



The Branch

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SCENES FROM ERNST'S RETIREMENT FAREWELL – June 26, 2011



Ric Feeney



Fellowship time prior to the 10:30 Worship



Pastor Jim and Gina Yoder



Woody Dalton



Diane Wagner presenting the scrapbook to the Ernsts.



Paul Landis



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PASTOR'S CORNER



Welcome to Pastor Joshua Nolt and his family who will join LBIC as Senior Pastor on September 11, 2011. Nate Yoder, Bishop of the Atlantic Conference will preside at the Installation Service on September 11th.

Pastor Nolt, his wife Ruby and children Connor, Chloe, and Christian are moving from Canada where Pastor Josh was site pastor of The Meeting House in Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Bill Ziegler

CARTOON



SERMON SCHEDULE

- 7 Dan Houck
- 14 Dan Houck
- 21 Dan Houck
- 28 Dan Houck

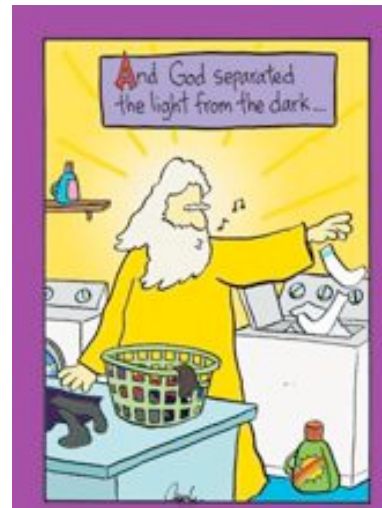


SUNDAY WORSHIP FOCUS

Reverend Dan Houck, Interim Pastor at LBIC during July and August, will continue with two Old Testament Series: character studies of Moses and Ruth. We will be looking at events that defined Moses and Ruth with application to the church at LBIC. Pastor Houck is pastor of The Table Church (A Brethren in Christ church plant) that meets on Saturday evenings at Lancaster Christian School. Prior to establishing the Table Church, Pastor Houck was Youth Pastor at Pequea BIC.

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE LEARNING CLASSES - SCHEDULE

- 8/07, Normal Sunday offerings
- 8/14, Newcomers – Combined Adult Learning: Vision in Action at 9 am.
- 8/21, Woodcrest Weekend: Normal Sunday 9 am offerings
- 8/28, Nicaragua Trip report - Combined Adult Learning - 9 am.
- 9/4, Book Reviews and breakfast: Combined Adult Learning - 9 am.
- 9-11, Serving With Appalachian People Team (SWAP) report – 9 am.



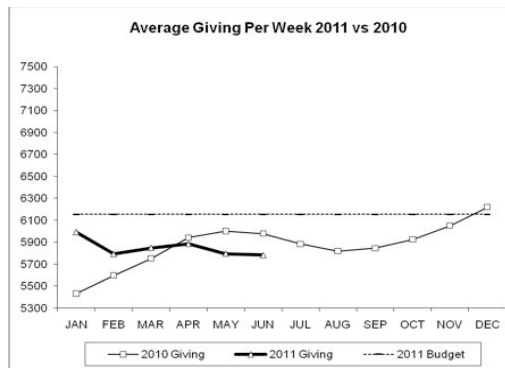
2011 GIVING UPDATE

The first half of the year is history; time for an update on how we're doing budget-wise. Remember that our budget for 2011 totals \$320,000. 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 \$320,000, an average of \$6,154 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</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of Sundays</u>	<u>Per</u> <u>Sunday</u>
Jan-Mar Total	\$76,030	13	\$5,848
Apr-Jun Total	\$74,298	13	\$5,715
6 Month Total	\$150,328	26	\$5,782

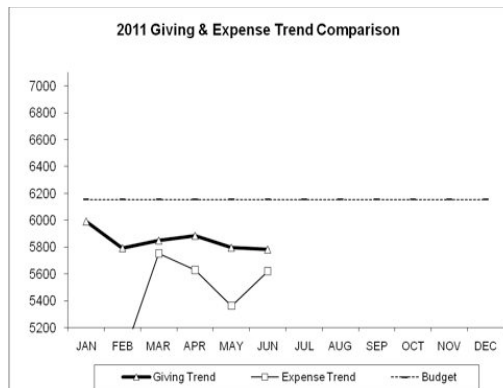
The six month total represents 94% of the budgeted amount. The quarterly totals show a downward trend from the first quarter to the second quarter. The chart below shows the rate of giving that was showing a slight upward trend during March and April turned into a slightly more pronounced downward trend during May and June. The chart also shows that, at the mid point of the year, giving is running about \$200/Sunday less than the same period in 2010.



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	\$76,030	\$74,774	\$1,256
Apr-Jun Total	\$74,298	\$71,374	\$2,924
6 Month Total	\$150,328	\$146,148	\$4,180

As you can see from this data as well as the chart below, giving has been tracking ahead of actual expenses so far this year. In fact, the expense line does not even make the chart until March, which has been a traditionally high expense month.



You may recall that we specifically worked to cut back our budgeted total for this year. This is working to our advantage at this point as, even though giving is about \$5,000 less than last year through June, we've actually received about 2% more of the total budget than last year.

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

VISION TEAM UPDATE:

The Vision Team has been planning three events specifically designed to introduce Pastor Josh to our neighboring community. While the Vision Team organizes these events, they are not possible without MANY LBIC volunteers to pull them off!

The First event is **Manheim Township Community Day Celebration at Overlook Park** on September 10, 2011. This is the third year we will have a booth to advance LBIC within our community. This year, Pastor Josh will join LBIC booth volunteers for the day as we meet and greet our neighbors.

Secondly, **Sunday September 11 is Ministry Day at LBIC. Pastor Josh will also be installed as Senior Pastor by Bishop Nate Yoder during the Worship Service.** Ministry Day is a yearly recognition of all who faithfully serve God at LBIC. Those who serve will be recognized during the worship service. At noon, a Ministry Day picnic will be held at the church house. The picnic will also provide the LBIC family with the opportunity to informally welcome and meet the Nolts! They are looking forward to meeting us too!

Thirdly, **Family Fun Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 6 to 10 pm on the church house lawn.** This festival will provide the community with an opportunity to meet Pastor Josh and his family! Flyers distributed at the Manheim Township Community Day event and newspaper articles and announcements will invite our neighbors to meet our new pastor, participate in fun, have some free food and watch an outdoor movie! Plans include, fire company equipment, bouncy house for kids, carnival games, snow cone stand, food, beverages, and a free outdoor family-friendly movie at dusk. Pastor Josh is looking forward to this event as a way to meet and greet community members!

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT ALL THREE OF THESE EVENTS! Volunteers for Community Day at Overlook Park, September 10, will occupy our booth and greet guests. At the Family Fun Fest on September 17, volunteers are needed to run carnival games, operate the food concession, set up the movie and greet our guests. PLEASE SEE ANY OF THE VISION TEAM members TO VOLUNTEER AND SAVE US THE TIME OF ASKING YOU!

Team members are: Jessica Gordon, Amanda Guito, Bill Rhinier, Phyllis Sauder, Sandra Stauffer, Bill and Patty Ziegler and Jay Zimmerman.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION HISTORY:



How many of these passages did you memorize, and which ones can you recite today? Well, here they are in review:

Colossians 1:13-22 (Current passage)

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Philippians 2:1-11

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Habakkuk 3:16-19

I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound, decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

JULY PRAYER / PRAISE FOCUS



***Pray for the NOLT family** who will begin their ministry at LBIC on September 11, 2011. Pray for a smooth transition as they move from Ontario to Lancaster.

***Praise God that Pastor Josh Nolt** has found a house 11 minutes from the church!

***Continue to Pray for Pastor Jim and Terry** as they continue with their transition from pastoral leadership at LBIC. Also pray for them on their vacation travels.

***Continue to pray for Chad and Isa Warfel and family** as they begin their new life in Burkina Faso working with Mennonite Central Committee.

***Pray for adult leaders** for Sunday Bible Learning Classes and for LIFT in the fall.

***Continue to pray for Chad, Isa, Connor and Olivia**, who arrived safely but very tired on Tuesday, July 12 after a 24-hour travel schedule to Owagadougou, Burkina Faso. They are settling into their new home and then children are enjoying playing with their African cousins. If anyone would like to surprise them with a phone call, their home number is: 011 226 50 36 01 80. (Unless you have a calling card, it will be costly). They are 6 hours ahead of us here, so please don't call in the evening. Their email address hasn't changed: ciwarfel@hotmail.com



THE NICARAGUA TEAM REPORT



Everyone is invited to attend the Nicaragua Team Report on Sunday, Aug 28 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be pictures, stories, and lots of laughter! You won't want to miss this hour. Hope to see you there!

Praise: We were able to raise more than the needed \$16,500! The fund balance was donated to the Nicaragua church to continue their building project!

Shandi Santos<><



Music Notes

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC/ACTING OPPORTUNITY

Only a few more weeks remain of our glorious summer. If you have been on the fence about whether or not you would be able to share special music or a special skit this summer, please sign-up now for a date in August. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. All ages and all levels of expertise are invited to share their special talent with us. Please see Nicole if you have any questions. Thank you for your willingness to serve and share your talents!

ADULT CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please be on the watch for more information regarding the start of the Adult Choir and Children's Choir music ministries.

The Adult Choir members are vocalists who range from high school or college students and up to 325 years old. Any person or persons are welcome to join us at any time. The statement "the more the merrier" is definitely true. Whether God has blessed you with a fantastic gift of music or whether He has blessed you with a great enjoyment of music, we would love to have you join our ministry.

The Children's choir is open to all children who will begin Kindergarten this fall, up to and including, any child in grade 5. The Children's choir will normally rehearse for 10-15 minutes following the end of the 10:30am Sunday service.

If you have any questions regarding either of these two choral groups, please contact Nicole Siegel. Schedules for the Fall/Winter will be available by September 1st and will be included in the September BRANCH edition.

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JESUS LOVES ME – IN HIS OWN WORDS

We are all quite familiar with the song "Jesus Loves Me" and the fact that this song has earned the category of "children's music." However, I hope that we do not quickly forget that this song is true for all of us, the young and the old, the saved and the unsaved. Below is a story that was shared with me by my mother. I believe it is a good reminder to us all, that without a doubt, Jesus Loves ME/YOU.

The following is in the words of an author that was not identified in the article: *While watch a little television on a Sunday morning instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors, who had been retired many years.*

He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of the speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without notes of written paper of any kind, he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak...

"When I was asked to here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what the greatest lesson every learned in my 50 odd years as a pastor. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me...The only comfort was this verse: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated " I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn "Jesus Loves Me" (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best. This morning I bring to you the Senior version of 'Jesus Loves Me.'"

"Jesus loves me, this I know, though my hair is white as snow, though my sight is growing dim, still He bids me trust in him" (chorus)

"Though my steps are oh, so slow, with my hand in His I'll go, on through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way." (chorus)

"When the nights are dark and long, in my heart He puts a song, telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am here." (chorus)

"When my work on earth is done, and life's victories have been won, He will take me home above, then I'll understand His love." (chorus)

"I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus love to hear me say, that I love Him every day." (chorus)

I especially like the last verse. A good reminder that no matter how the day is going (super good or "boy, I should have stayed in bed this morning"), we need to remember that Jesus indeed does love us and to let Him know that we indeed love Him.

A quote that I heard mentioned on the radio several times, seems to wrap up these thoughts..."Don't tell God how big your mountain is, instead tell your mountain how GREAT your God is!"

-Nicole Siegel

INSIDE OUT AND UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011 WRAP-UP

We had a great time on Main Street where Jesus Makes A Difference Every Day!

There were 50 Main Street "residents" in attendance with half of them being from the community or friends of our church kids.

We learned about the inside out and upside down ways of following Jesus through the parables He told. We also met Chef Pierre from Main Street and Heidi Claire - a reporter trying to figure out the "different" ways of the town.

Every day focused on a Word on the Street with a corresponding parable to reinforce the topic. We studied Gratitude, Compassion, Forgiveness, Grace and Faithfulness. Residents moved through stations which included: Bible Lesson, Scripture memorization, Crafts, Recreation and Snacks. The last night included a short program and an ice cream social for all residents and their families and friends.

\$162.23 was raised for CEF - the parent organization of Good News Club through our daily offering. Residents were encouraged to do extra chores at home to earn money. The girls won the contest for the most money brought in for the week.

Huge thanks to the 33 volunteers who helped throughout the week. We are so thankful for your time spent blessing the children.



*With Gratitude,
Jessica Gordon
DeAnne Thrush
Gina Yoder*



LIBRARY NEWS

The latest addition of *Brethren in Christ History and Life* has been placed in the library.

This issue features:

- Harvey R. Sider, "Kahquah: A Camp Built Volunteers"
- Noreen Trautwein, "Becoming God's Artist" This article continues the series on Brethren in Christ artists and poets.
- Richard T. Hughes, "Our Forty-Year Journey to Messiah College" His is a fascinating story of someone moving from no knowledge of Anabaptism to accepting its historic principles, and of moving across the continent to join an academic community supportive of these principles.
- Like L. Keefer, Jr., "Our Life Together" (with Tributes) This reprinting of the 1992 General Conference sermon recognizes the speaker's significant stature in the denomination. The sermon has a continuing value for the denomination.

This issue goes on to present three articles on Tradition: "Perspectives on Tradition," "The Wisdom (and Folly) of Tradition," and "The Brethren in Christ and Tradition."

Media Review and Book Reviews are also included.

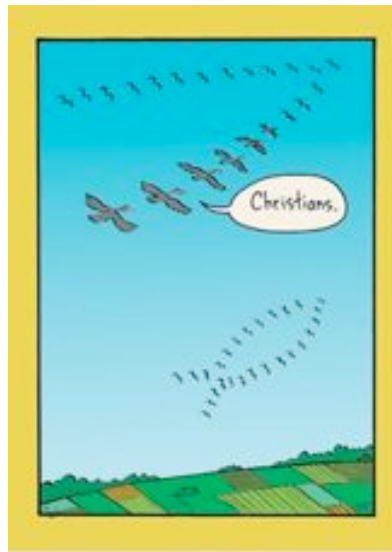
Other new books include a series by Amish author Linda Byler: *Running Around, Where Strawberries Bloom,* and *Big Decisions. Amazing Grace* by Kathleen Norris, tells of her journey to being a Christian.

Carolyn Groff
Lisa Groff



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cathy Mohler
- 6 Alysse Weaver
- 8 Marian Martin
- 10 Kim Ernst
- 13 Crystal Kirui
- 18 Isaiah Hoffman
- 18 Anneke Muskens
- 22 Steve Gordon
- 22 Ella Dissinger
- 26 Maddy Warfel
- 27 BJ McCoy
- 27 Shirley Stauffer
- 27 Jared Gordon
- 28 Anthony Guito
- 29 Harry Reitzel
- 31 Jim Ernst
- 31 Nancy Smith



HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



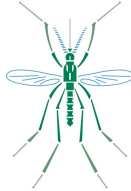

What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!

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



2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SWAP	2 SWAP	3 SWAP	4 SWAP Spanish Church VBS 9:30-3:00 – Gym & FH	5 8:30 Walk & Wellness SWAP Spanish Church VBS 9:30-3:00 – Gym & FH	6 SWAP Spanish Church VBS 9:30-3:00 – Gym & FH
7 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship Worship 10:50 Children's Worship	8 Finance Commission meeting 7pm	9 8:15 Ladies Bible study CEC – 7pm Vision Team Meeting 7pm	10 Morning Bible Study	11	12	13
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CRAVE CALENDAR

August	25	MCC
	28	Backyard Party
Sept	7	Volunteer's Meeting
	14	First CRAVE
	18	Small Groups Start
		Back up
	18	Secret Prayer Warriors Party
	30	Girls Sleepover at Shandi's
	30	Guys All Night Movie Night
Oct	12	Paxton St Game Night

PRODUCE TABLE

Our garden season has begun. During the next few months if anyone has extra fruit and/or produce, please feel free to place items on the **PRODUCE TABLE**. Also, please be sure to wash all fruits and veggies before eating. All donations go toward the SPICE Program. More information on this program can be found on the narthex table right. Please be generous. Thank you for your continued support!



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

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.

CRAVE'S BACKYARD PARTY

All new and current CRAVE students and volunteers are invited to attend the final Backyard Party prior to the start of school, at Mark Simmon's house on August 28 at 7:00 pm. The evening will include outdoor games, a campfire, and snacks. If you live near Mark's house, please feel free to meet us there. Otherwise, there will be a group meeting at the church at 6:40 pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up on Shandi's office door. Hope to see you there!

Shandi Santos <><

PRAYING FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Summer is halfway over and students will need to start thinking about school soon. The social aspects of school are challenging these days. Our students need to be lifted up in prayer often.

Would you consider supporting a youth and/or young adult this coming school year? Below is a list of different ways you can help out. Please prayerfully consider the options listed and respond to Shandi. Thank you in advance.

Adopt-a- College Student: Show a college student that they are in your thoughts and prayers by praying for them, writing notes of encouragement, sending care packages, visiting with them when they are home, or whatever you would like to do for them.

Secret Prayer Warrior for a Youth: secretly support a youth by praying for them, sending notes of encouragement, and little gifts once in awhile. We will have a revealing party next September! (more details to follow in your church mailbox if you choose this one).

Shandi Santos

WOODCREST

A relaxing and fun-filled day is planned for our church family on Saturday, August 20, 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 and root beer floats. 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! (Pastor Jim even tried it out last year). 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 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 15.

This year's Woodcrest Planning Committee is Diane Wagner and Gina Yoder. **Volunteers are needed to help out with the craft, root beer floats, dinner, games, s'mores, campfire songs/music and cleanup.** Let one of us know if you can help or we will be finding you.

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, shortly past the camp office.

See you there!
Diane Wagner



action packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

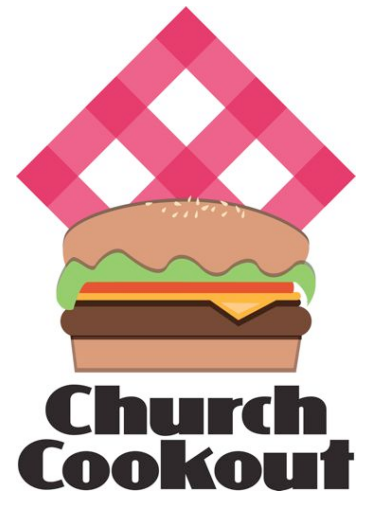
Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

Noah	1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life.
Stephen	2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants.
Abraham	3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side.
Luke	4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent.
Nehemiah	5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature.
Josiah	6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death.

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 3, Josiah 4, Luke 1, Nehemiah 2, Stephen 5.



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Did You Know...

- John Sauder regularly pulls weeds and addresses the exterior beauty of the church grounds?
- Pastor Jim is preaching on Sundays as he fills in for local BIC pastors on vacation?
- Chad, Isa, Connor and Olivia arrived safely after a 24 hour travel schedule to Owagadougou, Burkina Faso. They are settling into their new home and the children are enjoying playing with their African cousins.
- **Pastor Josh's first Sunday, September 11, is also Ministry Sunday at LBIC.** Not only will we celebrate the many volunteers who minister at LBIC, we can also meet the Nolt family at the picnic following Worship on September 11. Mark your calendar NOW!
- **Pastor Jim's book sale netted Nicaragua: \$228.43**
- **LIFT** will begin on September 14 and will run for 8 weeks through November 2nd. The final Wednesday (November 9) will be a celebration at Overlook Skating Rink!
- Fifteen people enjoyed a great Barnstormers' game on Friday, July 15 – Oh, you'll be interested to know that the Barnstormers won 7 – 4!
- **Steve and Chris Newcomer will be with us on August 14 in a combined adult Bible Learning class to discuss their plans to support BIC mission work in Mozambique.**
- B. J. McCoy has taken leadership of Dads and Dudes. THANK YOU Jim Yoder for your leadership during the past 2 years.
- Children's Ministry Team is evaluating the goals, curriculum focus, age groupings used in children's Bible Learning classes.
- Laura Kreider is the new volunteer who organizes and orders children's Bible Learning curriculum materials each quarter. THANKS to Eileen Ostberg who has served in this role for many years!
- The produce table has accumulated \$273.64 so far toward the SPICE ministry to orphan children? THANK YOU!

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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