



District Conference: “Building up the body of CHRIST”

Leffler Chapel, Elizabethtown College – October 4, 2014



Moderator
Sherry Eshleman

In 1966, I attended NYC at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. When I returned, I remember telling my friends and family that National Youth Conference was a “mountaintop” experience for me. My earlier “mountaintop” experiences were at Camp Swatara, particularly during vespers and sacred campfires. At both NYC and camp, I felt inspired to love and serve Christ, connected to God and others in a deeper sense, and somehow different for having been there. I was reluctant to return home, aware of the difficulty, perhaps impossibility, of holding on to those feelings and experiences. I knew even then that much of life is lived on the flat places and in the valleys. Yet I yearn for the mountaintops: inspiration, deep connectedness, and transformation.

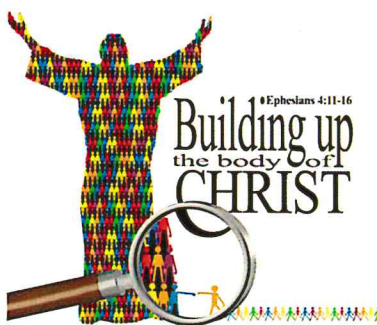
Perhaps few (if any) would describe District Conference as a “mountaintop” experience. However, when the church is gathered together in the Spirit of Christ and for His purposes, there are possibilities for inspiration, deep connectedness, and transformation. Let us pray that at District Conference, we experience the presence of those possibilities.

Inspiration: Worship at District Conference will focus on the theme, *Building up the body of CHRIST*, based upon Ephesians 4:11-16. Mark Wenger, Director of Pastoral Studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (Lancaster), will lead a Bible study at 7:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. a special worship service is planned. The Lancaster CoB Tour Choir “Singing Our Faith”, led by Emery DeWitt, will provide special music. Paul Munday, pastor of the Frederick, MD church, will preach the message, *The Drumbeat of Love*, while Dave Weiss, conference logo designer, portrays the message in a live painting. We will both hear and see the message preached. Together in worship, let us glorify God and “Build up the body of CHRIST.”

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**Important Dates:****District Conference** - October 4, 2014**Sectional Meetings:**

Lancaster – September 9 @ 7:00 PM

Parker Ford – September 17 @ 7:00 PM

Hershey Spring Creek – September 18 @ 7:00 PM

District Conference - Continued

Deep connectedness: At District Conference, we are a community gathered to do the business of the church. We have the opportunity to connect with persons from all parts of the District. We hear information and reports about the activities of the District and of other related ministries. We celebrate Christ's work among us. We make decisions: voting upon by-law changes that will have been presented and discussed at sectional meetings, approving a Ministry Investment Plan, and calling a slate of new leaders. Together in community, let us glorify God and "Build up the body of CHRIST."

Transformation: At District Conference and throughout the churches of the Atlantic Northeast District, we pray that the Holy Spirit is at work within and through us, changing us to be more like Jesus. Together in the Spirit, let us glorify God and "Build up the body of CHRIST."

I have enjoyed my visits to churches and events throughout the District this past year. I look forward to seeing many of you at District Conference, both delegates and non-delegates. If you are not planning to attend the conference in its entirety, I hope that you will consider worshipping with us during the special afternoon worship service.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our District and for this conference.

Sherry Eshleman, Moderator

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Those planning to attend District Conference should register through their church offices. Congregations will send a congregational registration form listing ALL delegates and non-delegates from their congregation with ONE check by September 20. (There is a \$25 registration fee for all conference attendees. This fee includes a conference booklet, lunch, use of facility). *For those who cannot register through a congregation, you may mail the form below to the District Office by September 20 along with your check for \$25 (payable to Atlantic Northeast District).*

District Conference Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Congregation _____

Lunch Choice ____ (A - traditional lunch) or ____ (B - Ministry Recognition luncheon)

District Conference Child Care



God is Here Among Us

Recognizing God in the familiar, the unexpected, and the extraordinary

Please register in advance to ensure a spot for your child.

See contact information below.

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

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

When will it be? Saturday, October 4, while the adults are at District Conference.

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

What will it cost? It's free!

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

Adults and senior high youth from the Ambler Church of the Brethren will guide planned, age-appropriate activities from 8:30 a.m. until Conference ends

Drop-off begins at 8 a.m.

For more information and a registration form, send email request to angiemountain@yahoo.com or call Angie Mountain at 215-283-5291.

Advance registration is REQUIRED. Registration deadline is Saturday, September 13.

New at Conference this year . . .

One-Day Format Conference is planned from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration & continental breakfast begin at 7:00 and a Bible Study option is offered at 7:30. Conference business session begins at 8:30. The worship service is at 1:30 and is open to all (no registration required). Following the worship service, Conference business will continue.

Two Lunch Options

Ministry Recognition Luncheon: A ministry recognition service will take place at a special buffet luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at District Conference. The location is the KAV (Koon's Activity Venue), Brossman Student Center, Elizabethtown College. Recognized will be Forrest Collier (50 years of ordained ministry), newly licensed, ordained, interim, and placed ministers as well as ACTS graduates. All are welcome to choose this lunch option. For those registering for Conference as delegates or non-delegates, let your church office know that you would like to attend lunch option B (no additional cost).

Traditional Lunch: As in past years, the traditional buffet lunch is offered in the 2nd floor dining hall at Brossman Student Center starting at 11:30 a.m.

If you will *not* be registering for Conference but would like to have lunch there prior to the 1:30 worship service, you can sign up through your church for the Ministry Recognition Luncheon or the Traditional Lunch for a cost of \$13. The worship service is open to all, no registration required.

What's New in the District?

Mary Etta Reinhart called as new Director of Witness & Outreach

The Atlantic Northeast District is pleased to announce the calling of Mary Etta Reinhart as the new Director of Witness & Outreach.



Mary Etta presently serves the ANE District Board as Chair of the Church Development & Evangelism Commission and a member of the Executive Committee. She is a long-standing member at Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren and resides in southern Lancaster County. Sister Mary Etta is a Licensed Minister and has completed her TRIM Program and is in preparation for ordination.

Mary Etta is a graduate of Manchester University and spent much of her work career employed by the Bank of Lancaster County / PNC Bank. She served the bank and Quarryville community in the customer service department for 27 years. Her skills in finance and customer relations serve her well in this new role.

In the local church life, Mary Etta has served as deacon, teacher, organist, moderator, as well as many other elected leadership roles. She recently completed an Interim Pastorate at Shippensburg Church of the Brethren and will be completing an Interim Pastorate at Swatara Hill Church of the Brethren in August.

Mary Etta replaces Pat Horst, who continues her chaplaincy work at Hershey Medical Center, as well as spiritual direction. Mary Etta began her new role with ANE on June 15. Please welcome her to the ANE Staff.

ANE District Office Open House

Sunday, October 19 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tour the office, visit with staff, and enjoy light refreshments

Newly Licensed Minister

Bob Wintsch, Mechanic Grove CoB

Newly Ordained Ministers

Joshua Hostetter, Parker Ford CoB

John Weber, East Cocalico CoB

New Members

Elizabethtown - *Baptism:* Lila Becker, Miles Book, Rebecca Epps, Adrienne Nolt; *Letter:* Mandy Hileman, John Over, Peg Over; *Reaffirmation:* Duane Hernley

Mechanic Grove - *Baptism:* Josh Charles, Susie Hazell, Alexis Heisler, Hunter Heisler, Travis Heisler, Larry Herr, Dana Landis, Summer Landis, Kim Myers, William Reed, Elijah Reimold, Brian Robertson, Heather Robertson, Katelyn Teaman

Midway - *Baptism:* Susan Krizan; *Letter:* Sarah Brubaker, Dawn Long, Randy Long, Brian Marquette, Erin Marquette, Levi Mumma, Marie Mumma

Palmyra - *Letter:* Ed Wallace, JoAnn Wallace, Rachel Witkovsky

Paxton - *Letter:* Paula Barker, Jill McKenna

Schuykill - *Baptism:* Xin Chen, Irene Clark, Karlie Wolfe

White Oak - *Baptism:* Mikaela Alwine, Jonathan Bowman, Alexis Groff, Braden Ressler, Kiana Stoner, Edward Weaver, Joy Weaver, Daniel Zimmerman, Brayden Zook; *Letter:* James Minnich, Lois Ann Minnich, Katie Jo Reeves

Wyomissing - *Reaffirmation:* Alex Calm, Katie Calm

Youth & Young Adults

Jess Ross, Director



Senior High: Cherry Crest Adventure Farm's Amazing Maize Maze

Date/Time: Saturday October 4 from 4-7 pm

Location: Cherry Crest Adventure Farm in Ronks, PA.

Registration Deadline: September 25

Cost: \$15

Details: Admission includes over 50 activities in addition to the corn maze!

Junior High Retreat

Date/Time: October 24-26, 7 pm Friday to mid-morning on Sunday (no Sunday lunch served)

Location: Camp Swatara, Bethel PA

Registration Deadline: October 16

Cost: Youth - \$85, Advisors - \$40

Details: Chris Shelly, Youth Director at Lampeter Church of the Brethren, will be our speaker for the weekend. We'll have great sessions and music, activities led by the District Youth Cabinet, campfire, time to hang out with friends and lots more!

Senior High Retreat

Date: January 16-18, 2015

Location: Camp Swatara

Other events are being planned and we'll let you know as soon as we have more details confirmed!

YOUTH CABINET

A BIG thank you to Noah Baliles (Indian Creek), Nate Dum (Hempfield), Savannah Myers (Little Swatara), Morgan Rice (Hempfield), Sarandon Smith (Palmyra) and Alex Troxell (Hempfield)! These young men and women 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! Here's a little bit about them and what being on Youth Cabinet has meant to them.

Noah Baliles (Indian Creek)

Graduated from home (homeschooled) and planning to attend Montgomery County Community College to do general studies. "Being on Youth Cabinet has been an amazing experience. I've grown so much in my faith in the last two years. And that has a lot to do with being on Cabinet. Plus, I have just had a blast!"

Nate Dum (Hempfield)

Graduated from Hempfield and planning to attend Penn State.

"Cabinet helped me to come out of my shell and taught me numerous lessons in faith and leadership!"



Savannah Myers (Little Swatara)

Graduated from Warwick High School and planning to attend Widener University for Nursing.

"Cabinet has been a wonderful experience to bring me closer to God and those who serve Him, with a lot of fun in between."

Morgan Rice (Hempfield)

Graduated from Hempfield and planning to attend the one-year program at Miracle Mountain Ranch School of Discipleship, hopefully working in the media department.

"Cabinet has helped me learn how to set up events from start to finish while never losing sight of what the true purpose is and who we are serving. I also have stepped out of my comfort zone and done things I never would have done otherwise, making amazing and meaningful friendships along the way."

Sarandon Smith (Palmyra)

Graduated from Palmyra and planning to attend Manchester University to study political science with a double minor in gender studies and fine art. After college she hopes to obtain a Masters of Divinity and become an ordained Church of the Brethren Minister. Sarandon's life goals are to run marathons, travel extensively, and change the world.

"Being part of the youth cabinet for me meant being part of a community where I could nurture my own faith while helping other youth to grow as well. The youth cabinet has been one of my strongest support systems over the past two years and I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve in this way."

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Youth Ministry - continued

Alex Troxell (Hempfield)

Graduated from Hempfield and planning to attend Penn State for civil engineering.

"Joining cabinet has really strengthened my relationship with God. My leadership skills have improved and I've made so many friendships. Cabinet opened my eyes and made me the person I am today."

The 2014-2015 Youth Cabinet has been selected!

Returning Members:

Ryan Arndt (West Green Tree)
Hannah Nyce (Annville)
Edison Rodriguez (Lancaster)
Jenna Walmer (Palmyra)

New Members:

Ava Bower (Lancaster)
Cassie Mora (Elizabethtown)
Kelly Myer (Hempfield)

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

Jess Ross, Director



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. This conference was originally scheduled for this past February. Due to an unforeseen circumstance, the conference was postponed. **The new date is November 8.**

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 CoB'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 CoB. Registration forms are available online, by email, or calling the District Office. Lunch and childcare are provided.

Building Church Leaders

"Great leaders don't just happen. Sure, many people start out with energy and excitement for the work they've been called to do, and overflow with creative ideas for how to grow their ministry. But amid the busyness of ministry, it's easy to forget that sometimes it's about more than checking items off a to-do list. If your leaders aren't allowing themselves time to get rested, renewed, and refreshed, they will suffer—and so will your ministry."

Keeping Your Leaders Fresh is a new resource that will help you train your leaders to build healthy boundaries and learn how to incorporate and use periods of rest to refresh, renew, and restore their energy, creativity, and spiritual health. It includes articles from John Ortberg, Lynne Baab, Dallas Willard, etc., that are perfect for one-on-one or group training, as well as personal encouragement."

Keeping Your Leaders Fresh 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.

Church Development & Evangelism



Where is the Love?

On June 20, '2014, my wife Pastor Belita and I set off on a journey to connect with our brothers and sisters in New York.

We wanted to be at the opening celebration of *Light of the Gospel Fellowship* in their new building. As many of you know, this is an Arabic-speaking body of believers hailing from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. Praise the Lord! They have been together for over seven years and previously shared worship space at Brooklyn First CoB. Pastor Milad Samaan is the under shepherd of this vibrant worshipping community. Core leaders of the congregation, Akram and Amal Said, were former members of Brooklyn First for over twenty-five years and continue in faithful leadership with the new fellowship. The Building they purchased is located in Staten Island, NY. Most of the members reside in this Borough.

It was a pleasure connecting with our Brothers and Sisters once again, and being in their new Building seemed to raise spirits to heights that cannot be measured.

The Saturday gathering included nearly 300. People came from PA, NJ, DE, and NY. Belita and I had no idea the Arabic Clergy and Christian Community was so large. Clergy from the tri-state area brought words of encouragement, affirmation and blessings. I brought greetings from the Atlantic Northeast District and District Executive, Craig H. Smith. Pastor Belita of Harrisburg First Church brought greetings on behalf of ethnic and urban congregations within ANE. As a past Annual Conference Moderator, she also brought affirmation and encouragement on behalf of our denomination as we endeavor to become a more intercultural body of believers. It was indeed a high time of joyful, worshipful celebration. There was a resounding expression of love and Christian fellowship.

On Sunday, June 22, we found ourselves on Long Island in the Bayshore area where we worshipped with *The Potter's House project*. This is a Spanish-speaking group established by pastors Gilberto and Graciela Falu.

We were warmly greeted and thought our visit would have us in the seats worshipping with our guests. The Lord had another plan. Pastor Falu asked me would I be preaching, in that guest ministers normally bring the word. I indicated to Brother Falu "I'm not the preacher—she (Pastor Belita) is". Brother Falu quickly moved over to my wife and extended the invitation to deliver the morning message behind the Holy Desk. To my surprise and Pastor Falu's, Belita said "Yes". Wow! What a time we all had in praising the Lord and being challenged by Pastor Belita in her impromptu, inspired word from God. Men were rejoicing, women were in tears, and after the sermon the entire Congregation of over 50 came forward for continued prayer, words of assurance, and anointing. It certainly was a love fest for Jesus as we celebrated the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Where is the Love? The love is in us, among us, and shared between us, when we all come together to worship and praise our God across ethnic and cultural boundaries. The experiences we had are the stuff that makes for "creating spiritually healthy New Testament congregations who covenant and network together to further the Kingdom of God."

This moment in rejoicing with our brothers and sisters will be cherished by all for many years to come.

Don Mitchell, Director of Church Development and Evangelism



Outreach Updates

As members of the Witness and Outreach Commission interact with congregations in our district, we often hear stories of ways that our churches are reaching out to their communities. This outreach sometimes takes place in the form of an organized program. At other times, the outreach is a result of seeing and meeting a community need. In this and future newsletters, we want to highlight some of these stories with others in our district.

Puerta del Cielo Church of the Brethren:

The members of Puerta del Cielo CoB have collected various new or gently used items such as clothing, shoes, purses, lamps, televisions and computers. On September 13, the congregation will be holding a drive for the community where lunch will be provided as they collect items that they need. Prayer will also be available at this event. Donations are welcomed.

This will be the 4th year for this event sponsored by Puerta del Cielo. Please pray for this ministry.

Lewiston Church of the Brethren

Oasis is a fellowship of women 25 years and older. Their aim: that God uses Oasis to strengthen relationships to Him, to build community in His church, and to enlarge His Kingdom. "Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land." (Isaiah 43:19) is their Oasis theme verse.

Oasis began in October 2009 with an evening titled: "Joy For The Journey." Since then there have been 32 meetings, with an additional number of times to connect, including small group meetings - - which just began this year. Oasis has brought together dozens of woman from various churches including: Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic, the Vineyard, Brethren, and even those who are not part of God's family.

The following are responses from Oasis participants – in their own words:

"Oasis is a cool drink of refreshing water and I look forward to coming and try to plan to do so. There is no other group that I'm in or have been in that I feel such joy and welcoming."

"Oasis means ladies bonding for fellowship, teaching & fun! Laughter is an important piece of life and Oasis provides that with love, acceptance and belonging."

"A time of renewal, fellowship, and friendship with other women of like precious faith in Christ. It also means a way of inviting other women to experience what joy and friendship can mean thru Christ."

"Oasis seems to be in my blood."

Seasons have come and gone since the beginning of Oasis. We have met new friends and have grown closer to old ones. Together we have talked, laughed, cried, prayed, traveled, sung, and encouraged and we have experienced the bonding of friendship and the warmth of community. Together we have focused on God and have learned about being more like Him. Oasis has been instrumental in the growth and strengthening of the church. God is doing great things! Please pray for this ministry of the Lewiston CoB. Leaders are Jen Keller and Melody Keller.

We would love to hear YOUR outreach stories. You may send your stories to Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE Director of Witness and Outreach at mreinhart@ane-cob.org.

STEWARDSHIP

A Quick Glance at ANE's Ministry Investment Plan

Year to date as of 6/30/14

To date in 2014 we celebrate:

The District Executive and the Ministry Commission are currently overseeing ministerial training for nearly 60 Licensed Ministers, have newly ordained 5 persons, and have provided administrative oversight for more than 240 Ordained Ministers.

More than \$36,000 was provided as "direct" or grant support for urban congregations and Family Life Center outreach. This amount is significantly increased by adding "indirect" gifts such as: volunteer hours, gifts *in kind*, individual donations, congregationally-designated gifts, and special congregational grants.

Church planting is strong. Church plant projects are continuing to develop: *The Potter's House (Hispanic)* in Long Island, NY, *Source of Grace (Haitian)* in Boston, MA, and *Iglesia Restauracion Divina (Hispanic)* in Reading, PA. Projects are working towards *Fellowship* status. Fellowships are maturing and moving to *Congregational* status. This is good news for sharing the Good News!

Strong senior high and junior high youth ministry events, networking and discussion groups, NYC, NOAC, work camps, disaster relief efforts, increased levels of coaching, stewardship education, ministry to senior adults, retreats, continuing education opportunities, international ministry exchanges, vital training partnerships with: Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Bethany Theological Seminary, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and a variety of local ministry-training institutions is strong, and . . . much, much MORE!

To date the fiscal investment in these ministries has been \$286,363.

ANE staff celebrates and sincerely thanks all individuals and congregations who have contributed both through volunteer time and financially. Without this support, these ministries would not have happened!

Our concern:

To date our income is \$52,761 short of our expenses. Thirty-three percent (33%) of ANE congregations, fellowships, and projects have not yet contributed to our common district ministry. ***Please urge your congregations as members of the ANE family to celebrate and support these ministries with a financial gift.***

While there are many good things that are happening "out there," please remember that there are scores of wonderful and meaningful ministries taking place right here in our ANE's backyard.

Blessings to all as we work together in growing His Kingdom.

Kay Weaver

ANE Director of Stewardship



Camp Swatara News

Family Camping Center Auction – August 30th

Come enjoy a day at Camp Swatara on Saturday, August 30th to benefit the Family Camping Center! Great items and gift certificates will be available for auction with all funds benefitting the ministry and facility needs at camp. Delicious foods, creative crafts, and fun family fellowship will be available all day! The children's auction will begin at 10am followed by the main auction. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact the Family Camp Office (717-933-5244) or deliver them to the East Lodge by Friday, August 29th. Auction items will be available for preview on Friday night.



Camp Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony – August 31st

Join us on Sunday afternoon, August 31st at 3:00pm for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Camp Bridge! This project is part of the Building Bridges Capital Campaign and the new bridge will be installed in mid-November of this year. The ceremony will include sharing about the history of the old bridge, appreciation for those who provided it, and gratitude for the many decades it has served camp well. There will also be time for sharing about the new bridge and the work that will be taking place to install it later this year. Information will be provided for those interested in learning more about the campaign and giving support to fund this project and the others in the West Area. Light refreshments will be enjoyed following the ceremony.

Fall is the Perfect Season for Family Camping!

Beautiful fall colors and cooler evenings by the fire make fall the perfect season for Family Camping! Children, youth, and adults of all ages can join us at camp for an overnight stay in a Family Camp cabin or site for tent or RV camping. Enjoy special activities like hiking, boating (through the end of September), splash pad, movie nights, fishing, mini-golf, and so much more! Come out to Family Camp for the day during the midweek for just \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. You get your own site for the day and can experience all the fun of camp but head home to sleep in your own bed! Find out more, reserve your site, or get registered for camp by contacting the Family Camp office at 717-933-5244 or online at www.campswatara.org!

Challenge Course Day – September 20th

Are you up to the challenge!?! Persons age 13 and up are invited to join our trained challenge course instructors for an afternoon on the ropes course from 1:00-4:00pm on Saturday, September 20th. Cost is just \$20 per person and includes your dinner at the Fall Fun Night (see below)! Participants must register by Friday, September 12th and complete a waiver.

Fall Fun Night – September 20th

Join new and old camp friends for a Fall Fun Night at Camp Swatara on Saturday, September 20th starting at 4:00pm! Persons of all ages can enjoy games and activities, including packing school kits provided through our summer camp offering(!) from 4:00-5:30. Then we'll gather for a hot dog cook-out followed by a fun campfire with songs, skits, and stories to close the evening by about 7:30pm. Camp will provide hot and cold drinks, hot dogs (including buns and condiments), and s'mores. Participants are invited to bring along a covered dish or two to share with the group or share \$5 per person (family max of \$20) to help cover costs. See you around the East Area Campfire Circle!

Fall Birding Trip – October 3-5th

Attention bird watchers! Doug and Sally Ruby will be leading a DelMarva Tour for the 2014 fall birding weekend on October 3-5th. Points of interest will include Bombay Hook, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and Blackwater Refuge. The group will leave and return from Camp Swatara and will be staying in Salisbury, MD with the Ruby's or at a nearby hotel. Cost for the trip is \$130 and includes transportation, food, lodging, and leadership. Registration forms and more information are available by contacting the camp office.

~ OPPORTUNITIES



Will You Pray this Peace Day, September 21?

Theme: "Visions and Dreams of Building Peace"



"Your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams." -- Joel 2:28 | Acts 2:17

Congregations are invited to include special prayers for peace as part of Sunday services, September 21. Will you join all those around the world whose hearts are broken and lives are shattered by violence, by praying and acting for peace that day? This can be a time for your congregation to lift up concerns about violence and brokenness, and to ask God for a vision about how you can respond. Some congregations also plan public events or prayer services to connect with the broader community. Resources: www.peacedaypray.org. Contact campaign staff with questions peaceday@onearthpeace.org.

Run for Peace—Sept. 20

News of the recent wave of immigrant children arriving in the U.S. has dominated the national news cycle recently. Central Pennsylvanians may wonder what they can do to help with the situation and an upcoming event in Elizabethtown provides a venue for a local response.

September 20, at 10 a.m. the ANE District Recreation Committee is sponsoring the 24th Run for Peace at the Elizabethtown CoB. Following the race, there will be a free kids' run, activities, face painting, sneaker recycling and more. In addition, there will be a bread & soup lunch. This year's beneficiary is Church World Service of Lancaster (CWS) Immigration and Refugee Program.

For more information or a registration form, go to: <http://www.etowncob.org/runforpeace>

Invitation: Beth Moore Simulcast

Ladies from area congregations are invited to Chiques CoB for Beth Moore's *Living Proof* Live Simulcast.

September 13, 2014 8:30-4:15

Tickets: \$15.00 (includes light breakfast & lunch)

For more info or tickets:

dtsauder@dejazzd.com or 717-664-7409

Music in Motion Handbells, Organ, & Piano

October 19, 2014 3:00 pm

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
Classical Concert Series



A varied repertoire including classical, sacred, and secular selections.

Featuring Ron Bellamy, Linda Young Lorgus, and Memorial Bells.

The Classical Concert Series is supported through the generosity of the Curtis & Janice Lehman family, the K. Ezra & Esther M. Bucher Music Fund, and the generous Donors who provided the resources to upgrade and restore the church organ.

Brethren Housing Association Celebrates 25 Years

Happy Silver Anniversary, BHA! Join Brethren Housing Association's 25th anniversary celebration on Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey. Amid live and silent auctions, food, and fellowship, we'll look back at how BHA has built foundations and created futures and look ahead to plans for BHA's future. Cost: \$30/person. Call 717-508-7242 or register online: www.celebrateBHA.org.

The Brethren Housing Association is looking for items for its silent and live auctions. Requested items include themed baskets, vacation and day-trip destinations, handcrafted items, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, and health and fitness services. Call if you can help!

Historical Committee Invites You to Germantown

On Saturday, October 4, the Germantown section of Philadelphia comes alive with a reenactment of the Revolutionary War Battle of Germantown. The District Historical Committee invites those not attending District Conference to come and explore what the Brethren were doing at that time in history.

Brethren of all ages will enjoy the festivities. Further details are on the District website.

Educational Opportunities sponsored by the District Ministry Commission

Conquering Depression Seminar

- Saturday, October 25, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren
- **Seminar Leader:** Rev. Ellen Dooley, President of Transformed Ministries, was hospitalized for severe clinical depression and attempted suicide in 1978. She has walked through the dark valley of hopelessness into the sunlight of recovery. As a result, she desires to point the way out for others suffering from depression and the loved ones surrounding them.
- **Cost:** \$30 which includes the workbook, lunch, and 0.50 CEU's.
- **Registration Deadline:** October 9, 2014. Please register online at www.ane-cob.org. Go to the 'Registrations' tab and select the appropriate event. For a flyer to be mailed, contact the District Office.

Intentional Ministry for Reaching "Beyond 50" Adults

- Thursday, October 16, 2014, 1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m. at the ANE District Office
- **Seminar Description:** This CEU seminar for ministers will explore the gerontological and sociological imperatives for ministry not only to, but for and with, maturing adults in the second half of life.
- **Seminar Leader:** Bill Cave served for many years as the Director of Social Services at Lebanon Valley Brethren Home. He served on the Board of Directors of the former Association of Brethren Caregivers and was a member of the denomination's Older Adult Ministry Cabinet.
- **Cost:** \$25 per person, which includes 0.3 CEU's
- **Registration Deadline:** October 2, 2014. Please register online at www.ane-cob.org. Go to the 'Registrations' tab and select the appropriate event. For a flyer to be mailed, contact the District Office.

Fall 2014 Events at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies

Tuesday, September 23 • 7:30 pm

LECTURE: German Pietists as Translators in *An Introduction to German Pietism*

Doug Shantz, professor of Christian thought at the University of Calgary, will discuss the work of Pietists Gottfried Arnold and Gerhard Tersteegen, who translated the writings of medieval Catholic saints so they could serve as models of inward, spiritual Christianity. Copies of Shantz's book, which received the 2014 Dale Brown Book Award, will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, October 2 • 7:30 pm

LECTURE: Looking Backward on a Career: How Growing Up Mennonite Prepared Me for Leadership

Shirley Hershey Showalter, the first female college president of Goshen (Ind.) College, the first Mennonite college president to receive a Knight Foundation leadership award and the first in her family to attend college, will reflect on conflicting aspirations while writing her award-winning memoir, *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World*.

Tuesday, October 21 • 7:30 pm

LECTURE: The Amish and Federal Hate Crimes

Young Center Senior Fellow Donald B. Kraybill and an Amish guest will discuss the Ohio beard-cutting attacks and their impact on national hate crime laws. Copies of Kraybill's newly released book, *Renegade Amish: Beard Cutting, Hate Crimes, and the Trial of the Bergholz Barbers*, will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, November 13 • 7:30 pm

SNOWDEN LECTURE: Heroes and Heretics: Pietists and Anabaptists in the Evangelical Imagination

Jared Burkholder, professor of history at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, will examine several episodes in history when evangelicals have either revered or condemned Pietist and Anabaptist traditions and discuss what that says about all three groups and their places on the landscape of American society.



Florin Church of the Brethren Marks 60th Anniversary

Saturday, August 23 - Celebration Concert
performance by Bob Kettering at 7pm

Sunday, August 24 - Former Florin pastor and
Annual Conference Moderator Bob Krouse
speaking during Worship at 10:15am

Sunday, August 24 - Celebration Luncheon
after Worship

Please join us for this momentous event!

Contact us at secretary@florincob.org or
717-653-1202 with any questions.

District Senior Adult Fall Banquet

Wednesday, October 22, noon

Yoder's Restaurant

(14 South Tower Road, New Holland, PA)



Program: Ridgeway Brass

Menu: Choice of Broasted Chicken or Beef Stroganoff

Cost: \$16.50 Reservation Deadline: October 8

*Register through your congregation's senior adult
contact or church office.*

Greater Philadelphia Area Brethren/Anabaptist Heritage Tour

Saturday, September 13

*Registration form is available online (ane-cob.org). For more details, contact Ken
Kreider at 717-367-7622 or kreiderk@etown.edu*

Calendar

September

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| 1 | District Office Closed for Labor Day |
| 9 | District Conference Area Meeting, Lancaster CoB |
| 13 | Brethren Heritage Tour |
| 17 | District Conference Area Meeting, Parker Ford CoB |
| 18 | District Conference Area Meeting, Hershey Spring Creek CoB |
| 20 | Run for Peace, Elizabethtown CoB |
| 26-27 | Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center |

October

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| 4 | District Conference, Elizabethtown College |
| 4 | Senior High Fall Amazing Maize Maze |
| 6 | District Office Closed |
| 13 | Newsletter Article Deadline |
| 19 | District Office Open House |
| 22 | District Senior Adult Banquet, Yoder's Restaurant |
| 24-26 | Junior High Retreat, Camp Swatara |

November

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| 1 | District Board Retreat, Camp Swatara |
| 8 | Pouring Life into Ministry Conference, Ephrata CoB |
| 20 | District Office Closed for Thanksgiving |



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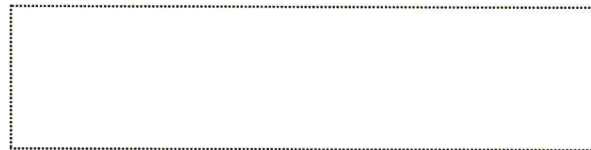
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