



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

August 2014

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 17

This fall we begin the tenth year of *Wednesday Night Live* at the Lancaster COB. Each Wednesday evening, beginning September 17 and continuing ten weeks through November 19, we will gather at 5:00 pm in the FLC for a tasty supper prepared by our volunteer staff. After the meal, you can participate in interesting classes taking place from 6:15 – 7:15. In the first six weeks, Sept. 17 – Oct. 22, Bob Frick will focus our attention on some fascinating details of local history. This series, titled *Together They Made Lancaster Great*, will feature stories of citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the history of Lancaster. Classes for the remaining four weeks are still in the planning stage.

Also happening on Wednesday evenings are the Carillon Bell Choir rehearsal, Chancel Choir rehearsal and Morning Psalm Worship Team preparation. Wednesday evenings are truly alive at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. We hope that you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator
Chuck Denlinger, class coordinator

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for this year's All Church Picnic on September 14 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. It's time to plan on enjoying an after-Sunday-Service good time for all! We will be serving wings with different sauces, hot dogs, salads and of course desserts. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share. There will be bingo, door prizes and a 4 in 1 moon bounce for the children from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there along with our church neighbors to participate in our "radical hospitality" to others we meet. Sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry Team.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

In a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 13, following the 10:15 worship services, the congregation voted to approve the ordination of both



Megan Lester and Curtis Dehmey. The 93 persons in attendance vote unanimously in favor of their ordinations into the Christian Ministry.

Megan Lester will begin studies at Hershey Medical Center toward hospital chaplaincy. Curtis Dehmey is now completing his studies toward hospital chaplaincy and is beginning the search for employment. The LCOB wishes them both God's blessings as they begin a new chapter in their Christian Ministry journey. --Jay V. Wenger



ENCORE PERFORMANCE

The 2014 Germany Tour Choir will sing together once more, during the 10:15 Sanctuary service on Sunday, August 17.



Please join us to hear this fine group sing some of the

music they performed in Germany! --Emery DeWitt

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

The following are the summer worship topics you (*the congregation*) suggested:

- August 3—Good Samaritan
- 10—Signs, symbols & apocalyptic literature
- 17—Grace
- 24—Hell
- 31—Resurrection

These topics will be the focus for ALL the worship services throughout August. The ministerial staff thank you all for your suggestions.

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 AUGUST

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Karen and Bob Barber
 8:40 a.m. Ray Heiber
 8:40 a.m. Marian Snader
 9:50 a.m. Carol and Terry Shearer
 9:50 a.m. Wanda and Frank Fox
 10:15 a.m. Jerry Smoker



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Jere Tankesley
 Chuck Nesland

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.
 *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.



Beverly Angle

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Marvin Harnish - 872-4074



ATTENDANCE

June 22—285
 June 29—288
 July 6—281
 July 13—349

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Bill Breidenstine	16 Todd Bookman
2 Donna Brubaker	18 Mark Forsha
Jamie Nace	19 Alex Hughes
3 Frank Fox	Craig Kinderwater
4 Carlos Schaudel	21 Marian Snader
6 Andrew Putt	Bob Bingaman
7 Ed Riegen	22 Susan Breidenstine
9 Lorraine Dotterer	Curtis Dehmey
Kathryn Riegen	23 Keith Snyder
10 Wilma Garland	24 Pat Styer
11 Andrew Nye	Lisa Werner
12 Thelma Weaver	27 Ellen Snader
14 Linda Wampler	29 Millie Bomberger
15 Althea Wiggins	Ryan Forsha
Jennifer Martin	Maxine Shallenberger
Kevin Groff	30 Matthew Brubaker
Phyllis Spencer	31 Linda Heck

GOOD FOOD AND FUN

We all love good food! Now our kitchen needs some of your tender love and care. Volunteers are needed to freshen up the kitchen. We always have fun with our buckets and sponges. Bring your cleaning supplies on Saturday, August 23, at 9:00 a.m. If we have enough helpers, the job should be done by noon. If you plan to join us, please call Deb Chillas at 475-9818 or David Heck at 860-8482 or just show up! We look forward to a good clean-up crew. --Deb Chillas



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK SINGING OUR FAITH IN GERMANY

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

By now, many of you have heard stories or seen photos from the choir's recent tour of Germany. This two-week trip, under the leadership of Suzanne and Otto Schaudel, was an incredible journey and a life-changing and life-affirming experience! We left on June 14, well-prepared musically, but a little uncertain how our offering would be received in Oberhausen, Langensteinbach and Riedenberg, the three cities where we would perform concerts, along with a Sunday worship service and a high school Baccalaureate service. Little did we know that our German hosts were preparing a welcome that would overwhelm us with its generosity, warmth and outpouring of Christian love!

Our concert visits began in Oberhausen, where Otto's niece Barbara Rudl is a pastor in the *Evangelische Apostelkirchengemeinde Oberhausen* (translated as "Evangelical Church of the Apostles Community in Oberhausen"). She is a remarkable woman who, along with senior pastor Ralf Kasper, serves a congregation that is rich in love, rich in young people involved in the church, and rich in hospitality. The warmth and fellowship we felt there immediately put us at ease, and we began preparations for the evening's concert. The audience for the concert was large and enthusiastic, and the concert was very well received.

Oberhausen was one of two congregations that provided two-night "home stays" for our travelers, and there were many, many stories of new friendships and great visits. The next morning, the choir sang *Amazing Grace* for a Baccalaureate service for the graduates of the local high school. And that evening, the members of the church prepared an amazing outdoor feast for our group, complete with grilled *bratwurst* and various German delicacies, including the pastry called *Spaetzle*. We all sang together, in both German and English! What a wonderful memory!

From Oberhausen, we journeyed to Cologne, where we saw the *Dom* – the huge Gothic cathedral there. An added bonus: we were there on the day of the feast of *Corpus Christi*, the *Body of Christ*, and we were able to see some of the pageantry as priests and acolytes paraded around the *Dom*.

Our next concert stop was Langensteinbach, Otto's ancestral home. Our first visit was Otto's home, where

his extended family had prepared a wonderful reception for us. Then, we walked across the street to the *Evangelische Kirche Langensteinbach*, a lovely church with a fine organ and a cathedral-like



acoustic. The choir sang a Saturday evening concert to a capacity crowd, and then went home with German host families for the evening, returning on Sunday morning to sing in the morning worship service. They even provided an English translation of the sermon for us,

which made the service much more meaningful. The hospitality in Langensteinbach was amazing, providing full meals for the entire group on both Saturday evening and Sunday after worship. The meals were held in their *Gemeinde Zentrum* – yes, even German churches have a "Family Life Center!"

Our final concert was in the tiny village of Riedenberg, and we really didn't know what to expect. There were no "host families" there to help provide an audience, so we thought we might be singing for a rather small crowd. But we didn't understand the lengths that our host, Arnim Waldau, would go to make us welcome! Arnim Waldau and Suzanne Schaudel worked together in Brethren Volunteer Services way back in 1964-65, and Suzanne contacted him to see if he could suggest a performance venue. His response: "Please, please come sing for us!"

The Protestant church in Riedenberg was too small to hold our 31-voice choir, so Arnim arranged for us to sing in the local Catholic church, *St. Martinkirche*, instead. It was another lovely church, with another fine organ! And to our surprise, 133 people crammed into this small church – about 15% of the population of the village! The local *Bürgermeister* (like an American mayor) made a speech, and both the Protestant and Catholic

pastors offered blessings for us. And get this: the Catholic pastor also had a doctorate in forestry – he spent a good bit of time in Harrisburg at Penn State, doing re-

Before we left for Germany, I told the group that we were no longer “just a church choir.” We were going as ambassadors for the Church of the Brethren and as ambassadors for American choral music.

I feel we succeeded in our mission! It was very fitting that at our final hotel stay, in a lovely small hotel in Bad Brückenau, we sang for the hotel staff and afterward, the hotel owner said to us all, “I

love it when Americans come, because Americans bring joy!” We gave our gifts of music, and joy was the gift we received in return. What a blessing this tour was!

The Tour

Choir will sing twice

more, in our 10:15 Sanctuary worship service on August 17, and at the District Conference of the Church of the Brethren on Oct 4 at Elizabethtown College. Come hear your friends and neighbors sing God’s praise at these worship services!

--Emery DeWitt

search on Pennsylvania forests.

While we called this a “choir tour,” it also highlighted the skills of our talented and hard-working organist, Margaret Marsch. She played two fabulous solo pieces in each choral concert, and also played several famous organs in Germany and on a day trip to the Netherlands. At each of the three churches where the choir sang and Margaret played, we heard comments like, “We had no idea our organ could sound like that!” What a gift to our audiences, and to the tour participants as well.

Such a marvelous journey – we were received with open arms, and made friendships that will last a lifetime.

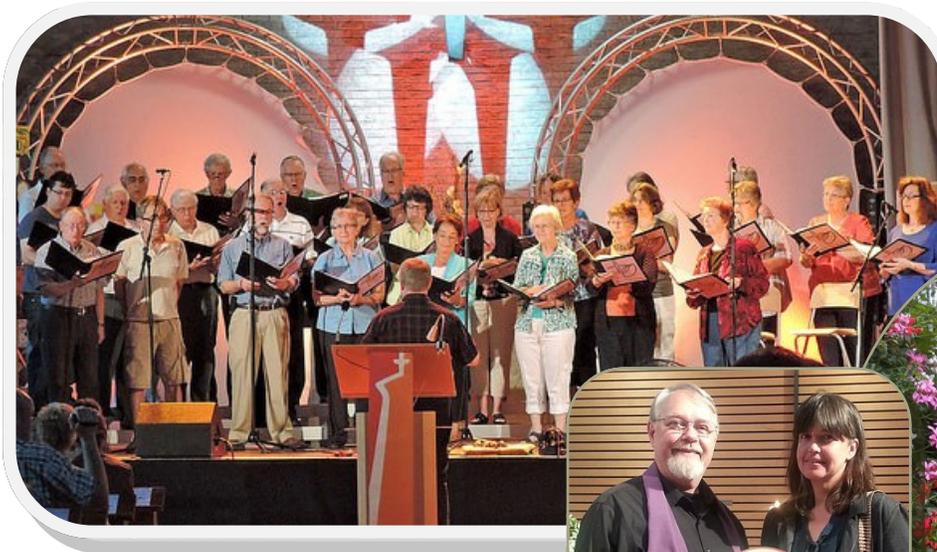
SOME THOUGHTS ON CHOIR TOUR

This was my sixth trip to Europe. Four of the trips were group experiences in which another person or persons were responsible for most of the planning. One trip was a history excursion to England concentrating on Winston Churchill. Another was a trip to Greece called “In the footsteps of Paul”. The other two were choir tours. The choir tours were quite different because I was an active participant rather than merely a spectator.

My choir tours, however, were quite different from each other. The first was to Scotland and England in 2001 with the Highland Presbyterian choir. We joined other choirs and had about 200 voices and sang in three very large venues to rather small audiences. In the Germany tour, as you

know, we had thirty one voices, sang in much smaller venues, but to packed houses.

I owe a great deal of gratitude to all the people who planned my trips. However, I do not think anyone worked as hard as Suzanne, Otto, Emery, and Margaret. To Suzanne for all the travel and housing planning and to Otto for the family connections. To Emery for all his hard work in selecting the music, arranging it in a logical sequence, and most of all, insisting on rehearsing and rehearsing and rehearsing until we arrived at a degree of excellence which made me feel very comfortable in participating in our program. And we all know how hard Margaret works to be the best that she can be. To these four individuals I say BRAVO and a huge heartfelt THANK YOU. I will never forget this trip and all the wonderful people with whom I got to experience it. --PEACE, Dave Ebersole



YOUTH KICK OFF BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 7, there will be a Kick Off Breakfast beginning at 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room for **ALL** youth (*grades 6-12*), youth parents, youth teachers (*past and present*) and anyone interested in being involved in Youth Ministry.

At 9:30 a.m. we'll be sharing the vision for youth events and activities along with volunteer opportunities for **ANYONE** in our CONGREGATION and Church Family to be involved in the Youth Ministry. *You may even get a sneak peek at photos shared by youth about our trips to Jr. High Work Camp and National Youth Conference.*

IF YOU envision Youth Ministry as a part of YOUR call to be involved in church - Let's Plug you in! Please pray and consider how you may be a blessing to our Youth! **We need:** teachers, advisors, creative people, writers, sports and games enthusiasts, mentors, drama actors, bakers, soup cooks, organizers, grandparents and the list goes on!!! **Whatever your skills—WE CAN USE YOU!** The Youth need to SEE You in Action—Doing what you LOVE to share with the next generation—**Your Witness is Life Changing!**

Contact **Renea Snyder** at 291-5749 or LRsnyder3@comcast.net, if you are planning to attend. **ALL are welcome.**

--Linda Dows-Byers

CLIMBERS

There will be no activity for the month of August.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13, to see Ryan and Friends at Hershey Farms Restaurant & Inn. A note of great thanks to John and Dee Zimmerman for the outstanding Road Rally that they assembled for the Climbers on July 12.

All participants, as well as those joining the group for supper, had a fun time. Again, *bats off* to John and Dee. --Thanks, Gene Mummau

AUGUST PMT ENERGY TIP

Bigger isn't better! Your new room air conditioner needs to be the right size. The Department of Energy estimates 20 BTU for each square foot of living space is best. A unit too large will cycle on and off too frequently and won't be as efficient as a smaller unit running for a longer time.



ARE WE READY FOR SCHOOL?

Readiness- to be prepared for, to be properly equipped, to be eager and enthusiastic.

For students, readiness means answering "yes" to the question "Are you ready for school?" A "yes" answer means that a student is ready academically and, at a more basic level, properly fed, clothed and sheltered.

Most of us are, or have been, concerned with academic **readiness**

- identifying our talents, developing our intellects and

skills. We have assumed that adequate food, clothing and shelter is a minor concern.

But this year there will be about 1,000 homeless students in the School District of Lancaster living on the margins. Adequate clothing, food and shelter may be their primary concern, taking priority over academics.

Can we doubt that concerns with basic needs will impede academic development? Is there anything we can do to help these students?

We can do something now about the homeless students in the School District of Lancaster. Through the **Be An Angel** project which continues through **August 10**, we can provide uniforms and school supplies for these students. Please be generous.

Notice the "**We**" in the above title. Jesus said "*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" (Matthew 25:40). These students are our brothers and sisters. They are part of our community. Are we ready for school?

--Hunger and Poverty Group

PATHFINDERS' UPCOMING EVENTS

A reminder to all members of the Pathfinders Fellowship Group to check the bulletin board for upcoming activities. The sign-up sheet is now posted for the



brunch at Aussie and the Fox on Sunday, September 28, following the Sunday morning service.

October activity - Game night for all game lovers. It may be as exciting as the Bible Quiz Bowl.

--Your committee: Sue, Judy, Dee, Bretta

MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS FOR HAITI UPDATE

In January of 2013 our Church Board approved a special fundraiser for our congregation to raise \$100,000 to support the establishment of Mobile Health Clinics in Haiti. Up to this point we have raised more than \$89,500 towards our goal. Thank you to all who made it possible to reach this point. Outreach Ministry Team is encouraging members and friends of the congregation to reach into their pockets to come up with new contributions in order that we can fulfill our goal of raising \$100,000 by the time of the October congregational meeting. As soon as we retire this fundraiser, we can move onto new ministries that need our support.

The following paragraph is from the link <http://www.brethren.org/haiti-medical-project/> of the Church of the Brethren website.

During its first full year of operation—2012—the mobile clinics met with enthusiastic support from community members, Haitian church leaders and the medical team. In 2013 the number of clinics were expanded by nearly 50% and 23 were held, serving 3,347 persons. And in 2014 a total of 48 clinics are targeted, hopefully serving some 7,000 persons.

To support this project, make your donations to Lancaster CoB with *Haiti Project* in the memo. Any question, call Otto Schaudel, 509-5863.
--The Outreach Ministry Team



NEW MUSIC CLASS SEASON TO START

The first season of children's music classes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was such a success that we will start a new season mid-September. The children in the child/caregiver class (birth through age 3) experienced music through moving, singing, listening and playing instruments.

The children in the independent music class (ages 4 and up) also experienced

music through singing, moving, listening and playing instruments as they prepared song selections for performance. They performed in the Traditional and Morning Psalm worship services four times throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring seasons as well as for the Christmas Eve Family Service in December. There is no cost to participate in either class. If your child would like to be a part of either of these music classes, please contact **Jamie Nace** at: jnace77@gmail.com or 397-4751, ext. 106 to sign up. --Jamie Nace



Children's Music Classes

VISIT TO ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Those interested are invited to attend a unique event at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster (Manheim Twp.) on Monday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. The congregation has developed a



most interesting Spiritual Center where they hold inspiring and instructive events and retreats.

There are areas dedicated for large and small groups with a chapel, library and break-out rooms. It also features an outside labyrinth where walking tours can be done. Heading north on route 272, St. Thomas Rd. is the 3rd left after the traffic light at Landis Valley Rd. Questions about this event, contact Calvin Wenger at 664-6325.

BV NEWS

Thank you to Jim Landis, Leonor Ochoa, Maria Ramirez, Alix Sable and Diana Wiker for volunteering to help with the Outdoor Wheel Chair Walk at Brethren Village on Thursday, June 26.

The August Outdoor Wheel Chair Walk at Brethren Village will be on Thursday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m. Meet at Wolfe Auditorium. Walks last about 30-45 minutes. Please call Marilyn Hummel, 295-9121, if you would be able to help. Thank you.

Annual Brethren Village Birthday Party—Every year our church is responsible to host a birthday party for the residents at Brethren Village. This year the party is on Tuesday, September 2. The following items are needed: Angel Food Cakes, Ice Cream Dixie Cups, Party Favors, Table Centerpieces, Paper Products, Snacks and Beverage. Please call me at 295-9121 to let me know what you would be willing to donate. Thank you.

--Marilyn Hummel, LCOB's Brethren Village Key Person

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The upcoming 24th Annual Golf Tournament will benefit Brethren Village. Dust off those clubs and form a foursome for the September 11, 2014, tournament at Foxchase Golf Club. There are brochures in the Gathering Place for those individuals or groups that would like to participate. For more information, contact Jim Heck.



HIS MYSTERIOUS WAYS

Okay, I admit it, I chose this title because what I am about to describe fits to a “T” the stories that fall within this feature in Guideposts magazine. Things happen in our lives that we can only attribute to the quiet working of God in our lives when we least expect it.

This past April 14, a Monday, was just a few days before my brother, who is a year older than me and with whom I was very close growing up, and I were to take a trip up to Somerset County to visit our dad. Dad had turned 87 last October, and we were looking forward to spending a day with him. He couldn’t hear us over the phone, which seemed to be a combination of needing his ears cleaned and hearing loss. Having a telephone conversation with him had become impossible. Although we worried about him being three hours away, there was no talking him into coming down to live with us. I always said I couldn’t see him being so stubborn, that I didn’t want to be that way (but talk to my kids: they’ll tell you, “It’s too late, Dad, you’re already there!”).

Dad had brought our family to Lancaster County in 1966, stayed for twenty-four years, and then went back up to the mountains in 1990 to be with old friends with whom he had formed a country band, back in his young years, under the name “The Arbutus Ramblers.” What a wonderful childhood we had, growing up with so much music around us. Dad was completely self-taught, playing mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar, and harmonica – and with a device to hold the harmonica up to his mouth, he played both that and the guitar at the same time! We were always amazed by that.

Over time, naturally, the band friends and older family members began to pass away until there was no one left of the original band but Dad. He was always fiercely independent, having grown up during the depression years and serving two years in the Army Air Corps as an MP, some of the time being spent in Germany. He loved his mountains, hiking, target shooting, gardening, and having a great deal of peace and quiet. We knew the time would much more than likely come when we would learn that he passed away without us finding out in a timely fashion.

That April Monday, regional police showed up at my brother’s home in Lititz to tell him that Shade Township police, where Dad lived, called and asked them to find one of us. They had been alerted by the mailman that Dad’s mail was not being collected, and thus had to force their way into his house. They found him deceased on the first floor. In spite of his age, the loss was nonetheless quite a shock. We hadn’t really had time to process it all when, on the following Monday, I received

a call that a favorite great aunt, the last surviving member of my grandfather’s immediate family, passed away at the age of 95. Within two days I became very ill with the flu and was unable to attend her funeral.

Dad and Mom had chosen, back in the late ‘70’s, to have cremation, and Dad in particular chose direct cremation with no funeral service desired. So in the weeks that followed, we did everything we had to do with having the cremation done, getting his remains back, and beginning the tough job of cleaning out his house and getting ready to sell the property. As of this writing, we are still working out the details for addressing all of this through an auction.

Dad’s remains were to be placed to rest with our mother’s at Conestoga Memorial Park, just south of Lancaster. When Mom passed away in May 1982, her remains went into a niche that was at the time in a block of niches that was outside. In later years, a sizable mausoleum was constructed that took in our parents’ niche, among others, and many above-ground crypts. Over the 32 years since, I had been in the mausoleum a few times, but much of it I could not recall because of how infrequently I went.

When we finally obtained Dad’s veteran’s burial flag and had arranged a time and date for the Red Rose Honor Guard to provide their services, we gathered in the chapel area of the mausoleum on Tuesday, June 17. The day and evening before, I was trying to decide what to speak about, as I knew there would be only family there and that the majority of them do not have home churches they regularly attend. As I looked on the Internet, I came across a funeral service message that a pastor had prepared for an elderly person in his church. Although the content was not relevant to our present situation, I liked the heading, “Let Not Your Hearts be Troubled,” and adopted that for a very brief message.

The following Scripture was part of the message:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”ⁱ

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”ⁱⁱ

Part of the message also was an encouragement to those gathered to put the effort into reaching out to an individual with whom you are not close, which may

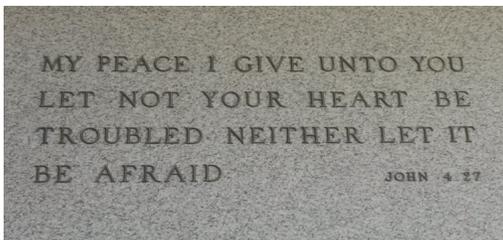
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seem difficult to do, but to do so to see if you can bring about change in the relationship between that person and yourself. Dad was not naturally a demonstrative guy in terms of expressing emotion, and was not prone to hugging even family. But after Mom passed, we began telling him over the phone, "love you," just before hanging up. It only took a few times and he began saying it back before he hung up. And gradually, as we drove up to visit him over a twenty-four year period, he began to look for that hug when we came in the door, to the "love you" as we left to head home, and another hug before going out the door. The effort was well worth it. My children and grandchildren all came to love their Grandpa/Great-Grandpa.

As the Honor Guard began their part of the service in the chapel, we were seated on the left side of the room facing a marble wall, with Mom & Dad's niche to the right of that wall. I suddenly looked up the marble wall, which I had not before thought about, and was stunned at what I saw: I was nearly in tears as "Taps" played, loudly and beautifully, and then was speechless as the flag folding was completed and one of the volunteers saluted and presented the flag to me. As I stood and moved the lectern closer to the group, I told them I would keep remarks brief because it was extremely hot and humid in the room. I announced the title of what I wanted to share with them, and then said, "Look up at the marble wall behind me. I had no idea that was up there." There wasn't a person there who didn't raise eyebrows or drop a jaw. Every person expressed appreciation for the words brought to them that day.

Does God speak to us, inaudibly and even when we are not asking specifically for His intervention? You bet he does. And all we have to do is listen. In the midst of pain, He gives us His perfect peace.

--Lenny Lambert



ⁱ John 14, v. 1 through 6, King James Version

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THANK YOU, CONGREGATION

I would like to thank Calvin and Jeff and the church family for their prayers, cards and caring thoughts during my recent time of grief for the sudden loss of my son. It helps to know about the kindness and caring from the wonderful people of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

--Thank you again, DeDonna Forrest

I want to thank you for the many cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. Thank you to Calvin Wenger for visiting me in the hospital. I really appreciate all your kindness.

--Mim Longenecker

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all of the expressions of sympathy and concern during the passing of my father, Charles M. Lambert, this past mid-April. There were messages left, phone calls received, and I counted a total of 50 cards that came to the house! They are all so meaningful that I have planned a scrapbook to keep them in honor of Dad's memory. I am extremely thankful to be among so many caring people. It truly is a wonderful congregation.

--Lenny Lambert

Dear Church Family,

We would like to say THANK YOU to all of you for your prayers and caring this past few months during Mo's --waiting for surgery, surgery and now recovering at home. Thank you for the visits of Pastor Jeff, Cindy and Calvin. Thank you to the Prayer Breakfast Group for your weekly prayers and cards. Thank you to all of you for the cards and phone calls and visits. Each one of you holds a special place in our hearts, and we thank the Lord for you. May God Bless you.

--Mo and Rachel Salanh

Diana and I wish to express our deepest gratitude for all the cards, calls and kind thoughts expressed to us upon the death of my "Big Brother" Ted. While Ted's departure was unexpected it put to an end the years of suffering he had endured from MS. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of such a loving and caring church family!

--Sincerely, Doug Wiker

Thanks to my church family for all the cards and well wishes I received on my birthday, along with the prayers for recovery from my recent illness. With the prayers from my family, my church family and the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, there is no doubt God heard the message and wants me to stay with this

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

August 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 August they will continue their study of *1 Corinthians* following the *International Sunday School* curriculum, published by Brethren Press and written by our own Allen Hansell.

The One Another Class, coordinated by Linda Husted and Jeff Rill, meets in Pastor Rill's office for a time of fellowship and study. This class will not meet in August but will resume in September. 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. Topics in August include:

August 3 – *Dreaming a New Global Dream: The Art and Soul of Building Peace*, a video of **John Paul Lederach's** presentation at the 2013 NOAC conference..

August 10 – Discussion of the August 3 video, led by **Gene Bucher**.

August 17 – *From Grief to Rage: Psalm 137*, a discussion led by **Jay Weaver** of Chapter 9 of Eugene Roop's book, *Behind the Drama: the Old Testament You Missed*.

August 24 – *Diplomacy or Disobedience*, a discussion led by **Gene Bucher** of Chapter 8 of Eugene Roop's book, *Behind the Drama: the Old Testament You Missed*.

August 31 – *Friendship Across Enemy Lines*, a discussion led by **Allen Hansell** of Chapter 7 of Eugene Roop's book, *Behind the Drama: the Old Testament You Missed*.

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

life somewhat longer. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart.

--Galen Miley

A very caring congregation has been so faithful in offering prayers, sending cards, and calling on the phone. A special thank you to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, the deacons, and Calvin Wenger for his calls, prayers, and visits. Sharing their anniversary flowers was so thoughtful of Dr. and Mrs. Weaver. Thank you to Glenn and Ruth Shultz for arranging their delivery. As I start chemo in July, I know I'll have the continued support of the congregation.

--In Christian love, Joe & Judi Peffley

Many, many thanks for all the love and kindness our church family radiated to Carl plus all the Bomberger family in so many different ways. We all want to express our appreciation for your kindness. The

LCOB mission statement is: *To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.* Our family felt each one of you followed Christ's mission. Thanks!

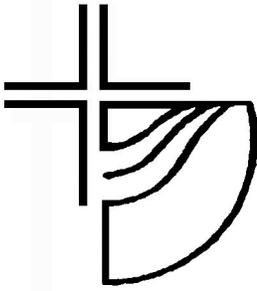
We all send our love.

--Milly Bomberger and family

Dear Lancaster Congregation,

We attended the memorial service on June 21 there for Ruth Landis, wife of Dr. Floyd Landis, who passed away recently at the Brethren Village at the age of 95. Her ashes had been laid to rest next to those of her husband in the Memorial Garden. The meaningful service was led by Calvin Wenger with talks by her four children. She and others were part of a generation that saw the realization of the present church building. We might want to keep in mind those deceased and others still living in loving gratitude and faith.

--Sincerely, David & Barbara (Landis) Long



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