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## NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED

If you haven't visited our web site recently, you need to try it out!

The website address is:

[www.lanbic.org](http://www.lanbic.org)

We are pleased to offer new features and eye-catching format.

Special attention was given to providing an attractive and logical site to those seeking a church. We hope that folks looking for a church may hop onto our site and learn about us. You will see our new church logo on the banner at the top. This logo will eventually make its way into all of our media.

Shandi Tosten is the website administrator. If your organization, committee or commission is sponsoring something new and exciting, contact Shandi well in advance (2 weeks or more prior to the event).

A highlight of the new site is the opportunity all of you have to leave comments on pre-specified topics such as: Sermons, Movie nights, SWAP and others. Please look at the site and scroll down to the bottom of the home page to see the comment (blog) options. Read comments that others have left and add your own. This is a new opportunity to open real and positive dialogue! At the time this article was submitted, there are already several blog postings about VBS, Worship Sermons, and of course SWAP!

*Bill Ziegler*



### OUR MISSION

#### We strive to be:

A community where people meet Christ;  
A family where people encourage one another in Christ;  
A school where people become Disciples of Christ.

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**Pastor's Corner**

The call, or calling. What does it mean? Does God call some, not others? Should I be a preacher, missionary, evangelist? Paul helped the Corinthians puzzle this out in his first book in chapter 7. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, keeping God's commands is what counts in verse 19. Bloom where you are – my translation of verse 20.

God needs and wants Christians who witness to grace as teachers, bankers, doctors, lawyers, builders, machinists. In offices, cubicles, classrooms and of course the home.

Every occupation, trade, even retirement, can be dedicated to Christ and sanctified by Him. Bloom where you are, for Him. There is no such thing as holy work and non-holy work. Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord.

*Pastor Jim*

**August Sermon Schedule**

- 1 Disbelief  
John 5:44
- 8 Free Indeed  
John 8:32
- 15 Why it all goes wrong  
John 3:19
- 22 Gospel  
Luke 3:9
- 29 Dressed for the wedding  
Matthew 22:12

**FOOD BANK**

If you or someone you know is in need of food from our food bank, please see Bill Ziegler. Thank you



**Cartoon**



**CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE CAMPAIGN**

A single worship service will be held on Sunday, **October 17 at 10:30 am**. We will worship God as a single congregation in Celebration of God's Grace. Sunday October 17 will be the kick-off Sunday for the next 3-year Celebrating God's Grace Campaign to pay the mortgage on the Family Life Center. Following the combined Worship service, a special lunch/brunch will be served in the Family Life Center and three-year pledges will be collected. Please mark your calendars NOW and pray about how God would have you contribute. More information will be provided prior to this event.

*Bill Ziegler*



## ACTIVE CHRISTIAN PARENTING

Did you know there are 20 families at LBIC who have elementary age children? The six - session course in Active Christian Parenting is designed especially for these parents! The first session is on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 in the Room of Many Colors. Remember, this **FREE** course is taught by educators from COBYS Youth Services who are experts on Christian parenting and children's issues. Come join other LBIC and community parents as they learn about and discuss parenting issues. **PLEASE REGISTER.** Registration forms are found on the Narthex table. The specifics are below.

## SEPTEMBER 2010 LIFT OPTION FOR PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY CHILDREN:



*Helping Families Find Their Way*

A SIX SESSION PARENTING CLASS ENTITLED:  
 "ACTIVE CHRISTIAN PARENTING".

SPONSORED BY  
 BRETHREN IN CHRIST  
 EDUCATORS FROM  
 SERVICES.



LANCASTER  
 CHURCH WITH  
 COBYS FAMILY

SESSIONS HELD EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15. EACH OF THE SIX SESSIONS BEGINS AT 6:30 PM AND CONCLUDES AT 8 PM. A MEAL IS SERVED STARTING AT 5:45 PM. (\$4 PER PERSON, \$10 / FAMILY.)

### SESSION TOPICS / DATES:

**Session I:** September 15- What our kids will need to succeed - Styles of parenting - Mutual respect - "Method of choice"

**Session II:** September 22- Handling problems - Building cooperation - Active Communication

**Session III:** September 29- Teaching responsibility - Effective discipline techniques - "I" messages - Logical consequences

**Session IV:** October 6- Why children misbehave - Sidestepping power struggles

**Session V:** October 13 - Think-Feel-Do cycle - Character, courage, self- esteem - Stimulating independence - Power of encouragement

**Session VI:** October 20- Parents influencing events - Family council meetings  
 Scriptural references and Christian-based discussion points for each session of the course

*Bill Ziegler*

**MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS**

As we move through the summer so very quickly, we approach September, the start of school, LIFT and all the other fall church activities. Let's pray together for continuing ministries and new ministries, as well as those that focus on LBIC moving into the community.

Specifically, let's pray for:

Our **Bible Learning teachers** as they prepare for the new year beginning in September. Ask God to put a desire within each of us for deeper intimacy in our daily walk with Him. Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak through the teachers, and will open the hearts of all who hear, giving wisdom and understanding. Pray that our church children will gain Bible knowledge and grow in a personal relationship with Jesus.

The weekday morning outreach programs including the **Preschool, Toddler Gym and Gym Time Plus** programs.

**The Good News Clubs** at Bucher Elementary school. LBIC volunteers will work weekly with the club with regular invitations for children and their parents to accept Jesus as their Savior.

**The Active Christian Parenting Course** meeting during the first 6 LIFT nights. This course has both LBIC and community guests enrolled. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten both parents and educators as they work together helping parents learn important skills, becoming confident as loving Christian parents.

**LIFT** starting September 15. Pray that this mid-week time provides Christian learning and encouragement for all participants: children, youth and adults. Pray that the results are Christians who are bold enough to share Jesus' salvation with others. Pray that adults will come forward to help with kids clubs. Pray that volunteers experience the rewards of seeing children excited about Jesus!

**Celebrating God's Grace Campaign.** In September, our LBIC family will be extending our financial pledges for the next 3 years. Remember, Celebrating God's Grace pledges have provided the Family Life Center that we ALL enjoy. This facility was built, in part, as a way to reach into our local community; as a way to reach others for Jesus Christ. Pray that pledges will be robust and that those new to our church family will want to participate in the new pledge campaign. Pray now about how God wants you to respond. Currently, we owe \$884,000 with monthly payments soon (May 2011) to be \$6,600. **Praise God** for his provision of funds to this point!

*Bill Ziegler*



**OUR VISION**

"Fulfill the Great Commission in Manheim Twp. & be a visible spiritual force in the community."

**LBIC NEWLY DESIGNED LOGO!**



**SWAP DONATIONS THANKS**

Thank you to all who donation to SWAP! The following is a list of donations that the team took to SWAP with them!

- \$849 in cash/gift cards
- A trash bag of yarn
- Pressure cooker
- Brand new drill
- A large bag full of VHS/CD/DVD
- Box and bag of children's clothes
- Bag of baby clothes
- Bag of sheets
- Bag full of Hammers/tape measures/batteries
- Small bag of personal items

*Shandi Tosten*

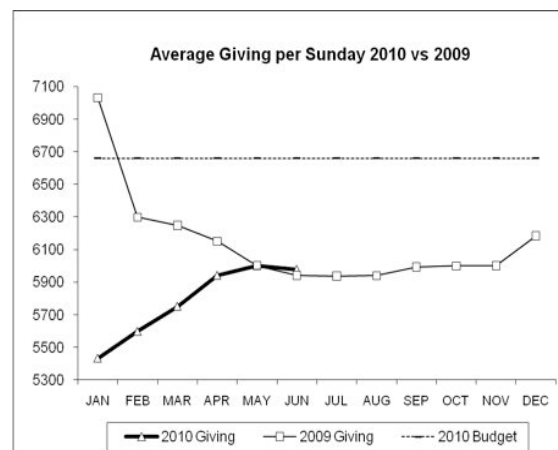
## 2010 GIVING UPDATE

The first half of the year is history; time for an update on how we're doing budget-wise. Remember that our budget for 2010 totals \$346,325. The General Fund budget is our plan for funding the various programs and meeting the many expenses here at Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church. Sunday morning offerings are the primary source of receipts for this fund.

One way of looking at how we're doing is to look at average giving per Sunday. In other words, with a total budget of \$346,325, an average of \$6,660 per Sunday over 52 weeks is required to meet the budget. Here's a summary of how we've done through the first six months:

	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Number of Sundays</u>	<u>Per Sunday</u>
Jan-Mar Total	\$74,764	13	\$5,751
Apr-Jun Total	\$80,664	13	\$6,205
6 Month Total	\$155,428	26	\$5,978

The six month total represents just under 90% of the budgeted amount. The quarterly totals show an increase of about 7.5% from the first quarter to the second quarter. However, the chart below shows that the rate of growth has actually slowed from the growth rate during the first quarter. The chart also shows that giving per Sunday at the mid point of the year is virtually identical to the same period in 2009 (although getting there in a much different way) and still a long way from the budgeted level.



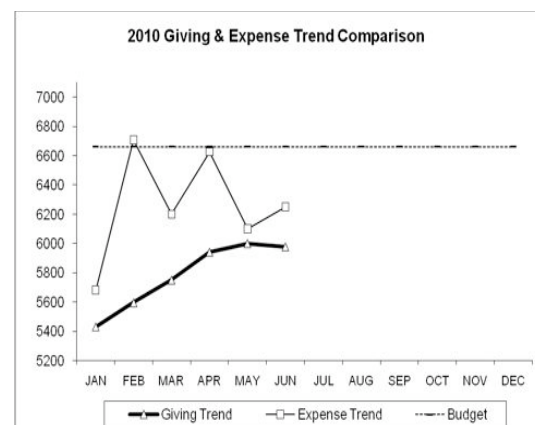
The other way of looking at how we're doing is to compare giving to expenses. Remember that expenses are not necessarily distributed evenly throughout the year:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan-Mar Total	\$74,764	\$80,600	(\$5,836)
Apr-Jun Total	\$80,664	\$81,896	(\$1,232)
4 Month Total	\$155,428	\$159,498	(\$7,068)

As you can see from this data as well as the chart below, giving is tracking well behind actual expenses.

You may recall that we started the year with a balance of \$9,365. This balance has been able to cover the deficit to this point. However, if current trends continue, the balance will quickly be gone. Please help reverse this trend.

Thank you for your giving to Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church. Without your giving the programs that go on here could not happen. The Finance Commission will continue to keep you updated on our budget status. A brief update is included in the bulletin each Sunday. If you have questions, please let us know.



*Steve Crider*

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**RESOUNDING JOY**


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## An Evening Of Music For Instrument And Voice

*No Longer Alone Ministries* is pleased to present **Resounding Joy: An Evening Of Music For Instrument And Voice**. This dynamic concert will be held Friday, August 6, 2010, 7:30 PM, at Lancaster Mennonite School Fine Arts Center, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The public is invited to attend at no charge. A freewill offering will be received to benefit *No Longer Alone Ministries* which provides supportive, caring services to individuals experiencing significant mental illness and their families.

Five musicians will join to perform a vivid collection of music: Rev. Jean-Christophe Robert, award-winning French oboist, winner of the First Prize of the Conservatories of Paris; David Hoagland, clarinetist and music educator; New York Philharmonic violist Dr. Peter Kenote; accomplished soprano Rebekah Kenote, and Dr. Neal S. Harnly at the piano. In ensemble and as soloists, these artists will bring a broad selection of works, including music from the baroque period, a sparkling mid-romantic song, and an intricate late-romantic trio. The woodwinds and viola mingle their colorful timbre with the piano's voice to convey the brilliance of works from Reinecke, Telemann and others.

The concert will open with selections from **Scherzi Melodichi** by Telemann and the **Sonata for Oboe and Piano**, one of the last pieces written by Francis Poulenc. Soprano Rebekah Kenote will join the clarinet and piano in **Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (The Shepherd on the Rock)** by Franz Schubert. The final half of the concert will include Karl Reinecke's **Trio in A Major**. It will also include Dr. Harnly's hearty arrangements of three spirituals and **Amazing Grace** performed by the five musicians in concert.

Dr. Neal Harnly presents this impressive annual benefit concert for *No Longer Alone Ministries* because of his compassion and commitment to those living with mental illness. In addition to his work as a physician with Norlanco Medical Associates in Elizabethtown, PA, he composes and performs in a wide variety of venues. Bring your love of music and your compassionate generosity to this inspirational evening. For more information, please call *No Longer Alone Ministries*—717-390-4891.

*Bill Ziegler*

### MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER

Can't keep from singing? Love praising God? Consider joining the Carol Choir (grades 2-5), the Concert Choir (grades 6-8) or the Chamber Choir (grades 9-12) of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster this fall. Singers are being accepted for all three choirs. Also forming this fall is a high school male a capella ensemble. We are committed to training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. For more information, contact Darlene Hein (dtmhein@aol.com, 898-0398) for singers in grades 2-8 or Rosemary Blessing (siegrirs@hotmail.com, 392-6205) for singers in grades 9-12.

### ATTENTION LADIES

Save the dates:

**September 18** – Beth Moore simulcast

**October 16** – Thrifty Shopping

More details to follow

### COMMUNITY CAR WASH

On Saturday, June 26 about twenty people showed up to wash our community's cars! Fellowship was had by all around some great watermelon. Thanks Nicole! At the end of the day we washed about nineteen cars, more than half were community people. What a blessing it was to see people's reactions when you told them that we were washing the car for FREE as an act of love to the community. Most people could not wrap their minds around what that meant.

Thanks to Patty E for preparing lunch! Thank you Ken and Eileen Ostberg and Patty Zielger for running the watermelon table. Thanks goes out to Steve Crider, John Sauder, Bill Ziegler, Ron Eastep, Thrush Family, Briana Smith, Lauren and Wyatt Weaver, Martha Starr, John, Johnny and Laura Kreider for helping to set up, wash cars, and tear down!

*Shandi Tosten*

Submissions to the Branch should be emailed to brancheditor@gmail.com or placed in the designated mailbox

## COMBINED ADULT BIBLE LEARNING

On four of the five Sundays in August there will be combined Adult Bible Learning presentations at 9:00 a.m.

On **August 1** we will have our annual hymn sing in the sanctuary. This is your time to request your favorite hymns and read your favorite Scripture verses.

On **August 15** the SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) Team will share their experiences in West Virginia.

On **August 29** there will be a light brunch followed by book reviews. Three books will be reviewed: Forgotten God, by Francis Chan, reviewed by Brian Frey, The Four Loves, by C.S. Lewis reviewed by Karen Sollenberger, and The Hole in the Gospel, by Richard Stearns reviewed by Laura Shaida. Each of these books will be available in the library following the brunch. Sign up today on the bulletin board!

*Martha Starr*

## BRUNCH AND BOOK REVIEWS

Three outstanding books will be reviews at the combined ABL brunch on Sunday, August 29:

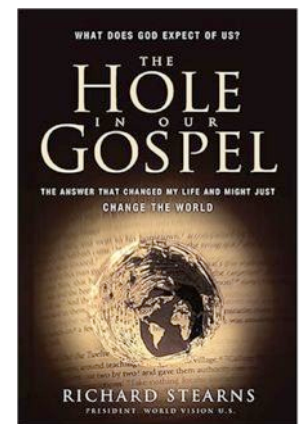
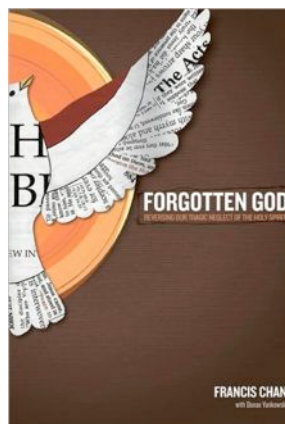
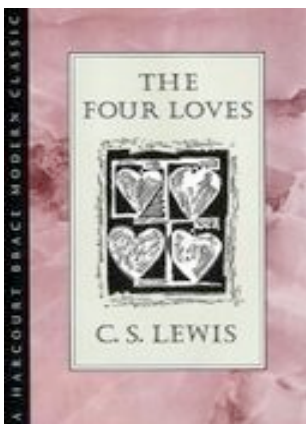
In Four Loves, author C. S. Lewis explores the many facets of love beginning with "God is love says Saint John." He gives consideration to the loves for the sub-human, namely, nature, home and country. The majority of the book centers on the four loves of affection, friendship, eros, and charity. Finally the love of God, "of all gifts the most to be desired: leads the reader to contemplate how to practice this love. As Lewis reminds us, "With this all things are possible." The book review presenter is Karen Sollenberger.

In Forgotten God, author Francis Chan states that God put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power. Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent and intellect rather than supernatural power. What's worse is that we're okay with it. Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him and invites us to understand, embrace and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. The book review presenter is Brian Frey.

In The Hole in our Gospel, author Richard Stearns tells his compelling story and challenges our level of commitment in following Jesus. He asks, "Is our faith just about going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the most serious sins -- or does God expect more?" Stearns relates how he set aside his worldly success as a corporate CEO and found something far more significant. He discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life. He uses his journey to demonstrate how the gospel was always meant to be a world-changing social revolution. The book review presenter is Laura Shaida.

Plan now to attend the brunch and book reviews. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Don't miss it!

*Martha Starr*



## MESSAGE TO THE LBIC FAMILY FROM DAN HOUCK

July 13, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Table Church experienced their first death in nearly six years last

week. My friend, Jerry Tonzola, went to be with the Lord. He leaves a wife and four children. We were the same age - 54. Yesterday, we held his funeral at your church (LBIC). Because the Table Church does not have an adequate facility for events like funerals or weddings, we asked if we could use your church. You were very gracious in making the facility available to us and I wanted to say a big thank you to Lancaster BIC.

What a blessing it was to gather as a community of faith. It was a wonderful time of healing.

Lancaster Church provided the facility and Manor Church provided a team of women, who made and served the fellowship meal!

It is good to be a part of a brotherhood of churches. All during the General Conference at Messiah, people who I did not know stopped me and said, "Oh you are from the Table. We heard about the death at your church.

We are praying for you." I love my church family. The Table Family and the Brethren in Christ Church Family.

It is great to have brothers and sisters to share the journey with! I am proud to be a part of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Please forward this note to anyone who was involved in making the facility available to us.

Sincerely,

Pastor J. Daniel Houck

## MESSAGE FROM BJ McCOY JULY 16

Hello Lancaster Brethren in Christ family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support for my family and myself during my military deployment. I would also like to thank Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church body, for all the love and support we've received over the years.

With all these prayers coming from everyone, my return date has been changed to July 30th instead of August 5th. I will be back in the USA by the end of the month. This is a nice blessing at the end of this journey. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!!

Since being in Turkey I've attended an Islamic Mosque, a Jewish Synagogue, a Protestant service and a Baptist service. Everyone said the same thing in different languages. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!!!

Tsgt B.J McCoy  
728th AMS, Incirlik AB Turkey

## ROXBURY MISSIONS DAY

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a day trip to Missions Day at Roxbury Camp on Wednesday, August 4. Lloyd Melhorn will be our driver. We'll leave the church about 7 am. and return about 6 p.m. See the mailbox flyer for more information. To reserve a seat in the van, contact Martha Starr by August 2.

## WOODCREST DAY

A relaxing and fun-filled day is planned for our church family on Saturday, August 21, at Woodcrest Retreat Center, Ephrata.

The Cedar Lane Pavilion is ours to use for the day. In the afternoon there will be activities at the pavilion. From 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. the 200-foot waterslide will be open for our group exclusively. As everyone who has tried it knows, the waterslide is a thrill for kids and adults as well! Spectators like it too!

Delicious chicken BBQ from Stauffers of Kissel Hill will be served at 5:45 p.m.

Bring a salad and fruit or dessert to share. At dusk there will be a campfire, root beer floats and s'mores!

Reservations are needed for the chicken bbq, so be sure to sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by August 16.

This year's Woodcrest Planning Committee is Diane Wagner, Gina Yoder, and Shandi Tosten.

Directions to Woodcrest: From Lancaster take 222 north. Exit at Ephrata/322. At the stoplight at the end of the exit ramp, go straight ahead on Hahnstown Road. At the first crossroad turn left on Glenwood Drive. Go 3/4 mile. Turn right on Woodcrest Drive. Go 1 mile to the retreat center. The pavilion is located to the right of the main entrance road,



## Music Notes



### In My Own Words: The Heart of Worship

Ever have a song stick in your head? You find yourself humming it in the shower, sitting at your desk at work, and it seems to be playing on the radio more often. I have been “suffering” from a stuck song – The Heart of Worship, which is a great song so I’m definitely not suffering.

Then there’s the other end of the spectrum, I hear a song and think, “wow, that’s a great song,” but half of the time, I’m appreciating the sound of the song and missing the message (or lack of) of the lyrics; which brings me back to “the heart of worship.”

Today’s society is happy to be overwhelmed with opportunities to be involved in many different things and most of us choose to cram as many of these opportunities into our schedules. Almost to the point of where it is easy to lose sight of who we are and why we are here. We even take vacations to “get away from it all,” or to “take time to relax and rejuvenate our spirits.” So whether we admit it or not, we strive to return to “the heart” of it all.

So what really does matter? It’s much easier to type/read; however, living what matters every day is the true challenge. Whatever your situation, I pray that God will lead you back to “the heart of worship.”

*“When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come, longing just to bring something that’s of worth, that will bless Your heart. I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You, all about You Jesus. I’m sorry Lord for the thing I’ve made it when it’s all about You, all about You Jesus.”*

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Worship matters. It matter to God because He is the one ultimately worthy of worship. It matter to us because worshiping God is the reason for which we were created and that’s why it’s so important to think carefully about what we do and why we do it.

*Humbly yours,  
Nicole Siegel*

Nicole J. Siegel  
LBIC - Director of Music Ministries  
717.799.2946 – cell  
njsiegel@comcast.net e mail

### Children’s Choir – Accompanist Needed

The Children’s Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am to 12:00pm. A complete Fall schedule will be available in a few weeks and will be published in the September edition of The Branch.

The choir is very grateful for the talent and assistance by Mandy Li; however, Mandy is not available to continue to accompany the choir in the fall. If you or someone you know is a piano player and has an interest in filling the role of Children’ Choir Accompanist, please contact Nicole Siegel.

### Worship Team Summer Jam ‘n More – Last Summer Session

The final Summer 2010 jam session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. All current members of the Worship Teams, anyone interested in learning more about LBIC’s Worship Teams’ ministry, and anyone wanting to spend some time worshipping through song are more than welcome to attend!!

### Adult Choir – Fall 2010

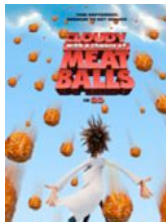
It’s hard to believe, but the summer is nearly over and September is only a few weeks away. Therefore, the Adult Choir will begin rehearsing each Wednesday evening and ministering through song on a Sunday morning during the 10:30am service.

Mark your calendar – Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm until 8:00pm will be the first rehearsal for the Adult Choir. We will meet in the sanctuary. A more complete schedule will be available shortly.

Remember if you sing and would like to join your voice with the members of the Adult Choir, please feel free to join us. All questions or concerns can be directed to my attention. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

**CHURCH/COMMUNITY  
MOVIE NIGHTS –  
CLOUDY WITH A  
CHANCE OF  
MEATBALLS**

You won't want to miss the third and final movie night on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm. This is a General Audience movie that the entire family will enjoy! Come and bring friends. Enjoy the outdoor setting on the church lawn with free popcorn and beverages!



**COMING CE EVENTS**

- August 1** - combined Adult Bible Learning. Hymn sing.
- August 4** - Seniors van trip to Missions Day at Roxbury Camp
- August 15** - combined Adult Bible Learning. SWAP report
- August 20-22** – Woodcrest Camping
- August 21** – Activities, waterslide, and chicken BBQ at Woodcrest
- August 22** - combined Adult Bible Learning. Philip and Krista Poe Erbele, missions speakers
- August 26** – Subs, Salad, Song
- August 29** -- combined Adult Bible Learning. Brunch and book reviews.
- September 8** – Moms of Movers begins
- September 15** – LIFT begins
- September 17** - Gym Time Plus begins
- September 28** - Toddler Gym begins
- October 16** - Ladies Ministries "Thrifty Shopping Day"
- November 17** -- Last LIFT
- November 28** – Holiday potluck
- December 1** - Roller skate
- December 8** - Children's Christmas program practice
- December 12** - Children's Christmas

**Take Note...**

**Gene and Carol Wagner**  
1961 Rachael Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
Phone: 560-1671

**Alan and Hillary Wilson**  
Children: Inez; Isaiah  
498 Candlewyck Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
Phone: 283-8693

**Vinessa Trout**  
Children: Olivia; Isabella  
498 Candlewyck Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
Phone: 283-8693

**Erick and Joylynn Kirui**  
Children: Mark; Titus; Crystal  
76 Roosevelt Blvd., Apt. 109  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
Phone: 290-7063

**LADIES LUNCHEON  
GARDEN TEA**

Eighteen ladies were treated to a five course High Tea in the gardens at the Eastep's home on July 17. Following dessert the ladies moved inside where Tawn Battiste, one of the Sisters in Christ speakers, shared. Tawn reminded us of all the rules God has for us as women. We are nurses who care for the body and souls of those in our lives. That we are teachers and have the power to point others to Christ. We also have the power to forgive and move forward. Tawn reminded us that our words are like permanent markers and we must choose our words carefully and to speak truth in love.










Thanks to Sue Zimmerman and Sherry Falk for all their hard work to make the tea a relaxing and delightful time for the women of our church.

*To God be the Glory,  
Patty Eastep*





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Worship 9:00 Combined ABL - hymn sing 9:00 Bible Learning Classes - children 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship worship 10:50 Children's Worship	2 7:00 Personnel Commission	3 8:15 Ladies Bible study	4 7:30 Van leaves for Missions Day at Roxbury 3:15 Sixth graders leave for show, "Joseph" 6:30 Worship Team Summer Jam Session	5 	6	7 5:00 Fabulous 5 Picnic at Starrs
8 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship	9 7:00 Children's Leadership Team	10 8:15 Ladies Bible study MCC Service Project - Youth Finance Commission Meeting	11 Small Group Leaders Training	12	13	14 1:00 - 3:30 Junior Department swim at Easteps
15 8:00 Worship 9:00 Combined ABL - SWAP 9:00 Bible Learning Classes- children 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship worship 10:50 Children's Worship Church & Community Movie Night	16	17 8:15 Ladies Bible study	18	19	20 4:00 Woodcrest Camping begins 	21 Afternoon-evening Woodcrest activities 3:30 Waterslide 5:45 Chicken BBQ Campfire 
22 8:00 Worship 9:00 Combined ABL - Missions 9:00 Bible Learning Classes- children 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship (Woodcrest camping)	23 <b>BRANCH DEADLINE</b>  <i>Family Camp</i>	24 8:15 Ladies Bible study	25 7:00 Children's LIFT Volunteers meeting Meet Shandi night	26 6:00 Subs, Salad Song 	27	28
29 8:00 Worship 9:00 Combined ABL -Brunch/ Book Reviews 9:00 Bible Learning Classes- children 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship	30 <i>Back to School</i> 	31 8:15 Ladies Bible study	 August			

**CRAVE CALENDAR**

**August**

- 10 MCC Service Project
- 11 Small Group Leader's Training
- 15 SWAP Report
- 25 Meet Shandi Night

**September**

- 1 Volunteers' Meeting
- 8 CRAVE Kick-off
- 12 Secret Prayer Warrior Party
- 15 Gym Night
- 25 Youth Quest Fundraiser

**October**

- 20 Paxton Street Night
- 27 Gym Night

**DADS 'N DUDES**

On Thursday, July 15, twelve Dads 'N Dudes enjoyed a night of fishing at Speedwell Forge Lake.

Dads 'N Dudes are boys in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their dads who get together throughout the year for quality time together.

Stay tuned for our next event!



**CRAVE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

CRAVE is asking for your help!! Several of the youth are planning on attending Youth Quest 2010 in December. To do that they need to raise about \$500 each!

This is where they are asking for YOUR help. To help cover the cost of this trip, CRAVE will be hosting a simple dinner and an auction on **Saturday, September 26, 2010**. CRAVE is seeking donations of food for the dinner as well as a variety of items to be auctioned off. There will be two sign-up lists posted on Shandi's office door, one for items needed for the dinner and one for items you are planning on donating to the auction. Donations for the auction can be placed in Shandi's office starting NOW! Auction items can be gift cards, paintings, themed baskets, items in good condition, baked goods, services you can provide to the highest bidder, just to name a few. If you have any questions regarding items you may donate, please see Shandi Tosten.

*Shandi Tosten <><*

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Cathy Mohler
- 4 Wendy Carter
- 6 Krystle Groff
- 6 Alyse Weaver
- 8 Marian Martin
- 10 Kimberly Ernst
- 13 Crystal Kirui
- 18 Erika Dean
- 18 Isaiah Hoffman
- 18 Anneke Muskens
- 22 Steve Gordon
- 22 Ella Dissinger
- 25 Hannah Puracan
- 26 Melissa Markley
- 26 Maddy Warfel
- 27 BJ McCoy
- 27 Shirley Stauffer
- 27 Jared Gordon
- 28 Anthony Guito
- 29 Harry Reitzel
- 30 Richard Steffee
- 30 Bella Tomassetti

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Folks:

From my perspective the library sale was a huge success. Thank you for buying books. And thanks to Shelley Crider who took the 8 boxes of left-overs to the Mennonite Information Center for their annual sale.

In culling, which is painful but necessary to maintain some shelf space, I found that many of our intermediate collection do not get checked out very much. In order to encourage readers from grade 4 up I've put out some books on the windowsill which I think you will enjoy. These are not **Books you should read** or **books to read for your betterment** (do you know what I mean?). They are just really good stories which I have enjoyed and like to share. There are other books for other groups on the windowsill, but these are especially for you!

**Anne of Green Gables** by L.M. Montgomery is one of my personal all-time favorites I read it as a little girl and have re-read it many times. Each time I enjoyed it as much as the first.

**Trapped in Death Cave** by Bill Wallace looks like one guy would really get into.

Anything by Lawrence Yep is good; **Dragon Wings** is one of his.

Cynthia Voigt has written a series about a family of children. **Dacey's Song** is the first.

**The Serpent Never Sleeps** by Scott O'Dell takes place during the Jamestown/ Pocohantus period.

**Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor is very good (and has a sequel which you will also enjoy).

Absolutely anything by Katherine Paterson is worth reading. You won't find her on the sill, but will find several books on the shelf under the large window.

So, young readers, enjoy these and other really good books from our library in what's left of the summer.

*Laura Shaida*

## YOUTH MCC SERVICE PROJECT

Join your friends for a day of helping others at MCC Headquarters in Ephrata on Tuesday, August 10. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 8:15 am and returning to the church parking lot around 3:30 pm. We may be sorting clothes for the clothing store, tearing books apart for recycling, or performing other jobs that need to be done at the site.

Please be sure to **sign up on Shandi's office door** if you are planning to attend. All you need to bring is yourself and a packed lunch; we will be eating lunch there.



## YOUTH MCC SERVICE PROJECT

## HELP NEEDED AT WOODCREST

Your help is needed at Woodcrest. We need volunteers for the following:

- Help set up and serve the chicken BBQ dinner.
- Help serve the root beer floats and s'mores.
- Help with crafts, games, and other pavilion activities.
- Help with the field games and activities.
- Help with leading the singing around the campfire.

If any of these interest you, please let Diane, Gina, or Shandi know or email Diane Wagner at [dldwagner67@aol.com](mailto:dldwagner67@aol.com).



## TODDLER GYM AND GYM TIME PLUS

Our popular programs, Toddler Gym and Gym Time Plus, will be back this fall! While these programs are primarily designed for community families, our LBIC church families are certainly welcome too!

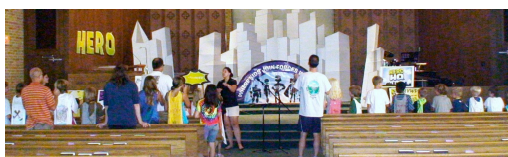
Each of these programs consists of 45 minutes of play in the Fellowship Hall, followed by circle time and snack in the Room of Many Colors. Gym Time Plus also includes preschool learning stations during the playtime. In both programs, the child is under the care of the parent (or grandparent) the entire time.

Toddler Gym will meet on Tuesday mornings beginning September 28. Children born in 2009 are eligible to enroll. There is no fee.

Gym Time Plus, for children born in 2008, will meet on Friday mornings. The enrollment fee is \$49.00 for ten sessions.

For more information or to enroll, call the church office (569-5011) or email [pastormartha@lanbic.org](mailto:pastormartha@lanbic.org).

*Martha Starr*



## VBS

Hero Headquarters finished a fantastic week of learning, singing, playing games, making crafts and enjoying special snacks. The children also memorized Bible verses and giggled at the antics of Pizza Man, Maintenance Mac and Water Woman.

We learned that True Heroes:

- Do the Unexpected
- Take Action
- Step out on Faith
- Save the Day
- Stand for Truth

Twenty-eight volunteers joined in on the excitement and helped everything to run smoothly.

Many of you donated tee shirts (sorry I forgot to count them all - but we got plenty ☺ Extras are going to Goodwill)

Several donated money to provide snacks.

Most importantly, 39 children attended and heard about everyday people in the bible who became great heroes for God....and we don't even know their names.

Thanks to all for your support and encouragement -- We couldn't have done it without you!

*-Gina Yoder  
-DeAnne Thrush  
-Jessica Gordon*



# The Branch

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## Did You Know...

That you can leave a comment on the church website (a blog) that others can read? Scroll to the bottom of the "home page" and click on the choices that will take you to the blog of your choice! Read what other folks think!

That Mike Purdue built a fantastic table truck for our large round banquet tables?

Christian Education Commission and Vision team purchased a popcorn machine for movie nights and other church activities? \$150 of the purchase price was funded by donation:

Everyone enjoyed popcorn at the first two Movie Nights. Thanks, donors! LBIC hosted a wedding for a couple from Speedwell Heights BIC on June 27<sup>th</sup>?

LBIC provided our sanctuary and FLC to the Table BIC Church for a funeral in July?

No Longer Alone Ministries meets in the Church House living room the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon each month, and they have donated an air conditioner for that room?

Steven Santos donated (through LBC) a new table truck for the FLC?

Matt Warfel donated two file cabinets to LBIC?

LBIC has a newly designed logo?

that Natalie and Ashley David and Natasha Wagner all won medals at their recent swim meets?

that the annual summer picnic for PATH families was held at our church on July 14? PATH a family support and educational program directed by Patty Eastep.

Ron Charles, son of Al & EJ Charles, graduated from Albany Medical School, Albany, NY, in May? He has started his Internal Medicine Residency at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. (Al & EJ are former members of LBIC).

Krystle Parsons and Ryan Groff were married on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the East Petersburg Mennonite Church?

Ashley Sollenberger and Brandi Swezey were married on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend?

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### **Sunday**

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Bible Learning Classes  
10:30 Worship

### **Wednesday Lift**

(will resume in the Fall)

6:00 Evening Meal  
6:45 Groups for All Ages  
7:00 Prayer Team

