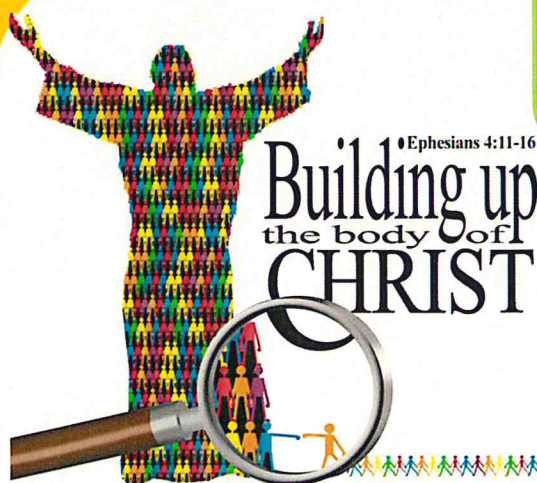




ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

www.ane-cob.org



Our 2014 District Conference logo is colorful, vibrant, and alive. It portrays the body of Christ, made up of individuals like you and me who are joined together in His love. The magnifying glass shows an individual member reaching out and connecting to someone who is not yet part of the body. The church grows, "building itself up in love." Jesus' arms are extended in welcome and blessing.

In Ephesians 4:11-16, the scriptural theme for this conference, the depth of Christ's love and care for the church is exemplified in the image of the church as His body. We are part of Him, and He is part of us. He is actively involved in the function and growth of the church, giving gifts to the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the purpose of building up the body.

The church is built up **upon the foundation of Jesus Christ**.

The church is built up **in living relationship with Jesus Christ and in His love and truth**.

The church is built up **into Jesus Christ**, who is the Head, the perfect model of maturity, the only measure of fullness, and the One who joins us together in love.

As the body of Christ, the church equips, serves, matures, speaks the truth, loves, and does its work. This is the church at its best – the church we desire to be – the church we are called to be.

Sherry Eshleman, Moderator

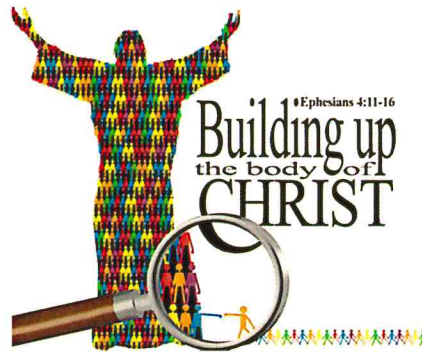
Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Logo designed by David Weiss, Pastor of Creative Arts, Ephrata Church of the Brethren, from AMOKArts.com.

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From the Moderator . . .

Each year, District Conference provides opportunities to learn about district ministries, to hear and celebrate district updates, to connect with others, to worship and pray, to give an offering, to make decisions and call leadership, and to be challenged and encouraged.

What will be different about the 2014 District Conference?

This District Conference will be a one-day conference, held on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Registration will begin at 7 AM, and the conference will conclude at approximately 4 PM. A worship service will be held after lunch with Paul Munday, pastor of the Frederick (MD) church and well-known Brethren speaker, delivering the message.

At area meetings, attendees will have opportunities to learn, discuss, and ask questions regarding a proposed by-law change. There will also be time for additional questions and sharing regarding district ministries and happenings. Agendas will be sent at a later date.

Lancaster – 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 9

Parker Ford – 7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 17

Hershey Spring Creek – 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 18

Look forward to:

Focus on the theme, *Building up the Body of Christ*, including a Bible study facilitated by Mark Wenger, Director of Pastoral Studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (Lancaster) and “Matters of Faith” contributor to Lancaster Sunday Newspapers.

Voting on a by-law change and calling persons to serve as district leaders.

Reports from District Board and other district-related and denominational ministries.

Group singing and other special music.

A stimulating message from Paul Munday, during which Dave Weiss, conference logo designer and Pastor of Creative Arts at Ephrata Church of the Brethren, will create a painting.

Lively bidding for Dave’s painting in an auction at the end of the conference [funds to be donated to the Barnabas Fund.]

Times of worship, learning, fellowship, and decision-making.

Please be in prayer for this “new” way of doing District Conference. Conference planners are excited about integrating worship and business in this new format.

Blessings,

Sherry Eshleman, Moderator

What's New in the District?

New District Facebook Page



Find us on
Facebook

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 Licensed Ministers

James Bridgeman, Lancaster

Jeff Keller, Lititz

Newly Ordained Ministers

Jennifer Biemiller, Lancaster

New Members

Blue Ball - *Baptism*: Carson Wanner, Maria Weaver

Brooklyn - *Baptism*: Andrew Casquete, Alejandra Juarez, Alba Marin

Drexel Hill - *Baptism*: George Matthew Wilkie

Midway - *Baptism*: Monica Arnold, Lindsay Axarlis, Steven Axarlis, Barry Brown, Brenda Burkholder, Tamara Gillette, Moriah Long, Heather Tropp, Lillian Wolfe, Howard Young;
Letter: Becky Balsbaugh, Marlin Bollinger, Jerry Burkholder, Jon Freed, Markay Freed, Fern Habecker, Mark Habecker, Dianne Maguire, Doug Maguire, Carolina Shirk, Nathan Shirk, Jake Walmer, Betty Jo Wick, Don Wick; *Reaffirmation*: Amy Boyd, Brian Boyd, John Harrell, Mary Harrell

Pottstown - *Letter*: James Hand, Judy Keyser, Deborah Nierhaus, Peggy Renninger

White Oak - *Baptism*: Dorcas Brubaker, Dawn Cassel, Jeremy Litzenberger, Ethan Miller, Heather Rohrer, Brooke Shenk, Garth Shenk, Jack Shenk, Logan Snyder, Kelli Wenger

Advent Bible School at Spring Creek CoB, Hershey

Bible school at Christmas time? Who would have thought that would work?!?! It did! And think about it... Is there a better time to share the Good News??? During advent this year, Spring Creek CoB offered an "Advent Bible School" on Saturdays.

The curriculum for Bible school was based on the Go Fish Guys' Christmas curriculum called "The Gift of Advent". In addition to the bible stories and lessons, the children enjoyed a craft, snack, games, and time to memorize bible verses. They created (and ate) snacks like pizza stars and birthday cupcakes, made crafts including stars and shephard's canes, and played games like futbol and relay races. Lastly, the children had time to sing and dance as they learned some awesome songs.

We had about 25 children attend each Saturday. Many of those attending were from outside of our church membership. We had about 15 volunteers each week and our congregation generously donated many of the supplies that were needed for the crafts and snacks.

Overall, this was the beginning of a new kind of Bible School, which we plan on continuing in the coming years. What a blessing it was to be able to reach so many families and remind the children and adults that Christmas isn't "something about Jesus", but that it is **all** about him!

Youth & Young Adults



REWIND:

SH Retreat was January 17-19 at Camp Swatara and it was a great weekend! Our theme was Inside Out and Becky Naugle led our main sessions, reminding us that God sees what's on the inside. *Everything Dear* led our music time of worship in the main sessions and also did a concert/coffeehouse on Saturday night. To name just a few more activities during the weekend, we had adventure games led by Jason Haldeman, reflection walk with Becky, scavenger hunt, games in the evenings, and time to just hang out with friends.

FAST-FORWARD:

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. Then we will have lunch together (provided) and see what else may happen!

Cabinet Applications

Date/Time: Applications will be mailed to congregations and are due by April 30

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

Details: It's time to think ahead toward the 2014-2015 Youth Cabinet and I need your help! I would be so appreciative if you would encourage your 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 think they'll enjoy and benefit from their experience on Cabinet!

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

DENOMINATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

National Youth Conference 2014

Date: July 19-24, 2014

Location: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

Registration: Open now @ 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.

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For those Young Adults who are ages 18-35, there is a conference for you! The **Young Adult Conference**, YAC, is scheduled for May 23-25, 2014 at Camp Brethren Woods, Keezletown, VA. Online registration is currently open. More details at www.brethren.org/yac. This three-day event typically takes place at a Brethren camp and is full of worship, fun, and fellowship. Come to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones! We'll explore God's word and learn about what it means to be a young adult in the Church of the Brethren.

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/yaa/mss.

Nurture Commission

Building Church Leaders

"Is It Well With Your Soul"?



It's perhaps the cruelest irony of ministry: caring for the souls of others can be hard on your own. Those of us who spend our days leading, teaching, counseling, equipping, and encouraging others, too often neglect our own spiritual health. That's why we've created **Soul Health for Spiritual Leaders**. This 38-page resource features wisdom and practical advice from ministry leaders on how to assess and nurture your spiritual health. It also emphasizes the importance of developing spiritual health so you can continue ministering effectively to others.

Speaking of health, our second resource is **Safety and Security**. You may think that theft, injury, abuse, and legal issues will never affect your church—but chances are, at some point, they will. This resource leads you through an assessment of your church or ministry and alerts you to areas where you are vulnerable. Taking precautions now is a lot less painful than scrambling to contain fallout from an accident later."

Both of these resources are 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.

Recreation – Volleyball Tournament

The annual District volleyball tournament was held January 4 at the Elizabethtown College gym. Eleven teams from seven churches participated in this fun day. Many thanks to Mary Lou Ruth who was the tournament director and Randall Kreider who set up and tore down the gym for us. Thank you so much for all who were involved! Here are the results:

Recreation Division

1st place	Palmyra
2nd place	Green tree
3rd Place	Elizabethtown
4th place	Lampeter
5th place	Ambler

Coed Power Division

1st place	Chiques
2nd place	Elizabethtown
3rd Place	New Beginnings

Men's Power Division

1st place	Green Tree
2nd place	Elizabethtown
3rd Place	Chiques

Senior Adult Spring Banquets



Lancaster Area Thursday, April 3, Noon Middle Creek CoB
 Program: Joanne Swords-Wong, Harpist Cost: \$14
 Menu: Assorted Greens Salad with Mandarin Oranges/Poppy Seed Dressing, Ham Balls, Green Beans, Parsley Potatoes, Cherry or Pecan Pie, Ice Cream

Harrisburg/Lebanon Thursday, April 24, Noon Hanoverdale CoB
 Program: Bollinger Family Music Cost: \$12.50
 Menu: Fruit Cup, Pork, Sweet Potato, Sugar Snap Peas, Rolls, Assorted Pies

Philadelphia Area Wednesday, May 7, Noon Indian Creek CoB
 Program: The Miracles Quintet Cost: \$14
 Menu: Buffet with Salad, Lemon Chicken, Ham, Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese, Desserts

Watch for flyers and registration forms! Sign up through your congregation's senior adult contact or church office.

Senior Adult Trips



- **Wednesday, April 2 - LANCASTER COUNTY AMISH TOUR** includes visiting Amish craft workers, an Amish school, dinner in an Amish home: and more! 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Transportation by Elite Coach. Cost: \$58pp.
- **Saturday, April 22 - HIGHLIGHTS OF PHILLY** featuring a 2-hour boat ride, buffet dinner with musical entertainment on *The Spirit of Philadelphia* followed by American Treasures Tour. Transportation by Elite Coach. Cost: \$98 pp.
- **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - MYSTERY TOUR.** 8 am to 6 pm. Enjoy a new experience! Transportation by Elite Coach. Cost: \$98 pp. includes a hearty lunch.
- **Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 19 - CAPE COD & AREA ATTRACTIONS.** Cost: \$649 pp. Includes Elite Coach transportation, 3 nights lodging dbl. occ., 6 meals, including a lobster dinner, admission fees.
- **Wednesday, July 2 - Sunday, July 6 - COB ANNUAL CONFERENCE** in Columbus, Ohio. \$549 pp. incl. Elite Coach trans., 4 nights lodging, 2 buffet meals enroute.
- **Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 25 - PACIFIC NORTHWEST TOUR** from Seattle to San Francisco, including several National Parks with Ted Winder, an excellent guide. Cost: \$4,598 pp. dbl. occ., all admission fees, round trip air fare & bus transportation, all breakfasts, 6 dinners, 3 lunches, gratuities.

Brochures available for all tours. Not much walking on first four tours listed. **Everyone welcome.** Avoid disappointment by registering early. Questions? Call Earl Ziegler, 717-560-6488 or email eziegler29@gmail.com



Camp Swatara News

GET REAL this year at Camp Swatara! Summer Camp and Family Camping Registration OPEN!

Summer Camp and the Family Camping Center seasons are right around the corner, so it's time to sign-up or reserve your site! If you did not receive a brochure in the mail, your congregation's Camp Rep has extras they can share with you, or log on to www.campswatara.org to register online for summer camp or request a site at Family Camp. Be sure to check out the new opportunity for Day Camp July 22-24 in Family Camp. Campers and families can come in just for the day or plan to stay overnight at Family Camp. Staff-led activities will be provided for registered campers during the day for 1st-6th grade campers. There's lots of exciting ways to GET REAL this summer – don't miss them!

Taize Lenten Retreat – March 7-8th

As you connect with God and seek to deepen your faith this Lenten season, you're invited to join us for an overnight retreat at Camp Swatara. Our time together will include several prayer services in the Taize (France) style of worship, silent reflection times, Bible study, and service opportunities. Overnight accommodations will be in the West Retreat or West Area Cabins. Cost is just \$56 per person. Registrations are available on the camp website, by calling the camp office, or by contacting your Camp Rep. Registration deadline is Feb. 28th!

Spring Weekend Camps for 1st-3rd and 4th-6th Graders

Are you already itchin' to get back to camp even before summer starts? Are you a first-time camper who wants to check out Camp Swatara? Then sign-up for a Spring Weekend Camp on March 14-16th for 4th-6th graders or April 4-5th for 1st-3rd graders! Each option starts with registration on Friday night at 7pm and finishes up on Sunday at 1pm. In between, campers will enjoy crafts, nature, singing, a campfire, and Bible study centered around one of the summer daily themes like "You've Got a Friend" and "The Real Thing". Cost is just \$76 per person. Registrations are available on the camp website, by calling the camp office, or by contacting your Camp Rep.

Workdays – Paul Bunyan (Feb. 15th), Trails (March 22nd), and Family Camp Opening (April 5th)

Come lend a hand at Camp Swatara at one of three upcoming workdays this spring! The Paul Bunyan (Feb. 15th) and Family Camping Center (April 5th) workdays begin about 8am, include a coffee break at 10am, and finish about 2pm. Camp provides a delicious lunch at noon for our hard workers! For the Trails Workday on March 22nd, groups and individuals should arrive about 9am for a brief orientation in the East Area. We'll also pack bagged lunches you can take with you on the trail. If your group or family would be interested in adopting one of camp's trails to maintain on an annual basis, please contact Jason Haldeman at jhaldeman@campswatara.org. To assist with our planning for all workdays, please contact the camp office or staff member in charge to let us know you're coming!

Spring Into Swatara and Hike Day – April 12th

It's time to Spring Into Swatara at our open house and fun day on Saturday, April 12th! From 2:00-5:00pm, individuals and families can enjoy crafts, games, miniature golf, hiking, 4-square, Gaga ball, camp tours, and more! At 5pm we'll have dinner together and then enjoy some family-friendly entertainment till about 7pm! Cost is just \$2 per child and \$5 per adult to cover our meal costs. Help us plan by RSVPing on camp's Facebook page, emailing jhaldeman@campswatara.org, or by contacting the camp office. If an afternoon of hiking isn't enough, you can come early to enjoy a self-guided or group hiking experience on camp's extensive trail network. Groups will leave on various routes at approximately 9am if you want to hike with others. Bring your own bagged lunch or sign up for one for just \$5 and be at camp by 9am to pack it!

From Carolyn Fitzkee, District Mission Advocate

Faith-Building Experience

Two groups of volunteers traveled to the Dominican Republic in December and January to help build a church in La Descubierta. The project received funding from Brethren World Mission, the Mission and Ministry Board and both volunteer groups. "Not only was the physical church built," said Carolyn Fitzkee, "but working alongside others who spoke a different language for a common purpose was also a faith-building experience. Prayers and songs sung and translated into English, Spanish, and Kreyol were heavenly."



Coordinated by Earl Ziegler, a group of 12 volunteers from the Lititz, Lampeter, Curryville, and Conewago congregations in Pennsylvania completed latrines and a concrete roof during the week of December 7-14. The second group, comprised of 18 from the Chiques congregation, and seven from Rockford (IL) Community congregation and led by Carolyn Fitzkee and Jeff Boshart, traveled from January 4 to 11. They helped complete the concrete floor, paint, and began work on a cistern.

Both groups also spent time with the children of the community. The first group provided coloring books and crayons for about 40 children and a few adults. The second group, in partnership with Dominican pastors Anastacia Bueno (San Luis) and Cristina Lamu Bueno (Sabana Torsa), provided an abbreviated three-day Vacation Bible School. The pastors coordinated the songs and spiritual content, while the US group led games and craft activities. The first day 50 children attended under the pavilion next to the church. The second day the group went to the local school in town; the central location attracted 300 children! On the final day, 60 children—including some not affiliated with the congregation—came to the church for activities and a concluding worship.

Located near the border with Haiti, La Descubierta is a community comprised primarily of Haitian immigrants. Pastor Sauveur Charles is the spiritual leader, but also helped coordinate the work project. Impromptu times of worship inside the church were a highlight for both groups.

Gran Bwa Medical Clinic

A group of volunteers comprised of 18 people from the Chiques congregation, and seven from Rockford (IL) Community Church helped provide a one-day medical clinic for 339 patients at the largest CoB congregation in Haiti on January 9. The Gran Bwa congregation is located in a remote mountainous area of Haiti near the border of the Dominican Republic. The group rode on the back of Daihatsu pick-up truck up a very rocky, steep, and windy "road" for 2 1/2 hours, and then hiked for nearly 2 hours to get to the church. A group from the Haiti side spent nearly a day getting to Gran Bwa.

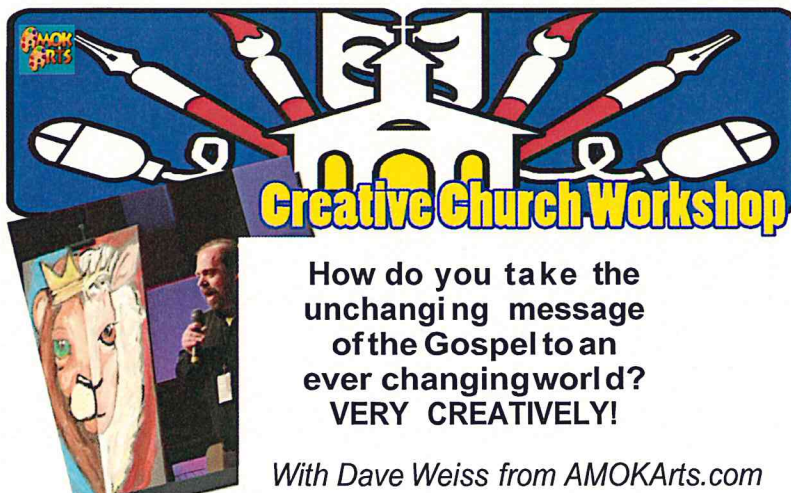


Part of the Haiti Medical Mission, the clinic was coordinated by Brother Jean Altenor of the National Committee of the Haitian CoB, Pastor Duverlus Altenor, and Ilexene and Michaela Alphonse. The US group provided a doctor (Dr. Paul Brubaker, Chiques) and four nurses; the Dominican church provided an optometrist (Pastor Onelys Rivas, Betel); and the Haiti Medical Project provided two Haitian doctors and a nurse, plus translators and supplies.

Brother Jean said it was hard to put into words how much it meant for this community to be ministered to in this way, knowing the sacrifice. He said the church was "hungry" for this clinic which was very evident from the turnout.

"Being able to serve alongside and minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ," said Chiques group leader Carolyn Fitzkee, "was truly a mountaintop experience."

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~



Saturday, May 3

9 a.m.—3 p.m.
(lunch on your own)

Ephrata CoB

\$30 per person

For more information:
amokarts@aol.com

A day-long workshop with demonstration and hands-on projects to help your church encourage and empower the creative hands of the body of Christ to fulfill your mission.

Creativity in worship Creativity in teaching Creativity in outreach Ministering to creatives
Creating a nurturing environment and a safe place to fail

For pastors, church leaders and creatives of all disciplines. All are welcome.

Dave Weiss is an artist, author, creativity blogger, ordained minister, and communicator. He is passionate about spreading the Gospel and building the body of Christ by helping churches unleash the God-given gifts of their congregations. He currently serves as pastor of creative arts at Ephrata Church of the Brethren. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the Ephrata CoB Creative Arts Ministry.



Ken Kreider is again offering air-conditioned coach transportation from Ephrata, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, and Carlisle to Annual Conference in Columbus. 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 Convention 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

Stewardship University

Saturday, March 1 Lancaster Mennonite School

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

Still time to register! For details and registration, go to:
<http://www.everence.com/stewardship-university-2014/>.

CoB Night at the Harrisburg Senators

Saturday, August 23

Watch for further details!



CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE

“Forgiveness Summit”

This Conference is designed to be a day apart for ministers, church leaders, and other interested persons

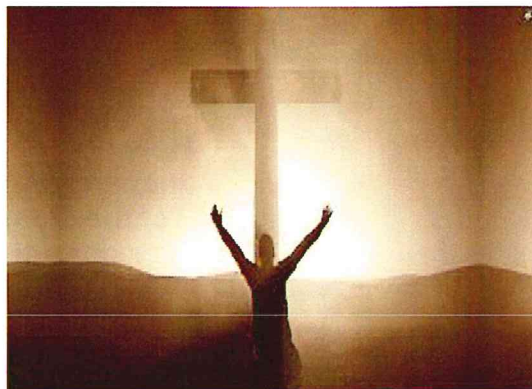
Conference Focus:

From a Christian point of view, explore the dynamics that go into forgiveness in practice.

Guest Speaker:

Jonas Beiler

- Author of the book “*Think No Evil*” written out of involvement in the Nickel Mine Tragedy
- Founder of the Gap Family Counseling Center.



Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Session: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- .6 CEU will be available for attending this event in its entirety
- Registration includes lunch prepared and served by members of Hempfield Church

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District Spiritual Renewal Team

To Register: Complete the form below & submit with payment

OR Register online at www.ane-cob.org (PayPal or Some Credit Cards accepted)

Registration Form Church Leaders Conference – April 30, 2014

Please complete and return, along with the applicable fees, to:

Atlantic Northeast District Office, 500 East Cedar Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

NOTE: Registration deadline is April 17, 2014 No refunds after this date.

Please make checks payable to
Atlantic Northeast District

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ DISTRICT _____

Registration fee \$40 x _____ persons = \$ _____

CEU fee \$10 x _____ persons = _____

Total fees enclosed \$ _____



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.

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Brethren Housing Association

Honor Thy Mother by Golfing or Biking:
Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10. You can honor your mother and the moms at Brethren Housing Association by golfing or biking on Mother Day Weekend. Friday, May 9 is BHA's Golf Tournament at ParLine Golf Course (Noon-6:30 pm) with plenty of contests and fun prizes to take home to the "mom" in your life. Saturday, May 10 is BHA's Spring Thaw Bike Tour at Mt. Wilson CoB (8 am-1 pm). This year's bike event includes two road loops (50 or 25 miles) plus a family-friendly option on the Lancaster-Lebanon Rail Trail--all followed by a Bike Rodeo, lunch and prizes. To get involved, contact Chris Fitz at cfitz@bha-pa.org or (717) 233-6016 or visit www.bha-pa.org/events.

Save the Dates:

Friday, May 9: BHA Golf Tournament, ParLine Golf Course, Elizabethtown, PA: register at www.golfforbha.org, email golf@bha-pa.org or call (717) 233-6016.

Saturday, May 10: BHA Bike Tour, Mt Wilson Church of the Brethren, Mt. Wilson PA: register at www.bikeforbha.org, email bike@bha-pa.org or call (717) 233-6016.

Tuesday, October 14: BHA 25th Anniversary Celebration, Harrisburg Hershey Sheraton (Lindle Road): more info to come at www.bha-pa.org/events

McPherson College Singers Coming to Elizabethtown CoB

The McPherson College Singers will present a concert as a part of the Classical Concert Series at the Elizabethtown CoB, Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. The Singers are the premiere campus ensemble specializing in music for smaller ensembles spanning all of the major eras of music history.

Our Classical Concert Series is supported through the generosity of the K. Ezra and Esther M. Bucher Music fund and the generous donors who provided the resources to upgrade and restore the organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to help continue the concert series.



Brethren Village presents
The Taylors
Sunday, August 17 at 9 a.m.

The Taylors are a family quartet from the heart of North Carolina who are dedicated to stirring up the faith of the Christian community, as well as reaching others with the good news of Jesus Christ through Gospel music.

For more information regarding their performance at Brethren Village, please contact Joanne Stehr, Director of Development, at 717.581.4316.

COBYS Events

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

Visit cobys.org/gnews.htm for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!! September 13, 2014

PHILADELPHIA AREA BRETHREN HERITAGE TOUR

Chartered Bus Tour Sponsored by Atlantic Northeast District Historical Committee

Sites to be visited will include:

- Historic Germantown Avenue
- First baptismal site on Wissahickon Creek
- The "Mother" church in Germantown (museum room & cemetery)
- Mennonite Heritage Center at Harleysville & the Klein meetinghouse
- Coventry area
- Pricetown Meetinghouse in Berks County



Tour hosts: Ken Kreider, Dave Eller, and Ron Lutz

**For more details, contact Ken Kreider at 717-367-7622 or kreiderk@etown.edu.
Watch for registration details in upcoming newsletters.**



Historic Middle Creek Church of the Brethren 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1864-2014 "Celebrating Our Past – Focused on the Future"

We've been meeting here at Middle Creek since about 1769, but it wasn't until 1864 that we actually became a separate congregation from the mother church – the Conestoga Church of the Brethren. As we mark this significant milestone of 150 years, our Planning Committee has come up with various ways to celebrate throughout 2014.

The Writing of our Church History – Five writers from our congregation have written a comprehensive "History of the Middle Creek Church", a book with more than seventy pictures in addition to the text. This book will be available in time for our May 2014 Love Feast.

Spring Love Feast – We became a separate congregation from Conestoga on May 5, 1864. This year we will celebrate the "official" sesquicentennial at our Spring Love Feast, the weekend of May 3-4. Saturday evening, Don Fitzkee of the Chiques congregation, will officiate at the Love Feast, assisted by Ivan Lutz, our most senior emeritus minister. Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour, Don Fitzkee will present a "Brethren/Middle Creek History Lesson" to the combined adult classes in the sanctuary. During the worship service, the "Snyder Sisters" (5 sisters who all grew up in our congregation) will provide the special music, and District Executive, Craig Smith, will bring the morning message. A Fellowship Meal will follow the service.

Historical Tour – Sunday afternoon, May 4, we will have a chance to tour places of historical significance in our congregation's past using two chartered buses.

Fall Celebration – On Sunday, October 19, there will be a special fall celebration from 9:30-11:00 AM in our church sanctuary. Included in the worship service will be lots of music, interviews with persons in various age groups, testimonies, and a slide show. Following morning worship there will be a congregational meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Wall of Memories – Along with the above events, we also plan to create a "Wall of Memories" in the church narthex. Members are encouraged to bring pictures of special events that have taken place in the past at Middle Creek Church, weddings, baptisms, special programs, class activities, etc.

PRAYER SEMINAR

Would you like to grow in the life of prayer? Would you like your congregation to grow in the practice of prayer? For several years, the District Spiritual Renewal Team has been offering a prayer seminar to congregations in ANE District. Quite a few have taken advantage of this opportunity, and all of them have given positive feedback on the experience.

The seminar is taught by retired pastor Robert Vroon. The topics addressed are the motivation for prayer, how to grow your personal prayer life, and how to strengthen your church's corporate prayer life. Each session is followed by a practical exercise in which participants put what they have learned to work.

The seminar can be 4-6 hours on a Saturday, or it can be spread over 4 Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings (in the Sunday school hour). For further information, or to schedule a prayer seminar for your church, contact Bob Vroon: bob.vroon@verizon.net or (717)951-9066.

Calendar

March

1	Stewardship University, Lancaster Mennonite School
6	COBYS Fundraising Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
8	District Women's Spring Fellowship, Midway CoB
13	Church Office Administrators' 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

2	Senior Adult Lancaster Amish Tour
3	Senior Adult Banquet, Middle Creek CoB
4-6	Pastor in New Parish Retreat
12	Junior & Senior High Service Project, GAIN, Mount Joy
12	Ethics Training
12	Camp Swatara Open House & Fun Day
24	Senior Adult Banquet, Hanoverdale CoB
30	Church Leaders' Conference
30	Youth Cabinet Applications Due

May

3	Creative Church Workshop, Ephrata CoB
4	COBYS Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker Community
7	Senior Adult Banquet, Indian Creek CoB
9-10	BHA Golf Tournament & Bike Tour
20	Senior Adult Mystery Tour
23-25	Young Adult Conference, Camp Brethren Woods

June

7	Annual Conference Briefing, Hempfield CoB
17	District Board Meeting, Elizabethtown College



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