



BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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ROLL DOWN, JUSTICE WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS MARCH 5

Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. Our Lenten series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is: God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable. Instead, our songs and liturgy must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed.

This series and many of its worship elements were created by Rev. Marcia McFee in conjunction with composer Mark A. Miller who uses music and the ritual elements of baptism to give our worship focus and depth. **The origins of Lent are rooted in preparation for baptism, and there are those in our congregation who are preparing during this Lenten season for baptism on Palm Sunday.**

Hopefully this season will offer us reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel – proclaiming God's love for all people. What prejudices are we challenged to "give up" as a Lenten practice of abstinence, and further, how are we willing to "give" of ourselves for the sake of the world?

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

STARLIGHT TEA WELCOMES SUPERB OBOE/GUITAR DUO!

On Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m., the Starlight Tea Concert Series will present the **D'Amore Duo**, featuring guitarist William Feasley and oboist Emily Tsai. Founded in 1991 to investigate the little known wealth of chamber music for oboe and guitar, the D'Amore Duo has toured internationally and domestically to enthusiastic reviews. Guitarist William Feasley was the first guitarist to receive Peabody Conservatory's coveted Artist Diploma. A student of Andres Segovia, his playing has been described by the Washington Post as sounding "... like a 'small orchestra' in the variety of colors coaxed from a single guitar." Oboist Emily Tsai was praised by DMV Classical as having, "a consistently lovely tone and [taking] her melodic twists and turns with stylish assurance."



The Duo has released three critically acclaimed recordings, and have twice been winners of the Baltimore Chamber Music Awards Competition. The Washington Post referred to the Duo as a "perfect partnership of sound" and lauded their performance as "one of the most uniquely satisfying concerts of the season."

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to remain afterward for the Tea, to enjoy cookies and fellowship and meet our performers!

--Emery DeWitt

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

SERVING THIS MARCH

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Linda and Craig Husted
 8:40 a.m. Ed Moran
 8:40 a.m. Dee and John Zimmerman
 9:50 a.m. Diana Wiker
 9:50 a.m. Barb and Russ Morrow
 10:15 a.m. Amy and Mark Hollinger



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Jay Enders
 Don King

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Ken Harnish Jim Bridgeman Jere Bridgeman
 Jon Bridgeman John Byers Linda Harnish
 George Murray Pat Vesper
**Head Usher*

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



LaRue Helm

ACOLYTES

Week 1: Maria Ramirez
 Week 2: Brooke Smith
 Week 3: Luke Wenger
 Week 4: TBD
 Week 5: TBD



VAN INFORMATION

Bob Gish - 560-6767



ATTENDANCE

January 22 - 304
 January 29 - 298
 February 5 - 303
 February 12 - 345

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New address:

Nilsa Ortiz
 300 Waterford Ct.
 Lancaster, PA 17603-8802

Corrections

Chuck & Gloria Denlinger's zip code **17606-5093**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Mason Byers	12 Donna Lunger	22 Susan Johnson	29 Alex Bookman
5 Cory Betz	Stephanie Schaudel	Lauren Young	
Darlene Creighton	15 Robin Baker	Billie Forsha	30 Helen Thatcher
	Kaitlyn Heck	Howard Groff	
7 Tyler Shuman	16 Susan Miley	Lisa Miley	31 Josef Kinderwater
			Tim Dunbar
8 Ross Deihm	17 Bob Mackey	23 Bryan Miley	Doris Ann Reynolds
Danielle Shulenberger	Gene Mummau	24 Tiffany Dickel	
Ricky Reynolds	18 Grace Cox	25 Keith Hummel	
9 Sue Lines	19 Rachel Salamh	27 John Groff	
Mark Hollinger	Paige Snyder	Doris Bridgeman	
10 Earl Williams	20 Wendy Young	28 Fern Bucher	
		Dana (Shirk) Nau	
11 Burnell Kreider	21 Joan Miley		
Herb Frey	Eric Shulenberger		



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Taking Something Out To Make More Room For Someone

Growing up Baptist in southern Louisiana was weird. I loved Mardi Gras! The parades with the huge heaps of plastic beads, the plastic cups of milk or juice, the doubloons stamped out of aluminum and anodized gold, the surrealist floats and their riders in exquisitely produced costumes. "Throw me sumthin, mistah!" everyone would cry out, hoping for the special doubloons or the higher class of beads.



I discovered Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfasts when I moved to Washington, DC, and about fasnachts when Sue and I married and migrated to Lancaster. Back home in Louisiana, we eat king cake, which is like a hybrid of a giant elongated donut and a ring of cinnamon roll dough covered in white icing and sprinkled in purple, green, and gold sugar crystals. (Can you feel your blood glucose level spiking?) The most important part of the king cake is the baby. After baking, a tiny plastic baby is inserted somewhere in the cake. The person whose slice contains the baby is responsible to host the next king cake party. In my parent's neighborhood, there is a "Krewe of Southdowns." My dad told me last week that the youth and college students from my home congregation will be at his house on February 28 for a parade party. King cake party season is in full swing.

When I was in my mid-twenties, I became the pas-

tor who introduced observance of the seasons in the Christian year into congregations that had never marked it before. Advent is pretty easy; Pentecost is not a big stretch. The hardest part was explaining the reason for putting ashes on forehead or hand.

Appropriately, just as successive generations of the Hebrew people asked "*What's with this pile of rocks? Why is this night different than any other night?*" I had to help congregants recognize value in taking the forty-day journey with Jesus that is called Lent and to embrace being driven with him by the Holy Spirit into desert places.


A few weeks ago, we were talking about fasting in youth Bible study. The discussion included:

1. You can fast from anything - not only a food but things like social media or even *gasp* binge watching Netflix.
2. Fasting can be an opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to break addictions in your life. If you can receive God's power to say "no" to something for 40 days plus Sundays) then it's a lot easier to go on from there.
3. Our souls can't sustain a vacuum. The point of fasting is that we abstain from something *in order to make space for God*.

So perhaps, instead of focusing on giving up something, think of it as a substitution — \times number of minutes daily on social media for the same time spent in prayer and Bible study or serving your neighbors.

I invite you to embrace God's gift of Lent this year.

--Pastor Michael Howes



Loving Neighbor

Young Adult Conference 2017
May 26 - 28, 2017

Camp Harmony
near Hooversville, PA

Young Adult Conference (YAC) is a time to make new friends and spend time with old friends, too! Enjoy worship, music and singing, Bible study, small groups, workshops, and recreation (including an optional canoe trip). **This Young Adult Conference May 26 - 28 at Camp Harmony near Hooversville, PA, is for those ages 18 - 35.**

The registration fee of \$125 includes food, lodging, and programming. A non-refundable deposit of \$65 is due within two weeks of registering. **Register by April 30** to avoid a late fee of \$25. To register go to www.brethren.org/yac.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN LANCASTER

Our church will be providing a meal for the hungry of Lancaster **on May 23 and July 24** at First Reformed Church UCC at 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Help is needed between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., with the meal being served at 5:30. **You are invited to help.** Please watch for signup sheets in the Gathering Place. Donations will also be needed. Questions? Ask David Heck or Deb Chillias at 860-8482.



MEDIA, SOUND & LIGHTING HELP NEEDED!

Morning Psalm is looking for persons who might have an interest in media presentation, learning how to run sound, or operating the lighting on Sunday mornings.



An informational meeting and demonstration will be held **Wednesday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m.** after the WNL meal in the

Family Life Center. Contact Jessica Dunbar or Myrl Greiner if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Saturday, March 25, Greeting Card Gift Boxes

—Join other women in the church for a 9:00 a.m. light breakfast followed by a craft demonstration at 9:30.

Bring a few used greeting cards in different sizes, scissors, scotch tape and a ruler if you can. You will learn how to make a small gift box from one greeting card. This is truly a great way to reuse those greeting cards and save money! **Come and join the fun.** Contact Myrl Greiner if you have questions.



SERRV

An opportunity to volunteer at SERRV is on **Thursday, March 23.** Join us as we go to New Windsor to process crafts and gift items. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Lunch and a time for shopping in the international mall will be provided. You will even receive a discount! **Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 by Monday, March 20, if you plan to attend.**

CLIMBERS /HOMEBUILDERS CORNER



We invite all who are interested to join us on **Friday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. in rooms 162-163** to hear well-known speaker **Brian Roche of WGAL.** He will be speaking on ways to avoid scams. If you are planning to attend this informative program, please call Darlene Creighton at 397-7267.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAMS THROUGH APRIL 5

Join us for Wednesday Night Live each Wednesday evening through April 5. WNL starts in the Family Life Center at 5:00 p.m. with a tasty supper prepared by our volunteer staff. After the meal, participate in a variety of activities and/or including interesting classes from 6:15 - 7:15 in rooms 162-3. Class speakers and topics are:

- **March 1 – Traci Rabenstein**, Congregational Support Representative from the Church of the Brethren National Office. This session will conclude the five-week series sponsored by the Outreach Ministry Team featuring various service agencies supported by our congregation.
- **March 8 – Lenny Lambert**, a member of our congregation, will present his personal life story and testimony. This is part of our ongoing series of personal life stories by members of our congregation.
- **March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 – Michael Howes**, Pastor of Youth and Faith Development, will lead a “different” kind of Bible study entitled *A Hitchhiker's Guide to Reality— Taking the Bible More Seriously By Reading It Less Literally.*

These classes promise to be stimulating and enlightening. We hope you will come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Suzanne Schaudel: meal coordinator
Chuck Denlinger & Bev Angle: class steering committee

WHAT SCRIPTURES SHAPE YOU?

We all have scriptures that are meaningful to us – favorite Biblical stories, Psalms that hold special meaning, letters that help define our beliefs. Our pastors want to hear about your favorite scriptures!

Our worship services during the summer months will focus on ways in which scripture can shape our lives and faith if we let it. What scriptures have played that role in your life? Please send a scripture (or two) that is most meaningful to you to Pastor Cindy by March 12. If you are comfortable, please include why this



scripture is important to you.

These scriptures will be used to guide the summer sermon series. The pastors look forward to discovering together the ways God continues to shape us into a community of faith!

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

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PRESCHOOL SUB SALE

Lancaster Brethren Preschool Board members will be selling **S. Clyde Weaver** sub coupons for **\$5.00** on **March 5 and March 12 in the Gathering Place**. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the purchase of small and gross motor equipment at Lancaster Brethren Preschool. Please see Danielle Shulenberger if you have any questions.



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."

BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS

Any congregation can expand their ministry in spite of their perceived limitations. The location of the physical church facility is the least significant factor in sharing the good news.

There is a need today for people to be more aware of different ways to connect the world. Let's move out of the mindset of the attractional model for church growth - waiting for the community to find us - and move into a more missional model of church growth.

Join the **Urban Initiative Ministries of the Atlantic Northeast District on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. here at Lancaster Church of the Brethren**. The **keynote speaker is Chris Johnson**, founder of Divine Unity Community Church based in Harrisonburg, VA. Chris is a Master of Divinity graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary and has received ordination credentials through New Branch Baptist Church. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctorate of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary. Having experience in preaching the Word both domestically and internationally, Pastor Chris holds a great passion for seeing the spiritually dead alive, revived, and actively serving.

Workshops will be led throughout the day by **Belita Mitchell**, Lead Pastor of Harrisburg First CoB; **Joel Peña**, Senior Pastor of Alpha & Omega Church; **Brian Messler**, Senior Pastor of the Ephrata CoB; **Ron Tilley**, the Executive Director of bcmPEACE; and **Cherelle Johnson**, Certified Life & Leadership Coach.

Early registration (before 4/9/17) cost is \$30/person (groups of 3 or more from same church \$25/person). Late registration (4/10/17 or after) cost is \$40/person with no group rate available. For more information or to register, contact Kelly Bernstein at 367-4730 or go to www.ane-cob.com.



Chris Johnson

THE CHURCH NOW, AS WELL AS THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE

Goals of the youth ministry at LCOB:

- High School graduates will be *spiritual self-feeders*. In other words, they will be equipped to obtain spiritual nourishment from God through the Scriptures in community with other Christians without needing a Sunday School teacher or a pastor to guide them through the process.
- Graduates will have identified and utilized the gifts for ministry that God imparts to all followers of Jesus, with the hope that they will be living in the Brethren core of belief that they are all ministers to one another and to the world with baptism *as* their ordination.

Between now and April 2, all youth in grades 6-12 are studying the following during the Sunday School hour:

- ✓ The life and teachings of Jesus
- ✓ Key Bible narratives
- ✓ Core Christian practices and beliefs
- ✓ Essential Church of the Brethren beliefs and practices.

Each week, high school juniors and seniors, with assistance and resources from Pastor Michael, will be preparing the lesson and developing questions to engage a conversation for the week that they will be the teacher and leader of small group Bible studies.

Youth who desire to be baptized and who have completed this series will be baptized on Palm Sunday, April 8.

If parents or youth have questions, please call or text Pastor Michael at 717-419-4228 or email him at lancob.youth@comcast.net.

YOUTH CALENDAR

March 17-18—District Senior High Lock-In @ LCOB

April 8—District Jr. & Sr. High Service Day

April 23—Final Soup and Salad of 2016-2017 School Year

May 7—Youth Sunday with the youth leading worship in the traditional services

June 4—Graduate Recognition

*The next time you speak with one of our youth, please convey your excitement that they are the church **now** and not just the church of the future.*

SENIOR ADULT SPRING BANQUET

The Lancaster area Senior Adult Spring Banquet will be held at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, 351 Middle Creek Road, Lititz, on **Thursday, March 30, at 12 noon.**

The guest speaker is **Eleanor Isaacson** who will be speaking on "How to be a Vibrant Senior." Growing up in Hitler's Germany, Eleanor has used her past as a positive stepping stone for productive service to her community.

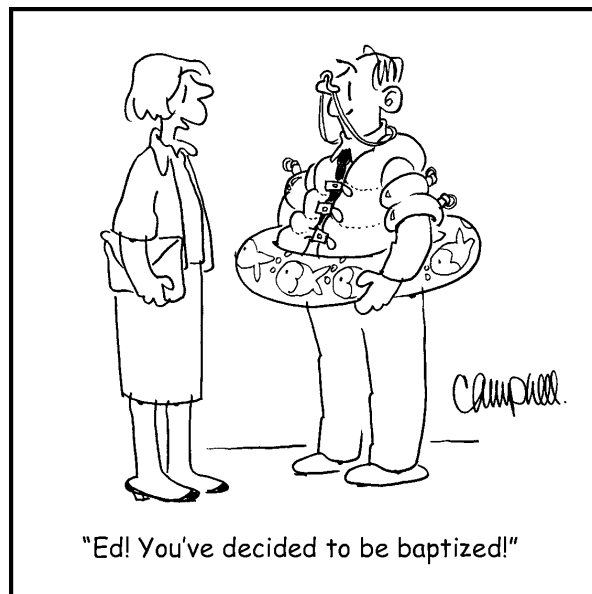
The meal includes tossed salad, roast turkey, potato filling, peas, apple/cherry pie with ice cream, coffee/tea and iced tea. Cost is \$15.00/person. Checks should be made payable to LCOB with notation *Senior Adult Banquet* in the memo line. **Registration deadline is March 12. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With winter comes the possibility of a major snowfall or extreme icy conditions on a Sunday morning. Please follow the inclement weather policy as listed:

- * **In the event of an accumulative snow**, there will only be services at 10:15 a.m. The 8:00 service and Sunday School will be cancelled.
- * **In a major snowstorm** or with extreme weather conditions, all church services will be cancelled.

Notification and announcements will be on the church website, Phone Prayer Line (397-1888), WGAL TV and on WJTL radio.



EASTER ANTHEM EXPLORES BIBLICAL IMAGES OF GOD

On Easter Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing Z. Randall Stroope's anthem *Resurrection Day* in the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Traditional services in the sanctuary. The following essay by Jay Weaver gives a wonderful overview of the powerful Biblical imagery used in the anthem.

A Biblical View of God

This paper was inspired by the anthem entitled *Resurrection Day* written by Z. Randall Stroope and published by Morningstar Music Publishers. All of the following biblical references represent aspects of God. Stroope makes clear that God demonstrates all of these as exemplified in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. (*All references are from the New Revised Standard Version of the bible. Nb. The NRSV uses LORD in place of Yahweh as the name for God.*)

- **Fire of Elijah** - *Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench.* - I Kings 18:38. In the contest on Mt. Carmel between Yahweh and Baal, the fire called down by Elijah consumes everything, establishing Yahweh as the **One True God**.
- **Strength of David's Arm** - *David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine."* So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" - I Samuel 17:37. It was the **Mighty Arm** of Yahweh who had given David the strength to kill the lion and the bear and who would give **David's Arm** the strength to defeat Goliath.
- **Lion of Judah** - *Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion, like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?* - Genesis 49:9. Jacob was dying and he gave a blessing to each of his sons. This quote is part of the blessing of Judah. The lion is known as the king of the beasts. The image here is of Judah as a kingdom. Yahweh is really the **Lion King** and Judah is the whelp (pup).
- **Promise of Abraham** - *He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.* - Genesis 15:5, 6. Yahweh promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Although it seemed impossible at the time, God's **Promise** to Abraham was realized.
- **Wisdom of Solomon** - *God gave Solomon very great wisdom, discernment, and breadth of understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.* - I Kings 4:29, 30. The name of Solomon came to be associated with Wisdom. Yahweh alone gave Solomon the **Wisdom** for which he is famous.
- **Rod of Moses** - *The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand—"so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."* - Exodus 4:2-6. Time and again Moses used the staff to perform miracles and wonders. Yahweh had turned Moses' staff into a **Rod of Divination**.
- **Song of Miriam** - *Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."* - Exodus 15:20, 21. God had just allowed the children of Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry land and then allowed the water to return and Pharaoh's army was drowned. Miriam is singing the praise of Yahweh as the deliverer or **Savior** of her people.
- **Tears of Jeremiah** - *O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!* - Jeremiah 9:1. Jeremiah receives word from Yahweh that the nation of Israel will be destroyed and taken captive. Jeremiah, like Yahweh, **Wept** for his people.
- **Faith of Joshua** - *I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.* - Joshua 1:9. God here is telling Joshua to take the people across the swollen Jordan into the land of Canaan. Again God dried up the river and allowed them to cross. The faith of Joshua in carrying out this order reflects the **Faithfulness** of Yahweh's continued presence.
- **Lamb of God** - *The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* - John 1:29. John recognized Jesus as the Pascal Lamb. At the time of the Passover, the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorpost to save those inside from the death angel. Likewise the Risen Christ, who had shed his blood, joins God in **protecting** the children of creation from the angel of death. Having become one with God, Jesus becomes the **King of all Ages**.

It is appropriate that we sing of the nature of our God and of his Christ as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

THANK YOU, LCOB!

We want to thank everyone for the many phone calls, cards, thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness we received from our church family due to the death of our daughter-in-law, Cindy Hummel. Our church is so richly blessed to have Calvin Wenger as the Pastor of Caregiving, an active Wednesday Morning Prayer Group and a caring Deacon Body. The congregation is very faithful in the support of those who face life's challenges.

Blessings to all,
Keith and Marilyn Hummel

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers and loving concerns for Gwen and myself as she progressed thru her journey with dementia. It has been a very difficult couple of years, but her mind and body are healed and she is at peace with Jesus. I am also at peace awaiting the day I will be with her again. Many thanks for all prayers and cards at the time of Gwen's death. Also many thanks for all the prayers for my daughter Jenny over the last several months. She is on the road to recovery, but has a long way to go. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Ralph Martin

I would like to thank the Wednesday morning prayer group and all those in the congregation who sent cards and prayers during my recent hip surgery and recovery. A special thanks to the ministers and especially Calvin Wenger for his calls and visits.

Sincerely,
Joe Peffley.



LISTEN!

A poem by Jay D. Weaver

Listen!
Cries in the night signal pain.
Woe is me – where will I turn?
Life has become hollow!
My belly cries out – I am so hungry.
We are destitute.
No place to call home.
Our children are cold and dirty.
We have no bread.
Taste it!
The water is foul.
I am so thirsty.
The stench is unbearable.
Woe is me – where will we turn?
There is no hope.
Listen!
A cry in the night signals life.
A child is born.
God has interrupted our painful lives
With a baby.
Kings bow in obeisance.
Shepherds worship him.
Angels sing for him.
Could it be?
Can we hope for a new tomorrow?
Arise! Shine! For your light has come.
This child will deliver the needy.
Listen!
Listen!

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BENEFIT PORK ROAST DINNER

Chiques Church of the Brethren will host a **Benefit Pork Roast Dinner on Saturday, April 22.** The Haiti Medical Clinic Program and The Nigeria Crisis Fund will receive 100% of the proceeds. The drop-in meal is by donation and will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be theme baskets by silent auction and a craft table. **Following the meal, Andy Murray, a Church of the Brethren musician, ordained minister and professor will perform a musical program with his wife Terry.** Everyone is invited and if any questions, call Sandy at 717-665-3466.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

March 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 March they will focus on the theme *God's Eternal, Preserving, and Renewing Love*, using the Brethren *Guide for Biblical Studies*. Scriptures to be considered will be from the gospel of *John* and the NT epistles of *I John* and *Ephesians*, as well as the OT book of the prophet *Joel*. Teachers/leaders will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**. The author of this quarter's *Guide for Biblical Studies*, Rev. John David Bowman, once an Associate Pastor of LCOB, will be a guest teacher.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted**, meets in room 170. In March, **John Byers** will be teaching *The Prayer of Jabez*, based on *I Chronicles 4:10*. This powerful prayer teaches both the internal struggle and the importance of relying on God. If you are in a place of questioning where God is in your own life, please plan to attend this four-part series.

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. In March the class will feature a Lenten theme, co-taught by **Ben and Cindy Lattimer**. Each week during Lent, they will focus on the same scriptures used in our worship services. The theme of this year's sacred season is *Roll Down Justice*. We will be invited to look at the world with an eye for how we might respond to the many injustices we find there. We hope to be inspired and renewed in our commitment to proclaim God's love for all people.

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 **Todd Bookman** or **Matt Kernicky**.

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

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.

LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

VISION STATEMENT

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

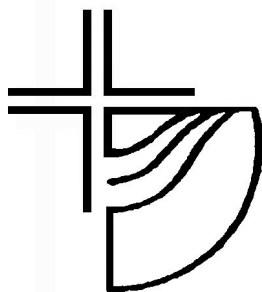
MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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

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