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Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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ANNUAL LAWN PARTY ~ FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL!

The annual Lawn Party is Wednesday, June 8, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

This is the Hospitality Ministry Team's major fundraiser to cover the costs of other hospitality events throughout the year. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a great night of food and fellowship. There will be 1,000 fliers given out to our neighborhood friends. Please consider donating a food item listed on the donation form found in your church mailbox. Also, something new this year, a strawberry pie order form to ensure everyone who wishes to purchase a whole pie gets one before they sell out. The cost is \$10.00 for a 9" pie.



Strawberries will be picked on Tuesday, June 7- meeting at the church at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to volunteer to pick strawberries or help in any other way, please call Diana Wiker at 291-9348 as soon as possible. Thank you for your support! --Hospitality Ministry Team.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Grab your surfboards and meet us at the "Surf Shack," our Vacation Bible School held July 10-14 from 6:15-8:15 nightly. Children age 3 through grade 5 will learn

of God's amazing love through Bible stories, crafts, music, games, snacks and service projects. Register online at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/lancastercob/register> or look for flyers throughout the church. Contact Jamie Nace or Madelynn Riedel with any questions.



CAN YOU HELP FEED THE HUNGRY?

Tuesday, June 28, 2016, Lancaster Church of the Brethren will once again feed the hungry in Lancaster City. This is an opportunity to serve those in need and fulfill the teaching of Christ when he said, "When you feed the least of these you feed me." (Matthew 25: 37-40)

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. We will need helpers to set up the dining room at First Reformed Church, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster around 4:00, servers between 5:00 and 6:00 and a clean-up crew.

We will also need approximately 200 servings of desserts.

May God bless you for your generosity of your time and your cooking talent. May He also bless those we serve.



If you have questions, call Deb Chillias or David Heck.

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 JUNE

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Linda & Guy Wampler
 8:40 a.m. Maranatha Fellowship
 8:40 a.m. Dee & John Zimmerman
 9:50 a.m. Janet & Paul Groff
 9:50 a.m. Deborah Hall & Jim Bridgeman
 10:15 a.m.



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Bob Barber & Dave Evans

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Greg Hughes	Bob Hopple	John Lines
Doug Lunger	Barb Marrow	Russ Marrow
Mark Smith		
*Head Usher		

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Juanita Lunger

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Doug Wiker
 291-9348



ATTENDANCE

April 24—328
 May 1—296
 May 8—331
 May 15—276

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address:
Warren & Louise Evans
 1001 E. Oregon Rd., Apt. 034
 Lititz, PA 17543
Bob & Judy Mitchell
 1225 Hillcrest Glenn Cir.
 Sugar Hill, GA 30518

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Focht	13 Jay V. Wenger	22 Melissa Stover	25 Mark Smith
4 Shirley Martin	14 John Lines	Cindy Harmes	26 Betty Graham
5 Mark Weaver	15 Alison Buckwalter	David Truit	Marjorie Kauffman
Scott Hufford			Dorothy Shull
Paige Riegen	16 Lynn Shively	23 Courtney Mullins	Jay Murray
George Harmes	Jerold Smoker	(Deihm)	
8 Sadie Bowser	Galen Miley	Don King	27 Pam Kinderwater
9 Cathy Betz	18 Clyde Wenger	Tina Maerz	Lenny Lambert
David Creighton		Tia Truitt	Mary Swisher
John Herr	19 Sue Groff	Sofia Grace	28 Connor Snyder
June Shulenberger	Cristine White	Breidenstine-Valdes	
11 Giny Mackey	20 Ray Heiber	John David	29 Glenn Breidenstine
Sally Shenk		Breidenstine-Valdes	Linda Hershey
12 Bill Evans	21 Pat Wickersham	24 Lucille Buckwalter	30 Barb Kreider
Brad Shulenberger	Ashley Kline	Curtis Dubble	
	Jay Nace	Rodney Kline	
		Gale Shirk	
		Joanne Thomas	



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“You are the Salt of the earth?”

Have you ever eaten French Fries without salt? Have



you tasted a well done steak with no salt at all? Would you eat popcorn without salt? Have you tasted ocean water? How does it taste? When you eat salted peanuts, how salted do you like them - too salty, no salt at all, or balanced to some degree that their tastes are very

pleasant?

If you are a believer that tends not to be able to get along with anyone, and are always angry, bitter, or in a bad mood, then you need to be- (allegorically speaking), sprinkled with some of the salt that Jesus talks about in Matthew 5:13. *“You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.”*

You and I, as Christians, are called to be the salt of the earth. Jesus’ presence in our lives gives meaning to our existence. Non-believers have not yet received the promise of Salvation, and therefore, for many of them life has no meaning. Some are living on this earth with no purpose and no hope. They don’t understand the meaning of being born again. Many non-believers are searching for meaning in their lives. If you and I don’t reach out to those who don’t know Jesus, then we’ll be-

come like the salt that has lost its flavor. Before we became children of God, we were like grains of sand, too numerous to count and too dull to tell one from the other. But after accepting Christ, our lives were changed. We became a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17) - no longer like minute debris of rocks.

Jesus compared believers to salt for a reason. Salt is a mineral, used for preservation and flavoring food - needed by every human being. It can be harmful if used unwisely. Because it regulates the water content in our bodies it is extremely important to include it in our daily diets.

Jesus used salt as a symbol to describe how Christians ought to be in order to bring balance and hope to a world that ignores Christ’s existence. We cannot help this dying world if we have lost our flavor. Sometimes we as Christians become *“conformed to the things of this world,”* (Romans 12:2). When we do that, we start to walk away from God and begin to lose the joy of our salvation. The salt in us or our enthusiasm begins to fade away and to lose its flavor.

When Jesus asks, “What good is salt if it has lost its flavor?” In other words, if a Christian has lost his or her joy and fervor in serving Him and in loving his/her neighbor, then what's the difference between the old grain of sand they once were and the so-called salt they are now?

--Alix M. Sable

LIVESTREAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

Not everyone can make the trip to Greensboro, NC, to participate in the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in person, but that does not mean you cannot participate! All business meetings and worship services will be live-streamed so, if you have an internet connection, you can take part. Please do not miss this chance – especially to see some of the inspiring services of worship that are a hallmark of this conference.

There are several important issues coming up for discussion in the business meetings. If you are interested in watching the business meetings and then having a group with whom to discuss them, please let Pastor Cindy know. If we are able to get a group together, arrangements will be made for the meetings to be streamed into the Gathering Place. We could have access to the questions being discussed at the conference delegate tables and discuss those in real time. We may even make some plans for refreshments!

The conference schedule is below. Please contact Pastor Cindy if you are interested in watching the business in community.

Wednesday, June 29

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Opening Worship

Thursday, June 30

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.— Morning Business Session

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.—Afternoon Business Session

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

Friday, July 1

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.—Morning Business Session

No afternoon business session

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

Saturday, July 2

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.—Morning Business Session

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.—Afternoon Business Session

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

Sunday, July 3

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.—Closing Worship

ATTENTION CLIMBERS!



On Wednesday, June 22, we will be taking a bus trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor/National Aquarium. Contact Dave Creighton, box 127 or 397-7267.

JUNE PMT ENERGY TIP

Cool for Less with Ceiling Fans – instead of lowering your thermostat on your air conditioner, try using your ceiling fan to help you stay cool for less. The U.S. Department of energy says using a ceiling fan can reduce thermostat settings by four degrees and use much less energy than an air conditioner. Another cool piece of advice! Only use fans when people are in the room because fans work by producing a wind-chill effect.



THANK YOU, LCOB!

I wish to extend heartfelt thanks to all who have been so kind and caring to our family on the death of my husband and father of our three children, Fred Kreider. Your love and caring thoughts mean so much to all of us! Many thanks, also, to all who helped the American Cancer Society in Fred's name. Fred is now with our Lord and Savior and is suffering no longer. What a blessing for him! Many thanks, also, to Pastors Rill and Calvin Wenger for all of their kindnesses. What a wonderful church family we have at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. --Barbara Kreider & Family (John, Tim and Ann Louise)

Allen and I would like to thank our church family for all the cards to celebrate our 60 yrs of marriage. We have been so blessed and loved.

--Allen and Joanne Mellinger

Although my recovery from bypass surgery in April is longer than I expected, my Dr.'s say the surgery was successful and my recovery is ahead of schedule.

I can only attribute this to the skill of the surgeon and all the medical staff who attended to me; and also to the answered prayers of countless friends and family.

The many cards, visits, and phone calls were not only encouraging, they were evidence of the loving and caring LCOB community, friends, and family. Thanks to all the pastors for their visits and prayers. And special thanks to Pastor Calvin for the anointing prior to my surgery. May we all continue in His service.

--Clair Greiner

BE AN ANGEL 2016

"Few gifts on earth are as wondrous as the love of a child. Advocates for children know deep in their hearts the truth of the saying 'You never stand so tall as when you stoop to help a child.'" Dr. Wess Stafford, Too Small to Ignore

The School District of Lancaster has between **1000 -1200 homeless students**, and for the past **seven** years the Lancaster Church of the Brethren has tried to "stand tall" each summer as we purchase school supplies and uniforms for those homeless children. We call it our **Be An Angel** program. We will launch our 8th congregational effort on **June 26**.

Since 2009, Lancaster Church of the Brethren has raised over. . .

-\$13,000 for school supplies

-\$72,000 for uniforms—used to purchase 5,173 uniforms

-\$85,000 in total giving

Uniforms are important to all children. They enable young people to dress essentially alike, regardless of their economic status. When a child is homeless the funds to make that purchase are simply not available. A school uniform may encourage a child to stay in school and complete his/her education. It instills a sense of dignity to those who may not feel very worthwhile, and the giver receives a great blessing as well.

Al Hansell is graciously coordinating the Be An Angel project for the eighth consecutive year. Several monies have already been donated to the project in memory of his wife Lois, who was very dedicated to helping the homeless children in Lancaster. Let's make this a banner year for the Be An Angel project.

CHILDREN MATTER! WE CARE!

Dear Congregation, thank you so much for your kind support during my recovery process. Your prayers and cards meant very much to me and I am truly appreciative. Special blessings to the Wednesday morning prayer group. I cherished the prayers and each card I received in the mail. Special blessings to Dr. Calvin Wenger, who was with me at my most trying times and when it seemed that nothing could help calm my fears and doubts our prayers together calmed my soul. The prayers brought me peace when nothing else would through Christ's name. Through all the trauma and heartache I experienced I want the church to know that you made a tremendous impact on my healing and my life and my outlook on life. When all is said and done what I have found through this unfortunate accident is not anger and remorse but rather a closer relationship with Christ. I became a person who is closer to Christ. I am blessed. Thank you all. --Douglas Shank

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

June 2016

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday Mornings

The following classes are open to everyone. All are invited.

The Chapel Bible Study Group meets in the chapel. Our overall theme for the June - August quarter will be our need to be *A New Creation in Christ*, because of the sin and disobedience to which human beings are continually attracted. In June we focus on the OT book of the prophet *Zephaniah*, using the Brethren publication, [A Guide for Biblical Studies](#). Teachers will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**.

Ben Lattimer will be leading a Bible Study in Room 170 starting in June and continuing through the summer. All are welcome to attend.

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. **John Snader** concludes his *Church History* course in June with a focus on the story of the church in America. The suggested background textbook is *Religion in American Life*, by Jon Butler, Grant Wacker & Randall Balmer. Topics for June are:

June 5 – *The Church and Slavery*. (Butler, Wacker & Balmer, Chap. 8-13)

June 12 – *American Protestantism: 1860-1950*. (BW&B, Chap. 14, 19-21)

June 19 – *Darwin and Fundamentalism*. (BW&B, Chap. 15-18)

June 26 – *The Crisis of Modernity*. (BW&B, Chap. 22-25)

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.

BRETHREN Disaster Relief Auction

Held at Lebanon Valley Expo
80 Rocherly Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

For additional information contact: Thomas W. Fritz

717-823-2745

A joint effort with the Southern PA and Atlantic Northeast
Districts of the Church of the Brethren.

September 23 & 24, 2016

Friday, September 23

8:00 AM - "Gift of the Heart" Set-Up - Arena

9:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market

9:00 AM - Share-A-Meal Tickets

11:00 AM - Heifer Auction • Arts & Crafts

1:00-9:00 PM - Blood Drive IN AUC

1:00 PM - "Gift of the Heart" Kit Building - Arena

3:00 PM - Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner

5:00 PM - Auction - Main Hall

6:30 PM - Theme Basket Auction - Southeast Hall

Saturday, September 24

7:00 - 3:00 PM - Blood Drive

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - 5K Race

8:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market

8:00 AM - Share-A-Meal Tickets

8:30 AM - Main Hall -

Opening Devotions and Congregational Singing

8:50 AM - Auction - Main Hall

9:00 AM - Arts & Crafts - Arena • Food Stands

9:30 AM - Pole Barn Auction

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Free Child Care

10:00 AM - Quilt Auction - Main Hall

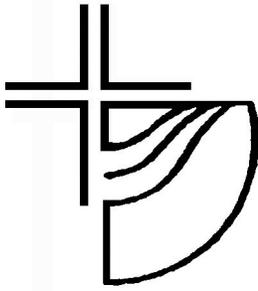
10:00 AM - Coin Auction - Center Hall

11:00 AM - Children's Auction - Southeast Hall

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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

The deadline for every issue
is the 15th of the previous
month.

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