



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

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## JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS!

- ✠ We will begin Easter Sunday around Sunrise at Highpoint Scenic Vista in Wrightsville, PA. We will meet at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot and make the climb together to the top of the vista. The entire walk is ADA Accessible, so you can come in a wheelchair or with a stroller. We will make stops along the way to meditate, sing, and celebrate.
- ✠ The 8:00 a.m. Chapel Service will be held in the Sanctuary and will feature the Hallelujah Chorus.
- ✠ Easter Meet and Greet in the Gathering Place will begin at 9:00 a.m. Plan to attend and enjoy some food and fellowship. There will be no adult Sunday School.
- ✠ Worship Celebrations will be held in Morning Psalm, Maranatha, and the Sanctuary beginning at 10:15 a.m. The Traditional service will include the Hallelujah Chorus. Morning Psalm and Traditional services will conclude the Lenten series, *Roll Down Justice*, by proclaiming the new life and love found in the resurrection. We walk and talk and dream together in this new reality for Christ is risen! Christ is Risen indeed! May his justice and peace roll down!

--Pastor Cindy Lattimer

## MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE FEAST & TENEBRAE

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, plan to gather in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. for Love Feast and Communion to remember and enact the events and lessons of Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room. In this traditional Love Feast, you will examine your relationship with the Lord and with each other, eat the agape meal, wash the feet or hands of another, and celebrate bread and cup communion.

**A Tenebrae Service will be held immediately following the Love Feast and Communion.** The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows." The purpose of the service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. This part of the service begins in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are Scripture readings, plus a white Christ candle. After each Scripture passage is read a candle is extinguished, until only the Christ candle remains. Then, after the last scripture passage is read, the Christ candle is put out, leaving everyone in total darkness—a powerful experience, reminding everyone of the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. At this point the service ends. There is no benediction and, after the lights are on, the people leave in silence.

As you journey through Lent to Holy Week, may you draw nearer to God through Jesus, the Christ, as everyone worships together in the unity of the Spirit and bond of peace.

**Consider inviting a friend or family member to come with you to worship for the blessings it offers.** Please note that there will be no Good Friday Service this year.

--Pastor Jeff Rill

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# SERVING THIS APRIL

## GREETERS

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



## USHERS

### CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.

Jere Tankesley  
 Chuck Neslund

### SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Clyde Angle	Bev Angle	Dan Errett
Judy Errett	Bob Finkbinder	Clyde Wenger
Shirley Wenger	Wendy Young	
*Head Usher		

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Jean Deihm

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

Bob Hopple - 519-2602



## ATTENDANCE

February 19—259  
 February 26—330  
 March 5—309  
 March 2—282

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

**New Address**  
 Barbara Kreider  
 1727 63rd Street  
 Garrison, IA 52229-9632

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Celia Peffley	11 Steve Polansky	18 Clemens Rosenberger	24 Arelis Sable
2 Matthew Harnish	Jenny Dolk	Darle Good	26 Jack Forsha
Romaine Lefever	Ava Bowser	19 Bob Breneman	29 Jere Bridgeman
Aidan Buckwalter	12 Suzanne Schaudel	Guy Wampler	Joshua Kreider
3 Kyle Shaffer	13 Blair Breidenstine	Jay Rhoades	30 Kate Rill
LaRue Helm	Pat Young	20 Jay Weaver	
4 John Hagen	14 Jillian Schmidt	Jon Bridgeman	
5 Jack Smith	Justin Shertzler	21 Mary Weaver	
6 Suzanne Kline	15 Amy Martin	22 Christopher Holsinger	
8 Warren Evans	16 Mark Harnish	Christina Miller	
9 Kaylee Shulenberger	Bryan Martin	Joyce Marks	
10 Alexander Nye	17 Linda Husted	23 Jay Enders	
Ray Frace	Barbara Cott	Jeff Breidenstine	



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is much said about the true meaning of Christmas when we celebrate that season during Advent.

We are now in the midst of the Easter celebration and it is therefore appropriate to focus on the true meaning of Easter.

I believe that the four chapters of Philippians express this so powerfully. This book is full and running over with God's hope and instructions for our genuine relationship with Him.

Let it be observed that the terms – Christ, Christ Jesus, Lord Jesus Christ, Spirit of Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ is Lord, Christ Jesus my Lord, The Lord – appear 40 times in Philippians. Interestingly there are 40 days in Lent.

I also believe that all these names refer to our Lord in His resurrected status. This means that He, Christ Jesus our Lord, lives and abides within us in relationship to the most high God, as we put our total trust in Him to guide our daily and dedicated living. This style of living needs to be patterned in every way after our Lord in a servant-hood relationship to others.

May I suggest that each of us gives an in-depth study to the following passages in Philippians as shared by the apostle Paul.

<u>Philippians</u>	<u>Philippians</u>	<u>Philippians</u>	<u>Philippians</u>
1:3-6	2:5-11	3:8-15	4:4-9
1:9-11	2:14-15	3:20-21	4:11-13
1:21			4:19
1:27			

Genuine living according to these truths will truly transform our thinking and living.

--J. Calvin Wenger

## BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS

There is a need today for people to be more aware of different ways to connect to 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**,



**Chris Johnson**

founder of Divine Unity Community Church based in Harrisonburg, VA. Chris has a Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and is ordained in the 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/

## STARLIGHT TEA WELCOMES TRIO CAPRICE

**On Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. the Starlight Tea Concert Series is pleased to welcome a return engagement by Trio Caprice,**

featuring three highly regarded local performers! Trio Caprice was formed by Debra Ronning (piano), Sara Male (cello), and Stephanie McCullough (violin) in 2010. The group



“discovered” one another as colleagues and friends in the Elizabethtown College’s Fine and Performing Arts Department. Together they enjoy performing the masterpieces of their repertoire. Their most recent programming includes the romantic Anton Arensky *Trio in D Minor*, contemporary Russian composer Nikolai Kapustin’s *Trio*, and the *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* by Arturo Piazzolla.

Members of the trio each enjoy active performing careers as collaborative and solo artists. They also maintain busy teaching schedules. As soloists, teachers, and as an ensemble the three share a musical vision of playing with expressive intensity and creating beautiful sounds. As with all Starlight Tea concerts, this one is free, with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to stay for the Starlight Tea featuring tea and cookies, and the chance to greet these fine performers! --Emery DeWitt

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](http://www.ane-cob.com).

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN LANCASTER

Deb Chillas and Dave Heck would love to have your help as they prepare and serve a meal at the First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster, on **Tuesday, May 23**. Help is needed between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. on May 23, and some help is also needed the day before in order to carry the supplies into the church. **Dessert donations are also needed** for approximately 200 guests.

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area to volunteer for this **worthy project**. **If you prefer to make a monetary donation**, please mark your envelope **"Feed the Hungry."** Thank you for your support. Questions can be directed to David Heck or Deb Chillas.



## ADOPT A HIGHWAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Spring road cleanup for the LCOB Adopt A Highway project. The Spring cleanup along Oregon Pike is scheduled for **Saturday, April 22**. Volunteers should meet at the church at **8:30 a.m.**

The cleanup project, which takes about 1½ hours to complete, is a good service project that can be done as a family. Children must be at least 10 years old to participate. It is recommended that volunteers wear long pants and work boots or sneakers. Gloves and vests will be provided.

**Please join us on April 22. Contact Scott Hufford with any questions.**



## PMT ENERGY TIP

Fans cool people, not rooms. When it comes to energy efficiency, fans beat air conditioners, but only if you're in the room. Here's why. Fans help keep you cool with the wind chill effect they create, keeping you comfortable when room temperatures are higher. Using a fan in combination with an air conditioner can allow you to raise the thermostat on your air conditioner, resulting in energy and cost savings. If you have a ceiling fan or floor fan, you will notice the difference!

## MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIEND BANQUET

Please join us for a Mother, Daughter and Friend Encounter on **Saturday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. This will be a time of inspiration, sharing, fun, food and more.

Reserve a place for you and your daughter, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, niece, or friend by contacting Arelis Sable at 285-7062. The cost is \$15.00 for a mother and "daughter" and then \$5.00 for each additional "daughter" or friend. **Reservations are due before May 2.**



## WHAT IS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting are combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy.

Blessings are prayed into every stitch. The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient and continues those prayers throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

**Beginning on Sunday, March 26** and continuing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in all four worship services, our Pastors will have a time of prayer and blessing for completed shawls/blankets.

LCOB is blessed to have several members that knit and crochet who have



volunteered to work on creating prayer shawls. The first two recipients of these newly created shawls were Gloria Denlinger and Earl Williams.

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Myrl Greiner or visit one of the scheduled meetings in the Gathering Area:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

- led by Dee Zimmerman

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10:00 a.m.

- led by Stacy Bashore-Steury

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

- led by Dee Zimmerman.

--Myrl Greiner

## REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◆ All church members are encouraged to attend the **Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 23**. This meeting follows the youth's Soup and Salad lunch in the Family Life Center. **Everyone is encouraged to make a generous donation for Soup & Salad, since this fundraiser helps to fund the youth work camps.**
- ◆ The Executive Committee is currently working on revising all LCOB employee job descriptions and the annual review process. The goal of this process, which is beginning with the pastors, is to more appropriately reflect the broader ministerial nature and aspects of the employees' responsibilities as related to the needs of the church and its on-going mission.
- ◆ The Executive Committee is currently researching the need for a Morning Psalm Director of Music and developing a draft job description for such a position. This person would bring a greater degree of musical expertise and direction to the Morning Psalm musicians and enhance the worship experience during those services. The finalized package, complete with job description, qualifications, weekly anticipated hours of service and associated salary, will be presented to the congregation for review, discussion and vote sometime in the future.
- ◆ Annual contract renewals for the pastors have been completed and sent to the District as required.

--Matt Kramer

## TABLE NEEDED

Morning Psalm is looking for a small or medium-sized drop leaf table for their worship space. The plan is to refinish the table in black, so it only needs to be structurally sound. Please contact Jodi Yingling at 717-495-2520 or [jodiyinpa@gmail.com](mailto:jodiyinpa@gmail.com) if you have a table you wish to donate. Volunteers will pick it up at your residence.



## THANK YOU, LCOB!

Thank you to everyone who shared their favorite scriptures with the pastoral staff. We will try to use everyone's contributions to the best of our ability. We look forward to letting the Word of God that has shaped you continue to shape our community in the summer worship services.

--Pastor Cindy

Many thanks for the prayers offered on our behalf in recent weeks. At a time like this we wonder how those without a church family and a belief in God make it through challenging times. Thanks for the many cards, flowers and phone calls. And, of course, thanks to Pastors Jeff, Cindy and Calvin for their daily visits and uplifting prayers. We can't thank you enough. May our God bless all of you.

--Kathy and Gene Mummau

Dear Church Friends.

A big Thank You to the many of you who came forward with your concerns and prayers during my past shoulder replacement operation and now my continuing struggle with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease).

Your many visits, in the hospital and at home, your cards and e-mail messages, your expressions of love from so many, including the Wednesday morning prayer group, made and continues to make this ordeal easier to carry. Suzanne and I appreciate your continued presence.

--Otto Schaudel

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Lancaster Brethren Preschool is hosting a fundraiser on Thursday, April 6, at the Isaac's in Greenfield from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Twenty-five percent of the cost of your meal will be donated to



Schreiber Pediatrics by the Preschool. Come on out and help support a great cause! If you chose to go, please take the flyer found in your mailbox (closer to the event) and hand it to your server. Thank you!

--Danielle Shulenberger

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:****Community Easter Event for Families  
Saturday, April 15 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for our Annual Family Easter Event! We will begin with an egg hunt followed by other enjoyable activities for children and their families. **Don't forget your basket!** Please email Jamie Nace if you plan to attend.

**Spring Kids' Night Carnival****Saturday, April 29, from 4:00–7:30 p.m.**

Parents may bring children to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren for a night of fun activities while they enjoy some time to themselves. This event will be held from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center at



LCOB. Children ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to attend, and youth in grades 6 and up may help at the event. **Childcare is available for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years** (Parents must supply all food and snacks for this age group). The night will be

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

**Registration is required!** To register your child for the Kids' Night Carnival, please contact Jamie Nace for the link to the online registration site. **You must pre-register for this event by Sunday, April 23,** in order to reserve a space for your child. The last event filled to capacity before the RSVP deadline, so don't wait to register your kids!  
--Jamie Nace

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****JUNE 11-15**

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, June 11-15. Children age 3 through grade 5 are welcome at **Hero Central!** Learn of your strength in God through Bible stories, music, games, snacks and service projects. Watch for more information next month. Contact Jamie Nace or Madelynn Riedel with any questions.



--Madelynn Riedel

**2017 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE ROLLING IN!**

You won't want to miss the chance to Branch Out and Connect Through Christ this summer at Camp Swatara! Over 20 programs are available. **Find the 2017 schedule and rates on our website at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org).** Log on at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org) to register online or return the paper registration form arriving soon in your mailbox.

Important: If you are a returning camper who has registered online in the past, please use your existing login information (user-name) to link to your past registrations. If you have forgotten your login information, contact the camp office and they can assist you. If you are a returning camper that has used paper registration and would like to start an online account, please contact the camp office and they can get that set up for you!

Monarch Campers must register through the mail by completing a registration packet. Downloadable forms are available on camp's website at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org) and can be requested by contacting the camp office at 933-8510 or [info@campswatara.org](mailto:info@campswatara.org).

**Lancaster Church of the Brethren will pay half tuition of all LCOB kids going to Camp Swatara with "Good as Gold" vouchers. Just register your child(ren) and pay the first half of the tuition. Then at least 2 weeks before your child goes to camp call (397-4751) or email ([lancob@comcast.net](mailto:lancob@comcast.net)) the church office and Tiffany Dickel will issue you a Good as Gold voucher to take with you to camp.**

-----More Camp News-----

-  Camp Swatara's is seeking year-round and seasonal, paid and volunteer staff. Current openings include the Buildings and Grounds Assistant Manager, Housekeeping Assistant, Family Camp Assistant, Paid Counselors (*male*), Volunteer Counselors (*female and male*), and a Health Manager. More information and applications are available at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org).
-  Reserve your site now for the 2017 Family Camp season at Camp Swatara. Check availability and request a site online at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org). Phone reservations are available by calling 933-5244 during business hours.
-  It's an Open House. It's a Family Fun Day. It's Spring Into Swatara! Head to Camp Swatara on **Sunday, April 23,** to enjoy games and activities from **3:00-5:00 p.m.**, followed by dinner, and a program by "*This Way Up!*" The day is free and open to all. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by calling 933-8510 or emailing [program@campswatara.org](mailto:program@campswatara.org).

--Jamie Nace

### SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

Save the Date: November 4 & 5, 2017

The second annual Seeking First the Kingdom conference will be held on **November 4 & 5, 2017**, and the Spiritual Renewal Committee is pleased to announce that the **Rev. Belita D. Mitchell**, Senior Pastor of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, will be the keynote speaker. In addition to being pastor at Harrisburg, she currently serves on Standing Committee of Annual Conference. Pastor Belita, who was the 2007 Moderator of Annual Conference, will address this event on the day of the conference as well as Sunday morning.



The November 4 event is an all-day conference consisting of breakout sessions called Seeking Sessions. There will be several sessions to choose from in the morning and again in the afternoon following a delicious lunch. The entire event will be built around a common theme, which currently is being developed, and will be announced at a later date.

As a goal of the 2020 Vision & Mission of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, it was proposed that annually the church hold a spiritual renewal event. The Spiritual Renewal Committee includes C. Alvin Cott, Arelis Sable, Suzanne Schaudel, Kristen Snoke and Jay Wenger (chair). Advisors to the committee are Pastors Jeff and Cindy.

This event is financed through patron support, free will offerings and donations with no monies coming from the church budget.

**You can be a patron** of Seeking First the Kingdom by **completing the form next to this article**. Select a level of giving, write a check for that amount, write **“Seeking First the Kingdom”** in the memo and send it to the church office or put in in mailbox #29. Your **early** financial commitment allows the committee to move forward with this event as well as future **Seeking First the Kingdom** events.

- Jay Wenger, Spiritual Renewal Committee Chair

## *Become A Supporter of this Annual Event sponsored by the Spiritual Renewal Committee Seeking First the Kingdom 2017*

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

**Philip the Evangelist level** (\$200 & above)

**Timothy the Evangelist level** (\$100-\$199)

**Woman at the Well level** (up to \$99) \*

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail check, along with this form to:**

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

**Or**

Put in Mailbox #29

### LCOB BIRTHDAY PARTY AT BRETHREN VILLAGE

As your Key Person to the Brethren Village Auxiliary, I am responsible to have our church host a Birthday Party once a year for the residents at Brethren Village. This year the party will be on **Tuesday, May 2**. We will need the following items:

Table Centerpieces

Party Favors

Paper Products

Angel Food Cakes

Snacks

Beverages

Ice Cream Dixie Cups



**Please call or email me at 295-9121 or [mk.hummel@cplx.net](mailto:mk.hummel@cplx.net) to tell me what you would be willing to donate.** Thank you.

--Marilyn Hummel, Brethren Village Key Person LCOB

## YOUTH CALENDAR

### April

- 8 District Service Day
- 23 Final Soup and Salad of 2016-2017 School Year
- 29 Youth Volunteer at Kid's Night Out

### May

- 7 Youth lead worship in Traditional Services

### June

- 4 Graduate Recognition
- 9-10 National Junior High Convention, Elizabethtown College (Cost is \$58 per youth if registered before March 31.)

### July

- 1-8 Senior High COB Workcamp, Family Abuse Center, Waco, Texas

## SENIOR HIGH COB WORKCAMP

### JULY 1-8, FAMILY ABUSE CENTER, WACO, TEXAS

Nine senior high youth and a sponsor will be journeying with Pastor Michael to his undergraduate stomping grounds in Waco ("wayco" *not* "wacko"), Texas. Instead of trying to find Chip and Jojo and get jobs as crew members on *Fixer Upper*, the youth will be serving at the Family Abuse Center (FAC), a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

FAC "exists to eliminate domestic violence in Central Texas by offering a free, safe, and confidential place for families to begin to experience life without violence." During a client's stay in the shelter, FAC provides meals, clothing, case management, legal advocacy, information, referrals, domestic violence education, and individual/group counseling for both adults and children.

While serving at the Family Abuse Center, the youths' work will include childcare, kitchen help, gardening, physical labor, repair, and assisting at the thrift store. The youth will learn about how domestic violence affects families, while they work with a nonprofit organization that is doing wonderful things for its community and those in need.

The LCOB youth will be staying at Lake Shore Baptist Church and also serving that congregation. Thank you for your support both through your tithes and offerings to the Plan of Ministry budget as well as your donations at Soup and Salad and other fundraisers that make life-changing ministry opportunities possible for our youth. **Look for opportunities to be a prayer partner with a workcamp attendee in next month's newsletter.**

## OUTSOURCING DOESN'T WORK

It's a challenge to find items that evangelical and progressive Christians agree on these days.

Recently, I attended the Parish Resource Center's presentation by Dr. Kendra Creasey Dean, from Princeton Seminary, along with Pastor Cindy and some of LCOB parents. She powerfully communicated a basic truth about adolescent faith development. That same week, I saw a blog from Rev. Dr. David Platt, president of my home denomination's International Mission Board, discuss the same topic.

**What is the "knowledge bomb" that unites Christians on the right and the left? *The number one factor in determining whether adolescents will be practicing followers of Jesus in their mid-20s is whether or not they have experienced their parents and adults around them engaging in faith practices and have been encouraged to participate in those practices.***

Parents, it's that simple, that basic.

- If you want your kids to love Jesus, focus on your relationship with Him.
- If you want them to pray, let them see you pray and also pray with them.
- If you want them to read the Bible, read it yourself, and read it together with them.
- If you want them to see the inside of a church when they become adults, see how many Sundays you can worship side by side with them during their youthful years.

I love your children, and I'm honored to be a pastor to them and to you, but my influence on their lives will never match your influence as you raise them. I am, however, excited to help you in any way I may increase your spiritual influence in their lives. Please email me at lancob.youth@comcast.net, call me, or text me at 717-419-4228 to schedule a time to get together. I encourage you to join me in conversation about this and other parenting issues in the **Sacred Parenting class on Sunday mornings from April 23 to May 14.**

*"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

--Pastor Michael Howes

## APRIL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday Mornings

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

PLEASE NOTE; On **April 16**, Easter Sunday, **there will be no Adult Sunday School classes**. Instead, you are invited to a “**Meet-&-Greet**” in the Gathering Area. Come and enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with old friends and meet new ones.

**The Chapel Bible Study Group** meets in the chapel. In April this class will concentrate on the theme of *God's Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love*, using the *Brethren Guide for Biblical Studies*. Scriptures that will be highlighted are *Psalm 23* and sections of the Gospel of *John* and the New Testament epistles of *Romans* and *I Peter*. Teachers/leaders are **Al Cott, Bob Frick, and Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted**, which normally meets in room 170, will have the following schedule for April:

**April 2 & 9** – The class will join the Thoughtful Life class in room 162-163 for the *Lenten series* taught by **Cindy and Ben Lattimer**.

**April 16** – Easter Sunday Come to the Meet & Greet in the Gathering Area.

**April 23 & 30** – Pastor **Michael Howes** will lead a new series on *The Important Role Parents Have in Their Child's Spiritual Development*.

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. The sessions for April include:

**April 2 & 9** – The class will continue the Lenten series co-taught by **Ben and Cindy Lattimer**. Each week during Lent, the class will focus on the same scriptures used in the worship services. The Lenten theme this year is *Roll Down Justice*, which takes a look at the world with an eye for how one might respond to the many injustices. Class attendees will be inspired and renewed in a commitment to proclaim God's love for all people.

**April 16** – Easter Sunday Come to the Meet & Greet in the Gathering Area.

**April 23** – *Music's Joy is God's Calling*. Music Director **Emery DeWitt** and several LCOB musicians will describe God's calling for music ministry and the joy that it brings.

**April 30** – *What Would Life Be Like Without the Joy of Music?* More expressions of music's joy will be shared by members of the choir, bell choir, praise band and the congregation at large.

The **Connections Class** 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**.

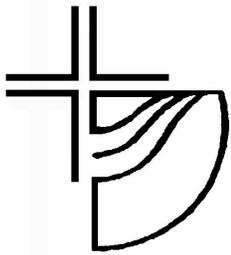
The **Maranatha** ministry offers an adult Sunday School class in Spanish and English, taught by **Arelis Sable**. Contact Arelis for more details.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TRAIL TREK!

Plan now to join us for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trail Trek at Camp Swatara!** Get as many sponsors for your hike as you can, then join us at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, June 24!** Hike one (*or more*) of our 4 designated Trail Trek routes (*all on-site at camp*) to obtain the most "punches." The more punches you find, the more opportunities you will have to win prizes. At the conclusion of your hike, join us for ice cream in the West Area!

**A minimum total sponsorship of \$10 per hiker is required (children under 5 are free).** **All funds raised will support the Building Bridges Capital Campaign as we look toward our final project - renovating the West Lodge!** Find out more about the prizes, sponsorship information, and sign-up at [bridges.campswatara.org](http://bridges.campswatara.org)!





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 Congregational Meeting  
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 Sunday, April 23

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**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—3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00 a.m. Children & Adults

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

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