



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

November 2016

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INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK FEAST

According to Wikipedia, Thanksgiving is celebrated in Canada and the United States. It was originally celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and the preceding year.

The Cross-Cultural Connections Committee of the LCOB invites you to join us on Sunday, November 20, at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center as



we come together as one body in Christ to praise and thank God for all He has done for us. After a few words of thanking our Lord and Savior, we will enjoy an array of delicious

international foods. This is a Thanksgiving celebration in which we may choose and enjoy foods and desserts from many different countries and US regions. There will be foods typical of Latin America, Europe, USA—Anglo and Afro-American. Donations will NOT be necessary during this event. NO RSVP Needed!!!

The Cross-Cultural Connection of LCOB, (CCC)

SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

November 12 & 13, 2016

The weekend begins on Saturday, November 12, with the **Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Carter**, president of Bethany Theological Seminary leading us in worship at 10:00 a.m.



Jeff Carter

- **Saturday Morning**—*Seeking Another Way*
Acts 2:1-12, 43-47
- **Saturday Afternoon**—*First Things First*
John 13:1-17
- **Sunday 10:15 a.m. Combined Worship**—
An Under the Table Kingdom
Mark 7:25-30.

These addresses along with the subjects of the **Seeking Sessions** are designed to enhance the retreat theme: **Seeking First the Kingdom as Brethren.**

It is suggested that to attend the **Seeking First the Kingdom** event, that you register. This allows the planning committee the ability to provide adequately for space, materials and food for lunch. It also allows you the opportunity to select the **Seeking Sessions** that you wish to attend. Complete the Registration Form (found here in this newsletter) and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Schedule and registration on page 5



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SERVING THIS NOVEMBER

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Kathy & Gene Mummau
 8:40 a.m. Lenny Lambert
 8:40 a.m.
 9:50 a.m. Rachel & Mo Salamh
 9:50 a.m. Eileen Weaver & Bob Hoppie
 10:15 a.m. Fern Bucher



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Jay Enders & Don King

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Clyde Angel Bev Angle Dan Errett
 Judy Errett Bob Finkbinder Clyde Weaver
 Shirley Wenger Wendy Young
 *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 18—337
 September 25—298
 October 2—212
 October 9—333

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
 Jenny Haines
 2 Diane Myers
 5 Dee Zimmerman
 6 Sam Haines
 8 Gina Brown
 Ruth Shultz
 9 Cindy Lattimer
 10 Jim Weaver
 11 Kristen Snoke
 13 Tim Heck
 Eileen Weaver

14 Tyler Heck
 Roy Garland
 Gloria Groff
 John Zimmerman
 Cindy Shuman
 15 Linda Harnish
 20 John Biemiller
 Miriam Longenecker
 21 Dave Evans
 Andrew Lines
 Darlene Williams
 22 Nick Hughes
 Brooke Smith
 23 Chuck Nesland
 Dick Kramer

24 Jon Bridgeman, Jr.
 25 Aaron Breidenstine
 Al Hansell
 Stephanie Reynolds
 26 Carol Shearer
 John Martin
 27 Deb Chillas
 Barry Shoff

29 Rich Shulenberger
 30 Kaylee Snyder
 Stacy Bashore-Steury



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What do you want for Christmas? A hippopotamus? Your two front teeth? Everett wants an Edward train engine. What about you? When all is said and done on the evening of December 25, how do you want your world to look? With whom do you want to have spent time? What experiences will you have enjoyed? What growth will be evident in your life? What new awareness will be enlivening your soul?



The season of Advent begins at the end of November. It is a time

when we are invited to prepare ourselves for Christmas – for the coming of Christ. It is preparation for a historical event, a present event, and a future event - Christ came, Christ comes, and Christ will come again! In its original form, Advent culminated at Epiphany with baptisms, so the season led to a time of commitment, response, and deepening faith.

This Advent, our worship will take a journey alongside Isaiah as he shows us place after place and sign after

sign of the coming Christ. The culture seduces us with visions of parties, cocktails, glitter, and gifts. Isaiah invites us to something different – on mountaintops, in deserts, even at a stump – to experience a transformation. We are invited to turn toward hope, peace, joy, and love with the promise that these are the true gifts of the season. And, the package they come in is a baby – Immanuel – God with us. Talk about transforming expectations!

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

So what do you want for Christmas? Any changes? Deep longings? Yearnings beyond the cultural trappings?

I want to spend some time wondering at the mystery of God's presence. I want a sense of awe and hope to invade my approach to the whole season. I want to be present to those around me. Let me know what you want. Maybe we can help each other along the way to Christmas.

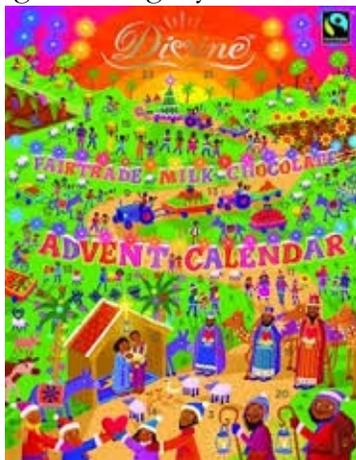
I pray that we all experience a deepening of our faith in this sacred season.

Pastor Cindy Lattimer



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



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 in a **Word** document or copy and paste it into the body of your email to lancob@comcast.net. **NO pdf's please.**

--Tiffany Dickel

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



Women's Fellowship is once again filling Christmas stockings for people residing at Excentia Group Homes. **This year we need to stuff 84 stockings.** If you would like to make a contribution to this project, please see Myrl Greiner, Jeanne Heck, Marilyn Hummel or you may use your offering envelope marked Christmas stockings for Women's Fellowship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 3 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in FLC

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

Come and share a breakfast together and enjoy the fun of another "White Elephant" exchange to start off this year's Christmas Season. Do you have something in your attic that you do not want or can't seem to give away? Wrap it up and bring it along to breakfast and have fun seeing who ends up with it! Bring a friend along to share in the fun and fellowship. There will also be a couple of *door prizes*. Any question—contact Myrl Greiner.



THANK YOU FOR "BEING AN ANGEL"

Thank you for supporting the "Be An Angel" project for 2016. With your generous contributions of school supplies and money for uniforms, LCOB provided over **1300 school uniforms and various supplies** for the homeless students in Lancaster.

Jasmyn King-Smith from the School District of Lancaster expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone at LCOB.

She noted that LCOB is **THE** primary donor of school uniforms to the homeless students in Lancaster. This year, LCOB reached a near record goal.

The "Be An Angel" program is an ongoing project throughout the year. Members and friends may make monetary donations to the "Be An Angel" fund during any month of the year.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY BREAKFAST

Christmas is right around the corner! Come join us for our Christmas Family Breakfast on **Saturday, December 10.** It will be held in our Family Life Center and will begin at **9:00 a.m.** Come for pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Bring the children and



grandchildren along and they can decorate a cookie and make a craft. Afterward, we'll take a stroll around the neighborhood caroling. This is always a fun event. You won't want to miss out on this dose of holiday cheer! We look forward to seeing you on December 10!



FELLOWSHIP GROUP NEWS

The Climbers/Homebuilders' annual banquet will be held **Saturday, November 12, at noon.**



The banquet will be held at Enck's Banquet and Conference Center at 1461 Manheim Pike (route 72) near Manheim. Jack Brubaker, *The Scribbler*, will be

the speaker. The title of his presentation will be "*What Makes Lancaster Special?*"



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On **Tuesday, November 8,** there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor, MD, 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. **Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 if you plan to attend by Thursday, November 3.**



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SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

*Pre-Registration is suggested to attend
November 12 & 13, 2016*

Saturday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.- Seeking

Sessions (*participants select one*).

- Devotions/Scripture - Glenn Mitchell** – Director of Training & Programs, Oasis Ministries - Explore “Practice & Devotion” that make a real difference in our lives.



Glenn Mitchell

- Prayer - John Zeswitz** – Executive Vice President of Lancaster Bible College - Discover the importance of prayer in our personal & professional life.



John Zeswitz

- Family Focus** (for parents & younger children together)



Jamie Nace

- Jamie Nace** – Director of Children's Ministries at LCOB. Designed for parents of younger children, with parents & their children interacting & dealing with the retreat subjects

Saturday, November 12, 1:15 p.m. – Seeking Ses-

sions (*participants select one*)

- Spiritual Direction - Glenn Mitchell** – Director of Training & Programs, Oasis Ministries -Discover that which is Spiritual Direction



Lee Barrett

- Discipleship/Growing as a Christian - Lee Barrett** – Prof. of Systematic Theology, Lanc. Theological Sem. Exploring ways of growing ones faith as a Christian.

- Family Focus** (for parents & youth) Designed for parents & youth, dealing with the retreat subjects.



Michael Howes

- Michael Howes** – Pastor of Youth & Spiritual Direction at LCOB - (*Parents Only*)
- Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Carter**– (*Youth Only*)

No fee to attend. Nursery care is provided, just let us know on your registration form.



*Registration Form:
Seeking First the Kingdom*

November 12, 2016

Each person attending needs to complete a form and mail to Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster PA 17601.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate Seeking Session you wish to attend:

AM- Select One

- Devotions/Scripture
- Prayer
- Family Focus (parents & children)

PM- Select One

- Spiritual Direction
- Discipleship/Growing as a Christian
- Family Focus (for parents with youth only)
- Family Focus (for youth only)

Staying for Lunch: Yes No

Nursery Care is provided:

I will need crib nursery for ___ (# of children)

I will need toddler nursery for ___ (# of children)

Registration is suggested in order to provide adequate material and room space. No fee to attend, but a free will offering will be received at the Saturday worship services.

PMT ENERGY TIP

Christmas lighting options have come a long way over the last few years. Seasonal operating costs for C9 Incandescent bulbs are \$13.33 vs. \$.13 for LED bulbs.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You will be receiving a Giving Card this month. Please prayerfully consider your tithe for the 2017 Plan of Ministry and fill in the card with the gift you plan to give to LCOB in the coming year. Your gift is so important for the work of Christ globally and locally.

Please return your card on Sunday, December 11, 2016. If you cannot return your card during the services, please put it in Tiffany Dickel's mailbox #29 or in the offering plate before the end of 2016. Thank you.



Debra K. Chillas, Treasurer and the Stewardship Ministry Team

THANK YOU, LCOB

I want to thank everyone who expressed their condolences and sent us sympathy cards during the recent stabbing death of my great nephew, Hiram M. Calderon. I also want to thank the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group for their prayers and cards. A special thank you to Calvin Wenger for attending Hiram's memorial service and sitting with us. It is greatly appreciated.

David and Donna Hernandez



"I'm not going to count my blessings on Thanksgiving. I don't do math on holidays."

BV NEWS

Please remember to support the **Brethren Village Auxiliary during the annual SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN.** The Auxiliary is a vital part of funding many projects at BV. A brochure was included in your September newsletter. All you need to do to make a contribution is to give it to Marilyn Hummel or place in mailbox #150.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the **OUTDOOR WHEELCHAIR WALKS** at Brethren Village in June, July, August and September. The residents thoroughly enjoy being outside.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped supervise the Saturday afternoon **BINGO** at Brethren Village on August 20. The residents look forward to this once a year activity sponsored by our church.

Plan to attend the Brethren Village annual **CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE and CRAFT BAZAAR on Friday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,** in Wolfe Auditorium. Cookies are needed for this sale.

Please do 2 things for our cookie sale:

1. Bake some cookies to contribute.
2. Purchase some delicious cookies on the day of the sale



Please drop off your **labeled** cookies at the Welcome Center anytime the week of November 28, or on Friday, December 2, before 9:00 a.m.

The Gift Shop at Brethren Village is open every Saturday morning in November and December from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Come to the Gift Shop to do your Holiday shopping. You will be pleasantly surprised to see the many lovely items for sale.

Tree Decorating...

Check if your calendar is clear on Monday, November 28, to help set up Christmas trees and decorate at Brethren Village. **Meet in Village Center at 8:30 a.m.** Please call Marilyn Hummel (295-9121) if you are available to help with this project.



Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person, LCOB

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

November 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. In November we will focus on *The Sovereignty of Jesus*, using primarily the NT book of *Revelation*. We use 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. In November **Tara Wiker**, daughter of LCOB members Doug and Diana Wiker, will be the guest speaker. Tara is a licensed clinical social worker, who is a full-time school-based therapist with TW Ponessa and Associates Counseling Services, and part-time Family Life Educator with COBYS. Some of the topics she will be covering are:

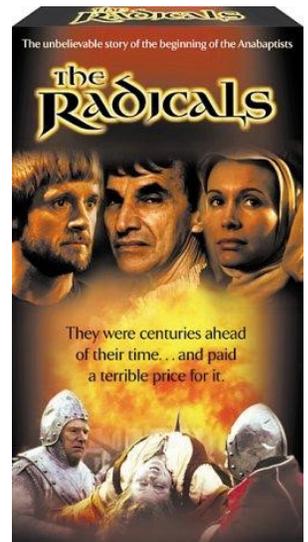
- * Social and emotional coaching
- * Advocating for your children in the school system
- * Problem-solving with children
- * A child's temperament and how it affects parenting

Tara enjoys helping children and parents learn ways to strengthen relationships and improve communication.

The **Connections** class is a casual conversation group meeting in Room 200 for coffee. Further details are available from Rich Bowser.

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

The **Thoughtful Life Class**, meeting in rooms 162-163, features resource persons who lead stimulating discussions in a variety of topics. Three of the four Sundays in November will feature the powerful film, *The Radicals*, based on Myron Augsburger's book, *Pilgrim Aflame*. In 1525 a group called *Anabaptists* introduced freedom to a world of fear by challenging the 1,000-year control of the church by the state. To do so was a crime punishable by death. The film traces the growth of the Anabaptist movement and the determination of the state/church to stop them by any means necessary. In 1527 Michael was burned at the stake and Margaretha was drowned. But their movement survived and is carried on today by Mennonites, Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ, Hutterites, and Amish.

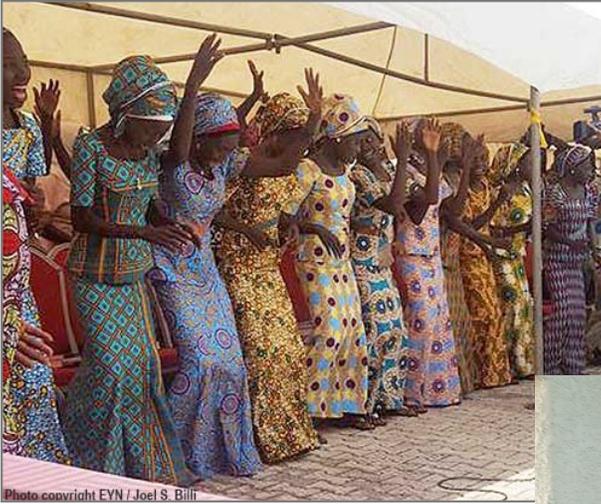


November 6 – *The Radicals, Part 1*, including discussion led by Dr. J. Kenneth Kreider.

November 13 – **Dr. Jeff Carter**, President of Bethany Seminary, will speak on *A Generous Spirit*. In answering the question how we can best engage those persons who hold views different from our own, a recent Bethany faculty candidate explained that she does so “with a generous spirit.” Without compromising our own integrity, we can consider the views and perspective of the other on their own merits and place them in conversation with our own. How can we in the COB constructively engage one another as we seek to share “one faith, one hope, and one church”? How generous can we be in our orthodoxy and still retain our identity as one church?

November 20 – *The Radicals, Part 2*, including discussion led by Dr. J. Kenneth Kreider.

November 27 – *The Radicals, Part 3*, featuring a summary discussion led by Clem Rosenberger. Is there a need



The 21 Chibok schoolgirls released from Boko Haram captivity celebrate their release with dancing. This photo (left) was taken by EYN president Joel S. Billi. Global Mission and Service staff report that he and other Nigerian Brethren were present for the celebration and ceremony held by the Nigerian government.

October 2016—The "Premium Times" of Nigeria has reported the 21 names given by the Nigerian government:

1. Mary Usman Bulama
2. Jummai John
3. Blessing Abana
4. Lugwa Sanda
- 5. Comfort Habila**
6. Maryam Basheer
7. Comfort Amos
8. Glory Mainta
9. Saratu Emmanuel
10. Deborah Ja'afaru
11. Rahab Ibrahim
12. Helen Musa
13. Maryamu Lawan
14. Rebecca Ibrahim
15. Asabe Goni
16. Deborah Andrawus
17. Agnes Gapani
18. Saratu Markus
19. Glory Dama
20. Pindah Nuhu
21. Rebecca Mallam



Comfort Habila—above center





FATHER, ACCEPT MY CHILD

(Agony of Chibok Girl)

I was a virgin
The last time I left home
You can't even imagine
Since the day I was born
That I would someday vanish
For two years without home.

I was a student
The last paper was physics
I told you, I won't be late
Since my days in school is finished
But two years I failed
To return home as promised.

I was a daughter
Like the one you cherished
I called you my father
Since you gave me the reason
To love you forever

I was a Christian
The last time I left you
You urged me to sustain
My whole life with His book
But for two years I was made
A convert by the gun

In Days of horror
Weeks of Pain
And months of torture
I tarry with terror
Who stole my pride

Every day I cringed
In fear of blood
That flows around my feet
On a crimson floor

No place to hide
When the bullets fly
Shooting from the ground, falling from sky
In this I labored and bore a child

I know you missed me
My heart tells me that
Even though you left me
To suffer just like that

I know your wishes
The last time you said so
To grow up a lady
In your household
Get husband to marry.

I know today you're happy
Your daughter is brought back
Even though you hide it
A grandson you don't need
Cos you fear he brings harm
His father was a bad seed.

Father, I share your fears
But everyone mustn't know
So I swallow my tears
Even before they are formed.
For a child is here
Whom we're not prepared for.

For months he calls me mother
Now am home I call you father
He looks my face with wonder
Then he smiles and call you grandpa

His looks, just like father's
But his limbs reminds me a monster
That puts in me a gangster
But I pray he turns out like father
So kind and nice like tender

Poor child;
I look down at him with anger
He looks back at me with laughter
He is my blood and water
It's not his fault to come by

The pain in me may last forever
And my love for him is forever.
Please accept my child, dear father.

- By Abdulkareem Haruna (C) 2016

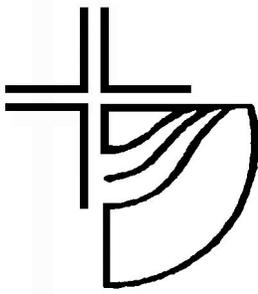
Prayers...

-For the 21 girls who have returned home to their families. May they receive God's peace and comfort in this time of transition.

-For the 197 Chibok school-girls who are still missing. May they receive God's peace and comfort in this time of turmoil.

-For 8 attending the EYN Work Camp (6 from LCOB) leaving Friday, November 4. May they receive God's peace and comfort as they embark on a journey of a lifetime.





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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

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**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

9:00 a.m. Children & Adults

The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 15th of the previous month.

Our Staff

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