



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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SHERI WEAVER TO SERVE AS INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

During the maternity leave of our Associate Pastor Cindy Lattimer,

Sheri Weaver will serve the LCOB as our Interim Associate Pastor for an approximate nineteen week period, beginning the **1st of September** and conclude the 11th of January. Sheri previously served as Associate Pastor at Lampeter CoB and Director of Church Development & Evangelism for the Atlantic Northeast District. Having an undergraduate degree in Marketing from the Virginia Tech University and a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite University, Sheri has taken several years

away from the ministry to begin her family. Her family includes husband

Mike (a bovine veterinarian at the Gap Veterinary Associates), son Noam (age 5), and daughter Eden (age 2½).

Sheri grew up in the Lebanon CoB, Mt. Sidney, VA, located in the Shenandoah District and husband Mike is from the Blue Ball

CoB of the Atlantic

Northeast District. Their current membership is with the Alpha & Omega congregation and they live at Atglen, PA. Please join me in welcoming Sheri to the LCOB.

--Jay Wenger



ALL CHURCH WORSHIP: PROMOTION & LICENSING

On **Sunday, August 30**, we will come together as one congregation in a combined worship service for Promotion Sunday. This service will be held in the Family Life Center at 10:15 a.m.

Promotion Sunday is a day we use to celebrate our children and youth moving into a new age/grade level in Children's and Youth Ministry. But, this is also a special time

to celebrate each and every member and friend of LCOB as we are promoted into a new year of worshipping our Lord and Savior. May each of us

strive to always be learners as our walk with Christ develops.

On this day, we will also celebrate, and promote, three persons as they become licensed Church of the Brethren Ministers.

We celebrate you, Leonor Ochoa, Carolina Izquierdo, and Eric Ramirez. We hope to see all of you

on August
30!



Eric Ramirez & Leonor Ochoa



Carolina Izquierdo

Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a working, worshiping, 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. John Byer
 8:40 a.m. Friedlinde and David Ebersole
 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 Neslund

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*John Groff Zachary Baughman Rich Bohn
 Marvin Harnish Rodney St. John Ed Riegen
 Calvin Wenger Shirley Wenger
 *Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Beverly Angle

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Shirley Gish Stauffer - 581-3347



ATTENDANCE

June 21—313
 June 28—331
 July 5—421
 July 12—323



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Bill Breidenstine	14 Linda Wampler	22 Susan Breidenstine	29 Milly Bomberger
2 Donna Brubaker	15 Althea Wiggins	23 Katrina Bridgeman	Ryan Forsha
Jamie Nace	Jennifer Martin	Keith Snyder	Maxine Shallenberger
3 Frank Fox	Kevin Groff		
4 Carlos Schaudel	Phyllis Spencer		
6 Andrew Putt	16 Todd Bookman	24 Pat Styer	30 Matthew Brubaker
7 Ed Riegen	18 Mark Forsha	Lisa Werner	31 Linda Heck
9 Lorraine Dotterer	19 Alex Hughes	25 Edison Rodriguez	
Kathryn Riegen	Craig Kinderwater	Ramirez	
10 Wilma Garland		27 Ellen Snader	
11 Andrew Nye	21 Marian Snader		
12 Thelma Weaver	Bob Bingaman		



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

After overhearing that she would become pregnant, Sarah has this response in Genesis 18:12 (The Message): *Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?"*

There is a lot in a laugh – much more than humor! Sarah is probably shocked, scared, excited, doubtful, and plain unable to wrap her head around the news. Unexpected blessing brings up a wide range of emotions – emotions that need to find their way out. Laughter is pretty good medicine for those situations.

When Ben and I first saw the image of two little babies on the ultrasound screen, we also laughed -laughed until we cried. We were shocked, scared, excited, doubtful, and plain unable to wrap our head around the new reality. Unexpected blessing is emotional because unexpected blessings are also upended expectations. God has a way of working in our lives in the middle of these things; we have to look for that work though. We also have to work through the grief, doubt, and fear that come with upended expectations.

There is a lot of change going on around us right now – and some of it involves upended expectations. There are changes in our national zeitgeist as conversations shift and move around racism, sexuality, symbols, rhetoric, and justice. There are changes in our church as we prepare for our second maternity leave together, as new folks join us and others move on, as programs, classes, and worship services seek God and each other in new ways. Sometimes we face situations together that shock, scare, and excite us about what we discover in the process of change. Sometimes we cannot wrap our heads around the new. Sometimes we may need to laugh – not to disparage or make light of serious situations or feelings – but to get the emotions out. Some-

times we laugh – because we know that our upended expectations can also make a way for unexpected blessings.



Pastor Cindy Lattimer

And always we remember God's faithfulness to Sarah, who responded to her laughter: *"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"* (Genesis 18:14, NRSV)

Here is some information about my upcoming maternity leave to aid in your planning: July and August I will be working part time because I am finding myself very short on energy – plus we don't want to trigger early labor or bed rest. At the beginning of September I will begin my leave (whether the babies have arrived or not – as my body will need the rest at that point either way), which will

last until around January 11. Ben, Everett, and I want to thank the many people who have helped keep us fed, clothed in clean clothes, and living in a clean home as we have tried to balance all those needs with my growing physical limitations. We also appreciate all of your prayers throughout the pregnancy and as we move into the final stages before bringing these boys into this loving community. We will let you know as soon as the boys are born. Since we anticipate a stay in the NICU, we do request that you wait until we are home to visit us and meet the twins. Only two people are allowed in the NICU at a time and they must be with a parent. Therefore, if we are visiting with you in the hospital, we are unable to be with the babies at the same time. We will happily take your cards, emails, and texts when the time comes. Of course – we hope the NICU expectation gets upended and we just get to bring two healthy boys home immediately – that's our prayer and we so appreciate your prayers for the same! Once we're all home, feel free to give us a call to find a good time to come by. We look forward to introducing the boys to the church family that has already shown them (and us) so much love.

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

AUGUST PMT

ENERGY TIP

Dryer Vent Check – Periodically check your dryer vent to make sure it's not blocked. Keeping it clean will save energy and may prevent a fire.

Before:

Build-up in your dryer vent may cause slow dry times, higher energy and repair costs and can be a potential fire hazard.



After:

- Dryer may dry faster
- Lower energy costs
- Less strain on your dryer
- Reduced fire hazard

A WONDERFUL GIFT FROM THE EYN!

When the EYN Women's Fellowship Choir came to visit in on July 5, it was a day of celebration at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The exuberant singing of our sisters from Nigeria, joined by the accompaniment of several percussion instruments, moved us all with their joy in the face of adversity and conflict in Nigeria.

At the end of their tour, we were given wonderful news: the Women's Fellowship Choir gave those amazing percussion instruments to LCOB as a gift! Director of Children/Youth Music Jamie Nace said it best when she said, "*We've already had such a wonderful connection with EYN and this will make us even more connected, using these instruments, as they have, to worship and bring people together.*" Amen! --Emery DeWitt



CLIMBERS NEWS

As in the past, Climbers will not be meeting in August. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

September 13 Climbers will be gathering at 4:00 p.m. for our **annual picnic** at Pheasant Ridge. Bring 1 wrapped \$2 gift per person for a birthday game. Weis & Giant gift cards will be accepted for Milagro House. We also ask that consideration be given as to who will be serving on the planning committee of Climbers Fellowship in 2016. The terms of Elvin & Linda and Mo & Rachel will expire the end of 2015. We will need someone to serve as treasurer of the group as well.

The committee asks that at least 6 individuals come forward to serve in these positions. If you are serious about having Climbers Fellowship continue, please contact one of the committee members and submit your name.

The **Horseshoe Curve Fall Foliage Tour for October 8** is definitely going. We have reached our minimum required passenger count and have sufficient seats to take additional reservations until September 4. If you have interest in this trip, please make your **check payable to "Climbers Fellowship"** and send to Linda Heck, P.O. Box 5093, Lancaster, PA 17606-5093. Tour cost is \$95.00 per person and is **open to Climbers and Lancaster CoB members and friends**. For those of you who have signed up for the trip, the committee requests that you send your payment to Linda Heck as soon as possible. Thank you. --Bob & Mary Ann, Elvin & Linda, Mo & Rachel

STARLIGHT TEA SERIES RETURNS!

The popular Starlight Tea Concert Series returns for its 2015/16 season with a concert by ***Musical Associates: A Chamber Chorus in Lancaster, PA.***



This auditioned chorus, under the direction of our own Emery DeWitt, rehearses during the summer months

and presents concerts of challenging music that is sure to please! The concert is **Saturday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

This year's concert is entitled *Love of My Soul*, which is the English translation of Z. Randall Stroope's *Amor di mi Alma*, one of the works featured on the program. The opening set of music features songs of love and praise to Almighty God, including Felix Mendelssohn's stirring *Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt*, a setting of Psalm 100. The first half also features an extensive set from Johannes Brahms' *Neue Liebeslieder Walzer* (New Love-song Waltzes).

The second half features music from the Renaissance to the present day, exploring the joy and pain of love lost and love found. Noteworthy is a world premiere of a choral work by local composer Dan Leistra-Jones entitled *Rise Up, My Love*, setting the biblical text from Song of Solomon. There's even a toe-tapping jazz number (*It's De-Lovely*) to round out the program!

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to join us for the start of another fine season of the best in classical music! --Emery DeWitt

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Studies show that one of the main reasons people volunteer or make financial donations is that they want to make a difference. We Christians realize that this is a gift from God to enable positive action in his kingdom.

Yet, sometimes, the challenges of society may seem so overwhelming and the evening news so disturbing that we might wonder how our small contribution can make a difference in the grand scheme of things.

Consider However: There once was a young boy who went to the beach for vacation with his family. He was sad to see that every day as the tide went out

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2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

From July 11 – 15, 2015 members of the Church of the Brethren met in Tampa, Florida for the 229th recorded Annual Conference of our denomination. The five days were filled with inspiring worship services, 64 various Insight Sessions from which to



choose, special meals sponsored by various agencies of the church with interesting guest speakers and, of course, the important business of the Church of the Brethren was discussed on

the three days sandwiched between the opening and closing days of the conference. A highlight of this year's gathering was the participation of our sisters and brothers of EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, and its Women's Fellowship Choir.

We invite everyone to come on August 30 at 9:00 a.m. to the Family Life Center to hear reports about Annual Conference. We will watch a short wrap-up video of the conference produced by David Sollenberger and our delegates will share comments on various aspects of the experience for each of them. Representing Lancaster CoB this year were Tim Dunbar, Cindy Lattimer and Suzanne Schaudel.

Even if you do not regularly attend Sunday School, please plan to be in the **Family Life Center at 9:00 on August 30** to learn more about the important work of our denomination. After Sunday School we will remain in the FLC as one body for a combined worship which will highlight our children who are being promoted into a new Sunday School Class and recognize the three individuals of Maranatha who will be licensed into ministry. ***It should be a great Sunday at LCOB!***

Cont'd: *The Importance of Making a Difference*

hundreds of starfish were left to dry up and die on the beach. Each day he would run along the beach, looking for starfish and throw them back into the water. His parents, frustrated that he was not building sandcastles and splashing in the water as they expected, tried to discourage this behavior.

As they walked along the beach with him, searching for starfish, his mother said, "Why are you doing this? When we go home, there will be no one to do it. What difference does it make?"

His father added, "You are wasting your time. Think of all the starfish that get washed up on beaches all over the world every day. You can't possibly make a difference."

The little boy stubbornly picked up one more

39TH BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be held at Lebanon Valley Expo Center on Friday and Saturday **September 25 and 26, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA Districts of the Church of the Brethren. All proceeds go to the



Glory of God and help fund the Brethren Disaster Relief Ministries. Many areas of the United States have suffered severe damage by many storms and flooding this past year and they need our help. What better way to support a very

worthy cause than to spend the day at a relief auction? You can enjoy good food and renew many old acquaintances, as well as volunteer a few hours of your time to make a difference in many people's lives. Save the dates and don't miss out on this opportunity to serve and help those that have suffered hardships.

You will be receiving an auction booklet in your mailbox and it will provide you with a schedule and description of the many things that will be happening and how you can volunteer. Also watch for additional announcements in the Sunday Bulletins, your mailbox and the bulletin boards, about how you can become involved. **Save the dates of Friday and Saturday September 25 and 26, 2015 for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.** --David Creighton

starfish, threw it back out to sea, turned to his parents and said, "I made a difference for that one!"

The same is true for our own contributions of time and financial resources. The total sum of the world's needs are so large that it sometimes seems like we are just throwing starfish into the sea. But remember, we are just responsible for the effort. Our Lord is integrator of results.

A real joy in my own life began when I added to my business card the statement "**Helping Others Make a Difference.**" This concept quickly a prioritizing force in my own life and generated clarity of purpose. It guides my financial contributions and projects I become involved with.

I would encourage each reader to develop their own concept of making a difference. You will be amazed at the difference it will make in your own life. --Frank Fox, Stewardship Chair

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Those of us who have never been homeless can only imagine the anxiety, fear, and the sense of helplessness connected with such a life, especially so if one is a child. Children have a right to expect adults to provide for them, support them, and care about them. However, that is not the case for far too many children. As we have been reporting in the **Be An Angel**



news, the School District of Lancaster anticipates 1000-1200 homeless students during the 2015-2016 school year.

What is it like being a homeless student? It does not necessarily mean the student is living on the streets or in a shelter, though that happens all too often. It literally means the child/youth has no permanent address. Perhaps an example will enhance our understanding. Mary (not her real name) is 12 years old and she lived with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend sexually abused her. To avoid him, Mary ran away from home. Mary begged her mother to leave with her, but her mother has no means of support. Mary is living with her close friend's family. That family already has six children and Mary will need to find another home when school opens. She has no money, few clothes, and she has no idea what to do. What will happen to Mary?

Mary's grandmother lives a few blocks away, but Nonna can barely care for herself. She loves Mary deeply, but she is incapable of providing her a home. If Mary is lucky, she might get placed in a good foster home. The chances are that Mary will live in a half dozen homes during the 2015-2016 school year. She will have a roof over her head, a place to sleep, and enough food to eat, but no place to call home. Mary is homeless.

Mary's type of story will get duplicated 1000 times during the next school year. Mary is a good kid, and a very good student. This August she must have a uniform in order to attend classes. Her uniform from last year is much too small.

Our **Be An Angel** effort will not provide Mary with a home, but it will enable her to continue her education. A uniform may not sound like much to us, but to Mary it is a life-line that hopefully will lead to a better future.

—Hunger and Poverty Group

MANY WAYS OF SERVING

Lancaster Church of the Brethren (LCOB) has many avenues for reaching out and serving people outside our congregation. We all can be proud of what we have accomplished in the past. Besides working and nurturing to keep a vibrant congregation, what we do in the area of Outreach and Serving defines who we are. The Scripture commands us to help the sojourner by helping the stranger in our midst to find a home and the means to become independent and helping those who need a lift in their lives to make it a go in our society. *Love your Neighbor as you love yourself* (Mark 12:31) sums up the scriptures about how we should treat all the people among and around us.

Through **our budget** process we support the work of the denomination.

- Atlantic Northeast—Mission and Ministry
- Brethren Colleges (Elizabethtown College)
- Brethren Retirement Homes (Brethren Village)
- Camp Swatara
- On Earth Peace
- Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC)

Through the distributions from the earnings of the Outreach & Scholarship Fund we support the endeavors of **local agencies** who work to end homelessness and to give single mothers a hand to become self-sufficient.

- Bridge of Hope
- Tabor Community Services
- COBYS

Outside the budget we support two seasonal projects.

- Heifer International—coordinated by Susan Adsitt—just in the 2014 Christmas season alone there were 9 Heifers, 5 Knitter's Baskets, 4 Water Buffalos, 3 Llamas, 2 Goats, 2 Sheep, 2 Pigs, 2 Tree Seedlings, 4 Trio of Rabbits, 1 Honeybee Colony, 4 Flocks of Chicks, 3 Ducks/Geese and a *Partridge in a Pear Tree*. Totaling about \$9350.
- Be an Angel—spearheaded by Lois and Al Hansell—For the seventh year school supplies and school uniforms are given to the homeless children in the School District of Lancaster.



Also, outside the budget are **Fund Drives**. LCOB was involved in a fund drive to aide Haiti Mobile Health Clinics and last fall the contributions ended with \$104, 500! The latest fund drive over the next 5

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Cont'd: *Many Ways of Service*

years is to collect \$100,000 in support of the new Food Distribution Center for the LCCC. We are blessed that two anonymous members of our congregation have pledged \$50,000 as a matching fund. Now it is our turn to support this by giving \$10,000 a year for 5 years.

Other fund drives include contributions to the Linda and David Byers mission in Eleuthera, Bahamas, and the on-going EYN Disaster Fund. So far, \$25,000 has been transferred to the CoB General Board EYN Disaster Fund.

All these efforts require a great deal of our financial resources. At the same time there are opportunities where we can make a difference that do not require monetary outlays.

For more than five years Rus Adsitt has been taking volunteers to New Windsor, MD, to check and repack Hygiene Kits for Church World Service or to SERRV, where we pack items from Third World Countries for shipping to the various locations in the US to sell. This LCOB service was started by David Creighton.

At the same time there is the opportunity for volunteers to help at the LCCC Food Hub at 812 N. Queen Street in Lancaster to sort, store and repack donated food for distribution. At least four members of our congregation serve several times a week.

Also, for several years two members of OMT/H&P, (Outreach Ministry Team and Hunger & Poverty Group), volunteer once a month to distribute food to the shut-ins at Church Street Towers in Lancaster.

There are even more volunteer opportunities available.

- The Pathfinders Fellowship Group has been organizing and assembling Hygiene Kits twice a year for more than 15 years.
- Twice a year Deb Chillas and David Heck organize the Community Meals for the homeless in Lancaster at First Reformed Church UCC.
- Several members of LCOB have served in Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS).

Thank you to all who volunteer and serve in these community outreaches, with your time and/or your financial contributions. All volunteers experience that giving is more rewarding than receiving.

--Otto Schaudel for OMT and H&P

Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The *absolute* deadline for the **September** issue is **August 15, 2015**.

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING/COORDINATING

Dear Pastor Jeffery Rill,

We trust that you and your community enjoyed the Nigerian EYN women's choir. Our hats are off also to Monroe Good for the tireless job he has done.

Here in Elgin, we want to take time and thank you and your church on behalf of the Nigerians who were treated to your hospitality. What a blessing!

Thanks again for your hard work on making your concert and the entire tour such a success. May God's blessing remain on you and your congregation as we continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply and together.

Grace and Peace be yours,

Carl and Roxane Hill

Co-Directors

Nigeria Crisis Response

EYN SAYS THANKS

Dear Pastor Jeff Rill and the Entire Lancaster CoB Congregation,

With pleasure and gratitude I write to inform you that we have arrived back to Nigeria very safely and pleasantly; Glory be to God Almighty. Our tour of the Church of the Brethren in USA was very successful, delightful and full of very worthwhile educative experiences and spiritual enhancement.

We are quite aware of and appreciate the very huge human, financial and material resources you people happily devoted to make us very comfortable and very happy. It is rather unbelievable how you accommodated such a large number of us for such a long period. It was indeed a very heavy burden that only God's people can willfully, happily and cheerfully accept to bear. And indeed you made us extremely comfortable and very happy throughout our very long stay with you. We are all particularly overwhelmed by your Christlike life and manifestation of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in all your relationship with us and your cheerful giving and sharing of all you have with us. This indeed is a practical display of radical and extravagant hospitality and generosity reflective of your Vision, Mission and Goals as a body of Christ. These are very rare Christian qualities unlike any we have ever experienced. For all these we neither have enough words nor any reciprocity to render, but to seek for God's blessings for you and to replenish all the resources you expended on all of us for the entire period of our very long visit.

Once more; may God Bless you richly!

Danjuma Gwany

What your Contributions are Doing for Our Nigerian Families

So far, because of the generosity of Churches like yours, more than 20,000 displaced persons have received emergency food and basic materials from the EYN Disaster Team.



Three large tracts of land have been purchased by Church of the Brethren Nigeria (EYN) for the building of Care Centers for displaced people. At these Care Centers people are removed from the most dangerous areas of NE Nigeria. The large tracts of land will provide space where farming can begin and people will be able to resume "normal" life again.

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The leaders of the NGOs are proving to be people who really care. Sewing machines, bean cake making supplies and grinding machines are giving desperate people hope by setting them up with a business of their own. Another important area as part of the recovery program is trauma and reconciliation work. Together with Mennonite Central Committee we are training trainers for these restorative workshops. After the training, these Nigerians will be able to minister to those most affected by trauma associated with the terrible violence perpetrated by the Boko Haram. This area of the recovery is critical for Nigeria to move forward peacefully.

Education is another area that needs our help in order to meet the



needs of the many children who have been adversely affected by the violence in the Northeast. Another of our NGOs is concentrating on getting children back into school. Most of the schools in the Northeast have been closed down for over a year (some for two years).

Because you care, young students are able to enroll in existing schools. We are currently supporting one elementary school in Jos (200 students) and one in Bui (300 students).

Our other NGOs are also doing great things for the people of Nigeria. Dr. Rebecca Dali, wife of EYN president, Samuel Dali, heads up an NGO that acts as a first responder to people in need. Not only has she distributed food and supplies to many of her people she is keeping detailed records of those that have been displaced and those that have been killed as a result of the violence. Our fourth NGO has built a camp near the capital



city of Abuja (out of harm's way) that is populated by both Christians and Muslims. This unique experiment is seen as a model for reconciliation between the faith groups. Markus Gamache, recently toured the western states speaking about the crisis and how his NGO has responded thanks to the people of the United States. Lastly, our efforts have assisted EYN in their attempts to continue operations by supporting their Majalisa (Annual Conference) and other conferences that are normally held on an annual basis.

Thank You, Church of the Brethren



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

August 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 August will be *Justice for All*, focusing on the Old Testament books of *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Malachi*. Teachers will be **Al Cott, Calvin Wenger, Bob Frick, and Jim Bridgeman**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted** in room 170, will not be meeting in July and August, but will resume in the fall.

During August the new **Bible study class**, led by **Ben Lattimer** in room 170, will continue the fascinating study of *Genesis* begun in July.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. Scheduled for August:

Aug. 2 – Jay Weaver will review the recent best-selling book, Being Mortal: What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande, MD and surgeon from Boston.

Aug. 9 – Guy Wampler will lead a discussion of his May 2015 *Messenger* article, "Where is the Prince of Peace?"

Aug. 16 – Junior High youth will report on their experiences at National Jr. High Conference.

Aug. 23 – Senior High youth will report on their work camp experiences at Crossnore, NC.

Aug. 30 – Delegates Tim Dunbar, Cindy Lattimer, and Suzanne Schaudel will report on the 2015 COB Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida. ***Please note: this will happen in the FLC.***

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: Brethren beliefs and history.

Second Sunday: Hot topics based on current events.

Third Sunday: Game Day. Games and casual conversation.

Fourth Sunday: Comparative religions and denominations.

Fifth Sunday: Pot-luck breakfast.

Follow the **Connections** sign to 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.

THANK YOU, LCOB

Bruce and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for all the prayers, love, concerns, phone calls and cards while Bruce went through his surgeries and on-going treatments at Johns Hopkins. Special thanks to Calvin Wenger for his visits, many, many phone calls and beautiful prayers, and also to the Wednesday morning prayer breakfast group for their weekly prayers, cards and words of encouragement, and also to the Deacon Commission. Thank you again everyone.

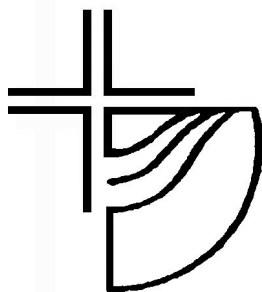
God bless you all,
Bruce & Dawn Bomberger

I wish to thank all the Prayer Warriors for your prayers and cards, also the visits of Pastor Calvin and Pastor Alix during my recent hospital stay.

Thank you very much,
Donald Nolt



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

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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)

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Chapel
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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