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ANE District Names Interim District Executive



ANE INTERIM DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE, RANDALL
YODER

The Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren Executive Committee is delighted to announce that **Randall (Randy) Lee Yoder** D.Min., has accepted a call to serve

as our Interim District Executive beginning March 1, 2017.

A Manchester College and Bethany Theological Seminary graduate, Randy has been a faithful minister in the Church of the Brethren for over 50 years. He has served as a Pastor, a professor, a Director of a denominational agency and most relevant for this call, a District Executive with the Middle PA District for 20 of those years and an Interim District

Executive for Pacific Southwest District in 2009. The District Executive Committee prayerfully considered his profile, and after an interview, which felt more like a good conversation, it became clear to extend the call to Randy.

The Interim District Executive will be a three-quarter time position, for which Randy has committed to serve up to one year. He lives in Huntingdon, PA with his wife, Margaret, where he will accomplish some adminis-

trative work and will be accessible by phone, email, and other electronic communications. Three days per week Randy will be on site at the District Office and will publish his office hours as he begins.

We thank you for your continued prayers for this time of transition and are grateful for Randy's willingness to serve us in this important way.

Craig Smith, District Executive Retires December 31; Celebration Planned

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you are invited to a drop-in celebration for Craig and Vicki Smith as we thank them for their years of service to the Atlantic Northeast District.

Following worship, please join us at the **Hempfield Church of the Brethren on Sunday, January 15,**

from 12:00-3:30pm.

There will be food and refreshments and time for conversation to bless them in the next steps of their life. We are so grateful for Craig and Vicki's faithfulness and hope that you can be a part of sharing in this together.



ANE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE,
CRAIG SMITH RETIRES IN
DECEMBER

Hempfield CoB is located at 1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA.

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Chibok Schoolgirls Released from Boko Haram Captivity

As reported in October 2016, 21 Chibok schoolgirls were released from Boko Haram captivity.

Lancaster CoB has been focused in prayer for a number of the girls, but one in particular, Comfort Habiila, was among the released.

Here are a few photos supplied by EYN, who was present for the celebration and ceremony held by the Nigerian government.



ABOVE: REVEREND PAUL ABRAHAM, EYN (STANDING), JOEL BILLI, PRESIDENT EYN (KNEELING) WITH SCHOOL GIRLS. ABOVE RIGHT: PASTOR BILLI, COMFORT HABIILA AND SLAMATU BILLI. BOTTOM RIGHT: MORE GIRLS LOOKING HAPPY AT CELEBRATION.

FATHER, ACCEPT MY CHILD (Agony of Chibok Girl)

I was a virgin
The last time I left home
You can't even imagine
Since the day I was born
That I would someday vanish
For two years without home.

I was a student
The last paper was physics
I told you, I won't be late
Since my days in school is finished
But two years I failed
To return home as promised.

I was a daughter
Like the one you cherished
I called you my father
Since you gave me the reason
To love you forever

I was a Christian
The last time I left you

You urged me to sustain
My whole life with His book
But for two years I was made
A convert by the gun.

In days of horror
Weeks of pain
And months of torture
I tarry with terror
Who stole my pride

Every day I cringed
In fear of blood
That flows around my feet
On a crimson floor

No place to hide
When the bullets fly
Shooting from the ground, falling
from the sky
In this I labored and bore a child

I know you missed me
My heart tells me that
Even though you left me
To suffer just like that

I know your wishes
The last time you said so.
To grow up a lady
In your household
Get husband to marry.

I know today you're happy
Your daughter is brought back
Even though you hide it
A grandson you don't need
Cos you fear he brings harm
His father was a bad seed.

Father, I share your fears
But everyone mustn't know
So I swallow my tears
Even before they are formed.
For a child is here

Whom we're not prepared for
For months he calls me mother
Now am home I call you father
He looks my face with wonder
Then he smiles and call you
grandpa

His looks, just like father's
But his limbs reminds me a monster
That puts in me a gangster
But I pray he turns out like father
So kind and nice like tender

Poor child;
I look down at him with anger
He looks back at me with laughter
He is my blood and water
It's not his fault to come by

The pain in me may last forever
And my love for him is forever
Please accept my child, dear father.



ANE Today Goes Green

You are receiving your last paper copy of “ANE Today” unless you have contacted the District Office to keep yourself on the mailing list. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy, please call the office.

We will automatically convert those whom we already have emails for in January, and the first official digital distribution of the

newsletter is planned for March/April.

Help us go green! Go to our website under the Newsletter menu and register your email, or follow the steps to text. Or, you can scan this QRL Code below.



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New Members in ANE District

Spring Creek— *Baptism:* Sofia Howe, Alexander Snyder; *Letter:* Nancy Gamber; *Reaffirmation:* Cara Snyder

Mt. Wilson – *Reaffirmation:* Phyllis Buck

Installation, Ordination and Licensing Services:

ANE has been busy the last couple of months with celebrating many installation, ordination and licensing services!

Joseph Gendy (Light of the Gospel) had his licensing service on November 12 by District Executive Craig Smith.



Matt Ross (Hanoverdale) had his ordination service on December 11 by District Executive Craig Smith.



Megan Lester's (Paxton) installation service was November 20 by District Director of Stewardship, Kay Weaver.



Brian Messler (Ephrata) had his installation service on December 11 by Galen Brumbaugh, District Ministry Commission Member.





Southern PA District Challenge

Imagine! A brand new church building to seat at least 100 people! And a congregation ready to move in! Can we raise the funds? YES!

In the East Central African (Great Lakes Region) countries of Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo are emerging church groups identifying with the Church of the Brethren. Churches that Marla Abe (co-pastor Carlisle CoB) and Chris Elliott (pastor Knobsville CoB) were privileged to visit in Feb/March 2016. The Lord willing, they, along with Galen Hackman (interim pastor Florin CoB), will return in February 2017 for further seminars on Brethren beliefs and practices.

There are two congregations in Rwanda—one in Gisenyi, a small city, the other in Gasiza, a country church. Both are in need of buildings. The local culture give a congregation legitimacy when there is actually a building present. Otherwise, they are considered a “quick operation” in which someone declares himself a pastor and takes the money. At present, the Gisenyi CoB is renting a building (\$400/month), requiring most of their offerings to pay the rent. They own a small plot of land for future building.

The Gasiza CoB is meeting outside under a tree. The platform is a porch from a decaying building. The rainy season will keep them from meeting. Land has been purchased for a new church building, where they had hoped to construct a simple mud building. Unfortunately, that is not permitted as it is located in an active volcano area. So they will

need to purchase baked bricks or cement blocks. This church is thriving, with many children attending. Fourteen new people came to Christ there this month!

Gasiza congregation worshipping



outdoors.

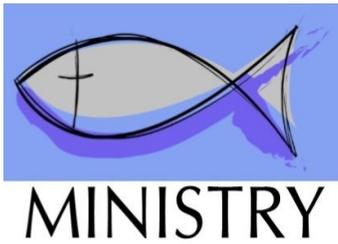
The Gasiza building will cost around \$26,000 to build. Our goal is to raise that much by the end of December. The Southern PA District Conference offering was over \$2,000, giving a great start. Part of the plan is to not tell our fellow Brethren in Rwanda of this gift of a new building. We want to surprise them with the funds when we visit in 2017. Can you imagine the joy and the glory given to God? Wow!

These churches are very evangelistic and outreach oriented. They have various projects and preaching points to share the Gospel and help the disadvantaged. Your support for the Gasiza church building, or any of the needs listed for the emerging denomination in Rwanda and DR Congo may be part of your budget, your Sunday School class giving, or a fundraiser. You may also give as an individual. You might give the money in lieu of Christmas presents. Have fun! Be like God and show grace and generosity!

Needs of the emerging denomination in Rwanda & Congo:

- Two church buildings in Rwanda—\$26,000 each
- Cement for floor of church building in Ngovi, DR Congo— \$1,700
- Cows for pastors, who are self-supporting—17 pastors, 3 cows given so far—\$500 ea.
- Education for pastors’ children. At least 20 plus, \$400/year which includes three semesters, uniforms, school supplies and shoes. Can be sent \$100 every three months.
- Goats or sheep for widows—\$35 each
- Clothing or shoes for pygmy tribes—\$200/batch
- Plastic chairs for church buildings—\$10 each—hundreds needed
- Solar lights where there is no electronic—\$25 each
- Solar chargers—\$100 and up
- Soccer balls for youth/young adult ministry—\$10 each
- Pumps for soccer balls—3 for \$15
- Rada knife sharpener—\$7 each
- Lapel pins with towel and basin—\$4 from Brethren Press

Please send all funds to the Southern PA District Office: 6035 York Rd., Box 218, New Oxford, PA 17350-0218. Phone: 717-624-8636. Questions may be directed to Marla: 717-243-3526 (marbieabe@gmail.com) or Chris: 717-262-3154 (cwelliott56@gmail.com)



Placement News

- Conewago** - Called Erv Huston as Interim. Search committee to be formed.
- East Cocalico** - Negotiating. John Shaffer serves an Interim.
- Florin** - Galen Hackman serves as Intentional Interim.
- Green Tree** - Rod O'Donnell serves as Interim. Profile Developing.
- Parker Ford** - Beginning search for new staff. Search Committee formed.
- Long Run** - Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team.
- Mechanic Grove** - Ready to interview.
- Myerstown** - Ready to interview. Jack Harpold serves as Interim.
- Quakertown** - Interviewing. Sandy Christophel serves as Interim.

ANE's Ministry Emphasis:

Be an ALL IN Church. Be ...
 Going. Glowing. Growing.
 Godly. We have designated
 2017 *The Year of Glowing!*
 Let's get Glowing. Let's do
 this! Let's be the church we
 are created to be.

Outreach Update

God's Squad is described as a team of people working for God. We invite the children to come learn more about our Squad Chief, God. The Headquarters & host for this ministry is **Chiques Church of the Brethren**. Our vision for God's Squad is that would strengthen our church and community by meeting the needs of our children through spiritual & physical refreshment.

God's Squad is a mid-week, evening program for children

Kindergarten through 5th grade. This program runs bi-weekly from October to March. Each week, the attendance is approximately 50 children, both from our congregation as well as from the community. Each age group has a teacher & a helper. Students go to their assigned classroom when they arrive at 6:45. Throughout the evening, they are taught a bible lesson, have gym



time with organized games & snack or treats, which are donated by members of our congregation. There are also organized crafts taught on 2

evenings throughout the year.

We also host a special guest for the children (& their families, should they want to attend). Some of our favorites over the years include a reptile presentation, a ventriloquist, a puppet show, musical groups & a chalk talk. Each guest reinforces biblical principles we want the children to learn.

Everyone involved gets a free tee shirt to wear. Each grade is represented with a different color. The students are encouraged to wear them to school as a way to promote God's Squad & it builds a sense of comradery among the students.

During the summer months our church also holds Vacation Bible School & day camp for children, so God's Squad is a way to stay connected during the school year. Our prayer is that we touch lives & plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.



For more information, please check out our ANE website, or contact Mary Etta Reinhart, Director of Witness and Outreach at mreinhart@ane-cob.org.

Barnabas Fund Update: Harrisburg First

The Barnabas Fund Team met in early May to determine 2017 funding based on requests received from ANE district churches. Alpha & Omega, Brooklyn First, Germantown, and Harrisburg First were all offered funding for 2017 subject to the approval of the ANE District Ministry Investment Plan.

Harrisburg First will use the funds they receive to support the Agape-Satyagraha program (A-S) created and managed by bcmPEACE (Brethren Community Ministries), Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren's community outreach arm. We were told in their report that "the A-S program was developed to teach youth in grades 6-12 peaceful conflict resolution, negotiation mediation, and social change skills in order to reduce the number of conflicts that lead to an increasing level of often life-threatening violence on South Allison Hill in Harrisburg. Agape-Satyagraha combines Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Christian Agape (Unselfish Love) philosophy with the tactics of Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha' (Truth Force)." In this same report we were told that "violence, especially gun violence, is a pervasive presence

in the culture of South Allison Hill in Harrisburg and has become an almost expected response to interpersonal conflict among youth living on The Hill. In 2016 alone there have been five gun homicides as of this application date (May 2016) including one 5-day period in which there were seven shootings."

The Harrisburg First congregation will be supported by the ANE District Barnabas Fund with a \$15,000 annual commitment in 2017. This is just one more way that our ANE district congregations are able to work together to enable congregations with identifiable needs to more productively offer successful outreach and evangelism ministries in their communities.





ANE District Disaster Response Report

Have you ever considered spending a week (or more) of your time putting your faith into action by helping those who have suffered significant loss due to a natural disaster? Have you ever wondered how active people find time to step away from their busy schedules to reach out to those in need of a helping hand?

In spite of many commitments and busy schedules, volunteers from all over our ANE District have once again been actively involved in “putting their faith into action” at Brethren Disaster Ministry work sites this year. According to the BDM website “Brethren Disaster Ministries’ Rebuild Program engages volunteers to repair and rebuild storm damaged homes for some of the most vulnerable disaster survivors, thereby easing trauma and promoting recovery. By demonstrating Christ’s love and putting their faith in action as they restore damaged homes, volunteers also restore broken lives.”*

This year, there were 174 volunteer responses from the ANE District who served at one of 4 different BDM work sites for a total of 21 weeks. Volunteers served 8 different weeks in Loveland, Colorado, where major flooding occurred in September 2013 after 20 inches of rain fell, causing five major rivers to become raging torrents of destruction. Volun-

teers served 5 different weeks in Columbia, South Carolina where severe flooding occurred in October 2015 after 17 inches of rain fell in five days. In addition, volunteers served 7 different weeks in Detroit Michigan where basements were flooded after heavy rains in August 2014 overwhelmed many drain systems causing the sewers to back up into the basements of over 129,000 homes. In addition, one volunteer served several weeks at a BDM work site in West Virginia.

Did you know that the ANE District coordinates funding of the travel costs of these volunteers as they travel to and from the BDM work sites? Thanks to the generous support of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction and thanks to generous support of the ANE Disaster Benevolence Fund, ANE District volunteers, who find the time in the busy calendars to volunteer with BDM, are able to travel to these BDM work sites at no cost to themselves.

Now is the time for you and your congregation to sign up to serve for a week with Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuild work projects in 2017. For more information or to sign up, please contact your congregation’s disaster response area coordinator. You may also contact Bob Eisemann, the ANE



For more information check out our ANE website or contact Mary Etta Reinhart, Director of Witness & Outreach at mreinhart@ane-cob.org

Disaster Response Coordinator, by email rqeisemann@gmail.com or by phone at 733-7413.

*<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/rebuild/>





Women's Spring Fellowship— March 4 Harrisburg First CoB, 9:00am– 2:30pm

Please join us for this exciting, inspirational event!

Leah J. Hileman will speak on "**Our Kinsman Redeemer**".

Leah J. Hileman is an ordained minister, musician, and retreat leader. She serves as Minister of Music at Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, and is a recording artist on House Rat Records. Her latest album, *The Impossible* is available at www.LeahJMusic.com

Registration is \$7.50 per person.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 22.

Coffee and tea are available upon check-in and lunch will also be provided.

You may register online at our website under the registration tab, or send your name, contact information and payment to the District Office.

2017 Blanket Project: 9" x 7" templates will be available to you, as well as other knitting patterns, for you to make patches, knitted or crocheted, with

"worsted yarn". The blankets will be made from your patches. Patches will be collected at Women's Fellowship Camp in August. Have extra worsted yarn? You may bring along to share with others.



LEAH J. HILEMAN—
GUEST SPEAKER,
WOMEN'S SPRING
FELLOWSHIP

Save the Date:

August 20-22
2017 Women's Camp
Camp Swatara



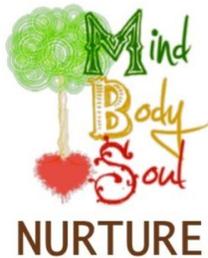
In Memoriam



Board Member, **Barbara Platt**, arrived at her final home on Friday, November 18. Barb also served on the ANE Stewardship Commission.

Jean Stoner passed away on Friday evening, November 25, while hospitalized at Pinnacle Health West Shore Hospital. A lifelong member of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, she was the widow of the late John Stoner, who served as District Treasurer for many years. She and her husband served as operators of the LVBH Gift Shop for many years.

Pastor **Anthony DiBenedetto**, of the Philadelphia Geiger Memorial CoB, passed away Friday evening, November 25.



By Jess Ross

DISTRICT
JUNIOR HIGH
YOUTH AT
CAMP
SWATARA FOR
RETREAT



Junior High Retreat Recap

We retreated on October 21-23, 2016 at Camp Swatara. **Sarah Parcell** was our insightful speaker. She led sessions on “The Least of These” and we heard about WHO the least of these are, WHAT can we do about it, and HOW do we accomplish it. **Ryan Arndt** was our masterful piano player and song leader. The **Senior High Youth Cabinet** was there to lead bag skits and participate in a question and answer session. We were able to clear some trails and clean windows as a service to Camp. We played lots of games including the popular gaga and 9 square in the air. We ate great food, had a campfire and had a great time together!



Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming Nurture sponsored events! To register, and for more information, go to the registration menu on our website.

Senior High Retreat—
January 20-22, Camp Swatara; Registration Deadline: January 5, 2017
Cost: Youth – \$100, Advisors – \$60

Junior High Lock In—
February 17-18, Ephrata Rec Center
Time: 10 pm – 6 am
Registration Deadline: February 9, 2017
Cost: \$15 per youth, free for Advisors
There will be devotion time, games, movies, gym time, swimming and food.

Junior AND Senior High Service Project

Date: April 8, 2017
Location: We are planning for three locations that you can choose from, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Philadelphia
No cost! Registration Deadline: March 30, 2017



The Young Adult Steering Committee met in September to discuss and plan the upcoming 2017 Young Adult Conference. The committee includes: Rudy Amaya (Pasadena, Calif.), Jessie Houff (Hurleyville, N.Y.), Amanda McLearn-Montz (Iowa City, Iowa), Renee Neher (Lombard, Ill.), Kyle Remnant (Cincinnati, Ohio), and **Mark Pickens (Harrisburg, Pa.)**



Mennonite & Brethren Marriage & Engaged Encounter Announces 2017 Dates

Take a break from wedding planning and spend a weekend away with your fiancé(e) at an upcoming **Engaged Encounter** focusing on your upcoming marriage! Learn more about each other as you learn about communication, how to deal with stress in marriage, how to make your marriage last a lifetime, and more!



Each of the following Engaged Encounter weekends will be held at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon, PA with the exception for the February 17-19 weekend, which will be held at Twin Pines Camp in Stroudsburg, PA

- January 6-8
- February 17-19
- March 17-19
- May 5-7
- August 4-6
- September 22-24
- November 17-19

Isn't it time you took a break from the stresses of life and focused on each other while strengthening your marriage relationship? **Marriage Encounter** helps you do that as you learn about communication, how to deal with stress in marriage, how to make your marriage last a lifetime, and more! A Marriage Encounter will be held **February 10-12** at Kenbrook Bible Camp.



♦ *Our clergy weekend especially designed for pastors is March 2-4.*

For more details visit: www.marriageencounter.org; send us an email (love@marriageencounter), or give us a call at 717-569-5676.

District Calendar

• **Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2—District Office Closed** •

January

- 16** Office Closed
- 20-22** Senior High Retreat, Camp Swatara

February

- 11** Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity, Lititz CoB
- 17-18** Junior High Lock-In, Ephrata Community Center
- 20** Office Closed

In case of inclement weather, the District Office follows the Elizabethtown School District's schedule for closings and delays.



The Elizabethtown College Faculty Wind Quintet will chase away any winter blues you may have on January 15, 2017, at the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz. Their program ranges from Beethoven to Gershwin, plus favorite folk tunes arranged by William Grant Still and selections by Persichetti, Hallam and Arne Running. Members of the quintet are Paula Nelson, flute; Jill Marchione, oboe; Faith Shiffer, clarinet; Gail Ober, bassoon; and Cheryl Staherski, French horn. The concert, which begins at 3:00 pm in the church sanctuary, is open to the public. A cost sharing

offering will be received. The snow date for this concert is the following Sunday, January 22. Call the church at 626-2131 or check the church's website www.lititzcob.org for directions or more details.



Stewardship University

[Save the date!](#)



Saturday, April 8, 2017
Calvary Church
Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

John Pletcher, lead pastor of Manor Church—Gears, grease and glory; joining God's mission in your daily work

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- A biblical, Christ-centered, Anabaptist focus for the event

More than 30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship, including:

- **Business as mission: Transformational leadership in the workplace**—Keith Blank of Lancaster Mennonite Conference, Tony Hunt of LEFC, John Pletcher of Manor Church with marketplace leaders
- **Being a Sabbath-keeper**—Jim and Kaylene Derksen of Eastern Mennonite Missions
- **Bioethics and the church**—Ken Nafziger of Evangelical Seminary
- **Following Jesus in befriending Muslims**—EMM's Christian/Muslim Relations Team
- **Nutrition and fitness**—Janelle Glick and Erica Kauffman
- **Welcoming refugees**—Christine Baer of Church World Service
- **Aging in place**—Anabaptist Providers Group (APG)
- **Estate planning**—Tem Shawaryn of Brubaker Connaughton Goss and Lucarelli LLC
- **Ethical wills**—Sophie Penny of Foxdale Village
- **Restoring women from trafficking and exploitation**—Jen Sensenig of North Star Initiative
- **Hunger and homelessness**—Lancaster County Council of Churches
- **Financial education and budgeting**—Lutheran Social Services
- **Alzheimer's and dementia care**—Home Instead

For more information, contact:

Kevin Nofzinger, Church and Member Relations Representative
kevin.nofzinger@everence.com, (717)653-6662

You can also register online at StewardshipUniversity.com starting Thursday, Dec 1



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
Continuing Education Program presents:

Reimagining Art for Worship

Led by Diane Brandt

March 18, 2017
Lititz Church of the Brethren
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



"The Ascending Dance" by Diane Brandt

Like the choral anthem, the message, the prayers, and rituals, liturgical art enhances the worship experience. Each element is meant to awaken us and open our hearts to God. The spiritual disciplines that go into sermon writing—prayer, meditation, study, and reflection—can also be used to create liturgical art. This kind of art-making can be called “co-creation,” for one creates in partnership with The Creator, in a process that is itself an act of worship. This workshop will explore fresh possibilities for art in liturgical spaces and lead participants through a process for “co-creating” art themselves.

Cost: \$65 (includes light breakfast, lunch, materials fee, and 0.6 CEUs)
Registration deadline: March 3, 2017

Diane Brandt is Minister of Visual Arts at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER

Continuing Education Series



UNDERSTANDING OUR AMERICAN MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

LED BY GEORGE PICKENS
MARCH 25, 2017, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MECHANICSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the US, and this event is designed to introduce our American Muslim neighbors so that we might begin to love them as Jesus commanded. Participants will visit some of our Muslim neighbors at a local mosque. The presenter, George Pickens, has been teaching Islam and Christian witness among Muslims for over 25 years, first in Africa where he spent 14 years, and currently at Messiah College, where he is Professor of Theology and Director of the Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. George is actively involved in building positive relations with Muslims in the Capital Region of central Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the Mechanicsburg (PA) Church of the Brethren and an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Cost is *\$55.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.7 CEU's) *If 3 or more register from the same congregation, cost is \$35/person. If possible, please register all from congregation at the same time. Registration will cap at 35 participants, so please register early.

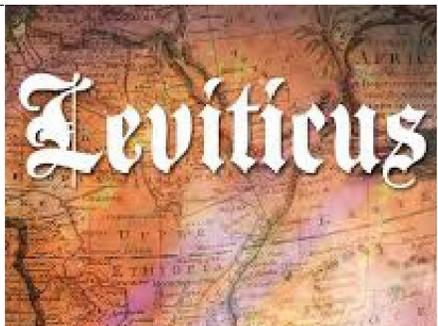
Registration deadline: March 10, 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

April 24, 2017

10 Plus Reasons to Love Leviticus

Bob Neff, Keynote Speaker
With Christina Bucher, David Leiter, Frank Ramirez, and Brody Rike



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Questions?
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svmc@etown.edu

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Congregation _____ District _____

Meat or vegetarian lunch? _____ Other dietary restrictions? _____

Where did you hear about this event? _____



11th Annual Adult Trip to Acadia, Maine — September 2017

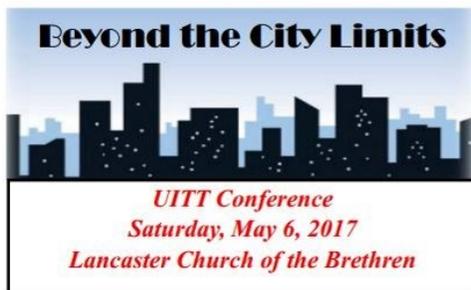


Camp Swatara is sponsoring a trip to Acadia National Park and the surrounding area from September 8-17. Ray and Judy Powell, who have co-led this trip for the past ten years, have more than 30 years of experience exploring the Park. Activities include nature discovery walks, boat rides, as well as a carriage ride through the Park. Park Ranger presentations are included on several of these discoveries. Sightings of deer, eagles, seals and beaver are common. (Sorry, no moose, but you never know.) There is a stop at the famous Jordan Pond House to eat popovers and time to explore the shops of Bar Harbor.

Housing accommodations in Maine are in modern 2-3 bedroom cottages located on the water's edge outside of Bar Harbor (www.seasidemaine.com). Each cottage is comfortably furnished and includes private bedrooms (double occupancy), as well as a shared bath, kitchen and living room. Travel to and from Acadia is provided by two Camp vans. Overnight accommodations while traveling are in three star hotels and included in the cost of the trip.

The estimated cost is \$975 per person (dependent upon final accommodation costs). This cost includes all housing accommodations, transportation, tickets, all breakfasts and the dinner/supper meal while in Maine. Participants should be able to walk 2.5 miles on National Park trails rated as easy. For additional information, contact camp directly (717-933-8510) or contact Ray and Judy at jmprkp@comcast.net or 717-669-7403.

Save the Date !!!



Are there obstacles in your ministry?

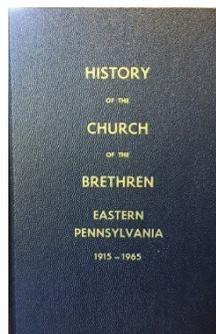
Those obstacles may actually be the next opportunity in the future of your church.



Chris Johnson, Lead Pastor
Divine Unity Community Church
Harrisonburg, VA

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Annual Conference Transportation & Room

Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Lancaster, Elizabethtown, Carlisle, and Bedford on June 27, we will return home on July 3, 2017. For information and reservations please contact Ken at kreiderk@etown.edu or 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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