



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

February 2013

STARLIGHT TEA WELCOMES

CLARINET/PIANO DUO

On Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, the Starlight Tea series is very pleased to welcome clarinetist **Michael Lippard** and pianist **Justin Badgerow**! This chamber music duo will present a recital that is sure to please!

Dr. Michael S. Lippard recently joined the faculty at York College of Pennsylvania where he is the Director of Bands. Michael is an active recitalist and has also performed with orchestras in Texas, Michigan, Colorado, Wyoming, Indiana, and Virginia. Michael enjoys his summers teaching and performing in Michigan on faculty at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.



Michael Lippard

Dr. Lippard holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Clarinet Performance and Pedagogy at the University of Colorado at Boulder. During his time at the University of Colorado he was the 2002 Concerto competition winner and was also awarded the Wallace F. Fiske Performance Award.

Pianist Justin Badgerow received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Badgerow maintains an active performance schedule including solo and collaborative performances. His research and performance interests include Latin American music, "Indianist" music of America, and musical theatre. He has been a performer and presenter at meetings of Music Teachers National Association, National Conference for Keyboard Pedagogy, and the College Music Society. Dr. Badgerow teaches piano, music theory, and aural skills at Elizabethtown College while serving as a collaborative pianist for many departmental activities.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to stay afterwards for cookies and tea and the chance to meet our performers!

MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS IN HAITI

Two years ago our Congregation set out to build a house in devastated Haiti. Through our generous giving, we provided the resources to build five houses. You can see pictures of our houses on the Outreach bulletin board.

A year ago several physicians and nurses from a local COB spent some time in Haiti to assist in helping the sick and the poor. Out of that experience came the thought to approach the health crisis differently. There are no health facilities outside the capital. The idea was born to create mobile health clinics to go to the various preaching points to treat the local people. These clinics will be staffed by local caregivers, not by people flying in for a short time.

To fund this denominational effort, OMT has asked and received unanimous approval by our Church Board to start a fund drive with a goal of raising a minimum of \$100,000 within three years. This is an ambitious undertaking which requires the whole church getting involved.



Two doctors--Emerson Pierre, a Haitian physician, and Paul Brubaker, an American physician--consult during one of the Church of the Brethren medical clinics held earlier this year in Haiti.

Please stay tuned for further announcements. At the Soup & Salad on February 10 a video will be shown about the Haitian Mobile Clinics.

In the Thoughtful Life Class on February 24, Dr. Paul E. Brubaker, a local physician and member of the Chiques Congregation, will speak about his own experiences working in Haiti.
--Outreach Ministry Team

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 FEBRUARY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Donna Wilson and Barb King
 8:40 a.m. Grace and Stan Cox
 8:40 a.m. Shirley and Calvin Wenger
 9:50 a.m. Cindy and Bruce Shuman
 9:50 a.m. Bonnie Frick and Jack Wilson
 11:15 a.m. Donna and Dave Hernandez



USHERS

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

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Wilma Good

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Mo & Rachel Salamh—627-3078



ATTENDANCE

December 16—387
 December 23—432
 December 30—262
 January 6—328
 January 13—336

DIRECTORY CHANGES

The 2013 Directories will be available this month. Check your mailbox.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Elaine Snyder Clyde Angle Bob Meily	13	Charles Armstrong Morgan Husted Bob Hopple Anastasia Curran	24	Penny Kettering Virginia Herr
2	Owen Stout	14	Judith Breidenstine	28	Jean Hosler Bob Gish Linda Byers David Byers
4	Heather Baker Emily Wenger Deldonna Forrest Linda Hopple	17	Christa Shulenberg Kelsey Murray Mark Snyder		
6	Ralph Martin	19	Gladys Hylton		
7	Richard Bowser				
8	Megan Eldredge Lester	22	Jenny Elmeier Loretta Kreider Peg Thomas Mary Ellen DeWitt		
11	Bretta Illig Eyer				
12	Grace Glasmire				



FROM THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Cheyenne Cartwright defines the church administrator's position as the following: "The specific duties of a church administrator undoubtedly will vary from church to church, but generally, responsibilities include financial, personnel and property management, as well as oversight of the church office. The administrator also may take on some more general obligations assigned by the leaders of the congregation." Who are these leaders you say? According to my job description they are; the pastor, Executive Committee, Property Ministry Team and Stewardship Ministry Team. For most people that is a lot of bosses. But there are another 500 plus in the congregation that also feel they are my boss as well. It takes a lot of grace from all of us to navigate these complex relationships.

Each week I enter the contributions from that Sunday's offering, answer/address endless emails, maintain the church calendar and property issues, assemble and print the bulletin, process the vouchers/invoice to pay the bills of the church, run financial reports, make and receive endless phone calls, gather articles and assemble the newsletter, and, and ... somewhere in all that I eat lunch. And this is a typical week which does not include any extras or surprises such as funerals, congregational meetings, quarterly contribution statements, church directory,... and you coming in wanting copies made, updating a phone list or address list, updating graduate lists, updating your Fellowship group's treasury report and the list goes on...I want to do as much as possible to meet your needs but I need your help. Here are some ways:

- When at all possible **email** (*I can't express this enough!*) me your bulletin and newsletter announcement/articles. This saves me so much time not having to retype your articles.
- Don't call me or in passing tell me what you want in the bulletin/newsletter. **Email** it to me. Because like you, I am human and will forget. I get so in-

volved with the project I am working on at hand but also at the same time have so many interruptions that things get lost in the shuffle.

- Give me several days to work on your project but at the same time give me a deadline. Beginning of the month is much better than the end of the month.
- If you can make the copies yourself, please try.
- Place all notes (signed notes), requests, mail, etc. in my mailbox behind my desk.
- Put things away... offering plates, baskets, box tops, etc. I spend half my Monday mornings just putting things away from the weekend that have been dumped on my desk.
- If you call in during office hours and I don't answer leave me a message. My extension is 101. Most likely there is a good reason why I have not answered your call. Main reason being I am on another call.
- Lastly, when you come into the church during office hours, give me a wave in the office to let me know you are here. It is unnerving knowing that someone has come but I don't know who it was because they went straight down the hall and not past the office.

The job of a church administrator is one that is full of grace - grace to her congregation and grace needed from them in return. I like the following 2 definitions of grace. The first one is from James Ryle. He suggests, "Grace is the empowering Presence of God enabling you to be who He created you to be, and to do what He has called you to do." The second is from Bill Gothard suggesting, "Grace gives us the desire and the power that God gives us to do his will." We are all here at LOCB to do God's will the best way we know how, and I want to thank you for letting me be here. I enjoy the work that I do and I enjoy working with all of you.

Tiffany Dickel, Church Administrator

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service, February 13, at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent – the forty days of fasting and prayer used as preparation for Easter. Ashes are used in the Hebrew Bible as a symbol of repentance and mourning. We use the ashes on Ash Wednesday to mark either our foreheads or our hands in remembrance of our own mortality and sinfulness. Rather than a morbid act, it is an act of truth-telling. In a culture that seeks to ignore and even fears death, that tries to extend and



hold on to youth, the church tells the deep truth that we will all die, that we have all sinned and need to repent, and that God is faithfully with us through it all.

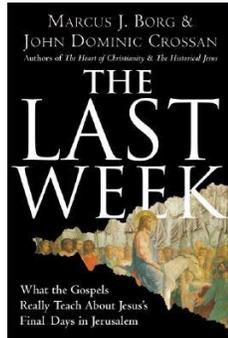
If we never take the time to mark what is real about death and sin, then we cannot fully embrace what is real about God's love and faithfulness.

We hope that many of you will join us for this short service between the meal and class for Wednesday Night Live. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Cindy in the church office.

Pastor Cindy

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR LENT

Join us for a weekly discussion of The Last Week: What the Gospels really teach us about Jesus' Last Days in Jerusalem by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Each chapter of the book unpacks the events of each of the days in the last week of Jesus' life, using the Gospel of Mark as a guide. Morning Psalm will use Jesus' last week in Mark as its scriptural guide for the season of Lent this year and this book will inspire some of the sermon thoughts and topics. The authors are helping us to ask the question: What was Jesus passionate about? And what does that have to do with how *we* live passionately?



We are offering two time slots for discussion to try and benefit the most people. One group will meet weekly on Sundays, right after church, at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., beginning February 17. The other group will meet weekly on Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - Noon, beginning February 19. Both groups will run through Lent into Holy Week, so about six weeks. The reading will be approximately 30 pages each week.

Used and New copies of the book may be purchased at reasonable prices (as low as \$2 plus shipping) from Amazon.com or Half.com. If you would like to have a book ordered for you, please contact the church office. Sign-up sheets for the groups will be in the Gathering Place, or you can RSVP to Pastor Cindy.

RETREAT FOR ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE

Our church is currently participating in the Samaritan Counseling Center's "Safe Church" project. We have been working together over a one year period



with 8 other congregations, developing or improving our policies and practices to prevent child sexual abuse. Not only in our churches, but also in the communities in which we live. A core aspect of Safe Church is lifting up and empowering adult sur-

vivors of sexual abuse.

We would like to invite adult survivors of abuse to join others from faith communities on **Saturday, April 6**, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Black Rock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pk., Quarryville for a day of reflecting on how our journeys of healing give voice to Tamar, a daughter of King David raped by her brother. Like many survivors today, Tamar silently carried the shame that rightfully belonged to her abuser.

It will be led by Dr. Stephanie Van Deusen, founder of STAGES, a counseling practice focused on helping survivors of trauma, and Linda Crockett, Director of the Safe Church Project. Participants will use art, music, movement, writing, reflection and discussion to create resources to share with our faith communities to raise awareness about this issue and inspire others to use their power as adults to protect children from sexual harm.

Questions about whether this retreat is "right" for you? Call Linda Crockett at Samaritan at 717 560 9991, or email LCrockett@scclanc.org.

Registration deadline: March 15 (through Lancaster CoB). Space may fill up earlier than deadline!

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.

There will be **confidential registration** through Tiffany Dickel in the church office. Depending on how many from LCOB registers there may be a small fee to participate. Grant funding supports 2 participants from each participating congregations at no cost; churches will be invoiced \$35 for each additional participant.

--Linda Byers

TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 2012 | THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER | A19

Violence in today's culture

While I firmly believe that additional gun control is needed, I am far more concerned about the insidious role that violence plays in our culture and in our day-to-day lives.

We celebrate violence as recreation. Increasingly realistic video games reward gun-related violence and killing. TV, movies, and books promote violence as a problem-solving technique. Sports fans rail against attempts to reduce violence in hockey and football.

While we will again look to Congress to fix the problem, other shootings have shown that we can expect little more from them than heartfelt expressions of outrage and sympathy. A far more effective approach is for parents and caregivers to limit the impact of pervasive violence among their impressionable and malleable charges.

John Bryer, Downingtown, john@rattlejax.com

SPECIAL HONOR AND TRIP



Odett Rodriguez is part of our Jr. High youth and was baptized during traditional service last Palm Sunday. You may have seen Odett share her talent to use "sign language" motions to music during Morning Psalm worship. Her family worships with the Maranatha Fellowship.

Odett learned that she will have the opportunity to travel to Japan with a select group of other 8th grade students from the School District of Lancaster. Odett will travel to Sano, the sister city of Lancaster, for a week where she will live with a host family and learn about their culture.

Congratulations Odett for earning this honor. Earning the trip is an honor but it also creates a need. Odett needs to raise \$1,500 to go on the trip. To enquire how you could help Odett, please contact Linda Byers.

--Linda Byers

LIBRARY CORNER

February is here already? Soon it will be spring! Or were you thinking like many of us, it's only February and winter is dragging on?



Take heart, dear friends! The library has many new books and DVDs for your pleasure and inspiration as you wait for spring to unfold.

Recent additions: Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis with

Beth Clark, Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street and Your Street by Jim Wallis (hard cover and audio book), Revelation by John R. Yeatts, Believers Church Bible Commentary.

Children's books: Benjamin Brody's Backyard Bag by Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Colleen Aalsburg Wiessner, 14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy, The Quiltmaker's Journey by Jeff Brumbeau.

Hallmark and Family DVDs: "Dreamkeeper", "Firelight", "Moondance Alexander", "The Reading Room", "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry", "The Ultimate Gift", "You Lucky Dog".

--Deborah Hall

CLIMBERS' CORNER

Climbers will be meeting on Saturday, February 9, for a Valentine (Game Night) Celebration. This event will be held in the Gathering Place at 7:00 p.m. The items for donation to the Food Bank are canned soup, peanut butter and jelly.



--Darlene Creighton



FEBRUARY PMT ENERGY TIP

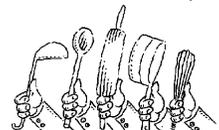
During winter, use the sun to help warm your home in the daytime by opening south-facing blinds, shades or drapes. Close things up to help prevent heat loss when the sun goes down.

--Ken Harnish



KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The Kitchen Committee will meet on Monday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 170. If you are not able to attend, please contact Deb Chillias at 299-6843.



KITCHEN CREW

MESSENGER RENEWALS DUE IN APRIL

Subscriptions to our Church Magazine, *Messenger*, will expire in April. If you took out a two year subscription last year, your subscription will not expire until April, 2014. If you are currently a subscriber, your subscription date is located above your name. The last four digits show the subscription ending date. A note will be placed in your mailbox if your subscription ends this year. The deadline to submit renewals is Sunday, March 3. Our *Messenger* representatives are Ken and Linda Harnish. They will be in the Gathering Place between Sunday worship services from February 17 until March 3, if you have any questions. Inspiration, information, connection – these are the heart and soul of *Messenger* magazine, the thread that binds our Brethren family. All members receive a \$3.00 discount off the regular individual price. The cost minus the discount is \$14.50 for a one year subscription or \$27.00 for a two year subscription. This is a bargain for an annual subscription to any magazine, especially a high-quality publication that links people with the news, views, stories, and happenings of their denomination.

--Ken Harnish

DID YOU KNOW?

"To all who are concerned with making known to a suffering world the teachings and compassion of Jesus Christ, now is a critical time for addressing the crisis of extreme poverty and widespread hunger." - 2006 COB Annual Conference Resolution on "A Call to Reduce Global Poverty and Hunger".

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:15-17 NRSV)

The \$.02 a meal fund by GFCF does many projects other than giving one meal. In the coming months, this Newsletter will be highlighting some of the projects that are funded:

- ◇ Gardening Well Projects in Niger
- ◇ Chick Brooding Program in Nigeria
- ◇ Community Gardening in the U.S.A.
- ◇ New Agricultural Initiative in Haiti.

Nikki Spahn, who is now our contact for "Be An Angel", furnished the following statistics about the School District of Lancaster:

- SDL has 11,183 students.
- 82% of these students are on Free or Reduced Lunch!
- 916 homeless students were registered last year.
- There are 1,995 Special Education students who need special help in the classroom.

These statements are shocking. This is happening in Lancaster Co. - one of the richest counties in PA.

The Hunger and Poverty Team applauds the efforts of Lancaster

Church of the Brethren in the projects we have funded, but the needs are huge. Jesus said in Matthew 25: *"As you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me."*
--Joyce Bohn, Hunger and Poverty Team part of the Outreach Ministry Team.



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FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN LANCASTER

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 is the date LCOB will provide a meal for the hungry in Lancaster. The meal will be served at First Reformed Church, 40 East Orange Street. The kitchen and dining rooms are in the basement.

We will need donations of desserts as well as helpers. We serve between 150-200 people. Approximately 20 helpers are needed to serve and clean up.



First Reformed feeding the homeless.

Set-up helpers are needed around 4:00. Dinner is provided at 5:30. We try to be finished cleaning up by 6:45. It would also be good to have a cook's helper in the kitchen around 3:00 to help David Heck prepare the meal. Please sign up in the Gathering Area. Any questions, call Deb Chillas or David Heck at 299-6843.

SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

Through the years our church has participated in many programs to raise money for those in need and services that provide for the less fortunate. Another such event will be occurring on Sunday, February 3, 2013. The Sr. High Youth have made it their goal to collect funds for "Souper Bowl of Caring," in which all donations will be given to the Lancaster County Council of Churches' (LCCC) food bank. At the end of each service on February 3, the youth will wait outside of the services with soup pots to collect donations. Checks are to be made out to Lancaster Church of the Brethren. In addition to the monetary donations on February 3, canned goods will be accepted during the Soup and Salad on February 10. An important fact to remember however, is that the LCCC's food bank is able to purchase more food with a **donation of money** than a person could donate in canned goods for the same amount of money. Any additional information on "Souper Bowl of Caring" can be found at this website www.souperbowl.org. Information about the LCCC's food bank is found at www.lccouncilofchurches.org. --Cory Betz



BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This being the beginning of a new year, I am asking all of us to prayerfully consider the challenges of the Brethren Disaster Ministries. We are all aware of the many natural disasters of 2011 and 2012 and the devastation they have caused on the North Eastern United States.

Brethren Disaster Ministries has two active projects in this area, the first being in Binghamton, New York. On September 8, 2011, heavy rains from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped 10-12 inches of water on the Susquehanna River valley in south/central New York.

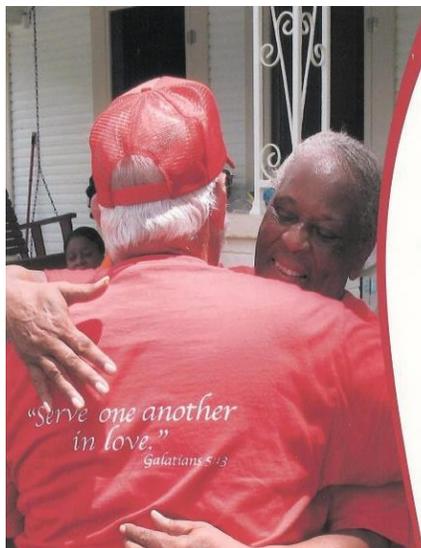
This area had been saturated by Hurricane Irene just days earlier. The Susquehanna River rose to 17 feet above flood stage in Binghamton and 7000 structures were damaged or destroyed.

Due to some cancellations of groups scheduled for Binghamton, they are behind schedule. Although most weeks through May have a crew scheduled, any additional volunteers can usually be accommodated and welcomed. There is housing for 15 volunteers, and facilities for both men and women. Volunteer work will consist of major repair of flood-damaged homes, both interior and exterior, such as front porches, steps, ramps, drywall, siding, and painting. All tools are provided by BDM. Binghamton is approximately 190 miles from Lancaster, about 3 ½ to 4 hours' drive.

The second project is Prattsville, New York, which is approximately 270 miles from Lancaster, about 5 hours' drive. August 27-28, 2011, Hurricane Irene flooded Prattsville when the creek rose 15 feet in 12 hours and covered nearly 300 homes. Many of these residents were uninsured or elderly and do not have the means of rebuilding their homes. Brethren Disaster Ministries is helping to repair and rebuild these homes.

This project also needs volunteers to join other scheduled groups and can also accommodate 15 volunteers each week. But it also has several weeks open in the schedule. So if anyone or any group of people would like to volunteer, please contact me at 397-7267 and I will help you make the necessary arrangements.

Sometimes we wonder how much we as one person can impact such an enormous disaster. Please re-



member that each person on each crew, with God's help, does their best. The next crew will also do their best and big tasks are completed. Ask the resident or home owner their opinion.

I ask that each of you pray about this mission and volunteer if you are led. Consider some interesting

Love is not what you say... it's what you do.



tidbits of information sent to me by one of our Disaster Ministries Staff from New Windsor. The cumulative monetary value of the labor donated by 30,627 Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteers from the inception of the program in 1978 through 2012, in today's economy, is **\$32,279,488**. So ask again if you can add any value to this ministry.

Dave Creighton
Outreach Ministry Team

POSITION OPENING:

Part-time Licensed Outpatient Therapist

COBYS Family Services seeks a part-time licensed therapist to provide services at our Palmyra and Oregon Counseling Centers. Experience working with a variety of ages and presenting problems, including children/adolescents. Able to work independently and consistently with our faith-based perspective. Anticipating 12-15 clinical hours/week, including some evenings. Group and individual clinical consultation provided. Learn more about COBYS Family Services at www.cobys.org.

Send resume to Supervisor of Counseling Services Michele Romeo Martin, PsyD, at mmartin@cobys.org by February 15, 2013.

COBYS Family Services
1417 Oregon Road
Leola, PA 17540
80-452-6517



THANK YOU, CONGREGATION

Thank you for remembering me with cards and best wishes for my 90th birthday. May God's blessings be with you.

--Jean Deemer

Many thanks to Fern Bucher, Jay & Nancy Enders, Jeanne Heck and Mary Weaver for volunteering to help take down Christmas trees and decorations at Brethren Village on Monday, January 7. Volunteers are very much appreciated on the BV Campus.
--Marilyn Hummel Brethren Village Key Person
LCOB

Every night I thank God for my church family. Since my fall in the fall of 2012, this extended family has given beyond anyone's expectations. The Pathfinders have been a real blessing with their caring and providing. Cards, notes, e-mails, calls, messages, visits, and gifts from the congregation proved uplifting. Thus, with curling iron scars from burns accidentally inflicted by Bob, my personal stylist, with prayers and unexpected laughs heaped upon me by Calvin, our Pastor of Caregiving, and with medical directions for a slow and steady recovery, I thank you all for your loving outreach during my journey.

Blessings,

Bonnie Frick

Thank you Church family for your prayers and support in my licensing to the ministry in December. Thank you especially to Pastor Cindy and the Morning Psalm worship team for a beautiful, moving service that spoke to the Newtown, CT tragedy and our need to reach out to others in our world. I appreciate the continued prayers and support as I study in my classes through Lancaster Theological Seminary, my field education internships as with my work with Brethren Village this year and through the Brethren History and polity Courses I'll be taking through Bethany Theological Seminary. Thank you to the Outreach and Scholarship committee and all those in this church that have helped provide the funds for me to take the Brethren

Polity and Practice course this spring. I look forward to an opportunity to share what I learn with you in the future. Thank you!

--Megan (Eldredge) Lester

Many thanks to all for your prayers and concerns for Scott Winters before and after Scott's successful surgery. Many thanks to the Wednesday Morning prayer group for your cards and prayers. Grateful thanks to Calvin Wenger for his calls to Scott and his wonderful prayers. All was much appreciated.

--Scott, Ann & Oscar Winters

Fred & Barbara Kreider

Thanks to the church for the Christmas gift. Really enjoy watching the "Solar Dancing Flower." Thanks to Grace Cox for her visit and delivering the gift.

--Helen Thatcher

Even though I expected to thank all of you for the calls, cards, prayers and visits after my surgery, there is no excuse for the lateness of a big THANK YOU. I needed to express my appreciation long before the beginning of this "New Year." It is great to know what an understanding and caring church family we have. Our blessings go out to you all!

--Billie & Jack Forsha

Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls for myself and my granddaughter Kelly. We both are doing well and have had wonderful prognoses. After my last cancer screening it showed I am cancer free.

Thanks again,
Dick Bates



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2013

*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 February they expect to complete their study of Paul's letter to the *Colossians* and continue into *First Thessalonians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. In February they will begin a new Bible study. Anyone interested in a small group Bible study/discussion is encouraged to join this group. 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 February will include:

- Feb. 3** – *Understanding the "Safe Church" Process*. **Jamie Nace** will update us on the process and progress of our "Safe Church" report.
- Feb. 10.** – *The State of Ministry in the COB*. **Mary Jo Flory-Steury**, from the COB Elgin office, will discuss the proposed Ministerial Leadership paper.
- Feb. 17** – *Conversation with Maranatha's pastor*, **Alix & Arelis Sable**, led by Clem Rosenberger. How important is Maranatha's ministry in the life of our congregation? Is it growing? What are its specific challenges? How can we work together more effectively?
- Feb. 24** – *Mobile Health Clinics in Haiti*. **Dr. Paul Brubaker**, of the Chiques congregation, will share information of this COB project.

Connections, a casual conversation group meeting in room 200, for coffee and informal conversation. It is open to everyone interested in connecting with other people on a more personal level. Loosely organized discussions each month are focused as follows:

- First Sunday:** Holiday(s) of the month and their religious background.
- Second Sunday:** Hot topics within the church.
- Third Sunday:** Game Day. Word games to stimulate thinking and conversation.
- Fourth Sunday:** God at the Movies – our take on a Pastor Shreckhise favorite topic.
- Fifth Sunday:** Guest speakers addressing Brethren Beliefs.

Follow the **Connections** sign to room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.



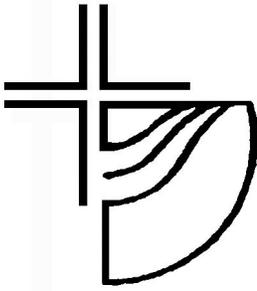
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<p>LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.</p> <p>GOALS 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 Cindy E. L. Lattimer Associate Pastor J. Calvin Wenger Pastor of Caregiving Emery A. DeWitt Director of Music Margaret Marsch Jeanne Heck Organists Jamie Nace Director of Children's Music Director of Children's Ministry Linda Byers Director of Youth Ministries Carole Deck Director of Performing Arts Tiffany L. Dickel Church Administrator Newsletter Editor Linda Harnish Secretary</p>
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