



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

May 2013

## PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Lancaster Brethren Preschool is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Over the past 40 years the preschool has developed a reputation for providing a quality early childhood program for the young children and families in the church and community.

In 1973, Lynne Shively proposed the idea of starting a preschool program to service young children and



families. Lynne called upon the expertise of the late Charlotte Garman and other members of the congregation to help her develop the program. Lynne

also served as the first director and taught one of the first preschool classes.

Forty years later, Jessica Steinman, LBP's current director, and her dedicated staff are continuing to provide quality programming for the current preschoolers and their families.

The church and preschool are holding two special events to celebrate these 40 years of operation. Steven Courtney, a well-known performer and recording artist, will kick off the birthday celebration with a preschool concert for children and families on Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This free concert is open to all current and past friends and families of the preschool and members of the congregation. The birthday party concert will conclude with goodies for the children.

On Sunday, May 5, Lancaster Brethren Preschool's 40<sup>th</sup> year will be celebrated during the 10:15 a.m. church service in the sanctuary. All former and current teachers, assistants, directors, and board members will be recognized during this service. The many people who have given dedicated service to Lancaster Brethren Preschool through these various positions have helped hundreds of young children get off to a wonderful start with their preschool education.

--Kathy Focht

## MARANATHA'S YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY & SPANISH MEAL EVENT

Sunday, May 5, at 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The theme is "God Speaking." Maranatha's excited to bring you a delicious Spanish meal along with worship music and praise, brought to you by our own MMF youth.



God has blessed our youth with musical talents and the desire to serve him. We would like to take this opportunity to bring you this organized event as a fundraiser in order to raise the money necessary for our inner city youth to attend local events and camps such as Creation 2013 and other local trips. Please support us and join us on Sunday, May 5, at noon! God is Speaking!

--Priscila Sable

## FINDING FAITH IN THE GAME WITH ANTHONY RHODMAN

On May 5 we will hold Youth Sunday. Our Sr. High youth will be a part of both the 9:00 and the 10:15 services during Morning Psalm. Each year we look to this date across the entire denomination to en-



courage and support the youth throughout the Church of the Brethren. This year the theme is "In God's Image" and we are inviting a special guest speaker to share his message of faith.

Anthony Rhodman is an athletic trainer from the Columbus, Ohio area. Mr. Rhodman is the founder and owner of *In God's Image*, a company built to train and prepare athletes for college and professional ranks. Anthony dedicates his life to teaching others how to excel through life using the principles of God.

Anthony has had a long process during his journey up to this point in his life. He was a college basketball player in pursuit of the NBA, focusing totally on his

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# SERVING THIS MAY

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb and Fred Kreider  
 8:40 a.m. Renea and Mike Snyder  
 8:40 a.m. Shirley and Ervin Martin  
 9:50 a.m. Darlene and Earl Williams  
 9:50 a.m. Deborah Hall and Mim Longenecker  
 11:15 a.m. Marvin Harnish



## USHERS

### CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

John Graham  
 Barry Wilson

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

\*Mike Hess      Shirley Gish      Dave Creighton  
 Courtney Hartman      Lyn Moyer      Robert Mackey  
 Steve Holsinger      Jeff Putt

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Nicole Putt

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

Glenn & Ruth Shultz -- 569-7599



## ATTENDANCE

March 17 - 332  
 March 24 - 363  
 March 31 - 543  
 April 7 - 344  
 April 14 - 316

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Lenny Lambert      Janet Groff  
 1 Sunset Place      New Tel. #471-9266  
 Lancaster, PA 17601  
 New Tel. #560-2951

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Matt Shaffer	10 Joan Yunginger	20 Audrey Martin	29 Gwen Martin
2 Barb King	11 John Graham	Donna Wilson	Laura Bowser
3 Melode Forsha	13 James Biemiller	Donna Hernandez	
Nathan Biemiller	Joe Bryson	21 Don Hursh	30 Courtney Riegen
Gladys Arnold	14 Stu Kauffman	23 Taylor Husted	Lois Shenk
Steve Holsinger	Juanita Lunger	Larry Ross	
Wendi Holsinger	16 Jeanne Heck	24 Dory Voulopos	
Bonnie Frick	Emery DeWitt	25 Pat Breidenstine	
4 Andrew Graham	Ella Nace	Shirley Frey	
Laurie Rhoades	Troy Nace	26 Madelynn Riedel	
5 Robert Smith	Luke Wenger	Andrew Shulenberger	
Liz Roth	17 Kyle Shirk	27 Kate Kinderwater	
Otto Schaudel	Jill Bridgeman	Joe Peffley	
Vince Ruby	18 Judi Hess	Joanne Mellinger	
9 Sherry Weaver	Nicklaus Kreider	28 Loura Keepers	
Jodi Yingling			



# FROM THE MUSICAL DESK

**C**ELEBRATION! The very word quickens our pulse. What? Where? When? We immediately want to know the details and the more joyous the celebration, the more anxiously we want to know. Imagine learning of the wedding of a dear friend, or of the impending birth of a firstborn child. Our very first impulse is to celebrate the good news!

Rare indeed is the person who doesn't love to celebrate. It lifts us out of the routine, chases away sorrow and renews our gratitude for all the good things of life. At its heart, celebration is about the serious business of finding *joy* in our lives.

As with so many things in our lives, children can teach us to remember those core facts. We have all seen a little child literally dancing with anticipation because a birthday is approaching. As adults, we have learned somehow to mistrust celebrations, thinking, "It will be a lot of work to prepare." or "It won't be any good." Oh, to follow Jesus' instruction to be as a child again!

I will confess that I am the first to replace anticipation with worry about an upcoming celebration – especially if I am somehow in charge! My friends used to teasingly call me the "General Manager of the Universe," so thoroughly did I take on layers of responsibility. But I am learning... slowly, slowly, but still learning. When I can remember to focus on the joy instead of the preparation or the possibilities of something going awry, my life is simply better.



Emery DeWitt

Our recent Easter Sunday services were a great example. I had responsibilities in both the Sunrise Service and the two services in the Sanctuary where the musicians of the Chancel Choir and the Morning Psalm team combined to such marvelous effect. For weeks I worried and stewed over the logistical details and over how people would respond. In doing so, I missed some of the joy that is our due – the joy of anticipated celebration!

But thank God for the gift I was given on Easter Sunday when I arose very early in the morning. It was the gift of peace. I was able to enjoy and be fully present for our wonderful services, and Easter became a marvelous celebration for me.

Very soon, we will have another celebration, on May 12 in the Sanctuary: Music Celebration Sunday, when the Chancel Choir and Carillon Bell Choir combine to bring our musical offering to our God. This year, we will have special guests: QuintEssentially Brass, a very fine local brass quintet, and Clem Lichty, the staff percussionist for the Fulton Theater. They will join us in presenting K. Lee Scott's *Gloria*, a stunning work of praise and thanksgiving! And much-beloved pastor Judith Gibble will join us to help us meditate on the ancient text of the *Gloria*, and on the celebration that comes when we offer praise to God.

We are born to celebrate, and we thank God for the gift of music that helps us to celebrate. Join us as we sing His praise! --Emery DeWitt

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*Continued from front cover: "Finding Faith in the Game".* goals. The Lord blessed him with a scholarship to the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the skills and aspirations to go all the way. He came very close to fulfilling his dream, but things took a wrong turn and God needed his attention. Anthony took God totally out of the picture. Going into his junior season he broke his ankle and his life changed immediately. It was the worst time of his life and his dreams quickly began to fade away. There was purpose behind this incident. He realized God needed his attention and he was going into high levels of fame and fortune and God was not the center of his life, a dangerous combination. "God loved me so much, he preferred I not reach my goals to save my life, so I would live totally by His name and not my own." God took the negative situation and turned it into a positive. He gave me a vision to use the situations *I went through on my journey to inspire and direct others on their journey using His principles.* Anthony finished his edu-

cation Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science at Urbana University, where he was an assistant Coach of the Men's Basketball Team.

We look forward to welcoming Anthony and you to worship with us on May 5. --Linda Dows-Byers

## BOX TOPS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has been collecting Box Tops for Education for my school, Wharton Elementary in the SDOL! With your help, we received a check in the fall for over \$1500 to use for field trips and special activities for our students! If you are not familiar with Box Tops for Education, these small coupons appear on product labels such as brownie/cake mixes, some soup brands, granola bars, cereal and lots more! Our school continues to collect these and there is a plastic container on the desk in the Gathering Place if you would like to contribute! Thanks so much!



--Gail Murray

## A NEW POTENTIAL MINISTRY

This is a call from the Into the Neighborhood Committee (INC) to those of our congregation who might be interested in being a part of some form of prison ministry. We are labeling our efforts as the Station of Hope and are looking for Divine guidance to lead and process this effort. We do have a number of possible avenues to consider but we want it to be developed and put into action by those who have a genuine heart for it. Therefore, we are asking those who are so inclined, to contact Calvin Wenger, INC Chair (phone: 664-6325 or email: [calvinshirley-wenger@gmail.com](mailto:calvinshirley-wenger@gmail.com)). At this point the only commitment will be to agree to be in conversation with those of like interest to assist in shaping what direction this ministry should take. At the conclusion of that phase, each participating person will then decide if and what path their future involvement would take.

--Calvin Wenger



## LCOB APPROVES SAFE CHURCH POLICY

At the April 21, 2013, Congregational Meeting, the LCOB approved its Safe Church Policy. In the planning and preparations for about one year, the policy received overwhelming support which reflects the excellent preparation and hard work by the Safe Church Team, consisting of Linda & David Byers, Priscilla DeJessa, Jamie Nace and Suzanne Schaudel. This approval and reports by staff and ministry chair's highlighted the meeting which was held following a Soup & Salad lunch provide by the youth of the church.

The congregation approved the Outreach & Scholarship Endowment distributions to INC to feed the hungry in Lancaster (\$1500); Megan Lester tuition (\$400); Curtis Dehmey tuition (\$1500); United Campus Ministry, Millersville (\$500) and Hope International (\$4000). Also approved was the well detailed 2012 Auditor's Report.

Announced were these upcoming events:

- ◆ May 12 - Music Celebration Sunday,
- ◆ May 18 - Spring Clean-up Day,
- ◆ June 4 - Church Lawn Party
- ◆ June 27 - EYN (CoB in Nigeria) benefit dinner
- ◆ Fall - Pictorial Directory for 2014 w/ photos

--Jay V. Wenger

## LIBRARY CORNER

This month we have one new title to share with you along with a bit of news about what our committee has been doing. John Herr, one of our committee members, is a master of invention. Earlier this year he categorized our books by subject and shelf. A list of categories arranged by section and shelf number can be found attached to the closet door just inside the library. We hope this will help you when you are looking for specific books. A new "List of Books by Author and by Title" can also be found inside our red binder.

Last month, LaRue Helm worked diligently organizing the Children's Section in our library. We will be adding more children's books to our library in the future. If you have suggestions for children's books or videos, please contact any of our members or put them in box 103. While we are in the process of organizing our library, you may receive a note from us in your mail box about books that we are unable to locate. Books and cards are sometimes misplaced and other times they are just missing. Please take some time to check for missing items at home. If you can't find the item, we would appreciate it if you would let us know.



LaRue Helm

The new book in our library this month, Same Kind of Different As Me, was donated and highly recommended by La Rue Helm. It is a New York Times Best Seller and true story about a black man, Denver Moore, and a wealthy international art dealer, Ron Hall. Denver's first 30 years of life were spent working in Louisiana cotton fields enduring a life not much different than his grandparents, who had been slaves. One day he hops a train and ends up homeless in Fort Worth, Texas; however, this is a step-up from his former circumstances. In Same Kind of Different As Me, two men from opposite ends of society tell their stories. Ron's wife Deborah brings these two unlikely acquaintances together through her ministry with the homeless.

--Deborah Hall, Library Committee Chairperson

## WHAT IS SERRV – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SERRV is a 60-year-old COB organization dedicated to eradicating poverty in the world by assisting low-income artisans and farmers. SERRV works with partners in over 35 countries to make sustainable development choices with materials and production techniques, financial resources, and social programs that benefit entire communities. SERRV is a founding member of both the North-American Fair Trade Federation and the World Fair Trade Organization which require a 100% commitment to fair trade principles and practices. The work helps support more struggling families throughout the world in their journey to a better life with practical training and partnerships with women's organizations.

The LCOB and Maranatha help in a variety of ways. During the first three months of this year, over 50 people have traveled to New Windsor to process products for resale. While there, we have been able to see many of the finely crafted products made throughout the world that SERRV makes available for purchase. We have also bought products to support the artisans and farmers. In addition, our church makes a financial donation to SERRV to help pay the costs of their operation.

Beginning July 8, and continuing until early December, the warehouse in New Windsor will need assistance to process the shipments that arrive daily for resale through their catalogs and gift shop. We will be scheduling monthly trips to New Windsor to assist in these efforts. In addition, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday SERRV will be open for volunteers to help prepare products for resale. If you would like to assist, but are unable to go with us during the week, this will provide an opportunity for smaller groups or families to help others.

To volunteer on a Saturday, please call MaryAnn Grosnickle at 1-888-821-1114 or 410-635-8769 to schedule a date. Lunch will be provided for those who go, as well as time to visit the retail shop. You will even be given a discount on your purchases as a "Thank You" for your work. This is a great opportunity for families to spend the day together while they help others. Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 for more information or for directions to New Windsor.  
--Outreach Ministry Team

## Climbers' Corner

The Climbers are having a special event on Wednesday, May 15, with a Mystery Bus Tour on a spacious Elite Coach. It begins at 7:30 a.m. at the church, proceeds to some very interesting stops throughout the area and concludes back at the church at 5:00 p.m. If you wish to join us, we would be delighted to reserve your seat(s) if you put your check for \$55.00 per person in the LCOB mailbox #127 made payable to The Climber's Fellowship. Please direct any questions to Shirley (Calvin) Wenger at 664-6325. --Darlene Creighton



## CAMP SWATARA NEWS

**May 24 is the deadline** to sign up your child for his/her camping experience this summer to avoid the \$25 late fee. Remember to get your **Good as Gold** certificate (for 1/2 tuition) from Tiffany Dickel, church administrator, **before** attending camp. Full-week and week-ends camps are available for children who have completed Kindergarten through adults.



**Family camping** is fun all summer long! Pack up your tent, pop-up or campers and enjoy a weekend outdoors in God's beautiful playground.

Check out the Camp Swatara bulletin board (on the lower level across from the elevator), the camp's website ([www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org)) or contact Donna Lunger, camp rep for more information.  
--Donna Lunger

## MAY PMT ENERGY TIP

Size matters when purchasing an air conditioner. If you buy one too big, it won't remove the humidity from your home and it will turn on and off more frequently than a properly sized system. If you buy one too small, it won't be able to cool your home enough on the hottest days of summer. For a central air conditioning system, your contractor should base the new equipment on the amount of heat your home gains during the summer. Something they can calculate with their software. Don't base the size of a new system on the size of an old one. It could have been the wrong size to start with. --PMT



### HOSPITALITY EVENTS

- Annual Strawberry Picking June 3 at 8:00 a.m. Call George Harmes at 569-5277 for more information.
- Annual Lawn Party June 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We all have a good time, and we get a chance to meet our neighborhood families and friends. Come and enjoy sharing what our church is known for.....friendliness and loving one another. In case we forgot to mention, there will be some great food and goodies to enjoy also.
- Barnstormers' Baseball Game July 13. Tickets are \$32 per person which includes: Skybox seating and Dinner (pulled pork, beef brisket, hotdogs, smokehouse chicken, baked beans, spring rolls, mac & cheese, potato salad, cookies, soda/water and more). For tickets or questions, see George Harmes.



--Your Hospitality Ministry Team

### U.S. CHILDREN AT RISK

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, spoke at the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, Elizabethtown College, on March 20, 2013. Edelman told an audience of over 300 people about the dangers facing many children in the U.S. The most at risk children are those caught in crippling poverty, especially minority children.



Marian Edelman

- Every 29 seconds a child is born into poverty.
- Every 8 seconds a child drops out of school.
- Every 19 seconds a child is born to an unmarried mother.
- Every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected.
- Every 67 seconds a child is born into a family without medical insurance.
- Every 30 seconds a child is injured by a gun.
- Every three hours and 15 minutes, a child or teen dies from gun violence. There have been 1.4 million gun deaths since 1963, of which 168,000 were children.
- Our nation spends three times more on prisons than on education.

The moral character of a society is measured by the way it treats its poor, especially its children. With this level of social injustice, where can we find Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Jesus?

--Hunger and Poverty Group

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hey, kids! The royal castle awaits you at *Kingdom Rock*, the theme for Vacation Bible School this year. Each evening from June 16-20, children age 3 through grade 5 will discover how to stand strong for God through Bible stories, games, food, crafts and songs. Registration forms available throughout the church, the church website and on page 11 of this newsletter. Volunteers are still needed, so dust off your royal cloaks and call 569-7626.



--Madelynn Riedel

Lancaster County Council of Churches  
invites you to the  
**Spring Celebration Breakfast**  
Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

#### "Sowing Seeds of Hope"

**Sheila McGeehan Mastropietro  
& Church World Service**  
will receive the 2013 Steven Mentzer Award  
for Excellence in Ecumenical Witness.

Join us at Calvary Church  
1051 Landis Valley Rd.  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
(Use east entrance.)



"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."  
1 Corinthians 3:7

Please RSVP on enclosed reply card.

The Lancaster County Council of Churches  
Spring Celebration Breakfast : Wed., May 22, 2013



"Sowing the Seeds of Hope"

We're so glad you're joining the celebration!

**For Ticket(s):** Please reserve \_\_\_ticket(s) at \$25 per ticket. I enclose my check payable to The Lancaster County Council of Churches. To make a secure credit card payment, please email abuckel@lcchurches.org.

**For Breakfast Sponsorship:** Please make me a Breakfast Sponsor in the category I've checked:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,200 Sponsor: Includes **two** tables of 10 guests each, your name/logo identifying your tables, and your name on our sign and in our program.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$600 Sponsor: Includes one table of 10, your name/logo identifying your table, and your name on our sign and in our program.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Sponsor: Includes one table of 10 and your name/logo identifying your table.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please donate \_\_\_\_\_ seats at my table to clients or volunteers.

Please complete contact information on reverse side.

## Thank You, Congregation

Dear Pastoral Staff & Church Members

We would like to thank you for your many kind expressions of sympathy at the time of Marica Horst's death. The outpouring of love has been such a comfort during this very difficult time. We see and feel faith at work!

Ron & Dana Horst, Parents

Lynn & Lynne Shively, Grandparents

We would like to thank our congregational members for all of your prayers and cards during the recent illness of our great granddaughter Joya Hair. The power of prayer is being realized since she has shown considerable recent improvement. A special thanks to Calvin Wenger for the consistent telephone vigil that gave us tremendous emotional support.

--Frank and Wanda Fox

We are both feeling stronger as we enjoy the sunshine here on the bright side of a difficult and challenging winter. John's eye surgery was put on hold when we were surprised by his Lyme Disease Diagnosis. John continues to remain physically active even though his feet and lower legs are in severe pain and he quickly becomes fatigued. We *Thank You* for your prayers, cards, phone calls and love, and ask that you continue to pray for strength to endure these challenges.

--Love, John & Audrey Martin

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the many cards, phone calls and visits which I received recently during my stay in the hospital and after returning home. Thank you also for your prayers.

--Dale Hylton

Dear Pastor Rill, Pastor Cindy, Calvin Wenger, Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, and friends,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and kind words we received during the recent death of my sister Arlene Diehl. Even though she was my half-sister and much older than me, I always felt her love. In my last visits with her at the Mennonite Home, she would always hug and kiss me and call me "my baby sister" which was very special to me!

Sincerely,

Darlene Williams

Many thanks to a wonderful church family from the time of my fall on January 8 through hospital surgery, rehab and healing. I have had many visits, calls, inquiries through Joyce and hundreds of prayers. The pastoral care has been extremely helpful. I appreciate all of your cards and calls with expressions of support and encouragement. -- Jim Marks

We would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and support. Mark is slowly improving since his fall, and we are both anxious to be part of the congregation again. The spoken word, organ and choir are so important to us! Our love to all, Thelma & Mark Weaver



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY

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## BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW...

By Linda Hopple

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

Grace was coming up the basement stairs of her College Avenue rooming house, carrying fresh laundry, when her landlady mentioned to her in a rather unassuming manner, "Here comes Stan and, by the way, did you know that both of you are members of the Church of the Brethren?"



And so it was: a rooming house in Lancaster where Stan and Grace first met.

How convenient; both renting at the same address! Grace, a Health and Physical Education Graduate from West Chester State Teachers' College was teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grade girls at Wickersham Elementary School. Her close college friend had accepted a teaching position at Catholic High School, and the two young women shared a room for \$10.00 a week. "And my friend had a car", joked Grace, which I guess was icing on the cake!

After high school, Stan joined the U.S. Army and is a World War II Veteran. He then attended and graduated from Elizabethtown College with a major in history; some years later, he earned a Master's Degree from Temple University. And, coincidentally, Stan also called College Avenue his home at the start of his 32 years teaching social studies and language arts at Pequoa Valley, Dallastown and Lampeter Strasburg Schools.

And, yes, their landlady WAS correct; both grew up in the Church of the Brethren. Stan was baptized in 1943 at the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren and Grace was baptized at the age of ten at the Green Tree Church of the Brethren in Oaks, PA.

Grace waitressed all four summers to cover her college expenses. One summer at the Spring Mountain House in Schwenksville and the other three at Chalfont-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City. "Making \$500.00 in tips each summer was enough to finance each year at West Chester," affirmed Grace.

Two years after that first, fateful rooming house meeting, Stan and Grace were married by Rev. Franklin Cassel, Green Tree Church of the Brethren pastor. They settled in Lancaster and joined the Lancaster Church soon after John D. Long arrived.

Stan was elected to the Church Board and was named a Deacon as well. Both taught Sunday school at

the Charlotte Street Church: Stan - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders and Grace - the primary department children. Grace also served as President of the Mother's Club. One of Grace's first experiences as a Deacon involved baking bread at Charlotte Street. First born Lucy Cox was joining the Deacon Women in the kitchen, safely tucked away in her baby coach. Or so Grace thought, until she found little Lucy causing quite a commotion, having fallen out of her carriage! Apparently, no harm done to either Lucy or the communion bread!

Fond memories of the Cox' frequently center on the Questers Course, taught and written by A.G. Breidenstine, and Calvin Wenger's Bible Study Class which Stan has faithfully attended for at least 30 years. Having been on the planning committee for the Sunset Avenue Church was another highlight for Stan. And there was that year that he represented Lancaster as a delegate to Annual Conference. "I drove the entire distance to Louisville, Kentucky", mused Stan, and then didn't I lock the keys in the car! So I had to call "Gracie" to get the number inscribed on our key". Gracie to the rescue!

The organizational abilities of Grace Cox were soon acknowledged. She was asked by Rev. Long to become his administrative assistant and ably orchestrated the comings and goings of the church for 16 years. She also served as Funeral Coordinator and to this day continues in that role as well as chairing the Visitation Committee.

During these years, Grace and Stan became proud parents of two daughters, two sons, all college graduates, and grandparents to one grandson and six granddaughters.

On June 20, Stan and Grace will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are currently the longest standing active Deacons, having been called in 1970. In addition, Grace volunteers for the Hempfield Meals on Wheels organization packing, delivering and eventually scheduling all the packers.

Recent illness has prevented Stan from frequenting local golf courses as often, but he continues his yard duties where, for nearly 50 years, he and Grace have enjoyed their lovely home on Barrcrest Lane. I queried Stan if he had plans to downsize any time soon and was quick to learn, "I'm going to stay in this home until Gracie can't take care of me anymore!"

And in her understated manner, Gracie replied, "That's bound to be a big job!!"

**Brethren Highlights** is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The absolute deadline for the **June** issue is May 15, 2013.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES****May 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 May they will be studying the letters to *Philemon* and the *Hebrews*.

**The One Another Class**, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office for a time of fellowship and study. In May, they will be starting the study of a new book. For details, contact Linda Husted at [clhusted@aol.com](mailto:clhusted@aol.com).

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

**May 5 – Dr. David Kenley**, Elizabethtown College, will discuss *Brethren Missions in China, 1910-1950*.

**May 12 – Dr. Larien Bieber** will discuss *Health Care*.

**May 19 – John Snader** will discuss *How Healthcare Costs Impact Brethren Village*.

**May 26 and June 2 – Ben Lattimer** will discuss *Hospice, and Death & Dying*.

**Connections** is a casual conversation group meeting in room 200 for coffee and 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](mailto:rbowser4@yahoo.com).



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

### "Kingdom Rock"

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
June 16 - June 20, 2013 from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

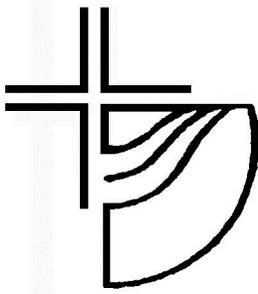
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**LANCASTER CHURCH  
OF  
THE BRETHREN**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

The deadline for every issue  
is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

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