

THE UPWARD CALL

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Living for Jesus so others may know Him.

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Peace doesn't
come from finding
a lake with no
storms. It comes
from having Jesus
in the boat.

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Vacation Bible School—July 11—July 15

Saddle up for **Saddle Ridge Ranch!** A place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word. **Register** online at the ECOB website or fill

out a registration form, found in the lit racks, and return to the church office for Pam & Mike Fox.

Join us for VBS!



Backpacks for Kids—Thursday, August 19

Backpacks for Kids is another ECOB outreach opportunity to put our Love into Action for the local community.



Backpacks will be purchased with a portion of money from the Love In Action fund. We will fill the backpacks with school supplies donated by you. A "Backpack Supply Drive" will be held for four weeks, between July 18 and August 8. During these four weeks, bring your items and place them in the large containers located by the church entrance doors.

Distribution of the backpacks will be Thursday, August 19 at the Ephrata Park Pavilion. Community children in grades K through 6th grade will receive a filled backpack

(first come, first served). We'll also be providing an opportunity for the children to receive additional items by playing BINGO.

This project is another way for us to reach out and serve people in our community for Jesus. A way for us to show people God's love is truly free. A way for us to worship God—by serving.

Assistance is needed to help with various needs for this project. Would you like to provide refreshments on distribution night at the park? Assist with BINGO? Extend love and kindness to the children & parents? Perhaps your Discipleship Group would like to help.

If you would like to help or for more information, contact: Carol Bowman, 733-1229; cbowman@ephratabrethren.org or Sharon Myers, 738-1874; kmyers@ptd.net.



Suggested items for donation: Pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, kids scissors, markers, colored pencils, rulers, small (basic) calculators, pencil boxes/cases, misc. school supplies.

Additional items needed for BINGO gifts: Smencils, decorated pencils, shape erasers, small packs of K-nex or Legos, hair bands, stickers, books (new or like new), etc.



—Esther Haller; the time has come for me to retire from counting the weekly offerings. I thank you for your gift of appreciation given to me.

—Coni Gerhart and sisters, Linda Rush and Bonnie Schnell; We sincerely thank Pastors Galen and Rob, the wonderful members of our small group, as well as the known and unknown prayer warriors who have supported, uplifted, and loved us during our mother, Shirley Kleintop's, hospitalization. She has overcome some incredible medical odds and all with the Lord's help.

—Jane Griffith; Thank you for all of the birthday cards I received. They were very much appreciated.

—Gary Beamesderfer; Thank you for the food, cards and support we received from the church when my mother passed away in June.

News and Events

Sunday, July 18: Bread & cup communion will be offered during both worship services.

August 22-24, 2010: Women's Fellowship Camp, Camp Swatara. Worship, bible study, hiking, swimming, crafts. Speaker: Belita Mitchell. More information will be in the upcoming Sunday bulletins—mark your calendars now.

September 9, 2010: Brethren Village's 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Foxchase Golf Club.

September 24-25: Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center.

Saturday, July 3, 5:00 p.m.

(rain date: Monday, July 5)

Join us as we share the Love of Christ to Ephrata—right in our own backyard.



Kids 4 A Cause

A heart-felt thanks goes out to our ECOB church family for your loving support of the May "Kids 4 A Cause" event (a "Love in Action" community outreach) to help the homeless. We raised: **\$2,702.36** to help the homeless through the ministry and services provided by Water Street Ministries. Water Street's costs to feed one person, one meal is \$2.36. This event helped 1,145 people

benefit from a nourishing meal. Imagine our Jesus receiving one of those meals, a meal served to someone who might be considered "the least of these" (Matt 25:40). While this outreach did not put us on the front line dishing out the meal to the person who is receiving it, we are supporting those who do AND they do so in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Thank you to all who responded generously, to those who served, to those who supported us behind the

scenes and to all who made this outreach possible. Most importantly, thanks to the LORD, who loved us and gave the ultimate gift and for Jesus who taught us to follow him and his loving, generous heart for those in need. May God receive all the glory and may lives be touched in the name of the Son, Jesus!

—Kim Ream, Pastor of Community Connections

From Pastor Galen...

I was attending a one-day seminar the other week and during the course of the day, the leader asked us to turn to Luke 15:1-7. This is the very familiar parable of the Lost Sheep which I have preached on many times—so familiar that I almost did not pick up my Bible and turn there. I'm glad I did, because as the speaker read the passage, I saw something that I had never seen before—or at least do not remember seeing.

You know the story. A shepherd has a hundred sheep and realizes that one is lost. So he leaves the ninety-nine and goes seeking the lost one. This parable is followed by the Lost Coin and the Lost Son (usually called the Prodigal Son) and together they show us the loving heart of Father God and underline the mission of our lives—to find the lost ones.

When I hear the story of the Lost Sheep, I draw up a mental picture—we all do, that's the power of a story. What I see in my mind is the shepherd, realizing that he lost one of his sheep, he quickly leads his ninety-nine back to the sheep fold safely securing them in the pen, and then sets off to find the lost one.

That is what I see in my mind, but that is not what Jesus said, and as we read aloud what Jesus said that day at the seminar, what he said jolted me. Literally it startled me. Listen to the story and notice my emphasis:

*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine **in the open country** and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with*

me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Luke 15:4-7)

This shepherd left his flock *in the open country*—unguarded, open, exposed, vulnerable, at risk to wild beasts and marauders—just to find one lost sheep. The open country was a nasty place—wild, barren, untamed and hostile.

Wow! Those four words cast a different image in my mind. What does it mean? The first thing I think of is the level of risk to which the shepherd exposed virtually everything he owned. All shepherds had was their flock. The ninety-nine in his possession could have remained secure under his guarding and he could have simply left the lost one to wander on its own, hoping it would be alright. Yet, he willingly placed all he had—his security—at risk to seek out the lost one.

The second thing I think of was the value the shepherd placed on that one sheep. We might think “that must have been one special sheep” but nothing in the story suggests that it was anything other than a sheep like all the rest. Nonetheless, the value of one lost sheep justified placing all the rest at risk until the one was found.

Since Jesus taught for our instruction and for our life-change, I must ask, “What does this mean for me? What does it mean for the church?”

First off, I must realign my value system with God's. Apparently in the heart of God, that which is lost, alienated, alone, abandoned is of at least the same value to him, if not somewhat greater value, than that which is found, known and living in relationship with him and his people.

Secondly the parable calls me to a life of risk, not security. The story leads me to a place of willingness to risk that which gives me security in life, so that I might seek out those which are at even greater risk. It calls me to trust—trust God that where he leads, he will provide. The risk need not be reckless—given up for just any old thing—but rather calculated—

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entered into based on the value God places on the lost things he wants found. Think of the implications for the church. Those of us who are already here—we Christians living comfortable lives in the church—we are secure and we are being cared for. We often say (or at least feel, if we are too shy to say it) that the church's first priority is taking care of us. It should meet its own needs before it expends itself and its resources on the lost and broken in our world.

Based on this parable such thinking is entirely wrong. When the church realizes there is yet one lost one living outside of God's realm, it should place all it has at risk until the lost one is found.

To do so violates the worldly thinking and secular principles that have far too effectively shaped our minds and control our hearts. We are, too often, selfish people who want it our way. We like safety and security and comfort. We want our safety nets so that when we fall, we don't get hurt.

God says, until you risk it all for me, you have not yet taken up your cross, you have not yet died to self, you have not yet joined me on the mission field of life.

What am I—what are we—willing to risk for God?

Thoughts for Senior Citizens *by Charlie Bieber*



VOICES

I hear voices within the church:

Voices of insecurity. World conditions; personal values; church practices; rapid, frequent, dramatic changes. The unfamiliar scares us.

Voices of frustration. So many kinds of problems: personal, social, political, ecological, economic. How can we possibly deal with them all?

Voices of short supply of values like love, human dignity, personal rights, honest concern.

Voices about problems we have helped to create by our cold, unresponsive apathy.

But there is another VOICE heard within the church:

A voice of hope, identifying with Jesus Christ; affirming faith as it can be lived out in the Spirit.

A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; the wrong shall be made right.

A voice of One softly reminding: I am sending you as one who serves; the greatest shall be the servant.

Can I – we – hear and obey the right voice?

In truth, I confess that I am more often overwhelmed by moments of laziness. I am helped by a reading from Henri Nouwen, one of my favorite spiritual writers, who wrote: “My life has been dominated by two voices. One says, ‘Climb up. Make a difference in the world. Get influenced.’ The second voice says,

‘Climb down. Go with Jesus to the poor, the less fortunate, the weak, the sick, the broken.’ We need to hear the voice that calls us to the compassionate life.”

The strength that enables us to live the compassionate life is in the assurance that we are God’s beloved children. I do not know, from day to day, where I will go in my journey of faith. I do know that there are two signs for the journey.

1. At His baptism, and again at His transfiguration, Jesus heard, “This is my beloved son.”

2. When Jesus spoke to His disciples after the resurrection, He said, “As the father has sent me, so I send you.”

Share with me the search to know the paths that Jesus takes to the world and in the world.



Happy Birthday to... 80 years and over

Jerry Shearer	July 3
Wayne Lawrence	July 6
Mary Belle Graybill	July 10
Vivian Crowther	July 13
John Sweigart	July 18
Clair Hurst	July 19
June DeBolt	August 2
Erla Mae Bowman	August 10
Barbara Enck	August 22
Dorothy Lied	August 29
Geraldine Fuller	August 31

Sr. Adult Fellowship News

Senior Adult Luncheons

12:00 noon in the ECOB Fellowship Hall,

August 12

A \$5.00 donation is requested from each individual attending the luncheons to help defer the cost of future entertainment and meal expenses. Thank you.

M.C.C. Resource Center Work Day

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 14

Mark your calendars now for the Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet at Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland, Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Andy and Terry Murray will be sharing their gifts of music for this year’s entertainment. More to come on this at a later date, but mark it down now as a must do fall event!

Missions & Service Commission Update

Habitat House Fundraiser

Help us raise the remaining \$8,000 needed to fund the Habitat House project. Below are the items we will need to build our 'Habitat Fundraiser House'. We'll build the house together. To do this, your donations will "purchase" items. As the items are "purchased" it will be reflected on the Habitat House fundraiser graph that is posted on the Missions & Service bulletin board (near church office). You can specify which item you would like to "purchase" or donate an amount towards a "purchase". **Please**

note: if the item you request to purchase has been fulfilled, your donation will automatically be put toward another item needed.

Donations of any size can be put toward whatever item you want (please specify item). For more info contact June Summers, 733-0098, junelsummers@aol.com.

Place donations in offering plate; earmarked: "Habitat House-M&S Commission"; please specify item purchasing or specify; "non-designated donation".

Items to purchase:



Roof: \$25.00 each, 40 needed
 Chimney: \$600.00, 1 needed
 Windows: \$500.00, 4 needed
 Shutters: \$50.00 each, 8 needed
 Door: \$500.00, 1 needed
 Bricks: \$25.00 each, 120 needed
 Grass: \$25.00 each, 8 needed
 Trees: \$100.00 each, 2 needed
 Bushes: \$50.00 each, 2 needed

College & Career Group News

Leann Huber, 733-1229; anniebo79@yahoo.com

Did you hear the Buzz —The Buzz of electricity! Get "Plugged In" to the new College and Career (C&C) class. Join this exciting new group of singles, young married, college & career who want to have fun & grow in their walk. You are invited to our Sunday School class, 9:45 a.m., which meets downstairs in room # 307.

Upcoming Activities:

July 3: 4th of July picnic, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Huber's house. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for fireworks. Contact Leann to sign up for picnic and food to bring.

July 24: Long Beach Island Trip. This is open for friends and family. There will be two separate groups: A fishing group and a soaking up the sun and waves group. We'll all meet up in the afternoon when the

fishing group is complete.

- Fishing group: \$40.00 includes Rod & Bait. Departure time 4:30 a.m. from Sensenig's house. To sign up, contact Leann.
- Soaking up the sun and waves group: Departure time 7:00 a.m. To sign up, contact Leann.

August 14: Water Street Rescue Mission. Time TBD. To sign up, contact Leann.

September 19: Mt. Gretna rails-to-trails. Time TBD. To sign up, contact Leann.

Watch the weekly bulletins for more info and activities offered by this exciting new group. **We are now on Facebook at: "ECOB College and Careers Group"**. Contact Leann for more info or to get on the group email list.

C & C Coffee-house



Join us for "Final Friday, Coffee-house"

Every final Friday of the month; 7-10:30 p.m. at the ECOB pavilion, bring lawn chairs if you'd like. Come enjoy coffee & pastries, hanging out with friends & fun.

**Mark your calendars for:
July 30, August 27.**

Health Ministry News—*Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse*

Fireworks Safety

Working in the emergency room has given me an appreciation for fireworks safety. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that there were reports of seven fireworks-related deaths and an estimated 7,000 hospital emergency room treated injuries in 2008. In 2007, CPSC had reports of eleven deaths and an estimated 9,800 injuries.

Injuries can result in death as noted above. Fireworks can be dangerous, often causing serious burns and eye injury. Here is just a sampling of reports of injured children.

- A 5-month-old male was struck in the forehead by an aerial shell that was launched sideways.
- The brother of an 11-year-old male victim lit a fountain firework that ignited other fountain fireworks. One went into the victim's

tennis shoe resulting in burns to his foot.

- A 12-year-old male victim was struck in the eye by a rocket that had been launched by one of his friends, resulting in eye surgery.

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. That's why the U.S. CPSC and its national and state partners strongly recommend: **Leave fireworks to the professionals!**

If fireworks are legal where you live and you decide to set them off on your own, be sure to follow these important safety tips:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.



- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.

- Keep a bucket of water in case of a malfunction or fire.

- Parents who understand that firecrackers, bottle rockets, and roman candles, etc. can cause injuries, often let their younger kids play with sparklers because they think they are safe.

Sparklers, which can reach over 1000°F, cause half of the injuries to children under age five though, and 10 percent of fireworks-related injuries overall.

The health ministry team prays for your health and safety during the summer season.

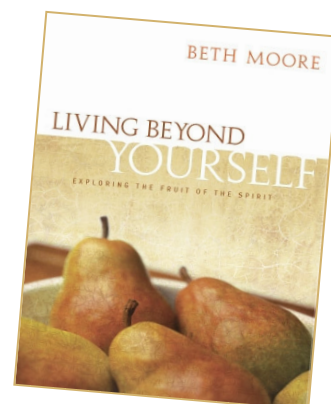


Living Beyond Yourself Bible Study Coming Soon! —September 2010

All women are invited and encouraged to join an educational & Spiritual experience through the *Living Beyond Yourself* Bible study course taught by Beth Moore. Join Beth in a study of the fruit of The Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life.

Through this study participants will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.

There will be 7-10 different time slots offered throughout each week to meet every woman's time schedule.



This is a 10 week Bible study curriculum that will engage you no matter what level of spiritual maturity you are walking in. More information coming soon.

More Than Numbers — *Brad Murphy, Treasurer*

When you read this in early July, the thought of September and the fall season may be far from your mind. After all, summer just started, didn't it? I agree that the summer is too short to miss.

Humor me for five minutes and read the following.

Since Mona & I have been in a class in April 2009 and have helped lead it twice, we have learned a lot about ourselves and the other **89 graduates** ECOB has led through FPU! That doesn't mean we've been perfect money managers but we are definitely more responsible and have a plan for the future that we didn't just 16 months ago. However the biggest thing I learned in the past year is that FPU is NOT about money. FPU is about our response to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the discipleship journey through financial management of God's resources.

In the two classes we've held here at ECOB, we've seen a **single mom** who is paying off debt, started to save, and building plans for her future. We've **cut up over 20 credit cards** in the last FPU class alone! We also had the privilege of having **22 people** from outside of ECOB join us. I've received notes and comments from **10 couples** that say this class has really helped their relationship. Helping marriages improve communication and alleviate the stress that comes from money is what FPU does. And thanks to the many volunteers this past session, we had the opportunity to fellowship and share six meals with our classmates. That was a real blessing!

You too can learn and help others at FPU. No matter where you are, FPU is a great place to improve your money management or help someone else. The small groups, where accountability happens, is

where we need experienced and caring people to get real with people and share your experiences. If you need help with financial management or you are doing "ok" with money, the 13 week lessons and group time will be time well spent.

During this summer break, consider joining us for our next session starting September 14. Make the commitment to help your family thrive and not just strive in the upcoming years. Registration deadline is August 31. Learn more under Stewardship ministries at www.ephratabrethren.org or by emailing me at: bmurphy@ephratabrethren.org.

Remember: "*the only way to have real peace is to have a daily walk with the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.*" —Dave Ramsey

Brad Murphy
Church Treasurer



A special THANK YOU to Esther Haller & Joyce Lindberg who have given countless hours of service to the church with counting the offering every Monday morning. Esther and Joyce have both decided that it is now time for them to step down from this responsibility.

Esther had been counting money for the church since 1984 — that's **26 years** of consistent and faithful service! Joyce had been assisting since 1995—that's just under 15 years.

Thanks Esther and Joyce for your faithful service!

Children's Ministry News

—Director of Children's Ministries: Paul Hosler; 733-1229; phosler@ephratabrethren.org

Why Faith at Home Must be Your Church's #1 Priority

Did the title above get your attention? It is the subtitle of the book *Building Faith at Home* by Mark A. Holmen. I will share some of Mark Holmen's thoughts with you in this article. Anything in "quotations" is a quote from the book. If you are led to seek more of what is in his book, I have a few copies to share.

The first premise stated is that the family is in crisis because "faithful Christlike living isn't happening in our homes today". "I'm convinced that Satan strategically works to tear apart families so that he can create wounds and scars that will keep people from God and the church for generations." "I believe that Satan knows the Christian Church is one of the most valuable resources families need to succeed. So he will do everything he can to keep people from getting connected to an intentional Christian community. One of his tools is to get families so busy that they don't have time for church." "In his research for his book *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*, George Barna confirmed these results: 'We discovered that in a typical week, fewer than 10 percent of parents who regularly attend church with their kids read the Bible together, pray together (other than at meal times) or participate in an act of

service as a family unit. Even fewer families—1 out of every 20—have any type of worship experience together with their kids, other than while they are at church during a typical month.'"

"If we want our children to have a faith that influences the way they live and the critical life decisions they make, we need to be modeling faith through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in our homes." "Why is re-establishing the home as the main place of faith development so important? The main reason is the influence of Mom and Dad—who are two to three times more influential than any church program." "Both Scripture and research conclude that parents are the most important influences in passing on faith to children." We know the scripture of instruction from Deuteronomy, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.' We can only impress on our children that which is upon our hearts and what they see us live and demonstrate in our lives.



Roland Martinson from Luther Seminary said, "The church's role is to be equippers of families. What we ought to do is let the kids drop their parents off at church, train the parents and send them back to their mission field, their home, to grow Christians." Jonathan Edwards realized in the American colonial era: "Every Christian family ought to be as it were a little church consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by His rule." Are our eyes on Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life? He transforms lives and the lives of families.

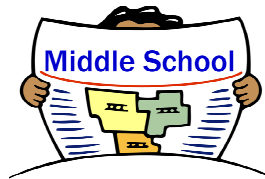
Mark Holmen states in his book that "after my relationship with Jesus Christ, comes my relationship with my wife and daughter—and then my commitment to the Church. I'm an environment to my family that can either help influence them to be closer to the Lord or push them farther away." Let each one of us be an environment to our family that will influence them to be closer to the Lord. May we join together in this Kingdom responsibility.

Contact me, Paul, at 733-1229 or phosler@ephratabrethren.org, or in person. I have some copies of Mark's book to share with you.

Middle School Youth News

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

Hey, 5th grade going to 6th grade youth—you are now able to attend all Middle School activities. You finally made it! Welcome!



Youth News

July 3—On Fire for Christ: Milkshakes and parking cars. We need your help to make it a success! This is our time to raise funds for middle school retreats, which includes the Harrisburg Quake! We have a great time together with the added bonus of watching the fireworks in our own backyard. The milkshake stand closes around 9:00 p.m., before the fireworks begin. Parking cars ends when the lot is full. They are only one hour shifts. Please contact Rob or sign up on the schedule posted on the M.S. bulletin board near the church kitchen. Join in the fun and excitement of **On Fire for Christ at ECOB!**

Vacation Bible School for Middle School Youth

July 11 – 15 —Register today!

We have curriculum for your age group and boy will it be fun! Not only will it be fun, but you will learn more about Jesus and joining His team. On July 16, there will be a grand celebration for you and your friends and family. Check the ECOB website for more details and to register for **VBS**.

August 9 – 13—Middle School

Day Camp: During our week of day camp we will share God's love with others through service, use of our gifts, and fun activities. This year's theme is: **Who are these Brethren folk?** A brochure will be available at the Middle School bulletin board near the kitchen to pick up.



Each day is structured to include a time of morning praise, a cool fun activity, lunch and closing devotions with reflection on our day together. On Friday, we end our week with our traditional outing to Mt. Gretna for a fun day at the lake.

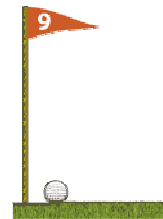
Youth who have completed grades 5-8 may participate. An adult female (18+) is needed to assist during the week. Please contact Rob if you are able to lend a hand for one day or the whole week. We may need extra adults to drive and assist as well throughout the week if our attendance is high. Please let me know if you could help on any specific day if the need arises.

Registration for Day Camp is a non-refundable **\$35.00, which must accompany the registration form.** All middle school youth are encouraged to participate in Day Camp. Scholarships are available for those who are on a fixed or limited income. Contact Rob Eshelman for information at 733-1229.



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".



August 22 – Go Kart and Golf Night:

We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and return around 9:00 p.m. It

all happens at High Sports in Lititz. There may be time to hit the batting cages, so bring extra cash if this is of interest to you. The ice cream stop is on me! Registration and a \$5.00 fee will get you in on a great night of fun with friends.

Refrigerator magnet date for September:

Youth Club 2010/2011 starts on September 8! Something new is brewing!

Middle School Information Board by the water fountain, near the kitchen. Check out the pictures on the other board also, you may see someone you know.

Sr. High Youth

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



Students Using Their Gifts

This year, several senior art students including Pahoua Moua, Payengcha Lee, Melissa Markovich, Hope Bilger and ECOB's own *Lauren Schlegel*, have been eagerly spending their free time painting a mural at the Ephrata Public Library. This mural is located in the children's story time room in the back of the library. They decided to use the opportunity to give their talents back to the community. The mural is set up into three sections, the first is a rain forest scene, the second a rocky waterfall, and the third a Sahara desert. While the project is still being completed, they hope to have it finished this summer. Stop by and enjoy this piece of artwork.



July 3—On Fire For Christ celebration.

Make sure you check the schedule for when you are working at the food stand in the pavilion. Enjoy the fireworks! No Youth group on Sun. July 4.



Sunday, July 11—attend the VBS Sr. High class.

Saturday, July 17 thru Sunday, July 25
—National Youth Conference in Colorado.

Please watch the bulletin for our August schedule. We will have some home base time mixed in with some great fun activities.



Cocalico Graduates:

- Luke Beale; will be attending West Chester University
- Zach Gosling; will be attending Drexel university
- Alex Lambert; will be attending Millersville University

Ephrata Graduates:

- Ashlynn Eidemiller; will be attending Penn State University
- Stephanie Lyons; will be attending Penn State University
- Lauren Schlegel; will be attending Harrisburg Community College
- Brandon Smith; will be attending Harrisburg Community college
- Chad Tothoro; will be attending Franklin and Marshall College

College Graduate:

Adam Gerhart; graduated from Messiah College and will be working in Frederick MD.



Congratulations!

Fellowship & Recreation News



Happy 4th of July everyone! Long may our flag wave under God! We hope you have a fun and safe holiday!

July 16—Family Fun Night at the church pavilion with food and fun for everyone! The dinner bell rings at 5:00 p.m.

Aug. 15—Church picnic at the church pavilion with Chicken Bar B Q, hot dogs and more! Food served at 5:00 p.m. Games to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the wonderful summer weather! Blessings to the whole church family!

Card Shower

This month we remember — birthday wishes:

- Jerry Shearer, July 3
- Wayne Lawrence, July 6
- Erla Mae Bowman, August 10
- Dorothy Lied, August 29



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

—ECOB Email Communication: If you have not been receiving ECOB Congregational emails and would like to, please email us at: info@ephratabrethren.org, indicating your interest in being added to the ECOB Congregational Email group. Please remember that if your email address changes please notify us promptly.

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



VBS Volunteers

Thank you for all you are doing for this year's VBS: *Saddle Ridge Ranch*.
On Fire for Christ Volunteers

Thank you for all you are doing for this year's On Fire for Christ event.



We appreciate all you do and praise God for you!



July Calendar

- 2—Scrapbooking Club, 7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall.
- 3—On Fire For Christ (rain date: Monday, July 5)
- 3—7—COB Annual Conference, Pittsburgh
- 4—July 4th
- 5—church office closed for July 4th holiday
- 11—15—VBS
- 16—Family Fun Night
- 18—Blood Pressure Screenings
- 17—25—National Youth Conference, Colorado
- 21—Camp Swatara Golf Tournament
- 30—Coffee Night for College & Careers group
7:00 p.m., Pavilion

August Calendar

- 6—Scrapbooking Club, 7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall.
- 9—13—Middle School Day Camp
- 15—Church Picnic, Pavilion
- 15—Blood Pressure Screenings
- 19—Backpack for Kids night, Ephrata Park
- 22—24—Women's Fell. Camp/Camp Swatara
- 27—Coffee Night for College & Careers group
7:00 p.m., Pavilion

Upcoming Dates:

- September 24-25—Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center



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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:

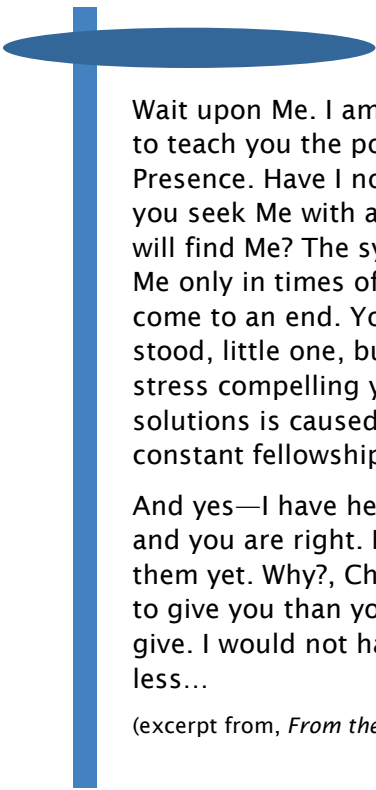
- Pastor: Galen Hackman
- Pastor of Congregational Care: Rob Eshelman
- Director of Worship and Music: Dean Sensenig
- Congregational Administrator: Carol Bowman
- Director of Children's Ministries: Paul Hosler
- Director of Middle School Youth Ministries: Rob Eshelman
- Director of Sr. High Youth Ministries: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



Wait upon Me. I am allowing this time to teach you the power of living in My Presence. Have I not promised that if you seek Me with all of your heart you will find Me? The syndrome of seeking Me only in times of adversity must come to an end. You have not understood, little one, but most of the stress compelling you to seek Me for solutions is caused by your lack of constant fellowship with Me.

And yes—I have heard your prayers, and you are right. I have not answered them yet. Why?, Child, I have far more to give you than you have asked Me to give. I would not have you settle for less... —Dad

(excerpt from, *From the Father's Heart*; Slagle)