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Lancaster Church of the Brethren

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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 it is 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.
—Pastor Cindy Latimer



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BV AUXILIARY BOARD CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS!

On April 22 the Brethren Village Auxiliary Board elected new officers. Two of the new officers are members here at LCOB - **Carole Deck** will serve as Vice President and **Barbara Morrow** will serve as Asst. Treasurer.



Barbara Morrow

Carole Deck

The board is called to raise \$160,000 for the 2017-2018 year. Look for more information to come about how you can help meet this goal.

Marilyn Hummel, LCOB's BV Key Person

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 JULY

GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Mary and Jerry Thompson
 8:40 a.m. Wendy Young
 8:40 a.m. Ed Moran
 9:50 a.m. Luis Rodriguez & Felipe Martinez
 9:50 a.m. Barb and Russ Morrow
 10:15 a.m. Ed Moran



USHERS

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 Jay Enders
 Don King

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 a.m.

*Mike Hess David Creighton Steve Holsinger
 John Lines Sue Lines Robert Mackey
 Jeff Putt Bob Gish
 *Head Usher

CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45—10:15 a.m.



Joan Miley

ACOLYTES

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



VAN DRIVER

Bob Hess
 392-0549



ATTENDANCE

May 21—315
 May 28—29
(day of fire, only the Chapel service met)
 June 4—194
(combined worship at Lancaster Bible College)
 June 11—276

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address:
 Todd Forsha & Faye Ye
 300 Communipaw Ave., **Apt. 128**
 Jersey City, NJ 07304

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Clarence Cox	10 Jennifer Biemiller	19 Jim Martin	26 Sharon Nace
Dick Shreckhise	James Marks	Hunter Polanskey	28 Karen Nye
2 Nancy Enders	11 Linda Adsitt	20 Nicole Polanskey	29 George Betz
Greg Hughes	Ruby Miley	21 Alison Kreider	30 Steve Focht
Jenny Lines	12 Jason Mackey	Jack Bryer	Daniel Hufford
Lynne Shively	13 Ben Lattimer	22 David Hernandez	Sally Bingaman
Jason Haines	14 Jeff Shirk	Janet Groff	Sue Conrad Howes
4 Charlotte Myers	15 Walt Young	Gail Murray	31 Joyce Hursh
5 Peg Koser	16 Beverly Angle	23 Barb Morrow	
6 Michael Wenger	Tyler Maerz	Jennifer Shaffer	
Judi Peffley	Christian Smith	24 Phil Myers, Sr.	
Matt Shenk	17 Ed Schopf	Scott Shertzer	
Jackie St. John	Adam Snoke	25 Nikolas Nace	
8 Jim Heck	18 Scott Brubaker	Dennis White	
9 Philip Mackey	Patti Snyder	Michelle Shertzer	
	Josh Weaver		



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many people may be asking the question, “Why is LCOB Holding a Melting Pot Festival?”

The answers are quite simple.

- * We would like to show our community that we are open to anyone who wishes to praise God among us, as Christ welcomed “*all those who were weary and burdened.*” Matthew 11:28
- * We would also like to demonstrate to our neighboring community that we work together for a common purpose as God has called us to be together, as when Jesus prayed: “**May they be brought to complete unity.**” John 17: 11-23

A melting pot celebration event gives an opportunity for people of different social groups to meet and interact with each other. They can socialize, have fun, or even pray together. In essence, this brings an opportunity to break down barriers and learn more about each other’s way of life in terms of music, food, and forms of worship.

This event is similar, in some aspects, to the day of Pentecost.

People of many nations who spoke different languages got together for worship. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and could understand what was said in their own languages. Acts 2:4

My hope is to expose our community to who we are and what we do at LCOB. I also hope that through this event, our neighboring community will become aware of the wonderful things our congregational ministries are doing both locally and globally.

Members of LCOB are encouraged to attend this festival on Saturday, August 5, so they can mingle with community members in attendance and

can also demonstrate a welcoming atmosphere among the church members. Attendees to this event will receive new enjoyments, new experiences, and new acquaintances.

God wants to use each and every person to expand His Kingdom.

—Pastor Alix Sable



A MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MINISTRY— ALLEN T. HANSELL



The Atlantic Northeast District Conference recognizes ministers who have been ordained for fifty years. This October District Conference will celebrate the **fifty years of ordained ministry of Allen Hansell**. Because most of us at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren will not be in attendance for that recognition and celebration of

Allen, we are planning a gathering to celebrate the ministry of Al at Lancaster Church of the Brethren on **Sunday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

Plan now to attend.

VACATION AND OFFICE HOURS

Summer is here 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—Mon.-Thur. 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.

P.S. Please have all August Newsletter articles turned in by July 10. This will help alleviate my pre-vacation stresses. Thanks!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

July 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 will continue to meet in the front left (window side) quarter of the sanctuary until the chapel has been rehabilitated from damages suffered in the recent fire. God's calling has always been a big factor in the life of a committed Christian. In July we will examine the callings of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos. Teachers will be **Al Cott, Calvin Wenger, and Ed Moran.**

The **Sacred Parenting Class** meets in room 170, led by **Ben Lattimer**, who says, "Welcome back to the continuation of our summer Bible Study, looking at the Bible's wisdom literature. In July we'll wrap up with the book of *Job*, and *The Song of Songs*. Bring your Bibles. All are welcome! (Not just parents!)"

The **Thoughtful Life Class**, which meets in rooms 162-163, is taking a break in July but will resume in August.

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.



THANK YOU, LCOB!

I want you to know how much I appreciated all your cards, prayers, phone calls and visits. I am slowly getting my energy back after surgery. I surely did miss singing in the music celebration, but I was surely blessed by a beautiful and meaningful service.

Love,
Annette Schopf

To My Church Family,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks to the Deacon Body, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, and all the others who have sent cards, made phone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and recovery period. I wish also to thank Pastor Jeff and Pastor Calvin for their visits, support and prayers. It is a great privilege to be a part of this Church and to be the recipient of your prayers, support and encouragement.

In Christian Love,
Charles Guyer

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: _____

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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:

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 1601 Sunset Avenue
 Lancaster, PA 17601
 Or
 Put in Mailbox #29

BE AN ANGEL IN 2017!

The Lancaster Church of the Brethren 2017 *Be An Angel* campaign began 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.

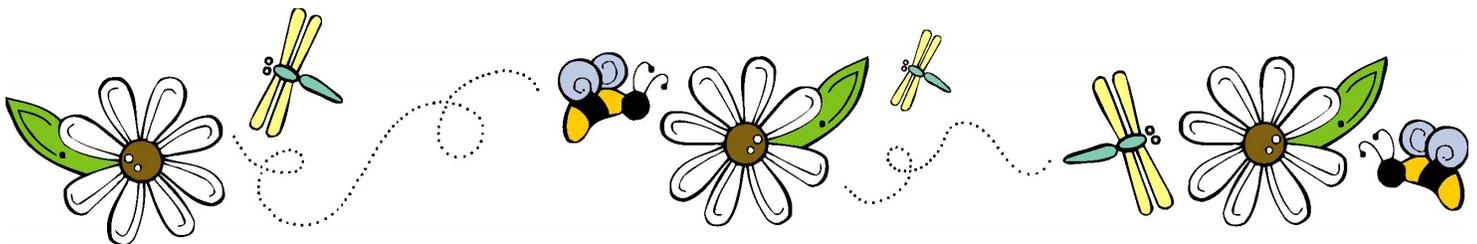
The *Be An Angel* program began its 9th year on Sunday, June 4, and runs through August 13. Look for the large angels in the Gathering Place and Heritage Center to select a school supply and/or money amount to donate.



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.'"



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REMINDERS

Aug 20-21- District Women's Camp

Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Road,
Bethel, PA 19507

Contact Person: Kelly Bernstein, Atlantic Northeast
District-Church of the Brethren
717-367-4730 or
kbernstein@ane-cob.org

Register at: www.ane-cob.org/

There will be opportunities for worship, Bible study, hiking, swimming, crafts and other interest groups. Register now! Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and personal growth and renewal.

Main Speaker: Sue Gannon,

Sue Gannon lives in Sussex County, NJ. She attended The New York School of Interior Design, and has also worked in the field of web design. She has



built a successful business as a top level distributor for an international nutrition company, where she's been able to help people improve their health and build their own home-based businesses. She had worked at her local soup kitchen for more than 25 years, and has recently begun

working as a court volunteer. She is also involved with raising support for students, who live in one of the largest slums in Africa, to be able to go to school. Although Sue has been involved in the health and wellness field for many years, she is still not a big fan of exercise, but she truly believes that "there is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

September 16 - Women's Spiritual Retreat 8:30a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at LCOB and sponsored by Maranatha

September 21 - Pie Baking For Auction

September 22, 23 - Disaster Relief Auction –
Volunteer to Help

October 28 - Speaker – Sue Conrad Howes

December 9 - Annual "White Elephant" Exchange

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

To date, 13 shawls have been distributed, with 4 more scheduled for delivery. **During the months of July and August, there will be NO monthly Prayer Shawl Meetings.** The meetings will start up again in September. Anyone who completes a prayer shawl during the summer can give it to Myrl Greiner, Dee Zimmerman or Stacy Bashore-Steury. Please contact them with any questions.

CLIMBERS AND HOMEBUILDERS

The Climbers and Homebuilders will gather for **Brunch at The Brickerville House on Sunday, July 9, at 12:00 noon.** We will be collecting gift cards for the Drug Court (from Giant, Weis, or SKH) in any amount you choose. —Darlene Creighton

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, July 25.** Help



is needed between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. on July 25, 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.

JULY PMT ENERGY TIP

Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.



WHEELCHAIR WALK

Volunteers are needed to escort (push wheelchairs) and visit with Brethren Village Residents as we tour BV's beautiful campus. **Please meet at the Welcome Center Lobby on Thursday, July 20,**

10:00 a.m. Contact Ed Rasmuson, Volunteer Service Coordinator at 581-4271 or eras-muson@bv.org.



Thank you,
Marilyn Hummel LCOB's BV Key Person

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE—NOAC 2017

“INSPIRATION” SEPTEMBER 4-8

The next National Older Adult Conference, Inspiration 2017, will be held in Lake Junaluska Conference Center, in western North Carolina, from Sept. 4-8. The theme is “Generations” from Psalm 145:4:

Inspiration 2017



“One generation shall laud God’s works to another and shall declare God’s mighty acts.” The theme reflects the

intergenerational community that gathers at NOAC and the importance of generations engaging each other in meaningful conversations about relationships, leaving a legacy, and faith. **This year’s keynote speakers are authors Missy Buchanan, Peggy Reiff Miller, and Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners, and editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine.**

Register for the National Older Adult Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC, by going to www.brethren.org/noac/.

CAMP SWATARA NEWS!

Upcoming Fundraising Events - Mark Your Calendar!

Camp Swatara will hold its 28th Annual Golf Benefit Tournament on Wednesday, July 12. The tournament will be held at the Blue Mountain Golf Course in Fredericksburg, PA, with an 8:00 a.m. start time. Proceeds from the tournament and sponsorships benefit the ministry and ongoing vehicle equipment needs at camp. Golfers can play for \$75 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, refreshments, banquet, and prizes. Play is limited to the first 30 foursomes, on a first-come basis. Sponsors at the Hole (\$125) and Tournament (\$250) levels are also needed, as well as prize donations. Golfer registration forms and sponsorship forms will be mailed soon to past participants and are also available by contacting the camp office (717-933-8510). Information will also be posted on the web at www.campswatara.org.



Family Camping Center Auction - September 2

Plans are underway for this year's Family Camp Labor Day Auction on September 2! We are hoping for a great crowd and lots of wonderful items up for bid. The Auction Committee is beginning to collect items for the auction and would love to accept your donations of theme baskets, new items—including camping equipment and supplies, toys, ride-on toys, electronics, collectables, and more! Antique furniture is welcomed. Please, no "garage sale" type items. Contact Rick and Sarah Balmer at 717-383-1474 or balmers@campswatara.org with questions or donations.



HOSPITALITY SAYS—THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in a very successful Lawn Party on June 7. My appreciation goes to the strawberry pickers and cleaners, everyone who donated food, volunteers who helped to cook and serve the food, cashiers, and the clean-up crew. What a great team effort!

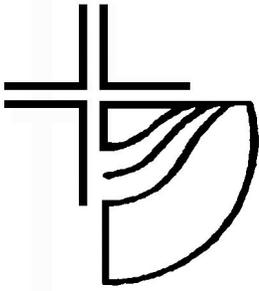
There were 36 strawberry pies that were ordered, plus an additional 10 pies that were used for pie slices during the meal. All of the ingredients for the pies were donated. These donations include:

- Myers Farm - strawberries
- Otto and Suzanne Schaudel – pie crusts
- Oregon Dairy - strawberry glazing
- Giant Food Store - whipped topping

The proceeds from Lawn Party help the Hospitality Ministry Team to serve the congregation and surrounding community by providing resources for other activities throughout the year.

I am proud to call this church and it's believers my family.

—Sincerely, Diana Wiker, Hospitality Chairperson



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**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

(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



Our Staff

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- Cindy E. L. Lattimer**
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- J. Calvin Wenger**
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- Alix Sable**
Associate Pastor
- Michael Howes**
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