



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

March 2013

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, gets its name from the Latin word “maundatum”—which means “commandment.” Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:12-14)

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. we gather in the Family Life Center for Love Feast and Communion to remember and enact the events and lessons of Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room. Examining our relationship with our Lord and with each other precedes eating the agape meal, feet washing, and bread and cup communion. For our Spring Love Feast men and women sit separately. For those sitting at tables where hand washing takes place men and women sit together.

Then, immediately following Love Feast and Communion is the Tenebrae Service. The word “tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows.” The purpose of the service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. We start that service in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are Scripture readings, plus a white Christ candle. After each Scripture passage is read a candle is extinguished, until only the Christ candle remains. Then, after the last scripture passage is read the Christ candle is put out, leaving us in total darkness—a powerful experience, reminding us of the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. At this point the service ends. There is no benediction and, after the lights are turned up enough for us to see, the people leave in silence.

Plan now to attend this inspiring evening. There will be childcare available for children 6week—4yrs. Let Jamie Nace know if you plan to use this service. --Pastor Jeff Rill



KIDS’ EGG HUNT



On Saturday, March 23, we will hold our annual Family Easter Egg Hunt. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Come on out for a spirited egg hunt and other fun activities! BYOB (Bring your own basket) --Jamie Nace

Good Friday

On Good Friday, March 29, in the chapel at 12:30 p.m. we begin with a time for personal meditations and prayers. The facilitated meditation begins at 1:00 p.m. and will be led by Meagan (Eldredge) Lester and David Hosler.

--Pastor Jeff Rill



Easter

CHRIST IS RISEN! He is risen indeed! Come celebrate the resurrection with us on Sunday March 31, 2013! We are planning very special services that allow us to all be together as one church body to bear witness to and celebrate the resurrection. The services will be a blending of styles so that we may all find the presence of God together – musically, liturgically and faithfully. This service is about life – new life. Easter morning brings to light that the tomb is empty – God has burst out of it. And God continues to burst out of the tombs that hold us – upsetting our expectations and freeing us from trapped thinking and living. As you prepare for Easter's resurrected life, what are the tombs that keep you trapped out of which God may want to break you? What are the tombs that keep our church trapped? May God break us open and bring us new life!

Easter Sunday Schedule

6:15 Sunrise Service in Chapel

7:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 Combined Worship Celebration in Sanctuary

8:30 Childcare in room 153 prior to Sunday School

9:00 - 10:00 Sunday School for children and youth

9:00 - 10:00 Meet & Greet in the FLC for adults

10:15 Combined Worship Celebration in Sanctuary

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

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 MARCH

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Audrey & John Martin
 8:40 a.m. Marilyn & Dennis White
 8:40 a.m. Dee & John Zimmerman
 9:50 a.m. Deb, Jeff & Karly Shultz
 9:50 a.m. Barb & Russ Morrow
 11:15 a.m. Amy & Mark Hollinger



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Jay Enders
 Don King

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



LaRue Helm

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION



John Zimmerman -- 396-9724

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Wilbur (Bill) & Annette Bucher 2001 Harrisburg Pike RR129 Lancaster, PA 17601 390-4143	Alyssa Ernst 54763 Shelby Rd. Shelby Twp., MI 48316
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David & Deborah Hall
New # 625-4486

Directory correction:

Pg. 35 – Cindy Lattimer’s phone # is 540-420-8698

ATTENDANCE

January 20—326
 January 27—322
 February 3—284
 February 10—316

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Ann Horning	11 Burnell Kreider	19 Rachel Salamh	27 John Groff
3 Mason Byers	Herb Frey	Paige Snyder	Doris Bridgeman
5 Cory Betz	12 Donna Lunger	20 Wendy Young	28 Fern Bucher
Darlene Creighton	Stephanie Schaudel		Dana (Shirk) Nau
Gary Horning	13 Harold Benedict	21 Joan Miley	29 Alex Bookman
Anna Brandt	Heather Metzger	Eric Shulenberg	
7 Tyler Shuman	15 Robin Baker	22 Susan Johnson	30 Helen Thatcher
8 Ross Deihm	Kaitlyn Heck	Lauren Young	31 Josef Kinderwater
Danielle Shulenberg	16 Betty Mayers	Pat Wolf	Tim Dunbar
Ricky Reynolds	Susan Miley	Brian Horning	Doris Reynolds
9 Sue Lines	17 Bill Glasmire	Billie Forsha	
Mark Hollinger	Bob Mackey	Howard Groff	
10 Earl Williams	Gene Mummau	Lisa Miley	
	18 Grace Cox	23 Bryan Miley	
		24 Tiffany Dickel	
		25 Keith Hummel	



FROM THE PASTOR OF CAREGIVING'S DESK

Caregiving at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a high priority for all of our three pastors plus many other persons, particularly those who serve as Under shepherds. I am delighted to be involved in this focus of ministry at LCOB and especially to interact with a host of other committed persons of like persuasion.

My particular efforts are channeled in the following ways:

1. Hospital visits Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Most of these are at the Lancaster General Hospital but we go anywhere the person is quartered.
2. Visits in the homes of those who had been hospitalized if there is a time of confinement before being able to return to congregational worship.
3. Visits to those who are in various Nursing Centers throughout the area.
4. Visits to those who are in their own homes and unable to get to church.
5. Those who have recently been guests at our various services and have an apparent interest in our congregation. I often deliver a delicious loaf of homemade bread and/or a LCOB mug filled with goodies.
6. Cooperating with the chair of Undershepherd ministry, Rachel Salamh, in the administration of keeping the prayer line updated through the three excellent reporters: Fern Bucher, Shirley Gish and Gale Shirk. Phone 397-1888.
7. Keeping in touch with Tiffany Dickel, church administrator, on a number of matters including the church email prayer line, keeping current the various

classifications and info regarding our members and friends and sharing various other items of interest about the LCOB church family. Along this line, regular contact is also kept with Pastor Jeff and Pastor Cindy.

8. Cooperating with Sally Shenk, LCOB mailbox coordinator, regarding the updating of our mailboxes.
9. Attending the Wednesday Am prayer breakfast regularly and suggesting various persons for mailing of their prayer cards.
10. Making a multitude of phone calls and personal contacts with the LCOB family regarding their care giving needs. Since I believe so fervently in the power of prayer, this is often utilized in person and over the phone.
11. Contacting those persons and families that are absent from our Sunday AM worship times for a month or more. This includes a weekly review of our worship attendance sheets.
12. Attending the monthly meetings of the Deacon Body and Hospitality Ministry Team and cooperating in their important efforts.
13. Cooperating with Tiffany Dickel in the compiling of the weekly care giving panel of the Sunday AM bulletin.
14. Involved in the planning of and/or participation in the funerals of members and friends when requested. Being involved also in the grieving process with these families.
15. Mailing of numerous cards, letters, notes and monthly newsletters especially to potential members.

J. Calvin Wenger, Pastor of Caregiving

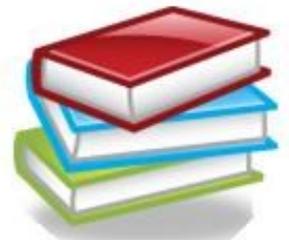
LIBRARY CORNER

Last Fall a friend of mine told me about a book she was reading that was so compelling she could not put it down. The title of the book is Kisses From Katie, by Katie Davis. It's about a young woman, who after graduating from high school leaves an affluent life, her family and friends, to live in Eastern Africa. Katie tells how she fell in love with the abandoned, sick and starving children of Jinja Uganda where she has begun a ministry called "Amazima." In this book she shares intimate details of finding courage beyond measure, enduring strength, and abounding joy by whole-heartedly depending on God's love and grace. Read how God is working miracles and transforming lives through this extraordinary young woman. You can check out the book in our library. If you don't have the time to read it, at least take a look at her blog www.kissesfromkatie.blogspot.com.

The following is a list of more books the library recently acquired:

- 📖 Carson's Big Adventure a children's book by Jennifer Fitch (granddaughter of & donated by Peg Koser)
- 📖 Proof of Heaven by Alexander Eben, M.D. (donated by Jack Bryer)
- 📖 No Cross, No Crown by William Penn, } (donated by John and Theresa Herr)
- 📖 Dreams of Joy by Lisa See }
- 📖 We Remember It Well by Earl and Vivian Ziegler (donated by the Zieglers)
- 📖 Mighty Be Our Powers by Leymah Gbowee
- 📖 Who Is My Enemy? by Lee C. Camp
- 📖 Bhagavad Gita by Ekavath Easwaran
- 📖 Geography of Religion by Susan T. Hitchcock
- 📖 The Golden Cage by Shirin Ebadi,

--Happy Reading, Your Library Committee Chairperson, Deborah Hall



Baptisms

The congregation is cordially invited to attend a special service of Baptism held in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3:00 p.m. Several of our youth and adults (as part of the Maranatha Fellowship) have requested to join in the fellowship of Christian believers through the rite of baptism. This commitment is something worth celebrating in the life of the church and in the lives of these individuals. We would like to introduce you to those choosing to become the newest members of the body of Christ.

Ava Bowser is the daughter of Rich and Laura Bowser and big sister to Sadie. Their family has attended the services in Morning Psalm since 2005 when Ava was 5 years old. Ava is in the 7th grade in the Manheim Township school district and is involved in the sport of fencing and she was on the school cross country team, where she runs barefoot. You may recognize Ava from her occasional participation in the drama ministry at church. Ava says she does not have one favorite Bible verse in particular at this time but she does enjoy the Book of Proverbs. In becoming a member of the church, she is most looking forward to participating in communion. When asked who or what has influenced her most in her decision to be baptized, the answer would be Jesus. She responded to the question in saying, "I want to follow Jesus and his word." Ava is already an active member of our Jr. High youth and Sunday School class.

Alison Buckwalter is the daughter of John and Donna Buckwalter and big sister to Aidan. In the 7th grade at Manheim Township, she is an avid swimmer, soccer player and plays both the clarinet and the bass clarinet. Alison has come to the decision to be baptized because she feels called to follow Christ. The faith and support of her family has also helped to guide her. Alison has attended LCOB with her family all of her life. She looks forward to becoming a member of the church family and enjoys being involved in youth activities. Alison attends the Morning Psalm service, Sunday School and youth activities.

Emil Ramirez-Ochoa has been attending Maranatha Fellowship with his family for a little over 2 years. He is the son of Eric Ramirez, Sr. and Leonor Ochoa and siblings to Eric, Elliot and Maria. He attends the 8th grade in the School District of Lancaster. Emil is active in our Jr. High youth especially at the Wednesday night program, going to district events and

going to summer camp at Camp Swatara. In joining the fellowship of believers, Emil is looking forward to serving others. He tells us that his church, his parents and God are the inspiration and influence in taking this step of faith to be baptized.

Edison Rodriguez is in the 8th grade in the School District of Lancaster. He's been attending Maranatha Fellowship approximately 3 years with his Dad, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandmother. Edison's favorite Bible verse is the whole chapter of Psalm 150. It may have something to do with verse 4, "*Praise Him with the drums and dancing. Praise Him with stringed instruments and horns.*" Since summer Edison has been playing the drums off and on with the Morning Psalm Praise Team. (Remember, he's just in the 8th grade!). He has shared that he feels a desire in his heart to follow Jesus and this has led him to decide to be baptized. In becoming a member of the church Edison looks forward to being a part of this church family and continuing to attend youth events. He is a regular attendee of Sunday School, youth activities, summer camp and occasionally Morning Psalm.

Juliemar Rodriguez recently started attending Maranatha Fellowship and has been regularly attending the Jr. High Sunday School and Wednesday Night Youth activities. Julie attends with her older sister Nancy and older brother Kevin and often brings friends with her. Julie is blessed by the faithful service of her neighbors who bring them to church activities. Julie is in 8th grade in the School District of Lancaster. She shares that her talks with Arelis Sable have helped to lead and inspire her to the desire of being baptized.

Our Baptismal Candidates would like to thank all of those who call the Lancaster Church of the Brethren their place of worship for their nurturing, love and support. Thank you for all of the prayers prayed, blessings shared, Sunday School lessons taught, sermons preached and smiles that welcomed each one of our newest family members. We hope you will join us on March 24 at 3:00 p.m.

--Linda Byers

CLIMBERS' NEWS

The Climbers will meet for brunch at the Manheim Grill on Sunday, March 10, at 11:45 a.m.. The items for the Food Bank are jello, pudding, and canned fruit.



--Darlene Creighton

CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Camp Swatara isn't just for kids anymore! It offers many interesting programs for all ages – Kindergarten and up. Check out the following and feel free to take brochures and papers from the Camp Swatara bulletin board located across from the elevator on the first floor. Remember the church will pay 1/2 of all children's camps. Send 1/2 your fee in with your registration. Then ask Tiffany Dickel in the church office for a Good as Gold certificate. This certificate you will take with your child the day they leave for camp. You can also register online. Questions? Ask Donna Lunger, camp rep, or go to the Camp Swatara website at www.campswatara.org.



-  March 8-9 Taize Lenten Retreat
 -  March 16-24 Birding in Texas
 -  April 5-7 Spring Weekend for Grades 1-3
 -  April 12-14 Spring Weekend for Grades 4-6
 -  April 21 Spring into Swatara/Open House- All ages are invited to see the camp.
 -  April 27 – 3000 miles for Peace Bike/hike
 -  May 10-12 Spring Bird Watchers Weekend, Union County
 -  May 23 – Deadline for summer camping registrations
 -  June 16 – Summer camps begin
- Donna Lunger, Camp Rep

INC SPONSORS FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT

INC (LCOB's *Into the Neighborhood Committee*) has planned a movie night on Sunday evening, April 14, in the Family Life Center at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, beginning at 6:45 p.m. The movie "Finding a Family," based on a true story, will be shown. This is an inspiring story of love and determination against the odds. Alex Chivescu dreams of attending Harvard, but when his single mother becomes unable to care for him, his life changes forever. Placed in a string of foster homes, Alex overcomes each obstacle in his path.

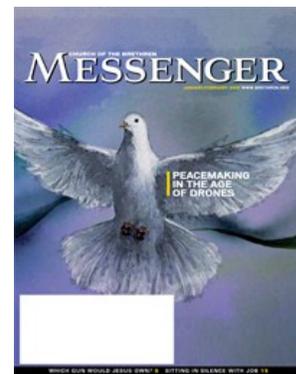


Undeterred from his goal, he ultimately finds a new family to provide the love and guidance for his dreams to become a reality. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Child care will also be available. Please con-

tact Jamie Nace at 940-1790 by April 10, if child care is needed. Following the film, Kathy Focht and Kathryn Riegen 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.

A NOTE FROM MESSENGER MAGAZINE

Hello everyone! I am the official magazine for the Church. Each month you will see many articles and stories relating to the life and times of our denomination within my pages. I am excited to see what articles will be printed. I enjoy listening to my readers. I will hear things such as "Amen, Brother," "Halleluiaah, Sister," "right on Pastor." Please give me a chance and see what you think! Ken and Linda Harnish are your Church representatives. They will be in the Gathering Place Sunday morning, March 3, and will answer any questions or take information for your subscription.



SAFE CHURCH PRESENTATION

On March 17 after the Soup & Salad meal Beth Mull, a licensed psychologist from Samaritan Counseling Center, will speak to adults and teens concerning the topic of *How Sexual Offenders "Groom" Children: What Every Adult Needs to Know*. This session is intended for all adults and teens aged 13 and older. It includes an overview of the 5-step grooming process offenders often use to engage children in a trusting relationship prior to sexually exploiting the them. We will also view the compelling video "It's not Just Jenna," based on a true story of a teen sexually abused by a family friend. Her story illustrates how insidious the grooming process is and helps viewers to better recognize the "red flags" that Jenna's parents missed. Their courage, good counseling, and faith in God allowed Jenna's family to heal from this tragedy. Now they want to share their wisdom with others. Please plan to stay after Soup and Salad on March 17 for this important presentation.



--Suzanne Schaudel for the Safe Church Team

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--Kathryn Riegen

GAME NIGHT

Potluck & Bunco Night will be held on Saturday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. Chinese food will be provided. Please bring a food item to share! All are welcome to join the fun and easy game which will be played right after dinner. No sign-up necessary. Friends are welcome! If childcare is needed, please notify George Harmes in advance by calling 569-5277.

DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATER

Come enjoy a delicious dinner buffet as well as the comedy show *Run for Your Wife* on Friday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. See how a London cab driver who has two wives manages to juggle both marriages! There are 24 tickets available at \$32.00 per ticket. To purchase tickets, please notify George Harmes at 569-5277.



ANNUAL YARD SALE

The church's annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 7:00 a.m. until noon in the FLC.



Please place donated items in the coat area of the Heritage Center (right outside the FLC). Notify George Harmes (569-5277) if you have large items or if you need help transporting your items.



IN ONE SIMPLE ILLUSTRATION, PASTOR KEN WIPES OUT THE MYTHS OF SANTA CLAUS AND THE EASTER BUNNY.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Atlantic Northeast is looking for individuals interested in serving at the District Office. Opportunities include newsletter mailings and various booklet binding projects. The time commitment is half a day 6 times a year, and lunch is provided. If interested, please contact the District Office at 367-4730.

NEW WEBSITE

The Atlantic Northeast new website is now up and running. Go to www.ane-cob.org to check it out. They will be adding more to it in the coming months, so keep your eye out for the updates and changes.

SPECIAL HONOR AND TRIP

The following article appeared in the February 2013 Brethren Highlights.

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 Marantha 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.

Or you can send checks to :
 School District of Lancaster
 Reynolds Middle School
 605 W. Walnut Street
 Lancaster, PA 17603
 Memo: "Odett Rodriguez—Japan Trip"

--Linda Byers

THANK YOU, LCOB

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Women's Fellowship Christmas Stocking Project. This past week I picked up the bag of empty stockings to be refilled in December 2013. Included in the bag were many touching thank you cards/notes from the people in the private homes which house these individuals. A few individuals were able to draw pictures and sign their names. The company which supervises these individuals is now known as Excentia, formerly known as PAI (Partners Achieving Independence).

--Marilyn Hummel

Although an entire multitude of persons joined together to stage the very successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on behalf of the James Sebest family, one person deserves special recognition and gratitude as the spark plug and excellent coordinator of the entire event. That person is Suzanne Schaudel. Abundant gratitude is expressed to her for her sacrificial leadership and dedication to this very worthy cause. ~ Calvin Wenger, Chairman of INC (Into the Neighborhood Committee).

Thank you to everyone for your uplifting prayers and cards during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastors Calvin and Cindy for their prayers, calls and support. It is a comfort knowing that my friends at LCoB are so caring.

Blessings
Pat Wolf

On the advice of my family doctor, I visited my heart doctor who suggested I go directly to the hospital to rule out a TIA. God surprised us when Calvin Wenger arrived to visit a friend just as we were registering in the hospital. We talked, had prayer and got a new lease on the situation. Thanks Calvin, you are truly an angel of God. During my brief stay, I was comforted and uplifted by Cindy Lattimer's visit and beautiful prayer. Thanks Cindy. No blood clots were found and 24 hours later I went home and was warmed by prayers, phone calls and cards. Many thanks to all of the church family who prayed and continue to pray for me. --John Martin

We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone in this congregation for their thoughts, prayers, concerns, cards, well wishes and visits for Paige and our family throughout her surgeries and extended period of rehab for her knee. The hospital and home visits from the Pastors and Calvin Wenger as well as so many others from this congregation were very much appreciated and uplifting. Our deepest gratitude as well to the Deacons, Emery DeWitt, Suzanne Schaudel and the choir for setting up a fund to assist Paige with her medical bills and to all those who contributed. She is extremely grateful for all the assistance. The support and caring of the church was overwhelming. Saying "Thank You" just doesn't seem to be enough. It is wonderful to know so many good and kind people who are truly living the faith. We hold each and every one of you very dear in our hearts.

With Much Love, ~ Ed, Kathryn, Brittany, Paige and Courtney Riegen

My sincere thanks to the pastors and others who remembered me in many different ways following my recent surgery. I appreciated the cards, notes, visits, phone calls and prayers from all of you. It is great to be a member of such a caring church.

--Dale Hylton

The gorgeous floral arrangement in lavender, pink and white given by Jim and Doris Bridgeman in honor of their wedding anniversary was brought to our home after church on February 10 by Rachel and Mo Salamh. What a beautiful surprise! Thank you Jim, Doris, Rachel and Mo. We appreciated the visits in the hospital by Pastors Jeff, Cindy and Calvin. You are faithful servants of God sharing such helpful prayers. We cannot forget the cards first for Stan's birthday and then "to get well" following surgery. It has been quite "a trip," and we appreciate the messages sent by each one lifting us up in prayer on the phone and in the mail. God bless you all.

--Stan & Grace Cox

HUNGER AT HOME

(The following story comes from *Bread for the World*.)

Barbie Izquierdo is a young mother who has found the task of feeding her children challenging. Having lost her job during the recession, she was often unable to buy enough food for her daughter, son, and herself. Looking back on the hardest days, Barbie recalls thinking, I literally have nothing left. What do I give them? Some days, Barbie skipped meals to make sure that her children ate.

"I feel like America has this huge stigma of how families are supposed to eat together at a table," Barbie says, "but they don't talk about what it takes to get you there or what's there when you're actually at the table."

In fact, the tables of young families are most often the ones standing bare. Households with children are twice as likely to experience food insecurity, meaning that the family does not know how to find its next meal. That's nearly 17 million children in the United States. Having gone hungry many days as a child, Barbie was determined that her children would not be caught in the hunger and poverty cycle.

As the valedictorian of her high school, Barbie dreamed of going to college and earning a degree in criminal justice so that she could earn a decent salary. But first she had to figure out how to keep her children fed. The seemingly simple act of providing food was a stressful struggle - jobs are hard to find in her North Philadelphia neighborhood.

Eventually, Barbie qualified for benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps), which provided some relief. But finding healthy and affordable food on a slim budget is its own challenge for those who live in poor neighborhoods. Barbie had to take two buses and travel an hour to reach a decent grocery store. The food she was able to buy with her SNAP benefits usually lasted only three weeks.

"It gets tiring," says Barbie.

(*Bread for the World* is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.)

Here at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren we have continuing opportunities to help families like Barbie's. Our 2 cents a meal offerings and direct food donations to the Lancaster County Council of Churches' food bank helps put food on the table for these families.

--Hunger and Poverty Group



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

March 26 we will be Feeding the Hungry in Lancaster. There is still time to sign up to donate a dessert or come and help serve dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area or call Deb Chillias at 299-6843.



SENIOR ADULT SPRING BANQUET

The Atlantic Northeast District is sponsoring a Senior Adult Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 12:00 noon at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren in Lititz. The featured entertainment is the Maranatha production of "Blessed By Fanny," a musical drama on the life and music of Fanny Crosby. The menu is assorted greens salad with mandarin oranges and poppy seed dressing, ham loaf, parsley potatoes, green beans, apple or blueberry pie with ice cream, coffee and tea. The cost is \$13.50 per person. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Make checks payable to Atlantic Northeast District. Give checks to Grace Cox or place them in mailbox #59. The deadline for reservations is March 27, 2013.



LCOB'S SUMMER INTERN

Our 2013 Ministry Summer Service intern will be Andrea Nicole Keller, a junior religion and Spanish major at Manchester University. She is from the Southern Ohio District and her hometown is Greenville, Ohio. Her home congregation is the Oakland COB. Andrea's involvement with LCOB will be announced later. However, we are seeking to provide housing for her. It is our hope that she will be able to stay in the home of a member of the congregation. If interested in providing this service, contact Jay Wenger or Pastor Cindy Lattimer.

MARCH PMT ENERGY TIP

A worn door gasket on your refrigerator can allow warm air to get into the appliance and make it work harder, costing you extra money. To check the condition of the gasket, place a dollar bill between the door and the refrigerator frame and close the door. If the bill pulls out easily, it's time to replace the gasket or adjust the door.



FROM MACHINE SHOP TO MATRIMONY

By Linda Hoppie

This is the first in a series of articles featuring Deacons of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

After being warmly greeted at their front door, I was led past a table stacked high with papers before going into Mo and Rachel Salamh's inviting sunroom. Not surprisingly, the overflowing table consisted of letters soon to be distributed to all Undershepherds of the LCOB.

The Undershepherd program has been in existence for nine years. Rachel and Calvin Wenger are the designated Deacons to oversee this program which exists thanks to the suggestion of Pastor Jeff Rill. It seemed only fitting that the work of the church be highly evident on the Salamh's kitchen table!



Rachel grew up locally as an Old Order River Brethren. (Her dad was a Bishop of the church and her brother is currently a Bishop). Mo grew up in the mountains near Williamsport and was raised by mountain farmers who relied on the "horse and buggy" as their mode of transportation. In 1949, Mo was recruited by Stevens Trade School to play football while receiving his education. From then on, Lancaster County became home to Mo.

For 26 years, Mo and Rachel have lived in the delightful community of Staffordshire, located in Lititz. The cozy sunroom permits a great view of their grounds. "Mo does all the landscaping," volunteered Rachel. "He says he doesn't like doing the work, but he really does," she added with a knowing smile! Company is a common thing for Mo and Rachel, including two sons, four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Being able to "stretch" their dining room table to accommodate 24 is evidence of their love of hosting in their comfortable home.

But we are way ahead of ourselves - decades earlier, the couple met as a result of their jobs. Rachel worked as secretary for her dad who owned the Sauder Machine Shop in Lancaster. Mo worked for a smaller shop which sometimes took jobs over to Sauder's.

There was often the need for Mo to call the Sauder Shop and, of course, the secretary would always answer the phone. After innumerable calls, Mo became bold enough to bring his wry sense of humor into the conversation by asking Secretary Rachel, "When are you going to marry me?" Never at a loss for words, the secretary would reply, "Oh, not today, I'm too

busy".

Sometime in 1977 the answer must have changed; the couple was married by Pastor John Long September 2nd. They happily relate that for years Pastor Long would remember their anniversary and call them to wish them well on that day.

In 1985 the Salamhs became Deacons and have never looked back. Mo served as Chair of the Deacon Body for one year and Rachel served for three. They learned the "system" of staging for Love Feasts, Pew Communion as well as for Baptisms; Mo orchestrates these set-ups with enthusiasm and Marine precision! Both serve as competent, hardworking, dedicated role models for our Deacon Body.

Their happiness together is clear: Rachel smiles when she admits "Mo really spoils me!" And Mo permits a sly grin to cross his face! Sometimes a *shy* grin says more than words!

EASTER CANDY SALE

The annual Easter Candy Sale fundraiser for the Brethren Village Auxiliary will be held on Friday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Wolfe Auditorium at BV. Donations of homemade coconut cream eggs, peanut butter eggs, butter cream eggs, peanut clusters, or your favorite kind of candy would be appreciated. Take your donated candy to the reception area at



Wolfe Auditorium the week of the sale... **make sure the candy is LABELED. Please remember to purchase YOUR Easter candy at BV for only \$4.00 per half pound.** Thank you, Marilyn Hummel BV Key Person LCOB, 295-9121

ALPHA AND OMEGA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET

The Alpha and Omega Community Center invites you to attend the annual banquet at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, 351 Middle Creek Road Lititz, PA 17543 on Saturday, April 27, at 6 p.m. Come to be inspired by hearing testimonies of how God is working in Lancaster through the work of the Alpha and Omega Community Center.

You will learn about the continuing work that the Community Center is doing among the Hispanic community in Lancaster City. Attendance is free with the opportunity to support the ministry through a freewill offering. If you would like to attend, please sign your name to the sheet on the Outreach Ministry Board outside room 162 before April 15.

--Outreach Ministry Team

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING JIM SEBEST A SUCCESS

Thanks to the generous support of members of our congregation and the surrounding community, the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Jim Sebest on January 26 was a great success. From our proceeds, a total of \$12,299 was sent to Help HOPE Live, Mid-Atlantic Spinal Cord Injury Fund, designated for Jim to help pay for his uninsured medical expenses. Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total contributions came from members of the Lancaster COB and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the donations were from the other churches and surrounding community. This was the second time that *INC* or *Into the Neighborhood Committee* organized a fundraiser for the Sebests. *INC*'s first fundraiser in June 2011 made it possible for the Sebests to purchase a standing wheelchair for Jim, who suffered paralysis as the result of a swimming accident in August 2010. This time the money raised will help make it possible for Jim to spend a month receiving special rehab at *Project Walk* in Carlsbad, California.



Because of the work of many volunteers and generous donations of food and money, the Spaghetti Dinner was almost all profit. We estimated that between 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. on January 26, we served approximately 410 people counting those eating in the Family Life Center and those who preferred take-outs. A highlight of the evening was when Jim Sebest and family arrived to join in the fun.

Here is a summary of how we pulled this off:

- ▶ 225 lbs. of spaghetti sauce – donated by ASK Foods, thanks to Wendie Holsinger
- ▶ 80 lbs. of pasta – cost \$75
- ▶ 7 cases of Kegel's salad mix – donated by Kathryn and Ed Riegen
- ▶ 65 loaves of Italian bread – baked and donated by Bretta Illig
- ▶ 30 cakes donated by members of the LCOB
- ▶ 20 cakes donated by members of Grandview United Methodist & St. Matthew Lutheran
- ▶ 396 pint-sized drinks donated by Turkey Hill, picked up & delivered by John Herr
- ▶ \$110 worth of gift cards donated by Giant, BJ's Weis, Shady Maple and Oregon Dairy
- Sharon Nace – head cook

- Suzanne Schaudel – chairperson of the event and assistant cook
- 4 kitchen helpers
- 5 people to cut cakes
- 6 dishwashers
- 4 money collectors
- 20 volunteer servers organized by Donna and Doug Lunger
- 4 volunteers for take-out orders coordinated by Kathryn Riegen
- Musical entertainment organized by Lenny Lambert
- 2000 fliers distributed in Grandview Heights organized by Calvin Wenger, the Bowser family and Kathryn Riegen
- Set-up and tear-down: Doug Lunger and Ed Riegen

Thanks to everyone for your support. The Sebest family has been overwhelmed by the community's generosity and continuing support.

--Suzanne Schaudel & Kathryn Riegen, coordinators for Sebest Fundraiser, INC

UPCOMING COBYS EVENTS

As most of you know, COBYS, a local organization affiliated with the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren, provides a comprehensive family ministry offering adoption and foster care services, counseling, family life education, and providing permanent safe homes for children.

Here are some important COBYS fundraising events for you to place on your calendar. First of all is the *COBYS Prairie Home Companion Banquet* on Thursday,

March 14 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Middle Creek COB, 351 Middle Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543. You can make a reservation by signing up on the Outreach Ministry Board next to room 162. A freewill offering to support the ongoing work of COBYS will be taken.

Here are other COBYS events to follow in 2013:

- ▶ April 18 – Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner, Lebanon Expo Center
- ▶ May 5 – Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker Community, Harleysville
- ▶ September 8 – Bike & Hike Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride, Lititz COB

Please plan to participate in one or more of these fun activities to support COBYS!

--Outreach Ministry Team



Adult Education Opportunities

March 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

Please note that **March 31 is Easter Sunday**. There will be no adult classes on March 31. Instead, everyone is invited to gather in the Family Life Center from 9:00 to 10:00 to enjoy refreshments and reconnect with others in the church family.

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 March they will be studying Paul's letters to the *Thessalonians*.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office. During Lent they are studying the book, The Last Week: What the Gospels really teach us about Jesus' Last Days in Jerusalem. 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 March will include:

Mar. 3 – *The State of the District*. **Craig Smith**, District Executive of the Atlantic Northeast District of the COB will discuss significant issues facing the district.

Mar. 10 – *What is the Political Responsibility of the Faith Community?* (A 2-part discussion of the question *Sojourners Magazine* editor Jim Wallis says Christians must address.) Part 1, presented by **Carol Peterson**, Lancaster Sunday News columnist.

Mar. 17 – *What is the Political Responsibility of the Faith Community?* Part 2, presented by **Gil Smart**, Lancaster Sunday News columnist.

Mar. 24 – *What is a Family?* Discussion led by **Curtis Dubble**.

Mar. 31 – No class. Meet-and-Greet in the Family Life Center. (See note above.)

Connections is a casual conversation group meeting in room 200 for coffee and conversation. It is open to anyone 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.

For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbrowser4@yahoo.com.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING LUNCH

Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization working to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. We pursue this mission by providing livestock, seeds, trees and training in animal well-being and environmentally sound agricultural practices to families in more than 50 countries, including the United States.

In more than 65 years, Heifer has learned that holistic approach is necessary to build sustainable communities.

To learn more about it, please join us

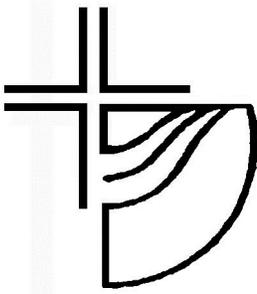


at the 22nd annual Heifer International Hunger Awareness Luncheon on April 17 at 12 noon in the Wolfe Auditorium at Brethren Village. The speaker will be Ardyth Neill who is president of Heifer Foundation, an international philanthropic foundation established for the primary purpose of building an endowment to generate ongoing support for the work of Heifer International.

Attendance is free. A freewill offering to support the ongoing work of Heifer International will be taken.

LCOB will sponsor a table. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Outreach Ministry Board outside room 162 **before April 15**.

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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)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thur 8:00am—4:00pm
Friday 8:00am—1:00pm

**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—3rd grade)
10:15 a.m. S.A.L.T.
(4th—6th grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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