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PASTOR JIM'S RETIRMENT & FAREWELL EVENTS

After twenty-three years of faithful service to God and to LBIC, Pastor Jim will step down as our Senior Pastor at the end of June, 2011. Sunday, June 26th will be Pastor Jim's final Sunday of leading our worship. June 26 will be a special day as we celebrate the positive and long association with the Ernsts. You will want to mark your calendar with the following times and events for June 26:

9 am. Hymn Sing: Combined Adult Bible Learning including the youth will gather in the sanctuary where we will sing together, one of Pastor Jim's favorite times at LBIC.

10:30 Worship Service will be a special time together as we worship together in music and the Word. (The 8 am service WILL be held as usual).

4 pm, Farewell event will be held in the Family Life Center. The first hour will be a reception with light refreshments followed by a special program at 5 pm. Everyone is invited including former members and friends. Over 150 invitations have been mailed to friends of LBIC as well as to the Ernst's family and friends.

In addition to your presence, you are invited to participate in several ways:

- By making a public comment at the event; please let us know in advance.
- By writing a special memory of Pastor Jim at LBIC on paper no larger than 8x10" (copies of photos will not be returned) and mail or bring it with you to be placed in a Scrapbook to be presented to the Ernsts at the event.
- By contributing cash, checks or gift certificates for a money tree.

Please contact us if you wish to make formal remarks at the event. Please mail checks made payable to "Jim and Terry Ernst" OR gift certificates to: Dr. Bill Ziegler, Lancaster Brethren in Christ, 1865 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Bill Ziegler



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PASTOR'S CORNER

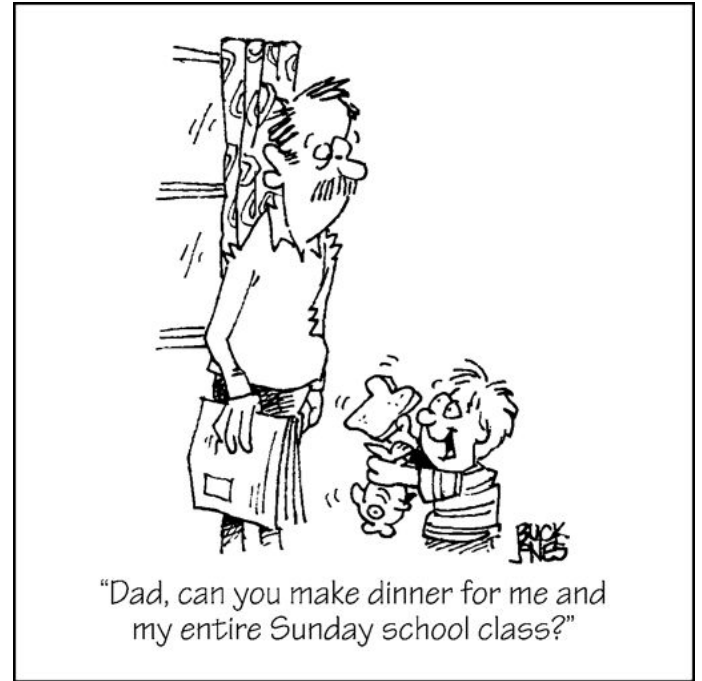
CARTOON



Stay tuned...

JUNE SERMON SCHEDULE

5	TBD
12	TBD
19	TBD
26	Pastor Jim's Final Worship Service



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"

INTERIM PASTOR NAMED

Reverend Dan Houck will be the Interim Pastor at LBIC during July and August. There will be a 10:30 service ONLY during this time. Bishop Yoder in conjunction with the Pastoral Search Committee has secured Pastor Houck for this period of time.

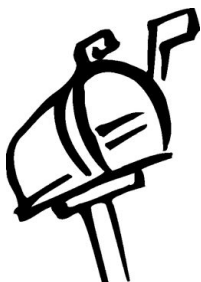
Pastor Houck is pastor of The Table Church (A Brethren in Christ church plant) meeting on Saturday evenings at Lancaster Christian School. Prior to establishing the Table Church, Pastor Houck was Youth Pastor at Pequea BIC.

Bill Ziegler

CHURCH MAILBOXES

Please remember, the church mailboxes are designated for church use. Hopefully, the many flyers and notices that you find in your mailbox relate to LBIC sponsored ministries. Any advertisements for ministries not sponsored by LBIC or the Brethren in Christ denomination should not be placed in mailboxes. The COMMUNITY BOARD opposite the narthex lavatories provides space for posters that advertise other suitable events. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Ziegler



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

LBIC RECOGNIZES 2011 GRADUATES:

Chamaine Alfonseca: Chamaine is an RN who received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Millersville University on May 7, 2011.

Ronnie Gant, Jr.: Graduates from J.P. McCaskey High School on June 9, 2011. Ron plans to attend Millersville University.

Ian Groff: Graduate of Conestoga Valley High School and Lancaster County Career and Technology Center as a Certified Veterinary Assistant.

Eric Miller: Completed his MBS from Penn State University with a Master of Business Administration.

Erica Smith: Graduated in December from Millersville University with a degree in Secondary English Education.

Regina Smith: Regina will graduate in August with a Bachelor in Tourism and Hospitality management from Temple University.

Dr. Brandi Sollenberger: A graduate of Neuman College with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.



LBIC FOOD BANK

By now, everyone is aware of our food bank located in the narthex. It is not large; it doesn't need to be. Regular supporters donate food on a weekly basis and others from LBIC donate food when they can. In May, two church families requested food. Another person from the congregation requested food for a friend. Together they came to the church one day and gathered two bags. Recently, the balance of food was taken to Queen City Farms in Buffalo and shared with neighbors of the Feeney's.

The food is necessary. The food is used by those who are in need; our neighbors, God's children. Thank You for your gracious generosity. Keep it coming!



GARDEN PRODUCE AND SPICE?

What happens to the monitory donations for the fresh produce purchased from the LBIC produce table? All proceeds go toward the **SPICE** ministry. **SPICE** is a ministry that provides spiritual, social and educational opportunity for children of Brethren in Christ families in India and Nepal. **SPICE** currently runs eight group homes called "hostels," serving over 800 children. Your donation provides: clean water, nutritious meals, education, group housing, nurturing Christian staff, and an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. Each spring, the LBIC family looks forward to the reappearance of the Produce Table in the Narthex. Church families that enjoy planting and harvesting vegetables, bring their over-abundance to share with the rest of us for a donation to a specific ministry. Historically, Missions Committee has spearheaded the garden produce at LBIC. This year, Etta and John Hess who normally contribute the majority of the produce have organized and initially supplied garden produce for donations. The produce is located in the narthex adjacent to the water fountain. All produce is available for a donation and a money receptacle is located on the table.



DR. LEN SWEET AND THE NUDGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dr. Len Sweet, author, professor, futurist and speaker gave a presentation at Garden Spot Village on May 10, 2011. Dr. Sweet spoke to a group of about 100 church leaders from around the county on the topic of reaching out to our neighbors wherever and whoever they are. Dr. Sweet compared the model churches use to get people into the church as the Attractional model. We try to attract folks to the church rather than placing emphasis on becoming Missional: making disciples through a true relationship with Christ and with those with whom we come in contact.

Emphasis on “sending and going” as disciples brings us into a relationship with Christ and advances relationships with others. As we go out into our community or beyond, we plant the seed of the incarnate Christ into the culture where we live or work. Christianity speaks through us.

In order for our Christianity to speak, we need to understand the language of the culture we are in or stepping into. Understanding TGIF (Twitter, Google, iPhone, Facebook) is a huge part of our world. It is our social media; the language of our culture.

Our words are not enough to carry the story of Christianity to our culture. We must use the language of our culture which is shifting towards stories. Jesus teachings always used a story to produce images in the listener’s mind. “The Kingdom of God is like a . . .”

We have a huge responsibility as we look at our cultural trends in terms of how Christianity is viewed.

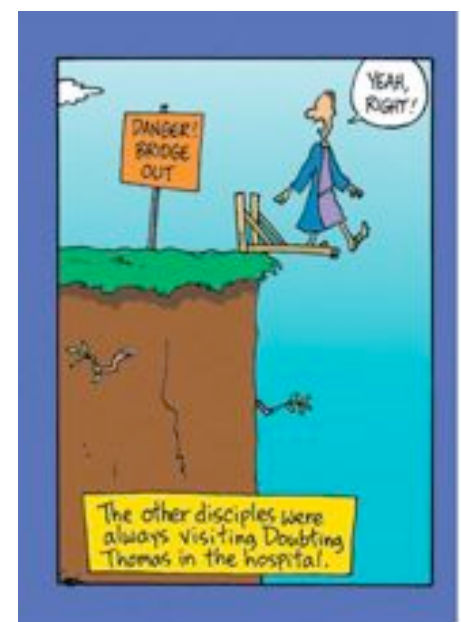
Sweet believes we are in a post Christian to an anti Christian Time in our country. There are segments of the U.S. where if you are known as a Christian, you won’t be elected to office. If you type into Google: “Why are Christians so...” The top three responses are: “mean, arrogant, annoying.” There is a huge disconnect between what Christianity is and how Christians behave.

Sweet emphasized that we are “called for...” not “called out”. “We are separated for”...not “separated from”. Another way of looking at our responsibility as Christians is having a clean heart = dirty hands. Sweet believes that we need to know God well enough to know and recognize what he is doing. We need to pay attention. When the Bible or church become boring to us, we are not paying attention to what the Spirit of God is saying to us. Get into the Word.

When we are in touch with the Spirit of God, we must act on the premise that “God is here and at work. Be careful not to harm what the Holy Spirit is doing. Our job is to find out what the Spirit is doing in that person. Discover their story; suggest God’s work in their lives.”

Evangelism is Nudging what the Holy Spirit is already doing.. Our responsibility is to nudge not pressure. Evangelism is discipleship. They are not different. The presentation of Christ to our neighbors is sequential: Jesus is the **Way**: do you trust Him enough to get on the Way? He is the **Truth**: Are you at the point where you trust Him? Jesus is the **Life**: He promises eternal life. This sequence is relational.

Are you sensing the Holy Spirit’s work in your unsaved neighbors? Is He nudging you?



JUNE PRAYER / PRAISE FOCUS

Please pray & offer praise for:

***Pray for the Pastoral Search process** as Bishop Yoder assists our Pastoral Committee in the search.

***Pray for pastoral candidates** who are being interviewed by the Pastoral Search Committee and who will need to make some very important decisions about their future and who will be asking God for His will in their lives.


***Pray for Pastor Jim and Terry** as they make plans for transition from pastoral leadership at LBIC.


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


*Pray for Justin Rule as he leads **Bible before Basketball** on Monday evenings. Pray that young men will come to know Jesus and to put Him first in their lives.





CHURCH BOARD NEWS


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The Board of Directors authorized the continuation of Monday night Basketball under the direction of Justin Rule. On Monday, May 2, 2011 LBIC opened the new ministry to community men; some from Lancaster city, who want to play basketball. Justin Rule, who has been playing basketball for the past 2 years at LBIC will host the players, leading them in a Bible study and prayer prior to the start of play. (see accompanying article)
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John Burns from Brethren in Christ Foundation has requested a LBIC representative become a BIC Ambassador. The job description describes this person as a volunteer who advocates for Cooperative Ministries by communicating stories of God at work and encouraging generous giving to the work of the General church. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who may be a good fit, please contact Bill Ziegler.
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A quote of \$16 thousand dollars from Total Access for a Stair Lift was discussed. The stair lift would make the church more handicap-accessible. There is also the box-elevator option which would seemingly fit nicely inside the south stairwell and not be as much of an obstruction. John Kreider is in contact with Total Access to pursue this option.
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Pastor Rebeca Vasquez from Iglesia Casa De Bendicion (Church House of Blessing) visited with the Board of Directors, in April, to discuss the possibility of them renting space at LBIC to operate their small church of about 35 people. They requested use of the Fellowship Hall for 2 hours on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. This item was discussed again at the May meeting. The Board of Directors **HAS** extended an invitation to the Spanish speaking church for a trial period of 6 months. (See accompanying article)
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In light of Pastor Jim's retiring and the time table of finding his replacement unknown, Bishop Yoder and the Pastoral Search Committee have secured Rev. Dan Houck as our Interim pastor for July and August. (see accompanying article)
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Chad Warfel will leave his responsibilities as Church Board Director in June 2011 as he and Isa move to Burkino Faso. The Church Board will operate with one less member until Council meets in January of 2012. (see accompanying article by Chad and Isa Warfel)

NOTE: As LBIC continues to become a church that engages in ministries to our neighbors in Manheim Twp. and in places like Nicaragua and West Virginia, an increasing number of fund-raisers may be proposed. **If you are part of a committee, Commission, or a group that is planning a fundraiser, please contact the church administrator, Bill Ziegler, OR Finance Commission Chairman, Kevin Thrush for information on how to proceed. Initial contact should be made as**



Music Notes

WORSHIP TEAM SUMMER JUNE JAM SESSION

Current worship team members and any other interested musicians are invited to attend the **Summer June Jam Session on Wednesday, June 15th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**. We will meet in the sanctuary.

This time will be spent rehearsing new and current songs, as well as spend time in devotion. Please bring your favorite instrument, plus this will be a great time to 'test out' something new. Questions? Please contact Nicole Siegel.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC/ ACTING OPPORTUNITY

A sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board that lists the various Sundays in June, July and August. This is your opportunity to share special music, whether instrumental or vocal, and/or a special dramatic skit or play. 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!

Nicole J. Siegel
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nicole@lanbic.org
or njsiegel@comcast.net – e-mail

MEN'S CHOIR

All men are invited to join a special Men's Choir this summer. The Men's Choir will sing during the 10:30am service on Sunday, June 12th. The one and only rehearsal will take place on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30pm. Interested? Please plan to join us!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A huge thank you to all of the members of the LBIC Children's Choir and a special thank you to Kim Ernst for serving as our pianist this past year. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for information about the start of Children's Choir in the Fall of 2011.

ADULT CHOIR June 2011 Schedule

Wednesday-22nd – 6:30-7:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday-26th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The Messiah Village Auxiliary Community Membership Drive for 2011-2012 will be held in June.

The Messiah Village Auxiliary is made up of people who wish to enhance the well being of residents, clients, volunteers, employees, and other friends of the Village. We do this through volunteer activities, special projects and by supporting the Endowment Fund. You can help by becoming a new Auxiliary member or by renewing your annual membership for only \$5.00. Your membership will run from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012.

Please complete and return the membership form and fee to me, your Messiah Village Auxiliary Key Person, by June 27. (One form has been placed in church mailboxes. Please feel free to include multiple names from your household to the one form and include appropriate fees.)

Thank you,
Carolyn Groff

THE NICARAGUA TEAM UPDATE

The team met again on May 19 at the church house for a traditional meal cooked by Stephen Santos and Joel Ernst. Over dinner we continued to talk about our funds, cultural differences, packing, and our next fundraiser!

Our next fundraiser will be a Spaghetti Dinner June 11 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Family Life Center. The cost for the dinner is by donation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend with family and friends!

If you would like to support the team financially please see Shandi Santos for details.

Shandi Santos



WARFELS LEAVE FOR BURKINA FASO

For many years we have felt a desire to go into missions. But with young kids we never felt like it was the right time to commit to a long-term assignment. A friend of ours became the West African Regional Director for MCC about two years ago and began asking if we had interest in becoming MCC Representatives for Burkina Faso or Chad. We did not seriously consider his comments until about six months ago. We began praying and asking God if this was the right time to go. Although we were uncertain, we felt a "nudge" pulling us into pursuing something with MCC.

MCC again approached us last December and asked if we would be willing to consider serving for 5 years. After praying and contemplating for a few weeks we declined their offer but stated that we would be willing to consider something more short-term, such as 1 or 2 years. The next day, the MCC Africa Director wrote back to say that he was fine with 2 years. We chose Burkina Faso over Chad for a number of reasons. MCC was most interested in us serving in Burkina due to our knowledge of the culture and language abilities. Chad had worked in the MCC Burkina Faso office between 1995 and 1999. We were also very interested in going to Burkina to re-connect with family and friends whom we have not seen for many years.

Our term will begin the end of June with an orientation at MCC in Akron. Around the middle of July we will then head off to Burkina Faso. We will be living and working in Ouagadougou, the capital city. We will be the Country Representatives for MCC. Our main focus will be maintaining relationships with a number of local Burkinabe organizations which MCC sponsors. These organizations focus on Peace Education, Aids Education and Care, Support for Orphans and Food Security. We will also be responsible to provide support for two MCC workers who will assist in an orphanage and a technical school. Long-term we will be helping to shape the focus of MCC's involvement in the country and looking for other positions where volunteers can be used.

MCC provides for all of our housing, food and other needs. We will be inheriting a nice house with all furnishing from the outgoing directors. Supposedly there are 3-4 rooms, so visitors are most welcome. Connor will be attending the equivalent of Kindergarten next year in a French-language school. We're excited for both he and Olivia to have this opportunity to learn different languages and cultures and to get to know their family in Burkina.

We will appreciate your prayers over these next few years. We go into this assignment knowing that there will be many difficult times in work, family and our spiritual lives. We (Isa and Chad) will be sharing the Representative position and have never worked together in this manner. Hopefully we can get along. Pray also that we will find a supportive and encouraging church family in Ouagadougou. We will be in e-mail contact and will send updates as we are able.



Blessings,
Chad, Isa, Connor and Olivia Warfel

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTS

Our next Scrapbooking & Crafts session will be on Friday, June 10 from 6-9pm at the Church House.

Come join us as some work on blankets for Project Linus and others work on their scrapbooks.

There will be plenty of yarn available for afghans this month. There will also be kits available to make quilts in your leisure time at home.

Scrapbooking tools will also be available, including the paper cutting machine, The Cricut.

So come see what we are about. Bring a project or help with our ongoing projects. Also bring a snack to share.



Diane Wagner

BIBLE BEFORE BASKETBALL

On Monday, May 2, 2001 LBIC opened a new ministry to community men; some from Lancaster city, who want to play basketball. Justin Rule, who has been playing basketball at LBIC for the past two years is hosting the players and leads them in a Bible study and prayer prior to the start of play. On May 14th Justin reported, "Eight players showed up for play on the first two Monday nights. The word is starting to get around though. The 'challenge/ change/ charge' approach for daily talk where we bring a Biblical challenge, ask ourselves what we need to change and the charge forward.... We are starting really slow – many of them are very uncertain of being 'preached at' so we are helping them learn we are seeking to 'live with' them through Jesus eyes and Truth. We pray for each before they leave too, so it is good." On May 16, eleven guys attended!

Justin is director of Manos House on S. Prince Street, Lancaster. Manos House provides a long term residential, drug and alcohol treatment program which provides a wide array of counseling and supportive services over a six to twelve month treatment experience. Justin also leads the "Heads Up Lancaster" at www.headsuplancaster.org. It began in 2006, when Justin started teaching an after school magic class and had no idea that so many Divine doors would open leading to HEADS UP. Heads Up is a non-profit network of artists that uses urban arts to release vision in the lives of youth. Through in-school, after-school and summer programs, professional artists **engage** students in visual arts, music, dance and design projects designed to **empower** their God-given passions and explore their creative soul. At the heart of Heads Up is a network of local, professional urban artists who have been given some unique gifts and talents blended with a desire to empower youth to become who they were created to be. We use unique urban arts as a vehicle to connect heart to heart, soul to soul with local youth.

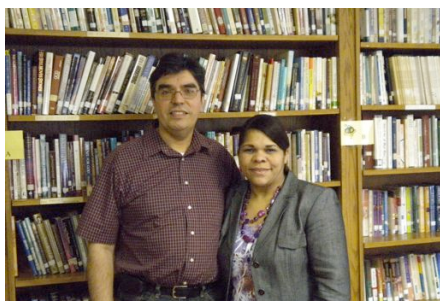
Bill Ziegler



GOD IS WORKING AT LBIC: SPANISH SPEAKING CHURCH TO USE LBIC FACILITY

Pastor Rebeca Vasquez and her husband Miguel from Iglesia Casa De Bendicion (Church House of Blessing) visited with LBIC Board of Directors in April to discuss the possibility of their Spanish speaking church renting space at LBIC for the small church of about 35 people. They requested use the Fellowship Hall for 2 hours on both Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. This item was discussed again at the May Board of Directors meeting. After much discussion and prayer, an invitation has been extended to the Spanish speaking church for a trial period of 6 months. Throughout this period of time, June through November, the ministry relationship will be evaluated through periodic visits by Church Board Directors and other LBIC members. The Church Board of Directors and the Vision Team view this relationship as one initiated by God. What a fantastic way to become part of our Spanish speaking community! There are approximately 878 Spanish-speaking families within their target area around LBIC! Please join us in welcoming our neighbors to our facility. You won't want to miss a special Celebration of Ministry on June 19th.

Bill Ziegler



EVERENCE – formerly, MMA (Mennonite Mutual Assistance)

Everence helps individuals, organizations and congregations integrate finances with faith through a national team of advisors and representatives. Everence offers banking, insurance and financial services with community benefits and stewardship education. Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other churches such as the Brethren in Christ. Phyllis Sauder, the Everence representative at LBIC can provide you with answers to your questions regarding the many aspects of EVERENCE.

SERVING MEMBERS

Everence serves 85,000 members and more than 25 church denominations. To serve members and groups, Everence employs more than 425 staff, advisors and representatives at its corporate office and more than 30 retail locations across the U.S. More than 1,500 volunteer advocates also help provide or coordinate stewardship education and other services in congregations.

BACKGROUND

Everence is the result of MMA (Mennonite Mutual Aid) and Mennonite Financial Federal Credit Union growing together and operating as one organization. MMA was founded in 1945 by the Mennonite church to serve the employees of Mennonite Publishing House. The current credit union structure was formed in October 2000 from a merger of credit unions in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

Everence helps integrate faith and values through the design of its product and services, in its corporate practices and in member benefits. For instance, it contributes an average of more than \$1 million each year to faith-based and community charities. A partial list of general benefits to members include grant programs, free budget and debt counseling, a survivor Everence health plan premium benefit, loan discounts, stewardship education and other features. Everence representatives help member in their stewardship journey through a unique holistic approach that considers their gifts of time, talent, money, relationships and health. Members can then develop a strategy that enables them to live responsibly, discover and plan for God's purpose, prepare for the future and give generously. Also, many of our members report high levels of trust in our organization and representatives, as measured through internal surveys and third-party research.

STEWARDSHIP INVESTING

Everence practices social responsible investing through the practices of social screening, shareholder advocacy and community development investments.

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LIBRARY NEWS

A reading suggestion comes from Laura Shaida.

This afternoon I stretched out on my couch and enjoyed a delightful book from our library: *The Cry of the Crow* by Jean Craighead George. It's about a young girl who rescues and feeds a baby crow whose parents have been shot and killed. The story is really good, and I learned so much about crows! I recommend the book to any of you who love animals, but especially to you who are indifferent to or absolutely **hate** crows! After reading this book I am sure you'll understand them better and admire them for their intelligence. I guess I was attracted to the book because of the newspaper stories about 'our' crows at Park City. I wonder if any of the people who have tried so hard to get rid of them have read this book. George has had several pet crows, so I don't doubt that all the tricks she describes in this volume are true.

You will find the book standing in the window on the south side of the library, over the juvenile shelf. – L. Shaida



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Zimmerman
- 3 Gina Yoder
- 5 Susan Snyder
- 6 Ron Eastep
- 8 Jeff Guito
- 10 Phil Weaver
- 10 Curt Hoffman
- 12 Jordan Groff
- 12 Kameron Yoder
- 13 Mike Hank
- 15 Patty Eastep
- 16 Lisa Groff
- 21 John Snyder
- 26 David Reitzel
- 27 Joshua Eastep
- 28 Kristy Snyder
- 28 Mabel Seventko



PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

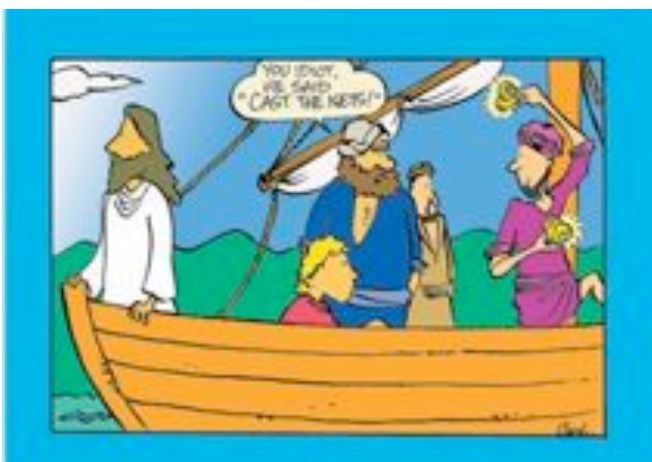
- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.

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



June



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Iglesia Casa De Bendicion – FH – 7-9pm	8:30 Walk & Wellness	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship 11:30 Mission Committee CRAVE – mini golf Iglesia Casa De Bendicion – FH – 2-5pm	Personal Placement Commission (PPC) meeting 7pm	8:15 Ladies Bible study	Morning Bible Study CPR/AED training 6-9pm in FH	Iglesia Casa De Bendicion – FH – 7-9pm	6pm Scrapbooking & Crafts – Church House	Nicaragua Team Benefit dinner – 5:30-7:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
8:00 Worship 9:00 Hymn Sing - Sanctuary 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship – Pastor Jim's Final Sunday & Communion 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship Pastor Jim farewell event 4-6pm in FLC Iglesia Casa De Bendicion – FH – 7-9pm						

CRAVE CALENDAR

June	5	Start BLC for the summer
	5	Mini Golf
	23	MCC
July	17-21	VBS
	24	Swim Party
August	25	MCC
	28	Backyard Party

ATTENTION CHURCH ATTENDEES...

Check out the Community Board. Besides there being interesting activities and events posted, we are now offering information for teens to help you.

The teens in our church want to work. Times are tough for them to get a job right now. You can help them out and they can help you out. See what services they have to offer.

Maybe you need someone to babysit or pet sit. Maybe you need someone to look after your home when you are on vacation. Maybe you need your yard mowed or gardens weeded. You may find what you are looking for.

Negotiations are between you and the teen as far as services and payment. Any questions, please ask Diane Wagner.



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.

BOOK REVIEWERS NEEDED

It is that time of year when LBIC and CEC begins thinking about summer Adult Bible Study programs. We are considering continuing the Book Review/Breakfast in August, but we need book reviewers.

Has anyone read a fabulous book that they would love to share? Is there a well-loved, older book that has been your favorite and you would like others to enjoy it as well? Are there some new books in the church library that people need to know about? Is there a book that you have been wanting to read but need the motivation of doing a book review to get the book open?

If any of these scenarios sounds like you, I would like to invite you to review your book to a small group in August. Please consider this opportunity to share what you love with others.

Contact Diane Wagner if you are willing to participate in reviewing a book.



EILEEN OSTBERG & Gym Time Plus


After many years of planning and implementing the Friday Gym Time Plus ministry, Eileen Ostberg will retire from her role as leader/teacher; however, she will remain all-around ambassador for LBIC. On any Friday morning in both the fall and spring semesters, one can see Eileen setting up the Fellowship Hall into a grand play area for toddlers. In addition, Eileen prepares the Room of Many Colors for her lesson with the children and their parents. Puppets, videos, songs, stories, and poems engage these little minds with stimulating words of joy and hope in Jesus Christ.

We are sad to see Eileen vacate this ministry; however, we have been able to see what being a disciple of Christ looks like in the quiet, joyous effort that Eileen put into this weekly ministry.

Bill Ziegler




Kristi, Will and Hope McMichael at Gym



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



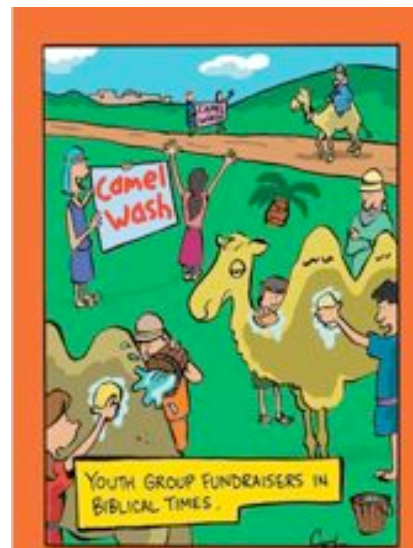
Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound



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Did You Know...

- Lynn Weaver has coffee in the nursery on the second Sunday of the month complements of Claire & Dot Barkle?
- Paul and Esther Shaeffer will lead the **50+ group** at the church? Stay tuned for some great times together!
- Reggie Eggerstadt is at 200 Hill Rd., Apt. 127, Denver, PA 17517?
- Daryl and Alissa & Evan Groff: 3650 Surrey Dr., York, PA 17402?



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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