



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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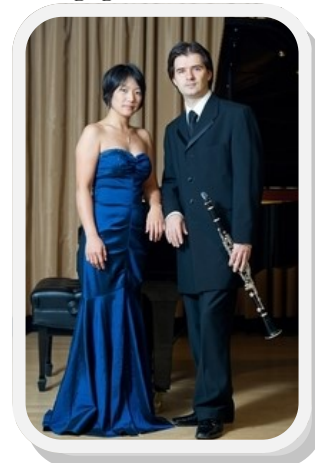
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## STARLIGHT TEA PRESENTS THE SHTRYKOV-TANAKA DUO!

On Saturday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m., the Starlight Tea Concert Series is pleased to present the Shtrykov-Tanaka Duo. Comprised of two sensation-ally gifted and acclaimed virtuosi - clarinetist Maksim Shtrykov and pianist Misuzu Tanaka - the Shtrykov-Tanaka Duo has been heard throughout the East Coast, garnering an impressive record of instant re-engagements. Both artists are graduates of The Juilliard School in New York City and enjoy extensive international solo careers that have heard them in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Germany's Leipzig Gewandhaus and Japan's Izumi Hall.

Mr. Shtrykov and Ms. Tanaka first met in December 2012, when they were invited to present a clarinet and piano program during that holiday season in New York City. As avid chamber music collaborators, they instantly felt a unique artistic connection, resulting in an inspiring and creative friendship that blossomed into an exceptional chamber music duo.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Please invite your friends to attend this concert, and be sure to stay for the Tea afterward, for a chance to mingle with friends and meet our performers. --Emery DeWitt



## THE YOUTH SOUP BOWL AUCTION IS BACK!

You have another chance to purchase an uniquely designed and hand-painted Soup Bowl during our November Soup and Salad Meal. Our Youth painted ceramic bowls to be sold by auction on November 22. Our own, Mike Snyder will lead us in a spirited bidding war to help the youth raise money for the Heifer International and LCOB Youth workcamp trips.

This is a way for the youth to work together to give back to the community – here and around the world.

Bowls will be on display in the Gathering Place and Heritage Center before the auction so you can check out all the beautiful pieces that will be on the auction block! We welcome competitive bidders. Our last auction topped \$1,200 in donations so we expect this event will be even more successful. Plan to be there for the meal and the auction! **November 22 – in the Family Life Center – Soup and Salad meal at 11:30 – Auction begins by 12:30.**

--Kelsey Murray



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# SERVING THIS NOVEMBER

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb and Fred Kreider  
 8:40 a.m. Lenny Lambert  
 8:40 a.m. Calvin and Shirley Wenger  
 9:50 a.m. Rachel and Mo Salamh  
 9:50 a.m. Eileen Weaver and Bob Hopple  
 10:15 a.m. Fern and Gene Bucher



## USHERS

**CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.**

Jay Enders  
 Don King

**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.**



Deb Honsinger

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

Dave Koser - 397-2726



## ATTENDANCE

September 20—304  
 September 27—323  
 October 4—313  
 October 11—301

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Church Directory changes and updates are due **November 1**. Email (lancob@comcast.net) or call the church office (397-4751) ASAP with change, correction or additions.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1 Flo Wilson<br>Jenny Haines                          | 14 Tyler Heck<br>Roy Garland<br>Gloria Groff<br>John Zimmerman<br>Cindy Shuman | 23 Chuck Nesland<br>Dick Kramer<br>Candee Nace                   |
| 2 Diane Myers   |  | 24 Jon Bridgeman, Jr.  |
| 5 Dee Zimmerman<br>Dale Hylton                        | 15 Linda Harnish<br>18 Carly Nace  | 25 Aaron Breidenstine<br>Al Hansell<br>Stephanie Reynolds        |
| 6 Sam Haines  | 20 John Biemiller<br>Miriam Longenecker  | 26 Carol Shearer<br>John Martin                                  |
| 8 Gina Brown<br>Ruth Shultz                           | 21 Dave Evans<br>Andrew Lines<br>Darlene Williams                              | 27 Deb Chillas<br>Lois Hansell                                   |
| 9 Cindy Lattimer<br>10 Jim Weaver<br>11 Kristen Snoke | 22 Nick Hughes<br>Brooke Smith   | 29 Rich Shulenberger<br>30 Kaylee Snyder<br>Stacy Bashore-Steury |
| 13 Tim Heck<br>Eileen Weaver                          |  |  |

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Welcoming MOMO

*"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."*—Hebrews 13:1-2 NRSV

Recently, my children and I have enjoyed reading a book we picked up at our local library entitled, "My Cousin MOMO."<sup>1</sup> Zachariah O'Hora writes the story of a squirrel family looking forward to hosting their out-of-town, cousin MOMO. When MOMO arrives for his visit the cousins are very excited. Yet, the cousins learn, MOMO is not the ordinary squirrel. MOMO dresses funny. MOMO doesn't play hide-and-seek or acorn pong like the other squirrels. MOMO is a flying squirrel. Most striking of all, when MOMO plays super-heroes with his cousins, instead of the traditional mask and cape rescuers, MOMO costumes himself as "Muffin Man" and engages in imaginative play involving "pastry power" and doughnuts as trusty sidekicks. The cousins become disappointed with MOMO and in place of hospitality to their strange cousin, they show regret with having welcomed MOMO in the first place. One of the squirrels laments, "We should have invited Stinky George instead!" Overhearing the disdain with his presence, MOMO decides to leave. But the cousins apologize and learn that even though MOMO's ways seem different, sometimes strange and out of the ordinary, MOMO has transformed them to live more fully. "It turned out to be pretty fun having MOMO around," the squirrels conclude.

The writer of Hebrews would agree with the point of O'Hora's childish tale when stating in chapter 13 verses 1 and 2 that when we venture to entertain, extend

hospitality to those who are strangers, something miraculous happens. Transformation occurs when the MOMO among us, the "other" to us, is welcomed. One of the most poignant opportunities we have to offer welcome to the stranger is during our meal times. Christian ethicist Christine Pohl comments, "A shared meal is the activity most closely tied to the reality of God's kingdom, just as it is the most basic expression of hospitality."<sup>2</sup>

In this season when many of us will gather around one festive table after another, may we consider ways in which transformational hospitality can be served. May we be intentional to break bread with a "stranger" even with an "enemy," to enable new relationships to be discovered and reconciliation expressed. May we confess our tendency to be isolated, surrounding ourselves with those with whom we always agree, preferring to host the familiar "Stinky George" and missing the chance for angelic encounters. May we risk opening up our feasts this year to those strange, different family members and neighbors with whom God's generous gift of love and grace can be entertained through us.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."<sup>3</sup> It may be MOMO or it may be Jesus outside the door, knocking to come into our lives, our hearts, and to our tables. Will we open the door?

--Interim Pastor Sheri Weaver

<sup>1</sup> O'Hora, Zacharia. *My Cousin MOMO*. Dial Books for Young Readers, Penguin Group LLC, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Kenney, Maria Russell. *Schools for Conversion: 12 Marks of a New Monasticism*. Cascade Books, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Revelation 3:20, New Living Translation



## WANTED: WORSHIP LEADERS

The Traditional Worship Ministry Team is looking to expand its pool of worship leaders for our traditional services. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Focht, Mark Forsha, or Jeff Rill. Training provided! Thanks! --Mark Forsha



*Worship  
Leaders*





## THE MESSIAH: AN ADVENT STUDY

During Advent, **starting November 29**, we will have small groups meeting to study a curriculum titled The Messiah. It is written by world-renowned Biblical Scholar Walter Brueggemann. **There will only be 4 sessions and each one will look at one of the royal titles used in Isaiah 9:2-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.** What would these titles have meant to the people who originally heard them? How did Jesus live into them - and how did he not? What do they mean for us today? Come explore *The Messiah*, expecting to learn, grow, and increase your hope during this Advent Season.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Place and the Heritage Center beginning **November 15**. Small groups will begin meeting the week of **November 29**. Sign up for the time slot that fits your schedule best. When you sign up for a group you are committing to:

- Engage in an hour long discussion with your group weekly for 4 weeks
- Participate in one social gathering with your group in order to grow fellowship within the church.
- Participate in one service project with your group so that our study is connected to our living.

Please make every effort to keep these commitments! --Pastors Cindy Lattimer & Sheri Weaver

## SHOE DRIVE

Lancaster-based *We're all God's Children* is collecting used, new or gently worn shoes to raise funds for programs in Africa and on Native American reservations. Outreach Ministry Team has chosen to assist in the



collection of shoes for this cause and at the same time to help you in purging your closets of no longer needed shoes. If you wish to contribute shoes, please bring them to the church and deposit them in the box located

next to the Gathering Area or in the box located outside the Family Life Center. **The shoe drive will run through Sunday, November 22.** Thank you. -- Outreach Ministry Team

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!

Christmas Paint your own Pottery Night with Jen's Pottery Den Sunday, December 6, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

with proceeds benefiting our Youth group and workcamp trips! Light snacks will be available for purchase. This is a great way to make a handmade Christmas gift for friends or family. Your pieces will be delivered before Christmas! Check your mailboxes for an order form and more details. **Ordering and payment deadline is November 22.** We hope you join us!

--Kelsey Murray



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IN NOVEMBER

**Wednesday Night Live** continues each Wednesday evening through November 18. We gather in the FLC at 5:00 p.m. for a tasty supper prepared by our volunteer staff. After the meal, an interesting class will be held from 6:15 to 7:15 in room 162-163.

We conclude this semester of the WNL class with a series of *Testimonies and Life Stories* featuring members of our own congregation:

- ♦ Nov. 4 – Ray Leckrone and Darle Good
- ♦ Nov. 11 – Dave and Friedlinde Ebersole
- ♦ Nov. 18 – Clyde and Bev Angle

Come and hear their fascinating life stories and faith journeys.

--Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator

--Chuck Denlinger and Bev Angle, class steering committee

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The holidays are fast approaching. So, mark your calendars for the **modified newsletter**

### deadlines:

- > December Newsletter due **11/10**
- > January Newsletter due **12/10**

Email your article to [lancob@comcast.net](mailto:lancob@comcast.net).

--Tiffany Dickel

## FAIR TRADE BAZAAR

Come to the Gathering Area to get your advent calendar to count the days until Christmas.



Behind each little window there is a tasty chocolate produced by Fair Trade. Suggested donation per calendar is \$5.00. Fair Trade coffee and tea are also available. Proceeds

will benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries. Any questions, contact Carlos Schaudel.

## BEAUTIFUL LOVE FEAST

On October 4 we celebrated Love Feast and Communion in fellowship with members of our congregation on Worldwide Communion Sunday. This relatively new way for us to celebrate Love Feast, including a covered dish meal and encouraging fellowship around the tables, is perhaps more like the meal shared by Jesus and his disciples in that upper room years ago. The dishes of food that individuals brought for the common table were delicious and plentiful, the discussion around the tables was appropriate and interesting and the foot washing very meaningful. Thank you to the Deacon Body for continuing to plan this type of service once a year. --Suzanne & Otto Schaudel

## Library Lines

Thanksgiving will soon be here and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the good people who volunteered to help in the library this year. Our library helpers do a wonderful job helping to check in books and answer your questions each Sunday between 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. I also want to take time to thank John and Theresa Herr for all of their hard work and the time they put into the library for so many years. The library wouldn't be where it is now without their dedication. Thank you also goes out to Lois Sherk for the wonderful article about Eugenia Price and her books. We would love to have more articles written by other people in the church about favorite authors or books you enjoyed. Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to share a paragraph or an article with us.

Look for new books and movies added to the library. A list will be on the library table and new books will be on display in the Gathering Place.

--Deborah Hall, Library Chairperson



## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, NEW WINDSOR

**November 9**, there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor to help process health kits. Volunteers are needed! We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 if you plan to attend by November 5.

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE/HELPERS

There will be a meeting on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in room 170. If you use the kitchen, help in the kitchen or simply have input about our church kitchen, please come and join us for a short time of fellowship and discussion. Questions? Call Deb Chillas 475-9818.

## THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ANGEL

We have received a Thank You letter from the Superintendent of the School District of Lancaster, Dr. Damaris Rau. See the message below:

*Dear Members of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren,*

*I was recently made aware of your abundant donation for the School District of Lancaster Homeless Student Project. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, our students were better prepared for the start of the school year. We are especially grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Lois Hansell, who oversee this effort.*

*Our community partners are essential to the success of our District, and we wish to express our appreciation for your continued effort.*

*Best wishes to you and your congregation!*

*Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Damaris Rau  
Superintendent*

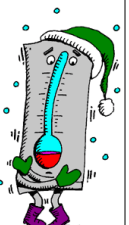
We also want to thank all who helped to make this such a success. --From the Hunger & Poverty Group.

## NOVEMBER PMT ENERGY TIP

The mercury is beginning to dip. Be sure to have



your heating system serviced so it's operating at peak efficiency. That could save you money.



## FORMER REFUGEES IN OUR MIDST

Today's social media is filled with stories about innocent victims of war in Syria and extreme poverty and hunger in Central America. The following story is a first-hand account from Friedlinde Kratz Ebersole of her days as a World War II refugee. **Friedlinde will be telling more of her story at WNL (Wed. Night Live) on November 11 at 6:15p.m. in room 162.**

*"After WWII ended in 1945, our town had been confiscated, our houses and village burned. My mother Irene Kratz and I, several relatives and people from our town were placed in a Serbian communist concentration camp named Rudolfsgrad (Knicanin).*

*There was a constant scream: 'I am always hungry' in this camp. People died from famine, typhus, diphtheria, dropsy (swelling from hunger) and scurvy. I lost a grandmother, a brother and several cousins. We escaped from the camp by night in 1946-47. 20,000 of the 23,000 women, children and old people in this camp died.*

*During our escape we walked, from Yugoslavia to Hungary, sometimes only in knitted slippers and having only the clothes on our backs to wear.*

*When we arrived in Hungary, we were met by other refugees and the Red Cross. We were put on trains to Austria and were given a brown paper sack that held a boiled potato, a green apple and a piece of dark bread.*

*I have walked the walk and having experienced poverty like the present day refugees. But we were not mistreated as we crossed the borders and, although somewhat reluctantly, welcomed to refugee camps in Austria.*

*We remained in Austria for 3 or 4 years and received food and clothing from Church World Service, the Red Cross, and American churches."* **Friedlinde Ebersole**

**LCOB** has quite a history of sponsoring refugees.

**1950's** – The Krantz Clan & van Erlach family  
from Serbia & Bulgaria

**1971** – Tanna family from Uganda

**1980** – Stanislav from Poland

**1980's** – Deaf Rumanians and Vietnamese

**2001** – 6 Lost Boys from Africa

**2004-2005** – Ethnic Turks from Russia

**2008** – Family from Iraq

**How can we continue to help to alleviate such terrible suffering?** One small way we can help in our own community is by supporting the Lancaster Council of Churches' Food Hub with monetary gifts and by donating food to the food bank. **Our next food bank collection is scheduled for Pew Communion on Sunday, November 29, 1st Sunday in Advent.**

--Hunger and Poverty

## PRC EVENTS

The Parish Resource Center (PRC) has two upcoming events that I thought might be of real interest to your congregation.

Tickets to these events are discounted for anyone attending your congregation since your church is a member of the Parish Resource Center.

We would be grateful if they would consider including the information in bulletins and newsletters.

Here are the details:

- ♦ **Sweet Honey in the Rock in Concert on Saturday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.** Sweet Honey in the Rock is a

Grammy-Award-winning, all-female, all-African-American a cappella ensemble. All proceeds from ticket sales, after costs, will benefit the Parish Resource Center, a non-profit in Lancaster working with about 80 churches across 17 denominations, as well as the Bright Side Opportunity Center, a nonprofit in Lancaster City providing healthcare, social services, and educational programs.



For more information—and for tickets—please visit [parishresourcecenter.org](http://parishresourcecenter.org) or call 717-299-1113.

- ♦ **An Evening with Diana Butler Bass, Tuesday, November 3, at 7 p.m.** Is



the decline in church membership an opportunity for church growth? Diana Butler Bass, bestselling author and highly regarded church historian, will address this question during this event. For more information—and for tickets—please visit [parishresourcecenter.org](http://parishresourcecenter.org) or call 717-299-1113.

When you call for or order tickets on line make sure you tell them/choose that you are a LCOB member for a membership discount.



## BV NEWS

On Saturday afternoon, October 17, our church was responsible to supervise Bingo at Brethren Village. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this activity.

### BAZAAR AND CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Plan to attend the Brethren Village annual **BAZAAR** and **CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** to purchase all your holiday cookie needs and pick up a couple of gifts at the same time. This event will be on Friday, December 4, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. in Wolfe Auditorium. Thank you.  
--Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB













## NEED COMPUTER HELP?

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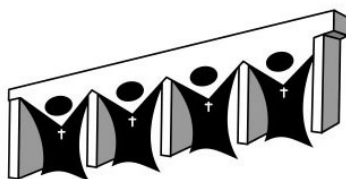
This is a new business endeavor by LCOB 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, **Sam Haines**. Sam is an intelligent, kind young man and he's available to help YOU with all your computer needs. Here is a little more information from his website:

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-  Data Storage
-  Smartphone support
-  Tablet support
-  Data Recovery
-  Training
-  Remote Support

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## THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

On behalf of Grace Glasmire and her family, we would like to thank all members of her church family for their kind thoughts, prayers, and cards upon the death of her husband, Bill. A special thank you to Pastors Rill and Wenger and all who helped celebrate his life.

--Sally and Fred Garman

--Susan Kirkland

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls during the recent illness and death of our son, Barry. Special thanks to the Deacon Body, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast group, and to Calvin Wenger. Our congregation is so very fortunate to have Calvin as our Minister of Caring. May God's blessings be with all of you.

Sincerely,

Annette and Bill Bucher

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother. It is so comforting to feel the support and love of my fellow worshippers at a difficult time like this.  
Jeff Putt



District Women's  
Spring Fellowship

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Lancaster CoB

Speaker: Melanie Snyder  
Elizabethtown CoB

More detailed information and a  
registration form will be mailed  
to each congregation in January.

## 2015 ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Northeast District 46<sup>th</sup> Annual District Conference was held on October 3, 2015, at Elizabethtown College. LCOB's delegates that attended were Donna Lunger, Jamie Nace, Eric Ramirez, Alix Sable, Ellen Weaver, Calvin Wenger and Pastor Jeff Rill.

The Moderator this year was Robert Kettering, and the theme he chose for this year was "*Come to the Water*" using the scriptures of Isaiah 55:1-3a and John 4:5-15. Kettering quoted, "District Conference is an opportunity to worship together, pray together, seek God's guidance together, network together, and grow together into the likeness of Jesus, who invites each of our congregations to *come to the water* drink from the well that will never run dry." Each congregation brought a container of water from their church and poured it into a small pool that was in front of the stage to create a fountain of all the congregations of ANE District.

Reports from agencies, retirement centers, colleges, committee's commissions, and the District Executive, Craig H. Smith were given. The ANE District Youth Cabinet gave a presentation of their experience of when they were baptized, and then they sang a Christian song called "Oceans." Three of the Youth Cabinet represent our congregation, and they are Ava Bowser, Gabriella Rodriguez (not present) and Edison Rodriguez.

The delegates voted and approved the 2016 Slate. **Our senior pastor, Jeffrey Rill, was voted in to serve on the Annual Conference Standing Committee as a representative of Atlantic Northeast District.**

The worship service speaker was Tom Zuercher, Pastor of Ashland Dickey CoB, and he spoke on "*Water Testing*."

The ANE District's budget is in the red as a result of congregations struggling with their budgets. As of August 2015, the district is behind over \$65,000. Statistics of the 79 congregations giving in the ANE District, 17 congregations have contributed nothing to the budget. 48 congregations have contributed less than the \$55 Fair Share per member, and 14 congregations have contributed their \$55 Fair Share or more.

Stats for the day, 71 congregations out of 79 of the ANE District were represented at the Conference. Attendance in the morning session was 270, afternoon session was 208, and at the worship service was 273. The offering collected was \$2,672 and that was designated for "District Projects" outside of the budget. 203 delegates were registered, and 190 attended the Conference. As for the slate, 160 ballots were counted, and 159 accepted the 2016 Slate.

At the end of the conference, Pastor Pam Reist of Elizabethtown came to the microphone and asked to reopen the agenda, to talk about the Annual Conference resolution from about 5 years ago, that was about "Ending Gun Violence" because of all of the gun violence that is happening at this time. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote was needed to reopen the Agenda and it did not pass. Then moderator Kettering suggested the ANE District Board to address this topic and report in 2016.

On a last note, Craig Smith asked that the delegates keep the District in their prayers, for there are a very high number of congregations looking for pastoral leadership at this time, with many pastors retiring.

--Ellen Weaver



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LOOKING AHEAD!

#### November

- 1—Chapel Organ Dedication 2:00– 4:00 p.m. with light refreshments.
- 8—Health Kit Assembly—following worship in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to help.
- 15—Red Rose Chorus Dinner Theater—**Call John Zimmerman for information or tickets.**
- 21—Starlight Tea Concert—7:00 p.m. Sanctuary—Shtykov Tanaka—No Dinner
- 29—Pew Communion in all worship services.—Bring a nonperishable food item for the food bank.

#### December

- 5—Women's Fellowship Event—FLC
- 6—Lancaster Chamber Singers 3:00 p.m.—Sanctuary. **Call 330-9025 for tickets.**  
—Pottery Workshop - Youth sponsored fundraiser event for the whole family. 4-7 p.m. - FLC
- 12—Family Christmas Breakfast—9:00 a.m.—FLC
- 24—5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service—FLC / 6:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols—Sanctuary



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

November 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 November will be *Spreading the Gospel*, based on the New Testament *Acts of the Apostles*. They will focus on how the early church, especially apostles such as Peter and Paul, were committed to spreading the good news of Jesus under the direction of God's unbounded Spirit. Teachers will be **Al Cott, Bob Frick, and Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted**, meets in room 170. In November they will discuss the book, *Christmas is Not Your Birthday*, by Mike Slaughter. Come and learn how to *Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus*.

The **Thoughtful Life Class**, meeting in rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. We are continuing our fascinating study of Church History under the leadership of **John Snader**. In November we will be learning about developments in the church that led to the Reformation. Specifically,

Nov. 1 – The Collapse from Within

Nov. 8 – Early Reformers and Reform Movements

Nov. 15 – The Fall of Constantinople and the European Renaissance

Nov. 22 – New Worlds: Catholic Missionary Efforts in the Americas and Around the World

Nov. 29 – The Church in Europe on the Eve of the Reformation; Summary of the past quarter.

The textbook for this course is Justo Gonzales' *The Story of Christianity – Vol. 1, The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*. November we are studying chapters 33-37.

**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. Fables and casual conversation

Fourth Sunday: Comparative religions and denominations

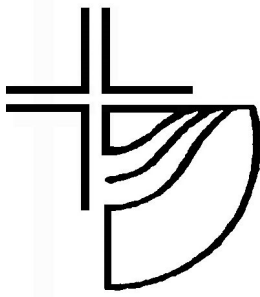
Fifth Sunday: Pot-luck breakfast

Follow the **Connections** signs to Room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rick Bowser at 201-8734 or [rbowser4@yahoo.com](mailto: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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To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**GOALS**

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

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Chapel  
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—3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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