



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

February 2014

STARLIGHT TEA OFFERS 'VOCAL DELIGHT' ON FEB 8!

When you pair two superb vocalists with one of the premiere collaborative pianists in the region, what do you get? Vocal delight! On **Saturday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.** the Starlight Tea Concert Series is very pleased to welcome **Kristin Sims, soprano, Jason Buckwalter, baritone and Maria Thompson Corley, piano** to the sanctuary. These fine performers have a program that is sure to please!

Kristin Sims has appeared as a soloist with orchestras and opera companies throughout the United States, and has sung leading operatic roles with Opera Lancaster, Bel Canto Lyric Opera and Trinity Opera Theatre. Ms. Sims has performed as a soloist with the Lancaster Symphony and Harrisburg Symphony, and last June performed with Allegro Chamber Orchestra as the soprano soloist in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in Long's Park. Kristin is a professor of vocal studies at Millersville University, where she teaches voice and directs opera and musical theatre productions.

Baritone **Jason Buckwalter** is known for his "super-sized characters" (*The Sybaritic Singer*) and "theatrical fire." (*Baltimore City Paper*) A native of Landenberg, Pennsylvania, Jason now lives in Baltimore and performs throughout Maryland, Virginia, DC, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Equally comfortable in opera, musical theater, oratorio, and song repertoire, he has performed with a wide variety of companies including the Washington National Opera, Baltimore Concert Opera, Annapolis Chorale, Young Victorian Theatre Company, and The Figaro Project.

Jamaican-born Canadian pianist **Maria Thompson Corley** gave her first public performance at the age of eight. Since then, she has appeared on radio, television, and concert stages in Canada, the United States, Central America, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Europe, both as a solo and collaborative artist, including performances in Budapest at the Liszt Academy,

and in Carnegie Recital Hall, Aaron Davis Hall and Alice Tully Hall, all in New York City. Maria Corley received both master's and doctorate degrees in piano performance from the Juilliard School, where she was a student of renowned Hungarian pianist Gyorgy Sandor. She was also chosen to represent her alma mater in a tour of Central America, where she gave performances and master classes.

As always, the concert is free with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to stay afterward for the Tea, where you can enjoy cookies and tea and greet these fine artists. Please tell all your friends about this special concert on February 8!

--Emery DeWitt



LET THE WNL QUIZ BOWL GAMES BEGIN!

The opening competition of the Wednesday Night Live Bible Quiz Bowl is rapidly approaching, with the first two teams scheduled to clash on Wednesday evening, February 26, 2014. As previewed in the January issue of *Brethren Highlights*, eight, three-person teams

will be competing over a seven-week period, with the championship round scheduled for April 9, 2014.

Team Captains have been selected, and they are currently recruiting their respective team members for this event. The eight Captains are Al Cott, Chuck



QUIZ BOWL

Denlinger, Dave Hosler, Lenny Lambert, Ben Latimer, Jeff Rill, Jay Weaver and Calvin Wenger. Excitement, enthusiasm, and anticipation are rampant.

Come join in the fun, either as a participant or as a spirited member of the audience!

--Chuck Denlinger

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

SERVING THIS FEBRUARY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Marian Snader & Gloria Myers
 8:40 a.m. Megan & Tim Lester
 8:40 a.m. Shirley & Calvin Wenger
 9:50 a.m. Cindy & Bruce Shuman
 9:50 a.m. Shirley Wenger & Jack Wilson
 11:15 a.m. Lorraine & Don Dotterer



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Chuck Neslund & Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

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

* Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY



Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.
 Committee Member

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Mo & Rachel Salanh
 627-3078



ATTENDANCE

December 22 - 392
 December 29 - 372
 January 5 - 256
 January 12 - 327

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Lois Byrem
 c/o Jeff Byrem
 38 Clifton Dr.
 Kennett Square, PA 19348



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Elaine Snyder Clyde Angle | 13 Charles Armstrong Morgan Husted Bob Hopple | 28 Jean Hosler Bob Gish Linda Byers David Byers |
| 2 Owen Stout | 14 Judith Breidenstine | |
| 4 Heather Baker Emily Wenger Deldonna Forrest Linda Hopple | 17 Christa Shulenberg Kelsey Murray Mark Snyder | |
| 6 Ralph Martin | 19 Gladys Hylton | |
| 7 Richard Bowser | 22 Jenny Elmeier Loretta Kreider Peg Thomas Mary Ellen DeWitt | |
| 8 Megan Eldredge Lester | | |
| 9 Doug Wiker | | |
| 11 Bretta Illig Eyer | | |
| 12 Grace Glasmire | 24 Virginia Herr | |



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Living Peace?

“Peace begins when the hungry are fed.” I don’t know who said it – but I know I got the t-shirt. I loved that shirt. I was young enough to believe that our



church could really feed everyone. And so when the Hunger Auction at our church came around every year, I diligently went through my toys with my mom to figure out which ones we were donating. And when it was time to do the Hunger Walk, I would happily put on my “Peace begins...” shirt and walk. I did not know anyone

who was hungry – but I knew it must be awful. And I just knew we could change it!

I often identify the Church of the Brethren as one of the historic peace churches – it helps me explain to others who we are. And like many in the CoB, I struggle sometimes with the “historic” nature of the descriptor. Is work for peace just a part of our past? Or do we live peace – everyday and in all things?

In February, we will spend four weeks in worship

focusing on Peace. As I have studied for this series, I have struggled. Living peace is not simply about not killing. It is not an intellectual assent to the idea that war is a bad way to handle conflict. Living peace is not without sacrifice. It is personal. It is intentional. It is difficult.

Living peace means returning evil with good. It means dealing with the conflicts that come up among us as brothers and sisters in the church or in our families in ways that are loving, kind, and nonviolent. It means caring about the fact that the way I live my life, here, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, affects the life and opportunities and realities of life for girls in Africa, or children in India, or the working poor of the US. As I have studied our interconnectedness, I have struggled. I wish I could un-see some of the connections. I wish Living Peace required nothing more than my intellectual beliefs on hypothetical scenarios.

Peace begins when the hungry are fed. I wish I were still a little girl, believing I could change the world. Now I am a big girl, asking you to join me in the struggle. Believing that with God’s help, we *can* change it. Not easily. But faithfully. Simply. Together. May we continue Jesus’ work. Peace begins...

Pastor Cindy

YOUTH SOUP BOWL AUCTION IS BACK!

You have another chance to purchase a uniquely designed and hand-painted Soup Bowl during our February Soup and Salad Meal. Our Youth will be painting **ceramic bowls** to be sold by auction on February 23. Our own Mike Snyder will lead us in a spirited bidding war to help the youth raise money for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank AND Heifer International.

This is a way for the youth to work together to give back to the community – here and around the world.

Bowls will be on display in the Gathering Place and Heritage Center before the auction, so you can choose your favorite design or artist. We welcome competitive bidding. Our last auction topped \$1,200 in donations so we expect this event will be even more successful. Plan to be there for the meal and for the auction!

February 23 – in the Family Life Center – Soup and Salad meal at 11:30 – Auction begins by 12:30.

--Linda Dows-Byers



6 CUPCAKES

That's all you need for a morning of fun and fellowship!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 -FLC

Bring 6 cupcakes (**NO ICING PLEASE**) and learn how to make them look like "something else!" Icing and decorating equipment supplied or bring your decorating equipment if you have it. Come and enjoy a real sweet event – starting with a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m. - bring a friend along to share in the fun.



--Women's Fellowship – any questions, contact Myrl Greiner

BRING-A-FRIEND DINNER

Plan to attend the annual Bring-a-Friend Dinner on Saturday, February 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This is sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry Team. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

The meal will include: lasagna, salad, bread, drink and desserts. For your entertainment, there will be live music during dinner. Enjoy a relaxing evening out with one another. --Hospitality Ministry Team

Friendship Dinner

FEBRUARY PMT ENERGY TIP

If you still use less-efficient incandescent light bulbs, turn them off when you don't need them, to save energy and money. The Department of energy notes about 90 percent of the energy they use is given off as heat, with the rest as light. Better yet, start converting inefficient lighting to CFLs or LEDs.



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DATE CHANGE!

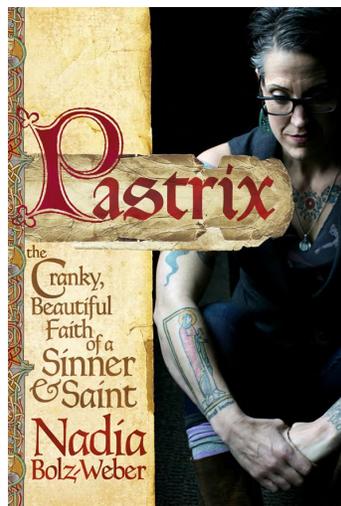
CLIMBERS' FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. the Climbers will have a game night in the Gathering Place. Please plan to bring canned soup, peanut butter and/or jelly for the Food Bank
--Gene Mummau



LIBRARY CORNER

The Starlight Tea Epiphany Concert is still present in my mind as I begin to write this article. Music often lifts me into a higher plane, especially when performed by a group of exceptionally talented people. I couldn't help but think about the troubled times we are living in and the way music draws us closer to God. Some time ago I shared that I was reading a book found in our library about the life of Alice Herz-Sommer. Every now and then I look on the internet to see whether she is still alive. This time I found that on November 26, 2013 she celebrated her 110th birthday! Alice is the oldest living survivor of the holocaust. She will tell you that the Etude's of Chopin saved her. For Alice, music is God. Our church library is filled with many books



containing inspirational stories of people like Alice. Currently, I am reading a memoir of a young Lutheran pastor, Nadia Bolz-Weber. The title of the book is Pastrix: the Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint. Nadia was raised in a fundamental Christian home but during her teen years she began to question their beliefs. The path she took nearly destroyed her but it

prepared her to minister to the people that she identified with most, the poor marginalized people of society. Her church in Denver, Colorado, is called, *The House of All Sinners and Saints*. It is a sanctuary for folks who live on the fringes of society. These are her people. She is an inspiration. Where do you find inspiration?

Comments. Questions? Suggestions.

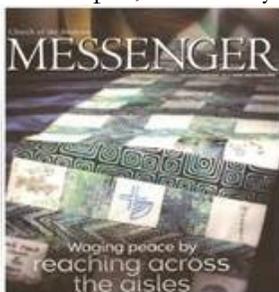
--Deborah Hall, Church Library Chairperson
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TAKING CARE OF GOD'S HOUSE

If you spill coffee or food, do not be embarrassed; it happens. Please get a paper towel from a restroom, and clean up the spill as best as you can while it is still fresh. Carpets in Gathering Place and Room 162-163 are new. Also, remember to put a lid on your cup. --PMT

MESSENGER RENEWALS DUE IN APRIL

Subscriptions to our Church Magazine, *Messenger*, will expire in April. If you took out a two year subscription last year, your subscription will not expire until April, 2015. If you are currently a subscriber,



SUBSCRIPTIONS

your subscription date is located above your name. The last four digits show the subscription ending date. A note will be placed in your mailbox if your subscription ends this year. The deadline to submit renewals is Sunday, March 2. Our *Messenger* representatives are Ken and Linda Harnish.

They will be in the Gathering Place between Sunday worship services from February 16 until March 2 if you have any questions. Inspiration, information, connection – these are the heart and soul of *Messenger* magazine, the thread that binds our Brethren family. All members receive a \$3.00 discount off the regular individual price. The cost minus the discount is \$14.50 for a one year subscription or \$27.00 for a two year subscription which is a bargain for an annual subscription to any magazine, especially a high-quality publication that links people with the news, views, stories, and happenings of their denomination. --Ken Harnish

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

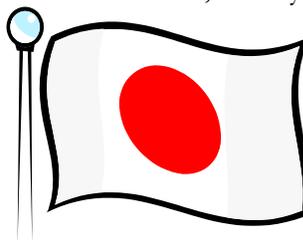
Radical Hospitality
 Passionate Worship
 Intentional Faith Development
 Risk-Taking Mission and Service
 Extravagant Generosity

(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)

FAMILY TRADITION: SPECIAL HONOR & TRIP

Gabriella Rodriguez is a member of our Jr. High Youth and was baptized into the Maranatha Fellowship on December 15. Gabby has been acolyte, shared in singing and reading during special worship services.

Continuing the family tradition, begun last year by her sister Odett, Gabby applied and was chosen to travel to Japan. This is a select group of 8th grade students from the School District of Lancaster. Gabby will travel to Sano, the sister city of Lancaster, for a week where she will live with a host family to learn about the Japanize culture. She may get to connect with some of the people who met her sister last year, how neat is that! Way to GO Gabriella for earning this honor!



Earning the trip is an honor and it also creates a need. Gabby has to raise the money for this trip. The congregation so blessed Odett to be able to go last year - that we hope you will give the same support to Gabby this year. She will need to raise \$1,500 for the trip.

In simple terms - if 75 people are able to support her with a \$20 donation - she can reach her goal for the trip. If anyone is able to help Gabby, please send your tax deductible donation directly to the School District of Lancaster. Make check payable to **Reynolds Middle School PTO** at 605 West Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 **in the memo write Gabby Rodriguez - Japan.** Or Gabby can hand deliver your check to the school office.

-- Linda Dows-Byers

HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

If you are interested in submitting an article or letter, here's how to do it!

1. The deadline is the 15th of every month.
2. ***Electronically submitted is best!*** Email to the church office at lancob@comcast.net.
3. Please do not extensively format emailed submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. An attached file should be in a *Word* document.
4. If mailing to the church office, make it attention Tiffany Dickel, or place them in the "Newsletter" folder in the church office.

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION

Thanks to Fern Bucher, Grace Cox, Steve Focht, Jeanne Heck, Linda McCulley, Mary Weaver and Clyde & Shirley Wenger for helping to take down Christmas decorations on the Brethren Village Campus. Volunteers are very much appreciated. --Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Women's Fellowship Christmas Stocking Project. This morning I picked up the empty stockings to be refilled in December 2014. Included in the bags were many touching thank you cards/notes from the people in the private homes which house these individuals. Here is a quote from one of the cards "Christmas 2013 was made extra special on account of your kindness and generosity. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the lovely stocking of treats you had assembled. They were enjoyed heartily and happily. May the many varied assortment of treats found in my stocking be a reflection of the blessings forthcoming to you all this new year. I wish you joy, peace, health and good fortune! Once again, thank you very much and may the good Lord watch over you and keep you in his loving embrace. Sincerely, Cherry Hill Staff and Shawn Houston". --Marilyn Hummel

Dear Church Family & the Wednesday Prayer Group: Since my diagnosis and the beginning of my treatment, Pat and I would like to express how Blessed we feel with the outpouring of the many Thoughts, Prayers, Calls and Visits that you have shared. We were overwhelmed! As we continue to walk thought this Journey together in God's Hands, we will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for all of your support and caring.

--Pat & John Veser

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you so much to the group who came to my home and sang Christmas carols and gave me some delicious cookies. I appreciate it so much. May all have a Merry Christmas and know that the greatest gift came from God, our Father, when Jesus Christ was born in a manger.

Love in Christ, Jeanette Lewis

UPDATE FROM THE SEBEST FAMILY

Almost three years ago INC or Into the Neighborhood Committee began at the Lancaster COB. We got up and running fast when we reached out to the family of Jim Sebest who had been paralyzed as the result of a tragic swimming accident at the shore in August of 2010. In order to help the Sebests get a standing wheelchair for Jim, our congregation with the help of other Grandview Heights churches organized a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in June 2011. With great support from the community more than \$34,000 was raised and Jim got his standing wheelchair.

Then in January of 2013, we held another Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to help Jim Sebest go to California for extensive rehab through a program called Project Walk. With the help of the community, more than \$12,000 was raised to help pay for the trip and the rehab at Project Walk. Jim gained some great mobility through his treatment in California in June of 2013.

Recently Jim's wife Andrea sent Suzanne Schaudel, coordinator of the Spaghetti Dinners, an email with the title *Better Late than Never??*

Below the comments from Andrea:

I am totally embarrassed that I am just now thanking you and the church congregation for last year's spaghetti dinner. For some reason it is very difficult for me. I think when someone does something so amazing and overwhelming for you, there are really no words to express the appreciation. I get overwhelmed at the thought of all Lancaster Church of the Brethren has done for us over the past several years. Truly an amazing group of people. You all have been an unending source of support and comfort. And it has been a long, long road, with no end in sight. I want you to know that we truly appreciate all you have done for us. There are really no words to express the emotions.

On the plane, on our way to California, I wrote the following to the Congregation at LCOB:

I am again writing to thank you all for your incredible support and generosity. I am sitting on the plane with Jim on our way to California to start our adventure at Project Walk, in large part, due to all of you. Thank you for making the second spaghetti dinner for us such an incredible success! We appreciate all you've done for us and we thank God endlessly for your loving generosity and kindness. There is no way to express thanks that is fitting, but please know that we are sincerely thankful and feel so blessed.

*Many thanks and much love,
Andi, Jim, Addison and Olivia Sebest*

--Suzanne Schaudel, Secretary of INC

CONTINUED: THANK YOU, CONGREGATION

Thank you for the many acts of kindness that were given to me during my knee replacement surgery and stay at the Mennonite Home. I appreciated your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during my convalescence. I especially want to thank Jeff, Cindy, Calvin, Emery, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Mo and Rachel, the Pathfinders and my "choir family" for all their love and support.

--Judy Coble

I would like to thank the many groups & individuals for the prayers & thoughts that were expressed on my behalf during my recent hospitalization. There were the many visits by the pastoral staff, the cards & phone calls from the attendees of the Prayer breakfast group, the attention from the deacon commission, the Bell Choir, Chancel choir, & many members of the congregation. Giny was helped a great deal by the church membership during this time of concern & stress.

--Bob Mackey

Thank you to Calvin Wenger for his phone calls, prayers and his performing communion in my home during my latest setback. We were surprised seeing Calvin delivering Pork and Sauerkraut dinners on to a number of members on New Year's Day. LCOB is most fortunate in having a dedicated person like Calvin looking after all the church families. Tom and I feel fortunate to have such a caring person in our lives.

--Pat Wolf.

Whether you murmured a prayer, wrote a note, sent a card or made a call, brought a treat or shared a hug, your thoughtful generosity proved your friendships during Stan's joining the heavenly "cloud of witnesses" and I am grateful. God bless you, each one.

--Grace Cox

Thanks so much church family for the prayers and support for my seminary courses which I finished in December. With my Master of Divinity degree I am now looking for ministry work in churches, retirement homes, colleges and hospitals and am pursuing Ordination in the Church of the Brethren. Tim is headed back to school at Penn State Harrisburg for a Master in Engineering degree. Thus, while we are excited we are also sad to share that we are soon moving to Middletown, PA. We will still be involved as much as we

are able at Lancaster, but unfortunately not as often as we might like. Our email and phone won't change and will be the best way to reach us: 717-250-6713 or megan.a.lester@gmail.com.

Thanks, Megan Lester

Many thanks for such caring friends. The cards and calls to us are much appreciated since Bob's passing. Friends mean so much at a time like this.

Sincerely, Doris Seldomridge & family

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have given to me while I've been in Michigan. I really enjoyed being able to see so many of you while I was back in Lancaster for the beginning of the year. I have missed our church very much and I plan to see you all again in March.

-- Mason Byers, BVS

CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-6:40 p.m., there is a music class for children ages birth - age 3 with a parent or guardian. This class is designed to introduce your child to the wonders of music-making. Singing, movement and instrument play will be included in each class. Parents/guardians will also be given tips and ideas to take the music-making experience home. If it is more convenient for you, older siblings are welcome to attend this class (even if they are attending the drop-off class, too). **The Tuesday class is now in session.**

Wednesday evenings, from 6:00-6:45 p.m., there is 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, including on Palm Sunday. They will also perform on Wednesday, April 16, at a special event for friends and family. This event will be held at the same time as Wednesday music class. **Our Wednesday class is now in session.**

All music classes will be held in the children's music room 219. Questions? Contact Jamie Nace: jnace77@gmail.com



HEART & SOUL OF A CONGREGATION

It has been said that the “heart and soul” of Jesus’ followers is revealed by the way they respond to the teaching in Matthew 25:31-46. That familiar passage talks about feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, giving clothing to the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting those in prison. “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (25:40).

Likewise, the “heart and soul” of a congregation is revealed by its outreach to the world beyond its walls. Our Outreach Ministry Team and Hungry and Poverty Group, under the leadership of Otto Schaudel, took Matthew 25 to heart in 2013. As you can see below, our congregation gave \$133,787.70 in extra-budget giving in 2013. We had \$142,645 in the budget for outreach last year, giving us a total of \$276,433 to outreach, and that represents **31%** of our total giving in 2013.

Extra-Budget Giving to Outreach in 2013

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| 1. 2¢-a meal offering | \$ 7,776.53 |
| 2. Be an Angel (Uniforms/school supplies for homeless students in Lancaster) | \$13,584.00 |
| 3. Mobile Health Clinics in Haiti | **\$58,947.50 |
| 4. Asian Disaster Relief | \$31,803.89 |
| 5. Heifer International | \$ 4,800.00 |
| 6. CROP Walk/CWS | \$ 1,800.00 |
| 7. 1200 Health Kits (Value to New Windsor: 1200 @ \$7 each--\$8,400) | \$ 2,440.00 |
| 8. Disaster Relief Auction | \$ 725.00 |
| 9. Soup and Salad Lunches | \$ 9,690.67 |
| 10. LCCC, Habitat, Clean-Up Buckets, Refugees, Compassion International (MP project), HelpHopeLive (Jim Sebest) | \$ 2,820.11 |

Total Extra-Budget Outreach Giving in 2013 **\$134,387.70**

**\$20,000 given to this project in 2012, for an overall total of \$78,947.70.

Summary

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| 2013 Outreach Ministry Budget: | \$142,645 |
| (18.8% of total budget of \$755,579) | |
| Additional Outreach giving in 2013: | \$134,388 |
| Total Outreach giving in 2013: | \$277,033 |
| (31% of total giving of (\$889,967) | |

I don’t share this story for the purpose of boasting about how great we are; rather, I share it in celebration of what people can do when they respond to the biblical challenge to love God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. Thank you for your “extravagant generosity.”

--Allen Hansell, Moderator

HAVE YOU NOTICED...

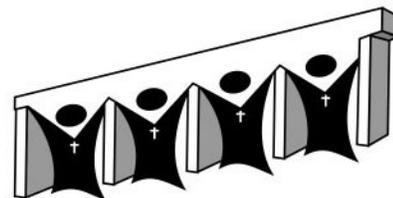
There is a new look to the financial report in the weekly bulletin. Here is what you need to know to understand it:

1. **Total 2014 Budget** – This amount will not change during the 2014 year because this is the total budget that was passed at the October 2013 Congregational Meeting.
2. **Plan of Ministry** is the regular contributions recorded for the previous week.
3. **YTD Requirements** – this is the amount we need to have collected by year to date (YTD) to pay for everything budgeted YTD.
4. **YTD Contributions** – this is the total collected for the Plan of Ministry (all budgeted items)
5. **Difference** – this is the total amount we are short or over in meeting the YTD budget. If the amount is in (parentheses) that means it is a negative amount.
6. **Non-budgeted YTD Giving** – this is all other contributions (excluding Plan of Ministry) collected YTD. Includes but not limited to: Hospitality Income, Alter Flowers, Workcamp, Use of Facility, Property Endowment, Prayer Breakfast, Food Bank, Heifer Project, Praise Kidz, HVAC, Haiti & Asian Disaster relief, etc...
7. **Haiti Med. Team TD** – this is the total collected to date for this funds.

| REPORT FOR JANUARY 19, 2014 | | |
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| Attendance: 318 | | |
| Total 2014 Budget | \$764,637.00 | Non-budgeted YTD Giving \$15,375.77 |
| Plan of Ministry 1/19 | \$ 13,933.90 | Haiti Med. Teams TD \$83,807.50 |
| YTD Requirements | \$ 44,113.68 | |
| YTD Contributions | \$ 38,296.55 | |
| Difference | (\$ 5,817.13) | |
| (YTD - Year to Date TD - To Date) | | |

If at any time you have questions regarding what is reported in the bulletin regarding this financial overview, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Church Office at 397-4751 or lancob@comcast.net.

--Tiffany Dickel, Church Administrator



BRIDGE

working together as one body

Chapel • Morning Psalm • Sanctuary • Maranatha

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2014

*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. They are currently completing an intensive study of the New Testament. In February they will be continuing their study of *Revelation*.

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 February they will continue their study of Walter Brueggemann's book, *Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture*.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. February will feature four of our most appreciated past speakers:

Feb. 2 – Prof. Donald Braxton, on *Our Transhuman Futures*. Of interest to college students and the general public, this topic addresses how humans are augmenting themselves with technologies, connecting our minds to computational systems that we wear on our bodies or wire into our brains, etc. Religion raises questions about altering our futures, doing social justice, and the erosion of personal faith.

Feb. 9 – Rabbi Carl Choper on *Walking Humbly*. We live in a multi-faith society. Let's talk about how we can come to terms with being faithful to our own faith tradition, yet still be open to others for what they bring to the world as well. Finding common ground!

Feb. 16 – Prof. Jeff Long, on *Christianity and Hinduism: From the Inside Out*. Dr. Long will tell us what drew him to Hinduism and challenge us as Christians to work more constructively with both Hindus and Buddhists.

Feb. 23 – Rev. Donald Robinson, retired Brethren pastor, has worked with countless church members and friends across the years, most of whom, he says, enjoy their sufferings. Some of us, in fact, seek suffering. For what reasons, and for what consequences?

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

First Sunday: 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.

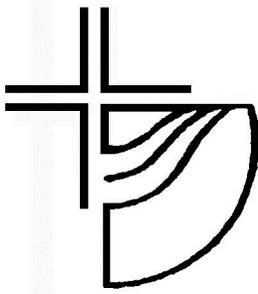
For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Live classes (6:15-7:15):

Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 – **Bob Cooper**, based on the book *Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice*

Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9: **Bible Quiz Bowl**, described elsewhere in this newsletter





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VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.

GOALS

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Chapel
9:00 a.m. Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Maranatha

**WORSHIP FOR
CHILDREN**

10:15 a.m. Praise Kidz
(Age 4—3rd grade)
10:15 a.m. SALT
(4th—6th grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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