

### ANE Today

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# District Conference: "Made Alive in Christ"



Moderator Robert Wintsch

Recently, while returning from a fishing trip, my friend and I discussed how quickly this year is flying by. In a few weeks, fall will be upon us and its arrival signals that District Conference is just ahead.

Friday evening will be dedicated solely to worship and fellowship. There will be plenty of opportunities for us to lift our voices to our King and celebrate His Lordship and ponder this year's theme "Made Alive in Christ." It is my hope and dream to see Leffler Chapel completely filled with brothers and sisters worshipping and fellowshipping together on Friday evening.

Our Bible text for this years theme is from Ephesians 2:4-8 ~ <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ

Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- (NIV).

On Saturday, we will turn our focus toward the business of the Church. Reports from our various District ministries will be provided. We will adopt our district's ministry investment plan and affirm our leaders for the coming year. I urge you to be in prayer for everyone who will participate in District Conference: the officers, District Board members, District staff, delegates and all interested persons.

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### Made Alive in Christ - continued

In Bible times the faithful Jews, heeding God's call, came together several times a year to celebrate festivals. Many traveled long distances to worship and fellowship with each other. God ordained this coming together. He recognized the importance of like-minded individuals coming together. In the busy world we live in today, we have limited opportunities to assemble like they did, but we *can* make this years District Conference our "Brethren Festival."

I look forward to seeing you at Conference.

Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

~ Ephesians 6:23-24 ~ (NIV)

### District Conference Childcare: Living in Christ's Kingdom

Learning about grace, kindness, compassion and the endless care of a loving God.



Please register in advance to ensure a spot for your child. See contact information below.

What is it? A fall fun day for children in the Atlantic Northeast District. Join us for a day packed with camp-like activities, including games, stories, crafts, Bible time, music, snacks and more!

Who is invited? All children in preschool through sixth grade. (Nursery for younger children available with advance request.)

When will it be? Saturday, October 13, while the adults are at District Conference.

Where will it be? At the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.

What will it cost? It's free!

What should I bring? Each child should bring a packed lunch. Healthy snacks provided.

Adults and senior high youth from the Ambler CoB will guide planned, age-appropriate activities from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Drop-off begins at 8 a.m. Extended care will be provided until District Conference has ended.

Advance registration is REQUIRED.

For more information and a registration form, send email request to angiemountain@yahoo.com or call Angie Mountain at 215-583-3505.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 10.



Atlantic Northeast District vocalists are invited to participate in a combined choir during the Friday evening (October 12) 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 rehearsal is planned for Sunday, October 7, at 2:30 pm, at the Midway Church. There will be a final rehearsal at 5:30 pm prior to the service on October 12, 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 by August 22, so music can be mailed to choir participants prior to rehearsal. Evy can be reached at (717)733-6253 or <a href="mailto:pebru@dejazzd.com">pebru@dejazzd.com</a>

### 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 17. (There is a \$25 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 \$25 (payable to Atlantic Northeast District).



<b>~</b> ₹	District Conference Registration
•	Name
:	Address
•	<u>Lodging</u> - 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.

## District Staff News

### **ANE Welcomes New Office Administrator**

The Atlantic Northeast District is pleased to welcome **Krista Dickson** as the new ANE Office Administrator. Krista replaces Linda Williams, who retired from the District Staff at the end of July.

Krista, who began her work at the District Office on August 1, lives near Marietta, PA. Previously, Krista served as Administrative Assistant for the Training Department at Youth With A Mission (YWAM). She also worked as Coordinator in YWAM's Donor and Communications Office. Krista brings youthful energy, fresh ideas, good organizational and planning skills, as well as a relational approach to her work. She will be in the District Office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Please be sure to give her a warm greeting and welcome her to the District Staff.

To get better acquainted with Krista, here are some Cameo Fun Facts:

- Born and raised in Elizabethtown
- Member of West Green Tree Church of the Brethren
- Served with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) for 7 years in Juarez, Mexico and Tyler, Texas
- Travelled to 12 countries with YWAM (Cambodia, China, Nepal, Morocco, Mauritania, Spain, Romania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador)
- Married to Dan in April 2012
- Scuba dived in Dominican Republic on honeymoon
- Enjoys family and friends, travelling, gardening with her husband, spending time at the beach, reading, baking, playing games and being outside

**Thank you!** So many cards, phone calls, and drop-ins to wish me well in retirement! It is hard to share how blessed and appreciated I feel. I have learned to know so many of you in special ways. The last 20 years have surely been some of the most rewarding of my life. Thank you for the opportunity to share in the ministry of the Atlantic Northeast District. And many, many thanks for all the cards, well wishes and prayers.

~ Linda Williams

### **Pictorial Database of District Churches**

The ANE District Historical Committee is working on a pictorial database of current houses of worship in the District. We are grateful to the congregations below\* who responded to our request for a digital photograph to be emailed to

Dave Fuchs at <u>defuchs@comcast.net</u>. If your congregation has not yet responded, please forward a photo so we can have a complete record of today's Churches for future generations to enjoy!

\*Ambler, Brunswick, Chiques, Conestoga, Cornerstone, Coventry, East Cocalico, East Fairview, Florin, Germantown, Green Tree, Harrisburg First, Heidelberg, Hempfield, Hershey Spring Creek, Indian Creek, Lampeter, Lancaster, Lewiston, Middle Creek, Midway, Mohrsville, Mt. Zion Rd., Mountville, Myerstown, Philadelphia Geiger Memorial, Quakertown, Richland, Ridgeway, Schuylkill, Skippack, Springfield, West Green Tree, White Oak and Wyomissing.

### **Atlantic Northeast District Senior Adults Travel Options**

**Autumn in PA's Grand Canyon Region** will be an overnight stay on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2 & 3. It will include the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat, The Tioga Central Railroad, a covered wagon ride into the Grand Canyon plus more. The cost is \$350 (double occupancy).

QueCreek Mine/ Flight #93 one-day trip on October 11 to the Somerset area to hear the story of the 12 miners trapped below for three days and to experience the Flight #93 memorial, remembering the plane that fell into the farm field on 9/11/2001. Cost is \$79.

**Dollywood/Nashville 7-Day Christmas Tour,** departs Thursday, Dec. 13 and returns on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Included are a visit to Dollywood, Dixie Stampede, a two-night stay at the famous Opryland Hotel (million lights), Radio City Rockettes, World's Largest Nativity. Cost is \$969.

For detailed information, contact Earl K. Ziegler at 717-560-6488 or email <a href="mailto:evzieg@gmail.com">evzieg@gmail.com</a>. All trips need 30 reservations to be operable. Welcome, Senior Adults!

## Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet Yoder's Family Restaurant, New Holland, PA

Wednesday, October 3 - noon Entertainment: Bob Kettering at the Piano

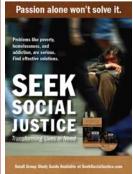
Fliers and registration forms will be mailed to congregations. Please register through your congregation's senior adult contact or church office.



### Amber Buck Volunteers at Comfort House in McAllen, TX

Amber Buck of Annville, PA, has recently undertaken a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) assign-

ment with Comfort House in McAllen, TX. Comfort House is a ten-bed residence for persons dying from terminal illnesses such as AIDS and cancer. Amber is a member of Mount Wilson CoB. She feels that "this is the perfect time to focus my attention on helping others."



### Seek Social Justice Curriculum

Problems like poverty, addiction, and homelessness are serious and complex. Passion alone won't solve them. Seek Social Justice is a six-lesson DVD small group study guide that provides a framework for understanding and engaging human need. Topics include: Rethinking Social Justice, Cultivating Justice from the Ground Up, Serving the Whole Person, Restoring Dignity and Purpose, Maintaining the Social Conditions for Justice, Breaking Ground.

Small group study guides and DVDs are available at SeekSocialJustice.com.

### **Peter Becker Community Fall Events**

### 13th Annual Golf Outing - Oct. 1 - 11 am - 7 pm

Our 13th Annual Golf Outing at Old York Road Country Club is a legitimate reason to slip out of the office on a warm fall day and show your support of the community. We are looking for golfers and sponsors! Contact Harry McConnell at 215-256-9501.

### Online Auction - Nov. 2-16

Just in time for the holidays, this online auction has unusual offerings and experiences that you will not be able to find anywhere else. We just started collecting donations. What do you have that you could offer: a gift certificate for a service, a fishing experience on your pond, a restaurant gift certificate, or maybe tickets to a sporting event? Contact Paul Nye at 215-703-4015.

## Sharing the Lope of Christ in our Cities Saturday, September 8, 2012 **Host Church** Cornerstone Christian Fellowship In Christ. In Community. In Lebanon. To the World for the Sake of Christ.



### JAY HARRIS FROM FORT WORTH, TX

Director of the Church Starting Center

Keynote Address - "Priority 1: Urban Ministry" Myths: The Truths and Untruths of Urban Ministry" Afternoon Session- "Getting UnSTUCK in the City"

#### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**



Jay McCumber, Lead Pastor Cornerstone Christian Fellowship "The Importance of Creativity"



Belita Mitchell, Pastor Harrisburg First CoB "Vital Leadership: Administrative, Ministerial, Lay Leadership"

Joel Peña Alpha and Omega CoB "Creciendo a Traves del Servicio" [Spanish Workshop]

~ PANEL DISCUSSION ~ WORSHIP WITH ANE WORSHIP TEAMS ~ FREE-WILL OFFERING ~

~ LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT AREA RESTAURANTS ~							
REGISTRATION FORM							
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Address City			State	Zip			
Telephone number	Email address						
Individual Fee $\square$ \$25. <b>OR Church Fee</b> • <b>\$125. [unlimited number of participants from your church for one low fee]</b> If registering as a church, please fill out individual registration forms for each participant's name and contact information.							
$\hfill\Box$ .4 CEU additional \$10. fee, if desired	ed. D	eadline - September 1, 20	12				
Total Amount Enclosed :	_ Make check paya	able to Atlantic Northeast Di	istrict Church	of the Brethren—UITT fund			
Mail this completed form to: Atlantic 500 East Cedar Street, Elizabethtown		Church of the Brethren Dist	rict, Attn.: Wa	nda Rohde,			

You will receive an email confirmation following receipt of registration and payment.

## Youth & Young Adults

### The 2012-2013 Senior High Youth Cabinet has been selected!

New Members:

Noah Baliles (Indian Creek)
Christine Haller (Mohrsville)
Savannah Myers (Little Swatara)
Morgan Rice (Hempfield)
Sarandon Smith (Palmyra)

Alex Troxell (Hempfield) Jenna Walmer (Palmyra)

Returning Members:

Hallie McDonough (Elizabethtown)
Nate Dum (Hempfield)



The deadline for this newsletter has arrived before meetings have taken place to determine the calendar of events for 2012-2013. But rest assured we are working on it! You should see the calendar of events in your mailbox as well as fliers coming your way and 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! <a href="mailto:iross@ane-cob.org">iross@ane-cob.org</a> Here are a few dates you can definitely put on your calendar!

October 26-28, 2012 **Junior High Retreat at Camp Swatara** 

January 18-20, 2013 Senior High Retreat at Camp Swatara

\*February 15-16, 2013 Junior High Lock In at Lebanon Valley College \*Waiting on final confirmation of date

Check the Youth tab on the District website for more details on all events! www.cob-net.org/church/ane/youth

### "How's Your Youth Group?"

This is for anyone who works with youth!

Saturday, August 25 @ Lancaster Church of the Brethren 9:00am to 4:00pm

Come for a time of Worship - Sharing - and Learning
Featured speaker - Dr. David Coryell - of Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic
Fee - \$30 includes Lunch @ Lancaster Church of the Brethren
There will also be some give-away items!

If you have not received a flyer, please call or email me!

Jess Ross: jross@ane-cob.org



District Executive Craig Smith at the consecration of Bob Krouse (Little Swatara CoB) Annual Conference Moderator for 2013, and Jim Beckwith (Annville CoB) as Annual Conference Secretary

### **New Members**

**Alpha & Omega -** *Baptism:* Nordis Carmenati, David Colon, Felix Davila, Margarete Davila, Moises Payano, Nilsa Rivera, Christian Rolon, Genesis Santiago, Kristal Santiago, David Viel

East Cocalico - Baptism: Dianna Blood, Kevin Blood; Letter: Debra Beckman, Scott Beckman

Harrisburg First - Reaffirmation: Jennifer Burkett, Dotti Seitz, Steve Seitz

**Lampeter -** Baptism: Jack B. Diffendarfer, Shannon Fairchild, Jodi Glover, Travis May, Madeline Mellinger, Julia Weigel

Lewiston - Baptism: Bethany Clemmer, Susanna Clemmer, Caitlyn Horning; Letter: Scott Littlefield

**Lititz -** *Baptism:* Sarah Kongsynonth, Somphop Kongsynonth; *Reaffirmation:* Joan Cantrell, Bud Dengler, Jane Dengler, Ryan Martin

**Mechanic Grove** - Baptism: Bobbie Davis, Karissa Herr,

Middle Creek - Letter: Anne C. Brubaker

**Mountville** - Reaffirmation: Sean Geist, Valerie Geist, Tammie Mutzabaugh, Transfer: Anna Ruth Enders, Ray Enders, Cindy Heisey, Joyce Williams, Stanley Williams

**Parker Ford -** Corey Ermold, Naomi Ermold, Becca Fisher, Nate Fisher, Mike Schneider, Mike Wisler, Ron Wisler, Sharon Wisler

**Wilmington** - Reaffirmation: Brandon Hanks, Katrina Hanks

Wyomissing - Letter: Dan Ulrich; Reaffirmation: Sarah Sallada



### **Congratulations**

to **Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh** (Mountville CoB) on their 70th wedding anniversary on August 16. It is also the 70th anniversary of Vernon's licensing to the ministry.

### ~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

### 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 18, 2012, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



There will be forms to fill out at Isaac's that will give 25% of your total bill to the Community Center.

The Alpha & Omega Community Center is part of the ANE District. The Center is located in Lancaster city and is surrounded by approx. 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.



Sunday, September 9 Lititz CoB

3-MileWalk 10-Mile Fun Ride 25-Mile Challenge Ride

The Annual Bike & Hike is the premier fund-raising event of COBYS Family Services. This year our goals are 550 participants and donations of \$100,000!

For more information, contact Don Fitzkee at 800-452-6517 or don@cobys.org.

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### 22nd Run/Walk for Peace

Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run Hosted by Elizabethtown CoB www.etowncob.org/runforpeace



**Engaged?** Take some time away from the busyness of wedding planning to focus on preparing for your marriage! The next Engaged Encounter weekend is scheduled for September 28-30 at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon, PA. Register now by calling 717-569-5676 or visit <a href="https://www.marriageencounter.org">www.marriageencounter.org</a> for more information.



### **Camp Swatara Opportunities**

Camp Swatara is looking for a new Food Service Supervisor to begin work September 1 or as close to that date as possible. Interested persons should contact the camp office for more information. This is a year-round position with some benefits. Persons applying should have experience in quantity food preparation. Food Safe certification is desirable. Resumes should be sent to Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd., Bethel, PA 19507. Attn: Marlin Houff

Camp Swatara is offering several Fall Events for adults and families. To receive copies of the registration forms for any of these events, please e-mail the camp office at mhouff@campswatara.org

Birdwatchers Weekend – September 28 – 30 (Open to adults 18 and over) Event held at Camp Swatara with lodging in the North Lodge

Pedal, Paddle, & Pace Weekend – October 19 – 21 (Open to adults 18 and over) Event held in the Jim Thorpe, PA area with whitewater rafting, biking, & hiking options

Brethren Historical Bus Tour – October 22 – 23 (Open to adults 18 and over)

Event held in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with visits to John Kline House, Crossroads Brethren/ Mennonite Heritage Center, and Bridgewater College.

Annual Family Camping Center Auction – September 1 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Children's auction in morning followed by Main auction until finished. Food Stand offered by Seasonal Site Campers. Note the new time this year

Family Fun Night – October 6 – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Food, fellowship, & fun campfire for the whole family

Annual Contributors Dinner – November 9 – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. \$25.00 / plate dinner & entertainment

### Annual Dunker Church Service

42nd Annual Worship Service Sunday, September 16, 2012 - 3:00pm Antietam National Battlefield Park Sharpsburg, Maryland



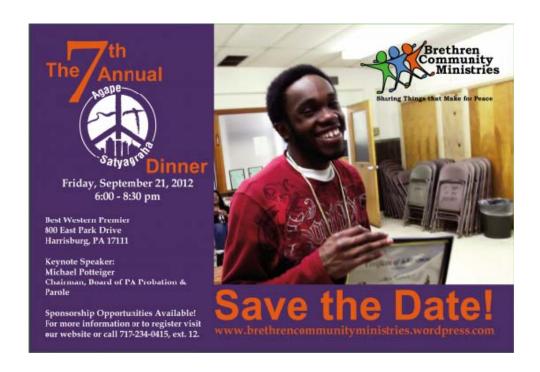
Sponsored by: Area Churches of the Brethren, Maryland and West Virginia

This worship service is similar to an 1862 Dunker Worship Service and is held in the restored Mumma Meeting House, commonly referred to today as the Dunker Church. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862.

"It is the hope of the Brethren that the little white church on the Antietam Battlefield may be to our troubled world a symbol of tolerance, love, brotherhood, and service - a witness to the spirit of Him [the Christ] whom we seek to serve." [Quote generally attributed to E. Russell Hicks, (deceased) a member of the Hagerstown (Md.) CoB]

Preacher Phil Stone is well-known throughout the Church of the Brethren having served as the 1991 Annual Conference Moderator and President of Bridgewater College from 1994 to 2010. His sermon topic will be "Lincoln and Antietam: Peacemaker or Warrior."

> For more information, please call Eddie Edmonds, 304-267-4135 or 304-671-4775, Tom Fralin, 301-432-2653 or 301-667-2291; Ed Poling, 301-733-3565



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<u>August</u>	<u>Calendar</u> Calendar
25	Youth Leaders and Volunteers Day of Training & Networking
<u>September</u>	
8	ANE Urban Ministry Conference
9	COBYS Bike & Hike, Lititz CoB
21-22	Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center
<u>October</u>	
3	District Senior Adult Fall Banquet, Yoder's Restaurant
12-13	District Conference, Elizabethtown College
15	Office Closed
<u>November</u>	
3	District Board Retreat, Camp Swatara
8-9	Interim Ministry Basics, Elizabethtown College
22	Office Closed: Thanksgiving
<u>December</u>	
24-Jan. 1	Office Closed: Christmas/New Years

Deadline for the November/December issue of ANE *Today* is October 17. 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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