



# BRETHREN HIGHLIGHTS

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

June 2017

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## MARANTHA & MORNING PSALM CELEBRATE

### PENTECOST TOGETHER

Join us for a celebration service of Pentecost that combines Morning Psalm and Maranatha for worship on June 4. Our theme will focus on the ways God speaks to each of us through the Holy Spirit in the language we need in order to understand. We will honor the many different languages, gifts, and hopes that we all bring to our church. In addition, there will be a very special Pentecost Sundae Surprise to end our service! You read that right: Pentecost Sundae! You don't want to miss this!  
—Pastor Cindy Lattimer



## CHAPEL & SANCTUARY CELEBRATE PENTECOST

The 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 p.m. Traditional Services will celebrate Pentecost with pew communion. This will also be the last service of the season in which the choir will sing in the sanctuary. And **Graduates will be honored in all the worship services.**



## ANNUAL LAWN PARTY

The annual Lawn Party is Wednesday, June 7, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This is the Hospitality Ministry Team's major fundraiser that helps to cover the cost of other hospitality events throughout the year.

**The strawberries for pies will be picked on Tuesday, June 6. People wishing to help pick strawberries should meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.**



If you wish to volunteer to pick strawberries or to help in any way, please call Diana Wiker at 717-291-9348 as soon as possible. Those who filled out the ala-cart menu form, please bring it on Tuesday, June 6, or Wednesday, June 7.

**Bring your neighbors, friends and family to enjoy a great night of food and fellowship.**

Thank you, Hospitality Ministry Team

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### JUNE 11-15

Vacation Bible School is almost here! Join us at

### *Hero Central.*

**June 11-15 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Children age 3 through grades 5 will discover their strength in God through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, 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.

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

# SERVING THIS JUNE

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Linda and Guy Wampler  
 8:40 a.m. Ed Moran  
 8:40 a.m. Dee and John Zimmerman  
 9:50 a.m. Janet and Paul Groff  
 9:50 a.m. Deborah Hall and Jim Bridgeman  
 10:15 a.m. Ed Moran



## USHERS

**CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.**  
 Bob Barber  
 Dave Evans

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

\*John Groff    Zach Baughman    Rich Bohn  
 Marvin Harnish    Ed Riegen    Rodney St. John  
 Calvin Wenger    Shirley Wenger  
 \*Head Usher

## CHURCH LIBRARY

**Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.**



Juanita Lungert

## ACOLYTES

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



## VAN INFORMATION

Doug Wiker  
 291-9348



## ATTENDANCE

April 16—451  
 April 23—271  
 April 30—259  
 May 7—266  
 May 14—294

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

**New Address**  
 Phyllis MacDonald  
 841 Olde Hickory Rd.  
 Lancaster, PA 17601  
**Correction**  
 Taylor Husted  
 748 NE 81<sup>st</sup> St., Apt 4  
 Miami, FL 33138

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Focht	14 John Lines	22 Melissa Stover	25 Mark Smith
4 Shirley Martin	Michael Howes	Cindy Harmes	26 Betty Graham
5 Scott Hufford	15 Alison Buckwalter	David Truit	Dorothy Shull
Paige Riegen	16 Lynn Shively	23 Courtney Mullins	Jay Murray
George Harmes	Jerrold Smoker	(Deihm)	27 Pam Kinderwater
8 Sadie Bowser	18 Clyde Wenger	Don King	Lenny Lambert
9 Cathy Betz	19 Sue Groff	Tina Maerz	Mary Swisher
David Creighton	Cristine White	Tia Truitt	28 Connor Snyder
John Herr	20 Ray Heiber	Sofia Grace	29 Glenn Breidenstine
June Shulenberger	21 Pat Wickersham	Breidenstine-Valdes	Linda Hershey
11 Giny Mackey	Ashley Kline	John David	30 Barb Kreider
Sally Shenk	Jay Nace	Breidenstine-Valdes	
12 Bill Evans	Sheila Smith	24 Lucille Buckwalter	
Brad Shulenberger		Curtis Dubble	
13 Jay V. Wenger		Rodney Kline	
		Gale Shirk	
		Joanne Thomas	



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Throughout the summer, the scriptures that we will use to focus our worship services have been chosen by you! Several months ago I asked you to send me the scriptures that have shaped your faith, that are dear to you, that you want to hear proclaimed from our pulpits. Many of you responded and I am very grateful for your input and insight. I think it builds us up to hear from one another how God works in our lives by shaping us, comforting us, and reviving us. Thank you for answering my call to share.

As I looked through the scriptures and began to plug them into particular weeks for preaching, one thing stood out. Not a single suggestion came from the Gospels. Only one came from the New Testament.

Some of my favorite classes in seminary were on the Hebrew Scriptures. I often turn to the Psalms for my devotional reading. I understand, on a certain level, why we are so drawn to these texts. Ben told me that if I had asked the question differently, I may have re-

ceived a different response. However, it is a bit baffling to me that a church who claims the New Testament as its creed and who preaches and proclaims the life,

death, and resurrection of Jesus as central and defining, the scriptures provided didn't default to the Gospels. When asked about scripture, we defaulted to the Hebrew Scriptures. Not one person suggested a story about Jesus. (A side note: There will be one week this summer where the focus is on a Gospel story – I couldn't bear to not add one).

Maybe I'm seeing more than is really there. Certainly all of scripture is valuable, and I want us to read and study all of it. But now

I'm curious about your relationship to the Gospels. What are your favorite stories of Jesus? How do those stories shape your faith and impact your living? Would you like to re-examine them? I know I would. So, I'm going to take the month of June and read through the Gospel of Luke. Maybe you'll join me?

—Pastor Cindy Lattimer



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, JULY 2

Annual Conference worship is consistently listed as a highlight for those who are able to attend. Some of the best musicians, speakers, and planners from across the country combine with a crowd of several thousand Church of the Brethren members to create unforgettable moments. And this year, LCOB members and friends are going to join in on the experience!

**On Sunday, July 2, we are going to live stream the Sunday Morning Worship from Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Sunday Morning Worship service. EVERYONE will gather together in the Family Life Center to join the worship in Grand Rapids along with churches all around the country who are also streaming the worship as a way of staying connected with one another.**

The theme for this year's conference is *Risk Hope*. Moderator Carol Schepperd says this about it, "We live in times that challenge us in our quest to be a faithful people. Strife and uncertainty permeate our society and invade our churches, and we grow disheartened and discouraged... let us be bold in this time of challenge – bold to turn aside from our despair, to step out in faith, to claim the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus, and to Risk Hope for the life and vitality of the Gospel."

Certainly, it will feel a bit different to worship all together in the FLC. Certainly, it will feel a bit different to sing along with folks from around the country and be accompanied by musicians who are actually in Grand Rapids. But, the hope that being part of the larger church will fill all attendees in new ways, that it will give everyone a broader perspective on the work of Christ in the world, and that it will challenge everyone to see how what is done locally impacts and is necessary for the larger church.

Join in Risking Hope on July 2! For more information about Annual Conference or to see Bible Study on the theme, go to [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

—Pastor Cindy Lattimer

*Risk Hope*  
—HEBREWS 10:23

## BE AN ANGEL IN 2017!

The Lancaster Church of the Brethren 2017 *Be An Angel* campaign begins on **June 4!**

The late Al and Lois Hansell initiated this program in 2009 and worked diligently to spearhead the campaign. **In the past eight years, the Be An Angel project raised just over \$110,000 in uniforms and school supplies.** Last year, the Seekers Fellowship group took over the reins of coordinating the project with Al's assistance.

The School District of Lancaster currently has 856 **homeless students** for whom members and friends of LCOB have worked to purchase school supplies and uniforms. The uniforms are especially important because they enable the students to dress alike regardless of their economic status. The uniforms also provide a sense of dignity to those children who may not feel very worthwhile, and the giver receives a great blessing as well.

The *Be An Angel* program begins its 9<sup>th</sup> year on **Sunday, June 4**, and runs through August 13. Look for the large angels in the Gathering Place and Heritage Center to select a school supply and/or money amount to donate.

Persons wishing to make a monetary donation may drop a check in the offering or the church office with "*Be An Angel*" noted on the memo line. Monetary donations allow the committee to purchase more uniforms directly from the wholesaler at a discounted rate.

What a great tribute it would also be to Al and Lois Hansell's memory to make this a banner year for the *Be an Angel* project!

*"Few gifts on earth are as wondrous as the love of a child. Advocates for children know deep in their hearts the truth of the saying 'You never stand so tall as when you stoop to help a child.'"*

Dr. Wess Stafford, Too Small to Ignore

### JUNE PMT ENERGY TIP

Did you know heating and cooling accounts for roughly half of your home's energy use? Caulking cracks and gaps around windows, doors and spaces around wires (telephone, electrical, cable and gas lines), water spigots and dryer vents can pay off with big energy savings. Approximate cost of materials: \$5-\$30. Energy savings: Approx. 5-10 percent – Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

## MY 2¢ WORTH ON 2¢ A MEAL

The Global Food Initiative (GFI) is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security. Since 1983, GFI has raised over eight million dollars to invest in small-scale economic development and to help improve diet and health practices. This is when the need to collect funds began.



Over a period of seven weeks in 2007, a class met weekly under the auspices of "Wednesday Night Live" to discuss hunger and poverty – world-wide, national, and local. The class, which was taught by Chuck Denlinger and the late Allen & Lois Hansell, generated significant interest in ways to help and led to the formation of the Hunger and Poverty Group.

The Hunger and Poverty group started several initiatives, including the collection of coins four times a year to feed the hungry. **The next collection will be taken during the church services on June 4.** In addition to coins, donations can be made by writing a check to LCOB with "2 cents a Meal" written in the memo line.

One-third of the collection goes to the local Food Bank at Lancaster County Council of Churches, two-thirds goes to the denomination's Global Food Initiative.

—Otto Schaudel for the Outreach Ministry Team

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On **Thursday, June 22**, there will be a trip to Church World Service in New Windsor, MD, to help process health kits. Volunteers are needed! We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. **Please contact Rus Adsitt at 569-0278 if you plan to attend by Monday, June 19.**

### GROUP OUTING AT THE BALLPARK

Join us for a great night at Clipper Stadium on Saturday, July 8, for a Barnstormers game. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and game time is 6:30 p.m. Menu will be pulled pork, smokehouse chicken, hot dogs, BBQ ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, cookies, drinks and snacks. Contact George Harmes for tickets.



## CLIMBERS CORNER

The Climbers and Homebuilders will be touring "*Little Known Gems Among the Amish, Mennonites and Brethren of Lancaster County.*" A bus tour led by Jay Wenger will depart at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10. The fee is \$35 per person, which includes a delicious dinner prepared by an Amish family.

Make your reservation now by contacting Dick Kramer at 464-6237. Receipt of a check or cash will insure your place on the bus on a first-come, first-served basis.



## ADOPT-A-COURTYARD

The Property Ministry Team is looking for families, couples, and individuals who are willing to "adopt" any one of three interior sections of the church building. The responsibility and effort involved in adopting a section includes weeding, leaf clean-up, mulching and more.

All supplies will be provided. Volunteers may use their own tools or the tools at the church. Please help with keeping the Church property beautiful. Contact the Church Office or PMT Chair David Hosler with any questions.

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

The Parish Resource Center is excited to announce a new bunch of workshops coming up this summer! These are FREE workshops to LCOB members. So, please take advantage of them.

### The Science & Experience of Chanting: Science

Led by James and Maria Schaller

"The Science and Experience of Chanting" is a two part series to explore the spiritual connection of chanting, meditation and why it is good for our body and for deepening our connection to the divine.

**Part I—Tuesday, June 20 | 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Part II—Tuesday, June 27 | 6:00-8:00 pm**

### What's Working Well in Your Children's Ministry?

Join local children's ministry leaders: Malinda Clatterbuck, Laura Ligo, Jane Weigel and Kirsten Blose as they share aspects of their programs that are working well. Come ready to share some of your own ideas, as well.

**Monday, July 10 | 7:00-8:30 pm**

### Worship Design: Using Visual Arts to Enliven Your Space

Join three local church representatives who have a heart and passion for the visual arts in worship.

Led by: Pat Myers, of *Landisville Mennonite Church*

Brian Lehman, of *First UMC in Lancaster*

Alison Hutchinson, of *Wayside Presbyterian Church*

**Monday, July 24 | 7:00-8:30 pm**

### Emotions Workshop: Understanding How the Holy Spirit Uses Emotions in Our Lives

Led by Lynelle Trigalet, *Life and Leadership Coach*

**Monday, July 31 | 7:00-8:30 pm**

For more information and to register visit the Events/Workshops page at [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org).

## COMMUNITY MELTING POT FESTIVAL

The Cross Cultural Connections Committee is planning an event not to be missed this summer! The **Community Melting Pot Festival** will be held on **Saturday, August 5**, in the church parking lot and surrounding lawn.

**All friends and neighbors are welcome to the church between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

There will be **FREE FOOD** (hot dogs, donuts, ice-cream and more), music selections from the multi-cultural ministries, and ethnic foods that represent the many nationalities and backgrounds of people within the congregation.

There will be a variety of activities for children including pony rides, games, and barrel train rides.

Various ministries within the church are encouraged to showcase their programs. Volunteers from these ministries should be considering plans for "carnival type" games, activities, or displays to engage those in attendance.

The purpose of this event is to welcome neighbors and community members and for them to get to know the members and the many ministries in the Lancaster Church of the Brethren.

Please contact Donna Lunger 717-917-2426 or Monroe Good 717-391-3614 for more information about hosting a stand.

## YOUTH CALENDAR

**June 3** – 5:00 – 7:00 pm - **Planning for regional intercultural youth event for in the fall**, Family Life Center. The goal is to connect with other congregations across denominations and of all ethnicities. This will be a vision-casting and relationship-building event where youth collaborate around Jesus' prayer from John 17:20-23 for visible unity among his followers as a validator of the truth of the Gospel to people who haven't yet become his disciples. The dream isn't event-based, but the first public event would be a regional youth gathering on Saturday September 23.



**June 4** - **Graduate recognition** in all worship services.

**June 9-11** - **National Junior High Conference**, Elizabethtown College. It's not too late to register. Cost is \$58/youth.

**July 1-8** - **Senior High Work Camp, Family Crisis Center, Waco, Texas**—Eight senior high youth and Linda Byers are journeying with Pastor Michael to Waco, Texas, where they will be joining other Church of the Brethren youth to serve 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 and referral, domestic violence education, and individual and group counseling for both adults and children. While serving at the Family Abuse Center, the youth will provide childcare, kitchen help, gardening, physical labor, repair work, or help at the thrift store.

The youth will also be worshipping at a local church where half of the members are homeless persons. In addition, they will be participating in a poverty simulation.

Youth will be staying at the Lake Shore Baptist Church, where they will also be serving that congregation.

## SECRET DESTINATION

This summer LCOB junior high and high school youth will experience Secret Destination at LCOB.

Secret Destination begins on Thursday, June 22, and will occur most Thursdays until August 24. Well, really, it's half a secret. In the morning, from 8:30 -12:30, the youth will do ministry services at a local site like a food bank or clothing bank. After enjoying a lunch

## THE OTHER COLLEGE SEARCH

Both my parents spent their entire careers in higher education where they taught both undergraduate and graduate students. Since I grew up on college campuses, I would select imaginary class schedules and plot degree plans when I was in middle school.

I get it that the collaboration between youth and parents to secure admission and obtain financing for a college education is a huge endeavor. Yet it is rare indeed when I hear youth, or especially parents, talking about opportunities for spiritual growth as a criterion in their college selection process. This goes far beyond whether it's a Church of the Brethren-related school or not.

There are fine colleges all over the country, including Elizabethtown College, which has a world-class faculty. But, a required Bible class or two, or even required chapel, does not a spiritual growth experience make. As one who did my undergraduate work at a school with plenty of students who didn't let religion classes or chapel slow down their pursuit of trouble and bad choices, I encourage you to look deeper. Google is your friend. What are the churches close to prospective schools? Are they Brethren or connected with another Anabaptist denomination? Check their website to see if the local congregation has a heart for ministry to college students? What on-campus Christian groups are present? At the core of the Brethren-Anabaptist way of following Jesus is that see community with other Christians as a critical piece to following Jesus faithfully. Connecting in college with a congregation and/or an on-campus Christian group where community in Christ is experienced is almost always the difference between faith that withers and discipleship that flourishes. In addition to pamphlets, websites, weekend visits and campus tours, I urge you to make scouting a spiritual home part of your household's college search.

—Peace, Pastor Michael

# CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Annual Conference 2017 is almost upon us! I trust that you all are keeping well and turning your thoughts, study and prayers to the worship and work before us in June. Grand Rapids, with its natural beauty, history, art and culture is an exciting and enriching place for us to gather, and our worship plans, programming and business agenda promise a meaningful experience as we come together as the Body of Christ.

Our theme for this year's conference is **Risk Hope**. It emerges as a recurring chorus from the story of Israel's progressive descent into and return from exile, even as it speaks Christ's call to us in our world today. In the words of the writer of Hebrews, **Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful**. We hope that this theme, and its related monthly Bible studies, provide wisdom and guidance for us as we prepare for our gathering, and that it will permeate our time together in Grand Rapids.

Worship this year draws inspiration from our theme, as each preacher will identify a particular lesson learned by God's people in exile and illuminate its instruction and encouragement for us today. The Worship Team has done a fabulous job of crafting ways for us to engage in praise and meaningful reflection as we enter into God's presence together. Annual Conference worship is often a highlight for conference attendees, and this year promises another series of rich, uplifting expressions of reverence and adoration.

The Program and Arrangements Committee has been hard at work all year long preparing activities and opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and relevant learning. After last year's smashing success, the Friday Jubilee Afternoon is back, with its focused time for special programs and music, service projects, community engagement, and equipping workshops. The exhibit hall will have some exciting new exhibitors interspersed among some returning favorites.

This year's business agenda is robust, and calls on delegates to enter prayerfully and thoughtfully into the hard work of being the Body of Christ. We ask all of our brothers and sisters to be in prayer that we engage one another and the matters before us in humility, discernment, and love. Our business time represents more than the task of completing the agenda - it offers us one more opportunity to join together in worship.

May God's blessing be upon you and with us in the weeks ahead as we prepare for our time together in Grand Rapids. Indeed, made bold by the eternal presence and steadfast love of Jesus Christ, let us **Risk Hope** without wavering, confident that He who has promised is faithful.

In Christ,

Carol Scheppard, 2017 Annual Conference Moderator

*The Moderator's May Bible Study is posted at: [www.brethren.org/ac/2017/bible-study](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/bible-study)  
[http://support.brethren.org/site/MessageViewer?em\\_id=36532.0&dvl\\_id=44853](http://support.brethren.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=36532.0&dvl_id=44853)*

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**THANK YOU, LCOB!**

I would like to thank the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, the Deacon Body, and all the many others who sent cards and wished me well following my broken hip surgery. A special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Dee Zimmerman for the beautiful shawl. It's comforting to know that one is missed. I feel very blessed to have such caring friends and church family.

Thank you again,  
Thelma Herr

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To all of our church family at LCOB,

Thank you all for the prayers visits phone calls, flowers and food. My family and I appreciated everything you did during Herb's illness. A special thank you to Pastor Calvin Wenger, Pastor Cindy Lattimer, and the Wednesday Morning Prayer people for all the visits, cards and prayers. Thanks to everyone who helped with the service and luncheon in Herb's honor. You all helped our family get through a difficult time and we love and appreciate all of you.

Love,  
Shirley Frey and family

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To our Church Family,

We thank you for all the prayers, love and support you have shown our family during these past months. Your many phone calls, prayers, cards and meals have meant so much to all of our family as we gathered during my father's final days and the time after that we have spent together as a family. He was a true inspiration to each member of our family and he will live in our hearts forever. Thank you each for the many blessings you have shared.

George and Cindy Harmes and family

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for supporting Work Camp through your tithes and offerings to the Plan of Ministry budget as well as your donations at the Soup and Salad events. Life-changing ministry opportunities like work camp would not be possible for our youth without your support.

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**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER**

A R T I C L E S I S

**Saturday, June 10**  
*(Due to Vacations this is early)*

 **2017-2018**  
*Starlight Tea*  
CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, September 9, 2017, 7:00 PM  
**Rizetta's Tones (Celtic Ensemble)**

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 7:00 PM  
**Andrew Sords, violin; Elizabeth DiMio, piano**  
With guest musician **Ian Petruzzi, horn**

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 7:00 PM  
**Margaret Marsch, organ and**  
**The Lancaster Brass Quintet**

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 7:00 PM  
**Starlight Tea Epiphany Concert**

Sunday, February 4, 2018, 4:00 PM  
**Xun Pan, piano**

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 7:00 PM  
**Jesús Morales, cello; David Pasbrig, piano**

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 4:00 PM  
**Penn State's Essence of Joy**

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

June 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. Many of us yearn for God's urgent call in our lives, and during June we will be seeking God's wisdom as we study God's call in the lives of Old Testament judges Deborah, Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson. These interesting lessons should be insightful for every person. Teachers will be **Al Cott, Calvin Wenger, and Ed Moran.**

The **Sacred Parenting Class** meets in room 170. In June, **Ben Lattimer** will lead the class in a Bible study series. Welcome back to our summer Bible Study! This time we're looking at the Bible's Wisdom Literature. Over the next 11 weeks we'll explore the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes together. Bring your Bibles. All are welcome! (Not just parents!)

The **Thoughtful Life Class** meets in rooms 162-163. The class topics in June will be:

June 4 – **Jay Weaver** will review John Shelby Spong's recent book, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy – A Journey Into a New Christianity Through the Doorway of Matthew's Gospel.*

June 11 – **Guy Wampler** will share a PowerPoint presentation on Annual Conference actions since 1983 on same-sex covenants, and a preview of controversial queries coming to the 2017 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids.

June 18 & 25 – LCOB has long supported refugees fleeing political and economic turmoil and violence in their home countries. What is the church's responsibility to those who come to the U.S. to escape similar conditions but without the safety of legal documentation? **Stephanie Schaudel** (daughter of Otto and Suzanne) looks forward to talking about efforts to support undocumented immigrants in PA and, in particular, those incarcerated at Berks Family Detention Center.

**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.**

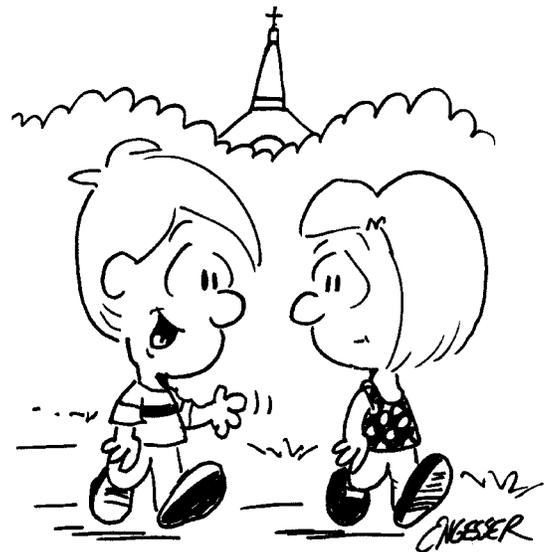
The **Maranatha** ministry offers an adult Sunday School class in Spanish and English, taught by **Arelis Sable.** Further details are available from her.

### VACATION

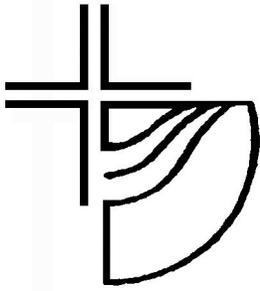
Summer is fast approaching and with that comes vacations! I will be taking an extra long vacation this summer (**July 21-August 6**). My husband, Ed, and our 2 boys, William and Hugh, will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland for 5 days and then on to Aberdeen, Scotland to attend the wedding of a friend's daughter. We are all very excited especially William (9yrs) and Hugh (6yrs).

Linda Harnish will be holding down the office those 2 weeks with **limited office hours (M-Th 8:30—2:30 and Friday 8:00—1:00).**

In the church office there is a complete calendar of when Church Staff will be on vacation or out of the office for various reasons. You are free to look at that calendar at anytime. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer! —Tiffany Dickel, Church Administrator.



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."



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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—3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00 a.m. Children & Adults



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