




THE UPWARD CALL

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Living for Jesus so others may know Him.



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God uses every small act of love for larger purposes.

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Kids 4 A Cause

While on vacation with her family, 10-year old Sarah Johnson was profoundly impacted when she came face-to-face with people who were homeless. She saw real people when she looked in their eyes and her heart was moved. So Sarah returned from this trip and immediately began to plan how she could help fight homelessness. We share in Sarah's vision by offering a fundraising event, including a benefit auction **May 15, 2010, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

All proceeds go to Water Street Ministries, a local ministry that helps the homeless.

A child's heart was moved — we hope you will be too, because everyone should have a place to call "home".

Tickets available online: \$10 for the event. We are also offering a \$15 ticket to attend the event + Sarah and Scott Johnson's "Chocolate 101" informational session.

Event Location:

Hurst House Bed & Breakfast, 154 E. Farmersville Rd., Ephrata, PA

Visit us online at:

kids4acause.com. Tickets are available online as well as benefit auction opportunities if you cannot attend the event, and/or to donate to support the effort to raise funds to help the homeless. Tickets will also be available for purchase before and after the worship services in May. For more information about this "Love in Action" outreach focus, contact Kim Ream at: kream@ephratabrethren.org

A Look at Pentecost

Christians around the world will celebrate the Day of Pentecost –May 23. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon those who believed in his resurrection. Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection (Pentecost), the Christian church was born. Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving). The apostles

and a large crowd of three thousand were gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem, when the Spirit came upon them. "...From heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind..." Acts 2:2. After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke



"about God's deeds of power" (v 11). They were so touched by the Holy Spirit that they began to worship regularly, especially on Sundays, the day of Christ's resurrection. The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people and they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

Worship Series: *Hall of Faith*

Hall of Faith. Each week we are highlighting the lives of Christian believers and martyrs – those who listened to God’s call on their lives & stepped out in faith, in our worship services and through elective Sunday School classes that are offered each week in the gym.

Join us as we celebrate these heroes’ lives & learn more about these ordinary individuals, who through faith in Christ, became extraordinary.

Hall of Faith Resource Booklets are available on the pews in the lobby.



New Members received by transfer on March 28:

—Greg, Lorie, Alysia & Logan Goodman

Christian Sympathy is extended to Jody Ream and family, Roger and Elaine Ream, Todd and Kim Ream and family and Greg and Susan Snyder and family on the death of Jody’s husband, Roger and Elaine’s son, and Todd and Susan’s brother, Mike Ream, who passed away on March 29.

Congratulations to: Nick & Heather Gerhart on the birth of a daughter, **Brianna Rose**, born April 8.

Parent & Child Dedication February 28:

—Jeremy & Sandy Jones & daughter, Amaya Soleil.
—Darrin & Karen White & son, Hawk Zaidin.
—Greg & Lorie Goodman, guardians of Allissia Bair.

The Deacons thank the Happy Hearts Sunday School class and all others that helped in the set up and tear down for Love Feast.

Weeding & Mulching Day of the ECOB grounds; Saturday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. Also, check out the ECOB website for individuals or groups to sign up for a two week commitment to help keep our grounds looking maintained. Contact Denise Beamesderfer if you are interested in helping or for more information.

May 2—*Eric Liddell; When I Run, I Feel His Pleasure.* Highlighting the life of Eric Liddell, a Scottish Olympic star.

May 9—*Fanny Crosby; More Than Conquerors.* Highlighting the life of Fanny Crosby, a blind hymn writer.

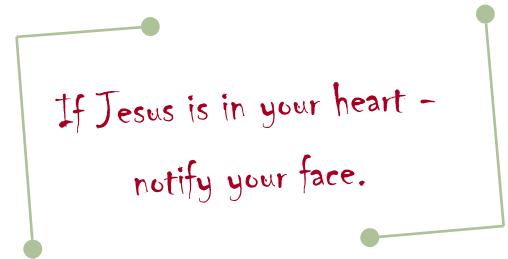
May 16—*Persecuted Church; Persecuted, But Not Abandoned.*

May 23—*Radical Disciples—Anabaptist Martyrs; The Power of*

Forgiveness. Highlighting men and woman who gave their lives for the Anabaptist movement.

May 30—*Remembrance.* Remembering the Faithful who encouraged us in our faith.

June 6—*You Too Can Be a Hall of “Faith-er”.* (Graduation Sunday). Sending out the graduates and all believers to do what God has called them to do.



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

Special Event Display Case: Do you have a special church event that you wish to promote? You can use the display case next to the library to promote your event. Contact the church office, 733-1229, for availability.

ECOB’s Deacon Fund helps people right in our own congregation with rent, medications and unexpected expenses. During this time of recession, the fund has been hit particularly hard. Contributions to the Deacon’s Fund are appreciated. Please earmark your check “Deacon Fund”. Thank you for your help.

Friendship Community’s 17th annual Fest and Auction, May 7-8. Chicken BBQ, music, tethered hot air balloon rides, breakfast, auctions, children’s activities, crafts, baked goods, gift certificate sales and much more. Food tent features over 12 stands. For a schedule of events or for more information, call Betty Hess, 656-2466, ext. 165. Free admission and parking.

Make a Difference & Walk for Life: Join Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services for Walk for Life on Sat., May 15. Walkers, sponsors & volunteers are needed. Pre-registration appreciated. For more info, log onto www.svps.org & click on the “Events” tab.

From Pastor Galen...

I trust you have read the *Chronicles of Narnia* series of books by C. S. Lewis. They are dubbed as children's books, and we read them through several times to our kids when they were of appropriate age, but they are so much more. People of all ages enjoy them. The *Chronicles* are an allegory of the Christian life and the ways of God, set in a fantasy land called Narnia, in which Aslan, a great big lion, is the Jesus figure.

In the first book of the series, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (also made into a motion picture), four children, Susan, Peter, Edmond and Lucy, are magically transported into the Land of Narnia. While there, they are befriended by talking beavers who intend to introduce them to Aslan. The following dialog occurs as the beavers are explaining to the children who Aslan is. Mr. Beaver says,

"You'll understand when you see him."

"But shall we see him?" asked Susan.

"Why, Daughter of Eve, that's what I brought you here for. I'm to lead you where you shall meet him," said Mr. Beaver.

"Is – is he a man?" asked Lucy.

"Aslan a man!" said Mr. Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-Sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion – the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he – quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver; "if

there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver; "don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King I tell you."

[*The Chronicles of Narnia; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, New York: Harper Trophy, 79-80]

This passage, one of the most famous from the book, captivated my thinking recently. Safe. Is God safe? No he is not safe, but he is good. What a probing thought. I had to think about this. In my experience, has God been safe? I would need to respond: "Certainly not!"

When I surrendered my life to God through his Son, Jesus, he immediately began to mess with my life. And I mean mess with it. God took stuff I had previously believed and totally turned it upside down. He changed what I valued; what I had trusted in was yanked from beneath me. God led me to places I had never thought I would go; called me to things I never imagined I could do; challenged me in ways that rocked me to my very core.

And now, 36 years later, it has not changed. God is still messing with my life. Pursing God and what he wants from my life is not safe. His transformation of my heart and mind and soul is never finished. God keeps asking for more, and letting me know that if I do not give it, I will be missing out on the best things of life, better than I could ever imagine.

But having said that God is not safe, I will also affirm with Mrs. Beaver, that God is good. Oh, he is

so good. He has never changed my thinking but to replace it with truth that serves my life and his ways far better than any previous thoughts. He has never asked me to surrender to him what I thought was my right, without then replacing it with a freedom of soul I could never have imagined. He has never led me to a place, no matter how hard the circumstances, without sending a joy into my soul so consuming as to fade any pain of sacrifice.

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God is not safe, but he is good. If we begin to follow God thinking it will lead us to the easy life, or the good life, or to the physically prosperous life, we are in for a rude awakening that will no doubt lead to all kinds of spiritual and intellectual frustration. Because God is not safe. He will thoroughly dismantle your life. At times it will seem reckless and unnecessary. It will be painful. It will be risky. But God's ways will always be good and will lead to places in your soul beyond your wildest dreams. Because, though God is not safe, he is immensely good. He is good beyond measure.

Being a Christian and being a church means we are in pursuit of the ways of God. We radically and desperately want to be fully known by him, and to know him as fully as we are known. We surrender to his presence and we seek his ways. As we do, he messes with our lives and he messes with our church. He leads us places we would never thought of on our own, and does things among us we could never have done for ourselves.

But though God is dangerously unsafe, he is always good.

Thoughts for Senior Citizens *by Charlie Bieber*



Thoughts on Camp Swatara

These are your hills, O God.
Like high cathedral spires they reach for you
...Upon a hill was placed your cross.

These are your trees, O God.
Their leafy arms point upward unto you.
...'Twas from a tree your cross was made.

These are your rocks, O God.
Their silent strength bespeaks your power.
...'Twas on a rock you knelt and prayed.

May we be yours, O God
Seeking, may we find you.
Pointing, may we lead others to you.
Falling, may we find your power.
Loving, may we know your cross.
Knowing, may we sing your praise
...It was for us you lived and died, and LIVE

Sr. Adult Fellowship News

Celebrating May as Older Adults Month

God's image of aging and old age is bountiful and beautiful. Doing new things, bearing fruits, and striving toward what lies ahead. This is fresh and flourishing like an oasis not a desert. This is a time of finding new meaning and purpose in life and of God doing new things in the lives of older adults.

"It is also a time of deepening your relationship with God. We are never too old to grow spiritually and draw nearer to Him. Let others see Christ in you. Share your faith, so that others may know Him." ~ *Judy Laubenstein*



Senior Adult Events for 2010

M.C.C. Resource Center Work Days

—September 14 & November 2, 2010

You have the option of working the entire day and bringing a lunch or leaving at lunch time. We hope you join us! Meet at the Resource Center at 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Luncheons – starting at noon in the ECOB Fellowship Hall, and ending around 1:30 p.m.

—June 10, August 12, December 9

A \$5.00 donation is being requested from each individual attending the luncheons to help defer the cost of future entertainment and meal expenses. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



*Happy Birthday to...
80 years and over*

May

Stephen Enck	May 5
Bettie Mull	May 18

Ziegler's Tours with Earl and Vivian Ziegler

You are all invited to attend the trips listed, by contacting the Ziegler's at: 717-560-6488 or eziegler29@gmail.com

--Lancaster County Spring Amish Tour, May 5, Cost: \$45.00

--Cape Cod by the Sea, June 14-17, Cost: \$560-\$635.

--Highlights of Europe, July 16—27 and/or July 23—August 3, Cost: \$5,500 - \$5,770.

Missions & Service Commission Update

Take a few minutes to check out our bulletin board located beside the church office and you will find many items of interest. Each month there will be brochures and articles telling of opportunities for you to serve God by serving others. The bulletin board will feature different organizations our church is already involved with and some that we may be involved with in the future. There may be an organization that is of special interest to you that you wish to become involved with yourself.

This month the M&S Commission makes a special appeal to the ECOB congregation on behalf of *Companeros en Ministerio*. This is

a non-profit tax-exempt ministry in the U.S. The focus of the ministry is to do Christ-centered ministry cross-culturally. There is a counterpart organization in Mexico. The focus of the mission is to develop cultural appreciation through humanitarian relief, educational scholarships, and presenting the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Some of the people served by this organization live in the landfill and surrounding neighborhoods of Tijuana. These people are in desperate need of fresh food, medical care, and housing.

Our church family has been helping these people in a very simple

way; through giving cancelled postage stamps. These stamps raise money which is used to buy food and vitamins.

Please collect and turn in every cancelled stamp you can find. Perhaps your employer would allow you to collect cancelled stamps at work. Ask your family, friends and neighbors for their stamps. This is one way to help others without it costing you one cent!

Please leave at least a one inch border on all sides of each stamp. Place the stamps in the collection envelope attached to the M&S bulletin board. ***Thank you!***



Baby Bottle Boomerang for SVPS

ECOB filled 124 baby bottles for a total of \$2,762.43.

Thank you!



HVAC UPDATE

As you recall last fall we installed a new heating system for the church. This new system was to, among other things, be more efficient while at the same time allowing us the flexibility of controlling the temperature level in different parts of the church. While there was a learning curve on how to use it, we are pleased with how it functions. The biggest benefit is the cost savings it is providing. I am pleased to report to you that we decreased our oil usage by 29% even though we experienced colder weather this past winter than the year before. While oil prices fluctuate from year to year, we expect

our dollars savings to be approximately \$7000 per year. Our commission is continuing to look for ways to reduce our energy costs, such as putting new weather stripping on the exterior doors and making sure the church is properly insulated. With energy costs continuing to go up, we all need to be conscious of ways we can help — such as, when you use the church in the evenings, or weekends, being sure to turn off the lights and lock the doors as you exit the building. This ensures safety and efficient use of the resources that God has blessed us with.

On another note we recently learned that a main air condition-

ing unit for the church has reached the end of it's life and needs replaced. The first quote we received is \$15,000, and while we will be getting others, you can see this is a significant expense. As you consider your weekly offering, please consider earmarking a portion to "Building & Maintenance".

Each of our commission members want you to know how much we appreciate your support. Also I want you to know that while we are doing all we can to keep the church maintenance items to a minimum, there are certain things that need to be maintained. Thank you for your support!

Dwane Hostetter
Stewardship & Finance Chair

Health Ministry News—*Tricia Schlegel, Congregational Nurse*

Preparing for a Hospital Stay

Usually at one time or another, everyone has to go to the hospital for a stay. This could be unexpected and you have little time to prepare or you could know well in advance when you're going and what to expect. Below is a list of things to consider:

Insurance

First, make sure your insurance covers the test or procedure you are having. Insurance companies vary widely with what tests, procedures or operations they will cover. Call them and double check what they will cover and what they will not.

Housing

If the hospital is somewhat far away, family may want to stay close to the hospital. Usually, the hospital can help you obtain housing for family while someone is in the hospital. Contact the hospital's social service department for help.

Medication and Allergy list

This basic information allows the doctors to take the best care of you as possible. Make a list with names, doses, and schedules of all medications you take on a routine basis. Include all vitamins and herbs.

Personal information includes:

- Social security number
- Insurance card, including the insurer's name, address and the patient's policy number
- Photo identification, such as a driver's license or state photo ID
- Health Plan Referral Authorization--if required by your health insurance carrier
- Medicare or Medicaid card, plus the date of your spouse's retirement
- Advance Directive (living will)
- Know the name of the doctor who you are seeing at the hospital
- Phone number of someone to contact in case of emergency.

Personal items:

To help assure a comfortable hospital stay, the items you may wish to bring with you include:

- Your Bible, other books to read.
- Personal toiletries, such as shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrush
- Bathrobe and slippers or socks
- Glasses, dentures, hearing aid, or other assistive devices you may need
- Any instructions your physician may have provided
- Cash (max. \$10.) to purchase a magazine or snack; and/or debit



card for long distance calls.

What not to bring:

- Jewelry or other valuables
- A lot of money or extra credit cards

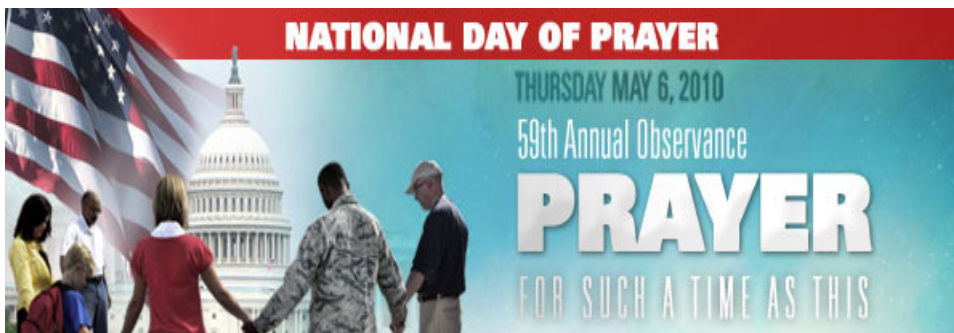
Make sure you have someone to care for your pets and home when you make arrangements to go into the hospital.

Coming Home

- If you have anesthesia, most often you need someone to stay with you for 24 hours after you get home. Have those arrangements been made?
- When home, give the congregational nurse a call: 733-1229, so she can help with discharge instructions and check in on you.

Having made these arrangements and packed the "right stuff" will help ease your hospital stay. Don't forget the most important thing... Bring Jesus along-he will provide you with comfort as no medication or other person can...He is our true hope.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. --Romans 15:13



Lancaster County National Day of Prayer to be held on the grounds of Lancaster Bible College. Speaker: Dr. Tony Evans.

Check out the website: lancasterndp.com for more information.

More Than Numbers — *Brad Murphy, Treasurer*

We talk a lot about how we use the provisions and blessings but haven't discussed how we earn our income. Crown Financial published this article that discusses the role of "work" in our lives and how we should approach conflict or even thoughts of making a change and thought it may be helpful. I pray that these tips will help you.

Brad Murphy,
Church Treasurer

Key Insights into Work-Related Conflict & Transition

"The average American spends 100,000 hours, over the course of 50 years, working. But look at job-hopping stats — the average man changes jobs every 4.5 years, for example, the average woman every 3 — and you realize not many folks are happy on the job. Not happy in your work? Looking for a job? Here are some guidelines for what may be a serious time of transition for you:

❶ Recognize that work is God's invention (Genesis 2:15). The very first thing He did with Adam was to put him to work — for his own benefit; it wasn't a curse! (It only

got difficult after Adam's fall.) In fact, God ordains 6 days of work per week. It's healthy. (Won't work? Won't eat, either. That's what Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 3:10.) Work isn't just about a task; it's a God-given character-builder.

❷ Recognize that your talents and skills come from God — and so does your success. God controls promotions. "God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another" (Psalm 75:7). Your boss is not in control. You're just stewarding whatever opportunities God places in your path.

❸ Work as if God were your boss: He is. So work hard. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Be honest; be faithful.

❹ In spite of differences you may have with your employer, honor that person (1 Peter 2:18). Some of the great spiritual standouts of biblical history served corrupt or immoral masters — Joseph and Daniel, for example — and served with excellence.

❺ Work conflicts and transitions are stressful. Accept this fact. Brian Ray, founder of Crossroads Career Network, recommends a "strength training program in which you eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest physically, mentally,

and spiritually" — including reading Philippians 3:13-14!

❻ Don't jump to the first or easiest job you can get. Steward your talents carefully (Proverbs 13:4). Identify your true life purpose and judge your work accordingly.

❼ Don't focus exclusively on money. A job choice based on salary will not be satisfying (Ecclesiastes 5:10). God will supply our needs if we trust Him totally.

❽ Determine to be a lifelong learner, and see your work in this light. This is especially important in today's world of constant change and innovation. Too often we work things backwards. We decide on the results we want and then pray that God will bless our decision, and we try desperately to fit into the mold that is demanded. When we do this, we deny Him full control and we deny ourselves a career compatible with our God-given gifts and talents. Identifying our talents, abilities, and personalities; understanding how they can best be used; and then turning the results over to God are essential to success in career decisions."

Resources: www.crown.org

E-GIVING

ECOB offers **E-Giving** as an alternative method of giving. It also provides you an easy way to spread out giving over 52 weeks and it's very secure & confidential. More info & registration forms are in the Stewardship link on our website or in the church office!

Children's Ministry News

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

Part Three: Words Kids Need to Hear

"I'm sorry, please forgive me." Are these difficult words for us to express when we have wronged someone? Have we spoken these words to our child or children? As a mom, dad, grandpa or grandma, ministry worker, neighbor or friend, let's take a look at how and why we need to communicate the message, "I was wrong; I am sorry, please forgive me."

The key, the starting point is humility. I Peter 5:5b tells us to "...clothe yourselves in humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'" The humility we need comes from the plain truth that all of us mess up; we all sin and have reasons to apologize, to seek forgiveness. Children tend to treat people the way they are treated. They also are great imitators of the actions they observe. Imagine the respect and the valuable learning that takes place when a parent is willing to

be humble and ask forgiveness for being wrong with their child.

Don't make excuses. "Daddy is tired and hungry. The day at work was long. Traffic was terrible. And to boot, I have a headache." Rather than trying to offer justification for wrong behavior, we need to simply say, "I'm sorry for being so impatient and unwilling to listen to you, please forgive me." "I'm sorry that I was not acting like the person Jesus wants me to be." Imagine the important impression made when a child sees their parent admit a wrong and seek forgiveness. This is also true when confession to God or to another adult is observed by the child.

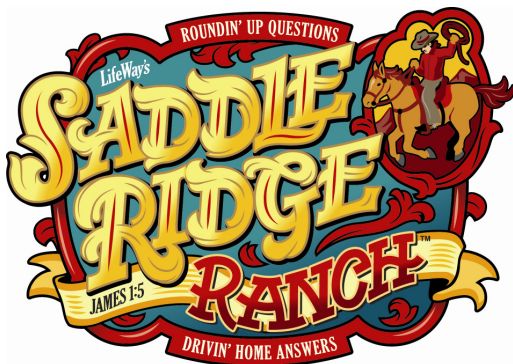
David Staal, author of *Words Kids Need to Hear*, suggests a few things to remember when an apology is needed. If the thought, "I should apologize" comes to mind, then act on it; that's your heart talking. Second, take timely action. Don't wait for hours or days. Many

times an apology arriving late will have little impact. Third, keep it clear, concise, and brief. Avoid any exaggeration and rambling.



A final thought that I learned from observing children is to teach and model forgiveness. Often the person receiving the apology will respond with a "that's ok". The action was not ok or there would have been no need for an apology. "I forgive you" or "I accept your apology" are appropriate actions of humility.

"Confess your sins to each other." "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." The Bible teaches us to seek forgiveness and to forgive others. May we join together in this Kingdom responsibility.



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! July 11 thru July 15

Saddle up for *Saddle Ridge Ranch*! Set among the stunning vistas and wide-open spaces of Big Sky country, Saddle Ridge Ranch is a place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word. See you there!

Middle School Youth News

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



Youth Club

I can't believe we are wrapping up another year of Youth Club, but it's true! We only have three weeks to go and then its summer vacation for Youth Club. Our last indoor Youth Club will be May 5, so get all your Rock Band in and some of the other stuff as well. We are heading outdoors for the last two weeks.



Middle School News

Middle School District Service Day; May 1. This year it is right in our own backyard! We will be serving at the MCC Material Resource Center right here in Ephrata. We will meet as a group here at church at 8:30 a.m. and return to the church around 1:00 p.m. It's another freebie and it comes with lunch too!

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This will be nuts, but that's how I like it! We will meet in the pavilion on May 12 & 19 for snacks, devotions and some other cool stuff. On the 19th it's party time! Another crazy send off for the summer bash with the Crazy Olympics! Some old favorites will return for a new challenge and a handful of new games will have you laughing. You need to be there for the last three weeks of Youth Club—it's going to be great!

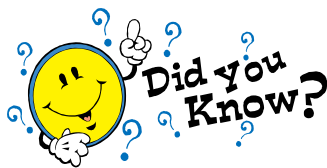
After our summer break we will be back to a new year of fun and fellowship starting on September 8, 2010. Have a great summer!

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".

Go-karts and Golf Night – May 16, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – It's not NASCAR, but we will do our best to make it a fun and exciting night at High Sports. If go-karts are not your thing then come along and play a round of mini-golf. We always have fun and a stop for ice cream afterwards. Anyone for Dairy Queen? Cost: \$5.00 – for the works! There is a registration deadline for this one: May 12.

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



—Children's Church for children in grades K through 5, is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the 2nd worship service. Contact Jared or Amy Hess for more information.

—Promiseland Children's Ministry is held each Sunday 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Children in grades K-5 are welcome and encouraged to attend this exciting ministry.

Sr. High Youth News

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



April 30 to May 2
Long Beach Island
Retreat. No evening
meeting on May 2,
as we will be return-
ing from the Retreat.

Sunday, May 9,
6:30 p.m. An

"Udderly Delightful Mother's Day
Evening". Bring your Mom and
your Grandmothers to the Udder
Choice for ice cream, games and
fellowship.

Sunday, May 16: 5:45 p.m. Home
Base

Sunday, May 23: 5:30 p.m. prompt
departure time from the church for
High Sports in Lititz. Don't miss out
on all the fun. Please register your-
self and any friends online.

Sunday, May 30: No Youth group
—*Happy Memorial Day Weekend.*

Thank you!

The Sr. High Youth Auc-
tion on April 10 was a huge success.
We were blessed with auctioneer
Clair Bard, of Denver, whose easy
manner along with our generous
congregation helped us raise
\$6,074.00! We thank the congrega-
tional members who spent many

hours creating handmade treasures
to be sold. Thanks to all who don-
ated the many goods and services
that were auctioned. A special
thank you to the Sr. High youth
and their parents for all the help
setting up, working during the
event, and cleaning up. Also, to
the YAC committee, Greg
Schmuck, Tammy Tothoro, Tim
Bartow, Doug and Marti
Epler who also put in long hours
of work. And finally, we thank our
wonderful church family for com-
ing out to support the youth by
bidding on all of the wonderful
items. Your generosity and love to
our youth is the biggest treasure of
all.

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. Contact
Leann Huber for more information
at anniebo79@yahoo.com.

May 15: Service Project, 9 a.m.-12
noon. We'll be helping older peo-
ple within the ECOB church fam-
ily clean up yards & plant flowers,
meet at the church parking lot.
Please sign up for this event by
contacting Leann.

June 5: Barnstormers game.
Ticket cost: \$20.00 which includes
the game, food & drinks catered by
Hess's Catering and fireworks fol-
lowing the game. Meet at the
church if you want to car pool.
Tickets are limited and are on a
first come first serve basis, so get
yours today. For more information
or to reserve tickets for this event,
please contact Stacey Coldiron,
lynne3179@aol.com.

**August Service Project at Water
Street Ministries; 9—12 noon.**
Sign up by contacting Leann.

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: May
28, June 25, July 30, August 27.

Fellowship & Recreation News

They say April showers bring May flowers. I hope your garden is blooming!
 The church pavilion has been opened and cleaned for the summer season. You can reserve a date through the church office.
 Dennis Studio will be at the church May 6 through the 20 to take your portraits for the 2010 church pictorial. If you do not have a time scheduled please call Linda Fahnstock today! We hope to have the directories available to everyone by sometime in July.
 May 9: Mother's Day Reception in the church lobby between services.
 June 20: Father's Day Reception in the church lobby between services.
 July 16: Family Fun Night at the church pavilion.

Card Shower

This month we remember:
 —Elaine Ream, birthday wishes, May 1
 —Marian Herr, birthday wishes, May 27

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



**Happy Mother's Day!
 Sunday, May 9**

*Godly mothers not only bring you up,
 they bring you to God.*

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



Church Directory change:

—Jack & Arlene Rabold, 15 Summers Dr., Stevens



Calendar

April 30—Scrapbooking Club, 7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall

May

- 1—ECOB Weeding & Mulching day, 8:00 a.m.
- 6—National Day of Prayer
- 6—Pictorial Directory portraits start—through May 20
- 9—Mother's Day
- 13—Ascension Day
- 16—Blood Pressure Screenings, Room #402
- 23—Pentecost
- 28—Coffee Night for College & Careers group
7:00 p.m., Fell. Hall
- 31—Memorial Day

Weekly

- Sunday**
Hall of Faith Elective, 9:45 a.m., gym
- Monday**
Prayer Group, 2:00 p.m., parlor; all are welcome.
- Tuesday**
DivorceCare, 6:30 p.m., rooms #101/103
GriefShare, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
FPU: 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
*last support group sessions, May 11
- Wednesday**
Youth Club, 2:30 p.m. (last session; May 19)
Sonshine Club, 5:00 p.m. (last session; May 19)
Chancel Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.
(refer to choir schedule)
Chancel Bell practice, 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday**
Band practice, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

—August 22-24; Women's Fellowship Camp at Camp Swatara



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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

Looking for ways to serve?

Opportunities to serve are all around you.
We all can:

- extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters.
- be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors.
- be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team.
- be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.