

ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



March 7, 2010

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:30 A.M.
* PLEASE STAND
**HYMNAL SUPPLEMENT

Third Sunday of Lent

What if...this is not just a warning of judgment and punishment
but the expectation of radical change,
with a message of great grace?

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Remembering Our Lenten Journey

*Hymn ***In the bulb*** 614
(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

Time with our Children Linda Riddle

*Hymn ***Come thou fount*** 521

WE OFFER OUR LIVES THROUGH GIFTS

Making Resources Available George Snavely

Offertory ***Come thou fount*** Memorial Bells
(Please pass attendance pads at this time.)
We invite visitors to share their addresses on these pads.)

Call to Prayer

Sentence Prayers of Joy and Concern
Congregational Response: ***"Lord, hear this prayer."***

Silent & Guided Prayers

Prayer Response *Soliloquy* Memorial Bells

WE HEAR LIFE IN GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 13.1-9

Sermon *The Fig Tree and the Gardener* Pastor Pam

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

*Hymn ***Wonderful grace*** 150

*Invitation to Christian Ministry & Parting Blessing

*Postlude *Allegro* Walther/Norris
If you wish to listen to the postlude,
feel free to move to the front of the sanctuary.
If you would like to use this time to greet your neighbors,
feel free to move toward the narthex.

We move from worship to service.

Ministers: All the People

Pastoral Team:

Greg Davidson Laszakovits, Pam Reist, Josh Tindall
Director of Music – Josh Tindall Organist – Carole Bubacz
Handbell Choir Director – Ron Bellamy
777 S. Mount Joy Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Church: 717-367-1000 Pastor's Cell: 717-475-6513
Church web page: www.ETOWNCOB.ORG

Attention all basketball players: Sign up for the ANE District Easter Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 3. The roster sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Come on out for some fun, fellowship and exercise with other Church of the Brethren players from our district. If you have any questions, contact **Pastor Greg** or **Darlene Myers**.

The Book Group will meet on Monday, April 5 in the Parlor at 7 pm. The book selection for April is *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. All are welcome to attend.

The Elizabethtown College **Institute for Learning in Retirement** Spring 2010 Schedule of Classes is available on the College/Community bulletin board opposite the Parlor. **ILR** classes will be offered this spring at 4 locations: Elizabethtown College, Masonic Village, Pleasant View Retirement Community and York Center of Elizabethtown College. Also listed are **Writing Workshops** in conjunction with Elizabethtown Library.

Copies of **recent sermons, weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters** are available in the literature racks and on the church website (www.etonncob.org).

You may notice that some of our members do not place envelopes in the offering plate each week. They may be contributing financially to the church using automatic electronic bank withdrawals (debits). Authorization forms are **available in the narthex literature rack**.

Attendance in Sunday School: 133

Attendance in Sunday Worship: 276

Gifts Given to our Church Ministries:

General Fund – \$16,098.33 (includes \$6,717.33 from electronic banking) Designated Gifts – \$2,212.47

Sr. High NYC Soup & Bread Sale: \$1,299.00

Ushers: D Team: Capt. Jerry Barlet; Asst. Capt: Frank Rhodes
Worship Center: Amy Engle **Lighting:** Wilbur Brubaker
Sound: Ben Shuler **Deacon Tapes:** Jim Whitacre
Deacon Visitors: Rosene & Wilbur Brubaker (L);
Anna Belser & Lois Davidson (H); Barbara & Gene Ellis (RH)
Lay Visitors: Lilli Ann & Galen Kopp

Our **Gathering Music** this morning is arranged by Dale Wood: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* by Maker (250), *The Old Rugged Cross* by Bennard and *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* by Doane (617).

The flowers today are shared by **Jobie Riley** and daughters, **Joelle and Jennifer**, in loving memory of June Riley.

Please check your mailboxes today for:

- **Wednesday Lenten Service** flyer.
- **Brethren Village April newsletter**.
- **ANE Senior Adult Spring Fellowship** flyer.
- **ANE Senior Adult News** (for those 55 and older).

Equal Exchange coffee and tea (regular & decaf) are available at cost **today** after worship in Memorial Lobby. Items also include chocolate bars, almonds, cranberries and pecans! Check out the selection and pick up a pamphlet explaining this good cause. Please contact **Sandy Snowden** if you would like to place special orders for any of the items.

There will be a short meeting for the **youth attending National Youth Conference and their parents** at the back of the sanctuary immediately following worship today, March 7.

**Pork & Sauerkraut fundraiser meal for BHA
Today following worship
in Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Greg returns to the office on Wednesday from vacation.

You are reminded of our **Lenten service** this week on Wednesday, March 10th. Gather in Fellowship Hall for a meal (soup, bread and fruit) at 6 pm. Worship follows from 6:45 to 7:15 pm with program elements that will engage both children and adults. Child care will be available for children younger than kindergarten age. **Check your mailbox for additional details.**

50+ Group: On **Saturday, March 13th** at **5:15 pm**, we will eat supper at Isaac's Restaurant on Granite Run Drive (shopping mall off Granite Run Drive at Manheim Pike). Following the meal, we will attend the *Starlight Tea Concert Series* at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, featuring the music group *From the Well*. Carpooling from the church at 4:35 pm. Please email (joannehigh@comcast.net) or call Joanne High so that we can give the restaurant an approximate number.

A Framework for Understanding Poverty: Poverty is the extent to which an individual does without resources. The Discovery Class is exploring the financial, emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical resources, and the knowledge of hidden rules, support systems, and relationships that impoverish or enrich lives. This study is based on the book *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Ruby K. Payne. **Please join us** for the final 2 sessions on March 14 & 21 in Room 101 at 9:15 am.

It's not too late to register for "**Springs of Living Water, Christ-Centered Church Renewal**" to be held at the Parish Resource Center on Saturday, March 13. Registrations may be made until Monday, March 8 at the \$45 early bird fee! Call 299-1113 or email infolancaster@PRCtr.org. David S. Young will present this workshop which will help individuals and congregations grow spiritually. Also in March at the PRC, **Congregational Ministries of Healing and Wholeness Saturday Breakfast on March 20 at 9:15 am**. Topic is "Dealing with Change and Transitions." Cost is \$10 at the door.

**Come for a fun night out with the family to sing, clap and dance to Steven Courtney's lively music!
Friday, March 19th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall
(doors open @ 6:30 pm)**

Sponsored by the Elizabethtown Child Care Center
Please bring 1 canned good per person for the local food bank.
Monetary donations will be accepted and benefit ECCC's playground fund. Snacks & drinks available for purchase.

**Benefit Concert and Art for Haiti - Sunday, March 21
7 pm Lancaster Church of the Brethren**

Voices of Cecilia, The Children's Choir of Lancaster, Musical Associates, The Hamilton String Ensemble, Margaret Marsch, organ, Mary Ellen DeWitt, piano, artist, Freiman Stoltzfus, & photographer, Matthew Lester
All proceeds will go directly to organizations involved in the relief efforts. See the poster on the Church News bulletin board.

Midway Church of the Brethren (13 Evergreen Rd., Lebanon) presents an **Easter Choir Program** on March 27 & 28 at 7 pm. "A Cradle, a Cross, and a Crown" was written by Joy Brubaker. All the choirs will be singing along with live tableau scenes. Everyone is welcome!

CALENDAR FOR TODAY, MARCH 7:

Following worship: Equal Exchange (Memorial Lobby)
Youth & Parent NYC Meeting (Back of Sanctuary)
Grocery Card sales (Memorial Lobby)
Share-a-Meal sign-ups (Memorial Lobby)
Pork & Sauerkraut fundraiser meal for BHA (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 p.m. – Communications Committee (Parlor)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 8:00 a.m. – Counters
8:30 a.m. – Worship Team (Pam's Study)
9:00 a.m. – No Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Hospitality Team (Parlor)
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Resources Commission (102)
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. – Carpool to Lancaster County Council
of Churches Clothing & Food Bank (Contact Rose Ann Wade)
9:00 a.m. – Quilting (230)
4:45 p.m. – Cherub Choir (Choir Room)
5:15 p.m. – Sonlight Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Lenten Meal & Program
(Fellowship Hall) Child care (preschool) during program.
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 p.m. – Lafiya Committee (Pam's Study)
Thursday 6:00 p.m. – Memorial Bells (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m. – Jr. & Sr. High Planning Team (Greg's Study)
6:30 p.m. – Mood Disorder Support Group - Anyone
interested in attending, please call Michelle M.
7:30 p.m. – Ping Pong (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. – Deacon Retreat rescheduled from 2/27
(Chiques COB)
9:00 a.m. – Intersections prepare food for Wed. Lenten meal
(Fellowship Hall)
9:30 a.m. – Merry Magdalenes carpool to Clyde Weaver's
Store & Café (RSVP by March 10)
4:30 p.m. – 50+ Group carpool to Isaac's Restaurant and
Lancaster CoB concert
🕒 Bedtime – Turn clocks ahead; Daylight Saving Time begins

CALENDAR FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14 :

8:30 a.m. – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
9:15–10:15 a.m. – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
Infants & Toddlers: Rooms 7 & 9 (lower level)
Pre-school- 2 year-olds: Room 2 (lower level)
3 & 4 year-olds: Room 6 (lower level)
Grades K & 1: Room 3 (lower level)
Grades 2 & 3: Room 224 (upstairs)
Grades 4 & 5: Room 226/228 (upstairs)
Grades 6, 7 & 8: (102)
Grades 9 - 12: (108)
Discovery Class: A Framework for Understanding Poverty: Language,
Story, and Achievement (101)
Good Shepherd Class: Teachings on Community – Community
with a Mission: A Community to Redeem (112)
Intersections: Living the Questions, DVD (110)
Seekers Class: Conserving the Earth: Local Efforts,
Larry Baum, presenter (106)
10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Message: *The Parable of the Prodigal Son* by Pastor Greg
Scripture: Luke 15.1-32
Following worship:
Share-a-Meal sign-ups (Memorial Lobby)
Lunch Bunch at Panda Buffet (1575 S. Market St.)
Deadline for information and articles for April newsletter
5:00 p.m. – Supper Club (Fellowship Hall)

Mailbox info:

ALMOST SPRING!



The godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted into the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. They will declare, "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is nothing but goodness in Him!"

Psalms 92:12-15

LANCASTER AREA SENIOR ADULT (55 years and older) SPRING FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 at 12 noon

MIDDLE CREEK
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
351 Middle Creek Rd., Lititz, PA

PROGRAM: Sandy Heisey, Vocalist and Pianist

COST: \$13.00 per person
NO CASH PLEASE

**Make Checks payable to:
SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Place in church mailbox, mail or hand deliver to:
Jean Herr

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 1st