



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

September 2013

## NEW SERMON SERIES:

### LIVING INTO COMMUNITY

*"The best testimony to the truth of the gospel is the quality of our life together. Jesus risked his reputation and the credibility of his story by tying them to how his followers live and care for one another in community...How we live together is the most persuasive sermon we'll ever get to preach." ~Christine Pohl, p.2*

Our sermons in all services over the next six weeks will focus on living together in Christian community. The intention is for us to practically apply the Biblical images of the church as Christ's Body and as the Family of God. We want to ask ourselves honestly, "How are we doing in this living out of the Gospel? Where and how can we grow together?"

We will explore four practices that cultivate community: gratitude, making and keeping promises, truth-telling, and hospitality. It is our hope that you will try to practice these practices as we move through the series. There will be opportunities outside of Sunday morning worship to work and live and practice together: Discussion groups on the book Living Into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us by Christine Pohl (the book upon which the series is based), our all church picnic on September 15, our fall Love Feast on October 6, opportunities for sharing our stories as a part of the Wednesday Night Live class schedule, and the day in day out ways we interact with one another throughout the week.

May this truly be a time of building and strengthening our relationships. "When folks enjoy being together, share celebrations, and walk through hard times with grace and love, the beauty of their shared life is deeply compelling. Human beings were made for living in community, and it is in community that we flourish and become most fully human." (Pohl, p. 3)  
-- Pastoral Staff

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP

Sign up online at the church's website [www.lancob.org](http://www.lancob.org) and click on the Pictorial Directory link, or sign up in the Heritage Center September 1 or the Gathering Place September 8 in between and after services. Photography dates in September are 18, 19, 20 & 21 along with October 24, 25 & 26. Questions? Contact Jay Wenger at 859-2396.

## WNL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 18

This fall we begin the ninth year of Wednesday Night Live (WNL) activities at the Lancaster COB. Each Wednesday evening between September 18 and November 20 we will gather in the FLC for a tasty supper, prepared by volunteers, beginning at 5:00 p.m. After the meal, you can participate in interesting classes taking place from 6:15 – 7:15. Calvin Wenger will lead a Bible study of First and Second Timothy. Running simultaneously will be another class focusing on "Life Stories and Testimonies" of persons within our congregation. Also happening on Wednesday evenings is the Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal, Chancel Choir rehearsal and Morning Psalm Worship Team preparation. Wednesday evenings are a happening place at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. We hope that you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.  
--Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator  
--Chuck Denlinger, class coordinator



## CHILDREN'S MUSIC CLASS

In addition to the adult programming during WNL, there will also be a children's music class offered. Beginning on September 18, from 6:00-6:45 p.m., we will have a music class for children ages 4 and up. This class is designed to foster and develop your child's natural musicality and love of music. Singing, movement and instrument play will be included in each class. Periodically throughout the year, the children will have the opportunity to perform musical pieces in the 10:15 a.m. church services here at LCOB. They will also have the opportunity to perform at our Christmas Eve Family Service held at the church on December 24 at 5:00 p.m. This service is always a special treat for our families! All music classes will be held in the children's music room on the second floor at LCOB.  
--Jamie Nace



**Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a working, worshiping, learning Christian community, open and accepting without discrimination or force in matters of belief and practice.**

# SERVING THIS SEPTEMBER

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Pat and Glenn Breidenstine  
 8:40 a.m. Donna and Scott Brubaker  
 8:40 a.m. Ruth and Glenn Shultz  
 9:50 a.m.  
 9:50 a.m. Joan Miley and Jay Wenger  
 11:15 a.m. Gloria and Chuck Denlinger



## USHERS

**CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.**  
 John Graham & Barry Wilson

**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.**  
 Grace Cox

## ACOLYTES

Week 1: Drew Smith  
 Week 2: Jack Smith  
 Week 3: Luke Wenger  
 Week 4: Gabby Rodriguez  
 Week 5: Andrew Lines



## VAN INFORMATION

Rich Bohn



## ATTENDANCE

July 21 - 348  
 July 28 - 312  
 August 4 - 333  
 August 11 - 299

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Curtis Dubble - **NEW email address:**  
[curtiswdubble@gmail.com](mailto:curtiswdubble@gmail.com)

Otto & Suzanne Schaudel - **NEW address/phone**  
 Landis Homes (1650 Wisteria)  
 1001 East Oregon Road  
 Lititz, PA 17543  
 717 509-5863  
 Email remains [schaudel@hotmail.com](mailto:schaudel@hotmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Gerald Snyder     | 13 Colin Betz         | 24 Mike Curran                |
| 3 Brandon Nace      | Jere Tankesley        | Carl Denlinger                |
| Friedlinde Ebersole | Susan Adsitt          | Rose Marie Marzolf            |
| 4 Dick Bates        | 16 Jeff Rill          | Paul Groff (husband of Janet) |
| Andrew Gish         | 17 John Breidenstine  | 25 Rich Bohn                  |
| Lin Moyer           | Judy Coble            | Tony Groff                    |
| John Snader         | Doris Seldomridge     | 26 Christine Turkki           |
| 6 Jim Bridgeman     | Drew Smith            | 27 Carl Bomberger             |
| Caroline Hagen      | 18 Gay Polanskey      | Ella Mae Murray               |
| 8 Matt Kramer       | 19 Hazel Huffman      | Linda Ross                    |
| Carl Shull          | 21 Thelma Herr        | 28 Marilyn Hummel             |
| 11 Jen Smith        | Courtney Dueck        | Tami White                    |
| 12 Jayson Gardner   | 22 Gregg Shulenberger | 29 Brittany Riegen            |
|                     | Dean Thomas           | 30 Jacqui Hostetter           |



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1*

Feelings of thanksgiving permeate the Lattimer house these days. It's not the only emotion echoing through our halls. There is plenty of anticipation, fear, and awe to spread around. But thanksgiving weaves in even among those other feelings. We are waiting – actively waiting – for something new that will change us. It makes me appreciate the season of Advent even more – isn't that the church's task at that time? To actively wait for God to be born among us and change us once again? But it is not Advent and I'll have to take up that line of thought for another newsletter article!

You, as the church, wait with us. Yours is an active waiting as well. And also one that can be filled with anticipation, fear, and awe. What will it mean for you that your pastor has a different level of energy as the pregnancy nears its completion? What will it be like to have someone new step in for a short time? How will we all operate together when there is a baby in the parsonage? How can we support and affirm our desire for a full family life for everyone and still get the care and nurture we need as a congregation? This baby is going to change us!

It's a good time to remember that the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever! Give thanks – even when babies change us, God's steadfast love endures forever. It is also a good time to be as clear as possible with one another about where we are headed. So here are some logistics for you: My maternity leave will begin September 16 (our due date is September 19). Sue Conrad Howes, a local Mennonite minister will begin working at ¾ time for 10 weeks at that time. She will preach, provide leadership and pastoral care. She



Pastor Cindy Lattimer

will love and support you just like I try to. I will be out of the office for 8 full weeks and begin to work part time on November 11. I will begin preaching again on December 1 (the beginning of Advent!) and will resume full time office work on December 9.

All of this assumes that the baby mostly cooperates on when he makes his entrance! We are confident that the staff and leadership can work around an early arrival. As for after the baby is here, we will want to celebrate and share with you – you are our church family and a vital part of our lives. But we'll also need some adjustment time and space to figure out our new lives. We simply ask for a phone call before you visit us in our home.

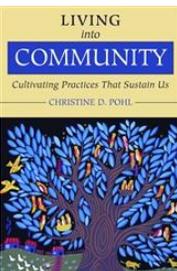
And during my leave, you may not see us every Sunday morning – and when you do, we will have come *seeking* spiritual nourishment rather than trying to *give* that nourishment as we usually do. So we'll all have to be mindful of helping each other through these uncharted waters. Give thanks – even when babies change us, God's steadfast love endures forever – and will see us through!

Know that part of the thanksgiving that swirls around our home is gratitude for you! We love this congregation very much and have experienced your love for us and our growing family. We trust that even as other things change – this will not. I have always viewed my role as your pastor as one of accompaniment – one where I walk alongside you in the journey of faith. Even as I take necessary time away, I will look forward to being alongside you again. And I think there will be rich opportunities for growth in all of us as you continue to walk alongside Ben and me – even when the baby changes all of us! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

As a part of our sermon series, *Living Into Community*,



we would like to form groups to discuss the different practices of community that we will be preaching on. These groups may also choose to read the book, *Living Into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us* by Christine Pohl. There are discussion questions in the back of the book to lead us. The vision is that these groups will meet four times during the series for one hour. At each session, the group will talk through the discussion questions. There will also be a time to

come up with one way for each group member to live out the "practice" being discussed in their regular life. Of course some time will be needed to see how those practices went.

If you have been longing for a small group experience, this may be the start of that connection for you! It is low commitment (only 4 meeting times!) but has potential for huge rewards. Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Place or you may call the church office to express interest. If you would be willing to help facilitate a group or if you need help ordering a book, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to build us up as the Body of Christ!

-- Pastoral Staff

## SUE CONRAD HOWES TO SERVE AS INTERIM ASSOC. PASTOR

During the maternity leave of our Associate Pastor Cindy Lattimer, Sue Conrad Howes will serve the



LCOB as our Interim Associate Pastor for an approximate ten week period, beginning in mid-September through the beginning of December. Sue previously served as Associate Pastor of the East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster and is currently the Theater Coordinator at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant & Stage. Having a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goshen College in Communications, Bible, Religion & Philosophy and a Master of Arts degree from The Pennsylvania State University in Speech Communication, Sue received her Master of Divinity degree in 2005 from the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Her childhood years were in Perkasie, Bucks County, PA, with the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church as her home congregation. She is an avid sports fan, enjoying all sports - especially tennis which she coached at the high school and college levels. Her favorite professional football team is the Indianapolis Colts (having spent so much time in Indiana). She is married to Michael Howes, a native of Louisiana who serves as Pastor of the Witmer Heights Mennonite Church. The Howes reside in the city of Lancaster. Please join me in welcoming Sue to the LCOB.  
--Jay Wenger

## BV AUXILIARY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Please support the Brethren Village (BV) Auxiliary during our annual **SPONSORSHIP DRIVE**. The Auxiliary is a vital part of funding many projects at BV. Fill out the brochure found in this newsletter, put it with your contribution and give to Marilyn Hummel. (Box #150) Thank you so much for supporting the Auxiliary and helping to improve the quality of life for our senior members at Brethren Village.  
--Brethren Village Key Person LCOB, Marilyn Hummel



## CLIMBERS' CORNER



Climbers will be getting together at Pheasant Ridge Community Building on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for a picnic. Please bring paper items for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank, (paper towels, tissues, or toilet paper). Also bring a small \$1.00 gift (wrapped) for Bingo.  
--Darlene Creighton

## KIDS' NIGHT—ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Longing for an adult night out on the town? Here's your chance! On Saturday, October 12, drop your kids off at Lancaster Church of the Brethren for a night of fun activities while you enjoy some time for yourself. Starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for children ages 3 yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Childcare is available for 6 weeks – 2 years. (Parents **must** supply all food and snacks for this age group.)



The theme is **Carnival**, and it will be a night packed with activities - including a moon bounce and lots of carnival games and prizes. A hot dog dinner will be provided. There is no fee. However, if you are able, small donations are appreciated. **R.S.V.P.** to Lisa Miley (656-7936 or [lisammiley@gmail.com](mailto:lisammiley@gmail.com)) or Jodi Yingling (495-2520 or [jodiyinpa@gmail.com](mailto:jodiyinpa@gmail.com)) by **Sunday, October 6**. Friends are welcome too! --Lisa Miley

## ANNUAL BV BIRTHDAY PARTY

Once a year our church is responsible to host a birthday/anniversary party for the residents at Brethren Village. This year the party is on Tuesday, October 1. The following items are needed: angel food cakes, ice cream dixie cups, party favors, table centerpieces, paper products, snacks and beverages. **CONTRIBUTIONS of MONEY** would be greatly appreciated. Please call Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121 to let her know what you would be willing to donate. Thank you.  
--BV Key Person LCOB, Marilyn Hummel

## BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION Friday and Saturday-September 27 & 28, 2013

### How can you help?

1. Support the auction with your **attendance**. This is a very important fund raiser for the Atlantic Northeast and the Southern Districts of the Church of the Brethren. All proceeds go to support the many disaster projects throughout the country. As we all know, there have been many tornados and floods the past few years, which have left many families in need of our help.
2. **Volunteer to help** in the kitchen serving and preparing food. Or you can make a monetary donation toward purchasing food or supplies. If you can help the Food Committee in either way, contact David Lennon at 278-3271.
3. Historically, the Heifer Sale has been an important contributing unit of the auction. But to succeed they need your help. If you have a heifer you would like to **donate** or if you can make a monetary donation toward the purchase of heifers for resale, either would be appreciated. Please contact BDRA Heifer Committee, Robert Lentz, 11 Brookside Circle, Myerstown, Pa. 17067. Telephone 628-1913.
4. On Thursday, September 26, volunteers that would be able to lend a hand with **set up day** would be welcome.
5. Participate in **Share-A-Meal program** by being a host/hostess or purchase a ticket for yourself or a friend. Applications to be a host/hostess are available at the church office and tickets are sold at the Share-A-Meal booth at the auction.

Don't forget the chicken BAR-B-QUE on Friday starting at 3:00 p.m. or the Saturday morning breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Remember all the other good food including homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts at the cafeteria. Or you can buy fruits and vegetables at the **farmers market** and don't miss the **baked goods - especially the apple pies made by members of The Lancaster Church of the Brethren.**

Watch the bulletin boards and your church mailbox for additional opportunities to serve. Additional questions can be directed to the Outreach Ministry Team or by calling Dave Creighton at 397-7267.

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## Starlight Tea Welcomes Apollo Chamber Players!

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the Starlight Tea Concert Series is very pleased to present the **Apollo Chamber Players**, a wonderfully innovative string quartet from Houston, TX. Apollo Chamber Players is a non-profit chamber music organization that explores the dynamic intersection of classical and folk music and provides exciting, innovative and culturally enriching programs to a wide audience. While illuminating the ethnic diversity of classical composers and the unique



folk sounds and styles imbued in their music, Apollo discovers and recreates lost, rarely heard, and culturally significant folk music through well-crafted arrangements and commissions for string quartet.

Currently in its fifth concert season, Apollo has been a dynamic member of the Houston arts community since its founding in 2008. The group can be heard frequently on KUHA's (Classical 91.7 FM) performing arts program 'The Front Row' showcasing a diversity of works, from the giants of the classical repertoire to Apollo-created arrangements of both preeminent and lost/rare folk melodies from around the world. Apollo performs in notable Houston concert halls, from The Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall to the renowned Duncan Recital Hall at The Shepherd School of Music. Educationally, Apollo presents culturally enriching and folk-inspired programs in Houston area schools, as part of Young Audiences of Houston.

Apollo is delighted to perform for the Starlight Series at Lancaster COB as part of their 2013 East Coast Tour, performing concerts and educational programs in Pennsylvania and New York, including a Carnegie Hall concert debut on October 11, 2013. Don't miss this one! As always, the concert is free with a free-will offering taken. Stay afterward for the Starlight Tea to enjoy some tea and cookies while meeting these talented performers! --Emery Dewitt

## YOUTH ON THE ROAD!

It's been a busy summer for our youth. They have been engaged in several activities supported by our congregation this summer including camp at Camp Swatara and a trip to Creation Festival. Our Jr. High Youth group attended the National Jr. High Conference held at Elizabethtown College in June. They also shared a global learning experience through Heifer International at a camp in Sharpsburg, Maryland. The Sr.



High Youth traveled to Newark, New York, (not New Jersey) to serve in a "Week of Hope" work camp.

Eight of our youth attended the Jr. High Conference, held every

two years. Three of our youth were volunteer speakers during the worship services. Andrew Lines, Ava Bowser and Gabby Rodriguez did an awesome job speaking in front of the crowd of around 300 youth and leaders. The theme of the conference was "Love Speaks." Used shoes were donated to Soles4Souls as part of the worship. You can watch the wrap-up video at <http://www.brethren.org/yya/njhc/>. Jr. High youth also attended a 24 hour experience in the Global Village at camp Shepherd's Spring. Attending were 4

adult leaders and 8 youth (6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade). They shared in learning about life in poverty. The group was divided into three camps representing different countries. They were given very limited supplies to prepare their evening meal over campfires after learning about the food needs of people around the world. It was a lesson in cooperation and understanding hunger.

The Sr. High traveled to be a part of a "Week of Hope" in Newark, New York, in the Finger Lakes region along the Erie Canal. The work camp included about 50 youth and leaders from three different churches. All the groups worked together to serve in the community. The work included painting, serving lunches to community children, playing with children, gardening, weeding, building a fish pond at a wheel



chair accessible trail, and helping a hoarder pack up her home to move. The LCOB youth made good friends from Rockland, New York, and St. Augustine, Florida. One evening was spent off cruising down the Erie Canal on a pontoon boat and going out to dinner together. Two coolers full of food donations for the people of the community they served were delivered. It was a great and memorable trip.

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth this summer through prayers, prayer partners, shoe donations, food donations for the work camp, and attending the youth presentations about their travels in the Thoughtful Life classes August 11 and 18. We are very blessed to have a congregation who encourages all of our youth. --Linda Dows-Byers

### SEPTEMBER PMT ENERGY TIP

The Edison Electric Institute advises you to use your microwave oven instead of your regular oven whenever possible. Microwave ovens draw less than half the power of a regular electric oven and cook for a much shorter period of time. Microwaves are nearly 19 times as efficient as a gas oven.



### "BRETHREN PEACEMAKING: YESTERDAY & TODAY"

Green Tree Church of the Brethren would like to invite you to a workshop on "Brethren Peacemaking Yesterday and Today" on Saturday, September 14, from 4:30-8:30 pm. Session One is "Our Roots: History of Church of the Brethren Peacemaking" from 4:30-6:00 p.m. with a Potluck Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. Session Two is "Bringing Peacemaking into Our Communities" starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. There is no cost to this workshop.

The workshop will be led by Rick Polhamus of Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren in Ohio and one of On Earth Peace's key retreat and leadership training leaders. Please consider participating in this special educational event.

If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please contact Adam Messner at [GreenTreeWitness@gmail.com](mailto:GreenTreeWitness@gmail.com). We would like to try to have a head count for this evening for preparation purposes, so please R.S.V.P. Information is also available on our web page – [www.greentrecob.org](http://www.greentrecob.org).

## THEY REPURPOSE, RECORD, REDECORATE, RESTORE!

*This is the seventh in a series of articles featuring Deacons of the Lancaster CoB.* By Linda Hopple

I've heard of repurposing, but Dee Zimmerman shared an example beyond belief! After enjoying a delicious meal in the beautiful setting of Zimmermans' garden, I asked if I could help with the dishes. I was told by Dee, "not necessary." As expected I followed with the comment, "Aren't dishwashers wonderful?" That's when the news matter-of-factly came to the surface: "Oh, I do have one (meaning dishwasher), but I use it to file all my papers!" quipped Dee. This is clearly creative REPURPOSING!

There was the time the couple was at odds about obtaining a cat. Dee wanted one, but John did not! Mediator Emery Dewitt came to the rescue. A cat shall be obtained, but, if said cat does anything bad, John can get rid of the culprit.

Arnold 'Dewitt' Zimmerman (the cat) entered the scene and remains on site today. The 20 pound, honey-colored beauty, is fed, groomed and cleaned up after by Dee, but apparently, "Arnold loves John the most." Go figure!

John reminisced about going to church revival meetings as a lad, and hearing over and over again, "You can't hide from Jesus." Apparently young John found a cave in which he, in fact, did hide. "I wasn't ready to be found," he proclaimed, exhibiting that terrific dry sense of humor.

Dee claims to inherit her interest in the arts from her Mother. As a child, Dee contracted scarlet fever and was bedridden for quite some time. "Mom painted the ceiling of my bedroom a beautiful blue on which she pasted aluminum foil stars for me. And she put food coloring in our sandbox!"

John grew up in the Cocalico Church of the Brethren. He and three other church youth (conveniently a first tenor, second tenor, baritone, and a bass) organized into a quartette which performed frequently (in matching suits), RECORDING tapes of their songs to be played on the radio. John admitted that occasionally they even got paid a little!

That was the beginning of John's love of singing in barbershop quartettes! To this day, John and his quar-

tette sing in shows as well as competitions, and can be hired for special occasions such as Christmas, Valentine's Day, Birthdays, and/or Anniversaries.

An especially touching moment took place at Hotel Hershey where John's quartette was scheduled to perform outdoors. Alas, the rains came, spoiling all plans. As the quartette was leaving, a disappointed couple voiced frustration in not hearing any music, so the guys



John & Dee Zimmerman

paused, turned around, and sang a wonderful love song just for that couple!

Dee claims she always wanted to be a floral designer and for 10 years was employed by Wenger's Floral Shop in New Holland. "Millie Bomberger taught me all I know," stated Dee, explaining that Millie's dad owned the shop. Many examples of Dee's decorative prowess can be seen and appreciated throughout our church and the Zimmerman home.

Her favorite task at church is to REDECORATE the Christmas tree each year. A project she is most proud of is creating two life-sized "ladies" baking bread for on a float which Bretta Illig enters in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Lititz.

This multi-talented couple purchased an enchanting home on Princess Avenue just after they were married. As fate would have it, the house is quite near Sunset Avenue and the couple was looking for a home church. Their initial visit included being warmly greeted at the door by none other than Calvin Wenger. "And the music was wonderful," they both agreed. The icing on the cake was that Millie Bomberger invited them out for lunch! Case closed: the couple would return to the Sunset Ave. CoB. and soon join that great choir!

John worked as a computer programmer for 41 years at the New Holland Machine Company. Now retired, his days are filled with many interests and hobbies. All who know John may have benefitted from his limo service...or perhaps are duly impressed by his wonderful assortment of RESTORED antique automobiles. It is hard for John to name a favorite vehicle, but when pressed he stated - his 57 Ford *Retractable*.

Dee works with enthusiasm on any current art project she is perfecting in her charming second floor art studio. Truly, she should have a gift shop of her own to exhibit these creations.

They REPURPOSE, they RECORD, they REDECORATE, they RESTORE! They are the Zimmermans!

## REFLECTIONS ON EYN VISIT

From June 25 to July 15, twenty-one brothers and sisters from EYN (the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) enjoyed a fraternal visit sponsored by LCOB. Their visit was a great blessing to both the Nigerians and the Americans as we ate together, traveled together, visited in our homes, and worshipped in our churches.

At the farewell fellowship meal, one EYN brother shared, *"This has been Brethren Evangelical Support Trust's (BEST) best visit. We have met so many Brethren. You have taken us into your homes and cared for us with such warm Christian love and hospitality. Everywhere we went, we experienced joyful fellowship. We have been richly blessed. We will never forget our visit with you!"*



Sister Esther, coordinator of the visit, wrote in an email, *"We cannot really know how to express our gratitude. Every one of us is so excited and fascinated about the visit. We really marveled at the way you (the Committee) organized the whole thing. Thank you so much!"*

Another brother said, *"I give thanks to God for the success of the trip and the rich experiences BEST Members enjoyed. Thank you all, Church of the Brethren members in the USA, for your kind hospitality and generosity. May God continue to bless you and strengthen our bond in Jesus Christ as we live for Him and His Church. Amen!"*



While LCOB was the sponsoring congregation for the visit, the planning for this experience was done by a Program and Arrangements Committee whose members represented four congregations: LCOB, Lititz CoB, Mountville CoB and Maranatha Fellowship. During one of the many discussions one BEST member remarked, *"We are learning so much and we are having so many great experiences because The Committee has done such a superb work planning for our visit!"*

Lancaster Church of the Brethren lists **radical hospitality** as one of its main goals. This fraternal visit of brothers and sisters from Nigeria certainly provides a great opportunity to practice radical hospitality. The LCOB is to be commended for doing such a great job. **Thank you to everyone who participated.**

--Monroe Good & Suzanne Schaudel

## THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and love shown to us and to Baby Lattimer by this congregation. Thank you for the beautiful afternoon of celebration and for the "showering" of gifts. We are too blessed. What a joy to have so much support as we start our family. We are so happy that this child will get so much love from so many wonderful people. Thank you. We truly cannot sit in this much gratitude and not feel the need to respond. Knowing that we cannot repay you for so much care, we would like to pay the feeling forward. While your gifts will be showered on our child, we want to shower some extra love on other children. We have made a donation in honor of all of you to the Haiti Mobile Medical Clinic project hoping that a mother and child who would not normally have access to healthcare will now receive it. Thank you again. We look forward to continuing this new phase of the journey together with you.

--Pastor Cindy and Ben Lattimer

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*Response received from the Vatican to prayer card sent by the Prayer Breakfast:*

His Holiness Pope Francis gratefully acknowledges the message of greetings and good wishes sent to him on the occasion of his election to the See of Peter. Upon all who have promised him the support of their prayers at the beginning of his ministry as Bishop of Rome, His Holiness cordially invokes abundant divine blessings.

Monsignor Peter B. Wells  
 Assessor

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 I would like to express my appreciation to our church family for all who sent cards and concerns during my recent surgery: Calvin Wenger for his many phone calls and beautiful prayers and the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for cards and prayers. Thanks to a very loving and caring church family. --Karen Barber

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 I would like to thank my church family for their prayers, cards, phone calls and food during my recent surgery, especially my Wednesday Morning prayer group. It was special to have Pastor Cindy and Andrea Keller visit me in the hospital plus Calvin's prayers and

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## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

September 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, John Snader and Bob Frick, meets in the Chapel. In September they will begin a study of the Letter of James and First and Second Peter.

**The One Another Class**, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, will once again meet in Jeff's office in September. The first meeting will include finalizing plans for the fall. All are welcome to join this dynamic small group for lively biblically based discussions on current and historic topics.

**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 September are:

- Sept. 1 – Clem Rosenberger** will lead a discussion of the book *The Wounded Healer* by Roman Catholic priest, Henri J.M Nouwen, focusing on the topic of "What does it mean to be a minister (lay or ordained) in contemporary society?"
- Sept. 8 –** The class will watch & discuss the video of the dialog sermon of **Pam Reist and Paul Brubaker** at Annual Conference. It is entitled "**The Road between Ephrata and Elizabethtown.**"
- Sept. 15 – Allen Hansell** will share info about the budding prison ministry at LCOB called "**Station of Hope**".
- Sept. 22 – Tracy Sadd**, chaplain at Elizabethtown College, will lead a discussion about the spiritual lives of young adults.
- Sept. 29 – Curtis Dubble** will lead the class on the theme of "**Apps for Insights into Truth and Life Experiences.**"

**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.

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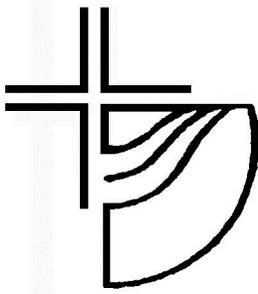
visits. It is nice to know so many people are thinking of you and praying for you.

God bless all of you,  
Ruth Shultz

Our family and I want to thank all who supported us with prayers, cards, calls and food during my recent surgery and recovery. There is no cancer. Praise God! I would also like to send out a special thanks to Calvin Wenger and Pastor Cindy for their love and kindness and to the Connections Class.

God bless,  
Melissa Heck





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**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

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