

# THE PARISH NEWS

## Palm Sunday Brunch

**April 9<sup>th</sup> following the worship service**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a wonderful brunch. There will be **no Sunday School on April 9<sup>th</sup>**, so come for the worship service and stay for the meal. **Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



## What NOT to GIVE UP!

We've been reminded over the past several weeks that the days leading up to Easter have been used by many to "give up" something as a way to honor the sacrifice of Jesus' journey into the desert for 40 days. Pastor Jimm has reminded us that there is more to give up than just chocolate. We are called as Christ-followers to live a life different than the world, which means giving up control, expectations, superiority, etc... There is another side to this thinking... what have we given up that we shouldn't??

**Love feast, communion, feet washing** — are all things NOT to give up. Jesus taught us this practice, sharing with his disciples a last, loving meal the night before he died. He washed the disciples' feet, ate supper with them, sought to draw them closer into the fold of his love, and offered them the symbolic bread and cup.

For us it is a way to demonstrate our love that seeks not to receive but to give. When we leave the feast, reunited in our dedication to Christ and to each other, the deep, nourishing love goes with us.

**Don't "give it up" – join us on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall** as a church to honor and remember what Jesus taught us to do.



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## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Our congregation will be participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit the ministry of Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services. At the end our worship service on **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will be distributing special baby bottles.

Please take the bottles home, fill them with a check (made out to SVPS), cash or coins, and return them to the church by **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Questions can be directed to Marlin Gibble at phone 665-4576 or email mgapple@ptd.net.

SVPS exists to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and uphold the sacredness of human life through sexual integrity education, unplanned pregnancy intervention and post-abortion restoration.

Proceeds from Baby Bottle Boomerang can help people like Sara and Dave, who were abortion-determined at first but chose life for their son after learning about fetal development and seeing an ultrasound of her child at SVPS. They said *"Your words of wisdom helped us be strong enough to make the decision that would make our lives better forever."*



### Local Easter Sunrise Services

**Chiques Church of the Brethren - 6:00am**

(4045 Sunnyside Road)

**Ruhl's United Methodist Church - 6:30am**

(4810 Elizabethtown Road)

### Bell Choir & Choir Practices

#### Come Make a Joyful Noise!

Practices will be on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of April & May** at 6:30pm for bells and 7:30pm for choir. Ages 18+ for choir and 10+ for bells. No experience necessary. Call Charity Sauder at 653-8035 or text/call her at 814-244-9896 with questions.

### Tamar Speaks Retreat

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30-3pm**

**Gretna Glen Retreat Center, Lebanon**

Adult abuse survivors are invited to join others from faith communities for a day of reflection on how the story of Tamar speaks to us today about healing, resilience and hope. Space is limited, so please register early - deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Call Dianne at 560-9989, ext. 254 to register and for more information.

### Women's Bible Study

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

It's not too late to join the Women's Bible Study 'Fruit Of The Spirit' series. Because of the inclement weather on March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will now be starting the study on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the church. Let's explore together how the nine fruits of the spirit impact our daily lives.

### Men's Morning in the Café!

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00am**

All men are invited to participate in Men's Morning on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We will meet in the church café area (...ending by 8:15am). We will enjoy some refreshments, Bible Study and discussion, and a time of prayer. If you are interested in getting together with a group of men like this...mark your calendar and plan to join us. Feel free to bring a friend with you.

### Walk/Run For Life

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Church,  
Lancaster or South Hills Park, Lebanon**

Celebrate life by joining Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services this year. Early registration discount ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.svps.org](http://www.svps.org) to register or get more info.

### Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2017

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in Grand Rapids, MI**

Registration and Hotel reservations will opened on March 1, 2017.

Find out more by going to [www.brethren.org/ac/](http://www.brethren.org/ac/)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017

### Giving It Up

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Giving Up Our Lives** (John 11:1-45)

April 9<sup>th</sup> - **Palm Sunday: Giving Up Popularity** (Matthew 21:1-11)

April 16<sup>th</sup> - **Easter Sunday: Giving Up Death** (John 20:1-18)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Consecrated Disciples** (John 8:31-38)

### Transformed!

April 30<sup>th</sup> - **Grow Closer to God** (Luke 15:11-24)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### ADULTS

- QUARTERLY ~ Room 112
- Deeper Meaning ~ "Some People Are Asking If This Is End" - Room 113
- INSIGHTS ~ Led by Dennis Fahnstock - Café
- CONNECTIONS ~ "Book of James" - Conference Room
- YOUNG ADULT ~ Room 111

### YOUTH

- Junior/Senior High ~ downstairs in the SURGE Room.

### CHILDREN

- Nursery - Infants-Age 1
- Little Lambs - 2-3 Year-Olds (across from the nursery - upstairs)
- God's Garden - 4 Year Olds-Kindergarten (Room 105 - downstairs)
- The Bear's Den - Grades 1-3 (Room 101 - downstairs)
- The Jungle - Grades 4-5 (Room 110 - downstairs)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joe & Becky Herneisen  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 25 years

Larry & Linda Rohrer  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 52 years

Cliff & Vera Gible  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 65 years

Bernie & Joyce Shenk  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 55 years

Jeff & Daphne Saks  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 41 years

Cletus & Lois Balmer  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 43 years

Shaun & Becky Schatz  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 15 years

Chuck & Lori Dietz  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 30 years

Don & Esther Diffenderfer  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 71 years

Dan & Rochelle Fry  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 40 years

## Messenger Magazine Subscriptions

If you would like to receive your own Messenger magazine, please **contact Nate in the office by April 17**. Messenger is a Church of the Brethren publication with subscription costs of \$14.50 per year or \$27.00 for 2 years. First time subscribers pay only \$7.25/year and college students pay \$1.25/month.

## Messenger Magazine

\*Copies of the Messenger Magazine (the official publication of the Church of the Brethren) are available in the church library and on the revolving rack in the lobby. Check it out!

### Articles in the March 2017 issue include:

\***Up on a rooftop (The Bible and interpretation)...**by Steven Schweitzer

\***Why did Jesus have to die? (Nonviolent atonement and restorative justice)...**by J.

Denny Weaver

\***Salvation is like a seashore journey...**by Doris Cline Egge

\***A vital conversation (An interview with Stan Dueck)...**by Walt Wiltschek

\***From a tithe, a new church grows...**by Ellen K. Layman

\***Lighting a candle of hope (Stories from the Haiti Medical Project)...**by Paul Ullom-

Minnich

\***Other Articles include:** Art for Nigeria, *Worship lifts up Chibok schoolgirls*, Hottle Fund promotes community connections, *Top 12 most-read Bible verses*, On the subject of quality and perfection, *A recipe of hope and encouragement*, This is how we church!, *The pool of healing (Bible Study)*, Caterpillar Soup

# Church Family News

## **DIRECTORY CHANGES/ADDITIONS:**

Please forward all changes/additions/corrections to the church office.

**New phone #:** Betty Nauman cell #724-2446

**Calendar update:** The Manheim Farm Show is scheduled for October 9-13

## **Power Point Volunteer Needed**

There is a need for someone to help with power point at least one week per month (Wednesday evening and Sunday morning). Please contact Jenee Ganster or Kelly Rohrer if interested.

## **Worship & Music Director**

Job descriptions are available at the Welcome Desk. Please pick one up if you know someone who may want to apply.

## **Newsletters...**

Are you receiving the newsletter in the format that you prefer? We can send it through mail, email or church mailbox. You can also view/download it off the church website. Please inform Pastor Jimm or Nate of any changes you would like by calling or emailing the church office.

## **Used Tables**

The Stewardship Team is looking for new homes for the used rectangular and round, wooden tables from the Fellowship Hall. Donations are accepted but not mandatory to receive one. If interested, please see any of the Stewardship Team members or Nate in the office.

## **New Members Will Be Received on Palm Sunday!**

We will be receiving new members into our church family on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Plan now to be here to support those who are joining and to be encouraged by them. Then stay for the brunch that will be provided in the fellowship hall (see cover page).

## **Do You Use Online Banking? PayPal and Bill Pay Make Tithing Easy!**

As a church that seeks to serve, we want to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever and wherever you want. Technology has allowed us to transition into a couple of options for online giving:

**\*PayPal:** An electronic option for tithing is to use a debit or credit card through PayPal. PayPal offers a secure way to donate electronically. Go to [www.eastfairview.com](http://www.eastfairview.com) and click on the 'Give' tab. Donate a one-time gift or check the recurring monthly button to make a scheduled donation. (Note: A nominal fee is charged for each transaction.)

**\*Online Bill Pay:** If you currently use Online Banking, you may already have the opportunity to make contributions from your bank account to East Fairview. Most banks offer this service with a variety of options from single payment to recurring giving. Check with your bank for this opportunity.

\*However you choose to give, we appreciate your willingness and commitment to the ministry of East Fairview Church of the Brethren. We take your contribution very seriously and strive to be good stewards of all that God has given us. For more information or if you have any questions, check out the FAQ sheet on the website or contact Nate in the office.

**Reminder...**Please contact Pastor Jimm at 665-4873 or [jimmroland@eastfairview.com](mailto:jimmroland@eastfairview.com) to let him know about any hospitalizations or prayer requests.

**THANK YOU...**to our church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and food during Joyce's back surgery in October and Bernie's shoulder surgery & kidney stones this winter. Your concerns & kindness were very much appreciated by the both of us.

-Bernie & Joyce Shenk

## **Team Meeting Minutes**

If you're interested in having team minutes sent to you via email, please contact Nate in the office.

## **Winter Weather Alert!!!**

When winter weather arrives, check the radio stations of WDAC or WJTL to learn if the activities for that day or evening are cancelled or changed in any way. Both radio stations carry changes over the airwaves and on their internet sites. Check with the above stations whenever driving conditions are questionable and may influence a change in schedule. If Sunday morning worship is affected by the weather, information should also be available on TV stations WGAL 8 or WHP 21.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rob Bires	4/01	Don Diffenderfer	4/12	Rochelle Fry	4/22
Steve Edris	4/01	Marcus Vener	4/12	Ellis Kheuangthirath	4/23
Mary Lou Shirk	4/01	Katelyn Hoover	4/14	Daphne Saks	4/24
Roger Graybill	4/02	Bella Statler	4/14	Corinne Heistand	4/25
Don Weaver	4/03	Joanne King	4/15	Taylor Rohrer	4/25
Eileen Fahnstock	4/04	Steve Ecenrode	4/16	Jason Saks	4/26
Linda Fahnstock	4/05	Glenn Thomas	4/17	Reinhold Berg	4/27
Jairus Green	4/05	Charles Nauman	4/18	Lisa Piero	4/27
Michael Martin	4/09	Dan Fry	4/19	Jennie Roland	4/27
Larry Snavely	4/10	Becky Herneisen	4/19	Alyssa Edris	4/29
Brenda Gantz	4/11	Taylor Mumma	4/19	Joe Herneisen, Sr.	4/29
Marlin Gibble	4/11	Marsha Pickel	4/19	Norman Minnick	4/29
Rob Dagen	4/12	Steph Hoover	4/21	Betty Nauman	4/29
		Kody Balmer	4/22		

### MC Food Pantry

In January we served 131 households for a total of 396 individuals. There were 4 new households for a total of 11 individuals. The difference in individuals is interesting. We served 80 60+ in January and 57 in December. Youth (ages 0-17 in January were 113 and in December 246. Maybe the holidays had something to do with that. Thanks for your continuing support.

Items we continue to need:

- |                        |                 |                          |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| *Peanut Butter         | *Cereal         | *Canned Ravioli          |
| *Saltines/Crackers     | *Canned Chicken | *Paper Towels            |
| *Mac & Cheese          | *Toilet Paper   | *Rice                    |
| *Canned/Boxed Potatoes |                 | *Canned Pineapples/Pears |

**Place your items in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Thank You!**

### Daily Devotionals are Available

East Fairview makes two daily devotionals (**OUR DAILY BREAD** and **THE UPPER ROOM**) available for your personal or family devotions. Both are for anyone to pick up and use. You may find them in the pockets by the lobby bulletin board. The UPPER ROOM devotional even has a large print version available. Please feel free to use these resources as you grow in your faith.

### Charitable Giving - End-of-Year 2016 Statements

Anyone who gave offerings and tithes by envelope may receive a statement of charitable giving if requested. Payments for items in which you have received good in kind are not tax deductible and will not be listed. If you have given in an envelope, want to receive a statement, and want to remain anonymous, you will need to:

**Write your name and envelope # on a piece of paper and give it to Paul Bruckhart.**

Paul will submit a request for that envelope # and give it to the recording secretary, Nate Sauder, who will seal the report in an envelope and return it to Paul.

If you have any questions concerning these procedures, please contact Paul or Mel Graybill.

**\*Please Note: You must know your envelope number in order to receive a statement.**

# APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School	3 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm  Choir Practice 7:30pm	4	5  Ignite Event: Spring Fling at the Nook	6  Leaders Team 7pm	7	8 Men's Morning in the Café 7am  Stewardship University at Calvary Church
9 Palm Sunday!  9:00 Worship (Receiving new members) 10:00 Brunch	10  Women's Bible Study 7pm	11  Discipleship Team 6pm Stewardship Team 7pm	12	13  Love Feast & Communion 6:30pm	14 Good Friday!	15 May Newsletter Info Due!
16 Easter Sunday! 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School	17 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm  Choir Practice 7:30pm	18	19	20  ESM Team 7pm	21	22 Men's Morning in the Café 7am
23 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School	24  Women's Bible Study 7pm	25	26  Worship Team 6pm	27  Congregational Business Meeting 7pm	28	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School  Spiritual Nurture Team 6pm						

## May Preview

**4<sup>th</sup>** - National Day of Prayer

**6<sup>th</sup>** - Card Night in the Café

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Mother's Day

**21<sup>st</sup>** - 50-Year Member Recognition

**29<sup>th</sup>** - Memorial Day

# YOUTH NEWS

## SPOOKY NOOK

APRIL 5TH

Join us on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> as we wrap up Ignite in style at Spooky Nook Sports. Make sure you bring friends and have a great time!



## PASTA FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the youth and our mission trip to Brooklyn this summer. We raised \$1707! Thank you!



### **Benefit Pork Roast Dinner**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chiques COB**

The Haiti Medical Clinic Program and The Nigeria Crisis Fund will receive 100% of the proceeds from this drop in meal from 4-7pm. There will also be theme baskets by silent auction and a craft table. After the meal, Church of the Brethren musician, ordained minister and professor, Andy Murray, will perform a musical program as well. All are invited. Call Sandy at 665-3466 for more info.

### **BHA Golf Tournament**

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Pilgrim's Oak GC**

Sign up to play or sponsor a golfer, contest or hole. Brethren Housing Association has been helping the homeless since 1989. Register at [www.golfforbha.org](http://www.golfforbha.org) or contact Lakeyshia at 233-6016 for more info. A few brochures are available at the Welcome Desk.



# CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Contact Information: [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org),  
[info@campswatara.org](mailto:info@campswatara.org) or 717-933-8510

\*\*See the new 2017 Program on the bulletin board for summer camp and year-round event information.

## Full/Part-Time Positions Available

Are you looking for a job? Would you enjoy helping at a campground? Positions available from Building/Grounds Assistant Manager to Counselors and Health Manager. Find all the positions along with their descriptions and applications at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org).

## Annual Trip to Acadia, Maine - September 8-17

Camp Swatara is sponsoring this annual trip to Acadia National Park and its surrounding area for an estimated cost of \$975 per person. For more information, contact the camp office.

## Food For Thought

### **Pleasant View's Educational Seminars**

#### **March 27<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Stiegel Dining Room**

*Your will, is it a GOOD will?*

Patti Spencer will offer tips and answers to questions about your will (whether finished or not) to make sure it's a GOOD will.

#### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm at Stiegel Dining Room**

*Family Gifting Strategies and Guidelines*

Michael Helveston will discuss the ways to properly gift estate and property to family to keep things simple and to minimize taxes for the beneficiary.

#### **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Stiegel Dining Room**

*Spotting Those Birds: Homegrown and Visitors*

Mike Shull will discuss what types of birds you can find throughout Lancaster County's abundant farmland, varied forests and waterways.

**\*RSVP to Jean at 664-6218 or [jbednarski@pleasantviewrc.org](mailto:jbednarski@pleasantviewrc.org)**

## Stewardship University

### **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Everence Lancaster**

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community, will offer courses exploring subjects ranging from retirement preparation and better budgeting to health and fitness. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at 394-0769 or [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com) or visit [stewardshipuniversity.com](http://stewardshipuniversity.com).

## Good Samaritan Banquet

### **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at Middle Creek COB**

Join Brethren Village as they celebrate *12 Decades of Caring* at this year's banquet. Reservations are due by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Visit [www.bv.org](http://www.bv.org) or call Teresa at 581-4478 for more information.

## Inspiration 2017

**Inspired by Wonder...Inspired by the World...Inspired to Share...Inspired to Serve**

### **September 4-8, 2017 at Lake Junaluska, NC**

The **National Older Adult Conference** is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults (50+) who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world. Call 1-800-323-8039 (x306) or go to [www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC).

# District News

District Office: #367-4730, [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) or [www.facebook.com/AtlanticNortheastDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/AtlanticNortheastDistrict)

## Interim District Executive

**Randy Yoder** D.Min., accepted a call to serve as our Interim District Executive for the Atlantic Northeast District and began his duties on March 1<sup>st</sup>. His email address is [ryoder@ane-cob.org](mailto:ryoder@ane-cob.org) and cell phone # is 847-849-0205.

## ANE Today Goes Green

To view a digital form of the ANE newsletter, go to their website and click the Newsletter button.

## Annual Conference Transportation & Room

Ken Kreider is offering reservations for transportation and room for Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan from **June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. For more information and reservations, please contact Ken at 1300 Bear Creek Rd, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or [kreiderk@etown.edu](mailto:kreiderk@etown.edu).

## District Senior Adult Trip Opportunities

**April 5** – One Day tour to the American Treasures, two hours with lunch on the Spirit of Philadelphia ship, a coach ride to the historic district of Philadelphia. Cost per person all inclusive, \$115.

**May 9** – Lancaster County Amish and Farm Tour visiting Alpaca farm, Kreider farms, dinner in Amish home and visit to Amish enterprises. Cost per person all inclusive \$60.

**May 23** – Mystery Tour. Like to be surprised? Cost is \$93 per person and includes lunch, transportation, driver and guide gratuity

**June 5-7** – Three day to Niagara Falls in Canada. Passport required; view the falls from Table Rock, cruise under the falls, etc. Cost per person is \$698 double occupancy.

\*For more information, e-mail [evzieg@gmail.com](mailto:evzieg@gmail.com) or call Earl Ziegler at 717-560-6488.

## Women's Camp 2017

**Save the Date - August 20-22 at Camp Swatara**

## Hymn Sing

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-5:30pm at LBC**

Lancaster Bible College will be bringing talented musicians and the LBC Chorale together to form a Hymn Sing Choir. This is a free event. Call 560-8218 or email [wpa@lbc.edu](mailto:wpa@lbc.edu) to sign up or for more information.

## 9/11 Museum and Memorial Bus Trip - June 10<sup>th</sup>

Departing at 6:45am from AC Moore in Lancaster, this will be a day of history, learning and fun. Ruhl's UMC is putting this family-friendly trip together. Please refer to the sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for more information, costs and contact info.

## Brethren Service Opportunities

The Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief Mission (BDRM) has many opportunities to serve throughout 2017. BDRM is known and respected nationally as a disaster relief organization and specifically for first responders of child care for those impacted by disaster and "long term/second" responders for disaster recovery. BDRM is currently assisting in S. Carolina and Colorado. The COB Atlantic Northeast District will pay for the majority of travel expenses - so there's no reason not to go! If interested in helping or want more information, contact Scott Moyer at 203-0458 or [scott.a.moyer@pwc.com](mailto:scott.a.moyer@pwc.com).

**Our Vision:**

We invite you to the Gospel of Jesus Christ... Believe It! Live It! Share It!

**Our Mission:**

In obedience to Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we embrace all people, equip believers, pursue the lost, and serve the needs of people. This we do to the Glory of God!

**SUNDAY MORNING**

9:00          Worship  
10:20        Sunday School

**Office Hours**

Mon - Fri  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Love Feast**

April 13, 2017  
October 15, 2017

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