching and fellowship activities should focus on satisfying that thirst. That stirred up intense thinking on my part. I totally agree with Frank and searched for what complete surrender to the will of God means to me.

For starters, it means my acceptance of salvation through Christ Jesus as my Savior and Lord resulting in an ongoing and vital personal relationship with Christ Jesus. It means knowing Him in a daily walk and talk and loving Him with all my being and heart (Acts 16:31, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 10:25-27).

Next, I need to be in continued touch with the inner dimension of Christ Jesus which is deposited within me. This is daily confirmed as I obey the direction of this inner voice and urging (Colossians 1:25-27).

I feel compelled to trust Christ Jesus with all my heart and to depend unconditionally on Him to guide my life through all of its many events both directly and indirectly (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Thirdly, all my attitudes and thoughts must come under constant captivity by the Spirit of Christ Jesus. Paramount with this is the sincere effort to be thankful in all

of life's circumstances (Galatians 5:22-25, I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Likewise, the Spirit of Christ Jesus must prevail in all my relationships with other persons. I need to love them as I also love myself (Luke 10:25-27, I Corinthians 13:4-8).

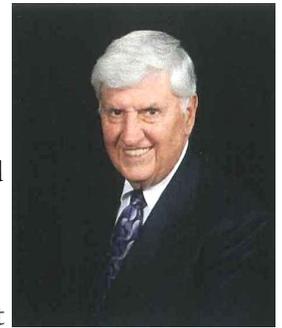
In the sixth dimension, I must rely on the grace of Christ Jesus to forgive my sins and the power to overcome them including those of commission and those of omission (Romans 3:23-24, I Corinthians 10:13).

My final suggestion to be in total surrender to the will of Christ Jesus is to be deeply immersed in a community of faith involving other believers of like faith and mind. In this network we can learn from each other, we can inspire and encourage each other, we can seek the will of God together, we can pray for each other, we can worship and study together, we can serve other persons and agencies in a host of ways, we can support each other especially in times of undue loss and stress, we can fellowship together (Acts 2:42-43, I Corinthians 12:4-6).

Is this the total truth pertaining to the total surrender to the will of God? Of course not, I would love to have you share with me your modifications and additions to the above.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
JESUS WHO GIVES ME THE STRENGTH
(Philippians 4:13)

J. Calvin Wenger



J. Calvin Wenger
Pastor of Caregiving

THANK YOU CONGREGATION

Thank you to this wonderful Church and all its members. Tristan, Grant and I appreciate all of your prayers in our tumultuous transition. The boys have started in their new school, I have started my old job in a new location, and we can't wait to settle down. We have been attending a different church each Sunday looking for a new home. You are a VERY tough act to follow. The kindness, understanding, knowledge, love, etc. can't be matched. We know that we won't find a congregation like you, but we know that God is here in Florida and he will steer us in the right direction. We thank you for the wonderful years we spent with you. On Monday, November 19, at the Highland Presbyterian Church, Tristan and Grant will be receiving their Eagle Scout awards at a ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m. You are all welcome to attend. We will certainly be attending church with you that week. Take care and know that you are also in our prayers.

Love, Christine, Tristan, and Grant Turkki

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards of encouragement. It's very much appreciated and I wish to especially thank Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for their card and words of support.

In Christian Love, Rose Marzolf

Dear Congregation,

Thank you everyone especially Deacons who sent cards following the death of Lee's father. Thanks for remembering us and to Pastor Rill (keep up the great work). And thank you to Calvin Wenger who attended the viewing. We hope to see you all soon.

Barbara & Lee Metz

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.

HYGIENE KITS TO BE ASSEMBLED ON OCTOBER 14

The Pathfinders Fellowship Group is organizing another assembly of hygiene kits on Sunday, October 14, after the 10:15 services. We need your help in order to make this a success. Your contributions make it possible for us to buy the personal hygiene items needed for the kits at low cost. In addition, we ask you to stay for about 45 minutes on October 14 to help assemble 600 hygiene kits in the Family Life Center.



Checks made payable to LCOB, marked in the memo *hygiene kits*, help to support this ongoing project.

40TH ANNUAL CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 21

Carlos Schaudel is once again spearheading our congregation's participation in the annual CROP Walk. The Walk will begin at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 21. Registration is at 12:30 p.m.



The CROP Walk is a Church World Service program that supports long-term development in 80 countries with 25% of the proceeds going to local food banks.

In addition, CROP helps the special needs of refugees and assists with disasters & famines. You can make a difference by supporting the 40th Annual Lancaster County CROP Walk for the hungry. To date CROP Walks in Lancaster City and County have raised more than \$4.5 million. Checks should be made payable to *CWS/CROP*. See Carlos in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings in October if you want to sponsor a walker or become a walker yourself.

LIBRARY LINES!

Due to unexpected circumstances, the Library Lines have been missing from the newsletter for several months! So we have much to tell you this month!



First - Deborah Hall will be the new Library Chairperson. Helpers are Romaine Lefever, LaRue Helm, John and Theresa Herr.

The Library recently received a computer as a gift which will be used to index and access the books. It may be a few months before the computer is ready, so meanwhile book titles can still be found in the current red book on the shelf, and checkout procedures remain the same. There will still be a helper at the desk on Sunday mornings to help you find the books you are seeking. Fall and Winter are coming - great time to read a book!

OCTOBER PMT ENERGY TIP

Heating season is coming! Be sure to check the air filter on your furnace and replace it if it looks dirty.

Clogged filters slow down air flow and can make your heating system work harder and use more energy.



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. Ms. Male 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. Sara is well sought after as a chamber music recitalist, having performed in major venues in the US, Canada, Europe and Asia. She is a 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 talented 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.

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 lisamiley@gmail.com) or Jodi Yingling (495-2520 or jodiyinpa@gmail.com) **by Sunday, November 4, with your reservation.** Friends are welcome, too!



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

We need your help! The Fall Road Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 20. We meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and it usually takes about 1 ½ hours to complete. This is a service project that can be done as a family. Your children must be at least 10 years old to participate. It is recommended you wear long pants and work boots or sneakers. Gloves and vests will be provided. Please join us on October 20. Any questions contact Scott Hufford.



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“WHEN DID WE SEE YOU . . . ?”

This article was submitted to the Messenger.

In 2007, a small group in the Lancaster (PA) Church of the Brethren developed a passion for responding to hunger, poverty, injustice, and homelessness. This Hunger and Poverty Group (H&PG) educated itself and sought ways our congregation could respond. As a first step, we promoted the “2 Cents a Meal” offerings that have been a Brethren project for years. We send two-thirds of the money to the *Global Food Crisis Fund*, and one-third to the Food Bank of the Lancaster County Council of Churches. LCCC used the \$14,000 we gave them to purchase nearly **39 tons** of food for hungry folks in Lancaster. The GFCF used the other \$28,000 in its remarkable ministry. Our second project was to begin collecting food for the LCCC food bank before every Love Feast and every Sunday morning communion (four times a year).



Also in 2007, the School District of Lancaster (SDL) reported that it expected 1000 homeless students during the school year. We were astonished that this could be true in such a small city. SDL requires all students to wear uniforms, which is a real problem for homeless families. Every year since 2007, the congregation has responded with gifts of school supplies and uniforms. With **1200 homeless students** expected in 2012-13, H&PG set a goal of purchasing **500** uniforms during July and August.



The congregation responded by contributing over **\$11,000** to purchase **824** uniforms, and an additional **\$1,750** worth of school supplies. When God touches our hearts, amazing things happen.

Lancaster has a long history of helping those in need. Other outreach efforts include: 55 refugees sponsored since 1956; \$80,000 raised in the 1990s to build two Habitat for Humanity houses in the midst of a major capital campaign to expand our facilities; money to build five houses in Haiti since the recent earthquake; 14,000 Hygiene Kits and dozens of Clean-

up Buckets assembled for CWS; homes secured for two homeless mothers and their children; many volunteers for disaster relief work and processing materials at New Windsor.

Matthew 25:31-46 has guided our efforts. This powerful scripture moves those who serve and those who don't to ask the same question: “When did we see you, Lord” in any those situations? It is our question, too, and the Lord answers: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (NRSV).

God comes to us in powerful ways through the faces of the poor, the hungry, and the homeless.

By Allen T. Hansell, Moderator and Board Chair

BV NEWS

Reminder

Please remember to make a contribution to the Brethren Village Auxiliary by filling out the form found in the September newsletter. You may place it in mailbox #150 or give to Marilyn Hummel. Thank you for helping to improve the quality of life for our senior members at Brethren Village.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCoB
Marilyn Hummel

Bingo

Once a year our church is responsible for supervising a Saturday afternoon Bingo at Brethren Village. This year it will be on Saturday, October 20. You would go to the 2nd floor of the Courtyards (Health Care Center) at 1:45 p.m. The game begins at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help please call Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121. Thank you.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCoB
Marilyn Hummel

Brethren Village Birthday Party Needs Volunteers

This November our church is responsible to host a birthday/anniversary party for the residents at Brethren Village. The following items are needed: Angel Food Cakes, Ice Cream Dixie Cups, Party Favors, Table Centerpieces, Paper Products and Snacks. Contributions of money would be greatly appreciated. I also need volunteers to help at the party on Tuesday afternoon, November 6. Please call me at 295-9121 to let me know what you would be willing to donate and/or help at the party. Thank you.

Brethren Village Key Person from LCoB
Marilyn Hummel

ABUNDANT JOY OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

Most months, members of Stewardship Ministry Team meet to discuss a very specific language of Christian stewardship. Many times, discussion concerns raising funds to address ministry needs and meeting a budget for the coming year. Frequently, this conversation also addresses how we can best live daily, and fully, as recipients of God's grace - giving generously with joy as those who have abundantly received.

Abundant Joy Overflowing Generosity expresses our overall Stewardship theme for this year. We find the Biblical basis for this theme in II Corinthians 8:1-7 when 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."**

At Lancaster church, our 'Plan of Ministry' and our mission celebrates God's grace overflowing in our lives. God's unfailing grace and generosity evokes from within us great joy and generosity to others.

Our theme this year approaches the subject of Christian stewardship from a different perspective. The Stewardship Ministry Team invites you to come **October 21, 28, and November 4** with a spirit of curious anticipation. God intends for His children's lives to be rewarding, fulfilling, and overflowing with joy. Come, see how that is possible for all of us. . . . *smt*

CLIMBERS' CORNER

The Climbers will meet for brunch on Sunday, October 14 at 11:45 at the Manheim Grill on the Manheim Pike. For more details contact Darlene Creighton at 397-7267. Donations for the Food Bank will be gift cards from Giant or Weis, which can be purchased from George and Cindy Harmes.



PRESCHOOL PARKING

Now that Preschool is back in session please refrain from parking in the portico area between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This is where parents drop off and pickup their children. The portico can still be used for unloading and loading of your vehicle but, please promptly move it to a parking space when finished. Thank you for your cooperation.



Halle.

One day when Francke desperately needed funds to carry on his work, a destitute Christian widow came to his door begging for a ducat--a gold coin. Because of his financial situation, he politely but regretfully told her he couldn't help her. Disheartened, the woman began to weep. Moved by her tears, Francke asked her to wait while he went to his room to pray. After seeking God's guidance, he felt that the Holy Spirit wanted him to change his mind. So, trusting the Lord to meet his own needs, he gave her the money.

Two mornings later, he received a letter of thanks from the widow. She explained that because of his generosity she had asked the Lord to shower the orphanage with gifts. That same day Francke received 12 ducats from a wealthy lady and 2 more from a friend in Sweden. He thought he had been amply rewarded for helping the widow, but he was soon informed that the orphanage was to receive 500 gold pieces from the estate of Prince Lodewyk Van Wurtenburg. When he heard this, Francke wept in gratitude.

In sacrificially providing for that needy widow, he had been enriched, not impoverished. *Unknown.* Captain Levy, a believer from Philadelphia, was once asked how he could give so much to the Lord's work and still possess great wealth. The Captain replied, "Oh, as I shovel it out, He shovels it in, and the Lord has a bigger shovel." *Today in the Word*, July, 1990, p. 28. <http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/g/giving.htm> . . . *smt*

FUNDRAISER AT ISAAC'S AT GRANITE RUN

A fun way to support the Alpha & Omega Community Center is to bring your family and friends to eat at Isaac's Restaurant & Deli in Granite Run Square, 1559 Manheim Pike, Lancaster on Thursday, October 18, between 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is a Community Night to support the ongoing ministries of the Community Center that serves the Latino population in Lancaster. **If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet outside of room 162 and take along a flyer with the information and benefit coupon.** 25% of the cost of your meal will go directly to support the work of the A & Ω Community Center. Donations are welcome as well. Last year many Brethren across the Atlantic Northeast District participated in this fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

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. Here is the schedule for the groups. 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 Friends in Faith
 Dec 1-----New Directions and Connections
 Dec 8 -----Living Faith

YOU ARE INVITED

Mountville Church of the Brethren, 60 Clay Street, Mountville, PA invites everyone to their Building Dedication on Sunday, October 21, at 10:15 a.m. There will be an Open House from 1-3 p.m. with refreshments served. There will be special music by our Chancel Choir and a brass ensemble and Becky Fuchs will preach. Classical guitar and violin music will be performed throughout the afternoon open house.

A PLACE APART

Saturday, October 6, 2012, at Ephrata Church of the Brethren from 9:00a.m. to noon Paul Grout will present A Place Apart's vision.

(Pack a lunch if you wish to stay for a more informal discussion time.)

Seeking to Recover What Jesus Intended

Stepping Apart From:

Liberalism	Conservatism
Progressivism	Fundamentalism
The Republican Party	The Democratic Party
The Tea Party	Religion
Institution	

Becoming: The Community of Jesus

Sponsored by A Place Apart

For more information call Ephrata CoB at 733-1229.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PRE-SCHOOL

This year Lancaster Brethren Pre-school is celebrating **40 years** of teaching and caring for the little ones in our community! We would like to thank all the members at Lancaster Brethren Church for their continued support and partnership. Over the years, LBC members have served the pre-school in many ways, from directing, teaching, serving on the board and offering on-going support and encouragement. We have also had the pleasure of watching several LBC children grow up in our pre-school.

For all of this, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude. Throughout this up-coming school year we will be celebrating this milestone with several different events to recognize the accomplishments of the pre-school and support the work we continue to do with the children in our community. We welcome LBC members to come celebrate with us. Further information will follow on these events.

The pre-school would like to thank LBC members Madelynn Riedel and Judy Witmer for serving on our board. Your contributions have been appreciated. Thank you!

The church's continued support is essential to the pre-school. **At this time the pre-school board is seeking to fill the vacant position of business manager.** The position would include attending five board meetings a year and maintaining the budget and books. The board is a dedicated group of individuals who seek to serve local children. **If you feel you could serve our board in this way, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Lisa Witmer, Board chair (397-5813) or Jessica Steinman, Director (397-6227).**

HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

If you are interested in submitting an article or letter, here's how to do it!

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

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

October 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 October they expect to complete their study of *2nd Corinthians* and continue into Paul's letter to the *Galatians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In October 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. Speakers and topics in October will include:

- Oct. 7** – *What Holds the Brethren Together?* Video and discussion led by **Guy Wampler** of the keynote speech he gave to the Brethren Press/*Messenger* Dinner at the COB Annual Conference in July.
- Oct. 14** – *United Campus Ministry at Millersville University*, a discussion by campus minister **Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads** of what UCM does. She will include concerns such as: How is this generation different when it comes to faith practices and spirituality? The impact of Internet communication on relationship development, intimacy, authenticity, and conflict resolution. How can Christian community model healthy alternatives? What is "missional community?"
- Oct. 21** – *Does God get Angry? (week 1)* Discussion led by Prof. **Julia O'Brien**, of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Christians tend to dislike OT descriptions of God as angry, preferring what they see as the NT vision of a God of love. Many also reject "fire and brimstone" preachers. Yet many Old (and New) Testament texts portray God as angry. What is a Christian to do with these images of God? We'll consider ways of understanding these texts and reflect on their value today.
- Oct. 28** – *Does God get Angry? (week 2)* Discussion led by Prof. **Julia O'Brien**.

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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