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Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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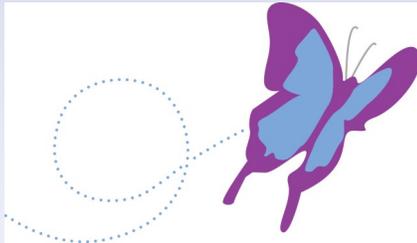
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TRADITIONAL MUSIC CELEBRATION WELCOMES

LANCASTER BRASS QUINTET!

On Sunday, May 21, in the 10:15 Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary, the Chancel Choir and the Carillon Bell Choir will be joined by some special guests - the Lancaster Brass Quintet! Each year in May, the choirs celebrate the wonderful role that music plays in worship with a service filled with music and joy.

This year, our celebration revolves around the ancient "Gloria" text, which begins, "Glory to God in the highest!" The Chancel Choir will sing a setting of the text by Franz Josef Haydn that has a special resonance, because it was given to the choir as a gift in honor of Suzanne and Otto Schaudel by Arnim Waldau. Arnim lives in Germany and was one of the hosts and concert organizers for our Chancel Choir tour of Germany in 2014. The Chancel Choir will also sing another beloved anthem by Haydn entitled *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God*, from his oratorio *The Creation*.

The Lancaster Brass Quintet will join the Chancel Choir in another Gloria setting by contemporary composer K. Lee Scott. This work was only published in 2011, but it has already become widely performed due to its exciting, joyful musical expression.

The Lancaster Brass Quintet will also join the Carillon Bell Choir in a setting of the beloved hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*, arranged by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden.

Please be sure to join us as the musicians of our church offer praise to God through music!

—Emery DeWitt



YOUTH SUNDAY AND BAPTISM

On Sunday, **May 7**, the youth will lead worship in the 8:00 a.m. Chapel and 10:15 Sanctuary Services. The focus text is Matthew 11:2-6 where John sends a message to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, ...?"

Brooke Smith will be baptized at the 10:15 service.

All 10:15 worship services (Traditional, Morning Psalm and Maranatha) will start worship in the sanctuary for the baptism.

Support Brooke as she makes this public witness to her faith in and commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord. --Pastor Michael



VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITY!

On Tuesday, May 23, there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor to help process health kits. Volunteers are needed! We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 if you plan to attend by Thursday, May 18.

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 MAY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Barb Krieder
 8:40 a.m. Renea & Mike Snyder
 8:40 a.m. Shirley & Ervin Martin
 9:50 a.m. Dave & Jean Hosler
 9:50 a.m. Robin & Bob Finkbiner
 10:15 a.m. Marvin Harnish & Ed Moran



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Warren Evans & John Graham

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Greg Hughes Courtney Hartman Bob Hopple
 Doug Lunger Barb Morrow Russ Morrow
 Lin Moyer Mark Smith
 *Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Nicole Putt

ACOLYTES

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



VAN INFORMATION

John Byers
 394-6086



ATTENDANCE

March 19—331
 March 26—348
 April 2—293
 April 9—344

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address:

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 119 Clay School Rd.
 Ephrata, PA 17522

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 202 Silver Wind Ct. North
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Matt Shaffer	9 Sherry Weaver	17 Kyle Shirk	27 Kate Kinderwater
2 Barb King	Jodi Yingling	Jill Bridgeman	Joe Peffley
			Joanne Mellinger
3 Melode Forsha	10 Joan Yunginger	18 Judi Hess	29 Laura Bowser
Nathan Biemiller	11 John Graham	Nicklaus Kreider	30 Courtney Riegen
Gladys Arnold	Lukas Murray	20 Audrey Martin	Lois Shenk
Steve Holsinger	13 James Biemiller	Donna Wilson	
Wendie Holsinger	Joe Bryson	Donna Hernandez	
Bonnie Frick			
	14 Juanita Lunger	21 Don Hursh	
4 Andrew Graham		23 Taylor Husted	
Laurie Rhoades	15 Carter Martin	24 Dory Voulopos	
	Annette Schopf		
5 Robert Smith		25 Pat Breidenstine	
Liz Roth	16 Jeanne Heck	Shirley Frey	
Otto Schaudel	Emery DeWitt		
	Ella Nace	26 Madelynn Riedel	
7 Russ Morrow	Troy Nace	Andrew Shulenberger	
	Luke Wenger		



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our congregation has five goals: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These are not new for us. We have had them for several years now.

According to Robert Schnase, author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, “people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities. The presence and strength of these five practices demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness.” With the practice of “repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” (p. 7).

It is time to think and dream about these five goals and develop specific actions and ends—an action plan to move LCOB into the future.

To that end, we are forming a Dream Team. We

hope to complete our tasks by the end of this calendar year. We will meet once a month, and occasionally



more frequently. We have engaged an outside consultant, Kent Kroehler, to guide us in the process.

By repeating, deepening, expanding, and improving upon these five basic practices of congregational ministry, churches learn and grow in spirit and number.

That is my goal and the goal of The Dream Team for the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

We will keep the Church Board informed every month and bring word to you, the congregation, about our thinking, dreaming, and working plans in newsletters, bulletins, and verbal updates.

We welcome your input and your prayers. Thank you for using your gifts for ministry among us at Lancaster Church of the Brethren to the glory of God and for the good of all.

—Pastor Jeff Rill

M.E.P.A (MANOS EXTENDIDAS PARA AYUDAR)

Extended Hands That Help, Isaiah 59:1

The Cross-Cultural Connections of LCOB invites everyone to a fundraising banquet that will take place on **Sunday, May 21**, immediately following the 10:15 worship services. **There is no need to RSVP. All monies collected will be used to fund the MEPA mission trip this year.**

The group will be serving at a small Church of the Brethren, La Iglesia de Los Hermanos, Los Cerros de Chalona in the rural village of San Juan De La Maguana in the Dominican Republic. The date of the trip is September 8 to 18, 2017. Anyone interested in going should contact Monroe Good or Alix Sable as soon as possible.

Fundraiser **Banquet**

The MEPA missions' ministry started with a “Vision” given by God to Arelis Sable inspired by her parents and younger sister, Helen in 2002. The vision is to share the Gospel through evangelism, children, youth, and elderly ministries. In addition to evangelism, the vision includes meeting some of the physical needs of poor people. Some of the basic needs are met through the distribution of hygiene kits that include vitamins, over-the-counter medications, school supplies, training and prevention education on how to use available resources to prevent diseases and parasites. Financial help for prescriptions or other special needs are also provided for the elderly as funds allow. The MEPA Team also ships wheel chairs, canes, reading glasses, and other needs for the elderly as fund allow.

The MEPA team works with children, youth, married couples and elderly. Children delight in the VBS experiences and enjoy seeing the puppets in action during their VBS. Sharing the message of salvation at a youth rally is also an opportunity that the MEPA team enjoys. Some of the topics for the youth rally include maintaining the faith, and practicing abstinence.

—Pastor Alix Sable

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Six members of the congregation received prayer shawls in the past month. These shawls were ones that were blessed at the March dedications.

Prayer time for completed shawls/blankets will be held the last Sunday of every month in all 4 services. The knitting/crochet groups meet monthly in the Gathering Place at the following times :

1st Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Myrl Greiner. Visit www.shawlministry.com for more information on prayer shawl ministries.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

—Myrl Greiner

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-15

Put on your cape and meet us at “*Hero Central*,” our Vacation Bible School which will be held June 11-15 from 6:00-8:00



p.m.. Children age 3 through grade 5 will strengthen their faith in God through Bible stories, music, games, snacks and service projects. Register

online at <http://cokesburyvbs.com/lancastercob> or look for flyers throughout the church. Contact Jamie Nace or Madelynn Riedel with any questions.

CLIMBERS/HOMEBUILDERS CORNER

On Saturday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m. the Climbers and Homebuilders will visit

Eastland Alpacas in Mount Joy for a tour. Eastland Alpacas is a 30 acre farm in Lancaster County.

Their goal is to nurture quality animals and enhance breeding with each generation of offspring. Their herd of Huacaya alpacas have a variety of colors. Their services offer sales, breeding and ongoing support and advice to all their customers. They find raising alpacas to be a very peaceful and rewarding lifestyle.



The Climbers and Homebuilders will meet at Eastland Alpacas 2089 Risser Mill Road. Admission is free.

YOUTH CALENDAR

May

7 – **Youth Sunday**—8:00 Chapel and 10:15 Sanctuary services.

10 – **The deadline for photos and one paragraph biographies of 2017 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE graduates are due for the June Newsletter.** Please email them directly to Tiffany Dickel at lancob@comcast.net. Photos should be in JPEG (.jpg) format. Contact Pastor Michael at 717-419-4228 if you have questions.

June

3 - Planning for the regional intercultural youth event in the fall of 2017. The time is 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center. We are beginning to connect with other congregations across various denominations and ethnicities. This will be a vision-casting and relationship-building event. The dream is not event-based, but the first public event would be a regional youth gathering on Saturday, September 23.

4 - Graduate recognition in all worship services.

9 - 11 - National Junior High Conference at Elizabethtown College. It's not too late to register. The cost is \$58/youth.

July

Senior High Workcamp at the Family Crisis Center in Waco, Texas.—Nine of the senior high youth, Linda Byers and Pastor Michael will journey to Waco. We will be serving at the Family Abuse Center (FAC), a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

We need at least 11 persons to be prayer partners for those attending workcamp. Requirements would be:

- meeting with the person at an after-church get-acquainted lunch prior to workcamp
- writing three notes of encouragement to be distributed in Waco at workcamp during the week
- checking in after workcamp to follow up on how things went
- praying for the individual with whom you're partnered, the week of work, and the work of the FAC and Lakeshore Baptist.

If you would like to be a prayer partner for workcamp, please contact Pastor Michael at lancob.youth@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual **Lawn Party** will be held on **Wednesday, June 7, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** This is the Hospitality Ministry Team's major fundraiser to cover the costs of other hospitality events throughout the year. Bring your neighbors, friends and family to enjoy a great night of food and fellowship.

Please consider donating a food item on the donation form which will be placed in your mailbox in the coming weeks.



There will also be a strawberry pie order form that will ensure that everyone who wishes to purchase a whole pie gets one before they sell out. **The strawberries will be picked on Tuesday, June 6. Plan to meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.** if you wish to volunteer to pick strawberries. Call Diana Wiker at 291-9348 as soon as possible if you want to pick strawberries or help in any other way. Thank you for your support.

—Hospitality Ministry Team

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

May 2017

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday Mornings

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

The Chapel Bible Study Group meets in the chapel. In May they will focus on the Old Testament book of *Jonah*, a long-time favorite of children of all ages. Its four short chapters are loaded with wonderful truths. The theme will be *God's Pervasive and Sustaining Love*. Teachers/leaders will be **Al Cott**, **Bob Frick**, and **Calvin Wenger**.

The **Sacred Parenting Class**, led by **Linda Husted**, meets in room 170. Pastor **Michael Howes** has been leading a series on *The Important Role Parents Have in Their Child's Spiritual Development*.

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. In May the class will focus on *Joy of the Spirit*.

May 7 – Guest speaker **Tawn Battiste**, founder of *WooHoo Ministries*, will share her faith and joy. *WooHoo Ministries* aims to help folks be revived, rejuvenated, and restored through faith in Jesus Christ,

May 14 – **Guy Wampler** will reflect on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

May 21 – **Priscilla DeJessa** will lead a discussion of *Parents as Spiritual Guides*: guiding children joyfully in spiritual matters. Class members will be encouraged to share their own insights on the subject.

May 28 – *Healing the Mind with Spirit and Laughter*. **Lloyd Wert** will share his ideas about the power of humor, commenting on and illustrating different types, both positive and negative, with emphasis on how humor can give balance to our lives..

Connections is a casual conversation group meeting 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**.

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

THANK YOU, LCOB!

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the prayers offered by our friends at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren during our time at John Hopkins Medical Center. We are now home and Dan is doing very, very well. We felt the power of your prayers and the presence of God throughout the two months Dan was receiving care in Baltimore. He did so well we were able to return home 5 days earlier than expected. Many thanks from our entire family.

Dan and Gail Miller (brother-in-law and sister of Madelynn Riedel)

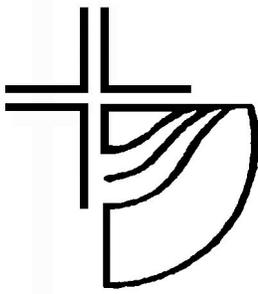
Special thank you to my church family for all the many cards, phone calls and visits a wonderful blessing during my recovery from foot surgery.

Also special thank you to Pastor Wenger for his many phone calls and visits to my home and for the Wednesday Morning prayer group. Your love is deeply appreciated.

Thanks again
Linda Hershey

I would like to thank the church family and pastors for their visit and all the cards and prayers I received during my battle with cancer. We are so lucky to have such a loving and caring church family. Thank you very much.

In Christian Love,
Ron Yunginger



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**LANCASTER CHURCH
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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—3rd 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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