



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

June 2014

LAWN PARTY

LCOB Annual Lawn Party is **Wednesday, June 4**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and of course good food. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and make new friends.



(They do read our road signs so let's come out and greet them with our hospitality.)

Following our tradition, we have asked that each ministry team provide at least two volunteers to help at our yummy food tables. Be sure to return the food donation forms to the baskets in the Gathering Place or Heritage Center (or mailbox #261) by Sunday, June 1. Call Diana Wiker at 291-9348 if you have any questions or can help make the evening a success. --Hospitality Ministry Team

A WOMAN'S TOOLKIT

Presented by Sherry Eshleman

Sherry Eshleman is the current moderator of the Atlantic Northeast District. She is a wife, the mother of two grown children, and an active member of the Lampeter CoB. She chose the topic, "A Woman's Tool Kit," when her daughter-in-law received a special woman's tool kit as a shower gift last summer. Sherry will share the Biblical references to Jesus as a carpenter and also her memories of her dad's skill as a builder. Construction terms are often used throughout the New Testament to describe the process of being the church. Ephesians 2:22 tells us, "In him [Jesus] you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His spirit."



The focus of the presentation, on **June 21 at 9:00 a.m.**, will be simple tools with both spiritual and practical connections to day-to-day living for today's woman. Personal "tool" stories and sharing will be encouraged. If childcare is needed, please contact Myrl Greiner. Sponsored by Women's Fellowship. --Myrl Greiner

KIDS NIGHT LUAU

Longing for an adult night out on the town? Here's your chance! Drop off your kids at Lancaster Church of the Brethren for a night of fun activities while you enjoy some time for yourself on Saturday, June 14, from **4:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Children ages 3 years – 6th Grade are welcome. *We will also have childcare available for 6 weeks - 2 years (Parents must supply all food and snacks for this age group.)*

The theme is "Outdoor Luau" and will happen rain or shine. The night will be packed with activities including a large inflatable water slide, water games and so much more! Each child should arrive in their swimsuit and be prepared to get wet! (A towel and change of clothes is also recommended.) A hot dog dinner will be provided! This is a free event but donations are welcome. Please contact Lisa Miley at 656-7936 or Jodi Yingling at 495-2520 by Sunday, June 8, with your R.S.V.P. Friends are welcome too! --Lisa Miley



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Workshop of Wonders" --WOW!

Hey, Kids! Here is your invitation to **Workshop of Wonders**, this year's Vacation Bible School theme. Mark your calendars to attend nightly, July 13-17, from 6:15-8:15. **WOW!** Children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to hear about God's amazing love, see it, touch it, sing it, taste it and put it into action! You can register online at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/lancastercob>. If you have any questions contact Jamie Nace. --Madelynn Riedel



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SERVING THIS JUNE

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Linda and Guy Wampler
 8:40 a.m. Maranatha Fellowship Members
 8:40 a.m. Dee and John Zimmerman
 9:50 a.m. Janet and Paul Groff
 9:50 a.m. Doris and Jim Bridgeman
 11:15 a.m. Stewart Kauffman



USHERS

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

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Ken Harnish Linda Harnish Jim Bridgeman
 Jere Bridgeman Jon Bridgeman George Murray
 Pat Vesper John Vesper
 * Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Juanita Lungler

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Howard Groff - 393-6560



ATTENDANCE

April 20—488
 April 27—322
 May 4—326
 May 11—332

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address and Phone #

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Focht	12 Bill Evans	22 Melissa Stover	26 Betty Graham
3 Rena Ross	Brad Shulenberg	Cindy Harmes	Marjorie Kauffman
4 Shirley Martin		David Truit	Dorothy Shull
5 Mark Weaver	13 Jay Wenger	23 Courtney Mullins(Deihm)	Jay Murray
Scott Hufford	14 John Lines	Don King	27 Pam Kinderwater
Paige Riegen	15 Alison Buckwalter	Tina Maerz	Lenny Lambert
George Harmes	16 Lynn Shively	Tia Truitt	Mary Swisher
8 Sadie Bowser	Jerrold Smoker	Sofia Grace	28 Connor Snyder
	Galen Miley	Breidenstine-Valdes	
9 Cathy Betz	18 Bette Ruby	John David	29 Glenn Breidenstine
David Creighton	Clyde Wenger	Breidenstine-Valdes	Linda Hershey
John Herr			
June Shulenberg	19 Sue Groff	24 Curtis Dubble	30 Barb Kreider
	20 Ray Heiber	Rodney Kline	Stacey Shafer
11 Giny Mackey		Gale Shirk	
Jon Metzger	21 Pat Wickersham	Joanne Thomas	
Sally Shenk	Ashley Kline		
		25 Mark Smith	



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By now probably you have heard. On April 14, 2014, more than 200 secondary school girls were abducted from a former Church of the Brethren school—now a government secondary school—in the village of Chibok, Nigeria, in Borno State. We have learned that many of the girls are from the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria, known as EYN), but many of the girls were from Muslim homes. We are not making a distinction between them in our prayers. General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, Stan Noffsinger and Jay Wittmeyer, Executive Director for Global Mission and Service, call on “us to pray for the safety of all the children. Most of the girls are between the ages of 16 and 18. The fear is that these girls are to be trafficked as ‘war brides’ and may end up being sold across the border into surrounding countries, such as Niger and Chad.

The Church of the Brethren has contributed more than \$ 100,000 to the EYN Compassion Fund over the last year to support Nigerian Brethren families affected by the violence. But we need to do more.

In response to the request for prayer and fasting from the Nigerian church, each of our congregations in the United States is being assigned the name of one of



Pastor Jeff Rill

the abducted girls, so that we may engage in focused prayer. Each girl will have six congregations praying for her.” The Lancaster Church of the Brethren is asked to pray specifically for **Confort Habila** and her family.

The president of the EYN, Samuel Dali, reports that 17 of the 50 plus districts of EYN have suffered from violence, with 383 EYN members killed, 12 churches burnt down, and over 2,500 residential homes belonging to members burnt down. More than 5,000 EYN members have fled to Cameroon, Niger, and other neighboring countries, and thousands of others are internally displaced within Nigeria.

“Then the Lord said, I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed....I’ve heard their cry of injustice.... I know about their pain” (Exodus 3:7). At the 2014 Majalisa, the annual conference of the Nigerian Brethren, this verse was the theme scripture. Let it give us inspiration to trust in our savior God, who hears our cries of distress. Let us join together in fervent prayer.

If you would like a copy of all the names of girls whom we know were abducted or to see a full copy of the letter from Stan and Jay, please contact the church office.

--Pastor Jeff Rill

TWO WILL BECOME ONE

Our congregation and Maranatha have approved the Assimilation Plan; therefore, with District Conference approval in October, we will become one congregation on January 1, 2015. Here’s the vote summary: approved by 81.7% of our members in attendance at last Sunday’s Congregational Meeting; approved by 100% and Maranatha’s members. I respect those who felt they could not support the plan, but I hope and pray that all of us will work together to make this work to the best of our ability. All of us, as individuals and as a congregation, face an uncertain future. However, as followers of Christ, we are called to embrace our future, as one united congregation, with hope and confidence, knowing that the Holy Spirit will be present to provide comfort and guidance.

--Allen Hansell, Moderator



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

We are looking for musicians to help us “Make a Joyful Noise” in our Morning Psalm service. Whatever your instrument is we welcome you to join us occasionally for some “Special Music” or on a regular basis. Piano, flute, violin, cello, trumpet, trombone, banjo, guitar, bass, drums, percussion, vocals & whatever instrument you would like to contribute your

talents with. All ages (young & not so young) are welcome. For more information contact Dean Thomas at dlt_2001@verizon.net. --Dean Thomas



SERMON REQUEST THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the sermon topic requests that you sent! We appreciate your curiosity and engagement. We received so many requests that we ran out of Sundays! We will forward the "extra" requests to the education team so that the topics can perhaps be addressed in our education time.

--Pastor Cindy

BE AN ANGEL

Dear friends, it's time to begin planning for the 2014 *Be An Angel* project. The schedule for this year runs from June 29 – August 10 (a period of seven weeks). Nicki Spann tells us the need is as great as ever, with the anticipation that there will be 1000 homeless students in the School District of Lancaster during the 2014-2015 school year.

We will again order the uniforms from a factory in New York City. They sell us the uniforms at a sizable discount. As always, you may also purchase the uniforms at K-Mart on Fruitville Pike, and place them in the designated location in the Gathering Place. **And, as in past years, there is a need for school supplies.** Please visit the large Angels in the Gathering Place and the Heritage Center for a listing of needed supplies. Please place them on the table in the Gathering Place.

Last year's numbers will be hard to match, but **we will all praise God for whatever we are able to give.** In 2013, we contributed **\$15,194:** \$14,009 for uniforms and \$1,185 worth of supplies. We were able to purchase **1006** uniforms, one for every homeless student in the school district. Your generosity is "over the top." Thanks!

--Lois and Allen Hansell, Coordinators

SPANISH AND ENGLISH CLASS

ESPAÑOL E INGLÉS CLASE

I have been in contact with Dr. Charla Lorenzen, Associate Professor of Spanish and Chair of modern Languages Department at Elizabethtown College, and I have some great news to share. Two of Dr. Lorenzen's undergraduate students have agreed to come to our church and teach a 15-week Spanish and English class, beginning August 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Cost: Nothing. It is a gift from the college, plus the students will receive class credit

for their work. A second class on Wednesday evenings might also be offered, largely for practice.

The first week, the two groups (Spanish and English) will meet separately, but they will meet together for next 14 weeks. The college has taught inter-related language classes before, and they have been very successful. The class size will be limited to 40—20 learning English and 20 learning Spanish. Pre-registration will be required and can be done in the church office.

--Allen Hansell Moderator

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Following a Soup & Salad lunch, provided the Youth of the Church (thank you youth, parents & youth leaders), the congregation met for its spring Congregational Business Meeting, Sunday, April 27, 2014.

Treasurer, Frank Fox reported that giving to the Plan of Ministry is slightly ahead of last year's giving. Even though this is a good thing, it could possibly pose a problem since last yearend giving fell short of budget and this year's 2014 budget is higher. It is also to be noted that the detailed 2013 Audit Report was approved as submitted.

A *Short-term Facility Improvement Plan* was approved at the cost of \$120,000 (to date \$45,000 has been committed) that will raise the chancel floor, paint the sanctuary & pews, carpet the sanctuary, new projectors & sound system in the Family Life Center and install a handicap wheelchair lift in the choir loft. Projects will



proceed as funds become available.

The *Assimilation Plan: Two Becoming One* (LCOB & Maranatha becoming one) was approved by LCOB with an 82% in favor vote (Maranatha with a 100% in favor vote). It was announced that after the Atlantic Northeast Districts approval in October, the two will function as one come January 1, 2015.

Outreach & Scholarship Endowment distributed the following approved giving: Bridge of Hope \$3,000 and COBYS Family Services \$3,000.

The Leadership Search Team has requested our suggestions for persons to fill positions that will be needed in 2015.

The positions are: Chair & Assistant Chair of Communications Ministry Team, Chair of Education Ministry Team, Assistant Chair of Hospitality Ministry Team and Auditor.

Verbal reports were given by the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Pastors, Director of Music and the chairs of each of the 8 Ministry Teams. **The fall Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2014.** --Jay V. Wenger

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH LEADERS WITH PRAYER

This summer we have several youth who will be traveling away from home to attend events with opportunities for faith building experiences. Nine Sr. High youth will be attending National Youth Conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Five Jr. High youth will be going to work camp at Camp Harmony in Hooversville, Pennsylvania.

Attending Jr. High work camp June 18-22 is: Ava Bowser, Sadie Bowser, Alex Nye, Maria Ramirez, Giovanni Phillips, Linda Byers- advisor.

Attending National Youth Conference July 15

-27 is: Alex Bookman, Andrew Lines, Jossette Quezada, Ashley Polio, Emil Ramirez, Elliot Ramirez, Stephanie Reynolds, Edison Rodriguez, Odett Rodriguez, adult advisors: Edison Rodriguez, Linda Byers. Working at NYC as Hiking Coordinators are Ben and Cindy Lattimer

We are seeking Prayer Partners. Please consider adding your name to the lists found in the Gathering Place or outside the FLC. Those who sign up will be given the name of a youth to pray for and a list of things to pray over each day of their experience. Thanks for your help. Our youth are blessed to have a congregation supporting them throughout the entire year. --Linda Byers



HOSPITALITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Did you return the Hospitality Questionnaire on an orange half sheet of paper? Do you want to know the results? Here they are... of the 300 put in the mailboxes, 55 of you returned them. Thank You! The top three functions that you attended last year, in order were, Church Picnic, Lawn Party and the Fall Hospitality Breakfast. The top three functions that you would like to participate in, in order were, Church Sponsored Bus Trips, Ethnic Food Potluck and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. If you would like to see all the additional ideas that were given, please see the Hospitality Team's bulletin board outside of the Family Life Center. All the results will be posted there. We would like to try some of these events in the coming years. Our team will keep you informed. As always, if you have any suggestions please let us know.

--The Hospitality Ministry Team.

CLIMBERS' ACTIVITY

The Climbers will enjoy lunch at the **Old Country Buffet**, 1700 Fruitville Pike, and not at ~~Encks Banquet and Conference Center~~ on Sunday, June 8, at 11:45 a.m. Plan to bring packages of jello, pudding and/or canned fruit for the food bank.

--Gene Mummau



Pathfinders Trip to Nemours Mansion & Gardens In July

On Tuesday, July 8, the Pathfinders Class is plan-



ning a trip to the Nemours Mansion and Gardens, the DuPont family 300 acre estate, in Wilmington, Delaware. Cost is \$15.00 per person. For more

information and/or to sign up, please contact Joyce Bohn at 394-4956.

BV NEWS

The Brethren Village Gift Shop and Thrift Shop are now open for your business the first Saturday of every month, 9:30 a.m. until noon. For all of you who cannot shop during the week, here is a great opportunity. You will be surprised and pleased when you see all the items for sale.

For all of you who like to plan ahead here are the dates to write on your calendar for the Outdoor Wheelchair Walks at Brethren Village: Thursday, June 26; Thursday, July 24; Thursday, August 28 and Thursday, September 25. All walks start at 10:30 a.m. and last about 30-45 minutes. Meet at Wolfe Auditorium. I do hope at least one of these dates you would be free to volunteer for this activity.

For more information about how you can make a difference at BV contact Marilyn Hummel at 295-9121. She is the BV Key Person for LCOB.

Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The *absolute* deadline for the **July** issue is June 15, 2014.

LIBRARY NEWS

There is a lot to share with our readers this month about new additions to our library. Several children's books were donated by Praise Kidz. A special donation was made in memory of one of our members who passed away last fall. And, a bit of news about our new Kindle.

Praise Kidz have donated six new books for the young book lovers of our church. Among them are three classics: The Little Red Hen, Green Eggs and Ham, and Horton Hatches the Egg. And some new favorites are The Grouchy Lady Bug, The Rainbow Fish, and Llama, Llama Red Pajama.

Bonnie and Bob Frick made two donations in memory of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Stan Cox. They chose a beautiful 5 volume set of encyclopedias of the bible, The Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible: Revised, Full-Color Edition by Merrill C. Tenney and Moises Silva. Stan supplemented his career as a teacher by selling encyclopedias, so this is a very thoughtful tribute to him. The photography and art work in these volumes alone will capture interest. You will also find the text just as rich in knowledge, geography and ancient history. They also donated a leather bound, extra large print New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It was needed by one of our members and checked out the day it arrived in the library.

I have had the pleasure to work with the Kindle and to order a few books. To check out the Kindle see Deborah Hall. This device can be checked out for **one** month at a time. It is actually pleasing to read with and a lot easier to use than I thought it would be. I will include a simple set of instructions with it and I will explain how to use it to anyone who checks it out. There are currently three books and a NRSV Bible with Apocrypha on it. The books that I chose were recommended by different members of the church. I am always interested in your suggestions! The books are: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd and Blush by Shirley Hershey Showalter. All of these are on my summer reading list. What books are on yours?
--Deborah Hall, Library Chairperson



THANK YOU, CONGREGATION

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your prayers, concern, cards, notes, meals, and phone calls during my hospitalization, tests, and procedures. Many thanks, too, to Pastors Jeff, Cindy, and Calvin for your visits, phone calls, and many prayers. I am feeling quite well after my latest procedure. There is one more to be done sometime in May and then I should be "good as new" (or close to it!). I thank God every day for all His many blessings and for our very caring congregation.

--Barbara Kreider

A Loving Congregation,

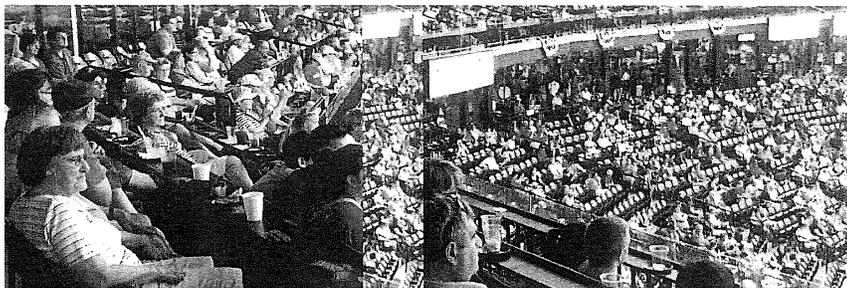
During my shoulder replacement surgery and recuperation at home, it is nice to be surrounded by a loving church family. Many thanks to all three pastors for the hospital visits, home communion by Calvin, and many other acts of kindness--prayers, especially the Wednesday Prayer Breakfast, cards, phone calls, and food. It is wonderful to be part of a caring and loving congregation. --Lois Hansell

We would like to thank the congregation, the morning prayer group, and especially Calvin Wenger for their cards, prayers and calls during Joe's recent illness and hospitalization. He will be undergoing lung surgery in May, hopefully for a complete recovery. Your continued prayers will be greatly appreciated.
--Joe and Judi Peffley

I want to thank the congregation for their prayers and cards at the death of my brother in March. Also thanks to the pastors for their calls and concerns.
--Judi Peffley

To the person who gave me the solar butterfly, thank you so much.
--Joyce Bohn





Join LCOB at the Barnstormers

Saturday, July 5

Barnstormers vs. York Revolutions
Doors open at 6 p.m. • Game at 7 p.m.

The National Anthem will be performed by our very own Morning Psalm vocalists!



LCOB has reserved the Wheatland Suite! South of the Border Menu includes:

Beef & Chicken Fajitas

Build Your Own Nachos: *Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Jalapeño Peppers, Salsa*

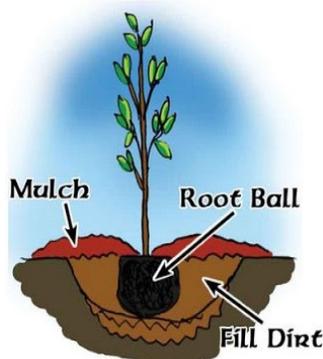
Chips & Queso • Popcorn • Fresh Baked Cookies • Soda & Water

Price per person: \$30
Includes buffet and game ticket

Contact George Harmes to reserve tickets 569-5277. Tickets can also be reserved in the Gathering Place on Sunday morning's.

JUNE PMT ENERGY TIP

If your plans for the warmer months ahead include planting trees around your home, remember that smart planning can help reduce energy costs. --PMT



You are invited!

Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren

2014 Annual Conference Briefing

with
Moderator Nancy Heishman

Saturday, June 7th
9 to 11 AM, with coffee and light snacks available at 8:30

Hempfield Church of the Brethren
1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

All are welcome.
No registration needed.

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!***
3. Email to the church office at lancob@comcast.net.
4. Please do not extensively format emailed submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. An attached file should be in a *Word* document.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention Tiffany Dickel, or place them in the "Newsletter" folder in the church office.

VOLUNTEER NURSES NEEDED!

Do you know an LPN, CNA, RN, EMT, or other medical professional who would love to spend a week at camp? Camp Swatara is in need of several volunteers to serve with our summer Health Manager to assist her with providing health care for campers during our summer program. Duties include checking in campers, dispensing medications, and responding to accidents and injuries. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Jason Haldeman at jhaldeman@campswatara.org or 717-933-8510.

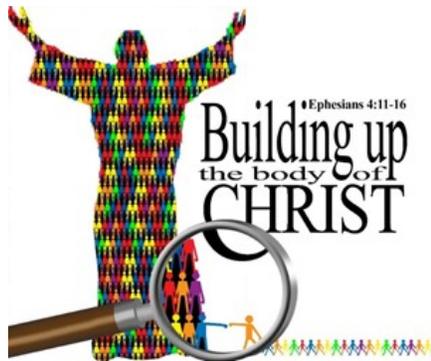


DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Each year, District Conference provides opportunities to learn about district ministries, to hear and celebrate district updates, to connect with others, to worship and pray, to give an offering, to make decisions and call leadership, and to be challenged and encouraged.

What will be different about the 2014 District Conference?

- This District Conference will be a one-day conference, held on Saturday, October 4, 2014. Registration will begin at 7 AM, and the conference will conclude at approximately 4 PM.
- A worship service will be held after lunch with Paul Munday, pastor of the Frederick (MD) church and well-known Brethren speaker, delivering the message.
- At area meetings, attendees will have opportunities to learn, discuss, and ask questions regarding a proposed by-law change. There will also be time for additional questions and sharing regarding district ministries and happenings. Agendas will be sent at a later date.



Lancaster – 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 9
 Parker Ford – 7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 17
 Hershey Spring Creek – 7:00 PM, Thursday,
 September 18

Look forward to:

- Focus on the theme, *Building up the Body of Christ*, including a Bible study facilitated by Mark Wenger, Director of Pastoral Studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (Lancaster) and “Matters of Faith” contributor to Lancaster Sunday Newspapers.
- Voting on a by-law change and calling persons to serve as district leaders.
- Reports from District Board and other district-related and denominational ministries.
- Group singing and other special music.
- A stimulating message from Paul Munday, during which Dave Weiss, conference logo designer and Pastor of Creative Arts at Ephrata Church of the Brethren, will create a painting.

- Lively bidding for Dave’s painting in an auction at the end of the conference [funds to be donated to the Barnabas Fund.]
- Times of worship, learning, fellowship, and decision-making.

Please be in prayer for this “new” way of doing District Conference. Conference planners are excited about integrating worship and business in this new format.

Blessings,
 Sherry Eshleman, Moderator

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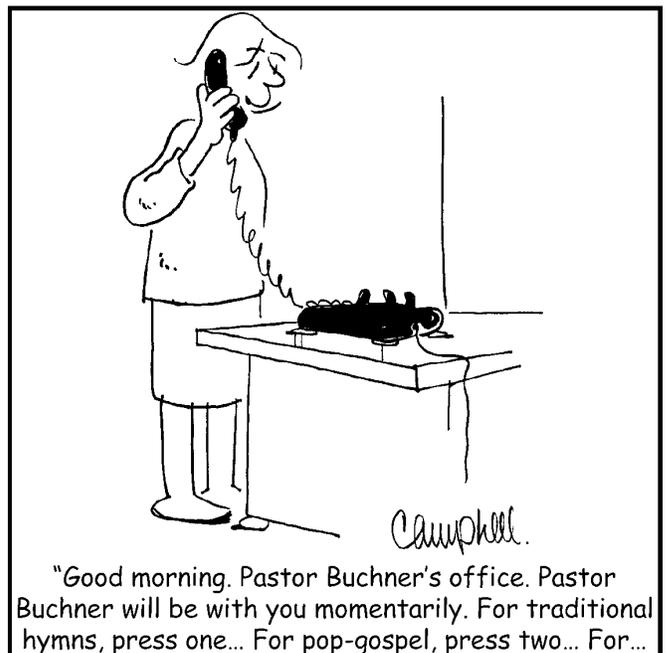
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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

June 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. In June they expect to complete their study of the book of *Revelation*, thus ending their intensive ten-year cover-to-cover study of the entire Bible. Congratulations to this class and their teachers for this accomplishment! They will be discussing plans for future Bible study.

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 June they will be doing a small-group video study on the life and writings of **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, based on a book written by *New York Times* best-selling author Eric Metaxas. New members are all welcome. For details, contact Linda Husted at clhusted@aol.com.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. The topics in June are as follows:

June 1, 8, 15, & 22 – Discussion of **Eugene Roop's** book, *Behind the Drama: The Old Testament You Missed*. In the dramatic texts of the *OT*, God acts in extraordinary ways to call and save his people. Too often we ignore the seemingly unimportant parts, and avoid the hard parts we don't understand. This study explores some of these overlooked or troubling scriptures to see how God works in and through everyday situations to bring hope and faith to ordinary lives. We will be challenged to consider our own faith journeys in this light.

June 29 – Gene Bucher will lead us in a review and evaluation of this past year's themes, and seek input from the class for the months ahead.

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.

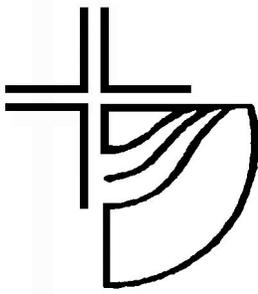
Third Sunday: Game Day. Word games to stimulate thinking and conversation.

Fourth Sunday: God at the Movies – our take on a Pastor Shreckhise favorite topic.

Fifth Sunday: Guest speakers addressing Brethren Beliefs.

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





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<p>LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.</p> <p>GOALS Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Intentional Faith Development Risk-Taking Mission and Service Extravagant Generosity</p> <p><small>(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)</small></p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon - Thur 8:00am—4:00pm Friday 8:00am—1:00pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>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</p> <p>WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Praise Kidz (Age 4—3rd grade) 10:15 a.m. SALT (4th—6th grade)</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00a.m. Children & Adults</p>	<p>Our Staff</p> <p>Jeffrey B. Rill Senior Pastor Cindy E. L. Lattimer Associate Pastor J. Calvin Wenger Pastor of Caregiving Emery A. DeWitt Director of Music Margaret Marsch Jeanne Heck Organists Jamie Nace Director of Children's Music Director of Children's Ministry Linda Byers Director of Youth Ministries Tiffany L. Dickel Church Administrator Newsletter Editor Linda Harnish Secretary Troy Nace Custodian</p>
<p>The deadline for every issue is the 15th of the previous month.</p>		