



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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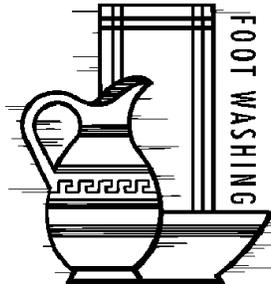
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LOVE FEAST

As Chuck Denlinger wrote in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, "The Love Feast is one of the most distinctive practices of the Church of the Brethren. It is a service of worship held in obedience to the teaching of Jesus as understood by the early Brethren from their study of the New Testament. Those who attend love feast celebrate together the gift of God's love, the sacrifice of the Son, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit."



"The Bible tells us that on the same evening that he was betrayed and arrested, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come, shared an intimate Last Supper with his closest companions."ⁱ

Love Feast will be held on World Communion Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. For this Love Feast we will sit at long tables, in order to encourage community

building and fellowship. Men and women may sit together. This will allow for family members and friends to sit together. There will be four stations for feet washing—one for men, one for women, one for married couples, and one for families to teach their children by word and example about this important practice. Some persons find it difficult or impossible to stoop to wash feet. However, if you are unable to stoop to wash the feet of another but still wish to participate in feet washing, please contact Donna and Doug Lunger at 464-4966. They will make arrangements for your feet to be washed. As usual, hand washing will be offered for those who choose it.

In the *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries* we learn that "The earliest Christian communions probably resembled the typical church carry-in meal, with individuals bringing food for the Love Feast."ⁱⁱ

We are very excited to return once again to this tradition; there will be a full meal. **Please bring a family-size dish of food for the common table.** If you are unable to bring food, don't stay away. **Jesus invites all to come.** Place settings will be provided. Come prepared to share fellowship in love with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Although the actual form has evolved over the years," there are "five major components of the love feast:" "Examination and preparation, the agape fellowship meal, feet washing or hand washing, bread and cup communion, closing prayer and hymn."ⁱⁱⁱ Even though we are returning to an earlier form for the meal, we will still observe all five components of the Love Feast. In celebration of it being World Communion Sunday, we are using a style for the meal that is used by our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world.



During the October Love Feast, all children are invited to partake in the meal with their families. **After the meal, childcare will be provided for ages 6-weeks up to age 3 in the Crib Nursery.** If you choose, you can

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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 SEPTEMBER

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Pat & Glenn Breidenstine
 8:40 a.m. Donna & Scott Brubaker
 8:40 a.m. Barbara & Alvin Cott
 9:50 a.m. Troy Nace
 9:50 a.m. Joan Miley & Jay Wenger
 10:15 a.m. Gloria & Chuck Denlinger



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Warren Evans & John Graham

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Mike Hess Dave Creighton Shirley Stauffer
 Courtney Hartman Steve Holsinger Robert Mackey
 Lin Moyer Jeff Putt
 *Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Grace Cox

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Doug Lunger—464-4966



ATTENDANCE

July 19—342
 July 26—317
 August 2—249
 August 9—321

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Home Phone #
 Alix & Arelis Sable—342-8847

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gerald Snyder	13 Colin Betz	21 Thelma Herr	28 Marilyn Hummel
	Jere Tankesley	Courtney Dueck	Tami White
3 Brandon Nace	Susan Adsitt	Lois Nolt	
Friedlinde Ebersole			29 Brittany Riegen
	15 Edison Rodriguez (<i>son</i>)	22 Gregg Shulenberger	
4 Dick Bates	16 Jeff Rill	Dean Thomas	30 Jacqui Hostetter
Andrew Gish			
Lin Moyer	17 John Breidenstine	24 Carl Denlinger	
John Snader	Judy Coble	Rose Marie Marzolf	
	Drew Smith	Paul Groff (<i>husband of Janet</i>)	
6 Jim Bridgeman	18 Gay Polanskey	25 Rich Bohn	
Caroline Hagen	Alix Sable	Tony Groff	
8 Matt Kramer	19 Hazel Huffman	26 Christine Turkki	
Carl Shull	Edison(son) Rodriguez		
11 Jen Smith		27 Ella Mae Murray	
12 Jayson Gardner		Linda Ross	



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dealing with Sudden Change

Many of you know that in June I had a rather serious accident in my workshop while working with a wood-working tool called a router. The injury was to the thumb and index finger of my right hand, and it was painful and very scary! Hand injuries are among the worst nightmares of musicians, because they can quickly and permanently end a career. Fortunately, my injuries were not career-threatening, even though there will be some life-long damage from the accident.

I appreciate so much the outpouring of concern from this congregation as news got out. It highlights once again what a caring and serving congregation we have here at LCoB. I'd like to share a few things that helped me during those initial weeks of uncertainty and disability – nothing earth-shattering, but some good things to remember, even during the more common changes and setbacks that every life has.

No Drama: The choir will be smiling at this one, because this is one of our rules in the choir room! Life can be hard enough without adding a layer of “drama,” whether it be whining, backbiting, blaming or anger. Very quickly after the accident, I resolved to deal with the reality of the situation without adding unnecessary weight. Indeed, I have a new motto: “Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out!”

Be Grateful: Even in this accident, there was so much to be grateful for, beginning with the fact that I didn't lose a finger! I was grateful that neighbor Jim Landis was right there and able to quickly take me to the emergency room. I was grateful for the fine care I received at LGH that day and at Dr. Battista's office thereafter. And as always, I was grateful for my church family, who rallied around me with many expressions of care.

Control Your Thoughts: This one is the hardest, because we humans have such a tendency to go over



and over the memory of negative things. I can remember bad memories all the way back to childhood, and I'll bet you can too. But there is nothing to be gained by rehashing bad memories. In my previous career with computers, I learned a valuable skill: to actively **stop** thinking about something. Otherwise, the pressure of my job would have been debilitating at times. Really, the trick is to decide to think about something else, and then do it! Try it next time you find yourself in the destructive practice of rehearsing old hurts over and over.

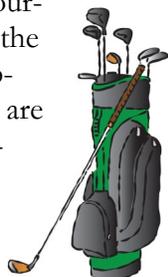
Be Clear-eyed: Notwithstanding the last point, we also need to be strong enough to look carefully and dispassionately at a bad situation. Early on, I steeled myself and looked closely and carefully at my injury. It was oddly calming, because then I knew exactly the extent of the damage. I also spent the time and effort to reconstruct how the accident happened, and carefully documented it on my blog to warn other woodworkers of what could go wrong.

Take strength from the example of others: Misfortune visits many of us, and if we look around there are so many examples of others showing strength and resilience. For example, Joyce Bohn, who is recovering from an auto accident. Many times last winter, I'd be at church during the day and encounter Joyce “doing laps” around the church corridors with her walker. Her perseverance in the face of pain was a real inspiration to me!

Lean on the Almighty: As the old hymn says, “I'm leaning on the everlasting arms!” Psalm 46 begins, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” I will confess that I wept when I read the inscription at the top of that Psalm in the King James Version. It echoed through the centuries to my needy eyes: “To the chief musician.” Thank you, Lord – I know you are with me! --Emery DeWitt

25TH ANNUAL BV GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Brethren Village Golf Tournament will be held on **September 17** at the Foxchase Golf Club. This fundraiser supports BV's Good Samaritan fund. If you are interested, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place.



SEPTEMBER PMT ENERGY TIP

GET AN A+ IN ENERGY SAVINGS – Back-to-school shopping can mean buying calculators, printers and other electronics for your favorite student. Don't forget to look for the ENERGY STAR label for efficiency and saving that will put you at the head of the class.



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also drop your child off at childcare for the meal portion of the service; whatever works best for your family. Children age 3 and older are welcome to stay after the meal to observe the act of feet-washing and then they can accompany Jamie Nace and Lisa Miley for some special children's activities for the remainder of the service.

“The earliest Brethren understood the message Jesus gave loud and clear: ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’”^{iv}

Plan now to be part of this Love Feast. Invite and bring your family and friends. --Jeff Rill

ⁱ Charles G. Denlinger in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2012), p. 77.

ⁱⁱ *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries*, (Elgin, IL: Association of Brethren Caregivers, 1998), p. 215.

ⁱⁱⁱ Charles G. Denlinger in *A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs*, (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2012), p. 78.

^{iv} *Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries*, (Elgin, IL: Association of Brethren Caregivers, 1998), p. 215.

ARE YOU A FAN? OR A FOLLOWER?

A new session of SMALL GROUPS will help us each wrestle with those questions. **Beginning the week of September 20**, groups will spend **6 weeks** together studying curriculum put together by Kyle Idelman. Here is more information on the study: The definition of a fan is an "enthusiastic admirer." Is that how you define your relationship with Him—an "enthusiastic admirer?" Close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close to require sacrifice? He was looking for followers. Not just any follower



though, but a... **COMPLETELY... COMMITTED... FOLLOWER.**

How would things change if you lived as Jesus lived, and loved the way He loved? Let's find out together!

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Place and the Heritage Center. There will be several meeting times offered during each week; you sign up for the time slot that fits your schedule best.

REMEMBER - when you sign up for a small group you are committing to:

- Attend weekly 90-minute group discussion times for 6 weeks.
- Attend one fellowship time with your group to encourage us to grow in our relationships.
- Attend one service project with your group so that our study always intersects with our lived faith.

Please make every effort to honor these commitments!
--Pastor Cindy

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our Annual Church Picnic is **September 13 from 11:30 am – 2:00 p.m.** Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings will be provided. There will also be delicious homemade funnel cakes, if you missed trying them at the Lawn Party. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, if you plan to attend. There will be door prizes and a family-friendly **magic show from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** inside the Family Life Center. Please plan to bring the whole family along with your friends to this good time fun event. Keep watch for a special flyer in your mailbox a few weeks before the picnic.

--Sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry Team.



Hospitality Breakfast/ Bring-a-Friend Sunday

Combining the Annual Fall Hospitality Breakfast with the semi-annual Bring-a-Friend/Friendship Sunday will be a highlight of our autumn experience as a church family.

It will occur on **Sunday, October 11**, and will feature a delicious buffet breakfast in the Choir room at 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. Also there will be four dynamic and inspiring worship services: traditional services 8:00 a.m. chapel and 10:15 a.m. sanctuary; Morning Psalm, FLC and Maranatha, room 201-202.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends, members of your immediate and extended families, coworkers and neighbors to attend as our congregation showcases the best of what God and Jesus can offer our lives. Although any guest is most welcome, it is recommended that those without a genuine relationship with Christ and/or without a church home be the main focus as we consider who to invite to this event.

This is an excellent opportunity to pump energy into our faith community. Therefore, all are urged to begin their invitation now and make plans to attend the worship service of choice. Also plan to enjoy the breakfast, either before or after worship.

Let us get excited and involved in this effort to further invigorate our beloved community of faith. Questions may be directed to Diana Wiker (291-9348), Frank Fox (872-9118) or Calvin Wenger (664-6385).

Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The absolute deadline for the October issue is **September 15. NO exceptions this month.**

CLIMBERS FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

September 13 - The Climbers Fellowship Group (CFG) will be gathering at 4:00 p.m. for their annual picnic at Pheasant Ridge. Your Climber contact will be calling you in early September for your attendance response. **Bring 1 wrapped \$2.00 gift per person for a birthday game.**



Weis & Giant gift cards will be accepted for Milagro House. Consideration should be given as to who will be serving on the planning committee of CFG in 2016. The terms of Elvin & Linda and Mo & Rachel will expire the end of 2015. Someone will also be needed to serve as treasurer of the group. The committee asks that at least 6 persons come forward to serve in these positions. If you are serious about having CFG continue, please contact one of the committee members and submit your name.

October 8 - The deadline for the *Horseshoe Curve Fall Foliage Tour* is fast approaching. Even though our minimum required passenger count has been achieved, we would like to have additional reservations, which can be received by no later than September 4. If you are interested in this trip, please make your check payable to "Climbers Fellowship" and send it to Linda Heck, P.O. Box 5093, Lancaster, PA 17606-5093. Tour cost is \$95.00 per person. **It is open to Climbers, LCOB members and friends. All are invited to join us for an interesting day.**

November 14 - The CFG committee is in the process of finalizing details for the annual CFG banquet. Excellent entertainment, along with a delicious menu prepared by Enck's Catering of Manheim have been arranged. Flyers with complete details will be available at the picnic and in CFG members' mailboxes.

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

NEW DATE FOR HYGIENE KITS—OCT. 11

For more than 18 years, the Pathfinders Fellowship Group has been organizing the assembly of hygiene kits distributed by Church World Service (CWS) to areas experiencing disaster around the world. Since we purchase the seven items to be packed into each kit at reduced prices, **we are able to assemble each kit for approximately \$6.00.** In addition, we must contribute \$2 to CWS as handling fees. That means, each time we assemble 600 kits, **we need donations amounting to \$4,800.** We need your contributions NOW in order to continue with this important ministry.

Please make your check out to Lancaster CoB and place it in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate *hygiene kits* on the memo line. Any questions, contact Suzanne Schaudel.

MUSIC CLASSES FOR KIDS

It's hard to believe that it's September already! That means... **Music Classes start soon!** I know you are all anxious to get your kiddos back into music classes and I am so excited to offer them again! For those of you who haven't been able to attend yet, now is your chance to sign up.

There will be three music class options this fall:

- Tuesday 6:00 - 6:40 p.m. **newborns through age 2** (right up until they turn 3). They will experience music, **with a parent or caregiver**, in a variety of ways. It's a beautiful way to introduce your child to music and to experience community with other parents/caregivers. **This class begins Tuesday, September 15.**
- Wednesday evenings, there will be two music classes. **The first class will be from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. for children ages 3 and older.** This class will include singing, movement, musical games and stories, and instrument play. It's a perfect all-inclusive musical experience and all children (3 and older) to attend! **The second class will be from 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. for children ages 6 and older.** This class will offer an opportunity to explore more advanced instrument play on xylophones, bells, and other instruments.

The children who attend the Wednesday classes will have several opportunities to perform in the worship services at LCOB as well as in some special performances throughout the year. **The Wednesday classes start September 16.** Please note - there will be toys, craft supplies, games, etc. available in another room for any younger siblings who stay while an older sibling is in the second class.

If you plan to attend any/all of these classes, please email Jamie Nace at jnace77@gmail.com. **There is NO FEE for any of the classes.** Invite a friend, the more the merrier! --Jamie Nace

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT

"Time To House Clean"

Presentation by Sherry Eshleman, former District Moderator

Saturday, October 24 – FLC – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

What spiritual treasures have we forgotten or misplaced under other "stuff"? In Psalm 51:10, God is asked to do some house cleaning in our lives. Where has dust and dirt gathered in our attitudes and actions? What might we discard? Bring a friend and come enjoy a simple breakfast. Discover what we should be discarding. Questions? Please contact Myrl Greiner.

A CHRISTIAN VISION

In 2006, Wednesday Night Live offered a series of classes on hunger and poverty. Under the theme, **A Christian Vision for Ending Hunger & Poverty**, the seven week sessions helped participants become more aware of needs locally and globally. Our Hunger and Poverty Group formed at the conclusion of those classes. By first educating itself, the H & P Group has been able to help educate and sensitize the congregation and to give folks some ways to respond to critical needs. We have focused in three primary areas.

Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC) food bank

Many of us bring non-perishable food items to church regularly or when we celebrate Bread and Cup Communion and Love Feast. The Praise Kidz have had multiple outreach efforts, including helping to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys and tons of food through the LCCC.

2¢ a Meal

This special effort started in 2009. We have encouraged folks to set aside money at meal times—then bring those pennies, dimes, quarters, and dollars to worship on designated Sundays. Over the past **11** years, our folks have given **\$59,000** through the “2 ¢ a Meal” and White Gift offerings. 1/3 of the money goes the LCCC Food Bank, and 2/3 go to the denomination’s Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF). The GFCF is the primary way the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security. It has provided over **\$8 million** in grants for community development programs in 37 countries since it began in 1983. That is putting a lot of pennies to good use!!! **The next 2¢ a Meal offering is September 20 in all worship services.**

Be An Angel

This yearly campaign raises funds to purchase uniforms for homeless students in the School District of Lancaster (SDL). We just completed a very successful effort a few weeks ago, giving over **\$16,000** in uniforms and school supplies to the SDL. During the past seven years, our congregation has donated over **\$85,000** in school supplies and uniforms.

It is hard to believe that 1000-1200 SDL students are homeless every school year. If that is true of a small city like Lancaster, what’s the situation in other places throughout the country? We, of course, have not ended hunger and poverty, but we have done what we could toward that end. **The Poverty rate in the United States has nearly doubled over the past 10 years.** Our foundation scripture has always been

Matthew 25:31-46. This wonderful and powerful passage is about serving the Lord by serving those in need --giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, hospitality to the stranger, clothing to the naked, and comfort to the sick and those in prison.

LCOB is to be commended for what it has done in its many **outreach** ministries. Our H & P Group ministry is one small part of that larger picture of giving. Thank you, members and friends, for taking the **Matthew 25** scripture seriously. May the blessings of God, given to us liberally, be given to others in the same manner.

--Al and Lois Hansell, on behalf of the Hunger and Poverty Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RESUMES

This fall begins our 11th year of **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** at the Lancaster CoB. Each Wednesday evening for 10 weeks, **September 16 - November 18**, we gather in the FLC at 5:00 p.m. for a tasty supper prepared by volunteer staff. After the meal, participate in an interesting class taking place 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

In the first six weeks, in rooms 162-163, **Bob Frick** will continue his series, *Together They Made Lancaster Great*, highlighting the lives of some prominent Lancastrians who played significant roles in the history of our county, our state, and our nation. The class will feature:

- * **Sept. 16:** *Edward Shippen III* - Businessman, Public Official, Founder, Patriot
Thomas Barton - Teacher, Minister, Loyalist
Jasper Yeates - Attorney, Patriot, Judge
- * **Sept. 23:** *William Atlee* - Attorney, Patriot, Judge, Civic Leader
Matthias Slough - Civic Leader, Patriot, Businessman
Francis Bailey - Printer, New Churchman
- * **Sept. 30:** *Thomas Wharton* - Businessman, Patriot, President of PA (*an office akin to Governor*).
Adam Reigart - Businessman, Patriot, Civic Leader
Andrew Ellicott - Surveyor, Scientist, Educator

Each week Bob will give a PowerPoint presentation in his unique, lively and good-humored style.

Wednesday evenings are truly alive at the LCOB. We hope you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.

--Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator

--Chuck Denlinger and Bev Angle, class steering committee



BV NEWS

You have one last chance to help with an **OUT-DOOR WHEELCHAIR WALK** this summer at Brethren Village. It will be on **Thursday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m.** meeting in the Wolfe Auditorium. Call Marilyn Hummel, 295-9121 if you can help.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed money, baked angel food cakes, provided center pieces, party favors, snacks, drink, paper products, entertainment and helped set up and serve at the August 4 **birthday party** our church sponsored at Brethren Village.

Look for the **Brethren Village Auxiliary Sponsorship Drive** brochure in this newsletter. The **AUXILIARY** is a vital part of funding many projects at BV. For example, funds purchase Hoyer Lifts, Minivan for resident transportation, Security Safes for residents and many more listed on the brochure. Please fill out the brochure with your contribution and give to Marilyn Hummel, box #150. Thank you.

--Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB

CROP WALK

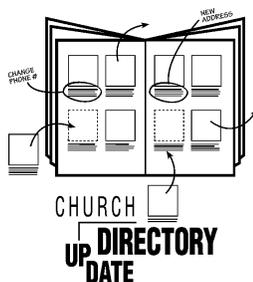
The 43rd annual CROP Walk in Lancaster takes place on **Sunday, October 18, beginning at 1:30** at the Barnstormers' Stadium. CROP is a program of Church World Service helping to feed the hungry locally and globally. By supporting the CROP Walk, we can help change the world. Carlos Schaudel is again collecting names of sponsors in the Gathering Area on Sundays before the Walk. Please see Carlos with your pledge of support. **Checks may be made out to CWS - CROP.** All contributions are tax-deductible.



2016 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

It is that time of year again. If you have moved, changed phone number or email address, please submit those changes to the church office. All **updates** for the 2016 Church Directory are **due** no later than **November 1**. You can put your changes/updates in mailbox #29 or email them to lan-cob@comcast.net.

--Tiffany Dickel



BIKE AND HIKE TO BENEFIT COBYS

For 35 years COBYS has been serving children and strengthening families by providing safe homes for children through foster care and adoption. In addition, COBYS helps individuals and families to overcome challenges by working with skilled Christian therapists.

In order to carry out these ministries, COBYS must raise lots of money. One way that they have been successful in raising funds is with the annual **Bike & Hike** that will take place this year on Sunday afternoon, **September 13**. Starting place is the **Lititz CoB**, 300 W. Orange St. This year the COBYS organization hopes to beat last year's record of raising \$108,000 at this fun family event.

You can participate by walking 3 miles, by biking 10 or 25 miles or by riding your cycle in the 60-mile motorcycle ride. Walkers and bikers are requested to donate \$25 or get sponsors to cover the \$25 registration fee. The cost for motorcyclists is \$35 + \$25 per passenger. **Those who pre-register by September 7 get a \$5 discount.** The motorcycle ride starts at 1:30 pm. The 25-mile bike ride at 2:00 and the 3-mile walk or 10-mile bike ride begins at 2:30.

Why not plan to join in the fun and show up for the COBYS Bike & Hike on September 13? On that same day, our own All Church Picnic is happening right after the 10:15 worship. So, after enjoying our picnic, you could head up to Lititz for the rest of the afternoon. At the conclusion of the Bike & Hike around 4:15 p.m., there will be a celebration with food, door prizes and a silent auction. Even if you do not plan to bike or hike, you could participate by attending this part of the fundraiser.

Brochures and registration forms can be found on the table next to the mailboxes in the Gathering Area. Any questions, please contact Suzanne Schaudel, COBYS Board member.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

The Atlantic Northeast District is sponsoring its annual Senior Adult Fellowship Banquet (55 yrs & older) at **Yoder's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 21, at 12:00 noon**. The cost is \$17.50 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the Gathering Place table in front of the mailboxes. **All payments are due October 4**. Make your check out to LCOB, in the memo write **Sr. Banquet** and put your payment into mailbox #29. If you have any questions, call Tiffany Dickel in the church office at 397-4751.



REFLECTIONS ON THE EYN 2015 VISIT

We rejoice that the visit of 60 of our friends from EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) this summer was so successful. Our brothers and sisters from Africa shared their faith, joyful singing and stories with Brethren in the US from Hagerstown to Elgin, from North Manchester to Richmond, Indiana, from the Shenandoah District to Atlantic Northeast. Here at the Lancaster CoB we experienced a powerful witness when the Women's Fellowship Choir of EYN sang in a combined worship service on July 5. The presence of the Women's Fellowship Choir participating multiple times in worship was a highlight of Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida.

The Lancaster CoB, as the sponsoring congregation of this visit of our Nigerian friends, contributed significantly to the success of the trip. By hosting people in your homes, contributing to the costs of this venture and offering prayers for traveling mercies, you helped everything to go almost without a hitch. The EYN members paid for their own round trip flights, but we needed to raise approximately \$65,000, to cover the estimated costs of the group's expenses here in the States. Donations were contributed by the many churches and districts that hosted EYN and arranged for concerts that attracted hundreds of guests. We are happy to report that after all the bills are paid, we expect there to be a surplus to send to the Nigeria Crisis Fund for the ongoing needs of EYN in that nation experiencing extreme violence caused by groups such as Boko Haram. And the crisis in Nigeria continues with new reports of violence against innocent victims. Please continue to remember the members and programs of EYN in your prayers.

The Lancaster CoB, as the sponsoring congregation for the EYN 2015 Visit, was honored and humbled by our guests when they donated \$2,000 to our congregation. We plan to use it to replace the diseased copper beech tree in front of the church, which had to be cut down recently. What generosity! This will serve as a living reminder of the continuing friendship between the CoB in the US and the CoB in Nigeria.

We, members of the planning committee for the EYN 2015 Visit, thank you for your support of this important event in the life of the CoB in the US and in Nigeria.

Monroe Good, Chair Donna & Doug Lunger Suzanne Schaudel, Sec.

Marian & Norman Bollinger (Mountville CoB)

Nancy Hivner (E-Town CoB) Donna Steiner (E-Town COB)

Here are some noteworthy facts about the EYN 2015 Visit:

- 27 days in the U.S.
- Traveled at least 5,500 miles through 14 CoB Districts
- 27 EYN women sang in the Women's Fellowship Choir
- The Choir gave more than 30 full or abbreviated concerts
- 5 of the EYN visitors traveled to two other CoB districts (Pacific Southwest & Northern Plains) to share the EYN story

Thank You, Congregation!

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

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, food, prayers and visits following my shoulder, elbow and wrist surgery. This church has an incredible card ministry, which includes the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast, Deacon Body and personal ones. Calvin Wenger is so faithful, dedicated and committed to all of us in need. We are so very blessed to have him as our Pastor of Caregiving. Pastor Rill's phone calls were much appreciated.

--Marilyn Hummel

Mary and I want to thank all of you at LCOB for

your remembrances, as well as for the phone calls and cards that you sent us. We love all our friends and are so grateful for all of you.

Love, Jay and Mary Weaver

My sincere thanks to all who remembered me in so many ways during my illness this summer. It is great to be part of a caring congregation like the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

--Dale Hylton

We would like to thank the church family for all the prayers, concerns, phone calls and cards during my surgeries and ongoing treatment in Florida at Moffitt Cancer Center as well as the Barshinger Cancer Center in Lancaster.

Special thanks to Calvin Wenger for his beautiful

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

September 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. Their theme in September will be *The Christian Community Comes Alive*, based on the New Testament book, *Acts of the Apostles*. They will focus on (1) how the early church lived out and shared their faith in Jesus, (2) the witness of Paul and Peter, and (3) the growth fueled by Peter, Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, and Silas. Teachers will be **Al Cott, Bob Frick, and Calvin Wenger**.

The Sacred Parenting Class, led by **Linda Husted**, meets in room 170. Our first meeting after the summer break will be on September 13. We will be discussing the challenges of setting aside a family time to observe a day of rest/Sabbath. The popular book *Sabbath in the Suburbs* will be our resource for discovery and discussion. Join us as we journey with one modern day Christian family on their year-long journey to discover the best and worst ways to observe a day of rest.

Back by popular demand—on September 20 we will feature a parent panel with **Linda and Guy Wampler**. Come hear from a minister and his wife the challenges and rewards of raising a family while serving in the church.

The Thoughtful Life Class, meeting in rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. In September - November we will continue our fascinating study of Church History under the leadership of **John Snader**. Topics in September are:

Sept. 6 - Introduction: European Christianity after AD 410.

Sept. 13 - Eastern Christianity

Sept. 20 - Islam confronts Christianity

Sept. 27 - Holy Roman Empire and Medieval Christianity.

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** signs to Room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rick Bowser at 201-8734 or rbowser4@yahoo.com.

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

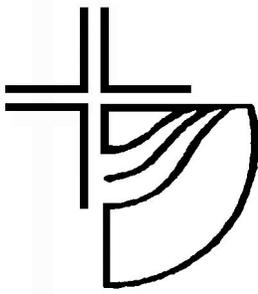
prayers, visits and phone calls. Also, to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast group for their weekly prayers and cards and the Deacons for their prayers and cards. Thanks again, may God bless you all. --Ron & Joan Yunginger

To Jeff Rill, Calvin Wenger, Dave Hosler, the Deacon Body, Choir, Emery DeWitt and Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast group,

Words are not adequate to sufficiently express my deep gratitude to each one of you for your prayers and unending kindnesses to me since Dwight went home to be with the Lord. Thank you all for your part in the service

on Wednesday, and for all your beautiful cards and notes. Thank you Prayer Breakfast group for the plant for the yard. Thank you Deacon Body for the gorgeous flower arrangement from the altar last Sunday. Thank you so much for presenting the wonderful luncheon buffet that was just "picture pretty" as I came in, and for each one who worked in the kitchen to make that happen. Many thanks to the choir. I deeply appreciate all that your church body has done to encourage Dwight in his walk with the Lord and for demonstrating the love of God to me at this time.

Yours in Christ, Joan M. Steller



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