



EAST
FAIRVIEW

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



December 2015

THE PARISH NEWS

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 16th

You are invited to join the Ignite crew on a Christmas Caroling tour through Manheim! We would love for you to sing with us! At 5:45pm we will begin with dinner in the café, followed by Christmas caroling. The evening will end by 8:00pm. Questions? Contact Mandi Stoltzfus, Family Ministries Coordinator, at 203-1794 or mandi.stoltzfus@gmail.com.



Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th at 7:00pm

Take a deep breath.

Slow down and refocus.

Enter His sanctuary with a grateful, worshipful heart.

Quiet. Stillness. Silent night...

Christmas Eve once again with beloved church family.

Anticipation. Candles glowing in windows. Familiar faces.

Orchestra playing carols. Singing songs of old.

Words of encouragement, hope, and wisdom. Candle lighting.

Desiring you to be in this place, at this time...with us.

Be renewed...refreshed...and complete.

(A time of fellowship, laughter, and refreshment following our worship in the café.) Merry Christmas!



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Financial Peace University

Change Your Money. CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

This life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video. This class will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. During this class, you will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. For more information about this course, go online to www.daveramsey.com/fpu. **This class will be offered during Ignite on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning January 6th, 2016.** To sign up, go to www.daveramsey.com and find the class being offered at East Fairview or contact Ann Moyer. Limited scholarships and reduced-price kits are available. Contact Ann at 333-7531 or asmoyer06@gmail.com for more information.

Ignite - Wednesdays at 5:45pm

Ignite is not just for kids! Everyone (the whole family!) is invited at 5:45pm for a meal in the café. Following the meal there are classes and activities for all kids. For adults, **Financial Peace University** classes will start up in January (see announcement above). Contact Mandi Stoltzfus, Family Ministries Coordinator, at mandistoltzfus@eastfairview.com or 203-1794 with questions/comments.

SafeChurch Update...Calling All Adults:

Please join us during Sunday School in the café on **Sunday, December 6th** for a SafeChurch education session. Dr. Lesley Huff from Samaritan Counseling Center will talk about "Protecting Our Children and Youth: What is a Safe Church?" Come find out what the SafeChurch core team has been working on! East Fairview's core team consists of Jessica Dunlevy, Ryan Dunlevy, Tina Kulp, Erin Martin, Pastor Jimm Roland, and Mandi Stoltzfus. Please feel free to contact any of the core team members with questions.

African Meal & Craft Sale

Sunday, December 6th

Plan for your whole family to stay after church for a delicious African-themed meal, provided by the hospitality team. During the meal, African crafts made by our very own East Fairview kids will be on sale. They have been working hard all year long! All proceeds will go directly to the Nigerian Crisis Relief Fund. This is an amazing opportunity to purchase unique and meaningful Christmas gifts while supporting a great cause. See you there!

Senior Adult Breakfast in December

Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00AM

You are invited to gather for breakfast at Oregon Dairy Restaurant!

- *Sign up at the Welcome Desk!
- *Invite your friends to join us!
- *Offer to bring someone along who needs a ride!

Any questions...please ask Beth or Jimm Roland.

Ladies Bible Study

Mondays, December 14th & 28th in the café

Carol Kent shares her insights on her life-changing principles. She shares Christ's example of His time alone with God and how we can model that in our daily lives. Join us for this insightful study.

Bread and Cup Communion

Reminder...Bread and Cup Communion will be served as part of the **Sunday morning worship service on December 20th**. Please make note of this date!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2015

Advent Sermon Series

December 6th - *The Miracle of the Message* (Hebrews 1:1-3)

December 13th - *The Miracle of the Method* (Romans 11:33)

December 20th - *The Miracle of the Manger* (John 1:1-5, 9-14)

December 27th - *Reflections Sunday!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULTS

- QUARTERLY ~ Room 112
- THE BOOK OF EXODUS ~ Room 113
- INSIGHTS ~ Café
- CONNECTIONS ~ Conference Room
- YOUNG ADULT ~ Room 111

YOUTH

- Senior High ~ downstairs in the SURGE Room.
- Junior High ~ Room 110 (across from Children's Library)

CHILDREN

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

December is Christmas Kettle Bell Ringing Time!

The Salvation Army bells will soon be ringing again in the Manheim area. Last year's Christmas kettle bell ringing project collected about \$5000. This amount, added to what Manheim is allotted by the Salvation Army, and we were able to help area people in the amount of **\$26,000**. This assistance was given in the form of rent, heating oil, electric, clothing, medicine, and more.

Please consider helping with this meaningful ministry to the less fortunate in our area by volunteering to ring the Salvation Army Christmas bell for at least one hour this year. This is a great opportunity for adults and children to serve side-by-side. Maybe you and your child or grandchild could ring the bell for an hour. Ringing the bell can also be good quality time for a husband and wife to serve together. Or maybe you would just like to ring the bell by yourself. East Fairview Church is responsible for ringing the bell on:

***Friday, December 11th & Thursday, December 17th outside Longenecker's Store from 10AM - 8PM**

Please sign up (early & often) at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office. Your help will be **greatly** appreciated!!

Men's Morning in the Café for December! **Saturdays, December 12th and 26th at 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 just show up. You are also invited to bring a friend with you.

Church Family News

Our Christian Sympathy goes out to...the family of Clyde Greiner upon his death on Thursday, November 26th.

DIRECTORY CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

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

New addresses: Charles & Lori Dietz
486 Pilgrim Dr., Lititz 17543

Harlan Groff - new phone number: 664-6452
439 Nursing Center, 544 N. Penryn Rd., Manheim

New email address: Paul & Diane Bruckhart - pdbruck901@gmail.com

Reminder...Please call the church at 665-4873 or email Pastor Jimm at jimmroland@eastfairview.com to let him know about hospitalizations or prayer requests.

Fall Congregational Business Meeting Results:

- *Barry Weidman will continue on as Moderator.
- *Charlie and Betty Nauman will continue on as Deacons.
- *Jim Sanders has accepted the position of Discipleship Leader.
- *Paul Bruckhart has accepted the position of Stewardship Leader.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Scott & Barb Dietrich
December 1st, 31 years

John & Erika Vastyan
December 3rd, 33 years

Ed & Tina Dagen
December 6th, 40 years

Frank & Brenda Gantz
December 23rd, 50 years

Dale & Kathy Spesak
December 27th, 34 years

Thinking about becoming a member of East Fairview Church?

If you are interested in becoming a member of East Fairview Church by transferring your membership, reaffirmation of your faith or water baptism, please let Pastor Jimm know of your interest.

Directory Information Due!

The end of the year is nearing and the new directory needs to be updated before printing begins in January. Have you added or changed your phone number and/or email address? Has any of your other information from the 2015 directory changed? All changes mentioned in the newsletters throughout the year have been updated, but if you want to make sure, **please forward any new and/or corrected info to Nate in the office by December 15th**. Information slips can be picked up at the Welcome Desk and filled out, or you can email or call the church office with your updated information. **Thank You!**

Designated Giving Reminder/Clarification

As a reminder and for clarification:

-If you wish to contribute to the needs of those in the church and would like your contributions to go to a specific person or family, please include their name on your envelope or check's memo line. These amounts, however, **can't** be included on your year-end charitable contribution statement from the church.

-If you would like to contribute to the general benevolence fund, please include benevolence on your envelope or memo line and the deacon body will use the funds as they deem necessary. These amounts **will be** included on your year-end charitable contribution statement.

NOTE: The Families-in-Need account is longer in use, thus any monies designated to it will be put in the general benevolence account.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Diggory Dagen	12/01	Jason Breitigan	12/10	Erika Vastyan	12/21
Wyatt Stoltzfus	12/03	Esther Diffenderfer	12/10	Amanda Bowers	12/24
Richard Metzler	12/04	Marlin Hosler	12/11	Charisse Maisonet	12/25
Jay Young, Jr.	12/04	Donna Roten	12/14	John Shirk	12/25
Cyrus Schwear	12/05	Mitch Hart	12/16	Peg Thilo	12/25
Jessica Alzate	12/07	Joyce Hoffer	12/17	Katelyn Greene	12/29
Lori Dietz	12/07	Abigail Lentz	12/18	Kathie Spesak	12/29
Charles Dietz	12/09	Jason Reif	12/20	Allan Bires	12/30
Crystal Gibble	12/09	Herbert Mauzy	12/21	Kyla Flora	12/31
		Earl Moyer	12/21		

News From the Library

Two new books have been donated to the library: Castles in the Sand and its sequel, Dangerous Illusions. These 2 novels are "fiction with a message". They take a compelling and thought-provoking look at the true nature behind contemplative spirituality, which has impacted Christian churches, colleges, seminaries, and universities across the globe.

~ Questions and comments can be made to Gary at 368-3402.

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.

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 WGAL-TV.

Model Train Display

The Brethren Village Model Train Room will be open for holiday viewing on the first three Saturdays in December (5th, 12th, & 19th) from 2-4pm. The Train Room is located in the basement of the Terrace Crossing building on the BV campus. Come and enjoy their expanded layout (both HO and O gauge) and new trains. For more information contact Don at 581-5669.

Sharing Our Success Program

The S.O.S. Program is still benefitting our church as you and your family enjoy excellent food at both the Park City Diner and the Knight and Day Diner. 10% of your bill will be donated to East Fairview Church when you use your card. We have received a check for \$100.30 for the third quarter of this year. There are still cards with coupons available to pick up at the Welcome Desk for you or someone you know.

MC Food Pantry

In October the MC Food Pantry served 147 households, including 7 new households, for a total of 454 individuals, including 22 new individuals.

Items needed this month include:

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| *Peanut Butter | *Cereal | *Soups |
| *Canned Chili | *Applesauce | *Bags (Plastic, paper, and cloth) |
| *Toilet Paper | *Paper Towels | *Saltines/Crackers |
| *Snack Crackers | *Canned Fruit | |

Please place your items in the shopping cart in the lobby at the church. Thank You!

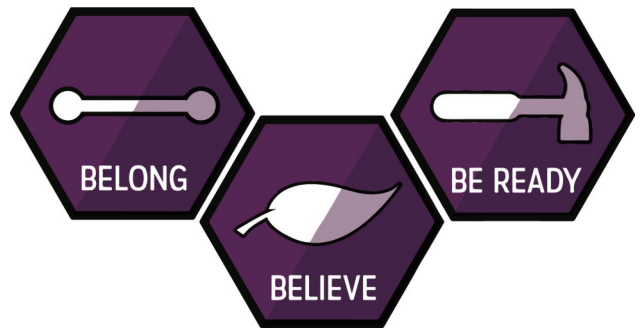
DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Worship Team 10am Ignite 5:45pm	3 Discipleship Team 6pm Hospitality & ESM Teams 7pm	4	5
6 Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sun. School - SafeChurch 11:30 African meal & craft sale	7	8 Stewardship Team 7pm	9 Senior Adult Breakfast, 8am at Oregon Dairy Ignite 5:45pm	10 Leaders Team 7pm	11 Bell Ringing at Longenecker's Store	12 Men's Morning Café 7am
13 Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School	14 Ladies Bible Study 7pm	15 January Newsletter and Directory Info. Due!	16 Ignite 5:45pm (Christmas Caroling)	17 Bell Ringing at Longenecker's Store	18	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 Worship *Bread & Cup Communion 10:20 Sunday School	21	22	23 No Ignite	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	26 Men's Morning Café 7am
27 Reflections Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School	28 Ladies Bible Study 7pm	29	30 No Ignite	31		

January Preview

- 1st - New Year's Day!
- 6th - Epiphany
- 6th - Ignite Resumes
- 13th - Ignite Special Event

YOUTH NEWS



IGNITE

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WE WILL LOOK AT THE STORY OF JOB AND TALK ABOUT GOD'S ROLE WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO US.

ALSO, DECEMBER WILL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUTH TO HELP OUT WITH A SERVICE/CHRISTMAS PARTY.

SUNDAY

THIS MONTH WE WILL BE COVERING "HOW TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD". THIS WILL BE A HIGHLY PRACTICAL SERIES WHERE THE YOUTH LEARN HOW TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD. THIS WILL INCLUDE THINGS LIKE PERSONAL BIBLE READING, PRAYER, JOURNAL, AND OTHERS. THEY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PRACTICE EACH OF THESE DISCIPLINES DURING CLASS.

SCHEDULE

IGNITE SUNDAY

5:45 - 8 PM

10:20 - 11:15 AM

DEC 2 - NORMAL
 DEC 9 - NORMAL
 DEC 16- SERVE/PARTY
 DEC 23- NO IGNITE
 DEC 30- NO IGNITE

DEC 6 - CLASS
 DEC 13- CLASS
 DEC 20- CLASS
 DEC 27- CLASS

SURGE

A MINISTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

SPARK

A MINISTRY FOR 6-8th Grade



CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Contact Information: www.campswatara.org,
info@campswatara.org or 717-933-8510

Re-Paving Project Complete

Check out the newest capital improvement project - road paving - by visiting www.bridges.campswatara.org/paving-tour!

Contributor's Dinner Results

The 2015 Contributor's Dinner was a success! A preliminary total of over \$21,000 was contributed through the event. These funds will be used for the Building Bridges Capital Campaign and its various projects, which has a total campaign goal of \$800,000.

Camp Swatara Travels to Acadia National Park

September 9th - 18th, 2016

Ray and Judy Powell will co-lead this trip to Maine again, having more than 30 years of experience exploring the park. The estimated cost is \$975 per person, which includes housing, transportation, tickets, and all meals while in Maine. Space is limited to 18 people so contact the camp or for more information, contact Ray and Judy at jmprkp@comcast.net or 669-7403.

Charitable Giving - End-of-Year 2015 Statements

Everyone 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 have a statement, and remain anonymous, you will need to:

Write a note with your name and envelope # and give it to Paul Bruckhart.

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

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

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

Online Banking? Online Giving! PayPal Now Available!

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 giving is to use a debit or credit card through PayPal. PayPal offers a secure way to donate electronically. Just go to eastfairview.com and click on the 'Give' tab. Donate a one-time gift or check the recurring monthly button for a scheduled donation. (Note: Fees are 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 our church. 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.

District News

For more information go to www.ane-cob.org or www.facebook.com/AtlanticNortheastDistrict

District Women's Spring Fellowship Saturday, March 5th at Lancaster COB

Speaker: Melanie Snyder from Elizabethtown COB
More info and registration forms coming in January.

ANE is on Facebook

LIKE us now! Be a part of the ANE Communication Team. Get connected on the many happenings in the district. Get inspired, stay informed, and be a part of ANE.

Stewardship University Saturday, March 12th at LMS

Workshops focusing on holistic stewardship. Registration begins at 8am. For more info, contact Kay Weaver at 367-4730.

Church 2 Church

The Atlantic Northeast District Witness and Outreach Commission has recently approved a ministry opportunity for congregations to help out other churches within the ANE district. They are looking for Sunday School classes, Bible Study groups, or any group from the church to help with this service project. Projects will be set up to help out churches that can't meet their own needs. The work is meant to offer encouragement and a spiritual boost to the congregations being helped. **"Church 2 Church will be a great way for small groups in our congregations to reach out to meet needs in other communities. This is also a great way to become acquainted with and have the opportunity for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in other ANE congregations."** Details are available on the Witness and Outreach Commission page at www.ane-cob.org.

Dana Statler Presents...

Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle - April 20-30, 2016

Featuring a 3-night Greek Islands & Turkey Cruise, the tour highlights include Athens, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Acropolis, and the 3 night cruise. For additional information, contact Dana at 475-0239 or dstatler@bv.org. The tour website is <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/685952>.

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 November issue include:

***Making a difference in a world at war...** Forced to take up a gun to guard her village, this teenager is but one of many around the world who face daunting choices just to survive. Find out about Faith, and what Brethren are doing to help her and those like her in similar circumstances.

***NOAC-a shot in the arm for Brethren...** Some claim it's like summer camp for grown-ups in the Church of the Brethren. Find out why many are saying this summer's National Older Adult Conference was the best one ever.

***Changing the climate with justice, mercy, and humility...** "In the name of justice and mercy, we must acknowledge that a changing climate is having devastating effects on others," say authors Sharon Yohn and Laura White. "We must speak up on behalf of the voiceless and help sound the call to action."

***Baptism in once-troubled waters...** Find out how a baptism that nearly didn't happen led to fence-mending between two congregations following a decades-old feud over water rights.

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

March 24, 2016

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