

# ANE Today



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

ALL IN: Going. Glowing. Growing. Godly.

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### ANE District Conference: October 7



***Transformed  
Into His Image***

*Romans 12:1-2*

“Transformed Into His Image” – changed, different, altered, converted.

The Bible speaks about transformation in Romans 12:1-2. The definition of being transformed means a complete and thorough major change in someone or something in appearance or character. An example of a complete change in life and character is the wondrous butterfly. In the original Greek of the New Testament, the word transformation is metamorphosis: a profound change in form, one stage to the next, in the life history of an organism.

The Lord desires for each of us to be transformed, this is accomplished by

having a renewed mind. Our mind has to be changed in such a way that the old nature with its values, beliefs and practices, is replaced by what conforms to the mind of Christ.

We exchange the old nature for that of the new nature, which dwells in every Christian. This is done by the renewing of the mind through the Holy Spirit. “Renewing” means a complete change for the better “renewing of the Holy Spirit” – Titus 3:5

The beauty of transformation is finding His goodness and acceptable and perfect will is exactly what we need in our lives. His will in our lives will prove to us, our family, our church and our community, the perfect will of God is His gracious provision for our mental and spiritual well-being.

With renewed minds, the fruit of the spirit works in and through our lives.

May God bless us and our

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churches, in the process of growing in grace so we can be “Transformed Into His Image.” We invite you to join us for District Conference on October 7, 2017, to renew your mind and work toward transforming your life!

-Glenn Martin, 2017 District Conference Moderator

### Atlantic Northeast District Conference 2017

#### Individual Non Delegate Registration Form– Use only if unable to register online

Registration is now open for those planning to attend District Conference on October 7. **Please visit [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) and register under the registrations menu to register.** For those who cannot register through a church or online, you may mail this form to the District office by September 15, along with your check for \$30, payable to Atlantic Northeast District. The fee includes a conference booklet, lunch, and use of facility. After September 15, the fee is \$40.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_



## Former ANE District Executive Allen Hansell Passes

Dr. Allen Thomas Hansell, Sr. passed away on May 10, 2017, following a battle with cancer. Allen was married to Lois Carper Hansell for 56 years until her death on December 27, 2015. Allen celebrated his 80th birthday on November 25, 2016.

Allen graduated from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA in 1964 with a B.A. degree in Philosophy and Religion. He obtained his Master's of Divinity degree in 1967 from Bethany Theological Seminary and finally a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1983 from the same institution.

Allen served as a Pastor for 25 years in DE, PA and MD. His years of pastoral ministry were followed by nine years as the Executive of the Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren, and four years as the denomination's Director of Ministry. He retired in 2006 as the Director of Church Relations at Elizabethtown College, although he remained as a member of the Board of Trustees until his passing.

At the time of his death, he had completed several successful years



as a member of the campaign committee of Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, an effort that was very dear to his heart.

## New Members: ANE District

**East Fairview—** *Baptism:* Manny Alzate, Paul Ganster, Skyler Ganster, Wyatt Stoltzfus; *Letter:* Jodi Earhart, Beth Stauffer, Dave Stauffer; *Reaffirmation:* Dany Fry, Rochelle Fry, Neil Rohrer.

**Mohrsville—** *Letter:* Rachel Rohrbach, David Crookshank.



Please be in prayer for the following individuals of our district who are on the Standing Committee and ballot at Annual Conference this year:

James M. Beckwith (incumbent) Lebanon, PA; Annville CoB: Annual Conference Secretary.

Paul Brubaker (incumbent) Ephrata, PA; Middle Creek CoB:

Bethany Theological Seminary Trust, Clergy.

Sarah Huston Brenneman (incumbent) Hershey, PA; Harrisburg First CoB: Brethren Benefit Trust Board.

### ANE District Standing Committee:

Belita Mitchell, Harrisburg First  
Jeff Rill, Lancaster  
Mark Baliles, Indian Creek;

## District Calendar

**July 1:**  
ANE District Conference  
Delegate Registration Due

**July 4:**  
Office Closed

**July 18:**  
Readiness for Ministry

**August 20-22:**  
Women's Camp

**September 4:**  
Office Closed

**September 4-8:**  
NOAC

**September 16:**  
Spiritual Gifts  
Seminar



## Meet Christine Dugan, District Conference Manager

A native of Central Pennsylvania, Christine is a detail-oriented professional, with a passion for serving the Lord. Prior to finishing college, Christine attended the University of London, and began her career at a public relations firm. Soon after, Christine earned a degree in Communication, with merit, from the University of Pittsburgh. Christine's degree in Communication has led her to successfully work around the country, serving many non-profit Christian organizations.

Over the past 15 years, Christine worked to bring out the best in the organizations that she became part of. She has extensive experience in marketing, public relations, and event coordinating.

In her personal time, Christine runs a small business, and volunteers for a Board of Education, serving as the Marketing Committee Chair.

As the ANE District Conference Manager, Christine is eager to use her God-given gifts to facilitate and coordinate the annual conferences. Her education, experience, and enthusiasm serve her well, while working to further the Kingdom of God.



## Annual Conference Sunday & Business Meeting Webcasts

Congregations and individuals from across the country and around the world are invited to worship together as one virtual church on Annual Conference Sunday, July 2, by sharing in the worship webcast. "You can broadcast the service live to your church and worship with thousands of other Brethren!" said the invitation. Go to [www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts) for information and instructions.

Participants in a variety of time zones will be able to join in the webcast at any time, or restart the broadcast from the beginning, and will be able to comment and chat online with the webcast coordinator. A bulletin for the Annual Conference Sunday worship service will be available in June, to download and print from the Annual Conference website.

Also to be webcast are the business sessions and the daily worship services from the Conference, according to the following schedule (all times are Eastern):

- June 28: Opening Worship at 7-8:30 p.m.
- June 29: Morning Business Session at 8:30-11:30 a.m.,  
Afternoon Business Session at 2-4:30 p.m.,  
Evening Worship at 7-8:30 p.m.
- June 30: Morning Business Session at 8:30-11:30 a.m.,  
Evening Worship at 7-8:30 p.m.
- July 1: Morning Business Session at 8:30-11:30 a.m.,  
Afternoon Business Session at 2-4:30 p.m.,  
Evening Worship at 7-8:30 p.m.
- July 2: Annual Conference Sunday Worship Service at 8:30-10:30 a.m.



There is no registration fee to participate in webcasts, but viewers are asked to consider making an online donation to help make the ministries of the Church of the Brethren known through the webcasts.

*Church of the Brethren Newslines, May 22, 2017*



### 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.

## Placement News

**Conewago:** Pursuing an Intentional Interim. Interviewing.  
**Florin:** Beginning the search process. Galen Hackman serves as Intentional Interim.  
**Green Tree:** Interviewing. Rod O'Donnell serves as Interim.  
**Hershey**  
**Spring Creek:** Interviewing.  
**Lititz:** Interviewing.  
**Long Run:** Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team.  
**Mechanic Grove:** Reviewing Profiles. Bob Kettering serves as Interim.  
**Nuevo Amanecer:** Negotiating.  
**Parker Ford:** Reviewing Profiles.  
**Philadelphia Geiger:** Open.  
**Quakertown:** Interviewing.

**RITA CARTER, MECHANIC GROVE COB, HAD HER LICENSING SERVICE ON JUNE 11, 2017. DISTRICT MINISTRY CHAIR, MARVIN FOSTER PERFORMED THE SERVICE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED!**



INTERIM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, **RANDY YODER**, SKILLFULLY GUIDING THE WILMINGTON COB THROUGH THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CYCLE PROCESSES ON JUNE 4.



How many of you have a Facebook account? ANE has their own page, and we invite you to join and follow it. Keep up-to-date on events and other things going on throughout your District. We post about ANE as well as other Church of the Brethren congregations, institutions and agencies. Check us out next time you are scrolling through your feed: AtlanticNortheastDistrict







## Beyond the City Limits: Recap of the May 6 Conference

Over seventy people gathered at Lancaster Church of the Brethren to learn more about how to expand their ministry in spite of their perceived limitations. The day was filled with times of worship and testimony, as well as, opportunities for fellowship and learning in a smaller workshop setting.

Chris Johnson, founder and lead pastor of Divine Unity Community Church based in Harrisonburg, VA shared words of encouragement reminding us that "Diversity is not assimilation, but appreciation." The story of Pentecost where the Holy Spirit enabled the early church to speak in many languages was an image used to remind those present of the diversity found in the early church. The Revelation 7 image of the great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb was another image shared of a church gathered in all its variety to worship the Heavenly Father. In spite of the differences and variety of gifts and abilities of those in our communities, we are challenged to reach out to

all to share the Gospel message.

Five different workshops led by Cherelle Johnson, Brian Messler, Belita Mitchell, Joel Pena, and Ron Tilley gave participants the ability to focus on some of the challenges facing our congregations today. Workshop topics included topics like LOVE (Your City Here), Reverse Service Evangelism, Dismantling Barriers and Building Bridges, Ministering to the Well Women, and Urban Latino Ministry Challenges & Outcomes.

Worship teams from Ephrata, Harrisburg First, and Alpha & Omega added an air of praise and worship to the day. Testimonies of God at work were shared by Leonor Ochoa of Lirio De Los Valles, and David Samaan of Light of the Gospel, as well as, a member of Alpha and Omega.

**It was a rewarding day filled with challenge and encouragement!**



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE: CHRIS JOHNSON, PLENARY SPEAKER; DAVID SAMAAAN, LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL, SHARING TESTIMONY AND HARRISBURG FIRST WORSHIP TEAM; ALPHA & OMEGA WORSHIP TEAM; EPHRATA WORSHIP TEAM; LEONOR OCHOA, LIRIO DE LOS VALLES, SHARING TESTIMONY WITH GENESIS SANTIAGO, ALPHA & OMEGA, TRANSLATING



## Church 2 Church: Jennersville and Mechanic Grove

Church 2 Church is a community building ministry outreach opportunity that allows churches with needs to partner with churches who are interested in a service project. The work being done is meant to offer encouragement and a spiritual boost to a congregation with needs it cannot meet on its own.



**Mary Etta Reinhart,**  
Director



In April, volunteers from Mechanic Grove offered to team up with members of Jennersville COB to aid them in their annual spring landscape work. The annual job of cleaning out and mulching the area around the church building has become an ever increasingly more difficult challenge for this small, aging congregation. Mechanic Grove is a neighboring congregation with a history of offering support to others, including in this case, a church in need.



It took only two hours for volunteers to circle the church, pull out weeds that had collected over the winter season, and to brighten the flower beds with fresh new mulch. After the work was done, the group gathered in the fellowship area for a time of sharing lunch and stories about a job well done.

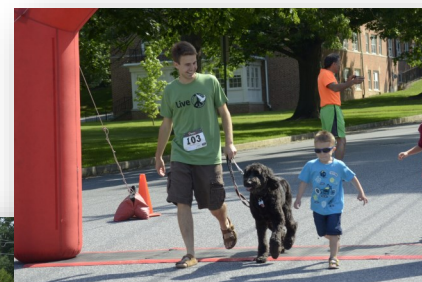
If your congregation is in need of a helping hand or if your small group or Sunday School class is interested in offering a helping hand to another congregation, please contact, Mary Etta Reinhart, Director of Witness and Outreach at [mreinhardt@ane-cob.org](mailto:mreinhardt@ane-cob.org) or 717-808-4306. This is a great opportunity to be the answer to a prayer!

## 2017 Walk/Run for Peace

The Run for Peace was a wonderful celebration on June 10. With 110 runners and walkers, Elizabethtown CoB was able to raise \$6,874.78 for non-profit New Community Project. The organization will use the funds for efforts such as buying hygiene kits for girls in Africa through its "Give a Girl a Chance" program. NCP will also provide monies to the "If a Tree Falls" program of peace through reforestation. For more information about this year's beneficiary, see NCP's website: [www.newcommunityproject.org/](http://www.newcommunityproject.org/)

A huge thank you is extended to race sponsors, participants and the many volunteers who made it happen. For race results and pictures and, check out [www.etowncob.org/runforpeace](http://www.etowncob.org/runforpeace).

Next year's Run for Peace will be held in June 2018. Bring your church group and your family!



Photos by:  
Daniel Rodriguez





## Stories from ANE Disaster Response

What inspires you to keep on volunteering year after year with BDM? That was the question I asked Steve Keim, our Project Director Friday night as we debriefed the week's activities. His answer boiled down to one thing: the joy of helping others.

In April, a group of 15 from White Oak CoB spent a week working at the Columbia, SC site. Most of us were return volunteers who were looking forward to helping folks repair or rebuild their homes after flooding rains in Oct. 2015.

Our team was building a new 1,000 sq.ft. home for Elase, who woke up to knee deep water in her home. Can you imagine the shock and dismay of such a soggy mess? She was very thankful for all the volunteers who came from far and near to help her. Hopefully by mid summer she can move into her new home.

It is so neat to see how God provides just the right people at the right time. We had 2 career carpenters on our team who did a great job leading the rest of us in framing, sheeting and roofing that new house! I am NOT a carpenter - I have been a domestic engineer for 32 years (homemaker and mother of 5), who does better cooking a meal than building a house. But the guys had faith in me and taught me to use the compound miter saw!! They gave me the measurements, and I kept them supplied with the 2x4's and 2x6's that they needed to frame the interior walls. I enjoyed the challenge and realized again that God doesn't always call the equipped, but He does always equip those that He calls.

We enjoyed working with Johnny Williams and his local group of volunteers with DERM (Disaster Emergency Relief Ministries) from the First Nazarene Baptist Church in Columbia. He had a few men each

day who diligently helped us. On Friday, he scheduled a large group of about 25 Navy recruiters to assist in the work. It took some planning to keep everyone busy. About half of them went down the road to another BDM rebuild house and put in insulation, while the rest helped with sheeting on our roof.

Despite tornado warnings on Monday and Wednesday, and some heavy rain, we felt like we got a lot done! Our group had comfortable accommodations at the Woods Edge and

enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship we shared together for the week.

My husband, Kervin and I have gone on 8 BDM trips now and would recommend them to anyone who is willing to work and learn new skills while serving others.

Quoting from a devotional: "You encourage by what you say, but you inspire by what you do. Who can you inspire to-

day? Your words are important, but your actions add inspiration to your encouragement!"

May God bless your service for HIM, Darlene Miller, White Oak CoB

Our team consisted of Ira Fahnestock, Mark Lowe, Matt Zimmerman and myself. Our project was to repair a trailer that was home to three autistic daughters. We removed rotted flooring and replaced floor joists as needed. New laminate flooring was installed over repaired floors in two rooms. We replaced damaged drywall, finished and painted three rooms.

We also installed flashing between the trailer and a porch, to keep rainwater from coming in around a window and the front door. We replaced one





## Stories from ANE Disaster Response (continued)

window that couldn't be repaired.

The first week of April was stormy in South Carolina and we had to evacuate one afternoon because of a tornado warning.

The best part of the week was the fellowship back at camp after a day of working!

~Earl Fahnestock, White Oak CoB

Site 1 –Miss Earthia told us that she was named for the late entertainer Eartha Kitt who was born in SC (she added the “i” for differentiation). Her home was an interesting split level on a hilly lot. The small semi-finished basement was flooded nearly 18 months ago. When we arrived it had been cleared and sanitized and the initial reconstruction begun. Furring strips were nailed to the concrete walls and some basic framing was done to repair the ceiling and re-enclose ductwork damaged by the moisture.

Our team's task was to complete the finish work. Doug did some minor electrical and HVAC repairs. Dale and Marv did a marvelous job fitting paneling and the associated trim. They were wizards at making the limited supplies look fabulous. Jim and I focused on spackling, sanding and painting. What wasn't paneled received a fresh coat of paint, including the floor.

Miss Earthia was incredibly grateful for the work we did for her and came out to lead us in very moving prayer before we departed. We had an exciting return trip to our quarters that included enormous and incredibly close lightning strikes! We had to unload rapidly in the rain – and we came to regret our haste later.

Site 2 – Miss Ola's home was another house on a hill. We were again remediating flood damage – this time an attached garage that was converted to a family room. Again we were the finishing crew. Inside we laid a new vinyl floor, chipped and caulked cracks between the floor and walls. Outside we re-directed a downspout and created a swale in the yard to



redirect runoff away from the back wall of the family room.

The finishing touches included having Miss Ola come down and direct the re-placement of her furnishings. The team displayed a marvelous attention to detail, great kindness and abundant patience while the positioning of articles was fine-tuned! She was very pleased and extremely grateful in the end.

Site 3 – This site was the most challenging for the owners. The home has no functioning water or electricity. In spite of all this Miss DeCarlo was quite cheerful and enjoyed introducing us to her daughter and grandson who arrived during our visit.

BDM is initially attempting to get water service restored. Several faucets in the house were too leaky to restore water service so repairs were needed. God often puts us at the right place when needed - Doug is a plumber by trade.

Doug and I went to this site while Dale, Jim and Marv finished the trim at Miss Ola's. While I handed tools and did outside work Doug “low crawled” about 30 yards around HVAC ducts in the crawl space under the house to find the connection to a fully failed outside faucet. In the end the best we could do was to cut it off and cap it. But this was a good first step to sealing off the water system.

Doug worked alone after lunch to successfully replace the shower valve cores that had also completely failed. Unfortunately we will not see the completion of this project.

Mark Fried, White Oak CoB, South Carolina worksite

Travel costs for ANE congregations who travel to BDM work sites under the coordination of our District Disaster Coordinator, Robert Eisemann, may be reimbursed by funds from the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction and the ANE Disaster Benevolence Fund. For more information you may contact Robert Eisemann by phone at 717-733-7413 or email at [rqeisemann@gmail.com](mailto:rqeisemann@gmail.com) or Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE District Director of Witness and Outreach by phone at 717-808-4306 or email at [mreinhart@ane-cob.org](mailto:mreinhart@ane-cob.org).





## Outreach Update: Springfield CoB

I was looking for a way to earn a little extra income, when I came upon an ad for a "Master Artist." I didn't really know what that was. Rembrandt is a master artist, not me, but it had artist, and I love to make art, so I decided to investigate. It turns out the listing was for a paint party service. As part of the application process, I had to be a participant in a paint party. I had a great time but I also had a thought. I could do this myself. So I bought some easels and supplies. I started to do a few paint parties for camps and nursing homes. I found it was fun. One of my life missions is to help people embrace their creativity and this seemed like a great way to do it.



Fast forward, I accepted the call to be pastor at Springfield COB. I wondered how a paint party would work as an outreach/fellowship opportunity for the church. We decided to try one and we were so pleased with the results that we have been doing them ever since!

I start by coming up with a simple painting that I can teach others to paint in approximately 60-90 minutes. The event is publicized to the church, including flyers they can hand out to their friends featuring the

picture they would be painting. We post a sign-up sheet so we have a rough idea of how many people are attending. We set up tables in our fellowship hall with easels, brushes and paint for each participant



The event itself lasts two hours. I start off with a few rules. Most of these are humorous, just to remind the people that we are there to have a good time and to set their minds at ease. Then I teach the painting step by step. About half way into the party, we take a short break to talk, look at each other's work and let the paint dry. We did the first one as a free event. Since then we started charging a small amount to cover materials (less than a third of what the commercial painting parties charge). The people also bring snacks which are shared throughout the night.

I find everyone ends up laughing together and having a great time. It's a great way to build community. There's no high pressure evangelism with this event. I usually just plan on painting in my service the following Sunday. We invite the people to come and see what I do. We've had a few people take us up on that. It seems everyone who attends a paint party, returns and many bring a friend with them. This has been a great way to get to know people and open doors to the church. It's also a great way to empower a creative person in your congregation and give them an opportunity to serve the Lord with their gift.

**-Dave Weiss,**  
Springfield Church of the Brethren





## Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse Training

On May 13th, I attended a session, "Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse," held at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren and sponsored by Atlantic Northeast District. Our presenter was from Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, an organization selected by the Department of Welfare to provide mandated training for education, community service, early education and religious professionals.

The presentation focused on elements of child abuse, legal definitions and an excellent



overview of mandated reporting obligations. Our ministry with children includes advocacy and this training provided updated forms and helpful information related to the reporting of suspected child abuse. Every church volunteer working with children is a mandated reporter and should be aware of Pennsylvania's "Childline," a

hotline used to make a verbal report of suspected abuse. Pennsylvania law also provides for serious penalties, including prison time, for failure to report.

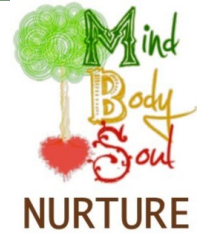
## Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)

This April, Brethren students gathered in New York City to learn about and discuss Native American food insecurity, an issue that plagues tribes across the country. We heard volunteers from the Lybrook Community share their experiences trying to aid native people living in food deserts. This session gave us important background to the struggles of Native communities. While in New York, we also had the opportunity to tour the United Nations building and see famous rooms such as the General Assembly. After travelling to Washington D.C. and meeting with an official from the USDA Office of Tribal Relations, we prepared to meet the men and women representing us in the House of Repre-

sentatives and the Senate. That entailed brainstorming questions and researching specific laws and events to ensure we were fully prepared to debate and discuss with our representatives. The Doctrine of Discovery and American imperialism has done damage to native people that our country ignores.

What is most important coming out of this experience, I believe, is that we educate ourselves on how our nation contributed to the cycle of poverty in native communities. For other information, go to [www.brethren.org/news/2017/ccs-studies-native-american-rights.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2017/ccs-studies-native-american-rights.html)

By Ava Bowser, Lancaster CoB



Jess Ross, Director

The presentation and materials provided were most helpful to me in my role as Children's Ministry Facilitator and I thank the District for providing this opportunity. I would also recommend Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance to churches seeking their own training sessions.

By Linda Geesaman,  
Ridgeway Community CoB



Photo by Paige Butzlaff

Speakers from New Mexico address the CCS group: (from left) Kim Therrien, who with her husband Jim resides in Lybrook, N.M., and works for the Church of the Brethren-connected Lybrook Community Ministries; and Kendra Pinto, who is a young adult Navajo activist.



## ANE Ministries: Special Funds

The ANE District has three special funds which are in the budget that can assist congregations or individuals with expenses incurred for various ministries. In this issue, the focus is the **Barnabas Fund**. For further information on how to donate or apply, please see our website ([www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)). The next application deadline is July 17.

### The Barnabas Fund

#### PURPOSE

From the Early Church on, church bodies have sought ways to contribute to the needs of the whole church. This is no less true today. The **Barnabas Fund** has been established to share the blessing of financial resources with congregations who express a ministry-driven need. The name Barnabas Fund has been chosen to represent the concept of financial encouragement for congregations who need a fiscal boost to accomplish their God-calling in ministry. The Barnabas Fund seeks to encourage the ministry of congregations through a grant-based ministry investment strategy that seeks Kingdom-based ministry results through: shared resources, fiscal accountability, ministry planning, and economic partnering.

**The Barnabas Fund provides continued support to ANE's four "mission congregations" :**

- Alpha & Omega (Lancaster, PA)
- Brooklyn First (Brooklyn, NY)
- Germantown (Philadelphia, PA)
- Harrisburg First (Harrisburg, PA)

**Consideration will also be given to congregations whose characteristics include:**

- A verifiable active outreach ministry
- Located in and serving a community with a significant economically challenged population
- Limited resources due to circumstances beyond their control
- Sizeable community needs that surpass the congregation's ability to respond

### Barnabas Fund Eligibility

- Clear evidence of the need for financial assistance, based on the financial conditions of the congregation and project ministry funding.
- Clear evidence of responsible stewardship with current and available finances.
- Clear evidence of both the potential for and active participation in congregational outreach (physical, spiritual, or evangelistic) efforts in the community.
- Notable efforts at reaching others in the community with the Word-and-Deed (life-transforming) grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

#### **The Barnabas Fund shall not be used to:**

- Compensate for poor stewardship practices
- Compensate for deferred maintenance
- Sustain an "inwardly" focused congregation seeking survival

#### **All grants will be given good-faith consideration and are subject to:**

- Discernment of the Barnabas Team
- The Fund's income
- The number and timing of overall requests





**Don Mitchell,**  
**Director**

## Drexel Hill Church Revitalization

Drexel Hill Church is celebrating its 3rd year since the replant at the end of May. This past year has brought some challenges and an abundance of joy. Our Connect groups (Bible Study) have expanded to 3 separate groups meeting throughout the week to accommodate schedules and travel. The adult group with special needs is the fastest growing group at the

church. Fulfilling their needs to attend service and Bible Study takes the whole congregation, which we whole heartily embrace. On any given Sunday, our worship service ranges from a core group to many visitors. The Children's Ministry (Sunday school for 1 year old to 6 years old) varies every Sunday. It is a blessing to scramble to accommodate 10 or more

children when we are expecting 4. The highlight is our first baptism and it was on Easter Sunday! The joyful noise we created that day filled the neighborhood. God is awesome. God is good. To Him all the honor and glory, in Jesus' name.

Love, Peace and Blessings,  
Margie Sebastiani Church  
Development & Evangelism  
Commission



## Renacer Fellowship (Lancaster, PA) Plants Roots

Recently, Renacer Fellowship moved into a space provided by **Mountville CoB** for their worship. Previously, Renacer had been meeting in the home of one of their members. It is such an exciting time as they are growing their house of the Lord.

Renacer Fellowship is also looking to change their name from Renacer to Nueavo Renacer to better describe their church. This change will be acted on at District Conference this fall.

## Youth & Youth Leaders: Save the Dates

**Youth and youth leaders**, get ready for events in the fall! I know, your summer just got started, but it's never too early to get it on your calendars!

### October 7: Senior High Barn Party

5pm-9pm

Come for food and lots of great activities!

### October 27-29: Junior High Retreat

Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (IYC), a group of students from Bridgewater College, will be leading retreat this year. Should be a great weekend!



The **Ministry Investment Plan (MIP)** is the general operating fund for ANE ministries. *It is important for you to remember that congregational giving and individual members of ANE are the life-link of financial support for these District Ministries.* 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 ANE’s backyard. Because of your gifts to the ANE Ministry Investment Plan... People are coming to Christ in congregations

supported by district ministry...New church plants and church revitalization are being explored and launched... Ministerial training and pastoral education is being made available... Pastoral Search Committees are resourced and pastoral candidates identified and called... Interim Ministry is coordinated and creative church staffing explored...and many, many more ministries.

### MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN (MIP) UPDATE:

As of 4/30/17 total congregational giving for the MIP was \$162,019.96 and our actual MIP expenses were \$203,167.98. Therefore, our YTD Income over Expenses is a shortfall of **\$40,160.30**.

Thirty-five percent ( **35%**) of ANE congregations, fellowships, and projects have not yet contributed to our common district ministry. ANE expenses are incurred on a weekly basis. Please urge your congregation as a member of the ANE family to fiscally support these ministries on a **monthly** or **quarterly** basis.

**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CONGREGATION:** The undergirding of this District Ministry Investment Plan is made possible only through the generosity and financial support of ANE members and congregations. Think about this: If each member/attendee would give just **\$1.06 per week**, your congregation could meet ANE’s Fair Share goal of \$55 per member to keep ANE ministries strong.

**Let’s work together to be “THE ALL In Church! Raising up a Going... Glowing...Growing...Godly People”.**

## 2017 Everence Development Conference: September 20-22, Lancaster, PA

Jim Wallis, President and Founder of Washington D.C.- based *Sojourners*, will join Eastern Mennonite University President Susan Schultz Huxman, and Gonser Gerber development firm partner Doug Mason as featured speakers for the 2017 Everence Development Conference.

Registration for the conference – designed for nonprofit and church giving – is at the **everence.com/development-conference** website.

Workshops will offer insights on charitable trends, marketing and donor relations, major, planned and congregational giving, and other charitable topics. “The development conference has grown to become a highly valuable opportunity for people who help bridge supporters with missions,” said Everence President and CEO Ken Hochstetler. “And with added education for church leaders, all the participants will have a standout experience that will help them grow in their work.”

The conference is sponsored by Everence as part of its services to donors and charitable organizations, through its affiliate, Mennonite Foundation. Everence helps individuals, organizations and congregations integrate finances with faith through a national team of advisors and representatives. Everence offers banking, insurance and financial services with community benefits and stewardship education.

2017 Everence Development Conference

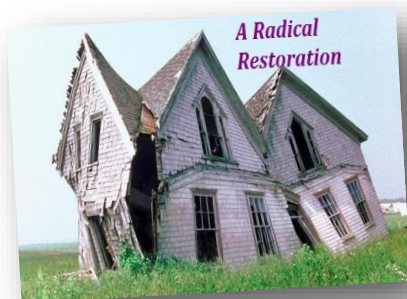
Bridge to a Shared Tomorrow



## National Older Adult Conference

**September 4-8, 2017**

**Register for the National Older Adult Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC!** NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world. Transportation available through the District Office! Contact: Bob or Mary Ann Brenneman 717.725.3197; More information on transportation: [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) under the registrations menu. To register for the conference, go to <http://www.brethren.org/noac/>



**Sue Gannon, Speaker**

## WOMEN'S CAMP 2017 Camp Swatara August 20-22

Join us for fun filled days of worship, Bible study, hiking, swimming, crafts, and other special interest groups. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship, personal growth, and renewal.

See your church representative, or register online at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) under the registrations menu.

# CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NIGHT

**AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**GAME TIME: 6:00 PM \* GATES OPEN: 4:30 PM**

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20*

See your church representative, or purchase tickets online at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) under our Registrations menu.

**\$2 of every ticket sold will go toward ANE District Ministries!**

Come out for a great night of Senators baseball, and support your local ministries.





## BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

The 2017 Auction will be held on September 22 and 23, at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. We welcome you to become part of this year's Auction. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, or come to enjoy the food and fellowship, your support is greatly appreciated. All the events and activities you have come to expect at the auction will again be waiting for your review and enjoyment. Please look for the Auction Bulletin Inserts which have been distributed and later for the full Auction Booklet containing many informative articles and the auction schedule.



Some special areas where we could use some extra help are the "Gifts of the Heart" kit building set-up on Friday September 22 starting at 8:00 AM and the assembly starting at 1:00 PM. We will also be serving the chicken Bar-B-Que on Friday starting at 3:00 PM and could use some help in serving the dinners.

The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction still maintains a relief fund for local needs within the Atlantic Northeast and Southern Pennsylvania Districts. The fund is called the Auction Relief Fund and funds are available to qualified applicants for assistance in recovering from the effects of a natural disaster (fire, flood, wind losses). Because these funds are generated through the Disaster Relief Auction they are restricted to losses resulting from natural disasters. Please see our website ([www.brethrenreliefauction.org](http://www.brethrenreliefauction.org)) for details of the application process or contact one of the co-chairs, Bob Bingaman or Tom Fritz.

See you at the auction!



The following ANE congregations are participating in a 2017 Brethren Workcamp! We are excited about and thankful for their decision to serve. They have chosen to spend a week of their summer in service to others. Please pray for them as they prepare to leave, travel, work, and return home.

Ambler ♦ Cornerstone ♦ Lititz  
 Elizabethtown ♦ Heidelberg  
 Hershey Spring Creek ♦ Lewiston  
 Indian Creek ♦ Mechanic Grove  
 Lancaster ♦ Palmyra ♦ White Oak



## MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL - 2017 -

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle  
Third St. & Glossbrenner Ave.  
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A freewill offering will be received at each program.  
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For more information, contact:  
 David Pierce at 717-371-1725; email: [office@mtgretnatabernacle.org](mailto:office@mtgretnatabernacle.org)  
 Bruce Gettle at 717-813-5319; email: [pakettle40.bg@gmail.com](mailto:pakettle40.bg@gmail.com)  
[WWW.MTGRETNATABERNACLE.ORG](http://WWW.MTGRETNATABERNACLE.ORG)

The Brethren Heritage Center, Brookville, OH is looking to hire a **full time Executive Director** reporting to the Board of Directors.

For more information, contact them at 937.833.5222, or email [amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org](mailto:amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org)





## Enriching the Lives of Older Adults

October 23, 2017, Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Workshop: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### **This informative event will explore:**

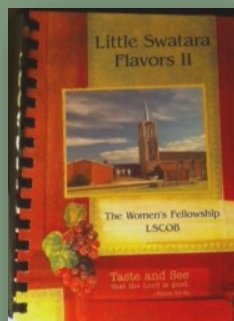
- ❖ Spiritual nurturing of older adults including the uniqueness of this generation, how they may feel spiritually nourished, and what we need to be aware of as we minister to and with them.
- ❖ The impact of loneliness and boredom in the older adult, how these feelings impact their overall health, and ways to adapt to the challenges that come with aging to live an enriched life.
- ❖ What aging in place means to the older adult and what available resources support aging in place.

### **Presenters from Cross Keys Village:**

Linda Titzell, Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplain, and Pastor of The Faith Community  
Jenn Holcomb, Director of Memory Support  
Kathy Staub, Certified Dementia Practitioner  
Trenton Greenawalt, Community Life Specialist

Registration: \$60 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs). Please register by October 9, 717.361.1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).

Little Swatara Favorites II is a collection of tried and true recipes collected by the Women's Fellowship of Little Swatara CoB, located in Bethel, PA. In it, we share favorite recipes from the families of the congregation. Please send your **name, address, and telephone number** to Women's Fellowship, Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, 31 Rehrersburg Road, Bethel, PA 19507 and you will be contacted by email or phone with the total cost. Each Cookbook is \$15 plus shipping.



**TIM ZIMMERMAN AND THE KING'S BRASS** will be appearing in concert at Lititz Church of the

Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz, PA, on Thursday evening, August 10, 2017, at 7:00 PM. Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards, blending together to create a time of innovative worship that will be enjoyed by all generations. All are welcome to enjoy this service of music. No tickets are required, but a cost sharing offering will be received.



## Healthy Congregations

August 25-26, 2017

First Congregational Church, Milton, MA  
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## Family Camping Center BENEFIT AUCTION

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2017  
EAST LODGE  
CAMP SWATARA**

## Sixty-Fifth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren

Held at

**Rhodes Grove Camp & Conference Center**  
7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202

*The Camp is located in a grove of trees and is a cool,  
restful, and ideal place for refreshing soul and body.*



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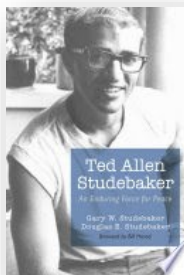
**August 26 – September 3, 2017  
Everyone Welcome**

Theme: Run For an Incorruptible Crown

Theme Verse: *Know ye not that they which run in a race run  
all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*  
1 Corinthians 9:24

Bible Study: 1 John

(COB Continuing Education Units – 0.5)



### Books Available:

#### **Ted Allen Stuebaker: An Enduring Force for Peace**

Ted Stuebaker, a true Peace Hero, worked for Peace through nonviolence. By doing so, he left a peacemaking legacy that continues to impact mankind through the ages.

#### **Refugees! A Family's Search for Freedom and the Church That Helped Them Find It**

This book chronicles a church's journey resettling refugees of war. In time, the refugees opened the members' hearts to the plight of 'the other'.





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