

ANE Today



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

ALL IN: Going. Glowing. Growing. Godly.

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ANE District Conference: October 7 Leffler Chapel, Elizabethtown College

- ♦ All members of our congregations are welcome!
- ♦ 7:00am – Registration begins
- ♦ 7:00-8:15am – Continental breakfast served
- ♦ 7:30am – Bible study led by Pastor Kevin King – Romans 12:1-2
- ♦ 8:30am – Welcome, hymns and prayer begins the conference
- ♦ 8:30am - Morning session – “Transformed Into His Image”
- ♦ 11:30am – Lunch – time for food and fellowship
- ♦ 1:00pm - Afternoon session – “Transformed for His Service”
- ♦ 3:00pm – Worship service including a message from Dr. Musa Mambula
- ♦ Church of the Brethren Covenant Renewal
- ♦ Music provided by our choirs from New Beginnings, Florin and West Green Tree
- ♦ Spanish translators will be present
- ♦ District Conference will be led by Moderator Glenn Martin

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Atlantic Northeast District Conference 2017

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

Registration is open for those planning to attend District Conference on October 7. **Please visit www.ane-cob.org and register under the registrations menu.** 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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Congregation: _____



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: Sandy Christophel serves as interim.

Florin: Galen Hackman serves as Intentional Interim. Working on profile.

Green Tree: Negotiating. Rod O'Donnell serves as Interim.

Hershey Spring Creek: Negotiating; Dennis Garrison retiring 12/17.

Lititz: Negotiating for Pastor of Spiritual Care.

Long Run: Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team.

Mechanic Grove: Negotiating; Bob Kettering serves as Interim.

Nuevo Amanecer: Called Raphael Terrero. Working with Global Mission for visa.

Parker Ford: Negotiating.

Philadelphia Geiger: Open.

Quakertown: Negotiating. Levi Ziegler serves as interim.



ON JUNE 25TH, JOHN
MARTIN "MARTY" MOYER
WAS INSTALLED AT
MYERSTOWN COB BY
KAY WEAVER, DIRECTOR
OF STEWARDSHIP.
MARTY COMES TO ANE FROM THE
WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT.

New Members: ANE District

Ephrata— Letter: Mark Ditzler, Connie Ditzler, Emily Ditzler, Brian Messler, Curt Rathman, Jennifer Rathman, Peg Schannauer, Reid Martin, Amy Martin.

Harrisburg First— Letter: Kevin Frysinger; *Reaffirmation:* Mary Etta Harrington, Pauline Mehaffie Martinez, Oluremi Senaika, Karmah Tokyo, Aaron White.

Hempfield— Transfer: Tom Glass, Kim Glass.

Mohler— Baptism: John Grote, Andy Newhall, Kim Newhall; *Letter:* Kenneth Martin.

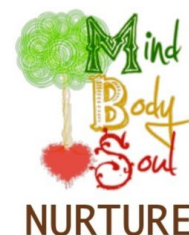
Mount Wilson— Baptism: Sherry Flory, MaKenna Kline.

William "Bill" Walters passed away on July 25, 2017. Bill was a retired minister and member of Hempfield CoB.





District Youth Activities and Information



Mark Your Calendars!

SH Retreat – January 19-21, 2018 @ Camp Swatara

JH Lock In – February 16-17, 2018 @ Ephrata Rec Center

SH Lock In – March 23-24, 2018, Details TBD

JH & SH Service Project – April 21, 2018 @ Global Aid Network (GAiN) in Mt Joy



Senior High Barn Party

Saturday October 7, 2017, 5-9 pm

Bucher Farm, 1108 Bucher Ln, Lebanon, PA 17042

Ever been to a good ole Central PA Barn Party?

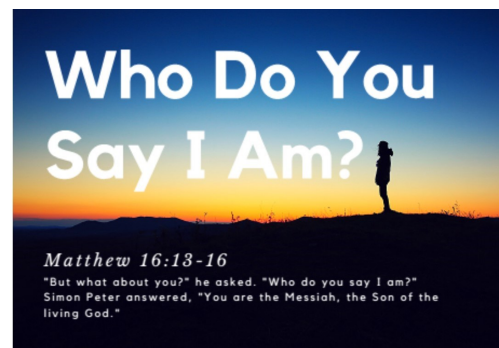
If you haven't, come see what it is all about! Break out of your comfort zone and learn some of the local traditions through a fun night of food and games. For those that

have grown up with this tradition, come show others how it's done, and have a great time fellowshiping with others. Food, games, devotional time, hayride, campfire, square dancing and more! For more information, go to our website, www.ane-cob.org under the registrations menu.

Junior High Retreat

October 27-29, 2017 at Camp Swatara

The **Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (IYC)**, a group of students from Bridgewater College, will be leading sessions at retreat, tackling the topic of *Who Do You Say I AM*, Matthew 16:13-16. Ryan Arndt will lead us in worship through music. There will be food, time to hang out with friends, and more great games and activities!



National Youth Conference Youthworker

Are you past the age of attending NYC as a youth but would still like to be able to be a part of this event? Here's your chance! To be a Youthworker at NYC you must be 22 years old by the start of NYC. These individuals will carry out the programming, help facilitate the organization and take care of the behind-the-scenes details.

If this sounds interesting to you, and you think you may qualify, please fill out the APPLICATION (<http://www.brethren.org/yyc/nyc/documents/2018/youth-worker-application-2018.doc>) by **November 1, 2017**.



Schreckengast, Palmyra CoB member, Crowned Miss Pennsylvania



Katie Schreckengast, member of Palmyra Church of the Brethren, was crowned Miss Pennsylvania this past June, and will compete in the Miss America pageant on September 10 at the Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, NJ. She had just returned to competition only a year ago.

Schreckengast was introduced to pageant competition at the age of 13 by a close family friend who was a long-time volunteer for the Miss America Organization. Schreckengast competed for 4 years in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen pageant between the ages of 13-17. She was crowned Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen in 2013. After this, Schreckengast took a 3 year period off from competition. During that time, she attended Penn State University in which she was involved in the Penn State Blue Band playing the alto saxophone, something she uses in the talent competition of the pageant.

Schreckengast said, "The competition was never about the shiny crown or the wardrobe, but the opportunity to spread my personal platform of Building Families Through Adoption." She was adopted from South Korea when she was 6 months old, and she loves to communicate and to share her adoption story.

When asked what Schreckengast was most excited about for the Miss America pageant, she stated, "I am most excited to play my dad's alto saxophone in the talent competition, and to represent my Blue Band family."

We wish Katie, and her family many blessings from her Church of the Brethren family. To vote for America's Choice go to [www.http://missamerica.org/vote/](http://www.missamerica.org/vote/) Follow Katie on Facebook : @MissAmericaPA, and online at www.misspa.org.

District Calendar

September 4-8
NOAC, Lake Junaluska, NC

September 4:
Office Closed

September 16:
Spiritual Gifts Seminar,
Hempfield

October 7:
District Conference
Senior High Barn Party

October 9:
Office Closed

October 25:
Senior Adult Fall Banquet,
Yoder's

October 2-29:
Junior High Retreat, Camp
Swatara

October 28:
Hospitality Workshop, Florin
CoB

District Youth Cabinet Announced

The Senior High Cabinet is a team of 9th-12th grade students chosen from the churches within the Atlantic Northeast District.

Selected youth will meet together to envision, create, plan, and implement the events that are offered for the Senior High Youth of the ANE district. Here is this year's team!

Ava Bowser (Lancaster), **Nate DeGoede** (Elizabethtown), **Kierstan Lentz** (Stevens Hill), **Amanda Ritchie** (Mountville), **Gabriella Rodriguez** (Lancaster), **Fikir Simegn** (Mountville), **Emma Smith** (Green Tree).



Barnabas Fund in Action!

The Barnabas Fund Team met in early May to determine 2018 funding based on requests received from ANE district churches. Alpha & Omega, Brooklyn First, Germantown, and Harrisburg First were all offered funding for 2018 contingent upon approval from the ANE District Board and the ANE District Conference in October of the 2018 Ministry Investment Plan.

As those requests for funding were reviewed, there were some wonderful success stories shared of kingdom work being done in our local churches. For example, here are two success stories that were shared with the Barnabas Fund team by Joel Peña, pastor of the Alpha and Omega congregation:

We have found that our most effective methods of evangelism involve establishing relationships between our families and the lost throughout the community. One of the most encouraging programs is the creation of several small groups for 6 -8 weeks that meet in Members homes where "not-yet" believers have been invited and have found an environment where they can ask the important questions about what it means to become a believer in Jesus, and see Christians living out their faith in action. These groups also serve a vital function of providing the discipleship to new believers.

One of the problems we were struggling with as a church was teenage pregnancy among our youth. As we were looking for ways to teach responsible behavior among our youth, we came up with the idea of involving the youth in teaching the Children's Church programs. With adults supervising and mentoring, the youth grew to the point where they have responsibility to prepare for and lead the Sunday school classes. This has been very fruitful in many ways, because the

youth have taken this seriously, forcing them to become more diligent students of the Bible. They also have experienced the responsibility and the frustration of having to care for and lead young children. One excellent example is one of our youth who is fifteen, and is already an aunt, because of her older sister's teen pregnancy. Having witnessed her sister's struggle, and having dealt with young children in her class, she is a very capable leader, babysitter and future mother (hopefully far-future mother). She has a far more mature understanding of life than most other youth, and is determined to walk a different path than her sister.

The Alpha and Omega congregation is being supported by the District Barnabas Fund with a \$24,000 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.

For more information about the ANE District Barnabas Fund, check out the "Our Ministries" section of the ANE District website at www.ane-cob.org.



Alpha & Omega CoB



Stories from ANE Disaster Response

Long drive, hot days, but the rewards were bountiful! When I agreed to participate in a BDM work week in Columbia, SC in July of 2017, I had no idea what to expect.

Sunday morning at 5:00 am, being a little apprehensive, I loaded my gear for the week in our rented van and headed to South Carolina with the rest of our group of seven.

Our first experience, when arriving, was to learn where we would be working and what we would be doing. Our group was split in two for three different work sites. After a sumptuous breakfast on Monday, we headed out. The group I was in was working on two different homes

so devastated by flooding, they needed to be torn down and new homes built. The other group worked on a man's house that needed a new roof, and some interior repairs. This man and the people who lost everything were so grateful and appreciative. They came nearly every day thanking us. You could see by the look in their eyes just how much it meant to them. They couldn't believe anyone would give up time with their families to help strangers. As the homes neared completion, their excitement could not be repressed.

No matter our skill level, the leaders found work for each of us so that no one felt overwhelmed by what they were asked to do. Roofing, painting, sanding, drywall, cleaning, were just a few of the jobs we covered. Have no fear, if you

commit to a BDM trip, they will find a place for you!

We all worked hard every day, but then went back to a soft bed, good food, & air conditioning! Now having made new friends and worked alongside old friends, I am ready to start planning the next trip!

For a brief while, in a concrete way, we were able to serve others, to be Jesus' hands and feet.

Sandy Hughes
Annville COB
July 23-29, 2017
BDM Work Trip



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 rgeisemann@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.



Outreach Update: Little Swatara CoB

Nestled on the square in Bethel, you'll find a quaint, little coffee shop with a mission to provide a safe, comfortable place to meet with neighbors and friends, to enjoy good coffee and quality baked goods, to escape from the daily stresses of life, to promote harmony in the community and to encourage good will among all people.

We serve fair trade coffee selections and the Las Colinas, Colombian & Congo are a favorite with a smooth taste and robust flavor. The Outreach is all volunteer run not only from the good folks at Little Swatara but also the community. Breakfast items including sandwiches, omelets and even creamed dried beef or scrapple are served daily 6-11 am and Saturdays, 7-11 am.

We have our regulars each day, some driving near an hour to gather with friends and many are just passing by. Special events held each year are cookie handouts at Halloween, community gingerbread house making, and an everybody's birthday event.

The cafe is a home away from home and here's what two customers have posted on our Facebook page:

"What a charming little place! The food is obviously lovingly homemade, prices are very reasonable, and the volunteer workers are lovely. I think this is going to be my new favorite breakfast spot."

"Great food! Great service! Phenomenal prices! Will become a regular here."

So if you're ever in the area, stop by The Gathering Place Cafe and enjoy a cup of coffee, a tasty breakfast and friendly fellowship.

~ Matt Christ, Pastor, Little Swatara CoB





Elizabethtown College: College Steeped in a Tradition of Non-Violence

It is the month of May and this means commencement exercises at Elizabethtown College. Let us reflect on the 118 year history of Elizabethtown College as students prepare to graduate.

Lancaster County is well known as the home for large populations of religious sects associated with the Anabaptists such as the Mennonites (1525), Amish (1693), and Brethren (1708). British Quaker (1650) and Baptist (1609) founders of Pennsylvania, sharing similar theological principles with the Anabaptists, made the colony attractive to these refugees fleeing persecution in Europe.

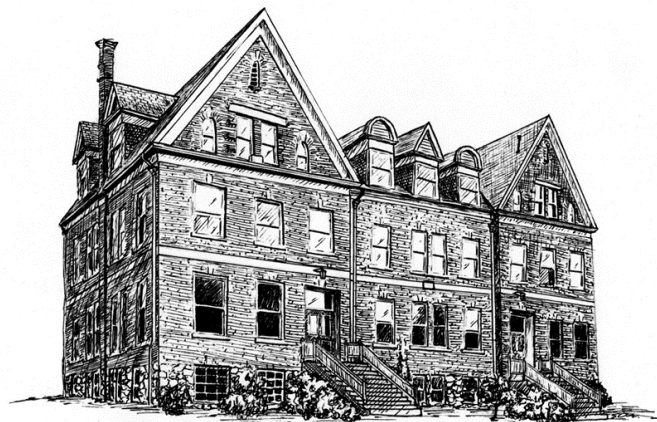
The origins of Elizabethtown College are firmly rooted in the history of Anabaptism, the Pietists, the Historic Peace Churches, and particularly the German Baptist Brethren which since 1908 are referred to as the Church of the Brethren. Anabaptism arose out of the religious and social ferment of the Protestant Reformation (1517-1648).

"Anabaptist" is a Greek word meaning "rebaptizer," used in church Latin since the 4th century. The Anabaptists of the Reformation repudiated infant baptism because they denied the readiness of an infant to receive the sacrament. They called for baptism only of adults on confession of faith.

The Anabaptists denied infant baptism was baptism at all and hence argued they were not "rebaptizers." The term was never used by the Anabaptists themselves and they vigorously objected to the designation because of the criminal character attached to the name.

The criminal character attached to the name Anabaptist was attributed to the imperial law code from Justinian's time (A.D. 529) making rebaptism a heresy penalized by death.

The narrative of the execution of the Anabaptists is recounted in stories and illustrations in the book: *The Bloody Theater or Martyrs Mirror of the Defenseless Christians who baptized only upon confession of faith, and who suffered and died for the testimony of Jesus, their Saviour, from the time of Christ to the year A.D. 1660*. Originally published in Holland and then between 1745-1749 it was translated into German and printed at the Ephrata Cloister (1732).



Alpha Hall the oldest building on the campus

The Anabaptists were persecuted because they believed the Protestant Reformation (1517-1648) and Roman Catholic Counter Reformation (1545-1648) did not go far enough to establish a church based on a literal interpretation of the New Testament.

The Anabaptists created a church with two distinctive departures from Protestants and Roman Catholics: first the insistence on adult baptism and second a commitment to nonviolence based on an interpretation of Jesus Christ as a pacifist. Thus the association of Anabaptism with the Historic Peace Churches.

Historic Peace Churches is a label referring collectively to the Mennonites, Quakers, and the Church of the Brethren. The term first appeared in 1935 at a meeting of the three denominations held at Newton, Kansas.

Though the three churches were in contact over the centuries, modern joint endeavors were triggered by challenges growing from the First and Second World Wars regarding support for conscientious objectors and alternatives to military service. (.....To be continued)

This was the first excerpt of Mr. Benowitz's article. His article will be continued in the next issue of ANE Today.

Text by Jean-Paul Benowitz, Historian, Elizabethtown College Director of Student Transition Programs & Assistant Director of Academic Advising. Illustrations by Shanise Marshall, Elizabethtown College Class of 2015, History major with a Fine Arts-Art History and Religious Studies minors.



Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Inc.

Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA Districts

June 10, 2017

To our friends of the Atlantic NE District and Southern PA District

We are sharing a copy of our audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016 for the benefit of both districts to assure you that we remain a viable ministry partner. Our accounts have been audited by Ellis Lee Hostetter & Co., P.C., a Certified Public Accountant from Lebanon, PA. The report includes his Independent Auditor's Report and the results of our 2016 operations. Our 940 Charitable Organization 501(c)(3) tax return is also at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/23-2831879>.

Our revenue for 2016 yielded \$473,391 which allowed us to distribute

\$205,000	Brethren Disaster Ministries of the Church of the Brethren
\$ 58,500	Used to build Gift of the Heart Kits (buckets) for BDM
\$ 78,578	Used to build School Kits for BDM
\$ 30,000	Atlantic Northeast District (Disaster Relief Trips)
\$372,078	2016 TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS

We have investments of approximately \$500,000 (designated endowment funds from individuals) with Fulton Financial Advisors from which we use the earnings to offset the cost of operations at the Lebanon Fairground.

Additionally, we want to reiterate that we maintain an ARC Fund (Auction Relief Committee) which is available to each district and the churches in both districts for grant distributions for relief work in local communities. We use the definition of catastrophic loss to mean a loss of basic necessities (food, water, shelter, clothing, medical care) by an individual, family or group of individuals and families caused by a natural occurrence (wind, fire, water, earthquake). Applications are available from either of our Board co-chairs: Tom Fritz at 717-823-2745 or twfritz@ptd.net or Bob Bingaman at 717-581-5651 or paearl1@comcast.net.

We work diligently to keep the auction activities fresh and attractive to all ages. We're adding young blood to our Board who help to keep us young in thought. For 2017, some features will include a car show (behind the main auction buildings), a mechanical bull ride for the young at heart, and a new Bavarian nut stand in the West Hall. Many of the old favorites will still be there as well. Stay attuned to our website: <http://www.brethrendisasterreliefauction.org/>

Our efforts represent the work of all churches and their members in our two districts. We encourage churches to support our efforts by promoting the auction within their fellowships, volunteering during the auction, donating, and certainly most of all by your presence - showing up as a bidder or just to enjoy the food! We represent you! And we thank you for your support of us in this regional endeavor to support the larger brotherhood!

Please share this report with our constituents at your district conference.

Sincerely,

Ernie Dehney

Treasurer



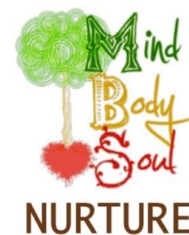
Hospitality Workshop for Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, October 28

9:00am-11:30am

Florin CoB

815 Bruce Ave, Mount Joy PA 17552



THE FIRST :30 SECONDS, A GUIDE TO HOSPITALITY FOR GREETERS AND USHERS

Our workshop leader is S. Joan Hershey, a District and Denominational leader, teacher, speaker and author in the Church of the Brethren. Joan has written several guides on church leadership. Her hospitality guide mentioned above will be used as our study guide.

FIND OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF: HAVING WELCOMING GREETERS/USHERS- THE FRONT LINE OF HOSPITALITY AT THE CHURCH, HOSPITALITY AS AN ATTITUDE, THE NEED FOR GREETERS WITH A WELCOMING SPIRIT, USHERS & GREETERS PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN YOUR EVANGELISM MINISTRY.

Single participants: \$5 each. Three or more from the same church: \$10 maximum.

Register online at www.ane-cob.org under the Registrations menu.



Children's Disaster Services Workshop

November 17-18, 2017

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

Since 1980, Children's Disaster Services trained and certified volunteers have been providing nurturing care for children in shelters or assistance centers following disasters. The training is an overnight experience, simulating a shelter situation, and includes an overview of our work, understanding phases of disaster and how we fit in, working with disaster partners, children and family needs following disaster, supporting resilience in children, setting up a children's center with a Kit of Comfort, ethical guidelines, and the certification process.

Anyone 18 or over is welcome to attend this 2 - day training (27 hours) and become a certified CDS caregiver. References and background checks are also required for certification. Once caregivers complete certification, all expenses are paid for disaster responses. The website link for registrations is www.brethren.org/cds/training/dates.html. There are also other sites and dates listed on the website if you are not able to attend this one.

Local contact, Jean Myers, may be reached at (610) 678-5247 or Jean351@aol.com.



COBYS Bike & Hike Seeks to Extend Growth Streak to 19th Year



The 21st annual COBYS Bike & Hike will be held **Sunday afternoon, September 10, at the Lititz Church of the Brethren**. The event includes a three-mile walk, 10- and 25-mile bicycle rides, and the 60-mile Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride, which will travel into scenic “Amish Country” in eastern Lancaster County. A silent auction runs throughout the afternoon. Donations of door prizes and auction items will be welcomed until the week of the event.

The Bike & Hike is COBYS’ signature fundraiser, having raised more than \$1.2 million for COBYS ministries, since its inception. Last year, fueled by the event’s 20th anniversary, the Bike & Hike grossed \$133,556, a nearly \$15,000 increase over the previous year.

Participation also was up to 509, reversing a two-year decline in attendance. Participants included 209 walkers, 131 bicyclists, and 169 motorcyclists on 106 cycles, along with some additional friends who stopped in to visit and participate in the silent auction.

“With the huge surge in giving that we experienced last year, it will be tough to keep our growth streak going,” said Director of Development Don Fitzkee. “But I’ve learned not to underestimate the generosity of our supporters.”

Walkers and bicyclists donate a \$25 registration fee, obtain support from sponsors, or both. Motorcycles are \$35 per cycle, plus \$25 for an additional passenger. Those who pre-register by September 5 receive a \$5 discount. Individuals who raise \$25 or more in pledges do not need to pay the registration fee.

Each participant receives a free t-shirt (purple this year), ice cream and refreshments, and a chance to win a door prize. Those who raise certain levels of support earn additional prizes. Junior and senior high youth groups who raise \$1,500 or more earn a gym and pizza night.

A WJTL radio personality will provide live reports from the event.

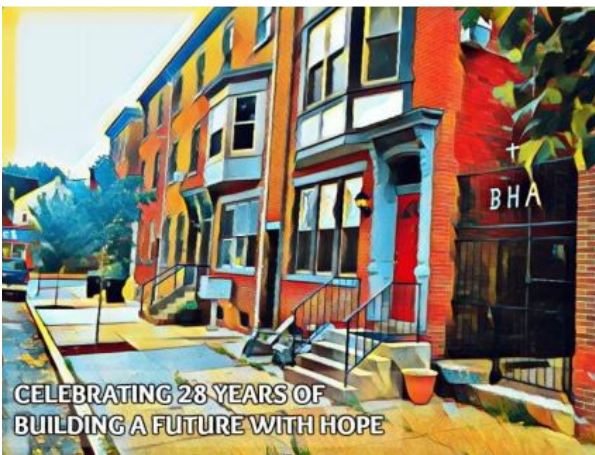
For more information, visit the News & Events page at www.cobys.org. To learn more or to arrange a silent auction or door prize donation, contact Don Fitzkee at 717-656-6580 or don@cobys.org.





Springs Academies: Christ Centered Renewal

Many churches are searching for ways to add life and vitality to their walks of faith while reaching out with Christ to new people. The Springs of Living Water initiative works to give churches the tools they need for renewal. Two academies are available this fall to equip pastors and laity in the work of renewal. Classes meet via conference call and give participants a practical mix of background knowledge and real strategies that can be integrated into the life of the congregation. Discussion with others who are active in renewal also provides support and idea sharing. Outside preparation is involved. The **Springs Academy for Pastors** is scheduled for September 12, October 3 & 24, November 14, December 5, 2017 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM ET. The **Springs Academy for Saints** is scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 PM ET on the following dates: September 17, October 8, October 29, November 19, and December 10, 2017. For more information, or to register, contact David and/or Joan Young at davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org or 717-615-4515.



Brethren Housing Association (BHA) helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness achieve their God-given potential through a holistic program of secure housing, supportive services, and loving relationships. Our vision is building a future with hope.

Since 1989, BHA has renovated distressed housing in Harrisburg for use by homeless families, helping more than 1000 women, men and children transition to stable living. BHA has provided a nurturing environment and supporting services for homeless families, especially with single mothers, to attain greater self-sufficiency and work on larger life goals unachievable in crisis situations.

SAVE THE DATE:

October 19, 2017 – BHA Annual Celebration

This year's celebration returns to the Best Western Premier, Harrisburg. Save the date for a night featuring delicious food and inspiring testimonies of BHA families and our guest speaker, Ryan Keith. Ryan lives in Pennsylvania with his wife, Katie, and 3 young children. He is the founder and President of Forgotten Voices, which is quietly equipping local churches in southern Africa to care for families looking after children orphaned by AIDS. You can connect with him on Twitter at @ryanmkeith and DearTired.com.



For more information visit: www.bha-pa.org



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.brethren-disaster-relief-auction.org) for details of the application process or contact one of the co-chairs, Bob Bingaman or Tom Fritz.

See you at the auction!

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

November 5, 2017
7:00 pm

"CHRISTIAN FAITH AND A CHANGING CULTURE"



Speaker: Nathan Rittenhouse
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM)

Middle Creek Church of the Brethren
351 Middle Creek Road
Lititz, PA 17543
www.middlecreekchurch.net

Nathan Rittenhouse is an Itinerant Speaker with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. He is a graduate of Bridgewater College in Virginia with a double major in Physics and Philosophy and Religion, and a minor in Mathematics before attending the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. He holds an M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Nathan is also a part of the preaching team at the New Hope Church of the Brethren in West Virginia.

The **Quakertown First Church of the Brethren** would like to invite those in our district to attend our Harvest Home Sunday, September 24 featuring the Gospel group **Witness** in concert!



This three member musical gospel group has been singing praises to the Lord for forty years and they were part of our Harvest Home in 2013. They will be presenting an hour long concert starting at 1:30 pm. We urge you to experience their uplifting message in song and to invite your family and friends. Check out their website: <http://www.witnessonline.org>



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents....

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.

Go and Do Likewise: The Practices of Christology

November 2, 2017, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Presenter: Dr. Nathanael Inglis, Assistant Professor of Theological Studies,
Bethany Theological Seminary**

The heart of Christian theology is understanding who Jesus is and how he saves. Yet, even though Brethren often emphasize a lived theology, Christology can too easily be reduced to an intellectual formula that is disconnected from the life of faith. In this symposium, we consider Jesus by starting with the practices that he taught his disciples. Through presentations and discussion groups we will consider how Christology is first and foremost “showing who Christ is,” and we will reflect on what it means to practice Christology today.

Registration: \$60 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs). Please register by October 26.

717.361.1450 or svmc@etown.edu.



Senior Adult Fall Banquet

Wednesday, October 25

12:00 Noon—\$18.00

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland

Come join us for a fun afternoon of food and fellowship! Have the famous Broasted Chicken or Beef Tips— both with all the fixins and finish up with some ice cream.

Enjoy Ron Bellamy on handbells along with his accompanist, Linda Young Lorgus.

See your church representative, or register online at www.ane-cob.org.



Simplify: A Simple Living Weekend.

November 10-11

\$35 Both Days

\$20 Saturday Only

\$10 Students

We are bringing together simple living practitioners from across the Anabaptist/Pietist world to facilitate conversations around what simple living as a Christian value looks like today. How is God calling us to live simply in 2017 and why? Workshops and keynotes will be practical in nature and focus on how God's call to simple living makes a claim on our daily lives.

For more information and to register, please visit www.brethrenwoods.org/simplify. For more information, please contact Tim and Katie Heishman, Program Directors, at program@brethrenwoods.org or call 540-269-2741.



Strike Out Violence Bowl-a-thon

Sunday, October 8, 2017, 2:00-4:30 pm

ABC East Lanes, 1001 Eisenhower Blvd,
Harrisburg, PA 17111

For more info: 717-461-2423
strikeoutviolencebowling@gmail.com



Zumba Glow Fitness Party

Saturday, November 11, 2017 6:30-8:30pm

Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren,
219 Hummel St., Harrisburg, PA 17104

For more info: 717-461-2951 zumbaglownow@gmail.com

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