



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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by Pastor Cindy Lattimer

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## STARLIGHT TEA CONCERT

On Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. the Starlight Tea Concert Series is proud to present *The Ravel Trio*, a piano trio composed of cellist Nancy Baun, pianist Daniel Lau and violinist and violist Simon Maurer. Hailed internationally as "Radiating an American spontaneity and a European elegance" by the Swiss La Liberte and "Ardent performance" by the Baltimore Sun, the Ravel Trio captivates audiences with its conversational concert style and musical passion.

The Trio maintains a schedule that includes frequent tours to Switzerland, in addition to recitals and collaborative performances in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Bethlehem, PA, Morning Call wrote, "Superb ensemble and unflagging energy and verve.... I cannot begin to describe the delight I found in [their] playing."

Their concert for this Valentine's weekend event is titled "Melange of Love" - a wonderful idea for a Valentine's date night! Why not combine the Friendship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. with this concert dedicated to love! As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to invite all your friends! --Emery DeWitt



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a service of ashes in the chapel on February 10 at 5:45 p.m. It is important to mark the beginning of Lent - to remember - to confess - to rest in the protection of our Creator. The service will be reflective in nature. It will end in time to attend the WNL class in room 162-3. If you have never attended an Ash



new as we sacred season!  
--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

## ♥ FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP MEAL

Mark the date on your calendar:

LCOB Annual February Friendship Meal is on **Saturday, February 13, from 5:00 -6:30 p.m.** It will be held in the Family Life Center. The menu will be ham loaf, buttered noodles, succotash, salad, rolls and red velvet cupcakes. Sign up by Sunday, February 7, in the Gathering Place, so we can plan accordingly. Please note that there is a space for a vegetarian meal option, if needed. There will be live music for the evening provided by our own Gabriella and Edison Rodriguez. Cost will be \$9.00 per person. Bring your friend or your "sweetheart" for a relaxing evening of dinner and music. The Starlight Tea Concert will follow the dinner at 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry Team.



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# SERVING THIS FEBRUARY

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Gloria Myers  
 8:40 a.m. Doug Wiker  
 8:40 a.m. Shirley and Calvin Wenger  
 9:50 a.m. Kristen and Adam Snoke  
 9:50 a.m. Shirley Wenger and Jack Wilson  
 10:15 a.m. Judi and Bob Hess



## USHERS

**CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.**  
 Chuck Neslund  
 Dave Evans

### **SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.**

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

## CHURCH LIBRARY

**Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.**



Ava and Sadie Bowser

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

John Byers - 394-6086



## ATTENDANCE

December 20—375  
 December 27—290  
 January 3—334  
 January 10—301

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

**New Phone:**  
 Mark & Thelma Weaver – 517-3846  
  
**New Email:**  
 Lin Moyer – [linfordmoyer2100@yahoo.com](mailto:linfordmoyer2100@yahoo.com)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Elaine Snyder  
 Clyde Angle  
  
 4 Heather Baker  
 Emily Wenger  
 Deldonna Forrest  
 Linda Hopple  
  
 6 Ralph Martin  
  
 7 Richard Bowser  
 Dawn Bomberger  
  
 8 Megan Eldredge Lester  
 9 Doug Wiker  
 11 Bretta Illig  
 12 Grace Glasmire

13 Morgan Husted  
 Bob Hopple  
  
 14 Judith Breidenstine  
  
 17 Christa Shulenberg  
 Kelsey Murray  
 Mark Snyder  
  
 19 Gladys Hylton  
  
 22 Jenny Elmeier  
 Loretta Kreider  
 Mary Ellen DeWitt  
  
 23 Matt Kernicky  
 Pat Veser

24 Virginia Herr  
  
 28 Jean Hosler  
 Bob Gish  
 Linda Byers  
 David Byers  
 Alvin Cott



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Community Bible Experience during Lent

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter – of getting ready to experience again (or for the first time) the power of the resurrection – and the ongoing new life that goes with it. Many Christians add the discipline of more intentional Bible reading to this season of preparation. We want you to do the same – but are aware that some church surveys show that while, most of us want to hear God speak, 4 out of 5 churchgoers aren't getting enough help understanding the Bible. So what's keeping us from engaging God's Word? Some common pitfalls are: We read in fragments, we read without context, and we read in isolation. Community Bible Experience is an attempt to overcome some of those pitfalls. ***We hope the entire Lancaster Church of the Brethren will participate together!***



### What is it?

This Lent we want to Read Big. Read Real. Read Together. Community Bible Experience is an attempt to capture a panoramic view of the New Testament, to read the story of redemption in context, and to read it in community. It begins with a new format for reading: “The Books of the Bible”. This book is Scripture – only it has been uniquely formatted to be read from beginning to end. This presentation of Scripture has no chapter or verse breaks, no cross references, and no red-lettering. We will read the New Testament in its entirety over the course of 9 weeks. And we will share the journey in community, gathering once a week in small groups to reflect on our reading— to share what inspires, surprises, puzzles, or challenges us. You don't have to come with all the “right” answers; you just have to come ready to share what you're experiencing as you read.

**How do I participate?** - There are two pieces to your participation – 1.) Reading and 2.) Discussing what you have read.

*Here's how to get involved with the reading:* sign up in the Gathering Place or Heritage Center on a purple sheet. Signing up means you will receive a physical copy of “The Books of the Bible” on February 7 – so you can begin reading on February 8. Giving us your email address lets you receive daily emails from the church that contain a 60-second video introducing the day's text, a link to the audio version of the text, and a link to a digital version of the text.

*Here's how to get involved with discussing:* First – remem-

ber that this is a critical part of the process. The discussion questions are meant to be engaging while also being straightforward – anyone can answer them! The discussion in groups will be like being part of a book club.

Discussions will happen in the FLC at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday – just show up! Everyone who shows up will be divided into groups of 8-10 to discuss. Each Wednesday, certain tables at WNL will be designated as discussion tables for Community Bible Experience – so you can simply sit at one of those tables and talk over your meal. Other times of discussion can be added – PLEASE let the pastoral staff know if you need another time beyond these in order to participate!

### What else should I know?

- The sermons (in the traditional and MP services) each Sunday from February 14 – April 10 will focus on something that you will read during the previous week! It's one more way to engage in the reading and discovery of Scripture!
- During Holy Week, we will use readings from Jesus' passion as opposed to the regularly scheduled readings. Those readings will be printed in the bulletin the week before and sent out via the daily emails. You may also use this week to “catch up” if you have fallen behind.
- Daily readings are for Monday – Friday only – use the weekends to rest or catch up! You should expect your daily reading (or listening) commitment to be about 20 minutes daily.
- You can participate with your kids! There are (shorter) audio versions for children plus discussion guides for parents. You can access them here: <http://www.biblica.com/en-us/cbe/nt-download/new-testament-kids-audio/>
- There are Spanish materials available – please just ask!
- The church is paying \$5 per participant – but if it helps motivate you to stick with your commitment – you can contribute that \$5 – just mark the contribution as “Community Bible Experience”

### Who do I ask for more information?

You can ask anyone on the pastoral team or check out some of the resources for yourself at: <http://www.biblica.com/en-us/cbe/nt-download/>

--Cindy Lattimer

## MESSENGER RENEWALS DUE FEBRUARY 28

Subscriptions to our Church Magazine, *Messenger*, will expire in April. If you took out a two year subscription last year, your subscription will not expire until April, 2017. If you are currently a subscriber, your subscription date is located above your name. The last four digits show the subscription ending date. A note will be placed in your mailbox if your subscription ends this year. The deadline to submit renewals is Sunday, February 28. Our *Messenger* representatives are Ken and Linda Harnish. They will be in the Gathering Place between Sunday worship services on February 21 and February 28 if you have any questions. Inspiration, information, connection – these are the heart and soul of *Messenger* magazine, the thread that binds our Brethren family. All members receive a \$3.00 discount off the regular individual price. The cost minus the discount is \$14.50 for a one year subscription or \$27.00 for a two year subscription. This is a high-quality publication that links people with the news, views, stories, and happenings within the Church.

--Ken Harnish



Climbers' News

Climbers will gather Saturday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place for **Game Night**. Please bring items for the LCCC Food Bank and change to be put in the jar for Disaster Relief fund in September.

--Dave and Darlene Creighton

## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas and friends of all ages mark your calendars for these exciting kids' events:

- ☺ Saturday, March 26, **Family Easter Event** at 10:00 a.m.
- ☺ Wednesday, March 30, **Mini-Concert for Family and Friends** at 6:00 p.m. featuring the Wednesday Night Music Classes
- ☺ Saturday, April 16, **Spring Kids Night** from 4:00-7:30 p.m. (*Note the time change!*)

Questions? Contact Lisa Miley or Jamie Nace



## LCCC CORDIALLY INVITES LCOB

On February 14 Jim S. Amstutz, Executive Director and Matt Weaver, Director of Finances and Development of Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC) will be speaking in the Thoughtful Life Class. Jim is a co-chair of the Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness and a board member for Hunger Free Lancaster. After the 10:15 service, the congregation of Lancaster Church of the Brethren is invited to an Open House from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Council of Churches, 812

North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. Please come for a light lunch and a tour. To sign up contact Tiffany in the church office or email Kate Rill at [krill@lcchurches.org](mailto:krill@lcchurches.org). We hope that you can join us.

This congregation is an active member of  
**LANCASTER COUNTY**  
 Council of Churches



## Wednesday Night Live in February

*Wednesday Night Live* continues each Wednesday evening through March 16. We gather in the FLC at 5:00 p.m. for a tasty supper prepared by our volunteer staff. After the meal, join in on the interesting class from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in room 162-3.

On February 3 and 10, "*Where Does Our Outreach Money Go?*" continues:

- Feb. 3 – **Craig Smith**, Atlantic Northeast District Executive
- Feb. 10 – **John Snader**, president of Brethren Village.

In the next three weeks (Feb. 17 – Mar. 2), the our popular series of *Testimonies and Life stories*, by members of our congregation continues:

- Feb. 17 – **Clem and Margaret Rosenberger**
- Feb. 24 – **Frank and Wanda Fox**.

We hope you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.

--Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator

--Chuck Denlinger and Bev Angle, class steering committee

## OUTREACH, A YEAR IN REVIEW

It takes many people, many offerings—some small, some large. Some people tithe, some don't. We give outside the budget to many causes that we see as meaningful to help others.

We see or hear of people who need food, who need clothing, who need help to get affordable housing, to recover from disaster. We hear the call from God to reach out. We are blessed to have what we need. We live in safe places free from the struggle to just survive.

We, the Outreach Ministry Team, and the group called Hunger and Poverty are charged by you, the congregation, to find the means to collect and allocate your offerings in various places.

### Here are some of the recipients of your giving:

Through **2¢ a Meal**, \$5,907.76 was collected to feed the hungry, 1/3 of that amount goes to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank and 2/3 goes to Brethren Disaster Ministries.

To **Be an Angel**, \$17,050.90 was collected, to provide school uniforms to the children of the School District of Lancaster without a permanent home. Collections come in usually from the end of June to the beginning of August. Some give during the entire year. At year's end, we received a very significant amount for that account.

Last fall, \$1,900 was contributed for the **CROP Walk**. It is distributed like the 2¢ a Meal program to feed the hungry, locally and globally.

This past year we started the second major fund drive within the 20/20 vision. The first fund drive, completed in 2013, was for Haiti Mobile Health Clinics. This second fund drive for the **Lancaster County Council of Churches** is to help pay for the new **Food Hub** facility. The objective and our commitment is to reach \$100,000 over five years, i.e. \$20,000 per year. We reached and surpassed our first year goal of \$16,645 for the first year. In addition \$10,000 was made available acting as matching fund from two anonymous donors, bringing the total to \$26,645. Well done!

You also reached out to help our sisters and brothers of EYN by contributing to the **EYN Crisis** fund. \$30,153.73 was given. And you may continue to assist in this endeavor.

In addition \$15,000 from the interest of the **Outreach & Scholarship Endowment** Fund could help various non-profit organizations in our area: INC (for community meals), Hinga (Micro loans in Uganda), Bridge of Hope (helping single mothers with children

to become financially independent), Tabor (to help women released from prison), Chestnut Street Housing and Habitat for Humanity (to make affordable homes a possibility to work to end homelessness, avoid evictions from their homes and/or help those in need to become financially independent).

This short review is to help you to understand the needs of others and where your contributions go. This is in addition to our Outreach budgeted items. May the God of all people be with you and bless you in this New Year.

Thank you again for making all this possible.  
--Otto Scchaudel, outgoing chair of the Outreach & Ministry Team

## BOOKS BY ERIC METAXAS

Eric Metaxas was born of Greek immigrant parents, graduated from Harvard and spent several years working in dead-end writing jobs. He did not have a strong affiliation to the Orthodox Church in which he was raised. At age 25 he became an enthusiastic believer in Jesus, quit his job and began an illustrious and prolific career as author of many books, fiction and non-fiction. His most famous book is Bonhoeffer which is a biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was martyred by the Nazis. This book is in our library as



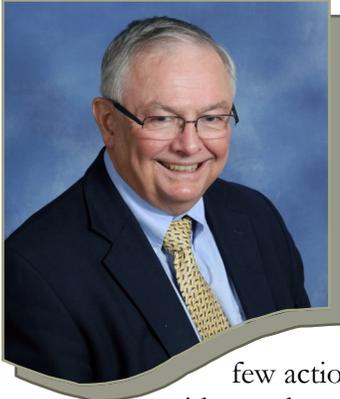
well as four others written by Metaxas. We also have Amazing Grace, a biography of William Wilberforce who is credited with

ending the slave trade in the British Empire. Seven Women and Seven Men are both books about persons who have made outstanding contributions to mankind. All four of these biographical books are about persons who have used their time on earth to make a difference in the lives of many. They speak to each of us, as did Jesus, to use our brief time on earth to give our lives in helping others. The fifth book is Miracles which blends science and anecdotal evidence of many to provide a compelling argument for God's role in all of creation. Science has made mind boggling strides during a recent past that it has many to doubt the very existence of God. This is a magnificent faith strengthening book. All five of these books are well written, easy reading and inspiring. --Jack Bryer

## MODERATOR'S CORNER

Dear Members and Associates,

My communication intention is to use the monthly Newsletter as a means of keeping folks apprised of what is happening in the business areas of church life. I will focus on different topics with a leaning toward Church Board actions and discussions.



In that light, on Tuesday, January 19, the first Church Board meeting for 2016 was held. In my opinion, you have a great team representing you in church administration and I am honored to be part of the process. Our first session went smoothly with few action items. The one issue dealt with was, however, very critical.

You should now be aware that we ended the year with the POM (Plan of Ministry) budget in arrears by over - \$26,000. This means that POM expenses exceeded POM contributions by that amount. This is the first time this has happened in many years. This short come has been coming for a while since expenses have been increasing at a faster rate than contributions.

Your board responded by moving money from the Contingency fund to the POM to settle the deficit. We are OK with cash for now but deficit spending can only be sustained by the government (since we do not print money).

We should avoid this occurrence in 2016, and I have advised the board with the following suggestion.

The congregation has approved a 2016 budget which is no frills—what is really needed to keep our programs moving. We should make every attempt to match expenses and contributions during the first quarter of 2016. Let the members vote with their wallets.

If contributions have not met expenses, our Spring Congregational Meeting will deal with expense reduction proposals which would likely be in the Executive, Outreach or Property areas. It will not be easy since these programs are now run very efficiently.

I feel sure this is a problem that we can solve. You can help by making extra contributions this year and making sure that it goes to the POM.

Remember that I am at the Church on Thursday mornings, please stop by to share your ideas. You can also call me or send an email.

Thanks,  
Frank Fox  
Moderator

## GIVING TREE

The Outreach Ministry Team wants to thank all of the members for contributing items for the **Giving Tree** this past December. The items went towards the homeless of Manheim Township sponsored by the MT School District. We were pleased in the response that we had received for the short time that we had to collect. Hopefully, next year we will have more time and can get even a larger response.

We had filled one of the shopping carts that are used for the food bank collections. Items that we received were \$150 in Grocery Gift cards, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand cream, powder, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, washcloths, children's books, small toys, card games, and Christmas gift wrapping paper.

The items were distributed the following week by the school district at an event they had scheduled. Thanks again, to a congregation that is always willing to help someone in need! --Ellen Weaver

### Christmas Stocking Thank You

When the empty Christmas stockings were picked up at Excentia, to be refilled in December 2016, there were many thank you cards/notes from the residents. Here is a quote from one of the cards *"Happy New Year, Thank you so very much for the fun Christmas stockings. The individuals look forward to receiving them every year and enjoy opening them. Thank you, Blessings, Tom."*  
--Marilyn Hummel

### THANK YOU, BV VOLUNTEERS

The following people from our church volunteered to help take down Christmas decorations on the campus of Brethren Village, Monday, January 4: Friedlinde Ebersole, Steve Focht, Linda Harnish, Jeanne Heck and Mary Weaver. Many thanks to all of you for your willingness to help with this activity. Volunteers are very much appreciated.

--Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB.

### MANY THANKS

I cannot find adequate words to express my appreciation to the members and friends in our congregation for your loving care and support during Lois' physical struggles. And the love you expressed to me and my family following her death was incredible. You lifted us up in prayer, hugged us, sent us e-mails, food, and dozens and dozens of cards. A word of thanks seems inadequate, but that is the best I can do. So, THANK YOU! --Allen Hansell

## Atlantic Northeast District WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

March 5, 2016 – 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Melanie Snyder, Speaker**

***Hurts, Harm, and Healing***

Location:

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
(717) 665-1342



Lunch \$7.50/Person  
By Reservation Only

**Reservations are due February 21**

See Your Women's Fellowship Representative  
or Contact Juli Thomas (215) 529-4581  
for more information.

### Healing Prayer

Lord Jesus, heal me.  
Heal in me whatever You see needs healing.  
Heal me of whatever might  
separate me from you.  
Heal my memory,  
heal my heart, heal my emotions,  
heal my spirit, heal my body  
heal my soul.  
Lay Your hands gently upon me and  
Heal me through Your love for me.  
  
Amen.

### HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

If you are interested in submitting an article or letter, here's how to do it!

1. The deadline is the 15th of every month.
2. ***Electronically submitted is best!***
3. Email to the church office at [lancob@comcast.net](mailto:lancob@comcast.net).
4. Please do not extensively format emailed submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. An attached file should be in a *Word* document.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention Tiffany Dickel, or place them in the "Newsletter" folder in the church office.

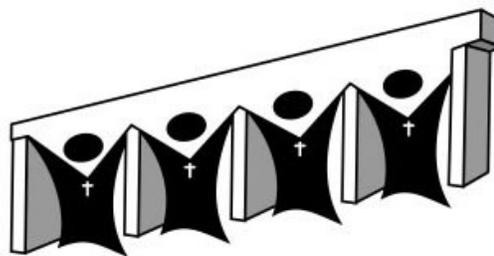
### Women's Spring Fellowship

Registration is required for lunch and child-care. The registration form is in the Gathering Place. There is no charge for those just attending the fellowship. **PLEASE** make your lunch payment payable to the "Atlantic Northeast District" and write "Women's Spring Fellowship" in the memo. You can put your check in mailbox #29 (*Tiffany Dickel's mailbox*). Take note, the fellowship will be held **here** at LCOB. Contact Fern Bucher, Women's Fellowship Representative, if you have any questions.



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"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



**BRIDGE**

*working together as one body*

Chapel • Morning Psalm • Sanctuary • Maranatha

## THANKSGIVING AND FINAL EYN UPDATE

Jesus said, *“With God all things are possible.”*  
*“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances!”*

Jesus said, *“Surely I will be with you always.”*

Some words of Thanksgiving and Final Update of the 2015 EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) Fraternal Visit to COB (Church of the Brethren in America) 06/22/15 to 07/19/15.

From LCOB (Lancaster Church of the Brethren, ANE District) 2015 EYN Visit Planning Committee. This update has been prepared for the December 2015 COB Newline by the Committee Secretary, Suzanne Schaudel and the Committee Chair, Monroe Good.

The EYN 2015 Fraternal Visit turned out to be a phenomenally successful ‘God Event’ (a Holy Spirit directed experience) that strengthened the bond of Christian love and fellowship between EYN and COB more than any other experience in recent years. Two groups (one from EYN and one from COB) sponsored and organized the Visit. (1) The EYN BEST Group (the Brethren Evangelism Support Trust) a non-profit group that supports EYN Ministries. BEST Members paid for all travel preparation costs and their own round-trip flights to the US. (2) Lancaster Church of the Brethren appointed the 2015 EYN Visit Planning Committee. We, the Committee, are grateful for BEST and LCOB. We thank and praise God for their sponsorship.

### Noteworthy facts about the EYN 2015 Visit:

- 27 days in the USA
- Traveled at least 5,500 miles through 14 COB Districts
  - 17 days touring with the Choir presenting 1 to 3 Appreciation Concerts each day
  - 27 EYN women sang in the Women’s Fellowship Choir
  - The Choir gave more than 30 full or abbreviated concerts
    - Sang in 22 congregations, 6 retirement centers, 1 camp and at Annual Conference
    - 5 of the EYN BEST visitors traveled to two other COB Districts (Pacific Southwest & Northern Plains) to share the EYN story.

When the Committee first started their work (guided and encouraged by the Scriptures above) they began planning for about 30 EYN brothers and sisters. Later we learned, “This year it seems more people are able to get their US Visas. Instead of 30 people, now there will be more than 50 coming.” At this point the Committee knew something BIG was about to happen. We felt that God’s Spirit was at work directing this endeavor. The

Committee continued their work believing the words of Jesus, “With God all things are possible.”

The Committee started their work without a budget. As word spread about the visit, some funds gradually came to LCOB. Since the EYN group was so large, we estimated \$65,000 would be needed to take care of expenses during the 27 days visit here in the US. We know the Church of the Brethren. And so, we believed that the funds would become available. We praise God for making it happen.

When the EYN sisters and brothers arrived in the US on June 22, twenty-two congregations were ready to receive them and host the Women’s Choir. At every stop on the EYN Choir Tour COB sisters and brothers were waiting to give a warm and heartfelt welcome, and to extend gracious hospitality. They provided meals and overnight accommodations. They also gave generously to cover the expenses of the tour.

**The total expenses for the EYN Visit came to \$65,306.22. Good News: the donations came to \$87,512.78. The amount of \$22,206.56 was given to the EYN Crisis Fund. Our Committee rejoices and praises God for the generosity of COB Churches. Glory be to God!**

In addition to Monroe Good who traveled on the bus with the visitors for the whole tour, we called two former missionaries Carol Waggy and Carol Mason to serve as escorts. Their presence and compassionate leadership made the long bus tour such a success.

Visits to Elgin (COB Headquarters) and Bethany Seminary and attending Annual Conference were high points for the EYN delegation. Most of them had never seen Elgin or Bethany and at least half of the visitors had never attended Annual Conference. Thank you to all COB and Bethany Staff and Annual Conference personnel for arranging these visits.

We, the Planning Committee, praise God for the outcome of the EYN Fraternal Visit. We are thankful for the Spirit’s leading. We believe this event was a high point for both EYN and COB and that it strengthened our relationships and understanding of each other. We believe the blessings of the 27 days of sharing and fellowship will challenge us to be more faithful followers of Jesus as we live and witness for Christ in our world.

Some words overheard following EYN Women’s Concerts: One brother said, “Tonight we were blessed to have God’s angels sing to us about the presence of Christ and God’s glory.” A sister said, “The EYN Choir touched my life spiritually and called me to a more faithful walk with Jesus.” A youth said, “This has been good for EYN and for Church of the Brethren in US. We are

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## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2016

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday Mornings

*The following classes are open to everyone. All are invited.  
Even though these groups are "ongoing," they are always looking for new members.*

**The Chapel Bible Study Group** meets in the chapel. Their theme for February will be *Holy Days*, especially *Passover*, *The Feast of Weeks*, *The Day of Atonement*, and *The Feast of Booths*. Biblical texts from both the Old and New Testaments will be studied, using the Brethren publication, *A Guide for Biblical Studies*. Teachers will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by Linda Husted, meets in room 170. The teacher in February will be **Gregg Shulenberger**, and the topics will be

- Feb. 7 – *Time*: Teaching children time management and the value of giving their time to help others.
- Feb. 14 – *Talent*: Helping children recognize their talents and guiding them toward opportunities to explore and use those talents to celebrate Christ.
- Feb. 21 – *Treasure, Part 1*: Talking to children about financial giving, its purpose, where it goes, and what the Bible says about it.
- Feb. 28 – *Treasure, Part 2*: Age-appropriate financial topics for children, and financial decisions for parents involving their children, such as college savings options.

The **Thoughtful Life Class**, meeting in rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. The focus in February will be on the congregation's "2020 Vision":

- Feb. 7 – **Frank Fox** will share an overview of *Creating a More Welcoming Church*.
- Feb. 14 – **Dave Hosler** will be joined by **Matt Weaver** of Lancaster Co. Council of Churches to share information about *LCCC Food Hub*, our second largest outreach fundraiser.
- Feb. 21 – Pastor **Cindy Lattimer** will share information about our *Small Groups* program that was started in 2015.
- Feb. 28 – **Jay Wenger** will share ideas of how to work on *Spiritual Renewal* within our congregation.

**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. In February we will continue our discussion of *The Wired World*. Each week we will discuss a topic in the news and explore how the Bible relates to our time. Follow the **Connections** signs to Room 200 on the second floor. For details, contact Rich 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.

Cont'd: *Thanksgiving and Final EYN Update*

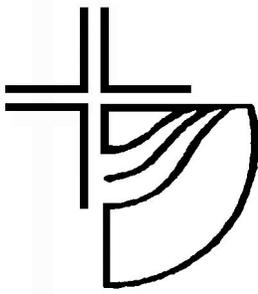
closer now!" Retired Pastor, Earl Ziegler said, "The presence of the EYN delegation and Women's Choir influenced the Annual Conference tremendously through their inspiring words and music. Their testimony of faith, forgiveness and courage toward the enemy, Boko Haram, was powerful. Hearing the EYN Choir singing three part harmony on the bus traveling to Annual Conference created unforgettable memories."

### PMT ENERGY TIP

Air It Out! Be sure to select the air dry option on



your dishwasher to save electricity. Also, wait until you have a full load. A half-empty dishwasher will use the same amount of water.



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