



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

April 2016

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UNIV. OF DELAWARE CHORALE RETURNS TO STARLIGHT TEA!

On **Saturday, Apr 9, at 7:00 p.m.** the Starlight Tea Concert Series is pleased to once again host the **University of Delaware Chorale**, under the direction of Dr. Paul Head. The Chorale is among the most highly regarded college choirs in the Eastern United States, and we invite them to join us at every opportunity! These concerts are considered "required attendance" for members of our Chancel Choir, because Director of Music Emery DeWitt holds both the Chorale and its director in such high esteem.

Recent honors include selection as a Finalist for the 2010 International Choral Contest in Tolosa, Spain, and selection as a Grand Prix finalist at the 2012 Béla Bartók International Choir Competition in Debrecen, Hungary. They were also the only American university choir to be featured on the 30th International Society for Music Education World Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2012. The chorale also has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York and Verizon Hall in Philadelphia's Kimmel Center for the Arts.



Be sure to invite all your friends to this musical event - especially young singers who will be thrilled to hear such fine young performers! As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to stay for the Tea afterward, when you can meet the musicians and enjoy tea and cookies and good fellowship with fellow music lovers!

--Emery DeWitt

KIDS' NIGHT—SPRING CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Drop off your kids at LCOB for a night of fun activities while you enjoy some time for yourself. **The Spring Carnival will be from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.** (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) in the Family Life Center for Children ages 3 years–5th Grade. There will also be childcare available for 6 weeks–2 years. (Parents must supply all food and snacks for this age group.)

The night will be packed with activities including a moon bounce and lots of carnival games and prizes. A hot dog dinner will be provided.



Register online by going to the *Praise Kidz* at L.C.O.B. Facebook page or contact Jamie Nace (940-1790) or Lisa Miley (656-7336) **by Sunday, April 10.** The last event met capacity by the RSVP date. *So, don't wait too long to register your kids!*

Lancaster Church of the Brethren is a working, worshipping, learning Christian community, open and accepting without discrimination or force in matters of belief and practice.

SERVING THIS APRIL

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Carol and John Graham
 8:40 a.m. Loretta and Burnell Kreider
 8:40 a.m. Linda and Ken Harnish
 9:50 a.m. Darlene and Earl Williams
 9:50 a.m. Shirley and Clyde Wenger
 10:15 a.m. Joyce and Rich Bohn



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Chuck Neslund
 Jere Tankesley

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.



Jean Deihm

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Bob Hopple - 519-2602



ATTENDANCE

February 21—334
 February 28—315
 March 6—303
 March 13—307

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address:
 Judy and Bob Mitchell
 1225 Hillcrest Glenn Circle
 Sugar Hill, GA 30518

New Phone #:
 Lin Moyer 717-606-9418

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Celia Peffley	10 Alexander Nye Ray Frace	17 Linda Husted Barbara Cott	23 Jay Enders Jeff Breidenstine
2 Matthew Harnish Romaine Lefever Aidan Buckwalter	11 Steve Polansky Jenny Dolk Ava Bowser	18 Clemens Rosenberger Darle Good	24 Arelis Sable 26 Jack Forsha
3 Kyle Shaffer LaRue Helm	12 Suzanne Schaudel Bruce Bomberger	19 Guy Wampler Jay Rhoades	29 Jere Bridgeman Joshua Kreider
4 John Hagen	13 Blair Breidenstine Pat Young	20 Jay Weaver Jon Bridgeman	30 Kate Rill
5 Jack Smith	14 Jillian Schmidt Justin Shertzer	21 Mary Weaver	
6 Suzanne Kline Marissa Nace	16 Mark Harnish	22 Christopher Holsinger Christina Miller Joyce Marks	
8 Warren Evans			
9 Kaylee Shulenberger			



FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DESK

“April showers bring May flowers.” It’s a saying that’s been around, seemingly, forever. It’s a nice little saying that sure does make us look forward to the blooming flowers in May. But what does it say about the month of April? It makes it feel as if April is just a month to hurry up and get through. If we can only hold out through a possible drippy and dreary April, the beauty of those May flowers is just ahead. But what if we take pause and appreciate the rain? What if we focus on the moment we’re in instead of eagerly trying to get to the May flowers? Too often we concentrate on the next big event; the next occasion for fellowship; the next time something significant is about to happen. And, it is good to anticipate those things. However, I’d like to encourage us to purposefully look for significance in the ordinary, everyday tasks of life and to also see God there.

Take Easter for example. We just spent the entire season of Lent focusing on Easter. We thought about who we are as followers of Christ and how we can do better. By the time Easter came, we had spent some significant time on inner reflection. We were ready for



Easter! We were ready to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior! God’s work is so evident on Easter! That is certainly true. But I tell you, God is just as evident in our lives while we are folding laundry, scrubbing the bathroom, driving to the grocery store, and pumping gasoline as he is on Easter. We just have to *look* for him.

Just as there is beauty in the Spring rain of April, there are God-moments in our everyday lives.

Have you ever experienced a God-moment? Perhaps someone extended kindness by letting you go in front of them as you were waiting in line. Maybe you were cleaning and you noticed something your child or grandchild had conveniently moved to a new location in an attempt to decorate and it made you smile. Perhaps that same child or grandchild started a thoughtful conversation with you in the car. Moments like these might not seem all that spectacular. But, if you really think about them and add them all together, you can begin to see that God is permeating the ordinary. He wants you to see him in the big, grand events in your life and in the small, everyday moments as well. May we all anticipate God’s awesome beauty in the May flowers as we soak in his presence in the April showers. Blessings to each of you for a God-drenched April!

--Jamie Nace

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MP TALK BACK SESSION

As we look towards Spring with a sense of renewal and freshness, we’d cordially like to invite everyone to a Morning Psalm talk back session! It’s been awhile since we got together in this way, and we’re looking forward to hearing from you! **Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 24, in the Family Life Center.**

--Blessings, Tim Dunbar

INQUIRERS' CLASS BEGINS

On Sunday, April 17, a four-week inquirers' class will begin meeting in Pastor Rill's office at 9:00 a.m. If you are not yet a member of this congregation and would like to know more about the Church of the Brethren, Lancaster Church of the Brethren, our history, beliefs, practices, ministries and more, please call the church office at 397-4751 to put your name on the list of those planning to attend.

This class is intended for those who already know they are interested in joining this congregation and for those who have not yet decided. The first session will focus on getting to know each other; the next sessions will concentrate on learning about the church.

--Pastor Jeff Rill



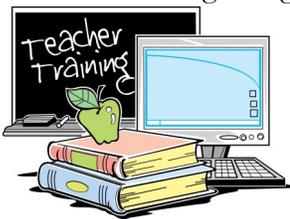
ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The Spring cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 23**. We need your help! We meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and it usually takes about 1½ hours to complete. This is a service project that can be done as a family. Your children must be at least 10 years old to participate. It is recommended you wear long pants and work boots or sneakers. Gloves and vests will be provided. Please join us on April 23. Any questions? Contact Scott Hufford.



DISTRICT WORKSHOP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT LCOB

Please remember to sign up for the Sunday School workshop being held at our church on **Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** with registration and refreshments beginning at 8:30 a.m. The featured speaker is Karen Todd, a passionate leader of the United Methodist Church who is involved in urban and suburban children's ministries. We encourage all teachers of children and youth to attend. Parents would also benefit from participating in this workshop. Contact Jamie Nace to register before April 6. Our congregation will pay the registration costs. Any questions, contact Suzanne Schaudel.



Entrenamiento para maestros de Escuela Dominical. Fecha: Abril 23, 2016 Hora: 9:00 a.m. hasta 11:00 a. m. Traducción disponible.

CLIMBERS FELLOWSHIP

The Climbers and Homebuilders will meet at Hoss's Steak House, 100 W. Airport Rd., Lititz, for Sunday **Brunch at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 10**. Please bring coins for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction jar and Giant or SKH gift cards for the Drug Court.



MEPA Fundraiser Banquet

MEPA invites the congregation and your friends to a fundraiser banquet on **Sunday, May 22, following 10:15 a.m. worship**. MEPA is the acronym for **Manos Extendidas Para Ayudar** which is Spanish for Extended Hands that Help. Maranatha has taken mission trips to Honduras, C.A. Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The money raised will help to fund their Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. During the meal there will be a video showing how God is transforming lives through our visits to D. R. While in the D.R. they will organize a Vacation Bible School and do some Evangelizing. They will also be ministering and bringing hygiene kits and other items to an elderly nursing home. This nursing home was created for seniors who have been abandoned either on the streets or at hospitals by their own children.



MEPA has been a mission project of Maranatha since 2004. Come join the Maranatha Fellowship in the Family Life Center for some wonderful Spanish food and help them raise the money for this worthwhile mission trip. --Alix Sable

CLEAN KITCHEN!

The Kitchen Committee and others met on January 30 and diligently deep-cleaned our church kitchen. The committee is grateful for all who participated and asks that **all groups and individuals using the kitchen go the extra mile to keep our extraordinary facility clean and tidy!** Thanks! --Deb Chillas

Keep it clean.

Brethren Highlights is published monthly by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The absolute deadline for the **May** issue is **April 15, 2016**.

Seeking First the Kingdom

November 12 & 13, 2016

The LCOB Spiritual Renewal Committee is pleased to announce that on November 12 & 13 we will experience our first **Seeking First the Kingdom** event. The guest speaker will be **Jeff Carter**, President of Bethany Theological Seminary. He will be giving two keynote addresses Saturday, November 12 and will be our guest speaker at a 10:15 a.m. combined worship service Sunday, November 13.

The November 12 event is an all-day conference consisting of worship, breakout sessions called *Seeking Sessions* (several for the attendees to select from) and lunch. The entire day will be built around a theme, which will be announced at a later date.

As a directive of the 2020 Vision & Mission of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, it was proposed that annually the church hold a spiritual renewal event. Our Spiritual Renewal Committee is chaired by Jay Wenger and the committee (of 5) is currently being formed to further plan this and future **Seeking First the Kingdom** events.

These events will not be financed by the Plan of Ministry (the church budget), but will be financed by the members of the church through patron support and free-will offerings taken at each event. **You can be a patron of Seeking First the Kingdom by completing the form included on page 10 of this Brethren Highlights.** Select a level of giving, write a check for that amount, write "Seeking First the Kingdom" in the memo and send it to the church office or put it in mailbox #29. Your financial commitment will allow the committee to engage other nationally known outside speakers for years to follow.

--Jay Wenger, Spiritual Renewal Committee Chair

PRESCHOOL HOSTS FUNDRAISER

Lancaster Brethren Preschool is hosting a fundraiser on **Thursday, April 14, at the Isaac's in**

Greenfield from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Twenty-five percent of the cost of your meal will be donated to Schreiber Pediatrics by the Preschool. Come on out and help support a great cause! If you chose to go, please take the flyer found in your mailbox and hand it to your server. Thank you!

--Danielle Shulenberger

LIBRARY LINES

It has been a great pleasure to be able to serve our church as librarian because it is through books and stories that I am getting to know you. This month I would like to share a story about one of our recent purchases. The title of the book is Forgiven: The Amish School Shooting, A Mother's Love and a Story of Remarkable Grace by Terri Roberts and Jeanette Windle. Some time ago I was listening to Scott Lamar's radio program on NPR. He was interviewing the author of this book, Terri Roberts. Naturally, I grabbed a pen and wrote down the title so that I could purchase it for our library. One day Diana Wiker came into the library looking for this book. I thanked her for reminding me about it and told her I would buy it the next time I ordered books. Recently, while talking with Diana, I remembered that the book came in and I told her where she could find it in the library. She remarked that she would like to read it, but now wasn't a good time, however, she would take a look at it. The following week when I saw her she was so excited to tell me what had happened with the book during that week. It turned out that when she started reading, she couldn't put it down until it was finished. Diana went on to tell me that through unexpected events, she ended up meeting Terri that very weekend. The families of Nickel Mines could have been torn apart that day in October 2006 by an unthinkable tragedy but instead experienced the awesome power of forgiveness and the unbreakable strength of God's Love. Terri has courageously told this story for us, giving witness to a community who are living out the story of Jesus and the resurrection. I was deeply touched when Diana shared her experience with me. I believe that when we share our stories with each other, we see how God is walking with us. God's love for us is all at once realized in the joy of sharing. What stories do you have to tell? My prayer is, the next time you feel your heart stirring, you will share your stories and see how God is with you in your lives.

Take time to visit our library. New books are arriving all the time. --Deborah Hall

APRIL PMT ENERGY TIP

Use a low-flow shower head and a 10-minute



shower will use about 25 gallons of water, about five gallons less than a bath. The low-flow fixture also will save energy – up to \$145 each year on electricity, according to ENERGY STAR.

WHERE IS THE LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN?

When asked that question I stumble over giving driving directions. *“On route 501 going south go under the Hwy Rt30 overpass, turn left into the Lancaster Shopping Center, go through the shopping center, go through the traffic light, go to the first stop sign, turn right onto Sunset Avenue, go past Rutledge Avenue, then turn left into the church parking lot at 1601 Sunset Avenue.”*

I just looked through the 2016 church directory, trying to find someone whose residential address was 1601 Sunset Avenue. The closest was a block away. No one lives at 1601 Sunset Avenue. My guess is that on most days the building is empty for much of the 24 hour day. **If the Lancaster Church of the Brethren is defined as the building at 1601 Sunset Avenue, are there times when the Lancaster church of the Brethren does not exist?** The early Brethren hesitated to call the buildings they met in “churches.” “Church” reminded them of a highly centralized, stagnant institution, dead to the concerns of the world, devoted only to preserving its authority, power and wealth. These early Brethren preferred to use the term “meeting house” to indicate the building in which they would gather to fellowship and worship. Church to them meant the community of faith, the body of Christ, wherever any part of that community existed.

In that case the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, according to the 2016 directory, exists in Lancaster, Lititz, Leola, Mt. Joy, Brethren Village, New Holland, Ephrata, Willow Street, Columbia, Manheim, York, Palmyra, Quarryville, Gap, Strasburg, Akron, Monroeville, Washington, D.C., Ohio, Colorado, Wisconsin, California, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Florida, Connecticut, Iowa, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Davidson College, Penn State University, Temple University, St. George’s University in the West Indies, the Bahamas, College of Charleston, Juniata College, Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh, Alvernia University, Loyola University Maryland, the United States Foreign Service, the U.S. Navy, and the US Airforce. **This is where the Lancaster Church of the Brethren is located and where its ministry is located.**

Additionally, the church directory lists three youth representatives on the Atlantic Northeast District Youth Cabinet; Hygiene Kits for the Pathfinders fellowship group; Brethren Village Auxiliary key person; Into the Neighborhood Committee; Lancaster County Church of the Brethren Senior Adults key person: also a list of agencies with which we are related; Atlantic Northeast District; Bethany Theological Seminary; Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center; Brethren Service

Center; Brethren Village; Camp Swatara; Church of the Brethren General Offices; COBYS Family Services; Elizabethtown College; Lancaster County Council of Churches; Parish Resource Center; and Samaritan Counseling Center. **This is also where the Lancaster Church of the Brethren is located and where its ministry is located.**

We sometimes assume that the Outreach Ministry Team has primary responsibility for ministries which occur outside the walls of the building at 1601 Sunset Avenue. But as you can see this is not that simple.

Everything we do at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren is really outreach.

The gospel writers Matthew and Mark tell us among the very last words Jesus said to his disciples are “Go into all the world. . . . Remember, I am with you always.” A directive and a promise. At the Lancaster Church of the Brethren we do this deliberately and also do this without realizing it. And Christ is with us in our faithful response to this directive, whether we are aware of it or not.

--Ray Leckrone, Chair, Outreach Ministry Team

Thank You, Congregation!

To the members of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

Lisa and I sincerely thank Pastor J. Calvin Wenger, Pastor Cindy, the Wednesday morning prayer group and all of our friends for their cards and prayers during this time of grief on the loss of a wonderful gift we were blessed to have in our lives. Pat always enjoyed Pastor Cindy’s visitations. She felt they were precious times because they meant so much to her. We are also at a loss for the right words to express our feelings to Pastor Wenger for his faithful support to Pat during all her hospital stays and recovery times at home over the past 6 years. Pat was most grateful for his phone calls, visitations, prayers and words of encouragement. He kept in contact with us and always offered a prayer over the phone when he was unable to visit with her letting us know he was thinking of us and just knew the right words each time to help give us peace and keep our faith in the Lord. His words and caring meant so much to Pat, Lisa and myself. What a wonderful caring person of faith.

Lisa Wolf Werner and Tom L. Wolf

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LANCASTER COUNTY
Council of Churches



*Together for the
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Bob Troxell with
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Sunday, April 17, 2016

Concert at 4pm | Reception at 6pm
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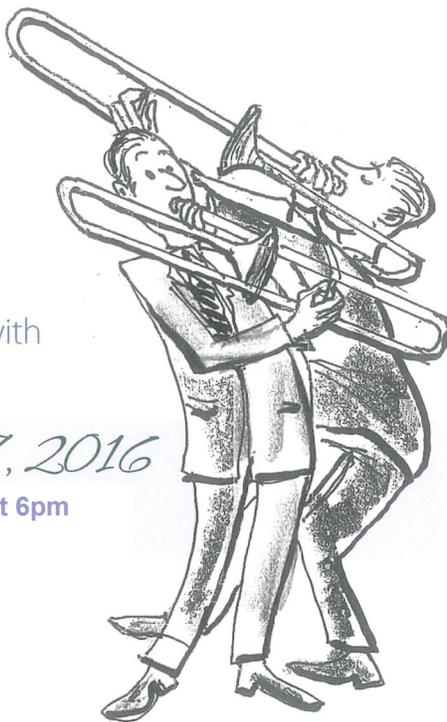


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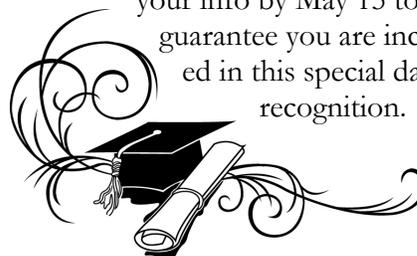


CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you are graduating from high school, college or other higher education this Spring, please let the church office know. LCOB would like to recognize all graduates on Sunday, June 5. Send a little bio and photo including the following by May 15 to lancob@comcast.net:

- * Your name -
- * School you are graduating from—
- * What is your degree (if in college) –
- * What school you plan to attend next (Sr. High/Undergrads) –
 - What will your major be -
- * If you plan to work, do you know where or what you will be doing—

Make sure Tiffany Dickel has your info by May 15 to guarantee you are included in this special day of recognition.



For Tickets

For tickets please go to lcccbenefitconcert.eventbrite.com or call Kate Rill at 717-690-8049 or email krill@lcchurches.org by Friday, April 1st.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your cards and especially your prayers for my recovery. Your expressions of concern and best wishes mean a great deal to me. I especially want to thank Calvin Wenger and the Wednesday morning prayer group for their continuing support, contact, and thoughtfulness. My recovery will take some time, but I am improving each day with the help of the prayers being said for me. I feel very grateful and blessed to have such outpouring of love from the church family.

Sincerely,
Douglas Shank

The Church Staff would like to thank **Pricilla DeJessa** for her love and kindness she has shown us over this past year and previously—with her treats, gifts and notes. Thanks you.

Become A Supporter
of this Annual Event sponsored by the
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Seeking First the Kingdom

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution
 at the following support level:

- _____ **Philip the Evangelist level** (\$200 & above)
 _____ **Timothy the Evangelist level** (\$100-\$199)
 _____ **Woman at the Well level** (up to \$99) *

*The Samaritan woman at the well is sometimes called "the first evangelist" in the New Testament. "Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" John 4:28-29 NIV

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Lancaster Church of the Brethren with "*Seeking First the Kingdom*" on the memo line.

Mail check, along with this form to:

Lancaster Church of the Brethren
 1601 Sunset Avenue
 Lancaster, PA 17601

Or

Put in Mailbox #29

WNL OUTREACH UPDATE

The Wednesday Night Live series on Outreach Plan of Ministry provided an inside look into some of the operations of the Brethren Church at large. It is fair to say, it was a little surprising as to the length and the breadth of the services provided by these organizations. For those unable to attend the five sessions here is a brief summary:

- 1) **Camp Swatara**, presented January 13, by Ray and Judy Powell, former Board members. The current LCOB budget is \$3,966 which goes into camp's operating budget. In the fall of 2015 LCOB pledged \$17,000 for camp's Capital Improvements fund. This will be paid over the next 3 years – 2 years of \$6000 and 1 year of \$5000. The Capital Improvements includes updating cabins and plumbing in the West area and electrical equipment in the West Lodge.
- 2) **Mission and Ministry Board**, presented January 20 by Don Fitzkee, Chair. The current LCOB budget is \$32,522 for Mission & Ministry. Don presented many avenues that serve to "extend the Brethren Church's witness around the world" and goes to the core ministries budget - Congregational Ministries (*National Youth Conference, Ministry Summer Service, Youth Peace Travel Teams, National Older Adult Conference, intercultural ministries, Vital Ministry Journey, Organizational Resources...*) Copies of the entire list of programs provided by Mission and Ministry will be posted on the Outreach bulletin board.
- 3) **Elizabethtown College**, presented January 27 by Carl J. Strikwerda, College President and Bonnie Martin, EC Director of Church Relations. The current LCOB budget is \$5,456 for E-town College. The services presented to our youth and older generations are too many to enumerate here. However, you can go on to the E-Town College web site (www.etown.edu) and learn of the many programs designed to benefit the community at large. The stated mission: "Molded by a commitment to educate for service, Elizabethtown College is a community of learners dedicated to educating students intellectually, socially, aesthetically and ethically for lives of service and leadership as citizens of the world." Open the website and glance at the summary sentences included under the titles of: The Qualities of Our Education, Relationship-Centered Learning, International and Cross-Cultural Perspectives, Experiential Learning, Purposeful Life Work. The attendees learned to have a lot of respect for the college and it's far reaching activities.

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HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

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

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

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

April 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. Our overall theme for the March – May quarter is *The Gift of Faith*. In April we will focus on the theme of *Restorative Faith*, based on readings from the Gospel of *Luke*. Using the Brethren publication, *A Guide for Biblical Studies*, we will give special attention to the “wisdom words” of Christ. Teachers will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick** and **Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class** meets in room 170. In April, **Linda Husted** will teach from the book *The Five Love Languages of Children*, by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. This book introduces parents to all five “love languages,” and helps them determine the primary language of each of their children. Each child has a primary love language and will know that he/she is loved when a parent recognizes and speaks it. This book shows that each child needs to know that he is loved in order to grow into a giving, loving responsible adult. Parents of children of any age are invited to join us.

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. In the months of April – June, **John Snader** continues his *Church History* course with **Part III: The Reformation to the Present**. Based on the textbook, *The Story of Christianity, Vol. II*, by Justo L. Gonzales, the topics in April will be:

April 3 – *Zwingli and the Radicals* (Gonzales, Chap. 5 – 6)

April 10 – *Calvin* (Gonzales, Chap. 7 & 10)

April 17 – *The Counter Reformation* (Gonzales, Chap. 11, 12, & 14)

April 24 – *The Crisis of the 17th Century* (Gonzales, Chap. 15-18, 22)

In May and June we will focus on the church in the US, exploring the themes of religious freedom, pluralism, slavery, the civil war, the emergence of the “social gospel,” evolution, fundamentalism, modernity, science and technology. We will see where and how Anabaptists, Pietists, and the Brethren fit into this flow of history.

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

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

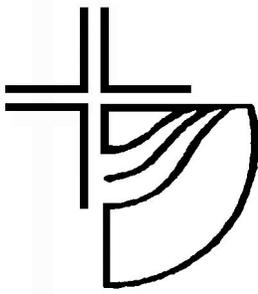
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- We can be grateful that we are included in those Brethren congregations that include E-Town College in their Outreach budgets.
- 4) **Atlantic Northeast District** (ANE) of the Church of the Brethren, presented February 3 by Craig Smith, District Executive. The current LCOB budget is \$35,200 for ANE. The district supports the calling and training of new licensed and ordained ministers, maintains records on all ordained clergy in the ANE, supports local congregations in the search and call process, the planting of new churches and revitalization of failing church, the ANE staff who is needed for the day-to-day operations of the previous tasks and the Brethren's overall effort to help spread the word of

our Savior, Jesus Christ.

- 5) **Brethren Village**, presented February 10 by John Snader, President and Chief Executive Officer. The current LCOB budget is \$11,900 it BV. The BV's operating budget provides the same services to all of its residents, low income or not.
- In conclusion, we also learned that not all ANE CoB's donate to the suggested per member contributions that we do. LCOB remains in the top ten churches across the Brotherhood that continually gives to all of the above. And, for those of you who read the full budget of LCOB, note that there are other areas in our Outreach budget to which this church contributes.

--Gene Mummau



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**LANCASTER CHURCH
OF
THE BRETHREN**

VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

GOALS

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

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

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—3rd grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00a.m. Children & Adults

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is the 15th of the previous
month.

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