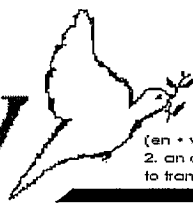


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(en • voi): 1. a messenger; agent.
2. an agent sent by a government
to transact diplomatic business.

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WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 1: Love Feast Pastor Lohr
"Fools for Christ"
7:00 p.m.

April 4: Easter Pastor Lohr
"Oh Where, Oh Where Has Jesus Gone?"
Matthew 28:1-7

April 11 Andy Cantrell
"Don't Go There"

April 18 Pastor Landes
Music Appreciation Sunday
Psalm 149:1-3, Psalm 150

April 25 Sr. High Youth
National Youth Sunday
Unified Service at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Palmyra Church of the Brethren will celebrate Palm Sunday on March 28 with the usual worship schedule. There will be a luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Team at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy pretzel sandwiches! No sign up is necessary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – LOVE FEAST: April 1, 7:00 p.m.

See invitation, next page

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We are grateful to First Evangelical Congregational church who has agreed to host this year's solemn gathering on April 2 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

At noon on April 2, the church office will be closing to permit our staff to observe Good Friday. The office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 5.

EASTER

PACC will be hosting an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 a.m. at the Gravel Hill United Methodist church. The Palmyra Church of the Brethren will be on the usual Sunday morning schedule.

COME, CELEBRATE LOVE FEAST

We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *He* has the final say in everything. . . Each of us is now a part of His resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—His Spirit where we all come to drink.

1 Corinthians 12: 13 (*The Message*)

On Maundy **Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary, our congregation will gather to continue a centuries-old Brethren tradition that remembers and celebrates God's presence and grace in our lives. Many Brethren theologians describe the Love Feast as the visible expression of the inseparable relationship between the two greatest commandments that Jesus identified in Mark 12: 29-31: Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, soul and strength; and Love your neighbor as yourself. The essence of Love Feast is humbly coming to the Lord's table seeking forgiveness while forgiving others.

All are welcome and none will be turned away. Tables are set aside for persons who wish to wash hands and there are tables available for families to sit together. The meal is a simple one of homemade beef-rice soup, rolls and water. At the end of the meal, bread and cup communion is celebrated. If you've never attended Love Feast and feel uncertain about what to do seek out a deacon. They will be standing by the entrances to the sanctuary. Please don't let your fears deny you the pleasure of serving another and being served by them. Fully celebrate Easter this spring by coming to Love Feast!

—The Deacon Body

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY COMING

Ringers will ring, singers will sing, and all will worship as we celebrate Music Appreciation Sunday on **April 18** during the traditional worship service. A combination of anthems, congregational songs, and hymn stories will be utilized to make our worship meaningful and inspirational.

UNIFIED SERVICE ON YOUTH SUNDAY

Our Sr. High youth will lead us in a unified worship service on **Sunday, April 25 at 9 a.m.** followed by a **carry-in brunch at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday school. The youth are developing the worship theme and planning the service at their weekly Sunday school gatherings. May the love and imagination of the creator God surround our youth as they prepare for this special time of worship.

SERVING IN APRIL

Date	Acolyte	Deacon Greeters	Ushers	Flowers	Child Care
4	Sarandon Smith	Steve & Elaine Hoffer	George Bell, Steve Gottshall, Carl Grubb	Easter	Brenda Heisey & Noah Lohr
11	Ana Paluskiewicz	Don Kensinger	George Bell, Steve Gottshall, Carl Grubb	Pat & Paul Miller	Michele Gottshall & Maggie Wilson
18	Katie Schreckengast	Bonnie Rhoads	George Bell, Steve Gottshall, Carl Grubb	Helen Bailey	Dawn Nye, Jeanie Small, Maggie Wilson
25	Liana Smith	Duke & Ginny Hallacher	George Bell, Steve Gottshall, Carl Grubb	Arlene Yingst	Betty Smith, Shirley Spahr, Ashlynn Lefever

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY!

PACC Pulpit Exchange:	May 2	Mother's Day:	May 9
National Day of Prayer:	May 6	Sr. Adult Trip to Union Canal:	May 12
Envoy Deadline for June:	May 6	BHA Golf Tournament:	May 14
Caring Cupboard Meal Fundraiser:	May 8	Memorial Day:	May 31

ALL CHURCH APPRECIATION NOMINEES

Over the past 14 years, our church has recognized and thanked 130 people for their unique gifts of service to our congregation and community. This year we say thank you to: Dave Crist (Stewardship Leadership), Lori Faiola (Youth Advisor and Teacher), Esther Gingrich (Kitchen Helper), Ben Long (FaithQuest Technician), Dave Longenecker (Recreation Coordinator), Marti Shaak (Ministry of Music), Missy Thompson (Children's Church Coordinator), George Ungemach (Raising Heifers) and Karen Ungemach (SERRV Representative). Please join us in expressing our gratitude for their faithful service.

CONGREGATIONAL TIDBITS FOR APRIL

Hospitalized & Health Concerns:

Preston Maurer, Dave Bradley, Paul Bucher, Anna K. Wagner

Directory Update:

Page 41: George & Millie Rein: Email: mgrein@hyperband.com

Page 47: Margaret Wise: 101 South Railroad St., Palmyra, PA 17078

THE NEW VENTURE DISCUSSION GROUP IS EXPLORING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

During April and continuing into May, the New Venture Discussion Group will study a Commandment each Sunday and consider its relevancy to our lives and today's world. The *Ten Commandments* video series, hosted by Adrian Snell, sets the stage for thoughtful discussion each morning by introducing a specific Commandment and life situation. You are invited to drop in on a Sunday morning and join the discussion:

1. **April 4—Easter.** No discussion scheduled.
2. **April 11—Honor Your Father and Mother.** Why is this the first commandment with a promise attached? How is it that to honor is different from to love?
3. **April 18—Do Not Kill.** How is this one far more complex than it seems at first? Could you really have been unknowingly guilty of killing?
4. **April 25—Do Not Commit Adultery.** So what's all the fuss about on this one if it's between "consenting adults?"
5. **May 2—Do Not Steal.** See how stealing can involve far more than overt theft and ripping someone off.
6. **May 9—Do Not Lie.** See how all our problems started out with a little lie. How did it ever come about that "truth is negotiable?"
7. **May 16—Do Not Covet.** What are those desires that we can possess for things we think we just have to have?

The New Venture Discussion Group meets in the library during the Sunday school hour, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

2010 BOARD RETREAT RESCHEDULED

A revised date has been set for the Board Retreat. This district sponsored event will be held on **Saturday, April 10** at nearby Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren (located on Rt. 39 just north of Hershey). The theme is "Unlocking Effectiveness: Leading with Focus and Passion". The event begins with coffee and pastries at 8:15 a.m. and wraps up at 3:30 p.m. Leaders are Craig Smith, A.N.E. District Executive, Craig Sider from In Focus Leadership, and J Val Hastings from Coaching 4Clergy.

Board Splinters From February 16th Meeting

Memorials & Special Gifts: The board asked the Stewardship Team to review and recommend changes to the Memorials & Special Gifts policy to enable the church to use those funds more easily. The Stewardship Team reported at the Congregational Council meeting on February 28, 2010, that they are working on recommendations that they will present to the Board for their consideration. Upon approval of the Board, the issue will be presented at the next Congregational Council meeting.

Facility Development Task Team: The board moved to re-institute the Facility Development Task Team to study ways of using the church facilities in the future. The team is looking for volunteers with expertise in construction/remodeling, finance, real estate, and other areas pertaining to the use of the facilities. If you feel you have expertise that can benefit this task team, please contact Dale Gingrich, Tom Smith, Bob Rhine, or Wally Landes. Your prayerful consideration to join this task team is appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLES AVAILABLE

A special thank you is extended to the anonymous donor who has purchased 20 tables for the Fellowship Hall. There are 10 of the original tables available to anyone. Please see Art Gingrich. Donations are welcome.

ADOPT A WINDOW

We thank the individuals who painted and cleaned the newly installed windows. We appreciate the time and effort they have given to this project. The volunteers included George Bell, Paul Bucher, Art Gingrich, Ken Light, Eileen Smith, and Deb Wilson.

The total cost of the windows including labor installation was \$16,850. The funds received as of February 28 is \$13, 229 leaving a balance of \$3,621 to complete the project. The average cost of each window is \$648.

HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

It has been a few years since the Parish Nurses was formed at PCOB. Since then, the name has been changed to the Health Ministry Team but our duties are similar. What do we do? After we are notified by the church staff about a member with a health concern – i.e., surgery, hospitalization, chronic conditions, grief -we contact them and evaluate them to see if their health needs are being met. We use a holistic approach, taking into consideration the entire person - mind, body, and spirit. We offer physical, emotional, and spiritual support for them and their families. Usually, one nurse follows the same member over time so she develops a personal, caring relationship with him or her. We can answer questions, provide information and education, offer support, suggest appropriate resources, discuss proper care, and talk about various options that may be available. The nurses work with the pastors to see that the people who need our help get it. Our team displays health-related articles on our bulletin board beside the library book display near the side entrance to the sanctuary. We also write articles for the Envoy each month. Blood pressure screenings are provided 3 or 4 times per year. CPR/AED training is offered every 2 years. We have medical equipment (crutches, walkers wheelchairs, bedside commodes, etc.) that can be borrowed by contacting the church office. In coming years, we hope to be able to offer more ways to help our members to learn how to be healthier. The members of our team are listed in the church directory.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - TEA

Did you know that bread dates back to the Neolithic Era? Even leavened bread probably dates back to prehistoric times. Of course, we don't know if those ladies stumbled onto bread making or experimented with assorted methods until they had it right. We can "Google" *History of Bread* and learn more information than we probably can use but it makes for interesting reading.

Bread has been the staple food of most cultures for thousands of years. In times of famine or other disasters, grain was often the most basic need. Depending on the location, that grain might be wheat, oats, prepared flour or corn, etc. Whatever the grain, it could be ground and mixed with water for their families. Remember the story of Joseph and his brothers and the famine?

Bread making is still an important part of our own culture, whether by the new bread making machines or the more therapeutic kneading of the loaves for our families. Now, this is where you come in. On **April 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**, the PCoB Women's Spring Event will be a "hands on, bread making" afternoon with Heidi Neiswender. We will meet in the church Fellowship Hall for demonstrations and experiences in the process of bread making. Each participant will go home with her own loaf to finish and bake for herself or her family.

There will be a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the ingredients. Please mark this date in your calendar now. The Fellowship Team thinks this should be an interesting afternoon and we hope to see you there.

LAST STORY TIME

There is only one more Story Time before we take the summer months off. Join Pastor Lohr on **April 7** in the church preschool room, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Children (preschool through grade three) enjoy wearing pajamas and bringing their pillows and favorite bedtime buddy. After we read a couple of stories, we will enjoy a bedtime snack before heading home to brush teeth, say prayers, and get tucked in for the night.

YOUTH CLUB 2010

Youth Club is off to a great start. Youth Club is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders! It meets after school each Tuesday through May 4 (with the exception of March 30 for Holy Week). Our focus is on "Peace" with plenty of food, fun, and fellowship along the way. Our study will culminate in a three-day, two-night trip to New York City on the weekend of April 30-May 2. Registration brochures are available in the church office.

SCOUT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 477 Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, April 24 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.** The tickets for the all you can eat dinner include salad, spaghetti, meatballs, bread, beverage, and dessert and are available from any Scout or at the door. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5-12 (ages 4 and under are free). The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Take out is available - please bring your own containers.

LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW!

APRIL 25, 2010 @ 10:30 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall a
POT LUCK/ CARRY-IN BRUNCH!!!

Yes, BRUNCH!

Bring your favorite Breakfast or Lunch items to share.

Come early for the Youth Service and stay for the 10:30 a.m.

POT LUCK/ CARRY-IN BRUNCH

Drinks will be provided.

LVBH AUXILIARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Lebanon Valley Brethren Home Auxiliary is sponsoring a fall Elite Coach motor trip to Hudson River Valley, **October 4 - 6**. Please see Alice Ruth Gingrich if you are interested and want to see an itinerary.

The BBQ and Auction Weekend will be held **July 23, 24 & 25**. Informational folders are available at the back door for those who want to donate items for the auction, be a sponsor of the auction book, or order pre-sale chicken tickets. Deadlines are in the folder.

The Lebanon Singing Cedars Barber-Shop Chorus will present a concert in the DiMatteo Worship Center on **April 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Soup and Hoagie Sale will be held **Saturday, April 17**. Beef, vegetable, barley, chicken, and corn rivel soup are \$6.50 a quart. 7 inch hoagies are \$3.50 and are available in ham, American (Italian) or turkey. Orders and payment go to Alice Ruth Gingrich before April 4. Pick up April 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the LVBH Pavilion.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

Harrisburg/Lebanon Senior Adult Spring Banquet

Seniors, join your friends from the Harrisburg/Lebanon area at the third annual Senior Adult Banquet to be held at the Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren on **Thursday, April 15** beginning at 12:00 noon. The menu will feature roast turkey, filling, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, carrots, assorted rolls, and fruit pie for dessert.

Following the meal, the Spring Creek Church of the Brethren will present a musical program featuring their own Spring Creek Quartet and Dick & Judy Helm on trumpet and piano.

The cost is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Senior Adult Fellowship NOT to PCoB. Checks may be placed in the envelope provided under the sign-up sheet located at the mailboxes. Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 28. Van and car pool transportation is available. Contact Carol Dubble with any questions.

The Big Dig – May 12

Last year, Jim Schucker, the Union Canal Tunnel Park Historian, shared the history of the “The Big Dig” - the making of the Union Canal Tunnel. This year we will take a ride on a canal boat through the tunnel.

We will begin our day with a Dutch treat lunch at the County Faire Restaurant in Myerstown at 11:30 a.m. Then we will travel the short distance to the Union Canal Tunnel Park where we will board the canal boat for a 45-minute ride and tour.

The cost per person is \$6.00. The boat is wheelchair accessible and van and carpooling will be available. The sign up sheet is located at the mailboxes. Contact Carol Dubble with any questions.

Looking Ahead...

Senior day at Camp Swatara – June

Dutch treat lunch at the Jigger Shop and the play, The Will Rogers Follies. – June 17

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL - SPEAKER

Congregation Beth Israel is pleased to be able to bring Geraldine Brooks to central Pennsylvania as the speaker in their annual Lecture Series. Geraldine Brooks is the author of People of the Book, Nine Parts of Desire, Year of Wonders, and the Pulitzer Prize winning March. Geraldine Brooks' People of the Book, which tells the journey of the Sarajevo Hagadda, was chosen by the libraries of central Pennsylvania for the "One Book, One Community" program. It has been featured by the seventy-two libraries in our area. Many local book clubs have chosen to read it. As a result, there is a great deal of interest in the author. She will be speaking at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night, April 27** at Congregation Beth Israel, 411 South 8th Street in Lebanon. General admission tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students. In addition, there is a cocktail party reception with the author in a private home before the lecture and a dinner with the author at the synagogue immediately preceding the lecture. Couples who donate \$200 or more are invited to the cocktail party reception, the dinner, and the lecture. Those who donate \$125 or more are invited to attend the dinner and lecture. For further information, please call (717) 273-2669.

***BRETHREN HOUR* CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

On April 11, the *BRETHREN HOUR* will celebrate 60 years of broadcast on WLBR 1270 AM with a special two-hour broadcast from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that will consist of music and comments from many of the old reel to reel tapes. They were recorded from 1950 to 1980; after that cassettes and CDs were used. John Nash, engineer for WLBR, has spent many hours making up this special program in celebration. We thank him for his many years of commitment coming to our churches and recording worship services for radio.

When the *BRETHREN HOUR* started in April 1950, Bill Zerring, an engineer for WLBR, would go to each church on Sunday morning recording services on a reel to reel tape player. Bill kept what he thought were the best recordings, placing a bulletin in each tape box and storing them at his house in Schaefferstown. After Zerring's death, his wife returned the tapes to the radio station. They were given to Ken Frey, who in turn, gave them back to each congregation. Because of the long period of time that has passed, some have disappeared but most have been recovered. These tapes hold Church of the Brethren history. What a blessing being able to hear the voices of our outstanding preachers and singers who are no longer with us. Since the beginning of the *BRETHREN HOUR*, there have been more than 3,150 broadcasts on WLBR every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

We invite you to tune into WLBR 1270 AM on **April 11 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** for this great program from the past 60 years.

PACC BLOOD DRIVE

PACC will have a blood drive on **Saturday, April 24** at the First Evangelical Congregational Church, from 8 - 11 a.m. All the blood supply for this area and our local hospitals comes from the Central PA Blood Bank. Whenever you donate blood, please remember to designate it under the Palmyra Area Churches or Club #833. This designation will help PACC to track the donations.

REFUGEE UPDATE

The Refugee Resettlement Task Team reported that the Bow Family is progressing nicely. They are much closer to permanent residency. Education of all five is advancing in leaps and bounds. One of the key worries that the Task Team has is congregational acceptance and understanding.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT - MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE

Would you like to help make the dreams of an international teen come true? By hosting an exchange student for 5 – 10 months, you can help fulfill his/her dream of learning about American culture while sharing traditions, developing a life-long relationship, and promoting world peace. SAI, a not-for-profit student exchange organization, is searching for loving host families to welcome students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you'd like to learn more about one of our wonderful exchange students and how you can introduce the world to your family, please contact Lori Schreckengast at 473-3789 or lori.exchange@gmail.com

CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Mark your calendars now to attend a week of camp this summer. There is a Spring Open House on **Sunday, April 18 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** where new campers and their parents can learn about summer camp, see a video, tour camp, and eat a typical camp meal in the dining hall. It is free of charge but you must register by calling the camp at 933-8510 by April 12.

Information is on the Camp Bulletin Board on the 1st floor of the education wing. Don't forget your Good as Gold Certificate from camp rep. Eileen Smith. This certificate will pay 1/2 of the camp tuition and is provided by our congregation. Remember that May 16, 2010 is the summer registration deadline. After that the fee increases by \$25.00.

Family Camp Weekend –August 6 through August 8

It's that time again. Family Camp Weekend will be here before you know it! If you have not camped with us in the past or want to camp again, please call me. We do have open sites & some cabins. Join us for a great weekend! Deadline for payment is May 23. I will be at Fellowship 30 on May 9 & May 23 to take your reservation. Contact me to confirm or reserve your spot now! Call Sandy Hughes at 838-1782 or email at foxterluv@verizon.net.

Camp Swatara 2010 Summer schedule

Dates	East Area	West Area	Mountainside/Other
June 12-13	Big & Small Grades K-2 & Adult		
June 13-19	Monarch 1		
June 20-25	Intermediate Grades 5-6	• Junior 1 Grades 3-4	Junior High Mountainside 1 • Grades 7-9
June 27- July 2		• Junior 2 • Grades 3-4	Extreme Challenge • Grades 8-10
July 4-10	Monarch 2		
July 11-16	Junior High Grades 7-9	Beginners 1 (Jul. 11-13) Intro to Junior (Jul. 13- 16)	Intermediate Mountainside • Grades 5-6
July 18-23	Wet & Wacky Grades 5-6		
July 25-30	Youth Musical Grades 9-12 (July 24-31)	• Games & Sports • Grades 4-6	Junior High Mountainside 2 • Grades 7-9
August 1-6	Creative Arts Grades 6-8	• Junior 3 • Grades 3-4	Youth Mountainside • Grades 9-12
August 8- 10	Beginners 2 Grades 1-2		

BHA SPRING THAW BIKE TOUR

The Spring Thaw Bike Tour will take place on April 24 in partnership with the Harrisburg Bicycle Club as part of their biggest cycling event of the year.

The Club has agreed to welcome our riders to join with the hundreds of riders that take part in their event. This allows us to offer five all new routes. While our event in past years targeted more experienced riders with routes 25 miles and above, this year we have those routes as well as a 6.6 mile family friendly route. For more route/event information, go to BHA's website at www.bha-pa.org or the ride's website at www.pspbeneffitride.com.

We're looking forward to a great year...and a partnership that can help us grow our event while allowing our staff to spend less time on ride details and keep our focus on helping homeless families on their journey to greater stability and self-sufficiency.

READERS' CIRCLE

The Help

By Kathryn Stockett

Monday, April 12, 2010

Youth Room, 7:00 p.m.



This debut novel is set during the civil rights movement in Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college in 1962 and anxious to become a writer. She is advised to hone her chops by writing about what disturbs her. The budding social activist begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club sets relies and mistrusts enlisting the help of Aibileen, a maid who's raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who's found herself unemployed more than a few times after mouthing off to her white employers. The book Skeeter puts together based on their stories is scathing and shocking, bringing pride and hope to the black community, while giving Skeeter the courage to break down her personal boundaries and pursue her dreams.."

ETHICS ... is defined as discipline dealing with good and evil and with moral duty.

Did you know that the Church of the Brethren has an ethics statement for congregations?

“This paper originated from a recommendation in the Ethics in Ministry Relations paper adopted by Annual Conference in 1992, asking for development of a ‘congregational code of ethics and a system whereby congregations may be called into accountability for unethical behavior.’

Subsequently, the delegate body of the 1994 Annual Conference adopted the recommendation that a congregational code of ethics be developed and a committee ...make a final report to the 1996 Annual Conference.”

What follows is a summary of the 20 standards included in the report:

The congregation (That’s us!) shall –

- not promote or seek support for causes or organizations that may be contrary to the historical and theological understanding of the church.
- be fair and equitable in its compensation to and support of the staff it employs, adopting the *Guidelines for Pastors’ Salaries and Benefits* as its guide for determining what is adequate.
- model its peacemaker role in its relationships and witness in the community.
- honor and exhibit love and respect for every individual and insure that every person has access to its facilities and services.
- consciously seek harmony and unity in every aspect of its program and fellowship, striving for consensus in its decisions and relating to one another in the Spirit of Christ in the bond of love.
- nurture every member in the fulfillment of his or her commitment to give of time, talents and treasure to Christ and the church, and in turn, provide means by which every member is fully and consistently informed about the church’s program and opportunities.
- open all meetings to any church member, except when an agenda may deal with a confidential personnel matter, and open and honest dialog shall be encouraged and enabled at all times.
- address promptly incidents of dissent within its program and fellowship, having in place a method of seeking resolution and reconciliation.

It is our goal to have the behaviors noted in this document define us as a church family. Won’t you help us reach that goal?

To read the entire document, please visit the Annual Conference website, www.cobannualconference.org and click on “Polity, Policies and Guidelines” or call the church office.

BENEFITS FOR CARING CUPBOARD

1) Back by popular demand, on Tuesday, April 27, the PACC Caring Cupboard will once again be hosting 3 hours of UNLIMITED Lazer Tag at The Lazer Factory in Annville. The event will run from 6-9 p.m. at a cost of only \$10 per ticket. Proceeds from tickets purchased via the PACC Caring Cupboard Fundraising Committee will go to benefit the Caring Cupboard. To purchase tickets, please call Jenny (717-222-1662) or Leidra (717-269-5554).

2) Batter UP! On Sunday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m., rally together to benefit the PACC Caring Cupboard by attending a Harrisburg Senators baseball game. Watch as the Senators take on the New Britain Rock Cats at Metro Bank Park, City Island. Tickets are \$9.00 each for General Admission. Proceeds from tickets purchased via the PACC Caring Cupboard Fundraising Committee will go to benefit the Caring Cupboard. To purchase tickets, please call Leidra (717-269-5554) or email CaringCupboardFundraising@yahoo.com.

3) Celebrate the women in your life while supporting the PACC Caring Cupboard! On Saturday, May 8 from 4:00 -7: 00 p.m., join other families within our community for a home-style turkey dinner at Palmyra Church of the Brethren. Cost is by donation. Proceeds benefit the Caring Cupboard. For more information call Leidra (717-269-5554) or email CaringCupboardFundraising@yahoo.com.

4) Support the Caring Cupboard by celebrating springtime at the Caring Cupboard! The event will kick off with a soup and sub sale. Chicken corn noodle soup is \$6.00 per quart and ham/cheese,

turkey/cheese, and Italian subs are \$4.00 each (w/or w/o onions). Orders for soup and subs are due by Friday, April 9 to the Caring Cupboard. Pickup is Friday, April 16 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. At time of pickup, there will also be a bake sale. Lastly, on Saturday, April 17 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the Caring Cupboard will be hosting a yard sale behind the Caring Cupboard building, to benefit the food pantry. For more information regarding any of these events, or to place soup or sub orders, please call Leidra (717-269-5554) or email CaringCupboardFundraising@yahoo.com.

5) The Caring Cupboard is in dire need of volunteers to assist with several upcoming events. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets for our April 27 Lazer Tag event, as well as our May 16 for the Senators Baseball fundraiser. We also need volunteers to assist with our springtime at the Caring Cupboard event. Volunteers are needed for several positions throughout April 15-17, as well for sales of subs prior to April 9. Finally, we are in need of volunteers to assist with our Mother's Day dinner. Volunteers are needed for planning, as well as for setup, cleanup, serving, kitchen help, and much more! If interested in helping with any of these events, please call Leidra (717-269-5554) or email CaringCupboardFundraising@yahoo.com.

6) Calling All Bakers!
The Caring Cupboard is in need of desserts for our Mother's Day dinner to be held Saturday, May 8 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Drop off desserts at Palmyra Church of the Brethren, Friday, May 7 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Leidra (717-269-5554) or email CaringCupboardFundraising@yahoo.com.

MARCH CARING CUPBOARD REPORT

February was an easy month. There was only one major development (see below). Product is holding up well as are monetary donations. We are beginning to re-register all of our clients. This time around we will be asking for more detailed information regarding income and expenses. We are setting up a database so that we can keep better track of the clients and their characteristics. We are continuing to see new clients and they tend to be young families who fall into the realm of near poor.

Our community service fund is trying to meet some critical needs, especially those of a young family struggling to remain independent despite handicaps. We are also continuing to manage the Crisis Fund within Community Needs earmarked to benefit the Miller family.

The major development in February was the loss of our commercial bread donations. I have learned more about the world of bread distribution than I ever wanted to know. It boils down to the fact that stores no longer buy their bread but rather the bread company owns it so they distribute and pick up the bread and take it to their thrift stores or sell it to thrift stores. It appears to me that the world of bread making is very close to an oligopoly that is able to operate with monopoly-like techniques. In our area we have two big players, Bimbo (yes that is the name) and Sara Lee. In light of the loss, my operational team has voted to start buying bread. I am currently working on that particular endeavor.

Speaking of working on things, we are getting a team together to weatherize the green store room; therefore, keep your eye out for work days. We are working on developing a capital funds team. There is a variety of fund raisers in the works with the big one being the summer Golf Tournament. Our greatest capital need beyond the green room is a vehicle. As this planning is going on, the senior LVC business class is ready to suggest some major changes in flow of individuals and product.

That's enough for now. All is well. You are doing excellent work in making this endeavor work. I am sure Jesus is pleased with your efforts.

Terry Baker
Director of the Caring Cupboard

Easter Baskets

A question has been raised regarding how we are handling Easter Baskets and Easter Meals this year. Because of the large number of families we are not going to worry about the Easter Baskets. We will see that everyone has a ham or turkey for Easter but are not putting together specific meals. The numbers are just too great. In case you are worried whether we will continue the Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal program as well as the School Lunch Program in 2010 the answer is yes to all three; it is just the Easter time that we are changing.

Monthly needs for April

As my monthly report indicates, we are in good shape with non-perishable food supplies. What I need you to focus on is to help me with some of the perishable food supplies like fruit and vegetables. The non-food items are important since they are not covered by SNAP (better known as food stamps). I am still hesitant to buy the non-food items. If you remember, we tried some dedicated Sundays last year, I think at least in the beginning of this year we will focus on the non-food items. My immediate focus will be on paper products. Having said all this, be aware that we are going to start buying commercial bread; therefore, I am adding it to the list.

1. Juices
2. Fresh Fruits
3. Fresh Vegetables
4. Commercial Bread (store brand is the best buy most of the time)
5. Paper Products (bath tissue, paper towels, and face tissues)
6. Personal Care items (tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, hand soap, hand sanitizers, feminine hygiene)
7. Laundry detergent, dish detergent

BENEDICTION FROM WALLY

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS:</p> <p>Wednesdays: 5:30 pm - Cappella Ringers 6:15 pm - Tintinabulation 7:00 pm - Canticle Bells</p> <p>Thursdays: 4:45 pm - Genesis Ringers 5:30 pm - Cherub Choir 5:30 pm - Youth Choir 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Love Feast 7:00 PM A A Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 PM Office Closed 2:00 PM PACC Service @ 1st EC Good Friday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM Women's AA</p>
<p>4</p> <p>6:30 AM PACC Sunrise Service@ Gravel Hill UMC 8:00 AM FaithQuest 8:45 AM All-Church Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Easter</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM Leadership Calling 7:00 PM Education 7:00 PM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Worship Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:45 PM Youth Club 6:30 PM Outreach 6:30 PM Communication Team 7:00 PM Fellowship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Story Time 7:00 PM After Hours</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:15 PM FQ Rehearsal 6:30 PM Traditional Worship Planning 7:00 PM A A 7:30 PM FQ Worship Planning 8:30 PM FaithQuest Team Meeting ENVOY Deadline</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Board Retreat @ Hanoverdale PCoB 9:00 AM Dist. Sr. High Service Project - HBG. 10:30 AM Women's AA</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00 AM FaithQuest 8:45 AM All-Church Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 PM Boundaries@Bakers'</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 PM Scout Leadership 7:00 PM Readers' Circle 7:00 PM PACC Council Meeting @ Unity 7:00 PM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:45 PM Youth Club 6:45 PM Pastoral Relations 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Properties</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM After Hours</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00 PM Sr. Adult Spring Banquet @ Hanoverdale 6:15 PM FQ Rehearsal 6:30 PM Traditional Worship Planning 7:00 PM A A</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30 AM Women's AA 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM FaithQuest 8:45 AM All-Church Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Music Appreciation Sunday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>2:45 PM Youth Club 7:30 PM Board</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Quilting 8:30 AM PCoB Ministers' Breakfast 5:00 PM Wendy's 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM After Hours</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:15 PM FQ Rehearsal 6:30 PM Traditional Worship Planning 7:00 PM A A</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner Set Up</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30 AM Women's AA 4:30 PM Scout's Spaghetti Dinner BHA Bike Tour @ Spring Creek CoB</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Unified Worship Service 10:30 AM Carry-In Brunch Youth Sunday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Peace Action Team 7:00 PM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:45 PM Youth Club 7:00 PM Deacon Body</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM After Hours</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:15 PM FQ Rehearsal 6:30 PM Traditional Worship Planning 7:00 PM A A</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Youth Club Trip - NYC: April 30 - May 2</p>	

Youth Scoop

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Happy Birthday to You!

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FOR ALL YOUTH

CAMP SWATARA - GOOD AS GOLD!

Our church offers to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the registration fee for all our campers, and the total fee for our first time campers. These "Good As Gold" certificates can be sent in with your child's registration form as our pledge to cover these costs. Contact our Camp Swatara representative, Eileen Smith, to get a certificate. To see which camps are available for you to attend, check out www.campswatara.org.

DINNER AT WENDY'S - THANK YOU!

Our thanks to everyone who ate dinner at Wendy's September 08 - March 09. Not only did we raise some money for the Youth Fund, but we had a great time being together. We are only allowed to book 6 nights during each school year. So mark your calendars for next fall. See the fundraising schedule below for the exact dates.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION

We can earn \$\$\$ by recycling old cell phones, regardless of condition. We encourage youth to ask family members (parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc...) for their old cell phones. Any phones you collect can be placed in the marked box in the Fellowship Hall.



2010 FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

Sandi's Breads	March 31 & April 1
Rita's Ice	April - September
Sam's Club Cookout	June
Car Wash (Commerce Bank)	July 10
Car Wash (Commerce Bank)	August 14
Hershey Park Volunteers	Summer/Fall
Wendy's	Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17
Film Canister Quarter Collection	Sept./Oct.
Gifts in a Jar	Oct./Dec.
Luncheon	November 21
Christmas Breakfast	December 4

Additionally, we will be collecting ink jet cartridges and cell phones for recycling. Also, we continue to sell Bountiful Harvest IV Cookbooks.

JR. HIGH YOUTH

YOUTH CLUB 2010

Twenty youth in grades 5-8 are meeting each Tuesday afternoon to learn about peace. Bible study, games, discussion, guest speakers and an evening meal are all part of the program. A high point of the program will be a three-day/two-night trip to New York City the weekend of April 30-May 2. Extra registration forms are available in the church office and at the Youth News Bulletin Board.



JR. HIGH'S ALIVE

We will not be meeting during the month of April, as most of our Jr. High youth are participating in Youth Club.

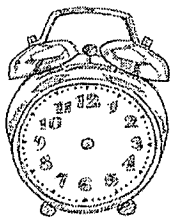
STILL LOOKING FOR A LOCK-IN DATE

We are still looking for date to have a lock-in at our church. This is to compensate for the District Jr. High Lock-in that was snowed out in February. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

AFTER HOURS

The week is half over and you're looking for something to do and wanting to connect with friends. Then come to After Hours! **Each Wednesday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, join us for games, snacks, fellowship, a chance to debrief the week, and a time of devotions and prayer. We look forward to seeing you there!



DISTRICT SR. HIGH SERVICE PROJECT

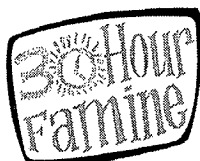
Join district youth for a morning of service at *Downtown Daily Bread* in Harrisburg on Saturday, **April 10, from 9am-12nn** (plus travel time). Registration information and materials will be available soon.

LUNCH WITH RICK POLHAMUS

Rick is a member of the Christian Peacemakers Team who has traveled to Palestine many times to work for peace. He will be in town to talk to our Jr. Highs during Youth Club. Let's treat him to lunch on **Sunday, April 11 at 11:30am** in the Youth Room to hear his latest stories from the Middle East.

30 HOUR FAMINE/GAME MARATHON

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine is a worldwide movement of students who are serious about serving God and fighting hunger. For 30 hours, participants get a taste of hunger by not eating - something more than a billion people around the world experience every day.



Our famine is scheduled for **April 23-24**. Participants will eat lunch in school on Friday, April 23, knowing that it is the last time they will eat for next 30 hours. We will gather at the church at 6pm to experience the remainder of the famine together. Our activities will include games (maybe bowling), learning about world hunger, rehearsal for Youth Sunday, watching movies about hunger and homelessness, sleeping, some service projects, etc... We will break fast at 6pm on Saturday with a tasty, but not too heavy, meal of chicken noodle soup. Look for the signup sheet at the Youth Bulletin Board.

SR. HIGH SUNDAY

We will be leading a unified worship on **Sunday, April 25**, beginning at 9am. The service will be followed by a carry-in brunch. Our theme will be "**Love in Action**," based on I Corinthians 13. We will be planning for the service during Sunday School on March 28, April 11 and 18. We need lots of good ideas to make this an exciting and meaningful worship service.

WANTED: DISTRICT YOUTH CABINET

If you are interested in helping to plan youth events for the district, as well as make some new friends, now is the time. Contact Pastor Lohr to express interest in serving on the District Youth Cabinet. The application deadline is **May 1**.

BE A CAMP SWATARA VOLUNTEER!

If you are 16 or 17 years old you can volunteer to be a Counselor In Training (CIT) at Camp Swatara this summer. CIT's assist and learn from Counselors, while living and working - 24 hours a day - with campers and other counselors. To find out more, contact *Aaron Ross* at 933-8510 or aross@campswatara.org.



We live by faith or we do not live at all. Either we venture - or we vegetate. If we venture, we do so by faith simply because we cannot know the end of anything at its beginning. We prepare for a profession by faith or we give up before we start. By faith we move mountains of opposition or we are stopped by molehills.

Howard Walker

The Palmyra Church of the Brethren

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