



# THE UPWARD CALL

## Ephrata Church of the Brethren

*Living for Jesus so others may know Him.*



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*Jesus invites us to  
“Come and follow  
me”.  
To do so is to begin  
a journey of surren-  
der to the leadership  
of Christ.*

### Spiritual Life Survey

Thanks to those of you who have taken the Spiritual Life Survey and if you haven't yet, consider this a friendly reminder that we would greatly appreciate your input!

There's nothing more important to our church than your spiritual growth. Whether you're just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you're a long-

time Christ-follower, we want to help you on your spiritual journey. We want to know what's helping you grow spiritually, and what's getting in the way.

You may access the survey using the link that is on the ECOB website through **Sat., Oct. 10**. The survey takes approx. 30 minutes—consider it 30 minutes of your time toward



your spiritual growth, since the survey findings will help shape our decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to serve you.

Thanks for your time and contribution to this very important work!

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### Connection Sunday—October 11

**Looking for a Connection at ECOB?** Do you want to know more people who attend ECOB? Would you like to study the Bible with others? Are you interested in being part of a group that prays regularly? Would you like partners in sharing God's love in the community?

If so, please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 11 from 9:45–10:40 a.m. You'll have the opportunity to informally speak with members of the discipleship groups that meet Sunday mornings, and throughout the week. Find out about the composition of the groups, their focus, their community connections or anything else you may be wondering about. We hope you'll find a group you'd like to visit.

Remember, if you want to get connected—Join us in the Fell. Hall October 11!



Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We Praise God for our pastors and their leadership. Pastor Appreciation month is a great time to affirm and express your love to our pastors – Galen, Rob & Kim. Encourage your pastors by assuring them of your prayers and love.

## Pastor Galen's Sabbatical

**Pastor Galen's Sabbatical** continues through Nov. 30. You are encouraged to follow him via his blog at: [galen-sabbatical.blogspot.com](http://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.

**"Journey"** with Pastor Galen during his sabbatical, by reading the book: *Paul, the Spirit and the People of God*, by Gordon Fee. This book will help you connect with what he is studying while he is off & he is encouraging us to read it. Galen believes that the most important parts

of it for us as a congregation lie in the understanding it gives us of what it means to be a spirit-filled, spirit-led community of people—to be truly the church. There are a limited number of copies of the book still available in the Resource Room at church—for sale (\$10.00) or to borrow.

### Operation Christmas Child

**starts** October 25 and continues through November 23. Information, lists and labels will be available in the next few weeks. The boxes will be taken to Akron COB on Nov. 23. Remember to put \$7.00 in the box for shipping costs. You may put the filled boxes in room #108. Give a child a special gift this Christmas!

—Missions & Service Commission



**Everyone is invited** to attend the Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m.** Congregational meeting packets will be available on the pews in the lobby, Sunday, Oct. 12, for your review.

**Men's Basketball** will be held every Wed. evening at 7:00 p.m. in the gym, starting Nov. 4 through April, 2010. Contact: Tim Bartow, [tdbartow@ptd.net](mailto:tdbartow@ptd.net).

### ECOB Chancel Choir

The choir began rehearsing Sept. 30, but it's not too late to join in. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this ministry. Reading music is not required, just a willingness to share the joy of knowing Christ through music. During the 8:30 worship service, five Choir Sundays are being planned for the 2009-2010 season.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. If you are interested, it is important that you sign up or respond directly



to Dean Sensenig, 733-1229, [dsensenig@ephratabrethren.org](mailto:dsensenig@ephratabrethren.org).

*"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."* Psalm 89:1

Specific dates are listed with rehearsal dates in parenthesis. Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

### 2009 dates

- Sunday, Oct 18  
(Sept 30, Oct 7, 14)
- Sunday, Nov 22  
(Oct 28, Nov 4, 11, 18)
- Sunday, Dec 20  
(Dec 2, 9, 16)
- Thurs., Christmas Eve, Dec 24  
(Dec 2, 9, 16, 23)

### 2010 dates

- Sunday, Feb 21  
(Jan 27, Feb 3, 10, 17)
- Easter Sunday, April 4  
(Mar 10, 17, 24, 31)
- Mother's Day, May 9  
(Apr 14, 21, 28, May 5)

## Love In Action

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came

where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Many know this Scripture as the story of the *Good Samaritan*. The question here that the Love in Action team found God wants us to consider this fall season is: "**Lord, who is my neighbor?**" If we take the Scripture as God's Word and guide for our lives, then this story is about loving God and loving our neighbor. If God wanted you to show love to just one neighbor this fall, who would that be? We be-

lieve God has someone in mind for you to reach out to this fall. We encourage you to spend time with God asking that question "who is my neighbor?" After the Lord brings someone to mind, pray for that person and God will give you insight into how you can show God's love to that person. The answer received will be different for each of us because God knows you and God knows your neighbor. He knows the best way for you and that neighbor to connect. Watch for more information in the bulletin, announcements, posters and church website for encouragement on simple ways to interact with the neighbor that God brings to your heart and mind.

The Love in Action team is offering various ways we feel God is prompting our congregation to show God's love to our community this Fall. We're excited to have you be a part of it!

- *Pastor Kim Ream & the Fall Love in Action Team (Renee Brass, Mona Murphy, Trish Schlegel, Susan Snyder, and Pam Sensenig)*

### Love in Action Activities and Dates to Remember:

We encourage you to pray: "**Lord, who is my neighbor?**"

**October:** This month we take the prayerful identification of our "neighbor" and put *Love into Action!* Watch the bulletin, announcements, posters, and the church website for more information.

*Coats for kids:* During October we are collecting new or gently-used coats and warm hooded sweatshirts to distribute to students in grades 5 through 8 within the Ephrata School District. (sizes begin at approx. children's size 12 to adult size medium; Remember these are for kids, so the style should appeal to ages 10 through 14). Drop coats/hoodies off at Modern Cleaners and tell them it is for "Ephrata Church of the Brethren middle school coat distribution". Modern Cleaners is generously donating their dry cleaning services for this outreach event.

### **Love in Action outreaches—October 24 & November 21**

Come join us in one of the various outreach opportunities offered these Saturday mornings – for more ways to show God's love to our community. Arrive at church at 10 a.m.

## Thoughts for Senior Citizens *by Charlie Bieber*



It may be because my 90th birthday is so close. Or it may be because of the statement I read recently that TIME is the most used English noun.

Whichever! At least, my mind is being taken up by TIME, and I discover that there are many ways in which that noun is used. Here are some examples:

My time is your time. What time is it? I'll be glad when I learn to

tell time. I'd love to spend some time with you. Why do these thoughts take up so much time? The way I feel today, I guess my time has come. There must be some useful way to fill up my time. I would like to help you, but I don't have time. Time is money, but how does one cash it in? I really should spend more time with Jesus.

Well, you get the idea. But now I refer my mind to Jesus, and he gives me thoughts. His use of the

word, TIME, was rare, but His expressions were timely. John 12:23 could be translated, "My time has come." His last words in Matthew clearly say, "I am with you for all time, even to the end of time".

However it is expressed, what powerful assurance we have that Jesus is with us in every second of every day. And by faith we will spend eternity in His presence.

## Senior Adult Fellowship News

### Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet—October 7, 2009

This is a favorite and a special time to meet old friends and share in a delicious meal and delightful entertainment at Yoder's Family Restaurant in New Holland. The day starts at noon with a delicious lunch followed by entertainment provided by Brethren Village Men's Chorus and Ryan & Friends. Cost is \$16.00 per person. Please contact Betty Gross to RSVP or for more information concerning this event.

### Service Day at M.C.C. Resource Center, Trout Run Road, Ephrata, 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.

Note to Senior Adults: Please be sure to check out the literature rack in front of the office for the latest edition of the Atlantic N.E. District's COB Senior Adult News. It's loaded with information for you! Pick one up today.



*Happy Birthday to...*

*80 years and over*

Ed Erb	October 15
Dorrie Fink	October 19
Betty Stauffer	October 24
John Hocking	October 25
Eileen Ribeth	October 26
Arthur Graybill	October 28

## ***Thank you from...***

—Dave Sauder, Lindsey & Lori Lambert: Dear ECOB, I am sorry it has taken me so long to write this note, but these words have been on my mind since April of this year when my daughter Lindsey was seriously ill. The way we feel about ECOB, Pastor Galen, the congregation, small groups we've been a part of, and so many friends we've already made in this church will go along with us the rest of our life. It will be hard to even express what the church support meant to us while being by Lindsey's bedside during those times. The outpouring of love from the congregation during Lindsey's illness was overwhelming to us. As we have been learning in church recently of how to be "more like Jesus", I can tell you all that God's love came shining through the church to our family during that desperate time.

We spent 33 days in the Hershey Medical Center, 20 of those in the ICU. The time was like a blur, but as bad as it was, we never really felt alone. God was there every step of the way day and night, and many times he showed himself to us through so many of you. Words cannot express what the prayers, emails, letters, cards, calls and visits meant to us. Each and every one. The thing that was even more amazing, the majority of you do not even know Lindsey. She attends Swamp Lutheran Church, so she has only been at ECOB a few times with me and yet the love that came from the congregation for someone they had never even met was undeniable. It was unbelievable the deepness of the love & caring, and the type of love & caring that can only come from one place, our Lord.

ECOB has many wonderful things going on — the genuine love that comes from this congregation is the most genuine kind of love I've ever experienced outside of my own personal family. It's a love that sends a message, and teaches others to love to a deeper

level. It's a love that shows us a glimpse of the true love of God. I can tell you that by receiving that love from all of you, it is comforting, heart-warming & awesome. I know that personally I've learned so much from watching all of you, and from feeling the deepness of your caring towards others. I am so thankful that Lori has brought me along to this church, and for the opportunity to meet so many good people that worship God here.

Recently, Lindsey was at Hershey Med. Center for a follow-up visit, and for the first time since her illness, all her labs finally look normal. Praise God! Her kidneys are not quite back to 100%, but they are over 95% functional. That is awesome considering that functionality was near 0 at a point during her sickness. She is taking no medication, and is getting ready for 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Cocalico H.S. She continues to get closer to her old self each week, and is back to activities such as swimming, riding bike and doing some light exercise. Emotionally, she is still working to put the experience behind her. She has made leaps & bounds in this area as well, and she has a great positive attitude about her life. She is a little afraid to return to school, as this is where she first started feeling ill and has not been back since. But she seems to have reached some peace and a greater comfort level in that area this week. We pray for her continued peace and comfort as she returns to her school and friends.

This letter, nor any words can completely convey what all of you have meant and continue to mean to our family. The prayer circles that were started locally for Lindsey became far reaching. It was an overpowering wave of prayer for her health, and showed all of us the true power of prayer. I don't think I really understood the number of Christians that are in the world, until going through this experience.

Many people do not openly discuss their faith, but Christians appear from everywhere in the darkest of hours. We Praise God for Lindsey's recovery, and we praise God for the love, friendship, caring & prayers from the ECOB.

God Bless all of you, you have made a huge difference in our lives.

## ***Thank you from...***

—Harriet Nock; Thank you for all the cards, flowers, visits and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Everything was very much appreciated.

—Brad Murphy; Thanks to the many people who have contributed to our first FPU class: Dwane Hostetter, Carol Bowman, Dean Sensenig, Donna Stauffer, ECOB Children's Center, Mike & Sarah Young, Mike & Pam Fox, Mona Murphy, Stewardship & Finance Commission and the Church Board have been all involved in planning and promoting the class and the ministry. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

—Bud & Shirley Wolbach; We want to thank our church family for their prayers, cards and words of encouragement. Bud enjoyed all the birthday cards and visits. We really appreciated Rob's visits.

—Bonnie Kapp; thank you to our church family and friends for the cards and prayers received following the death of my mother. They were greatly appreciated.

—Thank you to Alvin & Steve Oberholtzer for organizing & directing the painting crew—the Sanctuary looks beautiful!

## Health Ministry News—*Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse*

### A Year in the Making

October marks a little over a year anniversary since we started a health ministry here at ECOB. God has been so good to us! Since then we have grown in many different ways. He took us on a “Journey to Jerusalem” and we grew spiritually, relationally and physically. We took that opportunity and laid down disciplines in our lives that allowed us to grow closer to our Lord and Savior with prayer and worship. We learned to love more by getting to know a bit more about each other in our tribes and intentionally practicing kindness. I recently learned the two tribes are continuing in fellowship. In the process, we learned about becoming true stewards of our bodies and worked to become physically fit by eating the right foods and by exercising. We learned much about health during the rest of the year with bulletin boards, newsletter articles and Men’s Health day. By holding monthly blood pressure screenings, we’ve met a number of congregational members.

More importantly, God provided a way for us to walk along side



of members of the congregation. Visiting someone at home or in the hospital was a special blessing. I have been so blessed to meet you and get to know some of you very well during this past year. We’ve had a focus on education. Some began to understand medication use that they had not understood before. Some had a person they could call for a concern or question. For others, they needed an advocate, someone that could talk to the doctors for them. And finally, some, simply, needed someone to talk to.

The Health Ministry Team is finishing a season of praying through where we see God taking us for next year. We feel God calling us to primarily focus on women’s health and teens. Some very preliminary things we are looking to do are a community event in April called **“Take back the Night”** which is a

march and rally to keep our community free from sexual abuse and assault. We are hoping this will be interdenominational and intercultural. Also, this October, we are hosting a women’s breast health day (see below). We will also be active at *On Fire for Christ*. Planning for the teen portion continues, but is on our hearts. Don’t worry guys...we haven’t completely forgotten about you!

We need your help! This year we are looking to add more members to our active team as we feel God really wants us to do more. If you have an interest in health and feel called to participate, we’d love to have you on board. No special requirements except to love God and love people. We want to foster a team that works as God intended for his purpose. Meeting commitment is monthly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse, or Gwyn Williams, team chairperson.

### SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAM

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Health Ministry Team invites you to a special focus on women’s health on Sunday, October 18, during the Sunday school hour, in the gym. Dr. Nawa, radiologist from Ephrata Community Hospital, will be here to discuss breast health. Everyone is invited for this important information.

## More Than Numbers — *Financial Budget & You!*

In October, we'll have our annual congregational meeting. I encourage everyone to attend the meeting on October 13, at 7 p.m., so that you can hear about all of the ministries and efforts that took place in 2009 and are being planned for 2010. It's a time where you can hear about what commissions do, vote for commission members, and be involved in a different type of worship.

The meeting is also a time to review the financial plan (budget) of our ministries for 2010. The "budget" is a numerical representation of what it takes economically

to do the ministries that God has led us to. The amount of lives being impacted by your giving and God's work is great and we plan to extend our efforts in 2010.

The commissions and staff have done what was needed to help us navigate through this year's changes. Donors (of time and money) have also risen to the occasion on several weeks to ensure the majority of the ministries have continued. What lays ahead for 2010? No one really knows but we do need YOU! If not you, then who? The plan is to have a modest budget that balances an investment in God's property

(attendees, community, and property) for spiritual growth with an understanding of the economic environment. God and the church need you to take an active role in our ministries. Review the proposed budget and contact commission chairs with any questions prior to the meeting so that we can make address any concerns **before** the Congregational Meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

Brad Murphy  
Church Treasurer

### FPU Tip of the Month: Kids & Money

Make a spending chart: You and your child should decide how to spend and save his or her money. A certain percent should be saved and a percent should be given away to a charity or church.



Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University

Read more at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) and search on "Teaching Kids".

Your tithe & offering is appreciated. Help us accurately record with these tips.

- Envelope # is noted.
- Special giving is noted with proper fund name.
- Legible writing.

Thank you!

Financial Report	Unrestricted Giving		Expenses	
	Budget*	Actual	Budget*	Actual
<b>Jan</b>	51,776	50,354	62,492	41,994
<b>Feb</b>	46,811	41,642	47,756	55,226
<b>March</b>	51,210	51,867	52,014	46,775
<b>April</b>	52,075	43,345	50,637	56,183
<b>May</b>	59,574	56,495	56,501	52,244
<b>June</b>	57,564	56,276	44,103	30,370
<b>July</b>	45,555	38,000	51,347	52,136
<b>August</b>	48,447	53,592	52,277	44,480
<b>Total</b>	413,013	391,571	417,127	379,408

\*Note: Revised budget total in effect 7/1/09; Giving does not include designated giving such as capital campaign & other special funds



Director of Children's Ministries: Paul Hosler; 733-1229; [phosler@eph-ratabrethren.org](mailto:phosler@eph-ratabrethren.org)

## Children's Ministry News—Partners in the Body of Christ

Let us rejoice and give praise to our Father God for the response to God's call on Promiseland Sunday, September 13. Many parents and children came to learn about and be a part of the new Promiseland ministry. Numerous children participated and gave leadership to the morning worship services. We prayed together with DATA as a guide. To refresh your memory: D stands for describing God as in: God you are Holy, my companion, my savior, King, Father, and many, many more attributes. A stands for asking God to forgive our sins. T is for thanks that we give to God for the countless things He has provided. The second A represents the asking we do in prayer for others and for ourselves. DATA, DATA, DATA: thank you for participating in our talking with God.

We sang and made a joyful sound to the LORD. The children picked some favorite songs for the worship services. During the Pro-

miseland Sunday School time approximately 80 parents and children together sang "Shout to the Lord". It was a beautiful praise to our God and King. Psalms 8:2 reminds us that God has ordained praise by children to put a stop to evil.

Our children collected DATA cards, offering, and the bricks. They said "yes" to the call for their help to be an active part of the body of Christ. How can we involve, include, and challenge our children to be in service to God and others? The Promiseland Team will seek discernment in this matter and we welcome your input.

The essential question of the morning was: How will I share Jesus with children? We looked at many specific actions we can take to impress the love of God on children. God reminds us to teach His commandments when we sit, when we walk, when we lie down and when we rise up. Many individuals wrote intentional actions on the "bricks" to give attention

to new behavior. God is calling us each day as individuals and as a congregation to love Him with our emotions, thoughts, and actions. Love a child today. Let nothing stand in your way. Be intentional. Be obedient to God's Word. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Thanks to all of the children, to the parents, to the Promiseland Team, to the people of the body of Christ for bringing glory to God on Promiseland Sunday.

Look for the upcoming elective on Visionary Parenting. God has brought your family together for a grand purpose. If God is calling you to be a part of the Promiseland Team; teacher, small group leader or helper, worship leader, substitute, or wherever needed, please contact me at, 733-1229 or [phosler@eph-ratabrethren.org](mailto:phosler@eph-ratabrethren.org)

May we join together in this Kingdom responsibility.

**Sonshine Club! Starting October 7**—If your child is in the first, second, or third grade now is the time to sign up for Sonshine Club! It is a time of being, learning, and eating together. Our purpose is to help the children along the journey of building a closer relationship with Jesus, to know His love, and to spend time in some activities in a relaxed atmosphere that will help build friendships with the other children. The activities are tailored especially to meet the needs of the first, second, and third graders. There is no cost for this program! We meet every Wednesday in the ECOB Fellowship Hall, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Stop by and check us out!

Register online, click on the Children's Ministry tab. Contact Karen Good for more information.

## Middle School Youth News

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

**Crop Walk** – October 18 is coming fast and we need your help! We need to help our brothers and sisters who require food, medicine and many other items we take for granted. Raise money, raise awareness and raise a few eyebrows when you tell your friends that you are walking 10 miles to help someone you don't even know! Join your youth group as we spend an afternoon walking through some of the most beautiful countryside that God has created situated in our own backyard.

It's fun—10 miles is quite a walk, but if I can do it, you can too! Plus, we have a great time along the way! Pick up a registration donation form at church and meet us at 1:00 p.m. October 18 in the church fellowship hall for the walk. See Rob Eshelman or Delores Neuber for your collection envelope and registration information.

### Middle School Sunday Prep

**Nights!** – We will lead both worship services on November 8, and you have the opportunity to plan, participate and lead worship. Starting on October 7 through November 4, right after Youth Club, all interested middle school youth can help Rob plan the best worship service ever! We will meet for one hour — 6:30–7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to play your instrument, act, sing—the sky is the limit!

During our time together we will explore scripture, pick music, pick your brain for ideas, and best of all make it an awesome service with God's direction. I will help you through the different aspects of a worship service and offer sug-



gestions as we prepare the main components for worship on November 8. We will wrap things up on Saturday, November 7 with breakfast at the Udder Choice. Bring your Bible and creative ideas. Contact Rob if you would be interested in participating in this worship experience.

### Fall Hoe Down in the Pavilion

The pavilion is the place to be October 25 at 6:00 p.m. Join your friends as we get together to celebrate the fall season with crazy games and plenty of surprises to keep you laughing all night. Bring a friend! There will be prizes for the best hoe down costume, games, and awesome door prizes as well. Cost of admission is three non-perishable food items for Ephrata Area Social Services and a registration form for each person participating in this event. Deadline for registration is **October 21**.

### Harrisburg

**Quake** – Early Bird registration is now in progress! January 22–24, 2010.

The Quake is a Christ-centered weekend at the Harrisburg Hilton complete with a pool. The weekend is filled with spiritual meditations, music concert and awesome entertainment for everyone!

Registration forms can be picked up at the Middle School bulletin board near the church kitchen, your S.S. classroom, and at Youth Club. Your registration form and



Registration forms for activities listed are available in the Sunday School classrooms, at Youth Club or you may register online at [www.ephatabrethren.org](http://www.ephatabrethren.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".

check for \$50.00 (non-refundable) made out to ECOB, must be returned to me (Rob) or placed in my church mailbox by **October 21**. Sorry no exceptions. Total cost for this weekend event at the early bird rate is \$100.00 per person.

If you miss the early bird registration it will cost you more to attend. Standard registration goes into effect October 22. Standard registration form and check for \$75.00 (non-refundable) made out to ECOB must be returned to Rob or placed in my church mailbox by December 13. No exceptions. Total cost for this weekend event at the standard rate is \$160.00.

Again, the total cost at the early bird rate is only \$100.00—so don't miss the early bird deadline!

Youth in grades 6-9 who have participated in fundraising events throughout the year will receive an additional \$25.00 off the registration cost bringing the total cost to only \$75.00. This \$25.00 discount will only apply to early bird registrations.

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



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

## Youth Club is back and we need your support!

Our mid-week community outreach ministry needs your support. We are asking members of our church family to pray for the Youth Club Ministry and its leadership. This vital Outreach



Ministry to our community has seen lives changed and youth accepting Christ for the first time in their life. It has extended the hand of Christ to parents who have joined us for dinner and stayed, for they have seen Jesus here as well. God has blessed this ministry and has blessed us with the parents and children who attend each week. However, we still need your support in prayer and monetary donations.

We are again issuing a prayerful request for anyone who would be interested in donating funds to purchase a meal for the Wednesday night family dinner which is provided

each week to all who are in attendance. An average meal costs \$125.00, which covers all the expenses incurred to provide a meal to the entire group. The group ranges from 40–60 individuals enjoying a meal prepared by our volunteer kitchen crew.

This would be an excellent opportunity for a small group to adopt one week a month or a one time contribu-

tion to provide the funds necessary for the meal. Make all checks payable to:

**ECOB (earmark checks: Youth Club Meal)**, and place in Rob Eshelman's church mailbox or place in the offering plate on Sunday.

**Youth Club Pantry needs:** Any type pasta, #10 cans of fruit (large cans), #10 cans of pudding (chocolate or vanilla), Any snacks (crackers, cookies, etc), #10 cans of applesauce, #10 cans of spaghetti sauce, #10 cans of green beans, Large jars of pickles. **(Mark items: "Youth Club" & place in kitchen)**

## Sr. High Youth News

Director of Sr. High Youth: *Brian Nissly, 336-7221; bnissly@ephratabrethren.org*

**Sunday, Oct. 4:** Love Feast Celebration. We'll leave the church parking lot at 3 p.m. (please note time change). We'll do a short hike and have our Love Feast out in a nature setting. It promises to be a pretty sweet event. (if you missed the registration deadline, Oct. 1, please contact Brian ASAP).

**Sunday, Oct. 11:** Our 2nd Tailgating Luncheon Event! This time we are not only having some great grilling, but also a Chili Cook-off. We'll begin serving at 11 a.m. Don't miss out on a great time of food and fellowship. Money collected will go into the NYC Fund. No youth group in the evening.



**Sunday, Oct. 18:** Sr. High Youth will participate in the Crop Walk. Meet at 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. No youth group in the evening.

**Sunday, Oct. 25:** Home base 5:45 p.m.

**Friday, October 30 thru Sunday morning, November 1:** Our annual Woodcrest Retreat. Doors open at the lodge in Woodcrest at 7 p.m., you can arrive anytime until 11 p.m. This laid back retreat is relationship building, relaxing, silly, serious—just plain fun. Youth are encouraged to spend the entire weekend at Woodcrest but can have prior ap-

proved excuse for work or sports practices on Saturday.

You need to bring: Sleeping bag and pillow, towel and soap, etc., Bible, snack to share and a gallon drink or 2 liter soda to share. Bring your favorite board games (dutch blitz).

We will return Sunday morning in time for the 10:45 worship service. Friends are welcome—but all participating must register online. Total cost for you is \$20.00. All meals are included.

Theme for the weekend is: *More Than Meets the Eye.*

Note: transportation to Woodcrest is your responsibility. No youth group in the evening.

## Fellowship & Recreation News

It's not too late to become a part of the Brethren Village Auxiliary by giving a membership fee of \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$50.00 (suggested). Look for the purple pamphlet in the church lit racks. All monies go to projects to enhance the life of the BV residents.



### Card Shower

—Barb Kindt, birthday wishes, Oct. 15  
 —Mary Elaine Rutter, birthday wishes, Oct. 13



Look for information about these families this month in the glass bulletin board, near the lobby, as we learn to know each other in this our "community of love".

*This month we spotlight:*  
 —Dean & Pam Sensenig family  
 —Terry & Tammy Tothero family

### District Conference

October 9-10 — Elizabethtown College

Led by Moderator John Hostetter of Lampeter COB. All are welcome to attend the Friday evening worship service, 7:00 p.m. (no registration necessary) featuring District Conference Choir.

ECOB District Delegates:  
 Linda Fahnestock, Barb Kilhefner, Delores Neuber & Lorraine Walker.

Address lists of ECOB college students are now available in the literature rack by the church office or by calling the church office, 733-1229.



- Kevin & Barb Callihan
- Matt & Jennifer Eshelman
- Galen & Freda Kulp
- Scott & Heidi Lindsay

Please call the church office for address changes.

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

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



## Calendar

### October

- Spiritual Life Survey continues through Oct. 10
- 4—Love Feast & Communion, 3:00 p.m., Fell. Hall
- 4—Prayer Time in the Parlor—9:30 a.m.
- 7—Sonshine Club starts, 5:00 p.m.
- 7—District Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet
- 9-10—District Conference, E-town College
- 11—Connection Sunday, 9:45 a.m., Fell. Hall
- 11—Tailgating Party fundraiser, 11:00 a.m.
- 13—Congregational Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- 18—Women's Health Fair, 9:40 a.m., Gym
- 18—Blood Pressure Screenings, Room #402
- 18—Crop Walk
- 24—Outreach, 10:00 a.m., meet in the gym

### November dates to mark on your calendar

- 1—Daylight Saving Time ends
- 21—Outreach, 10:00 a.m., meet in the Fell. Hall
- 26—Thanksgiving Day
- 29—First Sunday of Advent



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### Ephrata Church of the Brethren

#### 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



Ephrata/Akron  
CROP WALK

**Sunday, October 18**

Help feed the hungry locally & worldwide by participating in the Ephrata/Akron CROP walk, Sunday Oct. 18, 1:00 p.m., starting in the ECOB fellowship hall. You can walk, sponsor, bike or run. Contact Delores Neuber for sponsor sheets.