



THE UPWARD CALL

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Living for Jesus so others may know Him.

Operation Christmas Child—Oct. 25—Nov. 23

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It's better to
declare the truth
and be rejected
than to withhold
the truth just to
be accepted.

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A gift of joy and a message of God's love. Is your heart broken by the desperate plight of millions of children around the world? These children need to know that they are precious to God.

Operation Christmas Child, the unique project of Samaritan's Purse enables caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe.

Operation Christmas Child is one way you can make a

difference in a child's life. This project has shared the Good News of God's love with hurting children through the simplest of gifts—shoeboxes! Boxes filled with school supplies, toys, and personal items, packed by caring people, help introduce children to Jesus Christ.

Please use **plastic shoeboxes** since families can re-use them for multiple purposes later. Include \$7.00 (in the provided envelopes) for each box for shipping costs. Brochures,



packing instructions, and a limited supply of boxes are available in the lobby while supplies last. Place filled boxes in room #106. —Missions & Service Commission

Thank you for helping touch a child's heart.

Why Don't We Pray?

We seek counseling, we call friends, we worry, we read books, we ask others to pray... so, Why Don't We Just Pray?

Are we afraid God won't answer the way we think he should? Are we unwilling to let go of "our way?" Are we afraid of what God will ask of us?

Our communication with God comes through prayer and reading and studying His word. It is during those

times that he relays his heart to us and we tell him what is on our heart. Where is the hope in this that God will respond to our request? Faith is that confident assurance that God will respond, that we may trust His judgment concerning our request, and that we will receive according to His will. We must surrender to His will and His timing. Our responsibility is to trust, surrender, and respond in obedience.

Prayer changes us. It changes the way we live. It changes our understanding of God. It changes the way we see others. It changes our perspective. It creates trust and faith in God. John Wesley said, "It seems that God is limited by our prayer life, that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him to do it."

So, Let's Pray!

Pastor Galen's Sabbatical

Pastor Galen's Sabbatical continues through Nov. 30. Information on his sabbatical is available in the church literature racks. During his time off, we encourage you to follow him via his blog at www.galen-sabbatical.blogspot.com. If you don't have access to the internet, copies of his most recent blog entries are available in the literature rack by the church office.

Listen online

Did you miss a week of worship and wish to hear the message? Listen to the weekly messages online at: ephratabrethren.org. Click on the "listen to the latest sermon" link or the "worship" link. Many of the messages from the past few years are still available online.



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Pray for Christians around the world living daily under the threat of persecution as a part of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), Nov. 9. Join hundreds of churches and thousands of individuals in remembering our brothers and sisters suffering around the world. These believers risk discrimination, imprisonment and even death because of their active witness for Jesus Christ.

Pray that:

- Christians will be empowered to fulfill the Great Commission
- Families of martyrs will receive help and comfort
- Many persecutors will come to know Christ
- Believers will remain steadfast despite persecution

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3

2009 Election Results—from Congregational Meeting, Oct. 13

Children's Center Commission: Nancy Shrom, Sarah Young

Christian Education Commission: Steve Hull

Deacon Commission: Doug & Gail Dillon, Karen Good, Barb McCaffrey, Jane Wolf

Fellowship & Recreation Commission: (need 2)

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Bill Jensen, Beth McCollom

Missions & Service Commission: (need 2)

Stewardship & Finance Commission: Denise Beamesderfer, Doug Mackley

Worship & Music Commission: Mike Kapp

Nominating Committee: Jeremy Jones, Barb Zartman

Auditor: Dave Campbell

District Conference Delegates: Darle Good, Barb Kilhefner

Love In Action — activities and dates

Do you ever ask, "**Lord, why do I know this?**" Well, that is the theme of the sermon on Sunday, November 29—inspired by a 10-year-old from within our own congregation. Sarah Johnson, daughter of Scott and Kirsten, was on a family vacation this past summer where she saw homeless people and her heart melted when she saw them. Sarah saw people, real people, behind the eyes and she knew that something had to be done. So, what does any 10 year old do? She develops a plan to help them! Sarah has come up with the idea to create chocolates (I would call it "candy", but I have learned the technical term is

chocolate "cocoa bean to bar") and hold a



Chocolate Silent Auction, wherein people can donate/bid on the various chocolates to raise money for a non-profit organization that helps fight and work to eventually end homelessness! The Love in Action team, is thrilled to come along side of Sarah and her family and help make this dream a reality. This outreach focus is one you will not want to miss! Sarah is thinking big—Real Big! Please watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

"Lord, who is my neighbor?"

The Love in Action team encouraged you during September and October to pray this prayer and then begin developing a relationship with the neighbor God brings to your heart and mind. The hardest thing to give, so often, is the gift of ourselves. We encourage you to keep asking the Lord to help you develop that relationship with your "neighbor".

November 21—Outreach: come join us Saturday morning for more ways to show God's love to our community in practical ways. Arrive at the church at 10 a.m.

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Mark your calendar for this year's free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinners that will be held at the Ephrata Pioneer Fire Hall and the Den-

ver Recreation Center. These dinners are sponsored by local churches and businesses. The dinners will be held Thursday, November 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at both locations.

Volunteers are needed for various jobs throughout the day

as well as donations of desserts and cooked turkeys. It would be a great opportunity to fellowship and pray with people during the meal. Watch for more information in the upcoming Sunday bulletins.

The 33rd Annual COB Disaster Relief Auction was held at the Lebanon Expo and Fairgrounds on Sept. 25 & 26. The auction raises money to aid victims of natural and man-made disasters in the US and abroad. One of the nation's largest relief auctions, it is run entirely by volunteers and attracts approximately 7,000 people.

A few highlights from this year's Auction:

- Heifer Auction raised \$45,000
- Theme baskets raised \$13,000
- Food sales raised \$35,000
- Quilt sales raised \$42,000
- 12,000 school kits were assembled in about two hours Saturday morning.
- Hand built spring wagon built by Olen Landes and dedicated to Jay Witman sold for \$15,000

Thoughts for Senior Citizens *by Charlie Bieber*



There are many words that we accept and use frequently, without actually knowing their full meaning. We miss their sharpness or their fullness until something happens that brings us face to face with them. Then we are compelled to find meanings for ourselves. One of these is the word, *Alone*.

Do you remember in “Bambi” that much of the wisdom came from the old stag? He and the young deer were often together and

the relationship was rewarding. For each one. Near the end of the story, there comes a time when the stag will not allow Bambi to follow him any longer. “In the hour that is approaching we are all alone,” he said. Then he went deeper into the forest. Bambi, watching him, was also alone, but in a different way.

Sometime or other, each of us faces aloneness. It was only then I began to learn the real meaning of the word that I had heard, read, and used for years. No matter how satisfying our relationships are through the years, there comes a

time when each sees himself or herself as ONE in the world, not tied to anyone else. We become aware, then, of our very special relationship with God, and the actual meaning of “alone” becomes “ALL plus one”.

When this began to work itself out in me, I was acutely aware that I could only gradually accept the All. But through the years, God, in Jesus, has become more and more real to me. With Him I am All, and one. I call that grace.

Senior Adult Fellowship News

Service Day at the M.C.C. Resource Center on Trout Run Road right here in Ephrata is scheduled for November 9, 2009. Mark your calendar now and contact Rob Eshelman if you can extend the loving hand of Christ with those in need in our community and abroad.

Christmas Lunch & Holiday Cheer – December 10, 2009

December 10 is our Senior Adult Luncheon and what a grand Christmas lunch and festivities we have planned for you. A delicious meal with the spirit of Christmas added for seasoning! Linda and Darle are working on the entertainment for the day, and it will be great!

Deadline for registration is November 29, 2009.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for registration information or call the church office, 733-1229.



Happy Birthday to... 80 years and over

Mildred Zimmerman	November 7
Phyllis Brubaker	November 13
Ralph Stoltzfus	November 25
Ruth Yingst	November 29

Milkshake Central Update

Thank you to all of you who donated funds to purchase the ice cream, milk, syrups, and paper products to offset costs for this year's milkshake fundraiser at the Ephrata Fair. These donations allowed us to keep the cost at \$3.00 a shake and still make a modest profit

for the youth ministries.

The Senior and Junior High youth, parents and friends sold 1606 milkshakes and distributed approximately 40 freebies. Total shakes: 1646. This rounds out to \$4819.00 for four days at the fair.

Great job everyone!

Thanks to all the youth, parents, and friends who helped make this year's fundraiser a successful one. Thanks also to all of you who supported the effort by buying a shake. They were pretty good!

—Rob Eshelman

Thank you from...



—Arlene Steffy Nolt; A BIG thank you to my ECOB family for all the prayers, visits, calls, notes of encouragement and meals. I really felt God's love through your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness shown to me and my husband through my recovery.

—Joseph Z. Meck and family; while recovering at home, we would like to express our gratitude and

appreciation for the cards, visits & prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Rob.

—Clair Hurst; thanks to everyone who sponsored me on the recent COBY'S Bike & Hike that was held at the Lititz COB, Sept. 13. It was very much appreciated.

—Galen & Carolyn Crouse; Thank you to the Ephrata Church of the expressions of love and com-

passion during the loss of our beloved grandson, Joel.

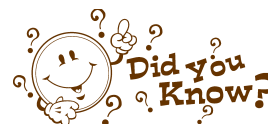
—Rob Eshelman to Mike Young for providing leadership and advisory duties required at the middle school activity Fall Blast at Hershey Park on September 12. I appreciated your willingness to accompany the youth on this adventure.

—Rob Eshelman to all who answered the call to join the Youth Club team and provide leadership during our Wednesday night Youth Club. They are: Lynda Jensen, Connie Fink, Steve Tuck, Tammy Frey, Karen Haas, Tom Jensen, Julie Rhine, and Cindy Zimmerman. Senior high youth leaders: Tyler Graham, Emily Epler and Logan Goodman.



Congratulations to

Andrea Miley and Bryan Morgan who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 10.



Prayer for the Services: Join us for prayer at 8:15 a.m. in the church Parlor prior to the 8:30 a.m. worship service OR join the prayer circle that forms in the front of the Sanctuary prior to the start of the 10:45 a.m. service. All are welcome!

Monday night prayer group meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor to pray over the prayer and praise cards that are collected on Sunday mornings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special time of prayer.

Health Ministry News—Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse

Working on Working...

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17)

In the Psalm, the writer is asking God for a blessing on the work of his hands so that it may reflect the goodness of God and further His kingdom. For some of us, we may feel that God works through us during our employment. A job loss may affect us on many levels. On May 8, 2009, ABC News reported on the toll that job loss is taking on the physical health of our friends and neighbors who find themselves out of work. Research has shown that job loss leads to an “increased risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, heart attack, diabetes, or depression – even after finding a new job” and went on to note that, “Losing a job through no fault of one’s own, led to a 54% increase in that person reporting poor health.” (<http://abcnews.go.com/print?id=7530730>). Ironically, this data was gathered [1991, 2001, 2003] during times when our economic situation was not as dire as it appears in 2009.

A trauma, such as job loss, can put us at higher risk for depression, substance abuse, anxiety and compulsive behaviors such as: over-eating, excessive gambling, and over-spending. Our self-image takes a beating if it has been dependent upon vocation as the measure of our worth. Job loss, also affects us spiritually. We may be left with questions such as,



“Why me?” or think, “Why has God allowed this to happen to me?” or

“How will I be able to keep up my financial contribution since I no longer have a job?”

Following are some tips gathered from a variety of sources, that may help you get through this rough period in your life. During this time, it is more important than ever to take care of yourself physically: get enough rest, eat a balanced diet, get plenty of exercise [itself a great stress-buster], learn what you can do to keep your stress level under control.

In addition:

- recognize that you are not the only person this is happening to; that you have not been singled out because of something you did or did not do.
- keep to a schedule; plan tasks such as: working around the house, visiting the library, updating your resume – do not sit on the couch and vegetate the day away.
- ask for help – network with people you know for job leads; take part in a support group for tips on re-entry into the job market, or for venting frustration.
- write about your feelings – it can help reduce the sometimes tense emotions associated with the

loss.

- keep connected to supportive friends, family, and above all, congregation – they provide valuable support throughout this tough time.
- take this time to learn new job skills – visit your local library, community college, or your state unemployment office [who often can provide financial support for job retraining].
- if hearing about the economic crisis stresses you out, take a “fast” from news media.
- look outside yourself by practicing empathy for others; do some volunteer work
- Pray! Remind yourself that God is walking beside you during this time; lean on Him.

This list is by no means exhaustive, nor is it meant to provide clichéd answers to your problems. If life seems overwhelming, get some outside help: speak to one of the pastors, your healthcare provider, the congregational nurse, or find a mental health counselor to assist you in making some sense of what has happened to you, and to help you get back on track.

Adapted from Debbie Best

Diakon Congregational Health Ministries & Family Life Services

Treasurer's Report

If you were at the congregational meeting, you had a chance to review the treasurer's report. Below is the information reviewed at the meeting.

This year has challenged us in many spiritual ways and especially in our financial beliefs and habits. As many of you have done, the church leadership had to make some changes in our financial transactions to ensure we met the resources provided. Due to these efforts, the congregation's giving, and God's guidance, the financial position of the church has improved.

Financial Highlights:

- All cash accounts reconcile to bank statements through September 30, 2009.
- All payroll, vendor, and tax liabilities are current through September 30, 2009.
- Our net cash position (after all liabilities are reduced from bank balances) improved by \$36,850 from September 2008 to September 2009. See table named "Cash Accounts"
- Actual expenses are down by nearly \$50,000 versus budget but more importantly less than giving

by over \$12,000. See table named "2009 Giving & Expenses".

- When including all types of giving, the amount given for the first 9 months is \$894 per week more in 2009 than in 2008. See table named "Yearly Comparison of Giving".

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Murphy
Church Treasurer

2009 Giving & Expenses	Unrestricted Giving*		Expenses	
	Budget**	Actual	Budget**	Actual
Jan	51,776	50,354	62,492	41,994
Feb	46,811	41,642	47,756	55,226
March	51,210	51,867	52,014	46,775
April	52,075	43,345	50,637	56,183
May	59,574	56,495	56,501	52,244
June	57,564	56,276	44,103	30,370
July	45,555	38,000	51,347	52,136
August	48,447	53,592	52,277	44,480
Sept	58,558	43,424	54,399	42,399
Total	471,571	434,994	471,526	421,807

* Does not include dedicated and other specified giving. Only general fund.
** Revised budget total in effect 7/1/09

FPU Tip of the Month: Surviving Christmas Financially

Tip # 4: Sixty-nine percent of Americans bought a gift for themselves last year. Don't buy yourself a gift! This is the season to give not to receive from yourself.



Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University

Get more tips at www.daveramsey.com and search on "Christmas".

Children's Ministry News

Focus and Be Intentional

Will we choose this day to live with the commands of God on our own hearts?" Where is our focus? Do we start our day with God? Recently I put a quote on my bulletin board that spoke volumes to me. I believe Galen shared it on his blog. "Each day, I purpose to speak with God before I speak to anyone else; to read God's word before I read anything else; and to listen for God's voice before I listen to anything else." What an intentional action! We admire the athlete, the musician, the physician, and the artisan for their ability to focus and intentionally block out distractions. Do we love God with the focus and intentional actions that He desires? Can the emails and texts wait? Can we keep the radio, TV, computer, and reading materials from get-

ting our first focus?

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." What do we need to intentionally change and intentionally do to draw near to God? Do we need a Barnabas to help us be accountable? Let us take the time, ask for help, and do our part to place the commands of God on our hearts.

We are being watched. Parents, your children are watching you. Christians, the world and non-Christians are watching you. Workers, your fellow workers and your boss are watching you. "Father God, let us be imitators of Jesus our Savior. Let us be intentional about our focus for each day."

Parents are the primary faith influencers of their children. Christians are the



primary faith influencers to non-Christians. What do our children and non-Christians see and hear? Will we love this child, these children, and these people with the unconditional love of Christ? Will we pray with and for them? Will we enter into sharing our faith talk about who God is and what He has done for us?

James tells us to be "quick to listen and slow to speak". Jesus listened to the Father's voice and spoke only what God the Father gave Him to speak. Let us spend time with the Father so we too can speak the words of love He has given us to share. May we join together in this Kingdom responsibility.

Director of
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istries: Paul Ho-
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Bethany Bits: Twenty-nine new students are enrolled at Bethany, including twenty-seven in degree programs and two with non-degree status-the largest incoming class in more than a decade.

Dr. Steven Schweitzer became associate professor and academic dean on July 1, and Malinda Berry is beginning her teaching career at Bethany this fall as instructor in theological studies and director of the master of arts program.

The admissions page on Bethany's Web site includes a new listing of all course offerings. Previously in print as the Educational Opportunities brochure, this information

is available at www.bethanyseminary.edu/educational-opportunities. The Website includes descriptions of class formats as well as the application process, descriptions of Bethany community life, and students' personal stories. The educational opportunities information serves current occasional students as they plan their next classes or the prospective student who wishes to review some of the courses that Bethany offers. The listing also includes courses that meet the ministry credentialing requirements of several districts. For more information about admissions and enrollment, contact Elizabeth Keller, director of admissions (765-983-1832) or Amy Ritchie, director of student development (765-983-1806).

Middle School Youth News

Director of Middle School Youth Ministries: *Rob Eshelman, 733-1229, reshelman@ephratabrethren.org*

Jr. High Sunday – November 8, 2009 - Don't miss an awesome opportunity to worship and participate on Jr. High Sunday. Limited areas of participation are still available during both worship services. Contact Rob for more details! Theme for this year is: "Over Flowing with Thankfulness".

Meet the Middle School Ministry Team – I found out a long time ago that the "Lone Ranger" philosophy does not work in any type of ministry including youth ministry. It can't be done or should I say can't be done successfully. So, using Doug Field's approach on youth ministry, I assembled a team with God's guidance and direction.

First qualification, they need to love God first and then second, love middle school youth. There were some other items as well, but these were the top two. The team for the 2009/2010 school year includes: Dave Berkey, Lynda Jensen, Cindy Zimmerman, Rob & Peggy Sowers, and myself, Rob Eshelman.

If you have any questions or ideas for youth activities or involvement in our church or community, please contact Rob or any of the team members.

College Snack & Goody Boxes – November 21. We had a blast with this last year, so we are doing a "do over" for this year! Come out Saturday, November 21 and help us make crafty items for the college kids in our congregation.

If you're not crafty, then help us bake cookies to add to the gift boxes and possibly head to the Dollar Store for some cool gadgets to include in the boxes.



We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and wrap up around 1:00. The boxes are always appreciated by the kids who are away from home and in college. Please bring a friend and any crafty holiday ideas you may have and join us for an awesome morning of fun and a delicious lunch! See you there!



The Nativity at the Ephrata Cloister – December 7 & 8, 2009
Have you ever dreamed of being Mary, Joseph, an angel, or one of the three shepherds? Well, this is a dream that can come true for you! Our youth group will be the live Nativity players for the three Christmas services that are held both evenings at the Ephrata Cloister.

Dress warm and plan on having a great time, and hearing interesting comments as people walk by and marvel at the Nativity. A sign up sheet will be posted in your Sunday school classroom and the Middle School Activity Board near the kitchen. Contact Rob for more information.

Registration forms for activities listed are available in the Sunday School classrooms, at Youth Club or you may register online at www.ephratabrethren.org. Return the forms to Rob or place in his church office mailbox. Registration fees should accompany the registration form. Make checks out to "ECOB".

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Standard registration is now in progress for the Harrisburg Quake on January 22-24, 2010!

You missed the early bird registration, but you still have time to meet the standard registration deadline of December 17. Information & registration forms are available in the lit racks or contact Rob. You don't want to miss this awesome Christ centered weekend event. We have 25 going already! Scholarships are available by request. Contact Rob for details.

Refrigerator magnet reminder:
**ECOB Middle School Lock-In
December 30, 2009**

Middle School Information Board
near the kitchen, next to the water fountain.

Youth Club

Come and join your friends every Wednesday at Youth Club starting at 2:30 p.m.

God has blessed this outreach ministry of ECOB. Youth in grades 4 – 8 attend this awesome Wednesday after school activity.

Reminder—NO Youth Club on November 25—Thanksgiving Vacation

We continue to issue a prayerful request for anyone who would be interested in donating funds to purchase a meal for our Wednesday

night dinner which is provided each week. An average meal cost is \$120.00, which covers all the expenses incurred to provide a meal to the entire group, which ranges from 40 to 60 youth and adults each week. This would be an excellent opportunity for a small group to adopt one week a month or a one time contribution in providing the funds for the meals. Make all checks payable to: **ECOB (earmark checks: Youth Club Meal)** and place in Rob's church mailbox or place in the Sunday offering plate.

Youth Club Pantry needs: (mark items: "Youth Club" and

place in kitchen); pasta, snacks (crackers, cookies, etc.) and #10 cans of fruit, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, green beans or pudding (chocolate or vanilla).

Thank you in advance for your prayers and any additional help you can provide.

Director of Middle School Youth Ministries: Rob Eshelman,

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Sr. High Youth News

Director of Sr. High Youth: *Brian Nissly, 733-1229; bnissly@ephratabrethren.org*

Our Sr. High Youth took Love Feast on a hike! On Sunday, Oct. 4, eight youth and six adults traveled to Nolte Forrest which is northeast of Adamstown. It's a very nice place for hiking trails. We took off for our adventure and soon found ourselves seeing some beautiful scenery. We found an area by a stream that had rows of wooden benches and decided to do our Love Feast at this spot. We read in John 13 about Jesus washing the disciple's feet and talked about how we get down and dirty in our everyday lives—but we can't hide the dirt from God. We scooped up some water from the creek in two small pails and everyone washed someone's feet. The water was FREEZING! Then we ate our Love Feast meal which consisted of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, drinks and cookies. Delicious! Afterward, we celebrated the bread and cup and explored what wonderful things Jesus has done for us. It was a great afternoon in the woods, where I think we can say we got closer to God.



—The 2nd Tailgating Luncheon took place on Sunday, Oct. 11. This time we spiced things up a bit by also having a chili cook off! All our grillers had their grills loaded with such wonders as hamburgers, hot dogs, shrimp, chicken, sausage and ham patties. We had eight chili chefs ready to do battle for the prestige of being voted #1 at ECOB: Tim Bartow, Dave Campbell, Mike Groff, Brad Murphy, Kevin Shenk, Linda Sickmeier, Tammy Tothero & Kary Zimmerman.

And the winner is: Tammy Tothero! Congratulations! Plans are being made to have the prize winning chili for sale in the near future. We appreciate all the work that was done to make this day a success: parents, grillers and Chili chefs...and of course all our friends at ECOB who tasted, voted and ate lunch with us.

November Events

Nov. 1: no youth group (Woodcrest Retreat Weekend)

Nov. 8: Homebase 5:45-7:30

Nov. 15: Sr. High Love in Action, meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 22: Homebase 5:45-7:30

Nov. 29: We're going to the movies! Leaving the church at 4 p.m. Movies selections will be announced at Sunday School that morning. After the movie, we'll stop for pizza. Youth pay for the movie, we'll pay for the pizza.

Dec. 6: Our annual Dress Us Up and Take Us Out to Dinner Day! Come to church dressed up and we will be going out for dinner—new location. This is always a fun time for our youth. Please bring \$15.00 to go towards the cost of the dinner.

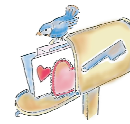
Dec. 19: One of the most fun nights of all – our annual Christmas party Saturday night.

Fellowship & Recreation News

Things have quieted down for us this month. We'll be working on a new project this winter with plans for a church pictorial some time in late spring. We will pass this info along as the plans are finalized. We hope you have been enjoying the beautiful fall

weather with all its glory. Praise God!

Thank you to everyone who supported BV Auxiliary in their membership drive this past month.



Card Shower

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—Mick Zimmerman; birthday wishes, Nov. 7
 —Ruth Yingst, birthday wishes, Nov. 29
 —Sue Kulp, thinking of you

Refer to your church directory for addresses



Fall Back

Turn your clocks back
 Sunday, Nov. 1, 2:00 a.m.

Do you know *How To Make The Mrs. Happy?*

The community theater group, Promise Players, present their fall comedy, "**How To Make The Mrs. Happy**". This slapstick comedy centers around two men attempting to find ways to spruce up their marriages. Being best friends and next door neighbors allows these two males to put their heads together quite often to win brownie points from the "other side". As the couples show the dynamics of a marriage relationship, Arthur and Wes learn about love and commitment and how it relates to their relationship with God.

This 2009 fall play will benefit Mennonite and Brethren Marriage Encounter, an interfaith marital support and enrichment organization for couples.

Performance dates: November 6, 7, 13, and 14, at 7:30 p.m.; matinees: Sunday, Nov. 8 & 15 at 2:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$7 is payable at the door, 12 yrs. old and under free. Babysitting for preschoolers at the Sunday matinees only. Performances are held at Lampeter Church of the Brethren, 1900 Lampeter Road, Lampeter. To reserve seats, call 717-464-2050.

—Has your address, phone number or email address changed? Please notify the church office with your new information 733-1229.

—Newsletter information for the December issue of the *Upward Call* is due by November 5. Please email information if possible to Carol Bowman: cbowman@ephratabrethren.org.



Calendar

November

- 1—Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 1—Prayer Time in the Parlor—9:30 a.m.
- 6—Scrapbooking Club, 7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall
- 11—Veterans Day
- 15—Blood Pressure Screenings, Room #402
- 15—Leader's Net mtg., 12:15 p.m.
- 20—Love In Action Outreach, 10:00 a.m.
- 22-29—National Bible Week
- 26—Thanksgiving Day (Community Meal)
- 29—1st Sunday of Advent

Weekly

- Sunday
 - Parenting Elective, 9:30 a.m., Fell. Hall
- Tuesday
 - DivorceCare, GriefShare, 6:30 p.m.
 - FPU, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday
 - Youth Club, 2:30 p.m.
 - Sonshine Club, 5:00 p.m.
 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:00 p.m. (no mtg. 25th)
 - Men's Basketball, 7:00 p.m.
 - Chancel Bell practice, 8:30 p.m. (no mtg. 25th)
- Thursday
 - Band practice, 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar:

Dec. 6—Service of Remembrance



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Sunday Morning Services

Traditional Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Promiseland Children's Ministry - 9:40 a.m.
(for grades K - 5)
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Ministry Staff:

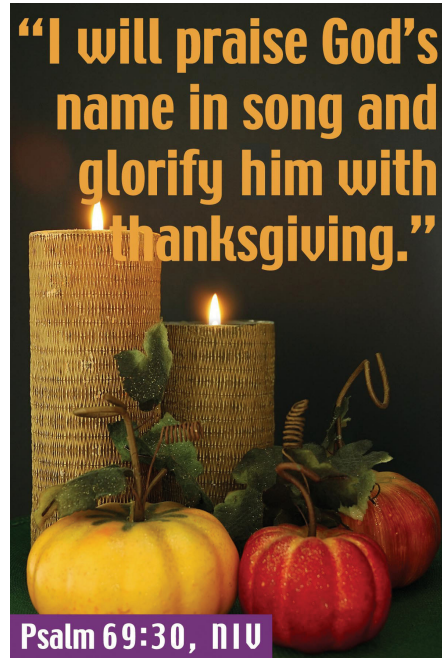
Pastor: Galen Hackman
Pastor of Congregational Care: Rob Eshelman
Director of Worship and Music: Dean Sensenig
Congregational Administrator: Carol Bowman
Director of Children's Ministries: Paul Hosler
Director of Middle School Youth Ministries: Rob Eshelman
Director of Sr. High Youth Ministries: Brian Nissly

Support Staff:

Church Secretary: Donna Stauffer
Church Custodian: J. Henry Wolf
Treasurer: Brad Murphy

Volunteer Staff:

Pastor of Community Connection: Kim Ream
Congregational Nurse: Tricia Schlegel
Moderator: Steph Fassnacht
Pastor Emeritus: Charles Bieber



*Thankfulness finds something good
in every circumstance.*