



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

November 2013

How can YOU make a difference this holiday season!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

The Outreach Ministry Team would like to announce that LCOB will be participating in Lancaster Council of Churches' (LCCC) Spirit of Christmas program again this year. When the Sanctuary and Family Life Center Christmas trees are placed for the first Sunday of Advent, there will be ornaments hung on



the trees. They will have children's names and ages with clothing, and toy wishes on each tag. The gifts should be wrapped with the child's name tag on the outside of the present and placed under

the tree that the ornament was taken from. We will announce the date of when the gifts will need to be back under the tree at a later date. Thank you in advance for making a child's Christmas special. Questions can be referred to Ellen Weaver at 290-1715.

2¢ A MEAL OFFERING

The **2¢ a Meal** special offering will be received **Sunday, November 10**, in all worship services. The Global Food Crisis Fund which is a part of the Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief receives 2/3 of the contributions for disaster projects and to alleviate hunger all over the world. The other 1/3 of the offering is given to Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. Any amount given is deeply appreciated.

WOULD YOU SHARE 2¢ A MEAL?



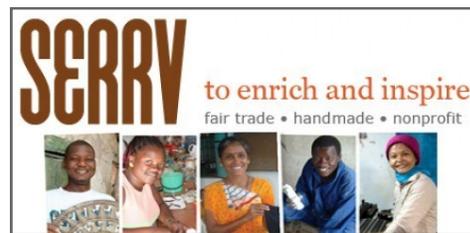
2¢ -	A Meal!
6¢ -	A Day!
42¢ -	A Week!
\$1.82 -	A Month!
\$21.84 -	A Year

Someone will appreciate your help and sharing!

--Hunger and Poverty Group

SERRV

An opportunity to volunteer at SERRV is on **Tuesday, November 19**. Join us as we go to New Windsor to process crafts and gift items. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Lunch and a time for shopping in the international



mall will be provided. You will even receive a discount! **Please RSVP** to Rus Adsitt by

Wednesday, November 13, at 569-0278, also contact Rus for more information. Mark your calendar for December 16 for another opportunity to volunteer at SERRV.

HYGIENE KITS TO BE ASSEMBLED

The Pathfinders Fellowship Group is organizing another assembly of 600 hygiene kits on Sunday, November 17, after the 10:15 services. We need your help in order to make this a success. Your contributions make it possible for us to buy the personal hygiene items needed for the kits at low cost. Please make your check out to LCOB and place it in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate "*hygiene kits*" on the memo line. In addition, if possible, please stay for about 45 minutes on November 17 to help assemble the kits in the rear of the Family Life Center.



Any questions, contact Suzanne Schaudel.



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SERVING THIS NOVEMBER

GREETERS

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



USHERS

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

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*John Groff Zachary Baughman Rich Bohn
 Marvin Harnish Ray Leckrone Ed Riegen
 Calvin Wenger Shirley Wenger

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Jack Bryer

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Bill Evans
 560-6502



ATTENDANCE

September 22 - 313
 September 29 - 324
 October 6 - 317
 October 13 - 329

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Flo Wilson	10 Jim Weaver	21 Dave Evans	26 Carol Shearer
Jenny Haines	11 Kristen Snoke	Andrew Lines	John Martin
2 Diane Myers	12 Lauren Shafer	Darlene Williams	27 Deb Chillas
	Paige Keim	Jack Weiler	Lois Hansell
3 Brad Ditzler	13 Tim Heck	22 Nick Hughes	29 Rich Shulenberger
Will Stout	Eileen Weaver	Brooke Smith	30 Kaylee Snyder
5 Dee Zimmerman	14 Tyler Heck	23 Chuck Neslund	
Paul Groff	Roy Garland	Dick Kramer	
Dale Hylton	Gloria Groff	Candee Nace	
6 Sam Haines	John Zimmerman	24 Jon Bridgeman, Jr.	
8 Gina Brown	15 Linda Harnish	25 Aaron Breidenstine	
Ruth Shultz	18 Carly Nace	Al Hansell	
9 Cindy Lattimer	20 John Biemiller	Stephanie Reynolds	
	Miriam Longenecker	Logan Shafer	
		Coretta Wiker	



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Recently, I was deciding on whether to follow-through with an on-line purchase that I had pondered. It wasn't an overly costly item, perhaps \$50, but for some reason, I just couldn't quite close the deal. I debated whether I really needed the item, merely just a personal desire. Now \$50 is nothing to take lightly, so I was glad that I was evaluating the purchase. I wondered if this was the best use of my finances?



I was reminded of the story of the woman who poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet, which occurs in all 4 gospels. The woman, somehow estranged from her family, according to some of the gospel writers, was forced into prostitution and fell prey to demonic forces. Jesus delivered her from demonic oppression and restored her to her family and accepted her as a disciple.

If you were this woman (named "Mary" in some gospels), wouldn't Jesus be everything to you? Would anything be too much to give him? Wouldn't you lie awake at night, trying to think of ways to show him how much you love him?

And then it occurs to her. Her perfume! Perfume would have been part of her bridal trousseau, to anoint her bridal gown, to pour out on her and her bridegroom. But Jesus is better than a husband to her, so nothing seems more natural than to take her greatest treasure and to splash it all over Jesus' feet.

Do you know what that feels like? Do you know what it feels like to be consumed by a love so fierce that's its more than you can do to measure and calibrate and ration the expression of it? You've just got to pour it all out, without shame or regret, to lavish all you are and all you have on your beloved.

Love is more than emotion. Love is an action. How do we emulate Mary's love? How can we love Jesus extravagantly?

In the past, people built cathedrals, wrote oratorios, sculpted masterpieces. If that's how God has gifted you, please, get to work.

But there are other ways. Mary's perfume was worth a year's wages. A whole year's wages. What if you re-structured your life so you could take a year away from your regular work, and love Jesus by serving the poor? What if you saved a year's wages and gave it to fund church work or to bring clean water to thousands of people in the developing world and so save hundreds of lives. Impossible? Crazy? *Extravagant love makes us do impossible, crazy things.*

And one more thing ... When you love Jesus extravagantly, some people, even some other Christians, aren't going to get it. They're going to question your actions and your motives. They're going to say you're too loud, too emotional, too generous, you make people uncomfortable.

When that happens, I want you to do something: I want you to keep on loving Jesus. Did you read that? Keep on loving Jesus.

Sue Conrad Howes, Assoc. Interim Pastor

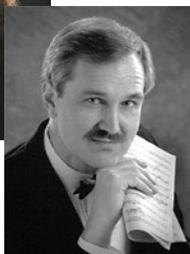
FROM THE SANCTUARY ORGANIST....

The Congregation is invited to an Organ Recital at Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, 777 S. Mt. Joy St, Elizabethtown, Sunday, November 10, at 2:30 p.m. Margaret Marsch will be performing on the church's magnificent 3 manual 77 rank Reuter/Walker Sanctuary organ. The program will include masterworks from the organ repertoire, including works by J.S. Bach, Jose Lidon, Robert Schumann and Jules Grison, as well as smaller works showcasing the variety of colors and styles capable on the mighty King of Instruments.

A second recital will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, on Saturday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. This recital fea-



Margaret Marsch



Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch

tures Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch on trumpet, accompanied by Margaret Marsch on organ and piano. The program will include classic and sacred showpieces for trumpet. Dr. Laudermilch is a retired as Professor of Music from West Chester University, Principal Trumpet for Westminster Brass, Lancaster and Delaware Symphony Orchestras, and has been a regular sub for the Philadelphia Orchestra. Currently he is conductor of the New Holland Band. He and Margaret have recorded one CD together, and are in the process of recording a second.

Martin Luther said, "*Next to theology I give to music the highest place and honor. Music is the art of the prophets, the only art that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.*" Come and enjoy an afternoon or evening of God's magnificent gift to us!

-- Margaret Marsch -- Margaret Marsch

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Mark your calendars! To help ease the stress in the church office over the holidays, please make note of the following changes to the newsletter deadline. December newsletter's *absolute* deadline will be **November 10** and the January newsletter's *absolute* deadline will be **December 10**. If you have email, please email your articles to Tiffany Dickel in the church office at lancob@comcast.net. Otherwise, put them in mailbox #29. --Tiffany Dickel



SOFTBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The LCOB softball team won the end of season league tournament championship in August. After finishing the regular season with a record of 15 - 6; they entered the post - season tournament as the 3rd seed. The team went undefeated in the post-season dispatching of the 6th seed 17-13; squeaking out a 2-1 victory over 2nd seed; and beating the 1st seed 13-5 and 8-6 respectively en route to securing the championship plaque. This is the 4th championship in 12 years for the church softball team. Ironically, the team has a habit of performing such a feat every four years (2001, 2005, 2009, and this year). If anyone is interested in joining the team; they should contact Tim Heck (560-9758) or Jon Bridgeman (665-1614). -- Jon Bridgeman



SEEKING TEACHERS

Youth Ministry is seeking adults to join teams of teachers to share in Sunday School lessons:

- Sr. High is studying faiths in the world. Comparing the Christian faith to what others believe. Teachers will help to lead discussion and are welcome to learn along with the youth about what we discover about Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and others.
- Jr. High is learning about Jesus through a series "Jesus and Me". Teachers will share mostly discoveries from the New Testament and what the Bible tells us and doesn't tell us about Jesus' life and ministry.

Teachers do need to be "Approved Adults" through our Safe Church initiative.

--Linda Dows-Byers, Director of Youth Ministries

CLIMBERS' CORNER

The Climbers Annual Banquet will be held at Enck's Catering on Manheim Pike at noon on Saturday, November 9. The guest speaker is Ken Husar. Suggested items for the LCCC Food Bank are cereal, coffee, tea and/or hot chocolate
--Darlene Creighton



ICE HARVESTING

The Homebuilders and Climbers fellowship groups will share a program on "Ice Harvesting in Days of Yore" presented by Lynn Smoker. This presentation will be held on Saturday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
--Grace Cox



CONCERT PIANIST COMES TO STARLIGHT TEA!

The Starlight Tea Concert Series is thrilled to announce the return of concert pianist Thomas Pandolfi on Saturday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. Pandolfi is recognized as a bright and shining star among young concert pianists.

Reviewers have been effusive in their praise: "Virtuosity, beautiful touch, sensitivity and broad scope..." (Bucharest Cultural Observer)"... a standout among today's young pianists..." (Asheville Citizen-Times) "...an artist who is the master of both the grand gesture and the sensual line." (The Washington Post) "Spectacular and impressive..." (Classical Voice of New England)

Mr. Pandolfi will perform a recital entitled "The Italian Connection," featuring compositions by Italian composers, and in the Italian style by composers ranging from Bach to Liszt. For much more on Pandolfi, including full program listing (under "Press Kit") and recording samples, visit his website at www.thomaspandolfi.com.

Be sure to invite your friends to this event - truly one of the finest pianists in the world, here in Lancaster! As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken.



LIBRARY CORNER

My favorite national holiday of the year is Thanksgiving because collectively we turn our focus to one thought or one action and that is to give thanks. I would like to take this moment to say "Thank You" to my committee members La Rue Helm, Theresa and John Herr for all of the hours that they have given to caring for and maintaining our church library. It has been a delight for me to work with these special people each month. I would also like to thank our library helpers: Wilma Garland, Jean Deihm, Nicole Putt, Juanita Lunger, Joan Miley, Beverly Angle, Grace Cox, Jack Bryer, and Burnetta Graham for graciously taking time to be present and helpful in our library on Sunday mornings. A big thank you also goes out to all who have used our library this year. And, we cannot forget all of the people who have donated books from their private libraries or purchased books. Over the past two months we received books from Anna and Luke Brandt, Gail and Jeff Shirk, and Jay and Mary Weaver. Thank you *All* for making our library a special place to visit and share books.

--Deborah Hall, Your Library Chairperson

BV NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed money, baked angel food cakes, provided center pieces, party favors, snacks, paper products, entertainment and helped to set up and serve at the October birthday/ anniversary party our church sponsored at Brethren Village (BV).

Once a year our church is responsible for sponsoring a Saturday afternoon **BINGO** at Brethren Village. This year it will be on Saturday, November 16. Please let Marilyn Hummel (295-9121) know if you would be able to help by assisting residents who have hearing or visual problems. Be at BV by 1:45 p.m., with the game starting at 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Sale... Come to Brethren Village Wolfe Auditorium for the annual Holiday Bazaar and Christmas Cookie Sale on Friday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Crafts are only on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Anyone donating cookies may bring them to Wolfe Auditorium (Welcome Center) any time after 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 5, or by 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 6. Please label cookies. Also, remember to come and purchase some homemade Christmas cookies for your family. Thank you, Marilyn Hummel, 295 -9121, BV Key Person LCOB

POVERTY – WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

Jesus said “. . . *whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.*” (Matthew 25:40.)

It may seem burdensome to share with the poor when we are struggling to make ends meet. Our national economy has been uncertain recently. During uncertain times we are tempted to withdraw into our small intimate circles of concern. We wonder “what is going to happen to me in the near future?”

There are no guarantees for any of us. Catastrophes happen. Any of us could be poverty-stricken within a short time. Some of us remember the great depression of the 1930's when jobs were hard to come by. People looked around for help from any source. Some have said that the people of this country came together as a community and looked out for each other in a manner that has been unmatched before or since.

Desperate times bring people together to help each other. As followers of Christ, we have an additional, higher motivation. We see persons in need; we also see the face of Christ in “the least of these” who are, together with us, Christ's brothers and sisters.

Note- The Intelligencer/New Era recently reported that the poverty rate in Lancaster County increased from 9.3% in 2008 to 11.8% in 2012. How do we measure poverty? According to the Census Bureau, \$11,720 was the threshold for one person in 2012 and \$47,297 for a family of nine.

--Hunger and Poverty Group

CARE CARD - !

Get READY - Care Cards are coming to a church mailbox near you! Sr. High Youth who attended a "Week of Hope" this summer were introduced to this concept. These are short messages written to thank or encourage. If you want to know what it's all about watch the Youtube video by Ted and Fluffy at www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLKINK4YydE. The youth shared this video during the September's Soup and Salad. This NEW ministry will involve the youth writing a Care Card or two during the first few minutes of Sunday School each week. We hope to write them to encourage those who have ministered to the youth and to those who we could thank for their service.

--Linda Dows-Byers, Dir. of Youth Ministries

P.S. - Other upcoming Youth Events:

- Jr. High Sunday - November 10
- Soup and Salad - November 24

44TH ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The convening of the 44th Atlantic Northeast District (ANE) Conference took place at the Leffler Chapel & Performance Center on the campus of Elizabethtown College, October 4 & 5, 2013. Traditionally held the second weekend of October, the conference this year was held on the first weekend of the month because of college scheduling. It was announced that the ANE Conference will be held the first weekend of October through 2015 due to the college's schedule. This year's theme, *Standing on the promises* was taken from Matthew 7:24-27 with the Friday evening message delivered by Peter Kontra, pastor of Hempfield COB. The highlight of the Friday evening worship was the music with the district choir directed by our own, Emery DeWitt, accompanied by Margaret Marsch (organ) and Mary Ellen DeWitt (piano). The choir of 50 was made up of about 25 members of LCOB choir with the rest coming from 10 other churches of the district.

With this year's conference date change, key individuals of the conference were not in attendance. District Executive, Craig Smith was on sabbatical and Moderator-Elect, Sherry Eshleman was attending her son's wedding. Both presented video reports which may suggest that perhaps the entire conference could be done electronically. Although the video reports proved effective, much is to be said for personal presence and interaction.

The only new business was the disbanding of the New Creation Fellowship. Informative reports were given by: Elizabethtown & Juniata Colleges, Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Benefit Trust, On Earth Peace, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Camp Swatara, the District Board and Commissions, COBYS and the Disaster Relief Auction. The conference was introduced to the new Camp Swatara Directors, Joel & Linetta Ballew. (Note: LCOB had 19 camper weeks, 3rd highest in the District). Elected as Moderator-Elect was David Ulm, pastor of Mount Zion Road COB, our own Suzanne Schaudel was re-elected to the District Board's Commission on Nurture & Christian Education. Approved was the 2014 District Budget of \$628,304 (- 0.97% decrease).

Of the 80 congregations and fellowships of the ANE, 72 were represented by delegates. Seven of these delegates were from LCOB consisting of: Beverly Angle, Charles Denlinger, Allen Hansell, Megan Lester, Otto Schaudel, Calvin Wenger and Jay Wenger. Here are their reflections of the conference:

Beverly Angle: I especially enjoyed the service on
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Friday night. Emery DeWitt led the choir, so that was the highlight of the service. On Saturday the reports were informative but a time limit needs to be set because some of them were too long. It was great to see all our brothers and sisters joined together for this annual event:

Charles Denlinger: This conference demonstrated an impressive level of commitment by all the various committees, commissions, staff persons, and agencies of the District — working together to further the Kingdom of God. Such a ministry program requires generous financial support from all 80 congregations & fellowships — the primary source of income for the District. The total budget adopted for 2014 is \$628,304, down considerably from a few years ago. Only 11 congregations, of which Lancaster is one, contribute the "fair share" of at least \$55 per member. Clearly, more generous support from more congregations is needed. The need is great; "the harvest is ripe."

Allen Hansell: The Witness and Outreach Commission has renamed the "Mission Church Support Fund" the Barnabas Fund, after the biblical missionary in Acts 4:32-27. This "son of encouragement" sold a field and gave the money to help the Jerusalem congregation. The Barnabas Fund will continue to support the four mission churches — Alpha & Omega, Brooklyn, Germantown, and Harrisburg First — but support will be given to other congregations with similar needs.

The district for the past several years has asked congregations to give \$5 per member to ***Seeds of Faith***, which is over and above their regular self-allocation, to support the planning of new churches. This very worthy effort is poorly supported. Lancaster is one of eight congregations supporting ***Seeds of Faith*** this year.

Megan Lester: I was honored to serve as a substitute delegate (for Pastor Cindy) and to learn more about our district. This was my first district conference and I really enjoyed the Friday opening worship that brought the people together before turning to business the next day. It was a beautiful blend of the worship that takes weekly across the district. I was glad to learn more about the various ministries happening in the district. Financial giving to the ministries across the district is enabling exciting things to happen in the lives of communities and individuals.

Otto Schaudel: The District Youth Cabinet gave a positive and informing presentation. The On Earth Peace report was also well done. That was the enjoyable part of the conference. It came as a surprise that the budget and all fiscal matters were ra-

ther rubber stamped. The presenter didn't show much enthusiasm. Perhaps some graphs via power point could have made it interesting. Fact is: the congregations are lacking in giving. Many give only minimally to the district. A budget was proposed and adopted without discussion where the resources should come from. Perhaps, there is a different body that digs into those areas. How would that be communicated to the congregations?

Calvin Wenger: In what appeared to be a tame conclave, it was encouraging to learn about a major attempt to be the most effective in our expenditures for newer and/or struggling churches/fellowships. This in the form of a fund referred to as the **Barnabas Fund**. Also encouraging was the appearance that the Atlantic Northeast & Southern PA Districts along with the Disaster Auction Relief Board have reached accord on the functions of all three as it relates to the highly successful Annual Relief Auction.

--Jay V. Wenger

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AND HUNGER & POVERTY'S PONDERING

Once more, we enter the Christmas season. So many venues open up for us with concerts, parties, all great events to enjoy. Most of all, it is the shopping season. Shops are gearing up to lure us to their displays, with Christmas decorations from wall to wall. Should you have been shopping lately you already have seen and heard the push about retailer's hopes for consumer spending during the upcoming Christmas season.

We already discuss and arrange schedules so everyone's family obligations can be met. The Christmas season has evolved into a stressful, busy, expensive celebration of the simple, humble birth of the Son of God to very poor parents. Here is a reminder what Christmas, for us Christians, is all about.

In his book, [Christmas Is Not Your Birthday](#), author Mike Slaughter states that Christmas has been hijacked and exploited. It no longer represents the One whose birth we celebrate. Christmas has become an opportunity to satisfy our own desires instead of honoring the birth of the Prince of Peace. This Christmas season, I invite you to consider celebrating the birth of Christ in ways that honor his birth.

We spend endless hours shopping. If you are like me, there are two problems. The first one is, when I finally know what I want to get, I can't find it. The second one, I just go out and don't know what to get. And of course, I can't find that either.

This Christmas, I invite you to cut down on the amount of time and money you spend on gifts for friends and family and give what you save towards gifts that honor the One whose birthday we celebrate.

Most of us really have all we need. A real challenge would be to give an amount equal to what you would spend on material Christmas gifts towards gifts from Jesus' birthday gift list.

I invite you to take Jesus' command seriously. In place of Christmas gifts to each other, let us consider what is on Jesus' 'wish list.' Actually, Jesus did not give us a wish list, he gave us a command!

We can give to the **Haiti Medical Missions Project**. The Church of the Brethren is working to provide mobile medical clinics to the people in Haiti who have no access to health services. Some folks have died from diseases that could have been cured if only they had received medical care.

We can give to the **Heifer Project** that Susan Adsitt is spearheading again this Christmas season. This way, we can help people help themselves.

We can give to the **2¢ a Meal** project, which provides needed food for the hungry, locally and globally. 1/3 goes to the local food bank operated by the Lancaster County Food Bank, 2/3 goes to Global Food Crisis fund operated by our denomination. There are other venues you can make a difference through your offerings.

I invite you to consider a different kind of Christmas this year . . . a Christmas where we honor the One whose birth we celebrate. A Christmas where the gifts of love, compassion and service are offered to the least among us and therefore offered to Jesus.

This article was inspired by an article from Becky Fuchs, Mountville pastor, for their October newsletter.
--Otto Schaudel, for OMT and H & P



NOVEMBER PMT ENERGY TIP

If you have a fireplace, keep the damper closed unless a fire is burning.

Leaving it open will allow warm air to escape in a flash. Check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make it as snug as possible.



CAN TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH?

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

I've interviewed folk in a variety of locations, but never in a church nursery. Such was the case, however, with Sharon Nace who quite efficiently multi-tasked by answering questions while keeping an eye on granddaughter Mackenzie who prefers to be called "Snow White."

It was a day off from work as a cook at the Landis Homes East Area Birch Kitchen, but Sharon happily admits that days off as a cook often turn into fun times keeping grandchildren. And there are six who fit into the grandchildren category.

There's Marissa, 19, who as a child spent a great deal of quality time with her Grandmother. Sharon's influence on Marissa has been obvious; this granddaughter has taken culinary and pastry school classes.

Brandon, 16, is apparently quite easy going, somewhat quiet and really "into" computers. Nikolas, eight years of age, loves sports, especially baseball, and is active in Boy Scouts.

Carly, also eight years old, is active in the "Girls that Run" program at school, plays softball and enjoys crafts. Four year old "Snow White" who claims to be five, and is carefully described as extremely independent!

Two year old Ella can often be seen at the site of this interview. Sharon describes Ella as happy, frisky, and always on the go! "And what they all have in common is that they like spending time with me," interjects Sharon with a broad smile!

Sharon and Ella do seem to have one thing in common; they are always 'on the go!' Sharon begins her day as a cook at Landis Homes at 5:45 a.m. There are usually five in the kitchen area, some preparing breakfasts and lunches for those living on East Campus. Others are taking orders and waitressing. Still others prepare breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for the youngsters at the Children's Learning Center. But too many cooks do NOT spoil the broth, Sharon assures us.

Her love for cooking began when she was about 10 years of age. "I just liked being in the kitchen with my Mom," she reminisced. Some time ago when her four children (Glenn, Alan, Heather, and Troy) were school-age, Sharon began her career as a cook at the Mountville Pines Retirement Home. "I was lucky to be able to work at Mountville Pines during school

hours; I was there for 18 years."

Willow Valley was Sharon's next employment opportunity and she remained there as a cook for approximately 8 years. At Willow Valley, the food choices were numerous, some quite exotic.

Sister-in-law Brenda (Dining Services Secretary at Landis Homes) alerted her of an opening at Landis Homes which is where she has happily worked for the past six years. "At Landis Homes, we prepare Lancaster County-Style Cooking," clarified Sharon. "As a child, I attended the East Petersburg Church of the Brethren." The connection with Sharon and our Lancaster Church of the Brethren occurred when she got her niece involved with the Youth Club during the time Dana Statler was Youth Minister. Describing Lancaster as a "very welcoming,



very inviting" family, Sharon also mentioned her immediate enthusiasm with the contemporary style service.

Before long, she was involved as a member of the Kitchen Committee. "This was years before the mandatory rubber gloves and hair net age," quipped Sharon! Cooking for all the dinner theater productions is an especially fond memory for this energetic woman.

Being a member of the Deacon Body for about four years gives Sharon an opportunity to "be there for others" and "continue to serve." Deacons rely heavily on Sharon's kitchen expertise during Love Feast preparations.

In her spare time (which I am sure is limited), Sharon enjoys nature walks, bike riding, and camping. And, although it is difficult to imagine Sharon being "still," she admits that knitting, and crocheting are favorite hobbies; in fact, quite recently she has begun sewing a patchwork quilt!

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Bruce and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for all the love, prayers, concerns, phone calls, food and cards while Bruce was going through his treatments at Johns Hopkins and after. Special thanks to Calvin Wenger for his many phone calls and beautiful prayers during Bruce treatments and after and his visits at our home. Special thanks also to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for all their prayers, concern, and cards. Special thanks to Jean Hosler for her contacts to Johns Hopkins. Praise God Bruce's tumor has shrunk some in his lung and lymph node. God Bless. Love, Bruce and Dawn Bomberger

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

November 2013

The following classes are open to everyone. 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. They are currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In November they will be studying the epistles *2 Peter* and *1 John*.

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 the first two weeks of November they will conclude their discussion of John Ortber's book, *Who is this Man?*

Nov. 3 – Session 4, *Why it's a Small World After All*.

Nov. 10 – Session 5, *Three Days that Changed the World*.

Nov. 17 – Video from *2013 Leadership Summit* (TBD).

Nov. 24 – Video from *2013 Leadership Summit* (TBD).

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 November are:

Nov. 3 – **Jay Weaver** will lead a discussion of Marcus Borg's book, *Speaking Christianity*.

Nov. 10 – **Curtis Dehney** will speak on *What the Church's Future Will Look Like*, based on his seminary education and experiences in chaplain ministry.

Nov. 17 – **Gene Bucher**, will lead us in a 3-week study of Paul's letter to the *Philippians* in response to CoB Moderator Nancy Heishman's call to study this letter to discover and experience what a life of truly courageous discipleship looks like.

Nov. 24 – **Gene Bucher**, Paul's letter to the *Philippians*, session 2.

Dec. 1 – **Gene Bucher**, Paul's letter to the *Philippians*, session 3.

Connections is a casual conversation group meeting in room 200 for coffee. 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: Alternates between scripture study and a service project.

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.

Connections meets in room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.

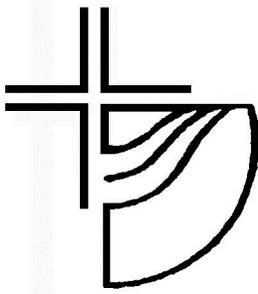
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I wish to thank all who expressed their concern for my recent illness by way of the Prayer Line and the get well cards. Fortunately, the effects were not quite as severe as was originally predicted. I am blessed by all the concerns which, I am sure, helped me. --Gene Mummau

Mary Becker would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and flowers she received while in the hospital.

Mardy and I would like to extend our thanks to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for their many cards, kind thoughts and prayers during our extended illness and convalescence. We would also wish a special thanks to Calvin Wenger for his faithful visits which were a constant source of encouragement to us. -- Don Brenner

Another thank you for all the telephone calls, visits, cards, and e-mail notes before and after my October 7 ankle surgery. I'm told the third time is the charm! Anyone who experiences surgery understands the importance of prayer. As I was lying on the operating room table preparing for surgery I was thinking about the number of people who told me they would keep me in their prayers. I felt at peace, remained calm, and relaxed. After my return home I was anxious to attend Church where I feel the presence of God and enjoy being surrounded by so many loving people. Another long recovery but I learned what the word patience means since my June 10 surgery so I am adjusting well and am thankful for what I am able to do. --Ken Harnish



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To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

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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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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