

## SFPM Happenings

### Lancaster County Prison

The ministry at Lancaster County Prison continues to do well. Our team of chaplains, office staff, and certified volunteers work together to minister to approximately 825 male inmates and 165 female inmates. Our chaplains do Bible studies, mentoring, listening, and distribution of Christian literature. Annually, over 2,000 Bible correspondence courses are completed. About 25 churches also do regular worship services in various units of the prison. Ministry also happens with the staff and correction officers in the prison.



### Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center

The Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center houses young persons, ranging from ages 10-17, until their court hearings.



Our chaplaincy staff at YIC is overseen by Katie Mininger and the chaplains are Elliot Good, Gray Good, and Rachel Bernard. They do counseling, group Bible studies, and arrange for churches to conduct regular worship services and Christian activities for the young residents. In addition to Lancaster County they also take youth from about 10-12 other counties.

**Eugene Hoover**, age 88, from Landis Homes, transitioned to heaven on May 22, 2016.

Eugene had many friends and was active in prison ministries. For years he traveled to Alabama for the We Care prison crusades. He was a founding member of the **Support for Prison Ministries** board. Eugene contacted many businesses to get donations and merchandise for **SFPM's** October benefit auction.



He was an active member of Landis Valley Christian Fellowship. Here are a few quotes heard at his memorial service. “Eugene was a good man whose steps were guided by the Lord”. . . “He prayed much for his family and many others”

“Eugene was a generous giver to Christian causes”. . . “He had a simple faith in Jesus, looked forward to going to heaven but also enjoyed the journey of life.”

**Eugene will be greatly missed.**

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## Revelations of Freedom Ministries

We are excited to be partnering with Revelations of Freedom in our family of aftercare relationships. This is an impressive prison aftercare drug and alcohol program for men.

Revelations of Freedom Ministries (ROFM) was started by Lancaster and York county businessmen in 2012. Located in Blue Ball, PA, the ministry reaches out to men, 18 years and older, who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions. ROFM emphasizes that they are a faith-based ministry. Their mission is “to evangelize men and their families and make them disciples of Jesus Christ and prepare them for service in their local church, community, and world.”



Executive Director, Merrill Smucker, says, “It’s not good enough to just remove drugs or alcohol from a person’s life. Chemical substances must be replaced with Jesus, a process that includes renewing the mind and establishing new patterns and new responses.”

The first phase of the ministry program is very structured, beginning each day at 6:15 AM and ending with lights out at 10:00 PM. In this six to nine-month program men attend classes, engage in individual and group counseling, and participate in community volunteer opportunities.

In the second phase the men are all required to have a job and learn to practice the skills they have attained. Throughout the two-part program men are taught Biblical values, to serve others, to develop responsibility, and to adopt a strong work ethic.

SFPM is excited to be partnering with ROFM. Funds from our 33rd auction will be shared with ROFM.



**Mark your calendar!!**

# COME TO THE 33rd ANNUAL AUCTION

**OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2016**  
**EPHRATA BUSINESS CENTER**  
**400 W. Main St, Ephrata**



Delicious homemade foods and baked goods available Friday evening and Saturday



Framed pictures  
Some pictures  
made by inmates



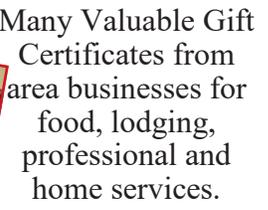
Pedal Tractors



Theme Baskets



Quilts, afghans,  
wall hangings



Many Valuable Gift  
Certificates from  
area businesses for  
food, lodging,  
professional and  
home services.





**Since the SFPM annual auction began in 1984, over \$2.3 million has been contributed to prison ministries.**

Check our website’s Annual Auction Pages for more information at [www.supportforprisonministries.org](http://www.supportforprisonministries.org)  
Or our facebook page for pictures of items for sale.

# Chaplain's Corner

Isaias Maldonado serves part-time as a chaplain at Lancaster County Prison. He also is the pastor at Maranatha Christian Charismatic Church. He lives in Lancaster with his wife.



## Keep Remembering:

After ministering in LCP for over 15 years now, I have to continue praying and believing God for miracles in the hearts and minds of inmates. The Bible tells us to, "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3 NIV

In order for us to be effective in ministering to these men and women we must first "continue to remember." To be able to do that we must get familiar with their hurts, pains, and all those things that have in some way taken them to where they find themselves now, in prison. First; we must visit them and get know them.

Second; we must continue to minister to them in the midst of their needs, anger, despair, and sometimes loss of all hope in life. We must continue loving and encouraging them as long as it takes. Telling them the truth of God's word and assuring them that they too have been given the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Some will struggle with these truths for a long time, but we are to persevere with them until the end and hopefully that will be one of true repentance and a real conversion to Christ.

Third; we must feel sympathy for them "as if you were together with them in prison." Even though we have never been on the inside of those steel doors, we must "feel their pain." It doesn't do much good to tell them "Biblical truth" if we don't tell them that we care, and that above all, God cares for them, their loved ones, their victims, their past, present, and future. We must deliver God's Word and God's love at the same time.

## Meet Rachel Bernard: A new chaplain at Youth Intervention Center



God is so good and it's incredible serving a Savior that has forever changed my life! God called me to himself when I realized that life had nothing to offer me. From that day on Jesus set my heart on fire with His passion for all people everywhere to know Him! Over the past nine years God has given me various opportunities to participate in activities at YIC. I am honored to have the opportunity to meet with the girls each week and listen to what is on their heart while pointing them to Christ's love! I thank God for your support and prayers that are behind these conversations. We are fighting together in the Kingdom of God!

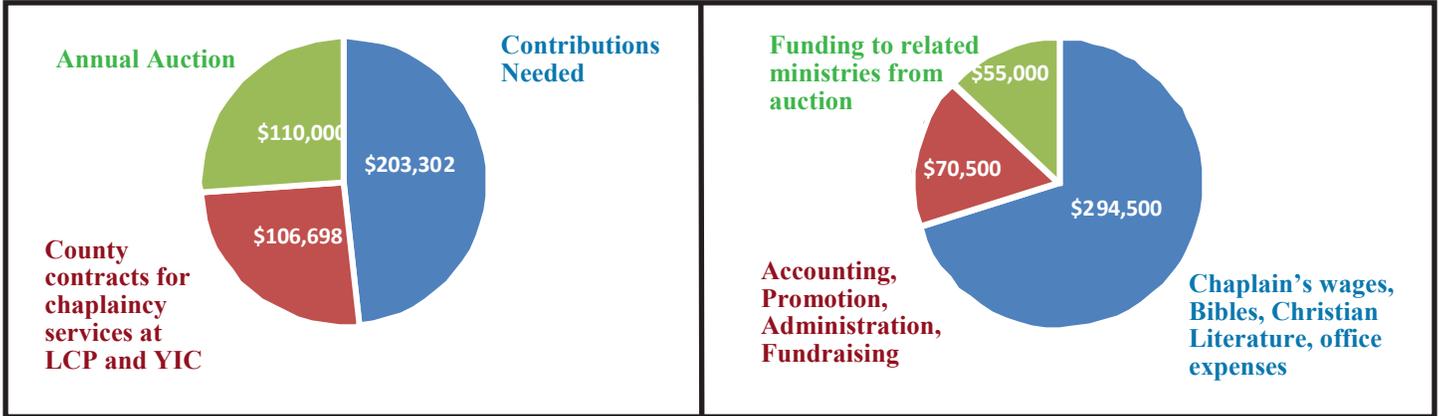
Outside of my time at YIC I work as a TSS. I also love spending time with my amazing husband, playing basketball, working out, and helping with activities at my church, House of Blessings, and in our local community in Honey Brook.

# Focus On Finances

2016 Budget: \$420,000

Income

Expenses



A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to partner with SFPM. THANK YOU !!

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Balancing Prison Opinions By Del Burkholder, SFPM Director



We often wish situations would be a yes or no, but in this world we often find out that it is usually not the case. We are often too short of decisive answers and that sometimes can spawn fervent debate.

This spring I spoke to several schools and other groups on prison ministry and about some of the challenges and questions facing society with our countries prison situation. We were divided on the questions: Are there too many incarcerations? Is punishment too soft? Should drug charges be lessened or increased? Should sex offenders be marked for life, or should we stop treating them as modern day lepers of society?

We can be thankful that our God is judge and wiser than us in all matters. *“God takes His stand in His congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.”* Psalms 82:1 NASB. We, at Support For Prison Ministries, realize we may not have all the answers to the questions, and we are not able to change the verdicts that are handed to inmates, but instead we work on what may be able to change; The hearts of men and women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please continue to remember SFPM and our chaplains and workers in your prayers and tithes as we go about this task. Have a blessed summer.