



District Conference: “The Wisdom from Above”



Moderator
David Stauffer

I am looking forward to District Conference on October 7-8, 2011. Friday evening will be a time of celebration with a choir made up of singers from many churches throughout the district, much congregational singing, a litany of celebration thanking God for the good that is happening in the district, and a sermon exploring the theme “The Wisdom from Above.”

The text upon which the theme is based is James 3:13-18—*Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.* (New International Version)

On Saturday, we will welcome two new fellowships and a new congregation, hear reports, affirm leaders, adopt a ministry investment plan, consider an update to the District by-laws, and consider a query on Military Chaplaincy.

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The Wisdom From Above - continued

It is my hope and expectation that in worship, business, and fellowship, we will allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. We will demonstrate the characteristics of people living under the influence of the wisdom that comes from above. Let us strive to be kind to each other as will clarify and affirm the values we hold as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I urge you to pray for everyone who will participate in District Conference: the officers, District Board members, District staff, delegates, and all interested persons. I urge you to participate in one of the three area meetings in order to learn more about the revisions to the bylaws and the query on military chaplaincy.

District Conference Choir



Atlantic Northeast District vocalists are invited to participate in a combined choir during the Friday evening (October 7) worship service of District Conference at Leffler Chapel of Elizabethtown College. Joy Brubaker, choir director from the Midway CoB, will direct the mass choir.

A 2:30 p.m. rehearsal is planned for Sunday, October 2, at the Midway CoB. There will be a final rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service on October 7 in the Performance Room of Leffler Chapel.

Please encourage your congregation's choir members to participate in this special evening of worship and celebration.

Interested persons should contact Evy Brubaker as soon as possible so that music can be mailed to participants prior to rehearsal. Evy can be reached at (717)733-6253 or you can email her at pebru@dejazzd.com

**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Those planning to attend District Conference should register through their church offices. Congregations will send a congregational registration form listing ALL delegates and non-delegates from their congregation with ONE check by September 12. (There is a \$20 registration fee for all conference attendees. This fee includes a conference booklet, lunch, use of facility). *For those who cannot register through a congregation, you may mail the form below to the District Office along with your check for \$20 (payable to Atlantic Northeast District).*

District Conference Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Lodging - If you travel a distance and would like lodging in a Brethren home on Friday and/or Saturday night at no cost, please call the District Office (717) 367-4730 to arrange for housing.

Youth & Young Adults



Footprints¹¹ ~ For the Western, Southern & Middle PA Districts as well as our very own ANE!

This event will be held November 18-20 at Rhoades Grove Retreat Center in Chambersburg. Our theme for this conference is "Be Doers of the Word" which is taken from James 1:22-24 and the main sessions will be led by

Walt Wiltschek, a former editor of the Messenger magazine and current Chaplain at Manchester College in Indiana. Music will be led by Mutual Kumquat, www.mutualkumquat.com. Youth cost is \$140 due by September 15th, \$150 after that date. Advisor cost is \$140.

The 2011-2012 Youth Cabinet has been selected!

Returning Members:

Haley Adair (*Lititz*)
 Alexis Charles (*Lititz*)
 Hallie McDonough (*Elizabethtown*)
 Sarah Parcell (*Indian Creek*)

New Members:

Sarah Barger (*Hempfield*)
 Nate Dum (*Hempfield*)
 Jessica Lynde (*Ridgeway*)



The deadline for this newsletter has arrived before meetings have taken place to determine the calendar of events for 2011-2012. But rest assured we are working on it! You should see fliers coming your way as well as updates on our website and through email. If you would like to receive information about District Youth events through email, please email me your email address! jross@ane-cob.org

Here are a few dates you can definitely put on your calendar!

October 28-30, 2011	Junior High Retreat at Camp Swatara
January 20-22, 2012	Senior High Retreat at Camp Swatara
February 3-4, 2012	Junior High Lock In at Lebanon Valley College

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

www.cob-net.org/church/ane/youth

Senior Adult News

Wisdom for Widows

A Wisdom for Widows class will begin Monday, October 3 at Lititz CoB. It is an 11-week class from 9:30–11:00 a.m. The class will include a video and discussion. Topics covered are: loneliness, opportunities, organization, decision-making, worship, service, relationships, and others.

Belinda Graybill will be the facilitator. For registration or information, call Belinda at (717) 626-4276.



Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet

October 19 - noon

Yoder's Family Restaurant, New Holland

Entertainment: Jeff Raught from
Ted & Company TheaterWorks

Register through your congregation's senior adult contact or church office.

Emergency Homeowners' Loan

Homeowners can apply NOW for the federal Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program (EHLP) if they are unable to make their monthly mortgage payments because of job loss or income reduction. This program will only be available through September 30, 2011. Homeowners facing foreclosure should call 1.800.342.2397 right away to get help.

They may be eligible for a loan of up to \$50,000 or 24 months of mortgage payment assistance if they:

- Have a loss of at least 15% of income;
- Have missed at least three mortgage payments or received a foreclosure notice due to job loss, income reduction and/or illness;
- Are likely to be able to start making payments again within two years;
- Are at or below 120% of area median income;
- Are applying for help with a mortgage on their primary residence, which is a 1 - 4 family house.

If they are not eligible for EHLP, they may still be eligible for Pennsylvania's Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP). Call toll free: 1.800.342.2397 or go to www.PHFA.org.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

The IRS increased the standard mileage rate for the final six months of 2011 to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Congregational News

Musa Mambula to Preach at Germantown

On September 18, the Rev. Dr. Musa Mambula from EYN (the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) has been invited to preach at Germantown CoB. Morning worship at Germantown starts at 11 am.

Stevens Hill Celebration

Stevens Hill CoB is planning the celebration of their 100th anniversary November 5 & 6.

New Members

- **Hanoverdale** - *Baptism:* Hannah Bernstein, Katie Truesdell, Christa Worson
- **Hempfield** - *Baptism:* Sarah Fisher, Connor Lutter, Laura Myer, Elizabeth Rannels, Kensey Rice. *Letter:* Angela Ebersole, Brenton Ebersole, Dana Statler, Jen Statler
- **Mechanic Grove** - *Baptism:* Jennifer Berkey, Kat Casadonti, Marcus Hart, Cordell Heidinger, Morgan Jackson, Kerri Kreider, Bonnie MacKrell, Wyatt Peinhardt, Morgan Perry, Noelle Schneider, J. T. Shoemaker, Ben Trimble, Rebekah Trimble
Letter: Chris Casadonti, Shannon Houghton, Mac MacKrell
- **Middle Creek** - *Reaffirmation:* Dean Bollinger
- **New Beginnings** - *Baptism:* Kyle Emlet, Seth Haldeman, Will Rohrer



In Loving Memory

Ralph Z. Ebersole (Conewago CoB), retired minister and former District Staff member, passed away June 1.

Helen Rummel (East Fairview), wife of minister Don Rummel, died June 4.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~



RUN-WALK FOR PEACE

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022

RETREAD – Run For Peace

A Look Back at the History of the Race

by Paula Burke

Lace up your sneakers and get ready for the Run/Walk for Peace! The 5K event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. at the Elizabethtown CoB on Saturday, Sept. 10. Race registration details are available at: <http://www.etowncob.org/runforpeace>.

For 20 years, the Run/Walk for Peace was a popular event organized by local churches and members within the ANE District. From 1983-1995 the race took place in Lititz, organized by members of Lititz CoB. Beginning in 1999, the race was held at E-town CoB. The last run was in 2005 and hosted at our church. Bill Puffenberger was the race director and the proceeds for the race that year were the Brethren Housing Association and the Emergency Disaster Fund for "Tsunami Relief and Recovery."

In 2004, the recipients were also BHA and EDF. That year, as in many previous years, there was great local press coverage. *The Intelligencer Journal* ran a piece describing the race, and the *Elizabethtown Merchandiser* featured a front-page story, with a picture of Randy Estep, Bill Puffenberger, and Barbara Maris. In the *Merchandiser* story, Bill cited the success of the prior 18 races. He said that in the past, more than \$40,000 had been raised, and in 2003, nearly \$7,000 was generated for the Christian Peacemaker Team and the Disaster Child Care program of the Church of the Brethren.

According to race records, for several years race participation topped 400 participants. Past runs featured other events, such as informational recreational walks for five weeks leading up to the run and pre-race day preview of the course, led by Barry Hoffer. Although this year will be a 5K only, in the past, runners were challenged by a 10K course that drew competitive runners from all age groups.

This year's race will build on the strong foundation of the years past, and the hard work of the volunteers, runners and walkers. Looking at how much we've accomplished in the past makes this year's run that much more promising!

Past beneficiaries of Run For Peace include:

Luisa Ortiz Women's Center in Nicaragua and MCC's "Yugoslav War Victim's Fund;" Brethren mission/workcamp projects in the Dominican Republic; civil war victims in El Salvador; Balkan Peacemaking Team in Kosovo; Brethren Volunteer Service; Brethren World Peace Academy in New Windsor, World Friendship Center in Japan; Heifer Project International; Brethren well-drilling projects in the Sudan; On Earth Peace; Agricultural Exchange Programs in Poland; and Habitat for Humanity.

Alpha & Omega Community Center Fund Raising Dine-Out Night

Where: Isaac's Restaurant & Deli
Granite Run Square
1559 Manheim Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601



When: Thursday, October 13
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

There will be forms at the restaurant that will give 25% of your total bill to the Community Center.

The Alpha & Omega Community Center is part of the ANE District CoB. The Center is located in Lancaster city and is surrounded by approximately 19,000 Spanish-speaking citizens. They support a Spanish-speaking counselor, a music instruction program, computer skill classes, and an English-speaking instruction class. They also operate a food bank from their facility. The workers are willing but the finances are limited.

Please consider attending this enjoyable evening out which will provide much needed funds for this valuable ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Hughes 717-569-3332.



ISRAEL TOUR

Pastor Galen Hackman, Ephrata CoB, and his wife Doris are hosting a two-week tour to Israel, leaving February 23, 2012.

Interested persons are encouraged to visit www.sites.google.com/site/journeytoisrael2012/ email ghackman@ptd.net or call 717-859-3309 for more information.



*Brethren Community Ministries
presents...*

Sharing Things that Make for Peace

6th Annual Agape Satyagraha Dinner

Friday, September 30

6:00 pm—8:30 pm

National Civil War Museum

1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg

There has never been a greater cry for peace. There has never been a greater need for love in action. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that in the United States, homicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10–24 years. Violence is sweeping the streets and our young people are in desperate need of guidance.

We cannot be silent. We're Committed. Brethren Community Ministries (BCM) is sharing the love of Christ in these trying times. Our food distribution lines continue to grow and our Agape-Satyagraha conflict resolution program continues to reach hurting youth, ages 11-18. We've joined the community for prayer vigils, peace marches and other neighborhood efforts taking a stand against violence and promoting peace.

Join us at our **6th Annual Agape-Satyagraha Dinner** as we celebrate this commitment. The evening includes a silent auction as well as an awards ceremony for our Agape-Satyagraha graduates. We will also present our 2011 Agape Satyagraha Peace Maker Awards to key community leaders who have demonstrated commitment to the advancement of our region. Museum tours will be available that evening. Churches, businesses and individuals are needed to sponsor this event. The ticket price is \$40 each or two for \$75. Price for a table of 10 is \$375. For more information or to register, visit brethrencommunityministries.wordpress.com or call (717) 234-0415.

**Peace on Earth. We're Committed.
Join us on September 30.**



Brethren Village Golf Outing

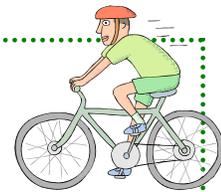
Brethren Village's 21st Annual Golf Tournament at Foxchase Golf Club, Stevens, PA is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, rain or shine. This year's tournament will feature both an AM and a PM scramble, with registration beginning at 6:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

The fund supports the current benevolent needs of the Village by providing financial assistance for those residents who find themselves unable to pay the full cost of their care.

If you would like additional information on how you can reserve your spot or support this event as a sponsor, please contact Joanne Stehr at the Development Office at (717) 581-4316.

COBYS Bike & Hike Sets Sights on \$100,000 Goal

\$100,000 and 600 participants. Those are the ambitious goals for the 15th annual COBYS Bike & Hike, which will take place on Sunday, September 11, at the Lititz CoB. Events begin at 1:30 p.m.

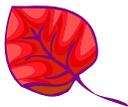


COBYS' signature event, the Bike & Hike includes a three-mile walk through Lititz, 10- and 25-mile bicycle rides on rural roads around Lititz, and the 60-mile Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride, which this year travels north through scenic Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

Participants choose their event and either pay a registration fee or obtain sponsors. The registration fee is \$25 per person (\$5 discount for those who pre-register).

For more information, visit our [website](#), or contact Don Fitzkee at 800-452-6517 or don@cobys.org. Click here for the [event brochure](#) and additional [sponsor sheets](#).

Grand Finale of Women's Sabbath Retreats



Forest Hills Mennonite Church

September 17, 1—3 pm

Come celebrate the transformation and joys provided from 2002—2011 with 34 retreat days.

We will reflect on how we have grown in using Voice. We invite you to dream personally, and perhaps collectively, even as we begin letting go. Bring along a symbol of growth as nurtured by your participation in Women's Sabbath Retreats—an object, artwork, story, poem, lyrics, quotation.

No registration fee. RSVP by Sept. 3 to Sharon Kraybill at sjkraybill@paonline.com or 717-293-9641.

Elizabethtown CoB Concert: Rodney L. Barbour



Rodney L. Barbour, an accomplished performer on keyboard and low brass instruments, will present a concert on the **organ** at the **Elizabethtown CoB** on **Friday, November 4, at 7:00 pm**. He holds the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education and Organ Performance from Marshall University and the Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance from the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Barbour's performance career has taken many directions. From early performances in dance bands, the **Holiday on Ice Orchestra** and the **Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus Band**, Rodney developed as a featured entertainer for 10 years on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ (4 manual, 33 rank) at the **Springdale Music Palace** in Cincinnati. He currently holds the position of **Director of Worship and Arts at Crestview Presbyterian Church, West Chester, Ohio**. Rodney's performance experience in orchestras, bands, choirs and accompaniment of instrumentalists and vocalists in a wide genre of styles, combine to give him a unique understanding for midi and orchestral performance techniques at the organ.

More information available at www.etowncob.org

War is Not the Answer – 9/11 Revisited

The public is invited to gather at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, at Binns Park in downtown Lancaster to reflect on the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Binns Park is in the 100 block of N. Queen Street.

Interspersed with music by local artists, "**War is Not the Answer – 9/11 Revisited**" will feature two speakers: Celeste Zappala of Philadelphia, mother of Sherman Baker who was killed in Iraq while serving in the National Guard; and Michael Berg of VA, whose son, a telecommunications contractor, was beheaded in Iraq by insurgents soon after the horrible destruction of Fallujah by the U.S.

This is an opportunity to not only reflect on how our lives and society have been affected by the terrible events of 9/11 and our tragic response as a nation, but also to envision and pray for hopeful, peaceful tomorrows. Rather than unrelenting warfare, a return to traditional American values of the rule of law, accountability, the pursuit of peace, and the protection of civil liberties will be affirmed.

Please bring lawn chairs for seating. Metered parking is free in downtown Lancaster on Sundays but there is a charge for parking in the city's garages that day.

All are welcome to this special gathering planned by members of Lancaster area historic peace churches and sponsored by Every Church A Peace Church. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the expenses of this event. Your contribution may be tax-deductible. Checks can be made out to "Every Church A Peace Church."

For more information contact Berry Friesen at berryfriesen@gmail.com or 717- 471-9691.

Residents at Peter Becker Community

Rediscovering Farm Charm



We don't know whether it is the earthy smell of vegetables picked earlier that day or the scent of fresh herbs wafting through the room, but we do know that residents are in favor of the decision to bring a Farmer's Market on campus.

"Wow, peaches are fifty cents EACH? I remember when they were ten cents a pound." - Peter Becker Resident

Besides minor sticker shock of organically grown local produce, the residents of Peter Becker Community are thoroughly enjoying the new Farmer's Market. It began its debut this spring and it is open to the public, staff and all residents. It seems to be growing in popularity each time it is held. Every two weeks Skippack Creek Farm in Harleysville creates a real bounty of offerings! They are family-owned but have plenty of organic know-how and experience in small scale farming techniques.

The endeavor is partly a community outreach project, providing support to our local farmers, and partly a resident enrichment project, offering unique experiences to expand overall health. For the residents in our health care center it is a new wholesome activity. They visit the farmer's market, explore the in-season fruit and vegetables and then choose and take with them the ones they like. They are given a voucher to use for payment. "Some of the residents haven't shopped for food in some time and they are enjoying seeing what is in season, the colors, textures and scents," explains Ginny Henderson, Director of Dining Services, "but the real joy comes when Dining Services prepares their selections at their next meal. Their faces light up."

The Farmer's Market is really great concept in the overall health of our community. Farm fresh flavorful produce will be for sale on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month through November. To find out more, visit our web site at www.peterbeckercommunity.com

Preparation for Renovaré Conference

Registration information for the April 21, 2012 Renovaré Conference will be available at District Conference. With the mission of the District Spiritual Renewal Team to provide renewal experiences which lead to Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-empowered living for all persons and congregations, the hope for this day is to help fulfill this goal for each church. Rather than a stand-alone event, the team is working to assist churches in preparation for the conference and give follow-up ideas that could be meaningful for your church.

Our guest leaders are Kris Webb, new President of Renovaré and Anglican pastor from Wales, and Richard Foster, founder of Renovaré and author. Both leaders will have new books out by the conference. Jean Moyer has written lessons for the children on the spiritual disciplines which will be used that day.

How do we prepare for this conference? A take-away session will be offered given at District Conference on how to prepare for and follow up the conference. A district prayer emphasis will be held. Renovaré invites pastors to preach the 12 spiritual disciplines in Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* which could begin in Lent. A Spiritual Disciplines Folder for daily Scripture reading will be available. On May 5 a follow-up session will be offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center at the Ephrata CoB

For more information, contact the District Spiritual Renewal Team: Ron Ludwick, John Shaffer, Joann Maurer, Mary Kay Graver, Bob Vroon, Kevin Derr, Kay Weaver, Staff Liaison, David Young, chair –davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org

Calendar

August

- 21-23 District Women's Camp, Camp Swatara
 27 *Worship God's Way* Continuing Education Event, Carlisle CoB

September

- 5 District Office Closed - Labor Day
 5-9 NOAC, Lake Junaluska, NC
 8 Brethren Village Golf Outing, Foxchase Golf Club, Stevens
 10 Run/Walk for Peace, Elizabethtown CoB
 11 COBYS Bike & Hike, Lititz CoB
 13 District Conference Area Meeting, Lancaster CoB
 15 LVBH Cathy Snell Memorial Golf Tournament, Manada Golf Course
 19 District Conference Area Meeting, Hershey Spring Creek CoB
 21 District Conference Area Meeting, Parker Ford CoB
 22 *Forgiveness* Conference, Elizabethtown College
 23-24 Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center
 30 Agape Satyagraha Dinner, National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg

October

- 2 District Conference Choir Rehearsal, Midway CoB
 7-8 District Conference, Elizabethtown College
 10 District Office Closed
 11 LVBH Good Samaritan Fund Dinner
 13 Retired Ministers' Luncheon
 19 District Senior Adult Banquet, Yoder's Restaurant
 28-30 Junior High Retreat, Camp Swatara



November

- 5 District Board Retreat, Camp Swatara
 18-20 Footprints¹¹ Senior High Regional Retreat, Rhoades Grove Retreat Center
 24-25 District Office Closed - Thanksgiving

Deadline for the November/December issue of ANE Today is October 19. 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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