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Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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MOMS' RETREAT

Attention Moms! Are you tired? Stressed? Worn-out? Looking for some time to connect with other moms? Here's your chance! The Children's Ministry team of LCOB is hosting a Moms' Retreat on Saturday, March 4, from 8:30 am - 2:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

Plan to join us for a day filled with worship, devotions, fun, and lots of chances to interact with other moms. Our speaker for the morning session will be Bonni Greiner, a popular speaker from the area, who will speak on "Focusing on the Unseen Goal." A light breakfast and lunch will be served, and there is no charge for this event.



This day is designed to be most helpful to moms of children age 12 and younger (but we do ask that the kiddos stay home for this day). Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. So invite your friends and sign up for this event by contacting Danielle Shulenberg (Muzz38@hotmail.com or 717-945-9907) or Jamie Nace.

FRIENDSHIP MEAL

It's just around the corner! The Hospitality Ministry Team's February Friendship Meal is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy a scrumptious meal (*chicken cordon bleu and lobster tail*) along with entertainment

for the evening. Look for more information in your church mailbox.

Plan to bring your friend or spouse to this once a year dining experience.



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."
PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

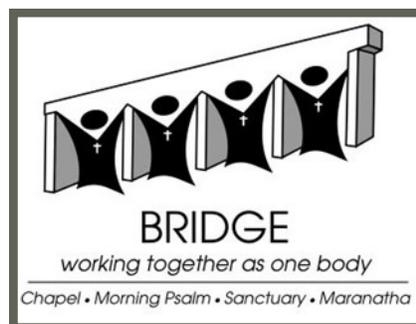
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

In preparation for the season of Lent, **please join us in the chapel for an Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 5:45 p.m.** The service should end in time for the WNL class.

The celebration of Ash Wednesday is a reminder that no matter what we face, God is faithful and will remember us. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of discipline, repentance, and giving in preparation for Easter.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to mark the beginning of your journey toward the resurrection!

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer



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SERVING THIS FEBRUARY

GREETERS

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



USHERS

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

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Jay Wenger Gibson Alvino Scott Brubaker
 Dick Kramer Joan Miley Ed Moran
 Madelynn Riedel Dory Voulopos
**Head Usher*

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

Bob Mackey - 875-9210



ATTENDANCE

December 18—319
 December 25—212
 January 1—227
 January 8—279
 January 15—282

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Check your church mailbox for your
 2017 Church Directory.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 Elaine Snyder
Clyde Angle | 12 Grace Glasmire | 24 Virginia Herr |
| 4 Heather Baker
Emily Wenger
Deldonna Forrest
Linda Hopple | 13 Morgan Husted
Bob Hopple | 26 Jerry Brown |
| 6 Ralph Martin | 14 Judith Breidenstine | 28 Jean Hosler
Bob Gish
Linda Byers
David Byers
Alvin Cott |
| 7 Richard Bowser
Dawn Bomberger | 17 Christa Shulenberger
Kelsey Murray
Mark Snyder | |
| 8 Megan Eldredge Lester | 19 Gladys Hylton | |
| 9 Robbin Finkbiner
Doug Wiker | 22 Jenny Elmeier
Loretta Kreider
Mary Ellen DeWitt | |
| 11 Brett Illig | 23 Matt Kernicky
Pat Veser | |



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last year at Valentine's Day, I found myself bitterly signing Everett, Ezra, and Cyrus' names to the back of valentines I had paid way too much for at CVS only hours before. It was, of course, past time for me to be in bed and the night before their party at daycare. I wondered how in the world these cards that they may never see and that their friends would throw away would teach them about how to love. I was tired and uninterested in thinking through any better solution than succumbing to the social norm of signing and sending them the cards.

Clearly I am not much for the sentimentality of this holiday. I am all for the encouragement to show love to others. In fact, I think Jesus more than encouraged us to show love: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*" I think love is our mark, "They'll know we are Christians by our love..." So how might we better engage in the discipline of love all the time? And how can we then use Valentine's Day and the month of February as a reminder and time of encouragement in that discipline?

I am often drawn to the Sermon on the Mount when I think of how I'm called to love people. But Luke's version of the sermon happens on the plain.

Jesus is not up on a mount, removed from the people, preaching down to them. He is on the plain... with the people... on equal footing... among them... beside them... interacting.

How does that change the way you hear these words: *"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

Jesus speaking these words from a place of close proximity to the people reminds me that I'm called to those places of close proximity as well. There is no love from afar - we must engage with, interact with, "BE" with people to love them. And the circle of who we are called to love keeps widening—Enemies—People who are unkind to you—People who strike out at you. People who beg from you.

How might you spend time this month engaged in the discipline of loving others - especially those beyond your "normal" circle? Take some time and let me know how it goes or if I can go with you! In the meantime, I'm going to go buy some cute valentines for my kids so I'm not so bitter this year!

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer



LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be giving away books in February. Many of the books are duplicates of ones that we already have. Some of them were donated but we were unable to find a place for them in our library. **Please feel free to take any books that you would like to have.** We ask that you do not return them to the library but pass them on. You will find them on a table in the coatroom next to the library.

We could use more library helpers to staff the library on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Deborah



Hall by email or phone. *(Both are listed in our church directory.)* We appreciate your interest in the library. If you have any suggestions on movies or books, please do not hesitate to share them—again by phone or e-mail.

--Deborah Hall, Library Chairperson

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. **NO** pdf documents, please.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention Tiffany Dickel, or place them in the "Newsletter" folder in the church office.

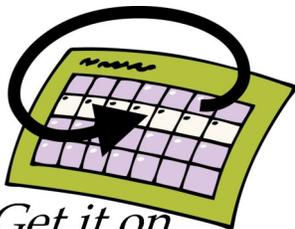


CHURCH CALENDAR INFO

Check out the church calendar on the website. Using this calendar when planning new events will help avoid conflicts on the schedule.

- Go to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren website (lancob.org)
- Click on "Media Center" (located on the top row of sub headings on the home page).
- Click on Facilities Calendar (on the left side of the media center page).
- Voila! View the calendar.

All persons who are planning events for five or more church folks are asked to call Tiffany Dickel at 397-4751. She will enter the event on the calendar. If the event is not occurring at church, then Tiffany will list the event as "offsite."



*Get it on
the Calendar*

--Kathy Focht

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

CARING HANDS PROJECT

February 4 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Presenter, Patrice Burkhardt from Chiques United Methodist Church will share how

their church set up a **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**. If you do not knit or crochet, come and find out how you can ALSO contribute to this ministry. We will need your help! Knitters and Crochet-ers – we need all of you! Come share a breakfast together and listen to how the women at LCOB can serve our church family in a different way. Any questions, contact Myrl Greiner, Women's Fellowship.



GREETING CARD GIFT BOXES

March 25 at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast – 9:30 Craft demonstration in the Family Life Center.

Bring a few used greeting cards in different sizes that you received, a scissors, and a ruler if you have one. You will learn how to make gift boxes just from a greeting card. This is truly a great way to reuse those greeting cards and save money! Come and join the fun.



--Myrl Greiner

CLIMBERS/HOMEBUILDERS CORNER.

On Saturday, February 11, the Climbers/Homebuilders will meet at 2:00 p.m. in rooms 162-163. The speaker will be Bob Frick, who will present one of his high quality interesting programs on Dwight Eisenhower and Industrialist Milton Hershey. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, BUT YOU HAVE WARM HEARTS

Congratulations! We ended the year in a financially positive position. **Our donations exceeded our expenses and outreach. Praise be to God!** It is so heartwarming to know that our congregation met the commitment.

May the Peace of Christ continue to bless our church, our commitments, our projects and all the participants. May we show the community and our extended family around the world that we follow our Savior Jesus Christ. We are very blessed and know that God is involved in all we think, say and do.

--Debra K. Chillas, Treasurer & Stewardship Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 5

Each Wednesday evening through April 5 we gather in the FLC at 5:00 p.m. for a tasty supper prepared by our volunteer staff. After the meal, we can participate in various activities including interesting classes taking place 6:15 - 7:15 in room 162-163.

Classes in the next five weeks will feature presenters from various service agencies supported by Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Speakers will be

- ◇ February 1 – **Gerald Ressler**, Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center in Lancaster.
- ◇ February 8 – **Lamar Gibson**, Director of Development for *On Earth Peace*, from Greensboro, NC.
- ◇ February 15 – **David Radcliff**, Founder and Director of the *New Community Project*.
- ◇ February 22 – **Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter**, President of Bethany Theological Seminary.
- ◇ March 1 – **Traci Rabenstein**, Congregational Support Representative of the Church of the Brethren national office.

Wednesday evenings are truly alive at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. We hope you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.

--Suzanne Schaudel, meal coordinator

--Chuck Denlinger and Bev Angle, class steering committee

MESSENGER RENEWALS DUE FEBRUARY

Subscriptions to the church magazine, *Messenger*, will expire in April. If you took out a two year subscription last year, your subscription will not expire until April, 2018. If you are currently a subscriber, your subscription date is located on the top line of your address label, above your name, 04/2017 or 04/2018. A note will be placed in your mailbox if your subscription ends this year.

The deadline to submit renewals or to purchase new subscriptions is Sunday, February 26. Our *Messenger* representatives are Ken and Linda Harnish. They will be in the Gathering Place between Sunday worship services on February 19 and February 26.

Messenger magazine is an essential resource for church leaders and members. This year, with leadership from a new editorial team, the magazine has been rolling out new online content, new features including photo spreads, and a new two-page News line Digest for readers to share.



Subscribers still enjoy a 32-page colorful print magazine delivered 10 times a year, and the option of reading a digital version of the printed magazine.

All members receive a \$3.00 discount off the regular individual price. The cost minus the discount is \$14.50 for one year or \$27.00 for a two year subscription. This is a high-quality publication that links people with the news, views, stories, and happenings of the Church of the Brethren.

--Ken Harnish

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

The Outreach Ministry Team has been monitoring the food and clothing donations at our church.



Between July and December, 2016 we have given 1,320 pounds of food and 242 pounds of clothing to the Lancaster County Council of Churches. These totals include donations from Vacation Bible School and Brethren Village residents.

--Bob Hess

BRETHREN VILLAGE NEWS

The following people from our church volunteered to help take down Christmas decorations on the campus of Brethren Village, Wednesday, January 4: Grace Cox, Steve Focht, Jeanne Heck, Bob and Judi Hess, Marilyn Wagner and Mary Weaver. Sincere thanks to all of you for your willingness to help with this activity. Volunteers are very much appreciated.

--Marilyn Hummel, BV Key Person LCOB

THANK YOU, LCOB

I would like to thank the Wednesday morning prayer group and everyone else in the congregation for their cards, prayers, and loving concerns during my recent "odyssey of the arms" surgeries and recoveries. I'm sure the prayers along with the great Doctors, nurses, and physical therapist helped during my recovery.

--Jeff Putt

Heartfelt thanks to my church family for the prayers, cards, calls, and concerns sent during the long recovery from my fall. Special thanks to the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast group, Calvin Wenger, Climbers Fellowship group, and Under Shepherd, Grace Cox for their continuous support through the months of recovery.

--Lorraine Dotterer

A great big THANK YOU for the generous outpouring of prayers, healing thoughts, cards, notes, words of encouragement, and meals. Each one has been a blessing – a daily reminder that Gloria is not going through her ordeal alone. We feel a loving community of support from our church family at LCOB. After Gloria's chemotherapy ends in February, her treatment will continue for several months through surgery and radiation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

--Gloria and Chuck Denlinger

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all who called, sent cards and visited me before and after surgery. Your thoughtfulness and prayers were very much appreciated.

In Christian love,

--Mo Salamh

NEWS UPDATE: SENIOR HIGH WORKCAMP THIS SUMMER

Currently our plan is to work with Church of the Brethren Pastor Richard Marquil and his congregation in the city of San Juan de la Maguana, capital and largest city (120 thousand persons) of the San Juan province of the Dominican Republic. **Tentative dates are Wednesday, July 19, to Friday, July 28.** We're still in conversation to understand what would help Pastor Marquil most for us to do but it will likely be more community ministries than construction.

In addition to myself, Pastor Alix and Arelis Sable and Priscilla Sable have agreed to be advisors, and I am seeking another male and another female advisor.

ACTION STEPS:

1. **TELL ME YOU'RE GOING**— Reply, message, text 717-419-4228.
2. **VALID PASSPORT**—You don't need a visa for the Dominican Republic, but you do need a passport. Please obtaining one if you want to participate in the trip ASAP. We'll need copies of the photo page well ahead of time to purchase airline tickets at reasonable rate.
3. **PRAY**—If you haven't already started, pray for every aspect of the work camp you can imagine. Pray for Pastor Marquil, his church and their city, that we'd be a blessing to them. Pray for Pastor Alix and myself as we make arrangements - this is a lot different than logging onto the Church of the Brethren website and checking the boxes for how many people and where we want to go. Pray for yourself: we do workcamp so that you will GET what Jesus meant, that greatness in his Way is only by serving. I'm praying that everyone who goes (myself included) will be undone by God in such a way, by living with and serving sisters and brothers who live on a dollar or two a day, that we'll have no hope of returning to "life as normal" here in Lancaster. Honestly, that hope is the only way I can imagine the carbon footprint of all our air flights and sleep well.

I'm excited about what the Jesus who consistently does more than we know how to ask for or have capacity to imagine will do in but especially through us for others July 19-28!

--Pastor Michael Howes

FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Parish Resource Center is hosting **An Evening with Kendra Creasey Dean, Thursday February 23, 2017, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church.** Rev. Dr. Dean is Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she also works with the seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry. She has been one of the most respected thought leaders in youth ministry for two decades.

For families with children and youth, time is at a premium. But we are *so* convinced that Rev. Dr. Dean's insights into youth, their developing faith, and how parents impact that have the potential to change both the lives of youth and parents that **the LCOB youth ministry will pay the ticket cost for any parent or grandparent to attend this event.** You can reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 717-397-6225 or emailing lan-cob.youth@comcast.net. The deadline to signup is Sunday, February 12. Once we purchase them, the ticket price is non-refundable, so it's important that you attend or if, unable to do so, let us know so we can pass your ticket to someone else. Thanks!

YOUTH INVITATION TO BAPTISM SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 2

A core Brethren belief is that we baptize by trine immersion only those who have said yes for themselves to Jesus' call to follow him, as a visible, public witness to that commitment. Just as going to McDonald's doesn't transmogrify you into a Big Mac, we believe neither church attendance nor the gift of a Christian family make a Christian. So, we regularly offer youth an opportunity to hear and respond for themselves to Jesus' call to faith and discipleship. **This year, from January 8-April 2, all youth grades 6-12 will be studying during Sunday School the life and teachings of Jesus, other key Bible narratives, core Christian practices and beliefs, and essential Church of the Brethren beliefs and practices.** Led by Pastor Michael, the class will also feature church members sharing their faith journeys, and our oldest senior high youth sharing how their faith has developed. There will also be connected service and mission projects. After completing the series, youth who choose to will be baptized on Palm Sunday, April 8. If you have questions, please call or text Pastor Michael at 717-419-4228 or email him at lan-cob.youth@comcast.net.



YOUTH AUCTION FEBRUARY 18 WILL BE RESCHEDULED

The auction of items, experiences and services to benefit youth summer 2017, originally scheduled for Saturday, February 18 will be rescheduled. This will give us additional opportunity to build our volunteer team and solicit auction items. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help in any way. Your support of our youth and our congregation's ministry to them and their households is deeply appreciated.

--Pastor Michael Howes

YOUTH CALENDAR

February

17-18 - District Junior High Lock In
18 Auction

March

17-18 - District Senior High Lock In

April

23 - Soup and Salad

DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

Seven of our youth and Pastor Michael attended the District Senior High Retreat Friday, January 20-Sunday, January 22, at Camp Swatara. With the theme of "Body Image," the retreat featured worship, breakout sessions, a lip-sync singing contest, and epic four- and nine-square tournaments. Thanks for your support that makes spiritual growth experiences like this happen for our youth.



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 17, three of our high school students were awake and going by 6:45 a.m. (I know, right?! - how cool is that!) to join me at the Anchor Breakfast Ministry, hosted by First United Methodist Church, to serve breakfast to any of our neighbors who came by, including many who are homeless and chronically underfed, including children and infants. After putting away the last stack of chairs like they learned to from Tim Heck, we came back to church and reflected on the experience. “I thought these would be lazy people who didn’t want to work, but I served coffee to someone coming off third shift who works three jobs.” “Everyone there was a person just like us, lots of ways people lose their homes, we should treat them with dignity.” We studied Jesus’ story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25, and the encounter between Peter and Cornelius in Acts 10: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts those who worship God and do what is right, regardless of where they’re from.” We watched part of a PBS documentary on race in America that describes how race is a thing people created, with no biological basis, in spite of the common notion that people of different races are of divergent subspecies of humanity. In our youth group here at LCOB, half Latinx and half white, it makes me so joyful that our youth don’t waste time pretending to all be or appear the same, because they’re too busy loving and caring for one another, doing life together. The ways in which they differ one from another strengthen rather than weaken their connections. Oh, and pizza, we shared pizza, because eating together is critically important. That’s how we spent MLK Day.

I’m grateful to God for the way God is working in the lives of our youth, growing them into maturing followers of Jesus, young women and men of deep compassion, full of passion for our world and love for their neighbors. And they are huge fun. Thanks for the amazingly generous way you support them with resources and prayer. Thanks for the gift of being pastor to them and their households.

--Pastor Michael

FEBRUARY PMT ENERGY TIP

Use toaster ovens or convection ovens for small meals rather than your oven. A toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.



KELSEY MURRAY NAMED AS COORDINATOR FOR 2018 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

LCOB's own Kelsey Murray was announced Friday, January 20, as coordinator for the 2018 National Youth Conference (NYC). As NYC coordinator, she will provide vision and leadership for the event, which she will plan with the National Youth Cabinet. Murray will have major administrative responsibilities for NYC, working on everything from coordinating volunteer staff to managing registration.



“My experience on the 2010 National Youth Cabinet sparked my interest in ministry and jump started my leadership in various capacities in the Church of the Brethren,” she says. **“NYC is a transformative week for youth to walk with Christ, share their struggles, meet other youth like them and grow. NYC can be a ‘mountain top’ that helps youth see the influence that their faith can have in their daily lives.”** **“Being a leader in the church means showing members of the body of Christ that they are not alone and supporting them through the valleys and mountaintops that life brings. It also means leading by example and showing the church what it means to be a servant of God with a loving heart.”**

NYC 2018 will be held July 21-26, 2018, on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. All high school-aged youth (including those who are one year post-high school) and their advisors are invited to attend. Our youth group will begin sign youth up this summer of 2017, to minimize travel costs by collaborating with other local congregations sending youth.

To read the full press release announcing Kelsey's position, excerpted above, go to www.brethren.org/news/2017/kelsey-murray-to-coordinate-nyc.html. For more information about National Youth Conference, including videos of sessions and other materials from NYC 2014, go to www.brethren.org/yya/nyc.

ANE WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

The Atlantic Northeast's (ANE) Women's Spring Fellowship event is Saturday, March 4, from 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, 219 Hummel Street Harrisburg.



The speaker will be Leah J. Hileman with the theme of “Our Kinsman Redeemer.” Leah J. Hileman is an ordained minister, musician, and retreat leader. She serves as Minister of Music at Harrisburg First CoB, and is a recording artist on House

Rat Records. Her latest album, *The Impossible* is available at www.LeahJMusic.com. Registration is \$7.50 per person for lunch.

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKING AND UPLIFTING MUSIC

To register and for more information go to the ANE's website www.ane-cob.com by click on the “Our Events” tab and then “Upcoming Events.” The registration deadline is February 22.

INSTALLATION OF MEGAN LESTER

We want to congratulate Megan Lester on her call to the Paxton Church of the Brethren. Her installation service was on November 20, 2016, by District Director of Stewardship, Kay Weaver.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION & ROOM

Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, Carlisle, and Bedford on June 27, we will return home on July 3, 2017. For information and reservations please contact Ken at kreiderk@etown.edu or 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2017

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. In February they will focus on the theme *The Birthing of a New Community*, using the Brethren *Guide for Biblical Studies*.

February 5 – Living in Harmony.

February 12 – Freedom in Transformation.

February 19 – Freedom in Christ.

February 26 – Holy Living in Christ.

Scriptures to be considered will be from the NT book of *Galatians*. Teachers/leaders will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted**, meets in room 170. Scheduled for February are:

February 5 – Final chapter of video series, *Same Kind of Different as Me*.

February 12 – Hear some LCOB middle and high school students respond to thought - provoking questions from Gregg Schulenberger.

February 19 – Parenting panel: Interviewer Extraordinaire Ben Lattimer will talk with Linda and Craig Husted about their parenting experiences.

February 26– TBD

The **Thoughtful Life Class**, meets in rooms 162-163. The theme for February is **Outreach Ministries**, a natural extension of the January series on *The church's call to be God's healing, reconciling ministers*. Outreach Ministries promote ongoing healing, peace and reconciliation among all peoples, our nation, and the entire world.

February 5 – **Lamar Gibson** from Greensboro NC, Director of Development for *On Earth Peace*, which grew out of a group brought together by M. R. Ziegler in 1974 to renew and strengthen the historic peace witness of the Church of the Brethren.

February 12 – **David Radcliff**, founder and director of the *New Community Project*, a small faith-based nonprofit organization launched in 2003 with a big goal: to change the world. NCP focuses on caring for God's earth, seeking justice for God's children, and calling on Christians and others to live more responsibly. LCOB member Allen Hansell served on the original NCP Advisory Board

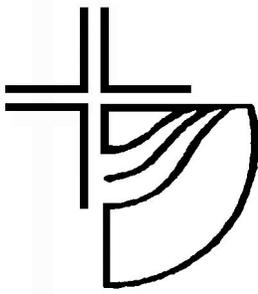
February 19 – **David Hosler**, member of the Board of the Lancaster County Council of Churches, will discuss LCCC's various ministries: Food Bank, Clothing Bank, Transportation support, Women's Shelter, and Rent assistance. LCOB members who volunteer at LCCC on N. Queen St. will share their experiences working there and meeting people who benefit from LCCC's ministries.

February 26 – **Eric Ramirez**, his son **Elliot** and Elliot's girlfriend **Analies**, will report on their November, 2016 EYN Nehemiah experience in Nigeria, helping to rebuild EYN's devastated infrastructure after years of attacks on their community and churches.

Connections is a casual conversation group which meets in Room 200 for coffee and conversation. 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 **Todd Bookman** or **Matt Kernicky**.

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





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<p>LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT To be and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT To be the heart, hands, feet, voice, and mind of Christ locally and globally.</p> <p>GOALS Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Intentional Faith Development Risk-Taking Mission and Service Extravagant Generosity</p> <p><small>(Adopted by the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 10/07)</small></p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Chapel 10:15 a.m. Family Life Center 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary 10:15 a.m. Maranatha</p> <p>WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Praise Kidz (Age 4—3rd grade)</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Children & Adults</p>	<p>Our Staff</p> <p>Jeffrey B. Rill Senior Pastor</p> <p>Cindy E. L. Lattimer Associate Pastor</p> <p>J. Calvin Wenger Pastor of Caregiving</p> <p>Alix Sable Associate Pastor</p> <p>Michael Howes Pastor of Youth & Faith Development</p> <p>Emery A. DeWitt Director of Music</p> <p>Margaret Marsch Jeanne Heck Organists</p> <p>Jamie Nace Director of Children's Ministry Director of Children's Music</p> <p>Tiffany L. Dickel Church Administrator Newsletter Editor</p> <p>Linda Harnish Secretary</p> <p>Troy Nace Custodian</p>
<p>The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 15th of the previous month.</p>		