



**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

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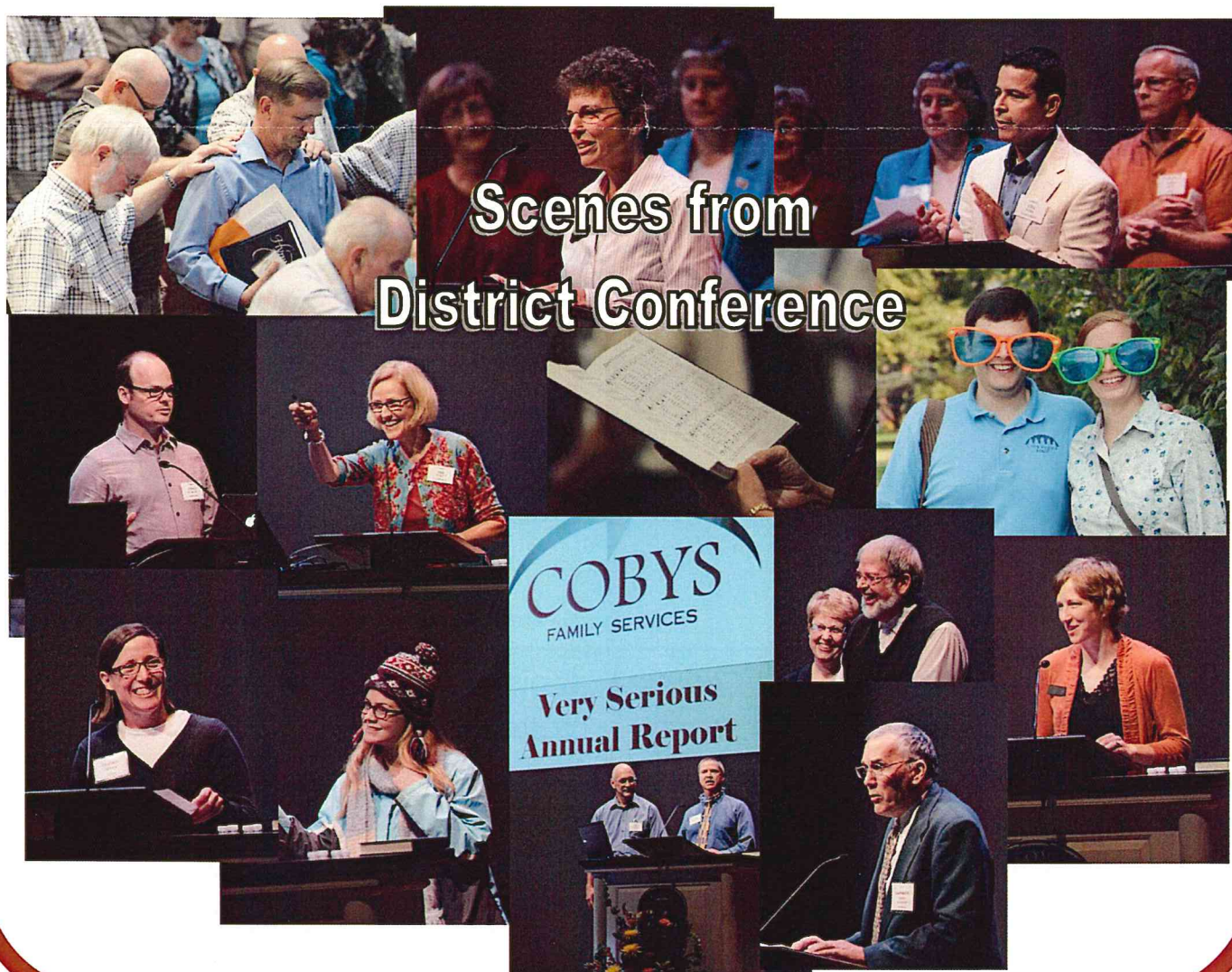
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Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4,5

The Gifts Discernment Team of the Atlantic Northeast District requests your prayerful consideration in the matter of discernment and calling of persons to District leadership. Please take the task of discernment to heart as “each member belongs to all the others.”

We believe that within your Faith Community there are people whom God has endowed with spiritual gifts and abilities which will help to fulfill the mission of the church today. Recommendation forms and a list of open positions with descriptions will be mailed in early January to pastors, moderators, and board chairs of all congregations. Others who would like to receive recommendation materials should contact the District Office (717-367-4730). Descriptions of open positions are also posted on the District website (ane-cob.org).

After forms are received, the Team will prayerfully discern those who will be included in the 2015 slate at District Conference.



What's New in the District?

New District Facebook Page



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Find us on Facebook and 'like' our page to receive updates from the District. Invite others too! The direct link to our Facebook page is:
www.facebook.com/AtlanticNortheastDistrict

Newly Placed Ministers

Enten & Mary Eller, part-time co-pastors at Ambler

Jere Cassel, pastor at Conestoga

John Shaffer, interim pastor at Drexel Hill

Newly Licensed Ministers

Arlyn Morales, Alpha & Omega

Jonathan Shultz, Alpha & Omega

Bethany Clark, Palmyra

Doris Abdullah, Brooklyn First

Newly Ordained Ministers

Brandon Hanks, Wilmington

Nichole Whiteman, Lampeter

Kevin Zintak, Midway

New Members

Alpha & Omega - *Letter and Reaffirmation*: Jaime Castellanos, Maria Teresa Cazulos, Elogidina Genao, Camylene Morales, Ronnie Sandoval

East Fairview - *Baptism*: Noah Statler; *Letter*: Dana Statler, Jen Statler

Florin - *Baptism*: Ashley Maxwell, Hunter Thomas; *Letter*: Jason Risser

Hempfield - *Letter*: Jennifer Baker, Bonnie Bard, Rick Bard, Elaine Crouse, Sallie Hoppert, Terry Kreider, Mary Peffley, Ron Smith, Suzanne Smith, Betty Stout

Hershey Spring Creek - *Nathaniel Houck*

Indian Creek - *Reaffirmation*: Marie Hill

Paxton - *Baptism*: Keisha Stretch, Amy Witmer; *Reaffirmation*: Joe Stretch, Deb Varner

Wyomissing - *Baptism*: Katie Fehr, Michael Fehr, Abby Meckley; *Reaffirmation*: Matthew Henderson, Ruth Mathews, Don Solinger



Youth & Young Adults

SH Retreat

Date & Time: January 17-19, 2014

Location: Camp Swatara

Registration Deadline: January 2

Cost: \$90 per youth; \$45 each per first two advisors (\$90 for additional advisors)

Details: Our theme will revolve around self-image. *Everything Dear* will be leading us in music and visit <http://www.reverbnation.com/everythingdearmusic> to find out more about them. And there will be plenty of great food, great games, & great people at retreat!

JH Lock In

Date & Time: February 14-15, 2014, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Lebanon Valley College, Arnold Sports Center

Registration Deadline: February 11

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

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



SH Lock In

Date & Time: March 14-15, 2014, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren

Registration Deadline: March 11

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: Games, bowling, movie, and food!

JH & SH Service Project

Date & Time: April 12, 2014, 10 am to noon (with lunch to follow)

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

Registration Deadline: April 8

Cost: None!

Details: We will work at various stations and find out more about the ways GAIN provides for those in need. We will have lunch together (provided) and we'll see what else may happen!

DENOMINATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

National Youth Conference 2014

Date: July 19-24, 2014

Location: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

Registration: Opens online January 3! (@ 7pm central) www.brethren.org/nyc

Cost: The registration fee is \$450. A non-refundable deposit of \$225 is due at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30. The registration fee will increase to \$500 for any late registrations (beginning May 1).

Details: NYC is a week-long faith formation extravaganza for high school youth and their advisors. All youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college (at the time of NYC) are eligible to attend.

For many more details, go to www.brethren.org/nyc.

Ministry Summer Service

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).

Why Ministry Summer Service?

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 go to www.brethren.org/yva/mss.

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


Nurture Commission

Building Church Leaders

"It's always tricky to know how to help a grieving family. You want to help but don't want to be intrusive. *How to Help a Family in Grief* gives practical suggestions of what to do—and what to avoid doing—when shepherding a grieving family."

How to Help a Family in Grief is a resource available to you through the District's subscription to Building Church Leaders. If this sounds like a helpful resource for you, please request a copy from Jess at jross@ane-cob.org.

*** District Women's Fellowship ***

~ **District Women's Spring Fellowship** will be hosted by Midway CoB on Saturday, March 8. The speaker will be Dory Crater. The event begins with registration at 8:45 a.m. and a fellowship time with coffee and tea. The program will conclude at 2:30 p.m. A buffet luncheon will be available if pre-registered and child care for children five and under will be provided for those who request it. 

More detailed information and a registration form will be mailed to each congregation in January. Registration forms should be returned by Feb. 28. For more information, contact Juli Thomas at (215) 529-4581 or email Juli jdthomas77@comcast.net.

~ **Women's Fellowship Camp** will be at Camp Swatara August 17-19, 2014. All women of the district are invited to attend. Our speaker will be Misty Wintsch. There will be opportunities for worship, Bible study, hiking, swimming, water aerobics, crafts and other interest groups.

Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and personal growth and renewal. Detailed information will be mailed in July. For more information contact Juli Thomas at (215) 529-4581 or via email at jdthomas77@comcast.net.

pouring life into ministry

 Church of the Brethren

In just over two months, the Atlantic Northeast District will be gathering for a new and unique experience. The *Pouring Life into Ministry* conference, hosted by the Nurture Commission, is an opportunity to come together to learn, grow and be challenged finding renewed vision for the church in our day. Designed for those who serve the church in all its ministries, both volunteer and professional, the focus is reenergizing passion for all who serve.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Musser is a passionate advocate of what the church can be in our world today and how to affect change through ministry. He will be sharing twice: once on "Focus Drift" within the church and second on "Loving the Unlovely." Dean Sensenig and the Ephrata Church of the Brethren's Worship team will lead praise and worship. In the mid part of the day, insight sessions on everything from children's ministry to church direction will be offered creating forums for local church leaders to share on specific ministry topics.

This event will be held at Ephrata Church of the Brethren on February 22nd. Registration forms are available by email, calling the District Office, or on the District website. Lunch and childcare are provided. Deadline to register is February 1.

Senior Adult Spring Banquets

Lancaster Area	Thursday, April 3, Noon	Middle Creek CoB
Harrisburg/Lebanon	Thursday, April 24, Noon	Hanoverdale CoB
Philadelphia Area	Wednesday, May 7, Noon	Indian Creek CoB



Watch for flyers and registration forms!

2014 Ministerial Ethics Training

Atlantic Northeast District

March 27-31 Presenter is Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Associate General Secretary for the CoB

- March 27 Peter Becker, Conference Room, Maplewood Apartment Complex, Harleysville, PA
March 28 Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Di Matteo Worship Center, Palmyra, PA
March 29 Brethren Village, Wolfe Auditorium, Lancaster, PA
March 31 Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren (Room 101), Elizabethtown, PA

April 12 Brethren Village, Fieldcrest Great Room (**Presenter is Paul Brubaker**)

Each event will be held from 9am-3pm, with an hour lunch break. Lunch is not provided. Participants will be covering the cost of the booklet, a \$10.00 fee, payable the day of the event.

***A Hispanic Ethics Training Event is being planned - date TBA**

Southern Pennsylvania District

- April 27 Nicarry Meeting House - 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. (On your own for dinner)
May 9 West Shore CoB - 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Dinner provided)
May 10 Cross Keys Village, Oncore Room - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (On your own for lunch)

SVMC Continuing Education Event -

What Every Christian Should Know About Islam

Saturday, March 15, 2014

9:00 - 3:30 (Registration begins at 8:30)

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

301 Gale Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Presenter: George Pickens, Professor of Theology and Mission at Messiah College and member of Mechanicsburg CoB

For more information, contact SVMC at: 717-361-1450 or svmc@etown.edu

OUTREACH UPDATE

From the Commission on Witness and Outreach

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 40



Quakertown Church of the Brethren's *Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry* was started over 15 years ago. Open two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays see increased foot traffic for the church as people come to receive blessings in a physical form. Almost tripling the previous number, *Heaven's Bounty* now serves approximately 100 families per month, with family size varying.

Heaven's Bounty is supported by so many organizations and people alike. The church houses the pantry, volunteers run this ministry, government provides food and funding, other grocery stores, gas stations, and farms provide additional donations, and God provides the energy and blessing to make it all run smoothly. What exactly is outreaching and witnessing, one might ask, especially when a food pantry can't outwardly speak of God because of separation of church and state? To *Heaven's Bounty*, it is about meeting a need, it is about giving a drink of cold water, it is about planting a seed that God and other situations can water and help grow. Out of such service has come new life, new abundance, and new grace in Christ, for which we are thankful.

An additional increase in clients is also expected with decreasing food stamps. With *Heaven's Bounty's* ever increasing client pool, any additional resources would be incredibly helpful. If you wish to help out this ministry, please address donations to Heaven's Bounty Food Pantry (checks as well) and send directly to Quakertown Church of the Brethren, 455 Trumbauersville Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951.
- Submitted by Pastor Jen Kreighbaum



We would like to feature your church's recent outreach ministry with our readers. Send **Outreach Updates** to Pat Horst, Director of Witness and Outreach, phorst@ane-cob.org. Look for additional updates in future ANE Newsletters.

Brethren Disaster Ministries responds to Illinois tornado outbreak

- Jane Yount

Following an intense outbreak of thunderstorms and tornadoes that heavily impacted Illinois and Indiana on Nov. 17, Brethren Disaster Ministries is preparing to be involved as needed in those states.

Brethren Disaster Ministries is supporting Church World Service (CWS) efforts to provide disaster recovery training for communities hit by the tornadoes and material aid shipments such as Emergency Clean-up Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits, and CWS blankets.

Find out more about the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries at www.brethren.org/bdm. The program also announced a challenge to raise \$500,000 for disaster response following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

Save the Date!



Stewardship University

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Lancaster Mennonite School

More than 30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

To register, or for more information, contact Kay Weaver at 717-367-4730

More details will be forthcoming.



Annual Conference Registration

The 2014 Annual Conference will be in Columbus, OH, from July 2-6.

Delegate and non-delegate fees will remain the same for 2014, but new this year is no registration fee for children and youth, high school age and younger.

Early delegate registration begins January 2 and continues through February 25 at the rate of \$285, after which it goes up to \$310. Early registration for non-delegates begins February 26. The cost is \$105 for adults who register for the full Conference, with a daily fee of \$35 available, and discounts for young adults post high school through age 21 and active Brethren Volunteer Service workers. After June 3, non-delegate registration is only available onsite for an increased fee.

Details are available at:
<http://www.brethren.org/ac/fees.html>.

Popcorn Opportunity!

Ever want to be a missionary? Go on a mission trip? But don't have the time? Here's a way you can be involved in missions without leaving home. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is seeking volunteers to assist and eventually take over the caramel popcorn operation. All equipment and training is provided, and it's only two days a year.



This means you would be part of a disaster relief effort, which has raised over \$13,000,000 for disaster relief.

For complete details, contact Bob or Sally Bingaman at 717-581-5651



Ken Kreider is again offering air-conditioned coach transportation from Ephrata, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, and Carlisle to Annual Conference in Columbus in July. To keep costs down, the coach will drive directly to Conference on July 2, arriving in time for the opening service, and return home on July 6, leaving after the final Amen. We will be housed in the Hyatt Hotel, connected to the Conven-

tion Center by a walkway. For more information and reservations, please write to Ken Kreider, 1300 Bear Creek Rd, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, call 717-367-7622, or email kreiderk@etown.edu <<mailto:kreiderk@etown.edu>>



DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE POSITION

Peter Becker Community, a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in South east Pennsylvania, is seeking a Director of Pastoral Care.

Candidates should have a M. Div. or related degree and 5 or more years of pastoral experience and must be Board Certified. Candidates should also be ordained and it would be helpful if the candidate has affiliation with an Anabaptist denomination.

This is a FT exempt position, and comes with an excellent compensation package that includes health, dental, life insurance and a generous retirement benefit. Paid time off and holidays are also provided.

Additional information about PBC can be found at www.peterbeckercommunity.com.

Submit resume requirements to:
Harry McConnell, VP of Human Resources
Peter Becker Community
800 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438

Fax: (215) 513-3197
hmcconnell@peterbeckercommunity.com

Mennonite & Brethren Marriage & Engaged Encounters *Great marriages make great churches!*

Marriage Encounter dates for 2014:

Jan. 16-18 - Clergy Interdenominational Encounter, Havre de Grace, MD

Feb. 14-16, June 6-8, Oct. 24-26 - Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, PA

Engaged Encounter dates for 2014:

Jan. 17-19, Feb. 21-23, April 11-13, May 16-18, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 26-28, Dec. 5-7 - Kenbrook Bible Camp

For details, email love@marriageencounter.org or call 717-569-5676

Coordinator of Worship Ministry Spring Creek CoB in Hershey

The candidate will serve as overall coordinator for Spring Creek's worship services, primarily working with the Praise Band & Church Staff weekly to develop, coordinate, and provide leadership for all aspects of Spring Creek's Worship Ministry.

- 20 hours/week
- Skills required: piano and/or guitar
- Call church office for more info: 717-533-7192
- Mail or email resume to Spring Creek CoB, 335 E Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 info@springcreekcob.org



Bethany Peace Essay Contest

Bethany Theological Seminary is encouraging seminary, graduate school, college, and high school students to think creatively about peacemaking and to share those thoughts for the greater good. The Contest invites reflections on how personal and local peacemaking efforts can address universal concerns. Participants may choose to explore this theme in one of the following areas, relating to personal experience: art, music, or poetry; the just peace movement; protest or change movements; social media, or interfaith efforts. Prizes of \$2000, \$1000, and \$500 will be awarded for the top three essays. The deadline is January 27, 2014.

Go to www.bethanyseminary.edu/peace-essay for more information or contact Bekah Houff at 765-983-1809 or houffre@bethanyseminary.edu.



COBYS Events for 2014

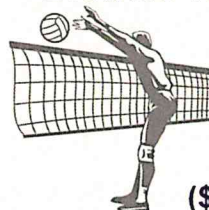
Thursday, March 6, 2014, 6:30 p.m. —
COBYS Informational/Fundraising Banquet,
Middle Creek COB

Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 6 p.m. —
Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner,
Lebanon Expo

Sunday, May 4, 2014, 4 p.m. —
20th Annual COBYS Family Fun Walk,
Peter Becker Community, Harleysville

Sunday, September 7, 2014, 1:00 p.m. —
COBYS Bike & Hike,
Lititz Church of the Brethren

District Volleyball Tournament



Saturday, January 4
Thompson Gym
Elizabethtown College
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Team Cost: \$50
(\$25 for second or third team)

A registration form can be found on the ANE website.

Questions? Contact Jess Ross at
717-367-4730 or jross@ane-cob.org.



**CoB Night at the
Harrisburg Senators
Saturday, August 23**
Watch for further details!

Join BHA on MLK Day - Jan.20!

While the holiday is buzzing, we're planning for 2014. Kicking it all off is the Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 20 beginning 8:30 am. For the fourth year, we are a key Central PA service site with other partner organizations in the Allison Hill neighborhood. There are many projects that could use **you and your family's sweat equity** --or the teamwork of your office, church or other group. Projects go through 3pm. Three- and two-hour shifts are available. Lunch is served during the program at noon. Come join us for a spirited day of community service at BHA. Contact BHA at: 717-233-6016 or bha@bha-pa.org.



Peter Becker Community Hybrid Partnership

Peter Becker Community, has recently partnered with Home Helpers of Lansdale, the area's leading home care provider, in a move to enhance choices and meet the changing needs of community members. At Peter Becker Community, residents have the option of transitioning among levels of care, which include residential living, personal care and skilled nursing, as their needs change. The first choice of most seniors, however, is to stay where they currently are, even if they become frail or face health issues.

That's why Peter Becker has entered into a preferred provider arrangement with Home Helpers. There is a rapidly growing demand for quality, affordable non-medical assistance for community members, such as support with activities of daily living like bathing, showering and dressing, medication reminders, errands, companionship, light housekeeping or escort services to doctor visits.

"Home Helpers at Peter Becker Community" will have campus presence with staffed office hours. The agency will provide personal care assistance, homemaker services, and companionship to residents in all levels of care, as requested by residents and their families.



LITITZ CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The Lititz Church of the Brethren will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as a self-supporting congregation in 2014. The congregation was chartered on January 10, 1914 with 119 members. The first meeting house was located on Willow Street in Lititz. The congregation moved to a new meeting house on Center Street in 1926 and relocated to its present site on West Orange Street in 1962.

A year-long celebration will take place beginning with a worship service of music and the spoken word on Sunday afternoon, January 12 at 3:00 PM with members of the parent congregation, the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, participating. The choirs of both churches will provide music plus congregational singing from the 1901 Brethren Hymnal.

On February 2 a Sunday morning heritage worship service will be held at 9:00 AM in the style of worship from 1914 with **Ralph Moyer** preaching.

Throughout the year former pastors will be preaching at worship services including **Arlin Claassen** on April 6, **Jimmy Ross** on August 3, and **Pam Reist** on November 2.

A celebration weekend including a video produced for the anniversary and fellowship meal will be held on May 3 and a worship service on May 4 with **Earl Ziegler** preaching.

Bethany Seminary president, **Jeff Carter**, will preaching at the October 19 worship service as the congregation looks to the future.

The anniversary theme is *Following In the Steps of Jesus...A Century of Ministry...a Future of Promise*. All are invited to worship with the members and friends of the Lititz Church of the Brethren. Sunday worship services are held at 9:00 AM(traditional) & 9:15 AM(contemporary).

For additional information, go to the church website: www.lititzcob.org.

LEBANON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IS 80 YEARS OLD!

The Lebanon Church of the Brethren was formed on October 25, 1933. A celebration service was held on October 27 with Pastor **Donald Fogelsanger**, who served the congregation from 1964 to 1973, spoke about the church's past years. Pastor **Rick Conrad**, pastor of the Tremont Brethren in Christ Church, provided a look forward.

A dinner followed the church service and pictures, stories, and treasures were shared remembering the history of the church. It was a time of celebration of the past 80 years and the future of the church!!



Doris Harpold, wife of Jack
(Pastor of Visitation at Midway
CoB), died November 22.

Calendar

January

- 4 District Volleyball Tournament, Elizabethtown College
- 6 District Office Opens following the holidays
- 17-19 Senior High Retreat, Camp Swatara
- 20 District Office Closed

February

- 14-15 Junior High Lock-In, Lebanon Valley College
- 17 District Office Closed
- 22 Pouring Life Into Ministry Conference, Ephrata CoB

March

- 8 District Women's Spring Fellowship, Midway CoB
- 13 Church Secretaries' Workshop, Elizabethtown College
- 14-15 Senior High Lock-In, Mount Wilson CoB
- 15 Spiritual Gifts Seminar, Richland CoB
- 22 District Board Meeting, Amwell CoB
- 27-31 Ethics Training

April

- 3 Senior Adult Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
- 12 Junior & Senior High Service Project, GAIN, Mount Joy
- 12 Ethics Training
- 19 District Basketball Tournament
- 24 Senior Adult Banquet, Hanoverdale CoB
- 30 Church Leaders' Conference

May

- 7 Senior Adult Banquet, Indian Creek CoB

Deadline for the March/April issue of ANE Today is January 27. 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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