



The Branch

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FAMILY LIFE WEEKEND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Deacon Commission sponsors this yearly event. This year, COBYS Family Service will provide three workshops for parents. The workshop titles and schedule are:

FAMILY LIFE WEEKEND SPECIAL EVENTS

JOIN US FOR THESE FREE WORKSHOPS FOCUSING ON PARENTING AND FAMILIES



Presented by



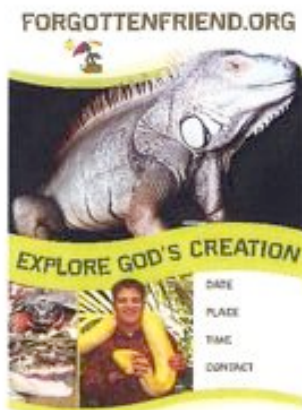
SATURDAY Nov. 6

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm **"What's your Style? Parenting Models"- Lisa Stoltzfus (workshop for parents in Fellowship Hall)** Participants are given opportunity to explore the different styles of parenting and reflect on their own style. Also, addressed is the purpose of parenting; risks for youth, building assets, mutual respect and setting limits.

6:30 pm **Jesse Rothaker and His Forgotten Friends** - for kids K - 12 in RMC. Jesse will share an encouraging Creation message based on Eph 2:10 and Ps 139:14. The idea is that God is a great and purposeful creator, which the animals help to illustrate as we meet and learn about them, but the kids are God's most special creation.

Note: Child care available for age 4 and below.



SUNDAY NOV. 7

9:00 am **"Strengthening Family Bonds: Fun as a Family" - Lisa Stoltzfus and Scottie Altland (workshop for kids grade 6 and up with parents. In Fellowship Hall)** Participants will learn about and discuss the benefits of spending time together as a family. Also, included is information & activities regarding family meetings and how to promote quality family time. *Grandparents and others are welcome to observe!*

Note: Regular Bible Learning classes for children including grade 5 will meet as usual. Fellowship Hall Bible Study, Encouragers and Open Bible Class will meet as usual.

10:30 am **A Special Worship Service - "Active Communication: Talking and Listening to Each Other and to God" - Tina Shockey**

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PASTOR'S CORNER

I have, and I suspect some of you too, a tendency to view the past in a better light than the present day. This may be true, I believe it is, but we cannot, must not, live back there.

This is the day the Lord has made. It is the only one we have and if we spend our time criticizing this day, extolling yesterday, we lose what is more precious, now. It doesn't really matter if years ago the world was better, those years were designed to prepare us for this day. It is all we have.

We are where we are and by God's good Grace, we work to redeem this day. Someday someone will look back at this day and say it was better then. Quit complaining and get to work.

Pastor Jim

CARTOON



NOVEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

- 7 Family Life Conference
- 14 Devoted to Christ
Luke 7
- 21 Anoth4er Look at the
Prodigal
Luke 15
- 28 Salvation – Full & Free
Mark 5



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Begin Thanksgiving Day with your church family at our yearly Thanksgiving Day Service held at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

This service is a favorite of many people who regularly attend LBIC. Come and see why! Those who attend are always given the opportunity to share their thanks for what God has done for them throughout the year.

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.



MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray & offer praise for:

- **The Good News Club** at Bucher Elementary school. We began our club on October 21 with 17 children! We will offer regular invitations for children and their parents to accept Jesus as their Savior.
- **Praise God! The Active Christian Parenting Course, which** concluded on October 20th. Written evaluation by participants revealed the outstanding value of this course for the 14 participants.

Overall rating of this program is: (number in red is overall rating)

1 low 2 3 4 **4.6** 5 high

Would participants recommend this program to others?
(14 respondents)

YES **14** NO



- **Praise God for the good start to the CONNECT GROUP.**
And pray that additional couples will see the value of this group and will join.
- **Pray that our Church Budget will** end the year with a positive balance.
- **Continue to pray for items on the church-wide day of corporate prayer** held across all BIC churches in North America on October 31:
 - Lynn and Amy Myers, former BICWM missionaries to Thailand, and their five children as Lynn continues his battle against Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease).
 - Global workers Todd and Shelly M. and family, as they grieve the loss of their 23-month-old son, Elijah.
 - Global workers Chad and Beth L., and family, as they walk with their 18-month-old son Joseph, who was recently diagnosed with liver cancer and has just begun chemotherapy.
 - Denominational leaders, as they strive to faithfully lead the Church into its future.
 - NOTE: full names were not used to protect them in their sensitive nature of their ministry.

Bill Ziegler

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD AT LBIC



This Christmas, why not go "green" and share ONE card with the entire church family? We will designate a portion of the narthex bulletin board for Christmas card sharing. Simply bring one card addressed to the LBIC church family and post it with your special greeting written inside. Everyone will enjoy looking through the various cards and greetings. Oh, will you possibly save \$ doing this? Opportunities to contribute to God's work are provided each Sunday!

Bill Ziegler

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE CAMPAIGN

Sunday, October 17, 2010 approximately 125 people gathered in the Family Life Center to celebrate what God has done for LBIC. The program began with an outstanding Brunch prepared by LBIC food service volunteers. The awesome Brunch had 5 stations featuring fruit and salads, soup and breads, omelets made to order, egg casseroles, ham and pancakes, beverages and desserts! Following brunch, Marian Martin, Lloyd Melhorn and Brian Frey gave personal witness of God's Grace in their lives, followed by Eric Miller and Kim Ernst leading everyone in singing, "You are Awesome in This Place"



prior to pledge card collection.

Earlier in worship, Pastor Jim preached a challenging sermon entitled, "Celebrating God's Grace! Again?" The sermon focused on stewardship principles and promises, remembering that we are to be stewards of ALL He gives us.

If you were not able to hear this challenging sermon, please log into www.lancbic.org, click on the sermon for October 17 and hear it in its entirety. You will be blessed and challenged.

Bill Ziegler



FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEDICATION PLAQUE

The Church Board of Directors would like to place a dedication plaque on the wall of the FLC . The plaque would read:

**IN CELEBRATION OF
GOD'S GRACE
This Family Life Center is
Dedicated to the
Glory of God
On the 28th day of
February 2009**



OUR VISION

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

Due to current budgetary constraints, the Board would like to invite members to participate in donating part or all of the cost toward the plaque. If interested, please contact Bill Ziegler, Administrator.

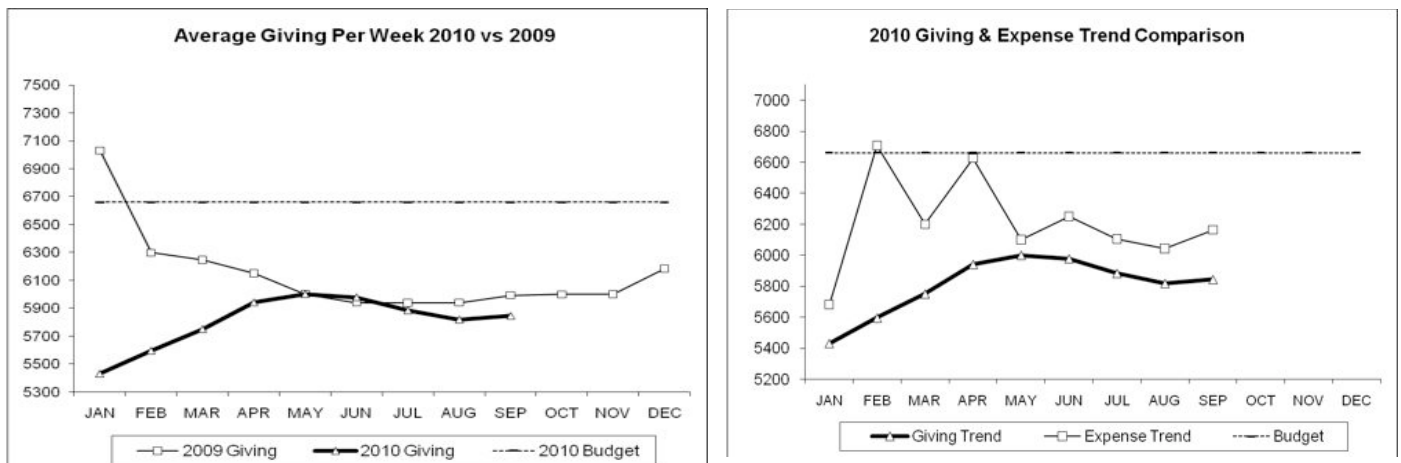
2010 GIVING UPDATE

The first three quarters of the year are now 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 nine months:

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of Sundays</u>	<u>Per</u> <u>Sunday</u>
Jan-Mar Total	\$74,764	13	\$5,751
Apr-Jun Total	\$80,664	13	\$6,205
Jul-Sep Total	\$72,516	13	\$5,578
 9 Month Total	 \$227,944	 39	 \$5,845

This represents about 88% of the budgeted amount and about a 2.5% drop from the same period in 2009. The chart below shows the decline in giving starting in June with only a slight upward trend in giving starting in September. It also shows how this year's giving has dropped below last year's 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)
Jul-Sep Total	\$72,516	\$77,909	(\$5,393)
 9 Month Total	 \$227,944	 \$240,405	 (\$12,461)

As you can see, even though expenses are only at 92% of the budgeted amount, giving has not been able to keep up. The slight upward trend in giving for September is a good sign but we need to keep it going. Looking at the giving and expense averages graphically makes it easier to see the trends.

You may recall that we started the year with a balance of \$9,365. As of the end of September, this cushion has now been exceeded. Everyone's help is needed now to address this critical situation.

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

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

This is a reminder that each Christmas, the church has two special offerings. The first is collected Christmas Eve, and the second is collected the Sunday following Christmas. The offerings have been used to advance our general budget obligations and to donate to non-profit organizations where LBIC members volunteer throughout the year.

The Mission Committee organizes and publishes the list of volunteer organizations so that members know where their donations will go.

If you are a volunteer in a local non-profit organization, please forward your name and name of the organization to Wilfred Muskens as soon as possible. Place your information in Wilfred's church mailbox or email to wmuskens@comcast.net.

POINSETTIAS

We will continue the tradition of using poinsettia to enhance our worship area at Christmas. You have the opportunity to purchase poinsettia through the flower committee. We will place your order, use the plant as decoration, on Dec. 19 through the Christmas Eve service. Any plants not picked up on Christmas Eve will be used the next Sunday. If you cannot take your plants with you on Dec. 26, please plan to get them from the church the following week.

In November you will receive an order form in your church mailbox. Follow the directions on the order form for placing your order.

We get many comments on the beauty of our sanctuary for the Christmas celebrations and we really appreciate each of you who contribute with your poinsettia orders.

- Carolyn Groff



LADIES FELLOWSHIP – CHRISTMAS AT THE ABBEY

Friday, December 10, 2010

The Ladies Fellowship invites you to "Him We Proclaim" presented by Beth Bingaman. A dinner will be held beginning at 6:00pm at Patty Eastep's home. Beth will speak following dinner. Cost is \$5.00 per person and there will be a limit of 26 ladies. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Checks should be made out to the church and placed in Sue Zimmerman's church mailbox.

ANGEL TREE

Are you ready for the Christmas season? It is only about 56 days away. Christmas is a difficult time for some people. Money is tight this year for many families while the burden of Christmas is even greater for families with a member in prison. But you can add some hope to the lives of these families. CRAVE is sponsoring **Angel Tree** children again this year. Please consider helping a family by taking an Angel tag off the Angel Tree at the end of November. Each Angel represents a child and the card contains their personal clothing or toy wish for the season. Once you have chosen an Angel, purchase the gift (PLEASE DO NOT spend more than \$25 on each tag), wrap it and return the gift(s) to Shandi by December 12.

If you are unable to participate in Angel Tree this year, you may want to consider helping CRAVE deliver the gifts on December 19 after church. Also, please consider praying about how God wants you to get involved in this service to the community. If you have any questions please see Shandi.

Shandi Tosten





Music Notes



Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and SHOUT for joy!



Psalm 33:3

The First Noel, The Angel Did Say... 2010 Christmas Choir

Believe it or not, as of November 1st, there are only 7 more weeks until Christmas. This translates to only 55 days until all of the shopping will need to be completed. Not to mention all of the presents wrapped and placed underneath the tree, all of the hustle and bustle, all of the schedules bursting at the seams, all of the anxiety preparing to travel or preparing to host out-of-town family and friends. Ok, deep breath!

Yet, in the midst of the craziness, we can still hear that still small voice that reminds us of the true reason for the holiday season. The joy of the birth of the Christ child, our Savior and Lord, who came to earth in the most humble way – a sinless man sent to die a sinner's death and simply to save you and me.

Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or considering joining a choir for the first time, **you are welcome to join us** as we prepare for our annual LBIC Christmas Eve Service, held on Friday, December 24th at 7:00pm. Rehearsals for the 2010 Christmas Choir has already begun; however, it is not too late to join us. The more voices mean the greater the ability to raise an even more joyful noise! Christmas choir rehearsals take place each Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary.

Come join us as we prepare to remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas through worship and song.

Please see contact Nicole Siegel if you have any questions or would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Won't you join us in the celebration of the season?

Rehearsal Schedule: (held in the sanctuary)

- Wednesday, November 3rd – 7:30-8:15PM
- Wednesday, November 10th – 7:30-8:15PM
- Wednesday, November 17th – 7:30-8:15PM
- TENTATIVE: Wednesday, November 24th – 7:15-8:00PM
- Wednesday, December 1st - 7:00-8:00PM
- Wednesday, December 8th - 7:00-8:00PM
- Wednesday, December 15th - 7:00-8:00PM
- TENTATIVE: Wednesday, December 22nd – 7:30-8:00PM
- Thursday, December 23rd – 6:00-8:30PM *Dress Rehearsal*

If you are not able to serve as a singing member of the Christmas Choir, we can still use your assistance to be a speaker/Worship Leader. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please see Nicole Siegel.

WORSHIP TEAM INSTRUMENTALIST/VOCALISTS

The congregation of Lancaster BIC is truly blessed to have very talented musicians as members of our church family. Our worship teams are made up of many of these talented musicians and of course, there is always the opportunity for others to share their musical gifts in this ministry.

Our worship teams led the worship time during the 8:00am and 10:30am services on the first and last Sunday of each month. If you play an instrument and would consider playing or singing on one of the current worship teams, please speak with Nicole Siegel or Eric Miller. The commitment would be a maximum of one rehearsal and one Sunday per month, but ultimately, is up to each musician.

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

UPDATE ON CONNECT GROUP

As you may recall, a Connect Group has been formed to help newer couples become better acquainted with LBIC. The group under the leadership of Brian and Jenn Frey and Eric and Sarah Miller has met twice and are scheduling their gatherings twice a month. The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, November 7 and 21 at 9 am in the church house kitchen.

Three couples in addition to the leaders have met and are studying Crazy Love by Francis Chan.

GYM RENTALS

With the addition of a gym to LBIC facilities, several people recently asked if the gym is being rented to the community. There have been several requests for rentals recently: A group of volleyball enthusiasts who wanted a space weekly, a Relay for Life team, and a Martin Luther King Volleyball tournament which descends on Lancaster County each January. In the first case, the gym was not available on M-T-W evenings when they requested it. The Relay for Life request is pending and the MLK Tournament has not returned to finalize their request.

Several church families have rented the space for large family reunions.

ADULT/CHRISTMAS CHOIR – NOVEMBER 2010 SCHEDULE

- Wednesday-3rd** – 6:45-7:25pm Rehearsal; 7:30-8:15pm Christmas Choir rehearsal
Sunday-7th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
Wednesday-10th - 6:45-7:25pm Rehearsal; 7:30-8:15pm Christmas Choir rehearsal
Sunday-14th – No Adult Choir
Wednesday-17th 6:45-7:25pm Rehearsal; 7:30-8:15pm Christmas Choir rehearsal
Sunday-21st – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
Wednesday-24th – TENTATIVE 6:45pm-7:15pm Rehearsal; 7:15-8:15pm Christmas Choir rehearsal
Sunday-28th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – NOVEMBER 2010 SCHEDULE

- Sunday-7th** – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
Sunday-14th - 10:00am Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (sing during 10:30am service)
Sunday-21st - 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
Sunday-26th – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC

FOOD BANK

God Bless all of you who continually donate food to the Food Bank in the Narthex. LBIC donations are significant and have recently been forwarded to Water Street Ministries.

JOHN AND PHYLLIS SAUDER – PROUD PARENTS

Dr. J. Michael Sauder, a Manheim Township High School (MTHS) alumnus (class of 1987), recently received Eli Lilly and Company's most prestigious scientific recognition that it awards to its scientists, the Lilly Research Laboratories (LRL) President's Award. The Award recognized Dr. Sauder's contributions to the enablement of structure-based drug design, the laboratory information management system (LIMS) in use by the company's structural biology group and his project leadership of the New York SGX Research Center for Structural Genomics (NYSGXRC), an industry-academic consortium funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as part of the Protein Structure Initiative.

Dr. Sauder received a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Delaware, and his Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics from the University of Pennsylvania. Following post-doctoral research at the Fox Chase Cancer Center's Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia, he accepted a position at San Diego-based Structural GenomiX, Inc. (SGX) in 2000, which later became SGX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Following the acquisition of SGX by Eli Lilly and Company in 2008, Dr. Sauder has been working in the Structural Biology group at the Lilly Biotechnology Center in San Diego, part of the Indianapolis-based Lilly Research Laboratories.

On October 4, he received the Award from LRL President Jan Lundberg, Ph.D. Dr. Sauder was recognized for enabling the determination of the atomic, three-dimensional structures of proteins implicated in various diseases, against which Eli Lilly is designing drugs. This design process is known as structure-based drug design, because it relies on seeing how a potential drug binds to the protein drug target at the atomic scale and improving the potency and selectivity of the drug based on its specific interactions with the protein. With the acquisition of SGX, Eli Lilly is now a leader in structure-based drug design, as well as fragment-based drug design, which is essentially a form of nanoengineering to design drugs starting from small fragments (instead of using high-throughput screening of large libraries of large, complex drug-like molecules). In addition to doing protein engineering to support proprietary drug discovery, Dr. Sauder also designed protein boundaries that resulted in the deposition of hundreds of protein three-dimensional structures in the public Protein Data Bank as part of his work with the NYSGXRC through the Protein Structure Initiative. Dr. Sauder also manages the Bioinformatics group, who maintains and develops the custom LIMS database, which is used to track all the research done by the San Diego Structural Biology group, both for Eli Lilly and for the NYSGXRC.

Dr. Sauder is the son of John and Phyllis Sauder, Lancaster, PA and the brother of Maribeth Sauder, also a MTHS alumna, class of 1986.



NEWS FROM NO LONGER ALONE MINISTRIES

“The Board of Directors of No Longer Alone Ministries is pleased to announce that our REACH Program has been licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services to provide Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. We are grateful to God and our dedicated staff for reaching this milestone. We look forward to helping more people take steps of recovery through the REACH Program.”

Thank you to Lancaster BIC for supporting this important ministry.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

New Additions in the Library

The following list of books has been donated to our library. Check out the "new book" shelf at the window for some good reading.

- Going Home*, Wanda Brumstetter
- Every Now and Then*, Karen Kingsbury
- Sweetwater Gap*, Denise Hunter
- The Medford Bedside Companion*, Jan Karon
- Rebecca's Reward*, Lauraine Snelling
- Sohie's Dilemma*, Lauraine Snelling
- A Promise of Ellie*, Lauraine Snelling
- A Touch of Grace*, Lauraine Snelling
- Home another Way*, Christa Parrish
- The Penny*, Joyce Meyer & Deborah Bedford
- The Mind of Jesus*, William Barclay
- Before You Say I Do*, H. Norman Wright
- Why I Stayed*, Gayle Haggard



If you donate books to the library please note on the book that it is a donation. Sometimes we find books in the library that have not been processed for the library. We don't know if they are a donation, or if someone just left them behind by accident.

- C. Groff

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

IF YOU HAVE KIDS TO BUY BOOKS FOR FOR CHRISTMAS, you may want to pick up a flier from the foyer table. Scholastics Book Clubs has a new (to me) section called VIRTUES, and the brochure has a number of good books for good prices. If you get your order to me by November 29, I guarantee you'll have them by Christmas. I'm ordering books for pre-school on that day, but can order before that if there are enough orders.

Laura Shaida

PILATES

Pilates is open to anyone each Monday evening at 7:30 pm. The group meets in the gym and is led by Kristy Snyder. Stop in and get fit! Those winter doldrums are about to set in!!!



TAKE NOTE...

- John K. Kreider's email has changed to johnkkreider@yahoo.com
- New address for:
Treva Folkman
Manor Care
Room 29-C
1380 Elm Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603
- New address for:
Gene & Ruth Madeira
PO Box 1068
Penney Farms, FL 32079

COMING CE EVENTS

- November 17** - Last LIFT
- November 28** - Holiday potluck
- December 1** - Roller skate
- December 8** - Children's Christmas program practice
- December 12** - Children's Christmas program

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Don't miss our annual holiday potluck! It will be held on Sunday, November 28, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enter into the spirit of the season with Christmas music, an abundance of delicious food, and a short program.

Bring a main dish and a large salad or dessert to share. Please leave in writing instructions for heating the main dish that you bring.

Thanks to Christian Education Commission and our Kitchen Committee for making this event happen!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		8:15 Ladies Bible study 9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym Worship Commission  ELECTION DAY	9:30 Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30 Faith & Life Bible Study 5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT		8:30 Walk & Wellness 9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus	7:00 Men's Bible Study Family Life Weekend
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
NO 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 9:00 Connect Group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship Family Life Weekend 6pm Atlantic Conf. Impact Dinner – Manor BIC	7:00 Christian Education Commission	8:15 Ladies Bible study 9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym Finance Commission Vision Team	9:30 Beth Moore Bible study 9:30 Moms of Movers 5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT	Deacons  VETERANS DAY	9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus 7:00 Scrapbooking & Crafts	7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Fabulous Five Group dinner
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship 1st Sunday of Advent! 11:45 Holiday Potluck	 1 st SUNDAY @ Advent	8:15 Ladies Bible study				

CRAVE CALENDAR

November

- 6 MCC Service Project
- 7 Combined Bible Learning Classes
- 17 Gym Night
- 24 NO CRAVE

December

- 1 Roller Skating (NO CRAVE)
- 5 Combined Girls/Combined Boys Small Groups
- 8 Gym Night
- 11 6th to 8th Grade Laser Tag
- 19 Angel Tree Deliveries
- 22 NO CRAVE
- 27-30 Youth Quest
- 29 NO CRAVE

January

- 5 Volunteer's Meeting (NO CRAVE)
- 26 Paxton St. Game Night

YOUTH MCC SERVICE PROJECT

Youth, College Age, and Late 20 Somethings are encouraged to participate in our service project at MCC's Resource Center on November 6. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am, travel to the center and work from 9 am to 12 noon. Lunch will be provided at the church when we return at 12:30 pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up on Shandi's office door.



YOUTH QUEST DINNER/AUCTION REPORT

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Dinner/Auction fundraiser for Youth Quest. The Youth greatly appreciate your support. There were about 75 people who attended the dinner and about 70 who attended the auction. We were able to raise a total of \$4,818!!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this a success! The money will cover the cost of the Youth Quest event, food, lodging, transportation and anything extra we would like to do in Canada. Again, THANK YOU!

Shandi Tosten

FABULOUS FIVE THANKSGIVING FEAST

The "Fabulous Five" has now grown to "seven". It's all good! These families are staying connected and are having fun together.

So it's no surprise that they want to get together again and have a holiday dinner. Members of this group of young families are Will & Kristi McMichael, Harry & Kristi Reitzel, Patience Hardaker, Jeremiah and Amy Eastep, Geoff & Anne Dissinger, Daryl & Alyssa Groff, and Wilfred & Emilie Muskens. Each of these families has a toddler, so there's always plenty of topics for conversation. While the adults talk, the children have their own time of forging friendships as they play together. In a way, they have their own small group!

It's important to stay connected with friends in the church....as each of the Fabulous Five members can verify! If YOU do not have close connections with others, be sure to join a small

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Natalie David
- 1 Bill Stauffer
- 2 Amy Eastep
- 5 Joel Burkholder
- 5 Barry Parsons
- 5 Jim Thomas
- 5 Mary Ellen Lewis
- 7 Ted Simmons
- 10 Aylan Patterson
- 11 Kurt Patterson
- 13 Brianna Smith
- 14 Olivia Warfel
- 17 Allan Wilson
- 18 Nicole Siegel
- 18 Naomi Engle
- 21 James Weaver
- 22 Esther Heisey
- 23 Derek Thrush
- 23 Patty Ziegler
- 24 Brad Wagner
- 25 Ann Landis
- 27 Steve Crider
- 27 Ashley David
- 27 Susan Snyder
- 27 Jack Wolgemuth
- 29 Priscilla Simmons
- 30 Jerry Goodenow



SIXTH GRADE PIZZA PARTY

Hey, sixth graders! Here's a pizza party just for you! You'll be picked up at your doorstep, and returned to your house a few hours later. The van ride will be part of the fun!

Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, November 21. We'll enjoy all-you-can eat pizza at Pizza Hut and then head back to the church for fun games and neat prizes.

Next month will be a middle school event with Shandi. You'll hear more about that soon!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Just as things are cooling down outside, the lessons in preschool are beginning to heat up! The children are really getting in to the swing of things now as they eagerly answer questions, offer ideas, and play with purpose! Older children have spent a great deal of time learning about farms and the fall harvest. They learned about the different foods grown on a farm and graphed their favorites. Animals were also discussed regarding their role on the farm. We learned that scarecrows are made to resemble a person and keep the birds away. Did you see our scarecrows by the front door? Next month we will be learning about our feelings and senses. We will also continue our ongoing study of each of the different colors and each letter of the alphabet.

In the younger class, the children have learned about all kinds of animals. They learned about animals that they could find on a farm, in a zoo, or in their home as a pet! They had fun making a sheep with their hand shape and coloring an elephant to use in a song about elephants on a spider web!

Both classes have been out to play on the playground and we are thankful to those who help take care of it including John Kreider who brought back the rest of our equipment, Bill Stauffer who takes care of the grass, and Eric Miller who fertilized the grass to keep it healthy. We appreciate you!!!

Jessica Gordon



UPDATE ON GOOD NEWS CLUB



Volunteers from church, school, and community have come together and officially started the Good News Club at Bucher Elementary School. Our first meeting was a challenge as it took extra time to get details in order, but even with all the extra bumps, seventeen children attended to hear the word of God! With all the smiles and laughs from the children, I think the helpers were more blessed by the day than the children! Each helper did a great job and the club went smoothly.

During club, the children hear a Bible story, learn a song, and have time for small group discussion. There is also a mission focus and the students are learning about other children from several other countries. We would welcome some extra helpers, so prayerfully consider whether or not helping the club is for you. The large roles are filled; we just need some folks to help spend time with small groups of children. We also ask that you pray for the club, the helpers, and the children. Pray that each will be blessed. Thank you for your support of this great ministry.

Jessica Gordon



DADS 'N DUDES

Dads N Dudes went hiking on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in October. Trout Run is a very picturesque area for enjoying God's creation. Thanks Phil for introducing it to us!

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Did You Know...

- ✓ that \$432.19 was raised from the Veggie Table? Proceeds from this project will go to the Family-to-Family Project that feeds the very needy in Zimbabwe.
- ✓ that our next Overlook Roller Skate Night is Wednesday, December 1?
- ✓ The **Vision Team** has 4 new members? They are, Jessica Gordon, Amanda Guito, Bill Rhinier and Sandy Stuafter. They join Phyllis Sauder and Bill and Patty Ziegler. Recently, Brian Frey and David and Kristy Snyder asked to be relieved of their Team duties due to **many** other responsibilities they currently have at LBIC. Thanks to these departing members for the outstanding work they did in the past 2 years! Our gratitude is great for the many events they helped plan and implement.

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

Wednesday Lift

5:45 Evening Meal
6:30 Groups for All Ages
7:00 Prayer Team

