

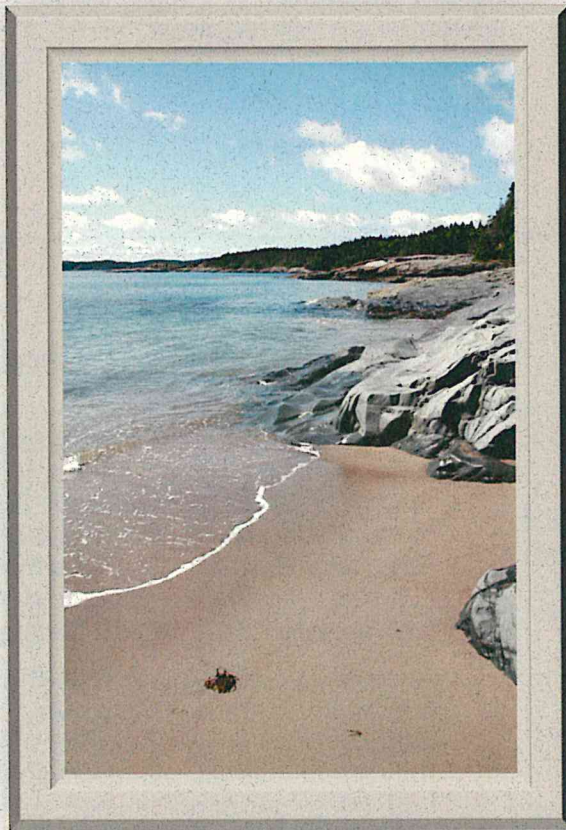


**ANE** Today

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**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT  
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*We ourselves feel  
that what we are  
doing is just a drop  
in an ocean.  
But the ocean would  
be less because of  
that missing drop.*

*- Mother Teresa*

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# District Conference

October 4 & 5  
Elizabethtown College



Friday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.

Worship Service  
All are welcome  
Registration not required

Saturday, October 5

7:15-8:15 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.

Registration  
Conference Begins

## District Celebrations

- Akron Church of the Brethren recently celebrated 100 years of ministry.
- COBYS set a record attendance at their Spring Banquet.
- Camp Swatara called new Directors: Joel & Linetta Ballew from Brethren Woods in the Shenandoah District. They began June 1. Thanks for the long and effective ministry of Marlin Houff at Camp Swatara.
- Strong leadership representation at the spring meeting of the Hispanic Leaders Council in ANE.
- The wonderful Kingdom ethnic diversity we enjoy in ANE.
- Completion of restoration and up-keep projects at the District Office.
- A financial blessing for Paxton regarding some unanticipated repairs.
- A strong relationship in ministry training with SVMC.
- Two fairly new church plant projects: The Potter's House in Long Island, NY, and Source of Grace in Hyde Park, MA; these are in addition to the newest project, Renacer – Ephrata. ANE now has 81 congregations, fellowships, and projects with approximately 14,323 members.
- Another celebration is that for the first time in a number of years, ANE showed an overall net gain of 67 in membership! While this may seem modest, membership numbers in both the larger denomination, as well as ANE, have been on a steady downward trend for a number of years. This is the first "gain" since 2006 and is only the third in thirteen years.

*Craig Smith, District Executive*



Find out how our District's congregations are actively engaging their communities. With the intention to encourage one another, the Church Development and Evangelism Commission has added "Evangelism Stories" to the website. To read these stories, go to [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) and click on the Church Development and Evangelism link under the "Our Ministries" tab. You will then be directed to the link for Evangelism Stories. If your congregation has a story to share, please email it to the District Office ([kdickson@ane-cob.org](mailto:kdickson@ane-cob.org)).



## Prayer Seminars

In surveys from a past District Conference, many people expressed a need for more teaching on the life of prayer. In response, the District Spiritual Renewal Team has been offering a prayer seminar to ANE congregations. It has been taught by Pastor Robert Vroon in several congregations, and there has been very positive feedback. If you think you might be interested, contact Pastor Bob at 951-9066.



## In Loving Memory

**Mary Gochnauer** (4/24), mother of Dave Stauffer, Pastor of Stevens Hill CoB and District Board Chair

**John Layman** (5/7), former pastor of Hempfield CoB



## New Members

**Alpha & Omega** - *Baptism*: Briana Allen, Rodulfo Contreras, Luis Hernandez, Hector Melendez, Gabriela Putt, Stephanie Putt, Christian Robles; *Letter*: Milagros Rielo, Linette Salgado; *Reaffirmation*: Mildred Colon, Pascual Cosme, Aricelis(Kelly) Cupeles, Giovanni Escribano, Celeste Estevez, Judelkys Flores, Rafael Figueroa, Rosa Santiago, Carmen Rosado

**Ambler** - *Baptism*: Kelsey Breisch, Ben Borgmann-Winter, Jake Brycki, Josh Brycki, Caleb Miller, Kelly Quaile, Harry Stokes, Scott Stokes, Alex Torchio, Paige Torchio; *Reaffirmation*: Margaret Geiger, Serita Lachesis, John Mould, Scott Quaile

**Florin** - *Letter*: Chris Chavez, Jan Chavez, Bob Johnson, Yvonne Johnson

**Green Tree** - *Letter*: Nancy Beck, Janelle Kern, Adam Williams, Laura Williams; *Reaffirmation*: Sarah Groff, David Hendricks, Yvonne Rivera

**Hempfield** - *Letter*: Joel Kettering, Penny Kettering

**Lampeter** - *Letter*: Amy Kreider, Janice Kreider, M. Leslie Kreider, Wanda Lutz, Jeffrey Phillips, Toni Phillips; *Reaffirmation*: Jesse Blank, Kristen Blank, Peter Frederick, Peter Ringer, Susan Ringer, Sharon Risser

**Lititz** - *Baptism*: Talia Bertrando, Bernice Malizia, Chris Spatz; *Letter*: Scott Christ, Don Huber, Pauline Huber, Adriana Keller, Jeff Keller, Clair Martin, Abigail Myers, David Myers, Janet Myers; *Reaffirmation*: Carolyn Adams, Jim Adams, Sarah Blanck, Diane Martin, Nancy Morgan

**Mohrsville** - *Letter*: Charles Adams, Jennie Elacqua, Joe Elacqua

**Mount Wilson** - *Baptism*: Hannah Buck, Melissa George; *Reaffirmation*: Jay Stoltzfus

**Myerstown** - *Baptism*: Stephanie Eblin, Cate Liskey, Duey Peiffer; *Letter*: Grace Ziegler

**Providence** - *Reaffirmation*: Don Diehl

**Palmyra** - *Letter*: Audrey Finkbiner, Jeff Finkbiner, Clayton Garrett, Joyce Garrett

**Ridgeway** - *Letter*: Kenneth Gible, Linda Goodwin

**Swatara Hill** - *Baptism*: Jason Flory, Stephanie Flory



# Youth & Young Adults



## Swim Night **\*\*Combined Junior High and Senior High Event!\*\***

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.

## Rekindle the Fire – **For Young Adults ages 19 and older**

Date: Saturday August 10, 8 am – Sunday August 11, 2 pm

Where: Camp Swatara, East Area

Registration: Please register before August 2. (jhaldeman@campswatara.com)

Cost: \$55

Details: A relaxed weekend camp filled with opportunities to connect with other young adults while reliving your favorite camp activities. Come and share stories about your favorite camp memories, participate in a variety of workshops, spend time in Bible study with one another, attend a fun campfire and more!

## Looking Ahead...



The Junior High Retreat will be **October 25-27** and...

The Senior High Retreat will be **January 17-19, 2014.**

**Thanks for putting these dates on your youth calendar!**

Please pray as we reorganize for the 2013-2014 year and for discernment for those in leadership as we choose the new Youth Cabinet and create the calendar of events for district youth.

A **BIG** thank you to **Hallie McDonough** (Elizabethtown) and **Christine Haller** (Mohrsville)! These young ladies have been part of Youth Cabinet and have now graduated and are moving on! We will miss them and pray that they will continue their positive impact on others in the next season of their lives!

Hallie is graduating from Elizabethtown High School. This summer she is working with childcare and plans to attend HACC for Animal Science this fall.

Christine is graduating from Tulpehocken High School. This summer she will work at the Schuylkill Valley Community Library and in the fall will attend Berks Technical Institute with a focus on nursing. She says, "I've come so far since I started cabinet, I've learned how to become a better leader and person and how to work with others and put ideas together. I've had a rough year and everyone in the youth cabinet, especially my leaders, helped look at the positives and now I just have a whole new family that will always be there for me. I just all around loved my experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat if I could, and I will most definitely try and get more people to join when they can because it is something you don't want to pass up."

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](mailto:jross@ane-cob.org)



# Senior Adult Ministry



## National Older Adult Conference

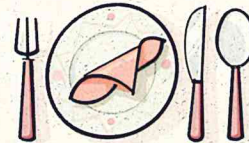
Lake Junaluska, NC September 2-6, 2013

### District Senior Adult Fall Banquet

Wednesday, October 2, noon

Yoder's Restaurant

(14 South Tower Road, New Holland, PA)



**Program:** A Presentation by Dennis & Marty Shaak on their canoeing trips to the Northwest Territories & Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada

**Menu:** Choice of Broasted Chicken or Meat Loaf **Cost:** \$16.50

Flyers and registration information will be sent to churches this summer.



### Assessment Steps for Church of the Brethren Planters

The Commission on Church Development and Evangelism met in May at Coventry CoB where they participated in the Denominational Webinar on assessment steps for potential CoB planters. Nine Districts participated and the Webinar was lead by Craig Whitney, *Church Planter Profiles*, and Jonathan Shively, *Congregational Life Ministries*.

The Webinar was interactive and walked us through the four assessment steps for potential planters. I will highlight the step process.

#### Step 1: initial Screening Assessment

Purpose: to open a conversation between an individual and the district about their potential as a church planter.

#### Step 2: Build a Profile

Purpose: Gain insight into an individual's personality, behavior, strengths, and spiritual gifting relevant to church planting.

#### Step 3: Looking at fit/Development fit

Purpose: Determine compatibility between the individual and the Church of the Brethren.

#### Step 4: Rigorous Examen

Purpose: To determine the health and quality of a candidate's character and commitments as as required for leadership in a church planting context.

You will be hearing more from me in the future about the Assessment Process.

~ Don Mitchell, Director of Church Development & Evangelism



## Building Church Leaders

Here are some free resources available to you through the District! We have a subscription to Building Church Leaders. Following is an adapted quote from [www.buildingchurchleaders.com](http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com):

"Church leaders like you, who have found help or inspiration and want to share it, write these articles. The site also features some of the most influential and respected church leaders today, as well as the trusted editors of Leadership journal. You can pass these (resources) out to your leaders, or use them for your own development. Each resource is designed with church boards, committees, staff, or volunteers in mind."

With this subscription they send us summaries of articles that they have. If you are interested in having the article, you can email me (Jess Ross, [jross@ane-cob.org](mailto:jross@ane-cob.org)) and I will download the article and send it to you. Easy as that! You can also browse [www.buildingchurchleaders.com](http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com) for more articles/resources.

Below are some of the more recent articles:

Recent surveys indicate that while 58% of churches view their websites as tools for outreach, only 29% are utilizing their websites to reach their members. Get more data like this and learn ways to improve your online visitor and member engagement by downloading our latest ebook **"Guide to Engaging Your Church Members Online."**

This eBook will help you, create a website geared towards engaging members, set realistic online goals for effective outreach and utilize successful tools and elements to connect visitors.



Church ministry seems tailor-made for extroverts. After all, it involves working with a team, meeting new people, and often speaking in public. But that doesn't mean ministry is off-limits for their more bashful counterparts. In fact, many of the most effective church leaders I know describe themselves as introverts.

**Leading as an Introvert** will help you, or introverts on your team, harness the gifts of their personality type to thrive in ministry. Articles include "Introverts in the Imago Dei?", "An Introverted Rule of Life," "Directing People Toward God," and "What Introverted Leadership Looks Like."

### SAVE THE DATE

*Urban Initiatives Task Team announces*

**"Violence at our Doorsteps ~ Sharing the Hope of Christ in our Cities"**

Saturday, September 14, 2013 10am – 4 pm, Alpha and Omega CoB, Lancaster, PA

What is the role of the church in sharing Christ's hope in our urban areas as they struggle with increasing violence and crime? Join us for an informative day as we explore, discuss, worship, and pray together as we seek effective ways to minister and share Christ's hope in the midst of fear, loss, despair and brokenness.

Contact Pat Horst, Director of Witness and Outreach for additional details.

Email: [phorst@ane-cob.org](mailto:phorst@ane-cob.org) Cell phone: 717.926.2181



## Reflections on Trip to Spain

On my recent trip to visit Spanish Brethren at the beginning of April at the encouragement of the Global Mission Office and my congregation, I observed the celebration of eight church leaders graduating from a Biblical training course that had been held over the last several years. A few students gave testimony of how the studying drew them closer to God and gave them a greater understanding of the Bible and the Church. Each graduate received a certificate signed by Jay Wittmeyer and a gift of more books to continue their spiritual growth. It was a powerful experience to be part of a prayer for these gifted leaders during a worship service.



After meeting with a variety of church projects in the towns of Madrid, Leon, Oviedo, Aviles, and Gijon, I became convinced that the Church is alive and well. Under the capable leadership of Santos and Rafael Terrero, the mother church, La Luz en Las Naciones (A Light to the Nations), is committed to reaching out to the lost and hurting in their communities and cultivating relationships with groups interested in becoming Brethren. We can join with them in this God-ordained vision by casting our vote to include these groups officially as part of the Church of the Brethren this summer at Annual Conference.

I was so challenged by their determination to carry out the mission of bringing more to Christ in a post-Christian nation—where many do not have time for God—while also providing immigrants with both practical assistance to help them adjust to a new country in a difficult economy and a place to worship and grow in their faith. I was inspired by their warm fellowship and hospitality and will not soon forget their kindness.

*Carolyn Fitzkee, Chiques COB  
ANE District Global Mission Advocate*



### **2013 Karen H. Kispert Community Service Award Honoree: Indian Creek Church of the Brethren**

Members of Indian Creek CoB partnered with Keystone Opportunity Center in 2012 on a pilot project focused on the new "Housing First" permanent housing model. When a property owned by Univest Corp. became available to the program, the renovations required were significant. As Keystone was looking for a way to complete the work on a limited budget, a group at the church was searching for a community mission.

The collaborative effort grew out of the church's ever-increasing awareness of the needs of the community. Many church members ages 13 and up participated in the year-long project. In January, Indian Creek members celebrated with Keystone staff, board members and Univest, Inc. volunteers at a Harbor House Blessing service before the first family moved into its new home in February.



## ~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

### UPCOMING LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME EVENTS

#### WHICH BENEFIT THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

#### 2013 Chicken BBQ & Auction

July 26 - New Holland Band Concert, 7:00 pm

July 27 - Auction, 9:00 am & Chicken BBQ, 11:00 am

Event also includes: Breakfast, Bake Sale, Car & Tractor Show, Kids Area and Celebration Service & Ice Cream Social

#### Cathy Snell Memorial Golf Tournament:

September 19, 2013

Royal Oaks Golf Club

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

#### Good Samaritan Fund Benefit Dinner:

October 8, 2013

5:30 pm - LVBH Di Matteo Worship Center

For more information, please call  
the Development Office at 717-838-5406 ext. 3052

LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME  
1200 GRUBB ROAD  
PALMYRA, PA 17078  
WWW.LVBH.ORG



### Brethren Housing Association's ANNUAL CELEBRATION

#### A Reception with Live and Silent Auction

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sheraton Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey  
4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA

**Please mark your calendar for this exciting  
conclusion to BHA's 20/20 Vision Campaign.**

Details forthcoming.

### Annual Conference Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed to assist with Early Childhood Services at Annual Conference this summer in Charlotte. If you will be attending and would be able to volunteer some of your time for this, please contact conference assistant Jon Kobel at [jkobel@brethren.org](mailto:jkobel@brethren.org), or fill out the online volunteer form at <http://www.brethren.org/ac/registration/volunteer.html>. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Witness to the Host City

Again this year, as a Witness to the Host City, Annual Conference is inviting congregations to bring and donate school supplies for local schools. This year the donations will go to Classroom Central in Charlotte, an organization that allows teachers to take supplies and give to students who otherwise would not have paper, pencils, etc. This offering will be collected on Sunday morning of Annual Conference in Charlotte.

Thank you so much!

*Chris Douglas*

Director of Conference Office, Church of the Brethren







## July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Fun Night at Ephrata CoB

On Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Ephrata Church of the Brethren will host the community in our backyard and show the love of Jesus to our neighbors.

There will be live music, pony rides, juggling, games, spin art, barrel train, inflatables, and much more. Delicious food and milkshakes are available to purchase from the Youth Groups. The fun starts at 5pm and the fireworks begin at 9:30! Email Linda Fahnstock at [lindafah@ptd.net](mailto:lindafah@ptd.net) for more information. Share our Facebook link --July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Fun Night--with your friends!



*Save the date!*

**Bike & Hike**

**Sunday, September 8**

**Lititz CoB**

## Come join in the Community Day-fellowship, fun, and food

**Mohrsville CoB**  
1542 Shoey Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19541

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 4 pm.**

Teen Challenge will be our main musical treat. Fun for all ages. Ministry exhibits will be displayed. Chicken BBQ dinner tickets are available. Payment by donation.

Call 610-926-5167.



## Atlantic Northeast District

### Softball Tournament

**Saturday, July 30, 2013**

**Elizabethtown Community Park**

**Cost Per Team: \$100**

Teams must register no later than July 3. Complete information and registration forms have been sent to congregations. For more information, contact Tournament Director Jamie Gruber at [jamiemagnew@gmail.com](mailto:jamiemagnew@gmail.com).

## CWS Ready to Respond to Massive Oklahoma Tornado Disaster

Disaster relief and recovery agency Church World Service has announced that it will respond to the extensive damage caused by the May 20 tornadoes in the Oklahoma City and Moore, OK area, including provision of emergency supplies as needed.

### HOW TO HELP

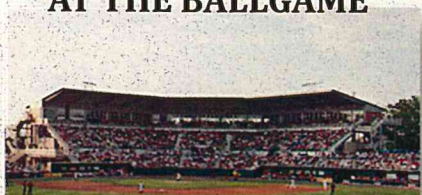
Contributions to support CWS emergency response efforts in the U.S. and around the world may be [made online](#), sent to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515, or by phone, 800-297-1516.

Get your church or group together to assemble CWS Kits: [www.cwsglobal.org/kits](http://www.cwsglobal.org/kits)





**Atlantic Northeast & Southern PA Districts  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NIGHT  
AT THE BALLGAME**



**August 17, 2013 at Metro Bank Park**  
**Gametime: 7:00 \* Gates Open: 5:30**  
*\$1.50 from each ticket sold will be donated to  
 each church's respective district.*

If you have any questions ,please contact  
 Jessica Kauffman at 717-231-4444 ext 114 or  
[jkauffman@senatorsbaseball.com](mailto:jkauffman@senatorsbaseball.com)  
**When ordering tickets, be sure to mention  
 you're with ANE**

**First 1000  
 kids get a  
 school binder!**



**Kids get to  
 run bases  
 after the game!**

**Save the date!**



**Run/Walk for Peace**

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Elizabethtown CoB,  
 777 S. Mount Joy St., Elizabethtown  
**Why:** Support local peace and justice efforts  
**Who:** Sponsored by ANE District Recreation  
 Committee  
**How:** Registration info posted:  
[www.etowncob.org/runforpeace](http://www.etowncob.org/runforpeace)

*40th Annual*

**Brethren Bible Institute**

**July 22-26, 2013**

**Elizabethtown College**

*Sponsored by the Brethren Revival Fellowship*

For application forms, write to:  
 Brethren Bible Institute  
 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517

**The La Verne Church of the Brethren Sanctuary Choir**

**Lancaster CoB - Sunday, June 23, 7:00 pm**  
**Elizabethtown CoB - Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 pm**

The **La Verne CoB Sanctuary Choir** is directed by Niké St. Clair and accompanied by Shawn Kirchner. The **concerts** will feature sacred choral compositions and arrangements by Shawn Kirchner. The program will also feature spirituals and sacred songs for the church year. A number of the pieces have been prominently featured at National Youth Conferences and Annual Conferences, including "Rain Come Down," "Cornerstone," "Wana Baraka," and "O What a Beautiful City."

All are welcome to attend both concerts!





## District Directory Changes:

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## Calendar

### June

29-July 3 Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC

### 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  
14 Urban Initiatives Task Team Workshop, Alpha & Omega CoB  
14 Senior High Event TBA  
21 Run/Walk for Peace  
27-28 Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center

### October

2 District Senior Adult Fall Banquet, Yoders Restaurant  
4-5 District Conference, Elizabethtown College  
7 District Office Closed  
25-27 Junior High Retreat, Camp Swatara

### November

2 District Board Retreat, Camp Swatara



**Deadline for the September/October issue of ANE Today is July 22. 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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