

ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



March 14, 2010

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

What if...the "Parable of the Prodigal Son" is not about fairness,
but rather about forgiveness and love?

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Remembering Our Lenten Journey

*Hymn ***Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*** 491
(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

Time with our Children Vida Sue Snavelly

Anthem *No mountain high enough* Cherub Choir
Anthem *What are you waiting for?* Sonlight Singers

*Hymn ***The King of love my shepherd is*** 170
(Last verse sung in unison.)

WE OFFER OUR LIVES THROUGH GIFTS

Making Resources Available

Offertory ***Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*** (491)
Thompson/Ham
(Please pass attendance pads at this time.)
We invite visitors to share their addresses on these pads.)

Call to Prayer *Come find forgiveness & love* Chancel Choir

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

Silent & Guided Prayers

WE HEAR LIFE IN GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 15.1-32

Sermon *The Old Fool* Pastor Greg

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

*Hymn ***Great is thy faithfulness*** 327

*Invitation to Christian Ministry & Parting Blessing

*Postlude *Psalm XVIII* Marcello/Purvis
*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. Questions, contact **Pastor Greg** or **Darlene Myers**.

Philip Yancey, award-winning author and writer, will deliver the final keynote lecture of the Centennial year at Messiah College on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 pm in the Brubaker Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public however seating is by ticket only. Call 691-6036 for tickets.

The **Parish Resource Center** will present **“It’s Not Your Parents’ Offering Plate”** on Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. Dr. Clif Christopher, founder of Horizons Stewardship Company, will help participants discover how the culture of giving is changing. For more information and to register (Early Bird Fee-before April 10: \$45) call the PRC at 299-9932 or you may register online at www.parishresourcecenter.org/lancaster click on the Workshop and Events page. Lunch is included.

***The Youth THANK YOU!!!** We had a fabulous Soup and Bread Sale on February 28th in support of National Youth Conference. We feel the loving support of this congregation as we get closer to our departure in July of this year. If you purchased soup and would like to recycle your containers for the NEXT sale, you may wash them and return them to the closet with the tables in the basement.*

Thank you for the many birthday cards sent in celebration of Ben’s 90th birthday. We enjoyed reading each one of them!

Ruth & Ben Earhart

Ushers: D Team: Capt. Jerry Barlet; Asst. Capt: Frank Rhodes
Worship Center: Carolyn Sollenberger **Sound:** Ed Good
Lighting: Wilbur Brubaker **Deacon Tapes:** Jobie Riley
Deacon Visitors: Sandy & Barry Garman (L);
Kathy & Bob Heckman (H); Lavonne Grubb & Jean Herr (RH)
Lay Visitors: Ben & Pat Hoffman

Please check your mailboxes today for:

- **Wednesday Lenten Service** flyer.
- **Church of the Brethren Credit Union** reminder.

Reminder: **Supper Club** meets for a potluck dinner tonight starting at 5 pm, eating around 5:30. Bring a dish to share and place settings for your family. Hope to see you there.

You are reminded of our **Lenten service** this week on Wednesday, March 17th. Gather in Fellowship Hall for a meal (BBQ, mac salad and chips) 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.**

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!

One Great Hour of Sharing started as a multi-denominational effort after WWII to alleviate hunger in postwar Europe. In the more recent past, COB has retained this effort and applied the offering to Brethren programs. This request is strictly for our denomination. **The proceeds from this offering**, as well as the roughly 4 other denominational special requests per year, **go to Core Ministries**, previously known as Brotherhood Fund or General Ministries. **The Church of the Brethren has designated today as the time for "One Great Hour of Sharing."** This offering assists our denomination in sending staff to global project locations to help plan, organize and execute Brethren relief and Christian education missions. This ministry would suffer greatly without this special offering which is over and above normal commitment. If this giving opportunity is appealing to you, please pick up a special envelope and brochure in the rack in the narthex, make your gift and return it to the offering plate or office. **Please mark on check memo lines "One Great Hour."** Thank you.

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.

**Blackboard, Pulpit and Stereoscope:
The Work of G. N. Falkenstein**

Illustrated Lecture by Jeff Bach, Director of the Young Center
Wednesday, March 31, 4 pm at the High Library
See the poster on the College/Community bulletin board opposite the Parlor.

Come and enjoy an inspiring selection of solo and duet performances by two outstanding artists (Scott Besser, piano, and **Otis Kitchen**, organ) at **Hempfield COB on March 21 at 3 pm.** Donations benefit the Hempfield COB Refugee Resettlement Initiative & the Central PA Food Bank. Light refreshments will be available following the concert. For more information contact the church at office@hempfieldcob.org or 898-0181.

**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.

The **Foods Resource Bank** will host a special evening on March 22 at the Hempfield COB to share more about its ministry and how you can be involved in addressing global hunger. Marv Baldwin, President and CEO of FRB, will present information about the program and the basic steps it takes for farmers and congregations to participate. Registration and refreshments from 6:30-7 pm; Interactive Program from 7-8:30 pm. Contact Pastor John Layman at john@hempfieldcob.org or 468-9594 with questions.

**Come join the fun at the next New Windsor Work Day!
Thursday, April 22 nd**

Leaving at 6:30 am and back in Etown at 5:00 pm
Please sign the sheet on the Church News bulletin board.
All will help in SERRV.

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

CALENDAR FOR TODAY, MARCH 14:

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)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Monday

8:00 a.m. – Counters

8:30 a.m. – Worship Team (Pam's Study)

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. – Christian Education Commission (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. – Expressions Commission (Room 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)

1:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting (Pam's Study)

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)

Thursday

6:00 p.m. – Memorial Bells (Choir Room)

6:30 p.m. – Mood Disorder Support Group - Anyone
interested in attending, please call Michelle M.

7:30 p.m. – Witness Commission (Greg's Study)

CALENDAR FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 21:

8:30 a.m. – Youth Choir (Sanctuary)

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: Support
Systems and Relationships* (101)

*Good Shepherd Class: Teachings on Community – Community
with a Mission: Family as Community* (112)

Intersections: Deb Santiago teaching from the book *In Search of
Paul: How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom*
by John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan L. Reed (110)

Seekers Class: The future of energy, options discussion led by
Greg Epps (106)

10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Message: *Mary Anoints Jesus* by Pastor Greg

Scripture: John 12.1-11

Following worship:

Grocery Card Sales (Memorial Lobby)

Share-a-Meal sign-ups (Memorial Lobby)

Lunch Bunch at Clearview (2000 W. Main St., Mt. Joy)

5:00 p.m. – Brethren Buddies (Room 102)

6:30 p.m. – Sixth Graders & Mentors Kick-off event
(Fellowship Hall)

Last Sunday: Attendance in Sunday School: 120

Attendance in Sunday Worship: 276

Gifts Given to our Church Ministries:

General Fund – \$13,184.94 Designated Gifts – \$2,450.33

Brethren Housing Association Fundraiser Meal: \$2,287.53