



# The Branch

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER PLEDGE CAMPAIGN – CELEBRATING GOD’S GRACE

A single 10:30 worship service and luncheon will be held Sunday October 17 to celebrate God’s work through LBIC to construct and fund the new Family Life Center. We will come together to praise God for his goodness and also to bring our financial pledges for the next three-year pledge period. Pledges are a financial commitment to God; a sacrificial offering that will systematically reduce the mortgage on the Family Life Center. Pledges will be collected at the free luncheon in the FLC following the single worship service. A letter and pledge card will be sent to each LBIC family unit by October 3<sup>rd</sup> explaining the commitment and pledge process. Those who have previously pledged will be invited to renew their pledge for a three-year period and those new to the LBIC family will be invited to initiate a three-year pledge of systematic giving toward the project. Pledge cards will be collected at the October 17 luncheon. Finance Commission members will make contacts with those who do not return pledge cards. Please be in prayer as to what God would have you systematically give. The FLC enables us to change the way we can interact with our community as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**PLEASE NOTE:** How has God’s Grace affected your life in the recent past as it relates to LBIC? Would you be willing to share your “story” with others? Please consider it and see Bill Ziegler soon!

*Bill Ziegler*

Have  
You  
Pledged?



### 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.

## NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED

If you haven’t visited our web site recently, we invite you to check it out!

The website address is: [www.lanbcb.org](http://www.lanbcb.org)

Also, remember that the Message from each Sunday morning is located at the web site. Click on “MEDIA” and then on the message of your choice.

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**Pastor's Corner**

In the Exodus story, when Israel is wandering in the wilderness for forty years they “gathered manna every morning”, Exodus 16:21. There is about this statement a truth that Jesus enunciates in the New Testament.

Imagine going out every morning and picking up your bread for the day. Variety? No, but the price was right. The bounty of God sees us through the day, by the day. When we pray the Lord's Prayer we ask that our daily bread be provided. When Jesus talks about contentment and not stressing, He asks how does worrying help anyway. Like manna of old, God today gives grace for the day and as Jeremiah reminds up the Lord's compassion is renewed every morning, Great is His faithfulness.

*Pastor Jim*

**Cartoon**



**October Sermon Schedule**

- 3 False Assumptions  
Luke 2:44
- 10 Missions
- 17 Celebrating God's Grace
- 24 True & False Religion  
Luke 11:24-26



**AN INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR SPECIAL SCRIPTURE**

Do you have a special verse, chapter or story from the Bible that you would like to share? If so, please forward the Biblical reference and your explanation for its significance. BRANCH Readers would love to read how scripture is meaningful in your life. Forward your story to: [BranchEditor@gmail.com](mailto:BranchEditor@gmail.com)

**ANGEL TREE**

Christmas will be here before we know it, which means that Angel Tree is also quickly approaching! Shandi Tosten is seeking two volunteers who will help contact families. If you would be willing to help, please tell Shandi. Additional information will be provided in November on the Angel Tree Gifts.



**ACTIVE CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASSES**

Our first Active Parenting class was held Wednesday evening Sept. 15 with **14 LBIC parents and 10 guest parents enrolled**. Our COBYS educator, Maria Bowman, pictured here, had this to say about the first meeting, ***“It appeared that persons felt comfortable and at ease with each other to speak freely. Even the guests were talkative and engaged.”*** Prior to the first evening, Maria made phone contact with each person enrolled!  
*Bill Ziegler*

## Monthly Prayer Focus

### Please pray & praise for:

- **The Good News Clubs** at Bucher Elementary school. LBIC volunteers will begin working weekly with the club on October 21. We will offer regular invitations for children and their parents to accept Jesus as their Savior. Parents interested in attending a church will be referred to LBIC. We are seeking additional volunteers for the after school club.
- **Praise God! The Active Christian Parenting Course** meeting during the first 6 LIFT nights began on Sept. 15. This course has **24 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS**, half from LBIC and half community guests. Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten both parents and educators as they work together on important skills to become confident and loving Christian parents.
- **L I F T** began September 15. Continue to pray that this mid-week time provides Christian learning and encouragement for all participants: children, youth and adults. Pray that the results are Christians who are bold enough to share Jesus' salvation with others. Pray that additional adults will come forward to help with kids' clubs. Pray that volunteers experience the rewards of seeing children excited about Jesus!
- **Celebrating God's Grace Campaign.** In October, our LBIC family will be extending their financial pledges for the next 3 years. Remember, Celebrating God's Grace pledges have provided the Family Life Center that we ALL enjoy. This facility was built, in part, to help us to be a visible spiritual force in the community and to reach others for Jesus Christ. Pray that pledges will be robust and that those newer to our church family will want to participate in the new pledge campaign. Pray now about how God wants you to respond. **Praise God** for his provision of funds to this point!

*Bill Ziegler*

## CONNECT GROUP

You may recall that the Vision Team is starting a **Connect Group** (small group) of younger couples with children. These couples are being led by co-leader couples: Brian and Jennifer Frey and Eric and Sarah Miller. Their first meeting was Sunday September 19 at Panera Bread. The goal of this group is to help busy younger couples connect with each other and with the church on their spiritual growth journey. The Vision Team is especially excited about the prospects of this newly formed group and hopes to keep the LBIC church family updated on its progress.



**Sarah & Eric Miller**

**Brian & Jennifer Frey**



MANHEIM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 representatives from LBIC occupied our church booth at the Manheim Twp. Community Day Celebration at Overlook Park from 10 am – 3 pm. Many guests from the community stopped by to chat and LBIC was represented by: Jessica Gordon, DeAnne and Derek Thrush, Patty Ziegler, Sandy Stauffer, Kristi Reitzel, Shandi Tosten, and Mark Simmons. Community Day is a fantastic opportunity for LBIC to directly reach out to our neighbors in the Manheim Twp. Community. **Kristi, Derek, Mark and Sandy were appreciated as NEW LBIC Ambassadors at this event!**

*Bill Ziegler*



**OUR VISION**

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

## MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEKEND

October 9 & 10, 2010

### "Growing the Kingdom of God"

Expand your horizons; find out what the Brethren in Christ churches are doing in Zambia and in Israel. Sometimes it's easy to expect the "missionaries" to *sow the seed* and *grow the kingdom of God*, but what are we doing right here in Lancaster to Grow the Kingdom of God - don't we have the same commission? Our missions weekend will feature speakers who are serving in Africa and in Israel but they will challenge us to grow the kingdom wherever you are.

Saturday evening @ 6:00 PM we will have our traditional ethnic carry-in meal followed at 7:00 by a presentation from Hank and Michele Dannecker. They will share about the "1 New Heart" ministry they are working with in Israel. Hank and Michele together with their three children, relocated to Israel from Pennsylvania, in September, 2007. They work in conjunction with Israeli doctors helping Palestinian children who have been born with Congenital Heart Disease receive much needed open heart surgery. With their gifts of compassion and hospitality, they quickly connect with the families they serve. Duties include administration, logistics, and transportation of children and their families from within the Palestinian Authority to Wolfson Medical Center in Tel Aviv.

On Sunday morning Dwight and Carol Thomas will share in both the 9:00 Sunday School hour as well in the 10:30 worship hour. (There will be no 8:00 worship hour, all are asked to join the 10:30 hour today). Dwight and Carol began going to Zambia in 1996 where they spend approximately three months every year teaching at Sikalongo Bible Institute (SBI), working with teachers at six government schools, helping with the sewing project at SBI, documenting music among the Tonga BIC, and encouraging pastors as they seek to continue their education. They serve under the Zambian Brethren in Christ Church and have been privileged to become friends with many Zambian pastors and teachers as they work side by side to serve God in Choma District.

The missions committee invites you to come and take part in this interesting and "mission filled" weekend. Come and be challenged to Grow the Kingdom of God wherever you are.

# 1NewHeart

Serving the needs of children in Israel



## BICWM

BRETHREN IN CHRIST WORLD MISSIONS

**LBIC MISSIONS WEEKEND**

"Growing the Kingdom of God"

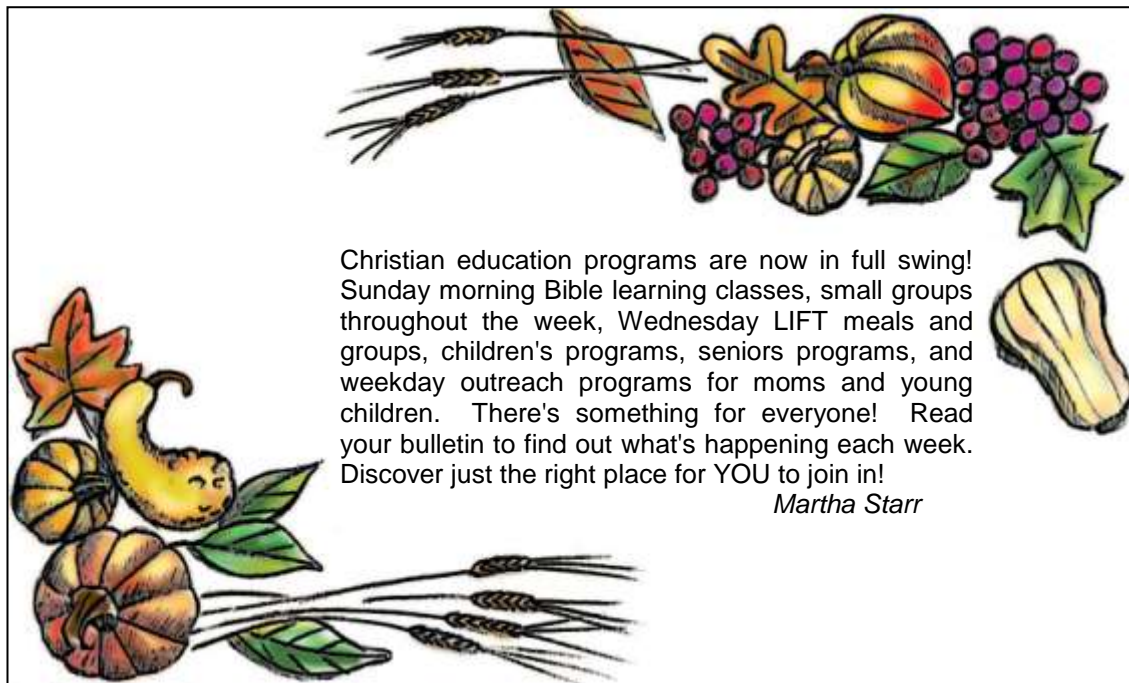
SAT. OCT. 9 at 6 PM. Carry-in-Ethnic meal

7 PM. - Hank and Michele Danecker

ISRAEL'S 1 NEW HEART MINISTRY.

& SUN. OCT. 10 - Dwight and Carol Thomas will share IN the 9:00 Sunday school hour as well in the 10:30 worship hour about their work in the Choma District of Zambia, Africa.

FALL PROGRAMS



Christian education programs are now in full swing! Sunday morning Bible learning classes, small groups throughout the week, Wednesday LIFT meals and groups, children's programs, seniors programs, and weekday outreach programs for moms and young children. There's something for everyone! Read your bulletin to find out what's happening each week. Discover just the right place for YOU to join in!

*Martha Starr*

PLAY VOLLEYBALL...

"MAKING LIFE WORK"

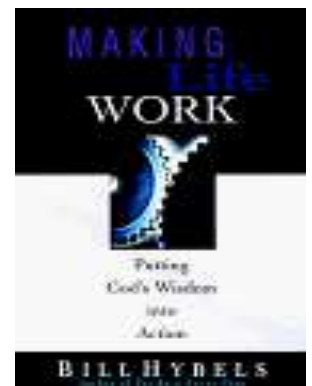
Tuesday evenings: 7 pm. **ALL ADULTS INVITED!**



Here's a practical Bible study based on the book of Proverbs, with discussion on real-life issues. Pastor Jim teaches this on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Come one evening or all evenings!

- October 6: - Develop Discipline
- October 13 - Speak Truth
- October 20 - Choose Friends Wisely
- October 27 - Forge Strong Families
- November 3 - Cultivate Compassion
- November 10 - Manage Anger
- November 17 - Trust God in Everything

Submissions to the Branch should be emailed to [branceditor@gmail.com](mailto:branceditor@gmail.com) or placed in the designated mailbox at LBIC.





# Music Notes



## Sing We Now of Christmas...

This is not a typo – mark your calendars!! **Christmas Choir begins rehearsing on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-8:15pm in the sanctuary.** You do not need to be a member of the Adult Choir in order to join us for our special Christmas Choir, which presents the ministry of Jesus' birth through song during the annual Christmas Eve Service. Christmas Choir is open to singers ages 13 to 213. Please see Nicole Siegel if you have any questions.

## Adult Choir/Chancel Singers

The Adult Choir/Chancel Singers have already started rehearsing and sharing their music ministry with the congregation on Sundays during the 10:30am service. At this time, the group is looking for a few good voices to join our ministry. Choir members ages 13 to 413 are invited to join. Choir meets each Wednesday evening from 6:45 to 8:00pm in the sanctuary.

## Children's Choir – Off and Running

The choir season has begun and the Children's Choir is ready to inspire you with their anthems of joy and love for God. Don't worry though. There's still time to join! Children's Choir is a children's ministry open to all children who are in Kindergarten up to and including 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If that's you, please feel free to join us in the Room of Many Colors on Sunday at 11:40am (or immediately following the 10:30am service).

Enjoy playing the piano? Enjoy working with children? Looking for an opportunity to put both to work and join the exciting world of children's choir ministry? Perfect! The Children's Choir is in need of a piano accompanist. Please see Nicole Siegel for more information and to view a sample of the music. The choir is looking forward to working with you!

## Adult Choir/Chancel Singers – October 2010 Schedule

- Sunday-3<sup>rd</sup>** – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
- Wednesday-6<sup>th</sup>** – 6:45-8:00pm Rehearsal
- Sunday-10<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
- Wednesday-13<sup>th</sup>** - 6:45-8:00pm Rehearsal
- Sunday-17<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
- Wednesday-20<sup>th</sup>** - 6:45-8:00pm Rehearsal
- Sunday-24<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
- Wednesday-27<sup>th</sup>** - 6:45-7:30pm Rehearsal; 7:30-8:15pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal

## Children's Choir – October 2010 Schedule

- Sunday-3<sup>rd</sup>** – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
- Sunday-10<sup>th</sup>** - 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
- Sunday-17<sup>th</sup>** – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
- Sunday-24<sup>th</sup>** - 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
- Sunday-31<sup>st</sup>** – 10:00am Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (sing during 10:30am service).

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

## SENIORS DAY AT ROXBURY

By request, another seniors van trip to Roxbury is being planned. The fall Seniors Day will feature Daystar, a trio of men who somehow make their music sound like a men's quartet! They sing old hymns and southern gospel style music.

There will be singing out of the brown hymnal (from the 1940's) led by Nelson Byers, who directed the Gospel Tide Hour Choir for 36 years.

A devotional will be given by Rev. Debby Bentsch, Pastor of Village Ministries at Messiah Village Retirement Community.

We'll leave the church at 7:15 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board today!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Fall weather is around the corner with shorter days and longer evenings. Next time you are at church look up the library and check out a book. Laura Shaida, our past librarian, has an excellent supply of reading for most interests and tastes.

If you are new to the library follow the posted steps for checking out your selections. If you have questions for us, please contact us.

*Lisa and Carolyn*

## Take Note...

**Please add or revise these names and addresses to your Pictorial Directory and welcome these new families to the LBIC family noted with an \***

Alma Engle  
222 Messiah Circle  
Room 12  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
717-691-8832

John and Susan Snyder (new address)  
200 Bomberger Road  
Lititz, PA 17543  
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\*Erick and Joylynn Kirui  
Children: Mark, Titus, Crystal  
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Lancaster, PA 17601  
Phone: 290-7063

\*Bob and Dixie Shelly  
739 Skywalk Lane,  
Lancaster, PA  
Phone: 560-2399

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

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

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

Mark and Bethany Tomassetti  
371-7033 (new phone number)  
Phone: 290-7063

## SENIORS LUNCHEON

Seniors, here's your chance to "Meet Shandi." That's right, you'll have the opportunity to hear interesting stories from her childhood, learn more about her passion for youth ministries, and get a glimpse of what may be in her future.

Come to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 28, at 11:30 a.m. A simple luncheon of soup, salad, breads and dessert will be served. Plan now to enjoy this time of fellowship!






## COMING CE EVENTS

- October 7** - Subs, Salad, Song
- October 8** - Scrapbooking & Crafts
- October 12** - Senior's Day at Roxbury
- October 16** - Ladies Ministries "Thrifty Shopping Day"
- October 24** - Early Childhood Family Meal
- October 28** - Seniors Luncheon Plus "Meet Shandi"
- 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

# OCTOBER



# 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 OCTOBER					1  8:30 Walk & Wellness 9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus  CRAVE – Girls' Sleepover	2  7:00 Men's Bible Study
3  8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship COMMUNION – World Communion (congregation to altar)	4  7:00 Personnel Commission	5  8:15 Ladies Bible study 9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym	6  9:30 Beth Moore Bible study 9:30 Faith & Life  5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT	7  6:00 Subs, Salad & Song	8  9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus  7:00 Scrapbooking & Crafts	9  7:00 Men's Bible Study  MISSIONS' WEEKEND Ethnic carry-in meal
10  9:00 combined ABL (Missions) 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship MISSIONS' WEEKEND Combined Adult BL classes and single 10:30 worship CRAVE – All Night Guys' Movie Night	 7:00 Children's Leadership Team  Finance Commission	12  7:15 Seniors to Roxbury  8:15 Ladies Bible study 9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym	13  9:30 Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30 Moms of Movers  5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT	14  Deacon Commission	15  8:30 Walk & Wellness  No Gym Time Plus	16  7:00 Men's Bible Study  Ladies Thrifty Shopping Day
17  9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship Celebrating God's Grace Celebratory Single Worship and Luncheon	18	19  8:15 Ladies Bible study 9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym	20  9:30 Beth Moore Bible study 9:30 Faith & Life  5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT  CRAVE – Paxton St. Game Night	21  Child Evangelism Fellowship Club at Bucher Elementary School 3:30 FIRST CLUB DAY	22  9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus	23  7:00 Men's Bible Study  ALMA ENGLE'S 100 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY <b>BRANCH DEADLINE</b>
24  8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Child. Worship 11:45 Early Childhood Family Dinner 8:00 Worship 31 9:00 Bible classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Child. Worship	25  Church Board	26  8:15 Ladies Bible study  9:30 Toddler Gym 10:15 Toddler Gym	27  9:30 Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30 Moms of Movers  5:45 p.m. LIFT meal 6:30 p.m. LIFT  CRAVE – Gym Night	28  11:30 Seniors Luncheon	29  9:15 Gym Time Plus 10:00 Gym Time Plus	30  7:00 Men's Bible Study

**CRAVE CALENDAR**

**October**

- 1-2 Girls' Sleepover
- 10-11 All Night Guys' Movie Night
- 20 Paxton St. Game Night
- 27 Gym Night

**November**

- 6 MCC Service Project
- 13 The Extreme Way
- 17 Gym Night

**December**

- 1 Roller Skating
- 11 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Laser Tagging
- 19 Angel Tree Deliveries
- 27-30 Youth Quest

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Laura Kreider
- 4 Kelsey Wagner
- 5 Rose Long
- 5 Sheila Long
- 5 Jay Zimmerman
- 6 Shandi Tosten
- 7 June Oberholtzer
- 8 Mark Kirui
- 14 Kaden Yoder
- 15 Mary Brosey
- 16 Kristin Burkholder
- 16 Kiersten Hardaker
- 17 John K. Kreider
- 18 Dalia David
- 19 Tom Murse
- 20 Jef Puracon
- 20 Allen Forbes
- 20 Leann Kreider
- 22 Lynne Weaver
- 22 Alma Engle (100 YEARS!!)
- 23 Ken Ostberg
- 24 Bill Buehler
- 24 Laura Shaida
- 24 Jeremy Falk
- 26 Inez Wilson
- 27 Laban Heisey
- 30 Mikaila Heft



**PRAYING FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Fall is here and students are back in their routines. The social aspects of school are challenging and our students need to be lifted up in prayer often.

Would you consider supporting a youth and/or young adult this school year? Below are two different ways you can help. Please prayerfully consider the options and if interested, respond to Shandi Tosten. Thank you in advance.

**Adopt-a- College Student:** Pray regularly for a college student and show him/her that they are in your thoughts and prayers by writing notes of encouragement, sending care packages, visiting with them when they are home, or whatever else you would like to do for them. (Shandi is in need of five more people at publication time.)

**Secret Prayer Warrior for a Youth:** Secretly support a youth by praying for them, sending notes of encouragement, and providing little gifts once in a while. In September 2011, we will have a party to reveal the secret warrior identities. (Shandi is in need of 10 volunteers at publication time.)

*Shandi Tosten <><*

**GUYS' ALL-NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT**

Gentlemen, enjoy an all-nighter with pizza, soda, movies, and NO SLEEP!! The movie night will be October 10-11 from 7:30 pm to 8:00 am in the youth room (Church House lower level). Come watch some of your favorite movies. Wear comfortable clothes and bring whatever you need to be comfortable movie watchers. Please bring friends! And please sign up on Shandi's office door.

**ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS**

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Smith, Briana  
Brandywine Hall 203A  
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West Chester, PA 19383

Kreider, Laura  
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Grantham, PA 17027

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4116 Spruce St.  
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Philadelphia, PA 19104

**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 MCC SERVICE PROJECT**





# The Branch

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## Did You Know...

- ✓ that six LBIC ladies attended the Beth Moore simulcast in Lititz on September 18?
- ✓ that Shandi Tosten and Stephen Santos are engaged to be married?
- ✓ that Dan Snyder and Kristen Roberson are also engaged to be married?
- ✓ that Esther and Paul Schaeffer are donating time to clean the sanctuary weekly? HUGE thanks to you!
- ✓ that Ronnie Gant is working toward his "Eagle Scout" award? Watch local newspapers for an article. CONGRATULATIONS RONNIE!

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### Sunday

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

