

BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

May 2015

TRADITIONAL MUSIC CELEBRATION SERVICE!

On **Sunday, May 17**, in the 10:15 Sanctuary service, we will have our Traditional Music Celebration Service. This year, the theme is 'The Nature of Praise, and the centerpiece of the service is the Gloria of Antonio Vivaldi. It will be presented with oboe, trumpet, strings and harpsichord accompaniment. Featured soloists will be Giny Mackey, Annette Schopf and Jennifer Smith.



The service will also include John Rutter's 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' featuring oboist Jeffrey O'Donnell with the Chancel Choir.

The Carillon Bell Choir and organist Margaret Marsch will join in a stirring arrangement of 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' by composer Hart Morris.

The volunteer musicians of Lancaster Church of the Brethren spend months preparing for our special musical events, in addition to providing music in weekly worship services. Be sure to attend on May 17 to hear this musical celebration! --Emery DeWitt

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday is almost here! The youth are working hard to prepare their yearly youth Sunday service, which will be held on **May 3** in both Morning Psalm services. This year the theme is "Always Loved, Never Alone", from Romans 8:28-39. We hope you can join us! --Kelsey Murray



ONE MORNING PSALM SERVICE ON MAY 17!

The MPMT would like to hear from you as we look toward a proposed plan to merge MP back into ONE worshipping body. You are invited to join them for a time of discussion, **listening, and answering questions at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center on May 17.** This means that there will be one MP service at 10:15 that morning. After the success of our Easter gathering, we feel so blessed to once again be together as one large group - the energy and hope was palpable in that service and we trust that will continue when we gather on May 17 as well. Looking forward to where God is taking us together! --MPMT



For in the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY IS MAY 24

Because our Vision is "to be and to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world," I challenge you to commit to inviting and/or bringing one new person, couple, or family to Lancaster Church of the Brethren for worship or an activity by the end of June 2015. If having a Sunday to suggest visitors attend helps, invite people you know, who are not yet part of this congregation, to join us for worship on **Bring a Friend Sunday, May 24**, with a meal to follow.

Some people are a bit intimidated at the thought of inviting someone to your church. I like what Robert Schnase wrote in his book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: "An invitation is not complicated. In the first chapter of John's gospel, Jesus' invitation was simple: 'Come and see' (John 1:39). His disciples then used the same language to invite others. People don't need to know the answers to all the questions of faith and life to invite someone to church. They don't need to exaggerate or persuade or say more than is true. They simply and naturally find their own way of saying to acquaintances and those with whom they share common activities, 'Come and see.'"

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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
 10:15 a.m. Marvin Harnish



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Warren Evans
 John Graham

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Nicole Putt

ACOLYTES

Week 1: Maria Ramirez
 Week 2: Jack Smith
 Week 3: Luke Wenger
 Week 4: Sadie Bowser
 Week 5: Drew Smith



VAN INFORMATION

Glenn & Ruth Shultz - 569-7599



ATTENDANCE

March 15—280
 March 22—341
 March 29—377
 April 5—562
 April 12—393

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Apartment change:

Deb Chillas & David Heck
 740 N. Duke St., Apt. 4-H, Lancaster, PA 17602

New Address:

Lucille Buckwalter
 Moravian Manor
 Grube Haus Apt. #1
 465 W. 2nd Ave., Lititz, PA 7543

MAY BIRTHDAYS

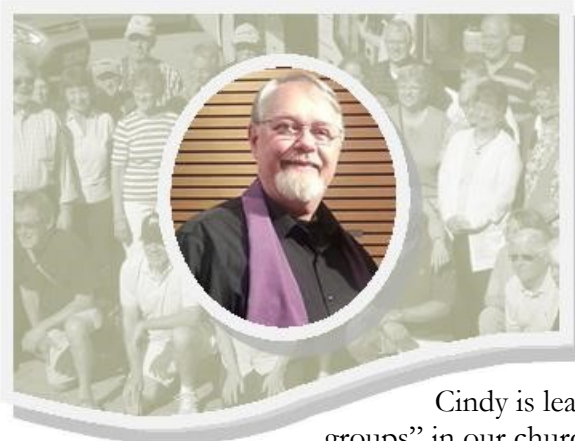
1 Matt Shaffer	9 Sherry Weaver	17 Kyle Shirk	26 Madelynn Riedel
2 Barb King	Jodi Yingling	Jill Bridgeman	Andrew Shulenberger
3 Melode Forsha	10 Joan Yunginger	18 Judi Hess	27 Kate Kinderwater
Nathan Biemiller	11 John Graham	Nicklaus Kreider	Joe Peffley
Gladys Arnold	Lukas Murray	20 Audrey Martin	Joanne Mellinger
Steve Holsinger	13 James Biemiller	Donna Wilson	28 Loura Keepers
Wendie Holsinger	Joe Bryson	Donna Hernandez	29 Gwen Martin
Bonnie Frick	Russ Morrow	21 Don Hursh	Laura Bowser
4 Andrew Graham	14 Stu Kauffman	23 Taylor Husted	30 Courtney Riegen
Laurie Rhoades	Juanita Lunger	Larry Ross	Lois Shenk
5 Robert Smith	15 Annette Schopf	24 Dory Voulopos	
Liz Roth	16 Jeanne Heck	25 Pat Breidenstine	
Otto Schaudel	Emery DeWitt	Shirley Frey	
Vince Ruby	Ella Nace		
	Troy Nace		
	Luke Wenger		



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC'S DESK

I was speaking on the phone last week with a member of our choir who is recovering from surgery. In the conversation I mentioned that it was my turn to write this column for May, and her response was immediate: "You should write about the loving and caring nature of our choir!" It was on her mind, because she has so recently been the recipient of that loving care, and I realized it is indeed a wonderful thing to celebrate.

Do you remember Tim Tanner, who several years ago was our Minister of Education? He was such a thoughtful young man. He once said to me, "The LCOB choir for me exemplifies the sort of caring and service that exemplifies the best of the Brethren nature." Quite a compliment! Our choir is a community that is about much more than singing, even though they are very serious about that service too. Here are some ways that they exemplify "Brethren service."



1. **They love one another.** There is a joy in being together that is immediately evident to new members of the group. Our time of gathering is one of many hugs and warm greetings, and choir members know a lot about each other's lives, families and interests.
2. **They are intentional in their service to each other.** When someone is ill or has a life setback, the group is quick to surround them with many expressions of love and concern, whether it be cards and calls, meals delivered, "love offerings" of money or time, and more.
3. **They are consistent in their service.** They take Galatians 6:9 to heart, which admonishes us to "...

be not weary in well doing." Some of our choir members have literally dedicated years of service to refugee families, and to service projects in our church.

4. **In serving, they reflect the love of God.** We have been given so much by our gracious Lord! Our service to each other is a reflection of God's love and a joyous outpouring of our response to that love.

Of course these beautiful traits of service are reflected by many other groups in our congregation! It's why Pastor

Cindy is leading a push for more "small groups" in our church right now. It's easy to get lost or remain anonymous in a congregation of hundreds of members, but much harder to "fall off the radar" if you are a member of a group of 10 or 20 or 30. Find a group in this congregation that shares your passions for service, and join it, or if you can't find one that shares your passions, start one!

On Sunday, April 12, Pastor Jeff preached a sermon in which he noted the ways that the early church cared for each other. He quoted the early church leader Tertullian, who wrote in Latin to explain Christians to the pagans of the Roman Empire. He said, "Look how they love one another!" In this, he echoed John 13:35, which says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This is how we are to live, in joyous love and service to each other, so that all who look will exclaim at that love! May we do so individually and together, celebrating the bonds of love that unite us in Jesus Christ.

--Emery DeWitt

"Bring a Friend" Cont'd from cover.

"People have no reluctance telling others where they get their hair cut, where they get their car fixed, where they like to eat. And yet, concerning the most important relationship Christian disciples have—the one to God through Christ's church—they feel hesitant to speak. They don't want to intrude or appear pushy or sound too fanatically religious. But think of all the church means, all that relationship to God means, the perspective of faith, the understandings of life, the relationships gained, the sense of meaning and connection and contribution experienced. Why wouldn't we desire these things for the people we respect and love, and for the neighbors and co-workers we share our lives with? We pray to God for those who are in our lives. Why not invite them so that they have the kind of relationship to God we

have?"

Friends, people are looking for a church that makes them feel welcome, accepted, and loved. We are blessed with a caring congregation, where worship is passionate, opportunities to serve and give abound. I challenge you to commit to inviting and/or bringing one new person, couple or family to Lancaster Church of the Brethren for worship or an activity by the end of June 2015.

On "Bring a Friend Sunday," and each Sunday, be friendly to people you already know and those you do not yet know, to God's glory and for the good of all.

--Pastor Jeffrey B. Rill

GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for open discussion on all kinds of grief: loss of job, loss of financial security, divorce and loss of a loved one.

We will meet for **7 Mondays starting May 11** and continuing through the end of June in Rooms 162-163 at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. We will not meet Memorial Day, May 25.

This is a time to have a safe place to discuss what is on your mind and share what experience has helped you to handle a time of grief.

Leaders will be Deb Chillas, David Heck, Clyde and Shirley Wenger. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Deb Chillas at 475-9818.



BASKET OF LOVE

Women's Fellowship is once again collecting items for a "Basket of Love". You'll find the shopping list near the basket in the Gathering Place. Choose what you want to bring by signing your name. You can bring your items to the Gathering Place and put them in the laundry basket provided. These items help those leaving prison and are facing many challenges often without the aid of family and friends. They cannot afford basic supplies like those on the shopping list. Your help may make it possible to find employment, housing, and contact family. The last Sunday to bring your items will be June 14. We will present the "Basket of Love" at the Women's Fellowship gathering on June 20 in the Family Life Center at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for providing items for our service project to a needy recipient who wants to turn their lives around for the "better." --Diana Wiker



MAY PMT ENERGY TIP

Set your air conditioner thermostat at 78 degrees. Use fans for additional comfort.



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CLIMBERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Saturday, May 9, the Climbers Fellowship Group will feature Sauder's Stories & Songs in the FLC of Lancaster CoB, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Pathfinders Group are invited to be our guests for this event. Pathfinders, please call Rachel Salamh @ 627-3078 if you plan to join us. Climbers will be called by their contact person around the first of May.



Don't forget that the June 20 event will be the Barnstormers Ball Game Group Outing. Contact George & Cindy Harmes of the Hospitality Ministry Team @ 569-5277 for tickets. Your Climber contact **will not** be calling you for this event.

Looking ahead to October 8, Climbers Fellowship is sponsoring a bus trip entitled "Horseshoe Curve Fall Foliage Tour" to the Altoona, PA area. For information and a brochure, contact Linda Heck @ 560-



2003. If no answer, please leave a message with your name, address and telephone number. Tour cost is \$95.00 per person. Deadline for reservations is September 4.

Tour is open to Climber and Lancaster CoB members and friends.

--Bob & Mary Ann, Elvin & Linda, Mo & Rachel

NURSERY NEWS AND UPDATE

Have you stopped by our nursery lately? If you have, you would have noticed that it's getting very full. What a blessing! We have so many little ones for both the 9:00 a.m. hour and the 10:00 a.m. hour. And, as I'm sure you know, we have some more little ones on their way this fall. How exciting! With all these young friends, comes a need for more volunteers to help in the nursery. We are looking for helpers to be in the Crib Nursery, with our staff person Marjorie, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. We are also looking for helpers to serve as a second person in both the Crib Nursery and the Toddler Nursery from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. This is a wonderful ministry! It's where our youngest attenders first get to experience their church community. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Jamie Nace. at 397-4751 ext.) 106.



YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Calling all young adults, ages 18-35! Young Adult Conference is May 22-24 at Camp Swatara! Come make new friends and reconnect with old ones for a weekend of worship, small groups, workshops and more! The theme is: "You Shall Go Out With Joy:



Turning the World's Thorns into Joyful Action" coming from Isaiah 55:12-

13. Cost is \$150.00. LCOB will be providing a \$70 scholarship for all young adult members attending. Please contact Kelsey Murray for more info at lan-cob.youth@comcast.net or 717-606-6103.

NEW MAJOR FUND DRIVE TO BEGIN

The Lancaster COB is a very generous congregation. In January of 2013 our congregation approved a 3-year fund drive with a goal to raise at least **\$100,000** to support the Mobile Health Clinics in Haiti. When we celebrated the completion of this most recent fund drive at a Soup and Salad luncheon on November 23, 2014, we had raised \$104,500 in less than two years. This is quite an impressive accomplishment!

Now the Outreach Ministry Team and the Church Board are recommending that we begin a second major fund drive as envisioned in our 2020 Goals. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next 5 years in support of the new Food Hub of the Lancaster County Council of Churches. This money will go towards the LCCC's goal of \$2.5 million needed to pay for and renovate a 27,000 square foot building at 812 N. Queen Street which will be used for the establishment of not only a greatly expanded food bank, but also an educational center for nutrition and financial classes, an expanded clothing bank, PA Workwear & Wheels to Work programs plus administrative offices.

Our giving in support of the Nigerian Crisis Fund will continue for the time being. So far donations totaling \$24,658.73 have been received to support our brothers and sisters displaced by violence in Nigeria.

With anonymous pledges totaling \$50,000 as a matching grant for the Food Hub, our congregation needs to raise another \$50,000 to achieve our total goal of \$100,000 by 2020. With our generous giving record, the Lancaster Church of the Brethren can surely accomplish this goal, perhaps in less than 5 years. Your contributions to the Lancaster County Council of Churches should be made to LCOB with *Food Hub* clearly marked in the memo.

--Otto Schaudel for the Outreach Ministry Team

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Cue the Pomp & Circumstance! If you are graduating or know of someone graduating from high school, college, graduate, or doctorate, please notify Kelsey Murray (lan-cob.youth@comcast.net) by May 24 so that we can celebrate their accomplishments. Graduation Sunday will be June 7.



LET US HELP THE HUNGRY

Matthew 25:40. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'."

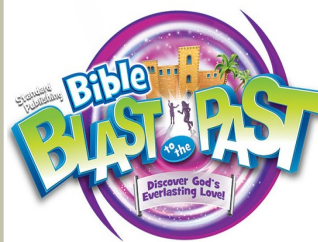
Come serve those in Lancaster who wait to be fed on **Tuesday, May 26**, at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Helpers will be needed between 4 and 6:45 for serving, washing dishes set up and tear down. You may also volunteer to be the cook's helper. The cook is David Heck.

Please sign up for times to help or to donate a dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. We will probably serve around 200 people. You won't want to miss this humbling opportunity. For questions, please call Deb Chillas at 475-9818.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now for a "Blast to the Past" Vacation Bible School, **June 28-July 2!** Children age 3 through grade 5 will travel back in time to discover God's everlasting love. We will learn and have fun through Bible stories,



music, games, snacks and service projects. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter and on flyers posted around the church. Contact Jamie Nace or Madelynn Riedel with any questions.



MISSION TRIP

Would you like to make a difference in some one's life?

MEPA's MISSION'S TEAM

Invites you to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ as we go to Altamira, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Goals:

1. BVS through puppets
2. Provide hygiene kits to needy people in a maternity hospital
3. Share the Gospel

Mepa's Missions Team will be going to Altamira, Puerto Plata, in Dominican Republic in **July 24 to August 2, 2015**. Participant's contribution is \$900. This includes round trip, meals and lodging. For information please call Alix or Arelis Sable at 481-0178 or email alix063sable@gmail.com



FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

At the 2014 Spring Congregational Meeting the congregation approved the recommendations from Property and Stewardship Ministry Teams to move forward with a short term improvement project that includes but not limited to the following:

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>
Chapel painting:	\$17,245	
Sanctuary painting:	\$50,510	\$28,385
<i>(Pew refurbishing still to happen.)</i>		
Paint 3 exterior fluted columns		
& 16 metal posts:	\$ 2,185	
Carpet in chapel & sanctuary:	\$20,000	
Chancel raising:	\$20,000+	
<i>(Handicap accessibility TBD)</i>		
A/V update in FLC	\$ 8,000	\$14,985
New curtains in FLC	\$ 3,000	
Lighting costs	\$??,???	\$25,978
Estmtd Cost vs. Actual Cost	\$120,940+	\$69,348

Total Contributions collected to date (4/19/15) is \$76,615.00. This leaves \$7,267.00 in this fund. There are several large projects still on the Property list to accomplish, please continue your financial support to help with these much needed updates. Write "Facilities Improvement Fund" on your check or envelope to designate your contribution. Thank you to all who have contributed thus far, it is much appreciated. We are very blessed at LCOB.

"GOD DOESN'T DO FRACTIONS"

On January 29 of this year more than 50 volunteers from the Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness combed graveyards, parks, woods, and downtown areas to locate homeless persons. They found 359 homeless persons. This is fewer than 498 in 2014 and 666 in 2009. A Coalition spokesperson indicated that a "housing first" approach is credited with the decreasing numbers. Previously a "housing ready" model had been used that put resolving a homeless person's issues ahead of housing. (from news article by Jeff Hawkes in the March 9 LNP newspaper.)

Why should we be concerned about the homeless, whether the number is 359 or higher? Jesus, in the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15), tells of a shepherd having a hundred sheep and one of them strayed. The shepherd left the ninety-nine and searched for the lost one until he found it. Then he put it on his shoulders with joy, took it home, and told his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him.

Clarence Jordan, in his Cotton Patch Parables of Liberation, comments on this parable: "God doesn't go by the kind of arithmetic that you and I go by. God has never learned to deal in fractions . . . It's just that way with love. There is no fraction in it. You can't break it up into pieces. And God wants the whole human race. He just can't deal in fractions."

"And so Jesus is saying to these people who were griping and mumbling and grumbling about the fact that he was taking in all kinds of people, bums and drunks and the poor folks and everybody, he was saying, 'Well, I just can't help it. God just has a sentimental attachment for his people. And, whether you like it or not, God loves 'em, and it does seem to me that if they're precious in God's sight, they ought to be precious in yours, too.'"

Who are the homeless? According to Jesus, we are included in the homeless count.

--Hunger and Poverty Group

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.

BYERS' MISSION TRIP UPDATE

We are grateful; Tiffany sent a quick email to remind us to write a message for this newsletter. Our lives are full and busy working with teams, taking care of the daily tasks regarding the camp and preparing for the regular evening events each day. This week our team is a group of 7 ladies from a church in Farmington, Missouri. The youngest member of the team is 51 and the oldest is 81! We love getting to know everyone who comes to serve. I think this is the oldest group we have had working with us.

A week ago we welcomed our youngest group so far, 4th and 6th graders from Freeport Bahamas with their teachers. They came for the Easter weekend to learn about Bahamian history and have fun. Most Bahamian's don't get the opportunity to travel around their own country because it is expensive to get from island to island. These students attend a private school. A trip like this would be impossible for any public school in the country.

The island of Eleuthera is really the historic hub of the country. There is a place here called **Preacher's Cave** which would be like our Plymouth Rock and the settlement of Governor's Harbor would be like our Williamsburg, VA settlement. Each Friday I get to share what I have learned about the history of the Bahamas with our teams when we take excursion day on their last day on the island.

On weekdays we have teams out in the community doing plenty of work. David and I lived in two different locations for a week in March. I was working with a team on the southern part of the island while David stayed back at the main camp. I was sleeping on an air mattress in a church fellowship hall with the team while he was back at our house (the 12x12 room) in a bed. However, David was hosting 55 teens and adults while Bush (*one of our GREAT Bahamian site leaders*) and I only had 9 team members to lead.

The stories of the people we work for vary greatly. Our teams have been helping a gentleman named **Nebert** by building him a completely new house. He has been living in his car for the last 7 years. One of the team members even bought him his first piece of fur-

niture, a plastic porch chair. Nebert is so grateful to now have a home.

We have helped a family who has been living with relatives because they have a child with major medical expenses and had no way to complete the home they started years before. We are helping, Santeesha, a mother who left her abusive husband. We are restoring an abandon home for her and her 3 boys. Until this home is finished she is living in her uncle's home. Another home which fell into disrepair is the home of Mr. Dewitt White who is in his 70's. He had to abandon it over 10 years ago and move in with his daughter. Mr. White now has a new roof and we will begin to restore the floor and replace all of the doors and windows.

We so appreciate all of your love, cards and support for us and Ma-son too. We look forward to when you may get the opportunity to visit our work in person!

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pe we encounter. We feel so blessed and honored for God to have called us to this mission and that with your help we were able to go. We will be sharing more about our work this summer at an insight session during Annual Conference in Tampa.

Peace and Love to You,
Linda and David Byers



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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)

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you for your visits, prayers and kindness that have been shown to Theresa and me during the past two months? Helen Keller said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Our heartfelt thanks to all who cared. Thank you so much.
-- Theresa and Hank

To all who called, sent cards, and offered prayers during my recent knee replacement surgery and recuperation, thank you. A special thank you to the pastors for their visits and to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for their cards and prayers. -- Judi Peffley

The wait, the choices, the surgery, the recovery enveloped in a sphere of lingering uncertainty was easier done with prayers from everyone. Bob and I appreciate all who have reached out to us in their individual, comforting ways and have respected my request for personal space during my unexpected journey.
--Bonnie Frick

Many Thanks... During my long period of recovery from surgery, I have been very grateful for the support I have felt from the pastoral staff, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast, and our Undershepherd Group. I thank everyone who prayed for me, spoke with me over the phone, and sent me cards and e-mails. --Al Hansell

I wish to thank everybody in my church family for their warm and helpful support in my short hospital stay and recuperation at home. I deeply appreciate all the prayers, visits, cards, meals, and everything else I received. I thank God for this church, and that I can be a part of it. May God bless us all, as we continue to share together. --Lois Shenk

Dear Church Family,

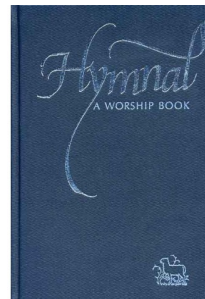
My sincerest appreciation for all the kindnesses

shown to me following our accident in mid-February. The many cards, visits, remembrances and prayers were all uplifting to my spirit. Calvin Wenger, Pastor of Caregiving, has been most faithful. In spite of physical limitations, times of anxiety and frustrations, the appearance of a pastor at my door was very calming. My thanks to the pastoral staff and the cards and prayers from the Wednesday morning prayer group. This was truly a lesson on patience! Thank you, dear friends, for helping me endure this rough trial.
Blessings to all! --Doris Bridgeman

HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE SOMEONE WITH A HYMNAL

The **Traditional Worship Ministry Team** is taking orders for copies of *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, the current hymnal used in our congregation. Since its adoption in the early 1990's, we continue to replace and replenish our supply of these hymnals for the chapel and sanctuary. Many of our hymnals are showing substantial wear and tear. Research shows will need to replace 120-140 books.

Look for more information in the **Gathering Place** and **Heritage Center** regarding how to purchase a hymnal in memory or in honor of someone special. The hymnals will be used in our services and will bear the standard commemorative bookplate on the inside cover. The cost will be approximately \$16.00 each. You may certainly purchase more than one if you would like.



Your donation will be appreciated, and you have the chance to honor someone else with your gift! --Mark Forsha

ANNUAL LAWN PARTY

LCOB Annual Lawn Party is Wednesday, June 3, 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 17 for a flyer asking for you to consider donating a food item. **We need volunteers to help pick the donated strawberries on Monday, June 1, 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! --
8 Hospitality Ministry Team



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

May 2015

*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 meets in the Chapel. The theme in May will be *One in the Bond of Love*, using scriptures from *1 Corinthians*, *3 John*, and *Acts*. Teachers will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**.

Sacred Parenting Class, led by **Linda Husted** in room 170, is designed for parents of children ages 0-12, but is open to anyone. In May the class will be discussing the book 9 Ways to Bring Out the Best in You and Your Child, by Maggie Reigh. This book is about turning power struggles into powerful relationships. It is about raising children who are full of spirit and life, and about teaching them to be caring human beings. Maggie Reigh teaches that parenting is a matter of heart. Combining profound insights with practical ideas, Reigh shows parents how to raise respectful, responsible, and resilient children, while adding more life and laughter to their children's lives and their own.

The Story of Christianity is an intensive course in the history of the church, meeting in Rooms 162-163. The teacher is **John Snader**, President of Brethren Village. On May 10 & 17 John is not available; in those weeks the class will be led in other topics taught by **Dr. J. Kenneth Kreider**, Professor Emeritus of History at Elizabethtown College. Topics in May include:

May 3 – *Church Father – Jerome and the Latin Bible* (Gonzales, Chap. 23)

May 10 – *A Visit to Modern-day Cuba*: Photos & commentary by Ken Kreider; what he saw and heard there in January 2015.

May 17 – *The Medieval and Renaissance Church*, taught by J. Kenneth Kreider

May 24 – *Church Fathers – Ambrose and Augustine* (Gonzales, Chap. 21 & 24)

May 31 – *Fall of Rome; Beginning a New Era; Semester Wrap-up* (Gonzales, Chap. 25 & 26)

The Story of Christianity is based on Justo Gonzales' 2-volume textbook of the same title, and is being taught in alternating quarters over a two-year period. Part 1 will conclude May 31.

The Thoughtful Life Class, normally meeting in Rooms 162-163, is not meeting March – May, the quarter in which *The Story of Christianity, Part 1* is being taught. The TLC will resume in June.

Connections is a casual group meeting in Room 200 for coffee and conversation. 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: Brethren beliefs and history.

Fourth Sunday: Comparative religions and denominations.

Second Sunday: Hot topics based on current events.

Fifth Sunday: Pot-luck breakfast.

Third Sunday: Game Day. Games and casual conversation.

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

The **Maranatha** Ministry offers an adult Sunday School class in Spanish and English, taught by **Arelis Sable**. Further details are available from her.

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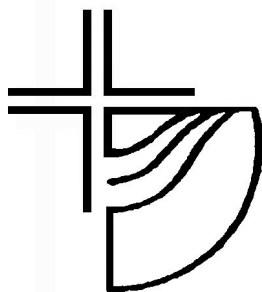
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GOALS

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

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Mon - Thur 8:00am—4:00pm
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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)

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9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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