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News from the District Historical Committee

The District Historical Committee is pleased to announce the completion of two key projects that have consumed our efforts for several years. With the help of many Atlantic Northeast members, we have compiled a thorough list of cemeteries associated with the congregations in our District. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of former District Executive Joe Long's Meetinghouse photos from 1951 have been identified. This data has been preserved at the High Library at Elizabethtown College. For any further information you may contact Dave Fuchs at defuchs@comcast.net.

Realizing that future generations may look back on 2012 as a period of historical interest, we are gathering a collection of current digital photographs of all houses of worship in the District. If you have not already done so, please forward photos of your Church or Meetinghouse to Dave at the above email address.

Annual Conference Delegate Registration

Congregational delegate registration for Annual Conference opened on January 2. Be sure to go to www.brethren.org/ac to register your congregation's delegates.

Non-delegate registration and housing reservations will open at 12:00 Noon central time on Wednesday, February 22. You will also be able to register for age group activities, purchase meal tickets and conference booklets, as well as sign up for choir and volunteering opportunities.

All information regarding Annual Conference in St. Louis is now posted online at www.brethren.org/ac. Click on the "Information Packet" link. Congregations and delegates will not be mailed the Information Packet CD this year.

We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

- Jon Kobel, Conference Assistant



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

District Directories

The 2012 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.

~ New District Office Hours: 8-4 Monday through Thursday ~

Youth & Young Adults

Senior High Retreat was held January 20-22 at Camp Swatara and, just like Junior High Retreat, we received a few inches of snow! That certainly didn't slow us down! Ryan Braught led sessions based around Micah 6:8 and our theme was "Be a Disciple in Your World." The band comprised of Paul McBride, Scott McFadden and Jeff Pincin from Millersville did an excellent job. Other highlights were bag skits, 4 and 9 square, dodgeball, evening snacks and great times with friends! We also collected Bibles and devotional material to send to CLC International, who will then distribute them to countries around the world who are desperate for God's Word.

JH Lock In

Date & Time: March 2-3, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Lebanon Valley College, Arnold Sports Center

Registration Deadline: February 23

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: Games, craft, gym time, movies, swimming and food!

SH Lock In

Date & Time: March 16-17, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Skippack Church of the Brethren

Registration Deadline: March 8

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: We will meet and eat and hang out at Skippack before we go to a local bowling alley. We'll spend a couple hours there before going back to the church. Oh, and did I forget to mention the theme?? It is "nerd" bowling, so come with your best nerd outfit! Before you go home in the morning, we will give you a light breakfast and send you on your way. If you are a driver for this event and want some time and a place to sleep, please let me know so that we can make arrangements at the church.



JH Service Project

Date: April 21

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

Registration Deadline: April 12

Cost: None!

Details: We will work at various stations and find out more about the ways GAIN provides for those in need. Then we will have lunch together (pizza and drink provided) and hopefully have time for some games.

Cabinet Applications

Date/Time: Due by April 30

Where: District Office, 500 E. Cedar St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Details: It's hard to believe, but we are starting to think about the 2012-13 Youth Cabinet and I need your help! I would be so appreciative if you would encourage youth in whom you sense have leadership ability, to apply for District Cabinet. Even as young as 9th grade, if you see some budding leadership potential, please tap them on their shoulder and encourage this opportunity. I truly believe they will grow in so many ways.

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

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

NATIONAL SENIOR HIGH YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)

What is it? This program provides high school students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue.

Who is Eligible to Attend? All high school youth and their adult advisors are eligible to attend the seminar. Churches sending over four youth are required to send at least one adult advisor.

Where and When? We will begin on Saturday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m. in New York City and will end by 12:00 (noon) on Thursday, April 19 in Washington, DC.

What is the cost? The \$375 registration fee includes: lodging for five nights, dinner on the opening evening of the seminar, and transportation from New York to Washington, DC.

Note: Each participant will need to bring additional money for most meals, sightseeing, personal expenses and some subway/taxi fares within the city.

What about registration? It is limited to the first 100 youth and adults - so register right away! Online registration is currently open, so visit www.brethren.org/ccs to sign up!

For more information contact:

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office – 1451 Dundee Ave. Elgin, IL, 60120
www.brethren.org/ccs CoBYouth@brethren.org (800) 323-8039

NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

National Young Adult Conference (NYAC)

Date/Time: June 18-22

Where: University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Registration: To register for National Young Adult Conference go to www.brethren.org/yac.

Cost: The \$375 registration fee includes: lodging, meals, and programming. \$100 deposit (non refundable) is due within two weeks of registering.

Details: The focus for the conference is "Humble yet bold; being the church" taken from Matthew 5:13-18. For Young Adults, ages 18-35. The Young Adult Steering Committee is hoping this event will be a chance for young adults to gather and have engaging conversations about our role in the denomination with one another, our various speakers, and others that will join together in Knoxville.

The Young Adult Steering Committee is encouraging congregations to put NYAC scholarships in their 2012 budgets to help support the young adults in their church. Also, an NYAC gift certificate may be purchased by friends and family members for their favorite young adult!

For more information please call 800-323-8039 ext. 281 or email NYAC2012@brethren.org.



What is Ministry Summer Service?

Ministry Summer Service (MSS) is a leadership development program for college students in the Church of the Brethren who spend 10 weeks of summer working in the church (local congregation, district office, camp, or national program).

Congregations may ask, "Why should we take on a summer intern?" Young adults may ask, "Why should we work for the church for a whole summer?" The answer has to do with God's call. The Bible is a record of God calling people to challenging tasks. MSS is no exception. Through MSS, God is calling congregations to reach out in the ministry of teaching and receiving. God is calling young adults to explore the possibility of church work as their vocation. For more information, please visit www.brethren.org/yva/mss/.

Congregational News

New Members

Brunswick - *Baptism:* Martha Bucher, Lauren Hade, Reuben Moses, Janetta Newcomer *Letter:* Kara Newcomer

Elizabethtown - *Letter:* Amy Carroll, Richard Carroll, Nancy Gerber, Bob Jacobs, Keelyan Sheeley

Florin - *Letter:* Randall Fiske

Middle Creek - *Baptism:* Grant Forney, Leah Graybill, Reese Kline, Bradford Myer, Michael Wagner, Abigail Wenger; *Letter:* Margaret Minnich, Michael Minnich

Mohler - *Baptism:* Brad Ulrich

Pottstown - *Letter:* Marsha Paczok; *Reaffirmation:* Bill Bambridge, Jan Bambridge, Lee Domarasky, Tara Simpson

Wilmington - *Baptism:* Thomas Drye; *Reaffirmation:* John Kilbride

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

“*Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*,” which has been dubbed “*honest, hard-hitting and hilarious*,” will be held at the **Middle Creek CoB**, 351 Middle Creek Road, Lititz, on Friday evening, March 2 (6:30-9:30), and Saturday morning, March 3 (9:30-12:30).



This entertaining and informative video seminar with international speaker *Mark Gungor* is designed to bring hope and positive change to marriages. It creates enhanced communication, helps spouses better understand each other's needs, and rekindles romance in marriage relationships. “*Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*” appeals widely to men – even those who may typically resist marriage ministry.

The cost is \$35 per couple, or \$18 for singles. **Tickets to “*Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*” sell quickly, so order them today! Register online at www.laughyourway.com.** For more information, contact Michele Saylor of the Middle Creek Church at (717)733-8730.

SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, March 24, 4-7 pm
Wyomissing CoB



2200 State Hill Road, Wyomissing

A sampling of items are listed below:

Crafts, Quilts, Wall Hangings, Handmade Purses, Specialty Dinners,

Gift Certificates, Homemade Pies, Cakes, Fudge, and much, much more.

Food will be available beginning at 4 pm!

www.wcotb.org
wcotb2200@aol.com

Bells Wanted!



Paxton CoB is looking for a used set of handbells to purchase for their bell choir. If you can help, please contact Joann Maurer at 717-304-8091.

Historic Pulpit Available

The Mountville CoB is currently looking for a home for its solid wooden Pulpit which is estimated to be at least 100 years old. It is a freestanding pulpit about 4 feet high. It is in good condition and we would love for it to find a home where it could be of service to any congregation. For photos or more information, contact Mountville at 717-285-5122.

Taize Worship Service



Mountville Church of the Brethren will offer a Taize worship service on Good Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. All are invited to step out of the hectic pace of the world and gather for a time of quiet prayer and contemplation, scripture readings, and the prayerful music of Taize. www.mountvillecob.org

Juniata College Choir to Perform

The Juniata College Concert Choir will perform Friday, March 16, 8 p.m., at Elizabethtown CoB. The concert is open to the public and a freewill offering will be taken. The 45-member choir recently completed a nine-concert tour throughout Ireland. The concert will showcase sacred music, Celtic selections, and African-American spirituals. For more information, contact Julie Heisey, (717)939-5499 or jheiseygardener@gmail.com.

Annville CoB Celebration Planned

The Annville Congregation will celebrate on March 25th the 100th anniversary of it being a self supporting congregation from its mother congregation, Spring Creek (Hershey) with a special service at 10:15 AM.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

Senior Adult Spring Banquets

Lancaster Area

March 29—noon
 Middle Creek CoB
 \$12.50
 Entertainment: Chardonnay 4
 Two (from the Greater Harrisburg Sweet Adeline Chorus)

Harrisburg/Lebanon Area

April 19—noon
 Hanoverdale CoB
 \$12.00
 Entertainment: Harp soloist
 Joanne Swords-Wang

Philadelphia Area

April 25—noon
 Parker Ford CoB
 \$11.50
 Entertainment: Sherry Ziegler "Fun with music"



Flyers and registration forms will be sent to congregations soon.

Wisdom for Widows

A "Wisdom For Widow" class will be held at the Lititz CoB beginning Monday, March 5 from 9:30 to 11:00. The class will meet weekly for 11 weeks. Some of topics discussed will be loneliness, decision making, opportunities, forgiveness, organization, differences, worship, service and others. There is an \$11.00 workbook that is required but no homework! If interested please call Belinda Graybill at (717) 626-4276.

Keystone State Quartet to Headline Brethren Village's May 10 Banquet



Brethren Village's Good Samaritan Banquet, slated for Thursday, May 10, at the Middle Creek CoB, will feature the Keystone State Quartet.

The Keystone State Quartet members have been singing gospel music collectively for more than 50 years. You will enjoy the close harmony of the quartet as they sing and praise God...southern style!

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 per person.

Last year's banquet was extremely successful as the Village raised more than \$72,000 for our Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund—which provides assistance to Residents who have exhausted their financial resources. Fifty percent of Residents living in our skilled nursing center, The Courtyards, receive benevolent care.

Please join us for this special event in support of the Brethren Village ministry. Seating is limited. For additional information or to reserve a table, please contact the Brethren Village Development Office at (717) 581-4316.

Peter Becker Community to Present:

The Gardens of Eating! Flower Show March 15-17

Nibble on this! We will be cooking up some flavorful gardens created around our favorite pasttime - meals!

Food will be the king in a show like you haven't tasted before! Experience garden sets centered around intriguing concepts like an entirely edible garden, a romantic rooftop, a Victorian tea escape and our signature "Green" garden where items are so creatively repurposed that you will want to write the ideas down.



Thursday, March 15 - 10am - 4pm -
Senior Appreciation Day

Friday, March 16 - 9am - 7pm

Saturday, March 17 - 9am - 4pm

Find out about our bake sales, art competitions, inter-home competitions, crafter event, seminars and much more which have become a part of the unique flavor of the Peter Becker Community Annual Flower Show.

Check www.PeterBeckerCommunity.com for more information.



Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat "Hope and Help for Those Who Hurt"

Wednesday, March 21 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Midway CoB - 13 Evergreen Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

All women are warmly invited to our annual Spiritual Retreat to enjoy good fellowship, be encouraged in your life, and be a blessing to others. Invite your relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and others! Nancy Guthrie will be the featured speaker. She is the author of "Holding On to Hope: A Pathway of Suffering to the Heart of God," and other books that reveal her compassion for hurting people and her passion to apply God's Word to everyday life.

To register, call the church office at 717-273-4832.

Peter Becker Community Annual Benevolent Care Fund Dinner

May 17th - 6 - 8pm, \$130/ person

Help Your Friends and Neighbors Who Have Real Needs

You never know when a friend, neighbor or even family member will need some extra help. At Peter Becker Community the source of that help often comes from the Benevolent Care Fund. Residents who receive assistance from the Benevolent Care Fund funds were determined to have sufficient funds when they came to live at Peter Becker Community. Some unforeseen and unexpected circumstances changed that. Any of us, in spite of great planning, could experience "life events" beyond our control that might leave us in need of a helping hand.

The funds raised at our Annual Benevolent Care Fund Dinner help individuals and couples who have worked hard for many years and who continue to deserve dignity, independence and peace of mind.

Make reservations or a donation by contacting Paul Nye, VP of Mission Support at 215-703-4015.

Opportunities to Play & Give with Brethren Housing Association in Harrisburg

Honor thy mother - and the mothers at BHA - at these playful, challenging and friendly outdoor events on Mother's Day weekend. In addition to the sporting fun, you could come home with prizes fit for the mothers in your life. And your sweat will make Mother's Day that much sweeter for dozens of moms gaining stability in our ministry. Contact Chris Fitz at (717) 233-6016 or cfitz@bha-pa.org. Watch www.bha-pa.org or [facebook.com/brethrenhousing](https://www.facebook.com/brethrenhousing) for updates.



9th Annual BHA Golf Tournament
Friday, May 11, 2012 - 12:30 PM Start
 Par Line Golf Course outside of Elizabethtown

7th Annual Spring Thaw Bike Tour
Saturday, May 12, 2012 - 8:30 AM Start
 Palmyra Church of the Brethren
 Bonus prizes for top fundraisers!



Opportunities to Serve with Brethren Housing Association

Brethren Housing Association welcomes members of your church to join us in renovating several apartments here including the Diener House at 203 ½ Hummel Street, named for the legacy of Ray Diener (formerly of Elizabethtown) and his legacy of service. Projects include basic construction, restoration, painting, cleaning and trash pickup. Contact Dennis Saylor at (717) 233-6016 or dsaylor@bha-pa.org. Watch www.bha-pa.org or [facebook.com/brethrenhousing](https://www.facebook.com/brethrenhousing) for updates. Work Days @ BHA from 9 am - 4 pm: Feb. 25 & March 1.

For more information or other samples of images or text, please contact Christopher Fitz, Director of Development (717) 233-6016. Thanks so much!

Stewardship University

Let's grow together



Saturday, March 3, 2012
Lancaster Mennonite School
Registration begins at 8 a.m.

You can count on

- Classes that offer practical, relevant, usable information
- A wide variety of classes to choose from
- A Biblical, Christ-centered, Anabaptist focus for the event

30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship, including:

- Freed Up Financially
- Health Benefits
- Short-term Missions
- Estate Planning
- Listening to God
- Generous Worship
- Preparing Your Congregation for Disaster

Instructors include:

- Kevin King (MDS)
- David Shenk (EMM)
- Brian Roche (WGAL)
- Mary Etta King (Kairos)
- Brian Black (Gibbel, Kraybill and Hess)

For more information, contact:

Kay Weaver, (717) 786-1645 or
kweaver@ane-cob.org

You can also register online at www.StewardshipUniversity.com starting Dec. 16.

On Earth Peace is seeking a full-time Executive Director. The Executive Director has the overall strategic and operational responsibility for On Earth Peace's staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its mission. S/he will have a deep knowledge of the organization's core programs, operations, and business plans. Interested persons may check the website for details of the mission and program: www.onearthpeace.org

The deadline for applications is Feb. 29. Contact Ralph McFadden, 847.622.1677 or oeptest@sbcbglobal.net.

Mileage Rate for 2011

The IRS has set the mileage rate for 2012: \$.555 per mile for business miles driven.

Renovaré Essentials Conference

Leffler Chapel and Performance Center
 Elizabethtown College
 SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012
 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

This event features a team from Renovaré including Dr. Richard J. Foster, founder of Renovare and author of *Celebration of Discipline*. Attendees will learn the basic, essential elements of a vibrant Christian life—grace, traditions, community disciplines, and covenant. The Conference is also a perfect launching pad for starting small groups that will support people in their life with God.

Also offered is a day-long program for children. Pre-registration is required.

Contact your church office for more information and registration forms.

Deadline to register is April 11 (those registering by March 1 will receive a \$10 discount).

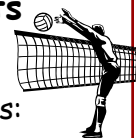
A Continuing Education Event A Deepening Day

with Renovaré Essentials Conference
 Co-sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District
 and Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
 Saturday, May 5 - Ephrata CoB
 9 am-4 pm (lunch provided), Registration: 8:45

In this follow-up day to the Renovaré Essentials Conference, participants will review the nature and purpose of the spiritual disciplines and develop next steps in spiritual growth. Attendees will participate in both the Renovaré Essentials Conference on April 21 and the Deepening Day on May 5. Participation in both events will yield 1.25 CEU. Attendees may also elect to receive ACTS credit with some additional work. *Leadership for the Deepening Day will be provided by Dr. David Young.*

District Volleyball Tournament Results

The District Volleyball Tournament was held Jan. 14 at Elizabethtown College. Final results:



Recreation: 1st-Coventry, 2nd-Ambler, 3rd-New Beginnings

Co-Ed: 1st-Chiques, 2nd-ElizabethtownR

Men's: 1st-Green Tree, 2nd-Chiques, 3rd-Elizabethtown

Congratulations!

Two Centenarians Celebrate 100+ Birthdays at Peter Becker Community



Frank Knerr
 101



Dorothy Van Landeghem
 104

SAVE THE DATE!!

Atlantic Northeast District
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 Family Swim from 2 to 4 pm (tentative)

Sponsored by: District Recreation Committee
Date: Saturday, **April 7**, 2012
Place: Thompson Gym, Elizabethtown College

More information and registration has been sent or will soon be sent to your church! Contact Jess if you want a copy emailed to you, jross@ane-cob.org.

Calendar

February

20 Office Closed, Presidents' Day

March

2-3 Junior High Lock-In, Lebanon Valley College
 3 Stewardship University, Lancaster Mennonite High School
 10 District Board Meeting, Hanoverdale CoB
 10 District Women's Spring Fellowship, Coventry CoB
 15 COBYS "Fancy Ball" Informational/Fundraising Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
 15-17 Flower Show, Peter Becker Community
 16-17 Senior High Lock-In, Skippack CoB
 29 Lancaster Area Senior Adult Banquet, Middle Creek CoB



April

13-14 Pastor in New Parish Retreat
 14-19 Christian Citizenship Seminar, New York City & Washington D.C.
 19 Harrisburg Area Senior Adult Banquet, Hanoverdale CoB
 21 Renovaré Conference, Elizabethtown College
 21 Junior High Service Project, Global Aid Network, Mount Joy
 25 Philadelphia Area Senior Adult Banquet, Parker Ford CoB
 30 District Senior High Youth Cabinet Applications Due

May

5 *A Deepening Day* (Renovaré follow-up), Ephrata CoB
 6 COBYS Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker Community
 10 Brethren Village Good Samaritan Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
 11 BHA Golf Tournament, Par Line Golf Course
 12 BHA Spring Thaw Bike Tour, Palmyra CoB
 17 Peter Becker Community Benevolent Care Fund Dinner

June

2 Annual Conference Briefing, Hempfield CoB
 13 District Board Meeting, Elizabethtown College

Deadline for the May/June issue of ANE Today is March 28. 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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