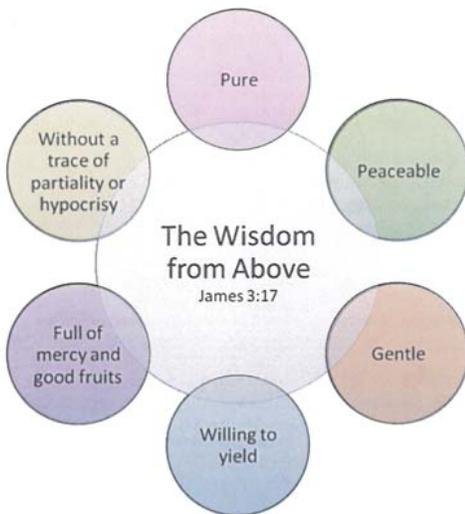




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James 3:13-18 (NRSV) *Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, with out a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

Wisdom is not revealed through standardized test scores or by the accumulation of academic degrees. Wisdom is not revealed in poetic eloquence or formidable debating skills. Wisdom is not about winning arguments or putting people down.

Wisdom is a gift from God that expresses itself in the character of people who live in faithfulness to Jesus. Wisdom is revealed by the pure, peaceable, and gentle nature of people who completely yield their lives to God.

May we, the people of the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren, show by our speech, deeds, and lives that all we do is guided by the wisdom from above—the wisdom of God.
~ **Moderator David Stauffer**

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Your Seeds of Faith Dollars at Work!

by

Craig H. Smith, District Executive

Seeds of Faith is ANE's Fund for leadership development and resourcing church planting and church revitalization.

I am delighted to report that Seeds of Faith dollars are being invested in the new SeBAH Ministry Training Program. SeBAH stands for **Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano** ... or, the Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary. This educational program is a cooperative training effort between the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership for the Church of the Brethren, the Mennonite Church, and the Atlantic Northeast District. In its "fullness" it is known as: SeBAH-CoB-ANE!

In SeBAH, all classes will be conducted in Spanish. This provides an extensive opportunity for Hispanic leadership to be raised up from within Church of the Brethren congregations. The SeBAH inaugural training event was conducted at the New Windsor Conference Center in late January 2011. Brother Rafael Barahona, Associate Director for Mennonite Education Agency - The Education Agency of the Mennonite Church USA and Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Office, served as instructor for the Orientation Course. Julie Hostetter, Director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, participated along with Lindsey Frey, translator and current Bethany Student. Coordination of this foundational event was conducted by Craig Smith, District Executive for ANE, and Julie Hostetter. Twenty one potential ministerial candidates from ANE's Hispanic congregations attended.

As SeBAH matures and moves forward, Joel and Mary Jane Pena, Pastor and spouse at Alpha & Omega CoB in Lancaster, have agreed to serve as SeBAH Coordinators. This development will provide a more harmonized effort corresponding to both the TRIM and ACTS Training Programs.

This giant endeavor would have been a huge financial burden to our Hispanic congregations and potential ministry leaders had it not been for the Seeds of Faith Fund. Your contributions to Seeds of Faith are making this exciting training venture possible! By way of reminder, Seeds of Faith funding is made possible by a congregational commitment to give. The Seeds of Faith "Giving Formula" has been affirmed by District Conference and is: \$5.00 times the Congregation's average Sunday Morning Worship Attendance. This amount is provided by participating congregations in ANE and is given in addition to congregational contributions to the District Ministry Investment Plan (Budget).

You can learn more about Seeds of Faith by contacting Kay Weaver, Director of Stewardship, at kweaver@ane-cob.org.

We are celebrating this exciting new adventure in ministry!

Mileage Rate for 2011

The IRS has set the mileage rate for 2011: \$.51 per mile for business miles driven.

Youth & Young Adults

SH Lock In

Date/Time: March 11-12, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Chiques CoB

Registration Deadline: March 4

Cost: \$10 per Youth, Free for Advisors

Details: Christian Illusionist Brett Myers, bowling, food and other games!



Christian Citizenship Seminar (SH)

Date: March 26-31

Location: New York City and Washington D.C.

Registration: You can register at www.brethren.org/ccs. Registration opened online January 5. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

Cost: \$350; includes lodging for five nights, dinner on the opening evening of the seminar, and transportation from New York to Washington D.C.

Details: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread." Come and join a community of high school students for a week to explore the connections between the food we eat and the faith we speak. You can find more information at www.brethren.org/ccs.

JH Service Project

Date: April 16

Location: GAIN – Global Aid Network Warehouse in Mount Joy, PA

Registration Deadline: April 7

Cost: None!

Details: We will work from 9-noon and at that point we'll have lunch together (you can bring your own, but we will order pizza) and play some outdoor games!

National Junior High Conference

Date: June 17-19, 2011

Location: Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA

Registration: You can register at www.brethren.org/njhc. Registration began online January 10 and is limited to the first 800 youth and advisors who register, so register early!

Cost: \$150 per person (between Jan. 10, 2011 and April 15, 2011). The late registration cost (after April 15) is \$175.

Details: "Piece by Piece: Finding Our Place within God's Story" based on Ephesians 2:19 – 22. For more information you can go to www.brethren.org/njhc.



Senior High Retreat has been completed! We had a great time worshipping together through hearing messages from Bill Blank, singing along with Josh Tindall and Hygher Ground, Insight Sessions with Ryan Braught, Mark Cunningham, Adam Ulm and a NOOMA DVD led by Sarah Parcell and Alexis Charles, lots of games, outdoor picture scavenger hunt, food and so many other opportunities for fellowship. It was a freezing cold weekend, but a great big thank you to all the wonderful youth and leaders who participated that weekend! We also raised money for Loose Change to Loosen Change which goes to aid the work of freeing various kinds of slavery throughout the world. That amount came close to \$800!! Way to go Youth, what an amazing difference this will make to so many lives!

Check the Youth tab on the District website for more details on all events!

Senior Adult News

"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage."

(Psalm 84:5)

In 1977 my husband, Larry, and I moved to a wooded area north of Brickerville. We loved our log home and we loved living in the woods—most of the time. In spring the woods were bursting with new life, the songs of hundreds of birds, the noisy honking of geese, and green, growing energy everywhere you looked. In summer, our wooded home was always several degrees cooler than in town and was wrapped in the sleepy sounds of summer insects during the day and the noisy serenade of cicadas at night. Fall brought a kaleidoscope of color, the smell of wood smoke, and cool crisp evenings. And in winter there was the cozy fireside with our home wrapped in a blanket of snow.

But then there was March. We both agreed that March was simply an ugly month. The snow was gone, the leaves lay in a sodden brown mat across the frozen ground, and everywhere you looked was the debris and clutter of broken tree limbs and errant pieces of trash carried there by the winter winds.



Each year when March came I had to remind myself that things are not always as they appear. If I opened the window just a crack I could hear the first hesitant twittering of the earliest spring birds tuning up for their springtime serenade. And if I gently lifted a mat of leaves I would find that the snow drops were ready to bloom and my early daffodils had poked their heads up through the frost.

I admire the optimism of farmers who, amid all the drabness of March, are busy preparing their fields for the spring they know is just around the corner. It's a reminder to me that it is time I did the same, if not with my fields, then surely with my life.

The season of Lent is a good time to reflect on life. Our lives aren't stagnant, nor are they caught in an endless circle continually turning back on itself. Our lives are a journey and these weeks of Lent are a good time to gently lift the matted clutter and look for the promise within, to crack the window of our hearts just a bit and listen for the new life that is stirring even now.

Nancy Fittery, Senior Adult Coordinator



Spring Banquets Planned



Philadelphia Area

March 24

Franconia Heritage Banquet
& Conference Center

Harrisburg/Lebanon Area

April 6

Hanoverdale CoB

Lancaster Area

April 14

Middle Creek CoB

Flyers with complete information will be sent to congregations soon.

Atlantic Northeast District Senior Adults Travel Together

Encouraged by the District Christian Education Commission several years ago to offer travel experiences for senior adults, the Zieglers have planned many more one-day trips plus some longer tour opportunities. Here are some spring and summer plans:

April 6 – One-Day Lancaster County Amish Tour leaving the Conestoga Brethren Church at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m. visiting many Amish owned businesses. An Amish school, a Quilt and Craft shop, meal in an Amish home. Cost - \$48

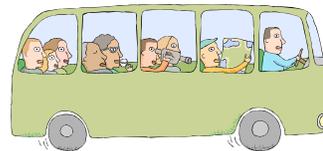
May 12 – Baltimore Inner Harbor & visit to the National Aquarium (includes a dolphin show). Top of the World Observation Tower and cruise on the boat, “ Inner Harbor Spirit. Cost - \$78.

May 17 – New York City Cruise on board the European-inspired Bateaux with dinner and up close views including the Statue of Liberty and tour of Ground Zero, etc with a final visit to Chelsea Market, a unique experience. Cost - \$110

August 4 – Alpaca Farm Vist and Allenberry Playhouse, Dillsburg, PA. for a buffet lunch and drama, “Smoke on the Mountain.” Cost - \$79

These were planned with you in mind. More detailed information can be obtained through e-mail at evzieg@gmail.com or call 717-560-6488.

Information about longer trips to the Western National Parks, Nova Scotia or Annual Conference will also be shared upon request.



National Older Adult Conference

If you are interested in traveling to the 2011 **National Older Adult Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC** on one of the two Atlantic Northeast District buses this September (Sunday 9/4 thru Saturday 9/10), please contact Bill Puffenberger via telephone (367-7021) or e-mail (wvpuff@comcast.net) for more details. One Elite Coach will depart from Brethren Village (hosted by Earl & Vivian Ziegler) and the other (hosted by Bill & Kitty Puffenberger) will depart from Spring Creek CoB in Hershey.

Information and specific pricing details will be mailed out to all interested parties around 3/1. If you have traveled with us in 2008 or 2009, and your address has not changed, you will automatically be sent all of the information for travel, registration, lodging, and meals as soon as it becomes available.

If this is your first time attending N.O.A.C., or if you have any questions or health concerns about your ability to travel with the group, or you are a single traveler and need to find a roommate, contact Bill or Kitty Puffenberger to sign-up and/or get more information.

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- Use your license for an event not sponsored by your church. For example, if you participate in a community service or District event, songs cannot be copied using a congregation's license.

Be sure to check the copyright owner of the song you are copying. If the owner isn't listed, you cannot copy the song.

Pricetown Project Falls Short of Goal

The Pricetown project, initiated by Mohrsville CoB, has fallen short of its goal. The project was developed to raise funds to perform repairs and upkeep of the Pricetown Meeting House, the oldest unaltered Brethren meeting house in America.

In conjunction with the ANE Historical Committee, Mohrsville CoB mailed a flyer last fall to all churches in our district. Only five responded to the flyer along with two individual donations. The goal of \$4,500 was not met as funds received to date are \$833, well short of the funds needed to perform the repairs.

To achieve this goal, a request went out to all the churches asking them to dedicate a special Sunday to hold a love fund offering. You can still help answer this prayer by considering the initial request to have a special Sunday to hold a love fund offering for this project.

Please consider this project and help preserve a part of our history. The Pricetown Meeting House was the beginning for a number of congregations. Inside its walls you can feel the history of those who first worshiped there. Please help to preserve this history for generations to come.

For an e-mailed flyer, contact Ralph Felix at rfelixjr@epix.net; for a mailed copy, please contact the Mohrsville CoB at 610-926-5167 or e-mail request to mohrvillechurch@epix.net.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Stewardship University

Practical solutions for your life

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Lancaster Mennonite High School

30+ workshops focusing on

Holistic Stewardship

See your church office for a Registration Form or go to

www.stewardshipuniversity.org

to print a form.

For more information, contact Kay Weaver at 717-786-1645 or kweaver@ane-cob.org.

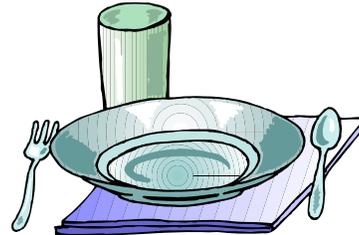
Congregational News

ALPHA AND OMEGA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET

Chiques Church of the Brethren
4045 Sunnyside Rd., Manheim, PA

MAY 14, 2011 - 6:00 pm

SAVE THIS DATE!



Plan now to enjoy a good meal and hear about the outreach ministries of the Alpha and Omega Community Center to Latino youth and families in Lancaster. There is no charge for the banquet. You will have opportunity to contribute to the support of the ministries of the Center at the event.

Reservation packets are being sent to church offices, or reservations may be made by calling 394-3021.



Searching for New Light Taking a new Look

During the period of Lent 2011, the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren will take a new look at the gospel of Matthew with the expectation that the gift of the Spirit will inform and deepen our understandings in the light of the life and teachings of Jesus. We know that our roots in the Anabaptist/Pietistic tradition teach us to explore the Bible story within the conversations of the gathered community. Hoping to embrace the wisdom and energy that come from our differing perspectives, we will intentionally gather together, appropriating time and space to allow a new thing to take place.

We know the stories! They are the foundations of our discipleship. But like the twelve, as we journey with Jesus, as we take another look at his teachings, we confront the question: "Do you know what I have done?" Embedded in this question is a challenge to delve deeper, to pay close attention, to embrace the notion that there is much still to learn about following Jesus.

It is a process. It starts simply as we bring our individual understandings and begin a common conversation about following Jesus. It continues as we use new tools and contextual clues to approach the Word. It is extended as we seek to embrace the community beyond our church walls; for the body gathered around Jesus is an invitational community, seeking to bring to all the fullness of shalom.

We invite you to www.etowncob.org for guides to reading in a new way, conversation (blog), and information about a wide variety of ways to participate.

Elizabethtown CoB Concert



Mezzo-Soprano Amy Yovanovich will be showcased in a concert singing a variety of musical genres on April 3 at 2:30 pm as part of the Elizabethtown CoB Concert Series. She has studied under Mr. John Darrenkamp a

well-known veteran of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City and currently studies with Ms. Kyle Engler, Baltimore. Ms. Yovanovich got her musical start as a youth in the Elizabethtown CoB Choirs and the church is pleased to have her sing a full concert for the community. The concert is free to the public.

For more information, contact Julie Heisey (717)939-5499 or jheiseygardener@gmail.com.



With Deepest Sympathy

Morris Eckert, father of Swatara Hill CoB Pastor Nancy Fittery, passed away January 11.

Marguerite Crouse, wife of the late Rev. William Dean Crouse (former pastor of Philadelphia First CoB) died January 28.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

New Members

- **Cocalico** - *Letter:* Carol Fretz, Joe Freta
- **Conestoga** - *Baptism:* Olga Nadia de la Rosa, Andrea Graciela Putt, Silvia del Carmen Sanchez, Briannaliz Suarez
- **Ephrata** - *Letter:* Jennifer Lindberg, Julie Rhine, Chris Shenk, Kevin Shenk
- **Green Tree** - *Letter:* Andrew Hallman, Adam Messner, Emily Messner
- **Hanoverdale** - Bill Ostermoyer, Marilyn Ostermoyer
- **Lancaster** - *Baptism:* Matthew Brubaker, Alyssa Ernst, Chris Holsinger, Grant Husted, Tristan Turkki; *Letter:* Frank Fox, Wanda Fox, Joan Yunginger, Ron Yunginger; *Reaffirmation:* Robin Bohannon, Ron Bohannon, Linda Harnish, Keith Hummel, Lenny Lambert, Cathleen Lowe, Chester Lowe, Clyde Wenger, Shirley Wenger
- **Middle Creek** - *Baptism:* Jaden Bollinger, Seth Bollinger, Viktoria Bollinger, Justin Brubaker, Julie Cassel, Dylan Embiscuso, Madalyn Hosler, Caleb Kline, John Seibert, Katelyn Seibert, Trenton Shuke, Bethany Wenger; *Letter:* Dale Martin
- **Mohrsville** - *Baptism:* Christine Haller, Andy Kramer, Ora Kramer, Danny Twaddell
- **Quakertown** - *Reaffirmation:* Betsy Madison, Jim Madison
- **White Oak** - *Baptism:* Lamar Alwine, Amber Cassel, Claryn Groff, Nathan Kegerreis, Elsie Kline, Cameron Martin, Cambrie Miller, Lauren Miller, Conner Minnich, Regan Sauder, Krista Wenger, Justin Wenger, Preston Wenger; *Reaffirmation:* Zachary Nolt
- **Wilmington** - *Reaffirmation:* Sylvia Goberman, Jennifer Ann Hackett
- **Wyomissing** - *Letter:* Melvin Fox, Mary Jo Noble, Ted Noble

~ Opportunities ~

Auntie Anne's Founder & Author Anne Beiler to Speak at Banquet



Brethren Village's Good Samaritan Banquet, slated for Thursday, May 5 at the Middle Creek CoB, will feature Annie Anne's Pretzel Founder & 'Twist of Faith' Author Anne Beiler and her inspirational tale of faith and family.

With an 8th grade education and an Amish upbringing, Anne managed the family pretzel business from a single farmer's market stand founded in 1988, to the world's largest mall-based pretzel franchise with over 950 locations worldwide. What makes Anne's story of extraordinary failure and success remarkable, in addition to creating the best tasting homemade pretzel, is her determination to honor Jesus Christ and help others by telling her story. Anne's commitment to excellence is rooted in the belief that we give to get, to give again; and that success can only be realized when you have a great product, great people on your team and a purpose greater than yourself.

In addition to the inspirational stories of Anne, a fellowship reception will be held at 5:30 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations for the full course dinner & evening will be \$125/person.

Last year's banquet was extremely successful as the Village raised more than \$75,000 for our Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund— which provides assistance to those Residents who have exhausted their financial resources.

Please join us for this special event in support of the Brethren Village ministry. For additional information or reservations, please contact the Development Office at (717) 581-4274.



Bus to Annual Conference

Ken Kreider is again operating a coach to Annual Conference in Grand Rapids. Leaving from Ephrata, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, Carlisle on July 1, and returning July 7. For information please call, write or email Ken Kreider, 1300 Sheaffer Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Phone 717-367-7622; kreiderk@etown.edu.



District Women's Spring Fellowship

The Hanoverdale Church will host the District's Women's Spring Fellowship Saturday, March 12. The speaker will be Dr. April Hershey. Her topic will be "For Such a Time as This," based on the book of Esther.

Register by March 7. For further information, contact Carol Nelson (717) 234-0288 or email Carol at carolnelson@comcast.net.



The 2011 District Directory will soon be ready for distribution. If you would like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$8.50 (includes postage) or \$7 if picked up at the District Office.



Lydia's Closet - A free clothing giveaway, Mohrsville CoB, Saturday, April 9.

CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE

"Prayer in the Life of a Servant Leader"

A day apart for ministers, church leaders, and other interested persons

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District Spiritual Renewal Team



**Church Leaders Conference – April 27, 2011
Registration Form**

Please complete and return, along with the applicable fees, to:

Atlantic Northeast District
500 East Cedar Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

NOTE: Registration deadline is **April 21, 2011**
No refunds after this date.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ DISTRICT _____

Registration fee \$40 x _____ persons = \$ _____

CEU fee \$10 x _____ persons = \$ _____

Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to
Atlantic Northeast District



Alternative Stories in the Bible

A Continuing Education Event with Dr. Robert Neff

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Registration begins at 8:30, Course held 9:00—3:00
Sill Boardroom, von Liebig Center for Science, Juniata College

or

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Registration begins at 8:30, Course held 9:00—3:00
Susquehanna Room, Elizabethtown College

Cost for this event is \$50. There is an additional \$10 charge for those wishing to receive CEU credit.
The registration deadline is March 14 (Juniata) or September 6, 2011

Contact The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: 717-361-1450, svmc@etown.edu, www.etown.edu/svmc

Calendar

March

- 5 Stewardship University
- 10 COBYS Really High Tech Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
- 11-12 Senior High Lock-In
- 12 District Board Meeting, Myerstown CoB
- 12 Women's Spring Fellowship, Hanoverdale CoB
- 24 Senior Adult Banquet, Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Area
- 26-31 Senior High Christian Citizenship Seminar, New York City & Washington DC

April

- 3 Elizabethtown CoB Concert with Amy Yovanovich
- 6 Senior Adult Banquet, Harrisburg/Lebanon Area
- 14 Senior Adult Banquet, Lancaster Area
- 27 Church Leaders' Conference, Elizabethtown College
- 30 Senior High Service Project



May

- 1 COBYS Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker Community
- 5 Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner (Benefits COBYS), Lebanon Expo Center
- 5 Brethren Village Good Samaritan Banquet
- 14 Alpha & Omega Community Center Banquet, Chiques CoB

June

- 4 Annual Conference Briefing, Hempfield CoB
- 15 District Board Meeting, Mohler CoB

July

- 2-6 Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

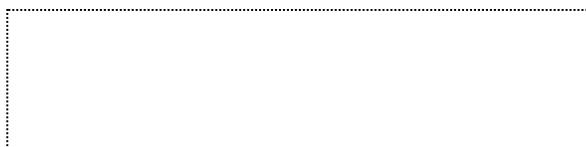


In case of inclement weather, the District Office follows the Elizabethtown Area School District for closings and delays.

Deadline for the May/June issue of ANE Today is March 23. Articles may be faxed (717-367-8737) to the District Office or emailed to: jreed@ane-cob.org. When possible, include appropriate logo or other graphic designs.

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