



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

May 2014

WELCOME TO THE LCOB CHURCH FAMILY

Baptism is a special time in the life of an individual, a family and in the life of a congregation. On Palm Sunday, April 13, we welcomed Drew and Jack Smith to the faith and fellowship of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Drew and Jack are the sons of Mark and Jenn Smith and brothers to sister Brooke. They are also grandsons of John and Mary Sue Groff. These two are close in age, just a year and a half apart, and close in friendship. They have both chosen to take this step and make a public statement of faith through baptism.

Drew and Jack both shared how their call to become members of this church community is a call to follow the example they have learned from their family. These brothers have grown up surrounded by relatives on both sides, who serve their churches, give to those in need, and encourage each other to be faithful servants.

Drew is in the 8th grade and attends middle school at Lampeter-Strasburg. When asked if he had a favorite Bible verse, Drew shared what he had highlighted in his Bible from James 5:

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Jack also attends the same school and is in the 7th grade. Jack had several verses check marked on his ipod Bible app and would call his favorite I John 4:19-21: *19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their broth-*

ers and sister also.

Both of these guys are excited about sports and really like to play football. Drew enjoys playing golf and being on the school track team. Jack also golfs, continued this year to play baseball and was on the basketball team. Both boys have been playing piano since they were 6 years old. Both have served as acolyte. They have great talents to share with us now and in the future.

It is an exciting time to celebrate as a church family. Drew and Jack have been dedicated here as infants. They have been nurtured among us and grown in faith. They recognize the need for Christ in their lives as the example to follow and the need of His Holy Spirit to continue to guide and direct them. Welcome Drew and Jack who have stepped into the water to experience a new birth, a new beginning and a start to their Christian pilgrimage.

--Linda Byers



CELEBRATE YOUTH SUNDAY

Sr. High National Youth Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:15 Traditional Service on May 4. The theme this year is the same as our theme for National Youth Conference – **“Called by Christ – Blessed for the Journey.”** The scripture passage where the theme is extracted is the writings of Paul in Ephesians 4:1-7. Youth will be participating in and leading us in worship. It will be a time for us all to hear a call to prepare for our journey to follow and to continue to be followers of Christ. --Linda Byers



GRADUATION SUNDAY



Sunday, June 1, we will celebrate Graduation Sunday. This celebrates not only High School graduates but also those completing college degrees and any advanced educational degrees or certifications. Education Ministry Team would like to be sure to recognize everyone who has earned these honors since May of last year. Contact Linda Byers (lancob.youth@comcast.net) to be sure we can celebrate your accomplishment in the body of Christ. --Linda Byers

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 MAY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb and Fred Kreider
 8:40 a.m. Renea and Mike Snyder
 8:40 a.m. Shirley and Ervin Martin
 9:50 a.m. Dave and Jean Hosler
 9:50 a.m. Deborah Hall and Miriam Longenecker
 11:15 a.m. Marvin Harnish



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Warren Evans
 John Graham

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Jay Wenger	Donald Brenner	Scott Brubaker
Joan Miley	Marvin Harnish	Paul Herr
Carol Kramer	Dick Kramer	
* Head Usher		

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Nicole Putt

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Glenn & Ruth Shultz - 569-7599



ATTENDANCE

March 16 - 363
 March 23 - 305
 March 30 - 342
 April 6 - 321
 April 13 - 371

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Correction to Directory Phone Number:
 Donald & Lois Nolt phone correction 394-2415

New Phone Numbers:
 Bob Mackey - 201-8450
 Ginny Mackey - 875-9210

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The highest elected office in our denomination is the Annual Conference Moderator. This position is filled each year by faithful members throughout the denomination. If I am correct, our Lancaster congregation has had four of them within our membership -A. G. Breidenstine, Curtis Dubble, Guy Wampler and Nevin Zuck.

The Moderator for the present year is Nancy Soltenberger Heishman of the Southern District of Ohio. She was the preacher at our combined service on Sunday, March 23. She has been urging all Brethren to memorize the New Testament book of Philipians or portions of it.

I believe with all my heart that storing up Biblical verses by heart has great benefits. The Word of God hidden in our minds and hearts shapes and intensifies our inner relationship with Christ Jesus, encourages us in times of distress and is or will be a great source of help and inspiration when the Bible is not available where we are or our failing eyesight makes it difficult to read. My late maternal grandmother, Susan Weaver Overly, was blind for the last decade of life and her extensive reservoir of memorized passages was of great comfort to her.

Philipians is a wonderful collection of theological truths and practical aids for daily living and is often referred to as the Epistle of Joy. Written by the Apostle Paul, it contains more praise and less correction than any of his other writings.

It is definitely one of my favorite books of the 66. I am including some of the very best scriptures with

some brief comments.

Philipians 1:3-6 Isn't it tremendously reassuring that any and all tasks we undertake for His purpose, especially our personal salvation, will have His blessing and power to sustain?

Philipians 2:5-11 The Gospel in a paragraph! Does this describe our attitude? Is Christ Jesus our Lord?

Philipians 3:10-15 Press on? Press on? Let us press on in humility to claim the prize of Christ Jesus!

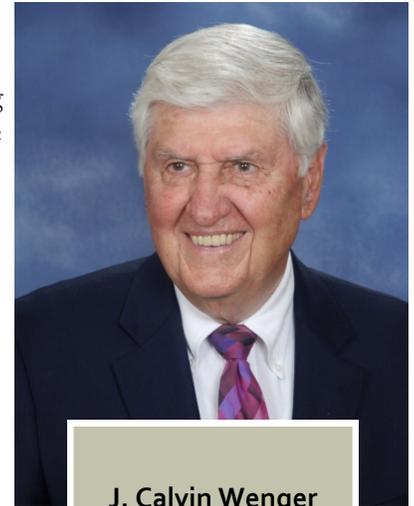
Philipians 4:4-9 Be joyful! Be anxious free! Focus our thinking on the high road? Experience the perfect peace of God!

Philipians 4:11-13 Centered on the inner strength of Christ Jesus, we can experience the secret of wellbeing!

Philipians 4:19 No ifs! No buts! He can and will meet all our needs!

I am of the genuine persuasion that these Philipians Scriptures, if applied, will make a difference and transformation in our lives regardless of where we are on our spiritual journey.

J. Calvin Wenger, Pastor of Caregiving



J. Calvin Wenger

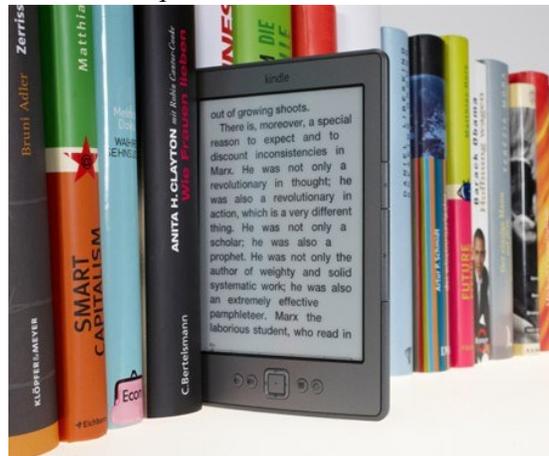
FROM THE LIBRARY

The library committee would like to thank all of the folks who took time to fill out and return our questionnaire. Your responses were very informative, especially with regards to interest in e-readers, e-books and audio-books. An anonymous donor has graciously offered to purchase and donate a Kindle e-reader to the library. We are excited to offer this to you in the near future. Look for details on how to borrow it in our June newsletter article.

We would also like to thank David Hosler, Lois Nolt and Charles Denlinger for the books that they donated this past month. You can find them on a shelf labeled "New

Additions" in the Gathering Place. The new books include fiction, non-fiction, auto/biographies, theology, and biblical studies and a devotional book. We also added some new family movies on DVD. Please take time to enjoy these new additions to our library. Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. there is a library assistant waiting to answer your questions and help you in the library.

Your Library Chairperson,
Deborah Hall



“A WOMAN’S TOOL KIT”

PRESENTED BY SHERRY ESHLEMAN

JUNE 21 – 9:00 A.M.

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 Church. 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 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. Sponsored by Women’s Fellowship. --Myrl Greiner



PHILLIP AWAN DENG’S TRIP TO UGANDA BEING A REFUGEE!

Join Phillip on May 31 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, Family Life Center. Phillip is going to share his recent trip to multiple refugee camps in Northern Uganda. Thousands of South Sudanese fled to neighboring countries like Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda as the result of an ongoing conflict in the newest nation in the world. Refreshments /



Sudanese food and drinks will be served. Donations welcome!

Come and learn about this exciting trip. Invite your friends and neighbors. --Phillip Awan Deng

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CLIMBERS

The Climbers will host the Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy services organization on Saturday, May 10, at 12 noon. Lunch will precede the program which will include the explanation of K-PETS organization with pet demonstrations. Please plan to bring pasta, dry or canned and spaghetti sauce for the LCCC Food Bank."

--Gene Mummau

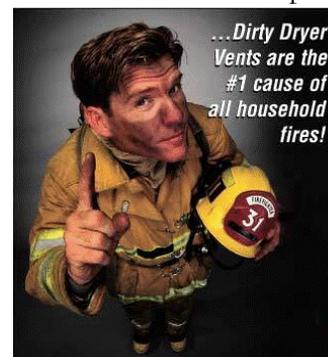


MAY ENERGY TIP

Spring cleaning can help you save energy:

1. To keep your refrigerator’s compressor running efficiently, be sure to vacuum the coils to suck up dirt and debris.
1. Be sure to dust off the buildup on light bulbs. This can limit light output and possibly make you use more lights than needed.
2. Be sure to keep your clothes dryer vent clean.

--PMT



ANNUAL LAWN PARTY

LCOB Annual Lawn Party is Wednesday, June 4, 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 will ask that each ministry team provide at least two volunteers to help at our yummy food tables. Be sure to check your mailboxes May 18 for a flyer asking for you to consider donating a food item. We also need five more volunteers to help pick the donated strawberries on Tuesday, June 3, at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the church. Call Diana Wiker at 291-9348 if you can come along to have a “berry” good time! --Your Hospitality Ministry Team

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, NEW WINDSOR

Thursday, May 15, there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor to help process health kits. Volunteers are needed! We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 to RSVP by Wednesday, May 7, if you plan to attend.



2¢ A MEAL THANK YOU

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of the Global Food Crisis Fund and the many families who have benefitted from your gifts over the years, I wish to thank you. People in Honduras, Haiti, Nigeria, and other places, including here in the U.S., have been able to share the love of Jesus with their neighbors. Sometimes this looks like a chicken, some bean seeds, or a box of vegetables



from a community garden.

I realize that many of you have given sacrificially, and that your congregation has many options to choose from when it comes to giving. Thank you once more, and may the Lord bless your church for remembering those who are in need (Psalm 41).

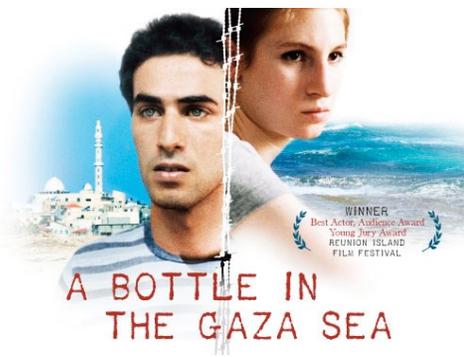
--In Christ's Love, Jeff Boshart, GFCF Manager

LCOB INVITED

Lancaster Friends Meeting invites the community to a viewing of *Bottle in the Gaza Sea* at 110 Tulane Terrace, Lancaster. This film is about the friendship between a young Israeli and a Palestinian on Friday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The film runs 100 min. Refreshments and discussion

will follow the movie. A free will offering will be taken to help fund the expenses of an Israeli and a Palestinian facilitators' attendance at the International



Gathering of the Alternatives to Violence Project in Ireland. RSVP jdigarbo@gmail.com.

<http://lancasterpaquakers.org/>

<http://www.avpusa.org/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mL8p6FKCPzQ>

ARE WE READY FOR POPE FRANCIS?

Data from the US Census Bureau: In 2012, the official poverty rate in the United States was 15.0 percent. There were 46.5 million people in poverty. The poverty rate for children under age 18 was 21.8 percent.

(1) From Tim Worstall writing for the Forbes group (6/01/2013): “. . . It is true that there is more inequality in the US: but this isn't because the poor are poorer. It's because the rich are richer. Of course, you can always make up your own mind: but my reading of this is that the poor in the US don't do too badly actually. So why is there all the noise about it?”

(2) From a speech by Pope Francis, March 15, 2013: “Just as the commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say ‘thou shalt not’ to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills.”

“ . . . To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others . . . a globalization of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own.”

“While the earnings of a minority are growing exponentially, so too is the gap separating the majority from the prosperity enjoyed by those happy few. This imbalance is the result of ideologies which defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation. Consequently, they reject the right of states, charged with vigilance for the common good, to exercise any form of control.”

“. . . I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of one of the sages of antiquity: ‘Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs.’”

“A financial reform open to such ethical considerations would require a vigorous change of approach on the part of political leaders. I urge them to face this challenge with determination and an eye to the future, while not ignoring, of course, the specifics of each case. Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and a return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favours human beings.”

Pope Francis has challenged us to make a choice. Will it be number 1 or number 2?

--Hunger and Poverty Group



Many thanks to all the people who donated homemade candy for the annual Easter Candy Sale at Brethren Village on Friday, April 11. Also, thank you to Fern Bucher, Grace Cox and Jeanne Heck who helped at the sale and the people from our church who purchased some Easter candy to help make the Auxiliary's fundraiser a success.

--Marilyn Hummel BV Key Person LCOB.

Are you willing to help enrich the lives of Brethren Village residents? There continues to be a need for volunteers in different areas on the Brethren Village Campus. Maybe you could deliver meals at the noon meal, help to set up a dining area in the morning in personal care, transport residents and/or help with activities and crafts. Check your calendar for Thursday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. to help with the OUTDOOR WHEELCHAIR WALK. Call or email Holly Began, Volunteer Coordinator at BV, 581-4251, hbcgan@BV.org. Thank you,

--Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB.

BV – Care for the Caregiver Event:

This last "Care for the Caregiver" event features Dennis McCullough, MD – family physician geriatrician, author and Dartmouth Medical School faculty member. Dr. McCullough brings more than 30 years of experience to the table to help caregivers identify where their loved ones reside in the Journey of Late Life. He will explain the concept of slow medicine and share specific strategies for helping their loved ones avoid health crises as they age. This event is planned for Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wolfe Auditorium at the Welcome Center. Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. The first 25 respondents will receive a copy of Dr. Cullough's book, My Mother, Your Mother. Space is limited. Call 581-4438 or register online at www.bv.org/caregiver.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Swatara early registration ends May 26. After that date all camps will go up \$25.00. LCOB will pay ½ tuition for all children's camps. Get your Good as Gold certificate from Tiffany Dickel, Church Administrator, before you go. When registering only send ½ the payment of the camp cost. Then take the Good as Gold certificate with you the day your child checks in at camp. You can register online by going to www.campswatara.org. Any questions? Ask Donna Lunger, camp rep.

THANK YOU, LCOB

We want to thank you for the calls, prayers, kind thoughts and cards to our daughter-in-law, Cindy Hummel. Also, the visits to her in the hospital by our dedicated Pastor of Care Giving, Calvin Wenger.

--Keith & Marilyn Hummel

Dear Friends,

Receiving your cards, notes and phone calls on my 93rd birthday truly added to my day. Sincere thanks for your kindness to remember me. God's love and blessings to each one of you.

--Helen Thatcher

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers as well as the visits from Calvin Wenger while I was in the hospital. I really appreciate the outpouring shown to me during my recovery from your caring congregation.

--Cindy Hummel (daughter-in-law of Keith and Marilyn Hummel)

A special thank you to Danielle Shulenberger & Cindy Lattimer for initiating, in our church, the "acts of kindness" in memory of Marica Horst. Thanks to all who followed with an act of kindness in her memory. In appreciation,

--Lynn & Lynne Shively (Grandparents of Marica)

Dear church friends,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, words of comfort, and the big hugs I received during the lengthy illness and recent passing of my Dad. The Lord has truly blessed me with a wonderful earthly father and a great circle of friends. Blessings to all of you.

--Judy (Lohr) Dowlin

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the many cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. Thank you to Pastor Cindy for her visit on my day of surgery.

These acts of concern have certainly helped me to heal more quickly.

--Nicki Putt

We are blessed to be a part of a caring Congregation. Thank you to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast and the congregation for the cards and prayers during my recent knee surgery. Thank you to Mo and Rachel, our Undershepherds, for their special care.

A SPECIAL thank you to Calvin Wenger for his visits and many phone calls and prayers. We are fortunate to have a Minister of Care Giving in our Congregation!!

--Sue Groff

To the members of LCoB,

My heartfelt "Thank You" to Pastor Rill, members of the prayer group, Calvin Wenger and all who said prayers and well wishes. It makes me feel very humble to know that you all said prayers for me. I am regaining my strength, and will hopefully be back to normal soon, knowing that God is with me.

God Bless,

--June Hamaker & family

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE TRIP

Nine youth and two adults are planning to be a part of National Youth Conference (NYC) this summer at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado. The trip plans are almost complete. Their journey will be shared with youth from three other CoB churches: Spring Creek (Hershey), Harrisburg First, and Ambler. They hit the road on Tuesday, July 15. On the journey they'll spend several nights in churches along the way: Lick Creek CoB, Bryan, OH; Highland Avenue CoB, Elgin, IL and in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Antelope Park CoB. Along the way they will have fun at Six Flags Amusement Park north of Chicago. In Colorado they'll get to spend an afternoon white water rafting.

Conference begins the afternoon of Saturday, July 19. The youth and advisers will have workshops and concerts to attend, a day of hiking in the Rocky Mountains, a service project day and many other activities to fill the 5 days of conference. There is also a 5K run to participate in on Sunday morning.

On the journey home they'll stop at the Brethren college of McPherson in Kansas. Where they'll receive a tour of the campus. They'll have one more night on the road home at a church in Ohio. Then they will arrive back in Lancaster on July 27.

It's going to be a trip of a lifetime. With lots of stories and experiences they hope to share with everyone when they return.

--Linda Byers



MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT

Honor a woman you know and love by celebrating and supporting mothers around the world!

Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to:

Global Women's Project
c/o Nan Erbaugh
47 S. Main Street
West Alexandria, OH 45381-1243

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on our website:
www.globalwomensproject.org.

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Nan by May 5, 2014. After the 5th, she will mail them as soon as she receives your request.

This Mother's Day, share a gift in honor of a woman you know and of women in Indiana, Rwanda, Uganda, Southern Sudan and Nepal who are improving the lives of women in their communities.

Global Women's Project seeks to raise awareness of the poverty, oppression and injustice suffered by women around the world; to recognize how our overconsumption and misuse of resources contributes to that suffering; to change our way of living; and to support self-help community projects that are led by, empower, and benefit women.

Additional information can be found at
www.globalwomensproject.org.

--ANE

LVBH YARD SALE

The Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, 1200 Grubb St. Palmyra, PA 17078, will be having a three day yard sale. The sale will benefit the Home's Good Samaritan Fund.

May 29 Noon - 7:00 pm

May 30 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

May 31 8:00 am until 1:00 pm



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.



You are invited!

Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren

2014 Annual Conference Briefing
with

Moderator Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

Saturday, June 7

9 to 11 AM, with coffee available at 8:30
Hempfield Church of the Brethren
1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

All are welcome. No registration needed.

Brethren Housing Association
invites you to the

12th Annual BHA GOLF Tournament

Friday
May 9th
2014

A golf outing fundraiser
with scramble format
honoring homeless mothers
on Mother's Day Weekend

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- Lunch, Steve's Snack Shack and a legendary dinner



Register by May 2nd or get more info at:

www.golfforbha.org



Young Adult Conference (YAC) is almost here! How are you getting there?

"Along with the meaningful worship services, singing, and insightful workshops," Tim Stauffer of Highland Avenue CoB says, "if you can carpool with others it makes a great road trip that adds to the experience as a whole." Tim was part of a group that road-tripped from Illinois to Iowa last year. That's why the Palmyra CoB young adults are planning a road trip to YAC this year! We're inviting anyone who wants to join us to stay the night before. We'll have a pre-Memorial Day BBQ. Friday morning (May 23) we'll caravan to Camp Brethren Woods in VA.

Interested? Have questions? Want to know more? Sign me up! Contact Rachel Witkovsky at 717-838-6369 or rwitkovsky@palmyracob.org. Check out more information on YAC and/or register at www.brethren.org/yac.



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

May 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 entire New Testament. In May they will continue 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 May they will choose either another video series or another book to study. Anyone interested in a small group Bible study/discussion is encouraged to join this group. 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 May are:

May 4 – *Poetry of the Bible I*, led by **Ray Leckrone**. We will look at the Bible as literature, specifically as poetry, the most prevalent literary form in the Bible after narrative. In addition to well-known passages such as Psalm 23, we will read some lesser known poetry such as the Song of Miriam, Song of Moses, and David's elegy. The special character of Hebrew poetry (such as parallelism, imagery and metaphor) will be examined. Bring a Bible to class.

May 11 – *Poetry of the Bible II*. **Ray Leckrone** will look at the many uses of Biblical poetry, including celebration, praise, lament, skeptical questioning, private meditation, public worship, affirmation of tradition, and challenge to tradition. Some poetry, such as *The Song of Songs*, seems out of place in scripture. What is it doing in the Bible? We will discuss. Bring a Bible.

May 18 – June 15. A five-week study 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.

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.

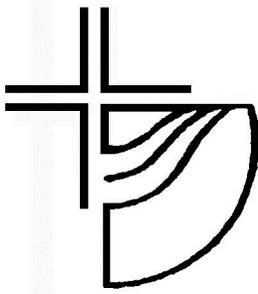
Third Sunday: Game Day. Word games to stimulate thinking and conversation.

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

Fifth Sunday: Guest speakers addressing Brethren Beliefs.

The **Connections** meet in Room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rich Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.





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**LANCASTER CHURCH
OF
THE BRETHREN**

VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

GOALS

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

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

**WORSHIP FOR
CHILDREN**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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