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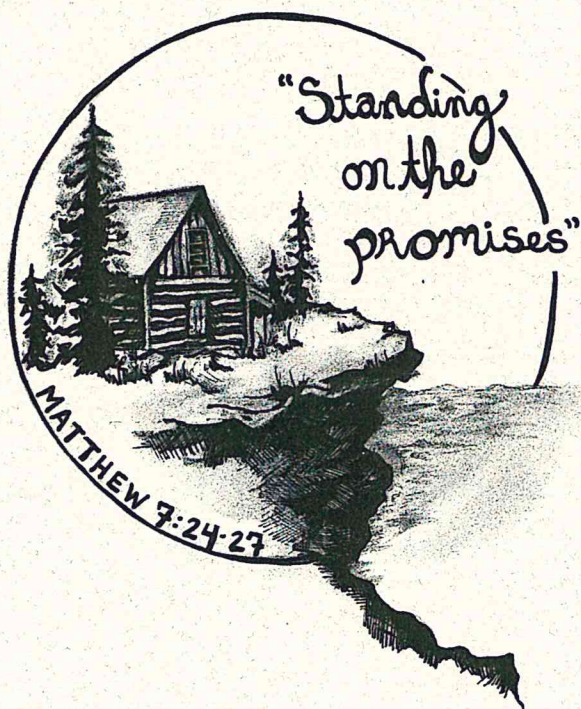
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District Conference Theme

This year's conference theme is "Standing on the Promises" with a scriptural basis in Mathew 7:24-27. There are many examples of promises from God and Jesus throughout the Bible and many scriptures could be cited as a basis for our theme. I have chosen these verses from Matthew 7 because Jesus instructs us to put his words into action, to rely on His promises and to be sure our foundations are as solid as a rock.

You will notice that the house built on a rock is all in black and white. It looks like an idyllic place; wouldn't you want to spend some time there? Unfortunately, the world we live in is not all black and white. Our foundations are often shaken by life's challenges and our world becomes shades of gray. Nevertheless we always know we have a solid foundation when we place our trust in the teachings of Jesus.

Moderator – Tom Fritz

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house of sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the wind blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27

Betsy Basom from the Hempfield Congregation created the artwork for the logo.



- **The District Office needs your help!** Volunteers are needed to help with the bi-monthly mailing of this newsletter. We also can use assistance with our monthly Pastor's Memo, assembly & binding of the Directory and District Conference Books, as well as other occasional mailings. If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Krista at 717-367-4730. Thank you!

**District
Directories**

The 2013 District Directory is ready!
If you would like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$8.50 (includes postage) or \$7 if picked up at the District Office.



You are invited!

*Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren*

2013 Annual Conference Briefing

with
Moderator Robert Krouse

Saturday, June 1st
9 to 11 AM, with coffee available at 8:30

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

All are welcome. No registration needed.



In Loving Memory

Robert Hess (West Green Tree) ordained minister and former District Board Chair.

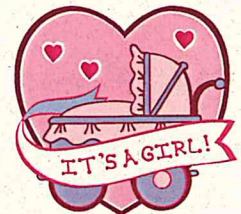
Mary Jane Myer (Hempfield) ordained minister and former pastor at Jennersville CoB.

Margaret Bean, mother of **Ruby Bean** (former pastor at Hatfield CoB and current Associate Chaplain at Peter Becker and District Board member.)

Alice Keller Stoner (Florin) and **Fannie Hartman** (Palmyra), faithful long-time volunteers at the District Office.

Congratulations

To **Mike & Sheri Weaver** on the birth of **Eden Jubilee** on January 8. Sheri is a minister with Alpha & Omega CoB and former District Staff member.



3,000 Miles for Peace - May 4

A national campaign of riders and walkers for On Earth Peace, in honor of Paul Ziegler

This spring and summer, people all over the country will be **riding** and **walking** and **reaching out** to raise funds for the proven and effective violence-prevention programs of On Earth Peace. On Earth Peace works in three program areas: youth and young adult peace education, conflict resolution, and nonviolent social change.

**We know that violence is everywhere in our country and our world.
If we don't teach and promote peace, who will?**

The 3000 Miles for Peace Campaign is in honor of Paul Ziegler, a young man from the Elizabethtown congregation who planned to ride across the country for peace, but never got the chance. Tragically, Paul died in a bicycle accident in September 2012. The 3000 Miles for Peace Campaign is a way to forward this young man's vision. Check the website: etowncob.org/3kmp

We will meet at the Colebrook parking lot of the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail on **May 4th**. Registration will be from 9:00-9:50 AM with a 10:00 departure. *All funds raised in the 3000 Miles for Peace Campaign will go to the Paul Ziegler Young Peacemaker Fund, which will help On Earth Peace.*

Youth & Young Adults

Rewind...

JH Lock In: This event was held at Lebanon Valley College on February 15-16 and we had about 180 people attend. There was food, movies, wallyball, dodgeball, football, kickball, ultimate, basketball, volleyball, swimming, creative art option and devotions led by Adam Ulm (Mechanic Grove).

SH All Nighter: This event was held March 8-9. We met at Dutch Lanes Bowling and after we finished there we went to Ephrata CoB for the rest of the night, where there were games in the gym, card games, air hockey, ping pong, a movie, and I believe a few people even got a little sleep. To bring some awareness to those who go without food, we heard stories throughout the night from our youth cabinet members of missions/food banks and how they are feeding individuals' physical and spiritual hunger. Also to go along with our theme, there were drinks overnight but no food. Youth attending brought non-perishable foods to donate to missions/food banks. At the end of our time together we enjoyed a delicious breakfast!

Fast Forward...

JH Service Project

Date & Time: May 11, 2013, 9 am – noon

Location: Mennonite Central Committee Warehouse, Ephrata

Registration Deadline: May 6

Cost: FREE!

Details: Lend a hand to make health kits, sort clothes and more!

****Combined Junior High and Senior High Event!****

Swim Night

Date/Time: August 3, 2013, 6-9 pm

Where: Refreshing Mountain Camp, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA 17578

Registration Deadline: July 30, 2013

Cost: \$5

Details: This is a great opportunity to bring your whole youth program out for a night of food and swimming! We'll have the whole pool just for our group and if we get enough people to participate, they will also include the game room! The night will start at 6 with a light supper and devotion time and then 7-9 is our swim time.



Check out the Youth section under Our Ministries on the District website for more details on all events and, as always, feel free to email me with questions! jross@ane-cob.org

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NATIONAL COB YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adult Conference

"Voice: ... the stones would shout out!"

Date: May 25-27, 2013

Location: Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, Iowa

Cost: \$100. After May 1, \$125

Registration is currently open! To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/yac

National Junior High Conference

"Love Speaks"

Date: June 14-16, 2013

Location: Elizabethtown College

Cost: \$155

Registration opened January 4. To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/njhc



Senior Adult Ministry



National Older Adult Conference

Lake Junaluska, NC

September 2-6, 2013

Bill Puffenberger is again coordinating bus transportation to the NOAC Conference. Buses will depart from Brethren Village and Hershey Spring Creek CoB. The bus reservation fee is \$310 per person and includes transportation, drivers' tips, two nights' lodging and two buffet breakfasts.

For more information, contact Bill & Kitty Puffenberger (717) 367-7021 or wvpuff@comcast.net or Bob & Mary Ann Breneman at (717) 725-3197 or mabobren@comcast.net.

Spring & Summer Trips

April 29—May 2 - Ohio's Amish Country & Longeberger Basket Tour. Includes Warther's Knife-Carving Museum, Lehman's Old-Fashioned Hardware Store, Heini's Cheese Chalet, plus an Amish wedding meal. Cost: \$498 double occupancy.

May 21 - Mystery tour. Leave from Ephrata and Brethren Village, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost: \$83, includes bus, several attractions and two meals.

July 11-27 - Canadian Rockies. Includes Glacier National Park, the Calgary Stampede, Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper National Park. Cost: \$4,490 double occupancy.

Contact Earl Ziegler: 560-6488

ANE DISASTER RESPONSE AREA COORDINATORS' CONGREGATION CONTACT LIST

Atlantic Northeast District Disaster Response Area Coordinators Team reorganized in March 2013. Following is a list of ANE congregations for each Area Coordinator. Area Coordinators will keep in contact with each of their congregation's Disaster Response Local Coordinator. The Area Coordinator will advise the availability of Brethren Disaster Ministries Workcamp weeks. If your congregation is interested in volunteering on a specific week, please have your congregation's coordinator contact the Area Coordinator as listed below.

MICAH DIFFENDERFER 717-951-5564 (White Oak)	MEL FOX 610-777-7480 (Wyomissing)	JIM & LOIS KIME 717-664-2739 (White Oak)	ED OLKOWSKI 302-540-0920 (Wilmington)	DAVE ROOT 717-629-1620 (Hempfield)
Akron Lititz Middle Creek Mohler Ephrata East Cocalico New Beginnings	Puerta del Cielo Mohrsville Little Swatara Myerstown	Conewago Spring Creek Palmyra Annville Hanoverdale Paxton Ridgeway Harrisburg First	Jennersville Drexel Hill Germantown Philadelphia First Philadelphia Geiger Mechanic Grove	Florin Lancaster Mountville Conestoga Lampeter Blue Ball
JOHN VIGILANTE 717-443-6882 (Midway)	WALTER & SHIRLEY WEAVER 610-282-1689 (Springfield)	BOB WOLGEMUTH 717-575-1077 (Chiques)	BOB LANE 215-805-8676 (Indian Creek)	DISTRICT OFFICE Call: Kay Weaver 717-786-1645
Heidelberg Lebanon Cornerstone Mount Zion Road Schuylkill Cocalico Richland	Long Run Quakertown Pottstown Amwell (NJ)	Alpha & Omega East Fairview West Green Tree Stevens Hill Swatara Hill Elizabethtown Mount Wilson	Green Tree Parker Ford Coventry Providence Ambler Harmonyville Skippack Hatfield	Brooklyn First Maranatha Brunswick Nuevo Amanacer Grace Christian Haitian First Lewiston Sanford Light of the Gospel Lirio de los Valles Renacer - Ephrata Renacer - Leola

'Something must change': Harrisburg pastor reports on efforts against gun violence

Church of the Brethren Newsline
March 21, 2013

The Harrisburg Chapter of Heeding God's Call continues to operate on the premise that "Something Must Change." *Heeding God's Call* is a faith-based movement to prevent gun violence. The organization got its start at a meeting of the Historic Peace Churches in Philadelphia. The first Harrisburg Chapter retreat was held on Feb. 11 to review and explore ways to more effectively accomplish our goals in the prevention of illegal handgun violence. We were fortunate to have executive director Bryan Miller present in addition to newly appointed board chair Katie Day, and administrator Susan Windle.



Photo by Walt Wiltchek
Belita Mitchell

We engaged in a lively discussion about the degree to which we wish to engage in the political aspects of prevention. There was an expressed desire to consider strengthening our connections with organizations such as Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Cease Fire PA while at the same time maintaining our unique faith perspective.

The conversation focused on the difference between "alignment" and "endorsement." We agreed we wish to advocate in ways that do not give us the appearance of being partisan. The chapter will send recommendations to the National Board requesting the board consider some of these issues and adopt a strategy that can be supported and adapted by all chapters.

The two-pronged focus of Public Witness Prayer Vigils at the sites of murders involving guns and the Gun Shop Campaign to persuade gun sellers to agree to the Code of Conduct will be expanded. We will develop activities designed to share more broadly the impact of illegal guns in our communities. Methods of accomplishing this goal are still under consideration.

On a sad and tragic note, through March 9, there have been four homicides in Harrisburg involving the use of a gun. We continue to show support to the families and the communities where these senseless acts of violence occur. Through our presence at these Prayer Vigils, we hope to reinforce our resolve to stand together and affirm that "Something Must Change."

-- Belita D. Mitchell pastors First Church of the Brethren in Harrisburg, and is a former Annual Conference moderator. She serves as chair of the Heeding God's Call Coordinating Committee, Harrisburg Chapter. This report first appeared in the March newsletter from Heeding God's Call, find it in full at:
<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=78ec0d0fe719817883b01c35b&id=99ffafbed9&e=325f3dd055>.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

Bus to Annual Conference



Ken Kreider is again offering Elite coach transportation to Annual Conference this year (June 28-July 4). As desired, pick-ups will be scheduled from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Lancaster Shopping Center, Elizabethtown, and Carlisle. Enroute to Charlotte, NC, a visit will be made to CROSSROADS, Journey of Faith and Conscience at the Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. For additional information please call (717-367-7622), email at kreiderk@etown.edu, or write to Ken Kreider, 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.



**CoB Night at the
Harrisburg Senators
Saturday, August 17**
Watch for further details!

Brethren Housing Association

Golf Tournament at Parline Golf Course Friday, May 10

Features four-person scramble format with cart, individual skill prizes and team prizes, light lunch, catered full-course dinner.

Contact Diana Johnson, Event Chair at (717)903-9529 or golf@bha-pa.org

Spring Thaw Bike Tour Saturday, May 11



Routes for everyone! This year features a new start/finish at Mount Wilson, where five different rides will leave and return over the course of the morning, many of them through PA Dutch Country of Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties.

For more information, contact Chris Fitz at (717)233-6016 x 22 or biketour@bha-pa.org.

Save the date!

*Atlantic Northeast District Annual
Run/Walk for Peace
September 21, 2013
Hosted by Elizabethtown CoB*

New Members

East Cocalico - *Baptism:* Gary Good, Lisa Good; *Letter:* Gerald Merklinger, Mary Merklinger; *Reaffirmation:* Cindy Bollinger, Jeff Bollinger, Paul Enck, Cora Windham

Elizabethtown - *Baptism:* Nathaniel DeGoede, Ryan Dennehy, Olivia Hershey, Melissa Martin, Anjelica Mora, Abby Thomas; *Letter:* Jay Gibble, Judith Gibble

East Fairview - *Baptism:* David Graybill, Tyler Kauffman; *Reaffirmation:* Audrey Martin, Vickie Miller, Jim Sanders

Wilmington - *Baptism:* Ted Sammons; *Reaffirmation:* Dave Crookshank, Doug King

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction**Kickoff Dinner**

June 8 at 6 p.m.

Family-Style Dinner \$25

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland

Featuring The Taylors,
a family Gospel quartet from North Carolina

Contact Landis & Candy Myer at 717-354-0179 or
Sally Bingman at 717-581-5651

Brethren World Assembly

*"Brethren Spirituality or How
Brethren Concieve Of and
Practice the Spiritual Life"*

July 11-14

Brookville, Ohio

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the Board of Brethren Encyclopedia

www.brethrenencyclopedia.org
www.brethrenheritagecenter.org

Calendar**May**

- 4 3,000 Miles for Peace Event
- 5 COBYS Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker Community
- 8 Philadelphia Area Senior Adult Banquet, Parker Ford CoB
- 10 BHA Golf Tournament, Parline Golf Course
- 11 Jr. High Service Project, MCC Warehouse, Ephrata
- 11 BHA Spring Thaw Bike Tour
- 25-27 Young Adult Conference, Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, IA
- 27 District Office Closed

June

- 1 Annual Conference Briefing, Hempfield CoB
- 11 District Board Meeting, Elizabethtown College
- 14-16 National Jr. High Conference, Elizabethtown College
- 29-July 3 Annual Conference

July

- 4 District Office Closed

August

- 3 District Junior & Senior High Swim Night
- 17 CoB Night at the Harrisburg Senators

September

- 2 District Office Closed
- 2-6 NOAC, Lake Junaluska, NC
- 8 COBYS Bike & Hike, Lititz CoB
- 21 Run/Walk for Peace
- 27-28 Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center

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

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