

THE UPWARD CALL

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Living for Jesus so others may know Him.

On Fire for Christ—Another Opportunity for *LOVE IN ACTION*

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*Are you an
Admirer
or a
Follower
of Jesus?*

On July 3rd the community has literally been placed in our (ECOB's) backyard. Ephrata is coming to us and this is a great outreach that can be used to share the Love of Christ.

We Need Your Help! Prayer Warriors, help to set up (10 a.m.) and tear down (10 p.m.), volunteers for pre-planned activities, monetary donations, food donations (see bulletin board in kitchen hallway).

Free Activities: Music & Entertainment, Barrel Train, Roaming Juggler, Juggling Class, Inflat-able Wrecking Ball, Tattoos, Balloons, Popcorn, Bottled Water, Spin Art, Inflat-able Obstacle Course, Inflat-able Kid-die Jumper & Slide, Duck Pond, Lollipop Game, Giveaways.

Things for Sale: Delicious Food, Ice Cream Cones, Milkshakes



Help us to show God's Love to our Community!

Contact ASAP to Volunteer: Diane Hartranft ddkchart@ptd.net or Beverly Leisey: pumpkinfarmer5@yahoo.com

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Saddle up for **Saddle Ridge Ranch!** A place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word. Hope to see you there! **Register** online at the church website or fill out a registration form and return to the church office for Pam & Mike Fox.

Vacation Bible School July 11 — July 15

God has blessed children with energy, a desire to explore, to learn, to seek, to love and to be loved. The children of our church and community need you to be a part of the VBS team. Helpers, organizers, teachers, presenters, cooks and "tell-me-what-to-do" people are needed to be a part of sharing the love of Jesus during VBS.

High school and college students and all adults, please pray and seek God as to how He desires you to be a part of VBS. Contact Pam or Mike Fox at oopimap@yahoo.com or Paul Hosler at phosler@ephratabrethren.org or 733-1229.

Let us be desperate in prayer for the souls of others.



Thank you:

—The Stewardship & Finance Commission; Thank you to those who helped May 1 to mulch and spruce up the outside of the church.

—Ron and Tricia Schlegel and family; Thanks so much for the thoughts, cards, calls and prayers that were lifted up after the death of our mother and grandmother. We are so blessed to have a community of believers surround us during this difficult time. Praise to God in all things.

—Doris Hackman; Thank you to the Hall of Faith Team: Rich & Gerry Bealer, Mary Becker, Coni Gerhart, Karen Good, Lori Ortenzi, and Marty Wenger, for all their work and prayers on behalf of the Hall of Faith sermon series. To Dean and the Worship team who had to take extra time learning new songs for the series. Thanks also to Phil & Steph and all of the people who helped tear down the gym for the elective Sunday School class.

—Ray, Bonnie & Alice Stephany; to the ECOB church family, we thank you for all you have done for us and all of the prayers while Alice was in the hospital and recuperating at home. Your thoughts and prayers were appreciated more than you know.

News and Events

—**ECOB Church Softball Team** will be represented in the 4th Annual Fred Sensenig Memorial Bracket Tournament, June 18 & 19 on the fields behind ECOB. The Tournament is dedicated to the memory of Fred Sensenig and all proceeds will benefit TNT Youth Ministries. Game times to be announced. Come out and support our team!



—**District Conference Choir:** vocalists are invited to participate in a combined choir during the Friday evening worship service of conference on October 8. Interested persons should contact Evy Brubaker at 717-733-6253; pebru@dejazzd.com by July 25.

—**Do you Knit or Crochet?** The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of prayer shawls for men, women & children. Contact Carol Bowman, cbowman@ephratabrethren.org or 733-1229, for more information on this ministry.

—**Meals on Wheels** is in need of volunteer cooks for the Ephrata location. This would involve approx. two hours in the morning, once a week. For more information, please contact Becky Miller at the Ephrata/Denver Meals on Wheels at 717-733-4846, or Tom Swalwell of EASS at 717-733-0345.

—**The Witness Festival** will be held at the Memorial Park in Quarryville, PA, Saturday, June 12, 12:00 noon to 10 p.m. Free admission, parking-\$5 donation. For more info visit; witnessfestival.com. Lineup includes Natalie Grant, Superchick, PureNRG and Building 429, speaker Justin Lookadoo. Food and merchandise vendors. Rich Stevenson, chaplain, will bring a team of students from the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, to staff the prayer tent.

—**THE DAY,** is a community praise and worship event held at New Holland Park, June 6, 10 to 10 p.m. ALL FREE. Local worship bands, speakers, drama, seminars, prayer tent, food vendors. Nationally known worship band in the evening. KIDZONE in the afternoon, GLOW SHOW puppets, bounce houses, sno-cones, drama, games, etc., 1-4 p.m. Join us as we dedicate this day to worship the God of all Creation. For more info, call 717-354-0056.



From Pastor Galen...

Recently, I was remembering my years in high school. Many of you know that my family actually lived in the Cocalico School District, but I graduated from Ephrata. You might wonder how that came about.

Sometime in the distant past, Cocalico and Ephrata decided to combine their Vocational Agricultural programs and offer the course of study at only one location. Ephrata won out, I think because it was building a new school and thus could design a place for the program. Anyway, by the time I entered High School in the fall of 1967, if a Cocalico student chose VoAg as a course of study, they were shuttled to Ephrata.

Why I chose this course of study is fodder for another article. The course selection proved providential, however, even though I never ended up working in the agricultural field. Through the four years of daily double periods, we learned a host of practical skills ranging from engine repair, to electrical wiring, to animal management, to plant growth, to welding, to bookkeeping, and more. These skills proved invaluable through the decades since school, especially while serving on the mission field in Nigeria, where when something broke the only options often were to do without it, or fix it yourself.

That said, there is something else I gained from my VoAg high school experience. The program was designed so that we spent about half our time in the classroom and the other half in the shop. We were also required to have actual projects at home on our farms. I raised market hogs, veal calves and field corn. In the classroom we learned theory, principles, processes and proce-

dures. In the shop, via our projects, we learned how to actually do things we studied in the classroom.

Because of that combination of classroom and shop experience, I can read a profit and loss statement and rebuild an internal combustion engine; I can interpret an electrical schematic and wire a 240 volt heater; I can write a term paper summarizing research on a topic; and I can set up a table saw to cut multiple angles.

I am very grateful for both the theories and principles I learned in the classroom, and the practical skills I honed in the shop during those years.

I realized recently that the balance between classroom and laboratory, or between learning and doing, is often exactly what is missing in the church. And it is why we have been able to raise up generations of people who know how to go through the motions of the Christian faith, but who cannot pray effectively, share their faith openly and manage their money well, not to mention their lives.

Our churches tend to be full of people like that. And, I am convinced it is not their fault. Often, it is the church's fault, and it is my fault as a leader. We have built programs of worship and teaching that are heavy on the "classroom" aspects of learning but very light on the "laboratory" aspects of learning. In past times, when families were more stable and had more at home time, we assumed that much training in Christian living happened at home. Times have changed.

Classroom learning remains important. We need to learn how we got our Bible, how to study it and what it means, along with a host of

other topics. But we must also learn how to pray, how to witness, how to engage spiritual powers, how to worship, how to honor God in our relationship and with our money. We learn this kind of thing best in the laboratory of life, where we actually do it while being coached by more seasoned people of faith.

These two aspects of learning

will become more prevalent in the church as we work at incorporating doing with learning.

As I write this, it is already a year ago that we

held our first church-wide outreach, called *Love in Action*, which represented a step forward at having the church provide a hands-on experience for its people. And many of us recently participated in our Lenten Study, which included the doing of an outreach event together as a class/group as part of our learning experience.

There will be more hands-on opportunities. Additionally, we will be expanding our classroom opportunities for people, in both subject matter and time slots, so that more people can engage in learning experiences designed to build their faith.

As I remember my high school years, it is tempting for me to say that I learned more in the shop periods of VoAg than I did in the classroom. But I'm not sure this is correct. Without the information learned in class, shop would not have been very productive. I needed both and I value both. To be mature in my faith, I also need both learning and doing. And so do you.

*The church
needs both
classrooms
and
laboratories*

Thoughts for Senior Citizens *by Charlie Bieber*



Hills of Faith

My mother's favorite Psalm (after Psalm 23, which is everyone's favorite), was Psalm 124, which begins: *I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I would frequently find her on our back porch, looking across

the Susquehanna River to the mountains across. From Mom, I began, also, to lift up my eyes to the hills.

But there came in my life an addition that Mom would have approved of. I have found strength in lifting up my eyes to the Master of the hill. I look to Jesus, speaker of the Sermon on the Mount, Master of its truths. I look to Jesus on the

Mount of Transfiguration, where Moses affirms law and Elijah affirms prophecy in the miracle of Jesus.

I look to Jesus, who mastered Mount Calvary for our redemption and life eternal. When valleys and shadows appear in my life, I find joy and give thanks in Jesus, master of the hills.



Sr. Adult Fellowship News

M.C.C. Resource Center Work Days
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 14 & November 2

You have the option of working the entire day and bringing a lunch or leaving at lunch time. The choice is yours, but we do hope you join us! We meet at the Resource Center at 9:00 a.m.

Senior Adult Luncheons

12:00 noon in the ECOB Fellowship Hall,

—June 10 —August 12 —December 9

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.

Ziegler's Tours with Earl and Vivian Ziegler

You are invited to attend the trips listed. Contact the Ziegler's; 717-560-6488; eziegler29@gmail.com

Cape Cod by the Sea; June 14-17; Cost \$560-\$635

Highlights of Europe; July 16-27 or July 23-August 3;

Cost: \$5,500 - \$5,770



Happy Birthday to...
80 years and over

Donald Mellinger	June 3
Mary Schreiber	June 4
Erla Hess	June 6
Ruth Fassnacht	June 14
Marian Stoltzfus	June 14
Jane Griffith	June 17

**We were called to be witnesses,
not lawyers or judges.**

Missions & Service Commission Update

For a number of years, the M & S commission has been given the opportunity of choosing who will be the recipient of the offering taken at ECOB's Vacation Bible School. Heifer International has been the recipient the past two years. This year the commission decided to collect items and/or money for Baby Care Kits. The kits will be sent to areas of extreme poverty or following a natural disaster through Church World Service. Baby Care Kits help mothers care for their newborn infants.

This project is open to the entire congregation. PromiseLand will also be involved. Please follow the printed list exactly. The collection begins now and continues through June 16. You may place the items

in room 106. If possible, please include \$2.00 per kit for shipping costs. If you cannot give an entire kit, one or more items will be appreciated as well. Kits will be assembled from donations received.

Parents, please talk to your children about this project, as there is no age restriction to learning to serve God by serving others. Our commission is very excited about this project.

To assemble a Baby Care Kit you will need:

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (No Onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins

- One sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- Two receiving blankets (one can be hand-knitted or crocheted)

Items must be new and under 12 months in size. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

—**Look at the M&S bulletin board** (located near the church office) for information on how to help a child this summer. The Fresh Air Fund is looking for families willing to open their hearts and homes to a New York City child for two weeks this summer.

—The next Upward Call issue will feature how YOU can help raise the money we need to complete our financial commitment to the *Habitat House* being built in Ephrata.

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 the classroom across from the senior high class.

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.

Upcoming Activities:



June 5: Barnstormers game. Ticket cost is only \$20.00 which includes the game, food & drinks catered by Hess's Catering and fireworks following the game.

This is open to the entire ECOB congregation! Please Join Us!

Limited tickets are on a first come first serve basis. To reserve tickets, please contact Stacey Coldiron, lynne3179@aol.com.

August 14, Service Project at Water Street Ministries; 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Meeting at ECOB at 9:00 a.m.. Sign up by contacting Leann (see contact info above).

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:
June 25, July 30, August 27.**

Health Ministry News—*Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse*

Got Milk?

Caution! Sneeze about to happen... Did you know that people can sneeze and break a bone in their body? I've seen this happen... just a simple sneeze and then, pain. The culprit is often a condition called osteoporosis. Osteo means "bone" and porosis or porous means "full of pores." Simply put, a person who has osteoporosis has bones that, instead of being solid and strong, are thin (losing bone density) and weak. It can strike a person at any time and it affects 55% of those greater than age 50.

Interestingly, most bone mass is acquired in young adulthood, age 18-20. Building strong bones during childhood and adolescence can help to prevent osteoporosis. Women lose up to 20% bone mass

after menopause, making them more susceptible. Many people do not know they have this condition until they have a bone break. A special x-ray test called a bone mineral density test can identify if you have low bone density, making you at greater risk for a break if you fall (or sneeze!). Medicare provides for these screening tests every 2 years.



There are 5 steps to bone health and osteoporosis prevention.

1. Eat right: get your daily-recommended amounts of calcium and vitamin D (found in dairy products).
2. Exercise: Engage in regular weight bearing and muscle strengthening exercise.

3. Maintain a healthy lifestyle: Avoid smoking & excessive alcohol.

4. Talk to your healthcare provider: Ask about bone health.

5. Get tested: Have a bone density test and take medication when appropriate.

Doing these things will help prevent osteoporosis and help keep your bones strong. See the bulletin board for additional information.

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your
crops . . . —Proverbs 3: 7-9*

Bethany Seminary

The Martyrs' Mirror

A free public meeting in celebration of *The Martyrs' Mirror* and Its Importance to Lancaster's First Settlers will be held on Monday, June 7 at Christian Aid Ministries relief center in Ephrata at 7:00 p.m. *The Martyrs' Mirror* was printed at the Ephrata Cloister 350 years ago. The largest book printed in the thirteen colonies, it took three years to finish it.

—Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Ninety-five students were enrolled in ministry training programs during the past year.

—Financial Aid Program. The Seminary's new financial aid program will go into effect in the 2010/2011 academic year. Federal loans, grants, and work-study will be available. For more information, check out the Bethany website: bethanyseminary.edu

Preaching Camp

There is a movement happening among young preachers (ages 16-28) called the [Academy of Preachers](#). While preaching can seem rather terrifying, no matter your age, imagine this as an opportunity to find your unique voice, to better articulate your beliefs and practices, to connect with the living Word, and to deepen your confidence with God who speaks through each of us. Join us this summer for a [preaching camp](#) in Richmond, Indiana, June 13-18, 2010.

More Than Numbers — *Brad Murphy, Treasurer*

School is out! Warm weather is here! And it's time to go on vacation! Here is an article from daveramsey.com about how to enjoy vacation without having the financial stresses that we can create for ourselves.

“Everyone needs a vacation, a mental break. It's important to take time away from work and everyday life; studies show that it's good for you and your career. Taking a vacation (no matter how long) will refresh you, and you'll return with less stress and new energy.

Here are some tips on how to plan a vacation that won't break your bank account:

Check the Numbers Review your budget and decide how much money you can spend on a vacation. To figure out what you can afford, divide your money into categories: travel, accommodations, meals and entertainment/activities. This will give you a clear picture of the cost of your vacation. Remember, the getaway doesn't have to cost thousands of dollars. Even a weekend away can

work wonders. Be realistic and refuse to go into debt.

Make a List Create a list of activities that you would like to do on your vacation. Your destination will depend on that list. Review the list and determine various locations that will meet your desires. This may take some researching, but the extra work will be worth it. You want to take a vacation that will be enjoyable and worth your time and money.

Research It's time to hop on the internet and find great travel deals. Depending on what you want to do, there are many websites that offer vacation packages and last-minute deals. A travel agent can provide helpful insight into a particular location or package that you are considering. If you decide to use a travel agent, talk to more than one so you can compare prices and learn all the options available.

Be Flexible By being flexible with your time, you could end up with a much better deal.

Waiting on last-minute specials or traveling during the off-season are great ways to save money. Also, traveling in the middle of the week, instead of on the weekend, is another smart option.

Think Creatively If money is tight, think of some unique ways you can take a getaway without dwindling your budget. Consider traveling to a nearby town or even checking out the popular tourist attractions in your own community. Stay with friends or family to lower the cost of accommodations. Camping is another great alternative; it's cheap and fun, especially if you have kids. Check out "voluntourism" opportunities. This option allows you to stay in exotic locations at a significant discount in exchange for volunteer work.

Do It! Don't let your budget convince you that a vacation is unaffordable. With some planning, anyone can take a little vacation. Whether it's for a weekend or two weeks, you will be glad you took the trip.”

ECOB Financial Status Update

2010 Financial status has been much different than 2009 started. Your consistent giving in the first four months exceeded the previous two years. The unrestricted giving of \$222,084, average of \$13,064, exceeded the budgeted plan by \$500 per week. Expenses have also been less than budget by \$10,000 (\$237K vs \$247K).

Thank God for his faithful and consistent guidance and for you for supporting the ministries at ECOB.

Thank you, Brad

Children's Ministry News

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

What Has God Prepared For You?

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Eph. 2:10). I have surely missed lots of opportunities to be about the good works God has prepared in advance for me. As we prepare for the days ahead will you look with me at some opportunities for doing God’s good work?

William Shakespeare said, “Strong reasons make strong actions.” Let’s take a look at some strong reasons for doing good works that may take strong action. Are children with smiles, energy, questions and seeking minds important to us? Do we desire the next generation to love Jesus first and to be about making disciples? Is the truth of the Bible and the grace we have experienced worth sharing? Children, Jesus, truth, the Bible, grace; these all are strong reasons for us to take strong actions.

Jesus placed his hands on children and prayed for them. He said, “Whoever welcomes a little child in My name welcomes Me.” Paul in Ephesians tells us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord. What strong actions are needed for our children to love Jesus? The first strong action is prayer. We need to be raising the bar in our own relationship with God. Are we learning from and meditating on the truths of God’s Word? Have we asked God what good works He has prepared for us to do? Are we seeking His will?

Our children need to see and be in relationship with others who love with the love of Jesus. Is God calling you to assist in VBS, Promiseland, early childhood classes, Sonshine Club, or children’s church? The strong action of teaching the truths of God is a good work needed in every phase of life. We need organizers, leaders, workers, helpers, and anyone willing to be a servant of our loving God and

King. The second strong action is love action in the name of Jesus. If you love the Lord and love kids, we need that love action of helping kids to know, love and experience God.



Lay up treasures in heaven by moving out of your comfort zone and trusting God and others to equip you to share the love of Jesus with kids. The third strong action is trusting God.

“O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.” Psalm 84:12.

Take the leap of faith and enter the world of children and be blessed. Contact me, Paul Hosler (contact info above) for more information on how you may serve. May we join together in this Kingdom responsibility.



Parents of Camp Swatara campers: In an effort to support our expense-reduction efforts, the Christian Education commission is asking parents who feel that they can pay the full tuition of their child’s summer camp to do so. Good as Gold certificates will still be available for families who have a need for them. Please call the church office, 733-1229, to request your certificate. For those paying the full amount, please plan on paying the balance of the camp tuition when you check your child into camp. Please contact Elizabeth Groff; serviss-groff@dejazzd.com for more information.

Middle School Youth News

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

Sunday school – every Sunday morning under the gym in rooms 301 & 303.



Through the summer we are embarking on a Bible journey, which at the end of the trip you should be able to recite the books of the Bible and navigate through it with confidence and ease. Bring your Bible and join us “Down Under” as we navigate together through the awesome Books of the Bible.

June 6: Laser Tag madness, need I say more?



Join the fun and action with your friends for an evening of Laser Tag. There is a \$5.00 fee for this one,

but that is still pretty cheap! **Meet at the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m.**

June 20-25: Middle School Work Camp in Niagara Falls, New York (registration is closed for this event.) We ask for your prayers during our week away. **We are leaving at 8:30 a.m. from the church parking lot.** Keep your eyes and ears open for next year’s work camp experience and join us in 2011.



July 3: “On Fire for Christ” – Milkshakes and parking cars and we need your help to make it a success! This is our time to raise funds for middle school retreats and work camp for 2011! We have a great time together with the added bonus of watching the fireworks in our own backyard. The milkshake stand closes before the fireworks begin, and parking cars ends when the lot is full. Please



Registration forms for activities listed are available in the Sunday School classrooms, at Youth Club or you may register online at 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”.

contact Rob for details and to schedule a time to help make shakes or park cars! The fun starts around 4:00 p.m., and each shift is only one hour.

Don’t delay, contact Rob today!

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.

Youth Milkshake Stand for On Fire for Christ

I am coming to you again this year and asking for your generous financial support in purchasing some of the supplies we need to operate the milkshake stand. As you all know, the economy is still on the down side, but prices for everything keep going up.

I ask you if you can to generously support the Youth Milkshake Stand fundraiser by donating funds to purchase cups, syrups, ice cream and assorted other items for the stand. We would love to keep the price affordable for everyone while still making a modest profit for the various youth activities supported by this fundraiser.

By your support we would like to keep the price of a shake at \$3.00. In order to do this we would need approximately \$1500.00 to cover our expenses. If you could contribute to this project **please make checks payable to ECOB and earmark: “Milkshake Project”**. If you would like a free shake certificate for every \$25.00 donated, please place your check in Rob Eshelman’s mailbox in the office and I will see that you get them.

Thanks in advance for your help on this project!

Rob Eshelman

Sr. High Youth News

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



Upcoming activities:

June 2—Mandatory Meeting for those attending workcamp and NYC, the work-camp meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the NYC meeting at 7:15. All the impor-

tant info you need to know will be presented at this meeting. Parents and Youth are to attend.

June 6—Home base 5:45-7:30p.m.

June 13—Black and Blue Capture the flag night. Details TBA.

June 20—No regular youth group.

June 27—6-9 p.m. Campfire at the Nissly's, Denver. Bring a chair, a snack and drink to share.

July 3—Food stand; On Fire for Christ

July 11—Pizza, discussion and fun. Meet at the church at 5p.m.

The ECOB Sr. High Youth and advisors enjoyed a great weekend retreat at the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference on Long Beach Island, N.J. the first weekend of May. God gifted us in many ways: 95 degrees and sunny! We had a great guest speaker, James Horning from Crossfire Ministries in Stevens. We learned that we can do a lot of things to hide our life's trials from others, but God knows our struggles and often puts people in our pathway to help us. We talked about being one of those people and the different strengths we bring to the group and in outreach to others. A good time was had by all.

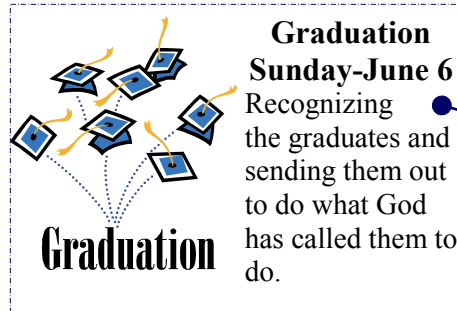
We covet your prayers for our two big summer events.

—June 20--26, a group of college and high school students will be traveling to Buffalo, NY for Group Work-camp. Please pray for their safety as they travel and for safety on the work site. Pray for God to work in amazing ways in their lives and the lives of those they are helping.



—July 17-25, National Youth Conference in Colorado. Please pray for our youth and the adults as we take this trip and seek to see God in new ways.

A list of everyone attending Work-camp and N.Y.C. will be available for you to refer to as you pray.



Graduation Sunday-June 6

Recognizing the graduates and sending them out to do what God has called them to do.

We need your information!

All high school and college graduates; please contact the church office 733-1229 with your graduation information by May 28.



Student Spotlight: Marissa Bartow

Templeton Honors

College at Eastern University

During the 2009-2010 school year, Marissa Bartow and Danielle Bailey have been busy transcribing, editing and indexing the diary of Moravian church leader Christian Ignatius LaTrobe. LaTrobe's diary, which spans the latter half of the 18th century, reveals many fascinating insights into the life of an upper middle class man of the late 1700s. In addition to this insight though, the diary also discloses unique information regarding his involve-

ment in the abolition of the slave trade, the life of Charles Wesley, the Warren Hastings trial and many interesting facts regarding the development of the Moravian church. Referring to the project, Bartow said: "We have a unique opportunity to peer into the life of a well-connected and lively man and to learn not only the details of his life but also through him, a lot of other people and events come alive. These people are no longer names in a history book, but real people who have real conversations and go to real places. I am honored to have a chance at preserving history in such a way as this!" Aspects of this

project currently remain incomplete. So, Bailey and Bartow will be heading off to England this summer. This trip will mark the culmination of a year-long project of historic proportions. They will work to preserve the history of LaTrobe and his diary through interacting with the actual text which currently resides within the library at Manchester University. They will also spend time fulfilling internships at the Moravian Archives in North London.

To send a note of encouragement to Marissa, email her at: mbartow@eastern.edu.

Fellowship & Recreation News

Here it is June already—we're halfway through 2010! Hope everyone is having a great year so far. God is good all the time!

The month of May was busy with the photo sessions for the directory. Thank you to everyone who participated. We should have the finished product sometime in July as well as the pictures you may have ordered.

Looking ahead:

—Father's Day reception, June 20, in the church lobby between the worship services.

—July 16: Come'on down to the church pavilion for Family Fun Night which will feature some mighty good "grub"! We will be serving up hot dogs with some baked beans on the side for all you cowboys and cowgirls! Yeeehaaaww!

—August 15: A Church gathering at the church pavilion. More info will be announced later.

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

Card Shower

This month we remember:

- Ruth Fassnacht, birthday wishes, June 14
- Jane Griffith, birthday wishes, June 17

Refer to your church directory for addresses or call the church office, 733-1229.

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

ECOB Volunteers

Thank you for all you do and all of the ways that you serve.

We appreciate all you do and praise God for you!



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I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world. -Mother Teresa



Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 20



June Calendar

- 4—Scrapbooking Club, 7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall.
- 10—Sr. Adult luncheon, Fell. Hall, 12:00 noon
- 20—Father's Day
- 21—First day of Summer
- 25—Coffee Night for College & Careers group
7:00 p.m., Pavilion

Upcoming dates:

- July 3: On Fire For Christ
- July 11-15: Vacation Bible School
- July 16: Family Fun Night
- July 17-25: National Youth Conference in Colorado
- August 15: Church Gathering/Picnic, pavilion
- August 22-24: Women's Fell. Camp/Camp Swatara

*Father, bless the person reading this
in whatever it is that you know he or she
may be needing this day.*



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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

Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see Jesus in you.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.