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Message from Pete Kontra, District Executive

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Atlantic Northeast District,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as I now begin this new calling to serve you as District Executive. I am grateful to God for His grace that He has called me for such a time as this. And I know that He will lead us, His Body, into and through the days ahead for His glory.

I thank God for each of you and your commitment to Christ and His Church and am excited to begin this journey, building our relationships and serving Him together. What a rich heritage we possess with the many faithful who have gone before us! And how blessed we are now in all that God has given us to continue the work of Jesus in our generation.
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District Conference October 5 & 6, 2018 “Think About Good Things” Friday Night Worship Returns

Our Bible theme for this year’s Atlantic Northeast District Conference comes to us from Philippians 4:8 ~
“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

There are certainly many true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy things happening in our families, churches and communities to share with one another at our District Conference this October 5th & 6th! It’s not even Spring yet and we’re already getting excited about it!



MISTY WINTSCH, MODERATOR

Why? Because it is a wonderful time of joy with other members of our extended Christian family. This year, we will be returning to a Friday night worship and fellowship time and a Saturday Conference. Certainly, we will be praising God and enjoying each other through God’s love during our Saturday business sessions, but
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our time of worship will be a separate and special event by itself once again this year. We will lift our voices to our Creator and Sustainer and celebrate His goodness for us as we meditate on this year's theme *"Think About Good Things."*

It is my fervent prayer and in fact, my heart's desire, to see Leffler Chapel filled to the rafters with brothers and sisters worshipping and fellowshiping together on Friday evening.

On Saturday, we will turn our sights toward the business of the Church. Reports from our various District ministries will be provided with an emphasis on celebrating what is good. We will adopt our district's ministry investment plan and affirm our leaders for the coming year. I urge you to be in prayer for everyone who will plan and participate in District Conference including your role as a participant in worship and

fellowship! What could be more commendable than that?

By the way, in the past, we heard that it is hard for some of our brothers and sisters to get to a 2-day event because hotels are expensive, and the drive is long to make it to conference two days in a row. *We hear you!* So, we will be asking nearby members of our District Churches to provide their guest rooms for those who want to worship on Friday but are coming from far away. Stay tuned for sign-up information if you want to house or be housed! That will be coming your way soon! If you're not sure about that for yourself, remember that in Bible times God's faithful ones answered His call several times a year to festivals of celebration. Many traveled long distances to worship and fellowship with each other under God's guidance. In the busy world we live in today, we have limited opportu-

nities to assemble like the people of the early church, but we can answer God's call to commune together with others who love Christ through District Conference this year.

I look forward to praising Jesus
and celebrating His goodness
with you at Conference.





Message from Pete Kontra, District Executive (continued from page 1)

The ANE District is unique within the Church of the Brethren with a rich diversity—culturally, stylistically in worship and ministry models, large and small congregations, urban and rural. What a gift God has given us to be able to reach all the various walks of life around us. What I love about us as Brethren is that building relationships is so important to us in order to share the love of Christ, as we meet the needs and build the trust of those in our unique communities. So I pray you are encouraged as we step into this broken world and lift up the name above all names, that is, Jesus Christ.

Jesus prayed:

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." -John 17:22-23

He prayed that we would live so deeply in our relationship with Him and with each other that we would be One Body. And He prayed, not that we be taken out of the world, but engage it as His Body. Not to fear, or apathetically give in to the world, but to be His ambassadors to transform the world one life at a time through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul says it in Ephesians 6:18:

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Please join with me in praying for one another as the Body of Christ. Pray:

- For a listening heart that we may hear God's voice and know His will for us;
- For a willing heart to follow Him;
- For forgiveness for the ways we have sinned against God and one another;
- For healing and wholeness that we may live in the fullness of Christ;
- That we would truly listen to one another to build relationships and gain understanding; That we maintain a singular focus on Christ and His purpose, not allowing issues, culture, or our differences distract and divide us;
- That we would be peacemakers in a world full of violence of every kind;
- That we make the most of every opportunity to share His love and grace with the hurting lives which surround us.

The potential we have to do great things in Jesus' name is immeasurable. And may we not forget all the great things God is

doing right now! I can't wait to see it and celebrate that together.

It will take some time for me to get to know our congregations, but I will. And in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at the District Office (717-367-4730) or through email (pkontra@ane-cob.org). My door is always open and I want to have the conversations with you.

And so I praise God along with Paul:

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. —Ephesians 3:20-21

God bless you! Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,

New Members: ANE District

Ephrata — Letter: Chad Aughinbach, Erica Aughinbach, Amy Emrey, Tom Strubel, Hugo Zorrilla, Norma Zorrilla; Reaffirmation: Eric Emry, Brent Good, Tamara Good, Linda Strubel, Stacey Ebersole

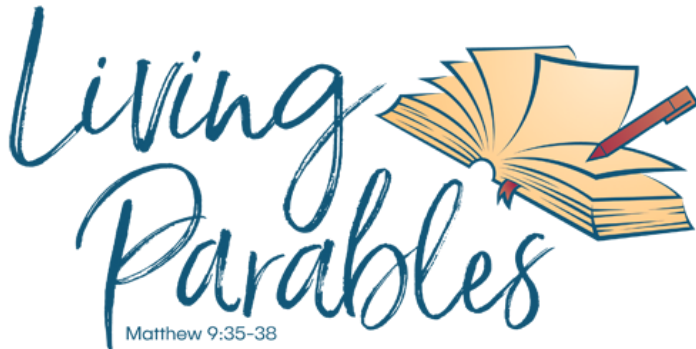
Indian Creek — Reaffirmation: Lamont Edwards, Natasha Edwards

Middle Creek — Cassie Bollinger, Marcus Forney, Addison Beamesderfer, Avery Stoner, Brenna Stoner, Cadence Stoner, Luke McCune, Adam Wagner, Luanna Kline, Ben Wenger, Jeanette Wenger

Spring Creek — Letter: Rodney Finney



Annual Conference, Church of the Brethren



Matthew 9:35-38

July 4-8 • Cincinnati, OH
Registration Opens March 1



SAMUEL SARPIYA, MODERATOR

Living Parables

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out

workers into his harvest field'" (Matthew 9:35-38)

A parable is...

The simple understanding of a parable is literally from Jesus' parables, which were stories that were cast alongside a truth in order to illustrate that truth, or the telling of a familiar story to illustrate big truths. Jesus' parables were teaching aids and can be thought of as extended analogies or inspired comparisons. A common description of a parable is that it is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

We Brethren, at our best, have been able to be present

Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Elizabethtown, York First Church, Carlisle, and Bedford on July 3, we will return home on July 8, 2018. For information and reservations please contact Ken at kreiderk@etown.edu or 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Be in prayer for our fellow Brother, James Beckwith (Annville), Annual Conference Secretary, and for the following ANE Sisters who are nominees on the 2018 ballot: Pam Reist (Elizabethtown) Moderator-Elect; Brandy Leipelt (Annville) Bethany Seminary Board of Trustees; Shelley Kontra (Hempfield) Brethren Benefit Trust Board of Directors.

when disaster strikes. "Living Parables" takes us beyond providing material resources, to share our personal story of God at work in our lives--individually, through the church community of believers, and in the world. As seen through Jesus' actions in Matthew 9:35: "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

For more information and to register, go to www.brethren.org/ac/

DIKAIOS & DISCIPLESHIP

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PRE-CONFERENCE PILGRIMAGE | ALL ARE WELCOME

RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE
A HISTORY OF FAITH



CIVIL RIGHTS | LIBERATING STORIES
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD | SOUL FOOD
WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/DIKAIOS | MATTHEW 5:6



A Good Time In Boston

It's about 400 miles from our District Office to Boston. Located in the southern suburb of Hyde Park, Atlantic Northeast has had this Project since May 2016. This Haitian Creole speaking Project refers to itself as *Église Source de la Grace – Montagne de Gloire*, or in English, *Source of Grace – Mountain of Glory Church (SOGMOG)*.

SOGMOG relates directly to our Commission on Church Development and Evangelism. We seek to bring oversight, guidance, and support in whatever way we can. There is no substitute to getting on-site to see what is happening. Our last visit to Boston was about two years ago.

We planned our visit for the first weekend in December. We formed a four-person delegation, including Don Mitchell, Director, Andy Hamilton, new commission member, Sandy Christophel, a 2017 commission member, and Karen Christophel, Sandy's wife.

On Saturday, we met with Pastor Jean Jeune, wife Michelle, and several other leaders at a steakhouse. This meeting went well; conversation and food are a good combination. We heard them describe their successes, their challenges, and their hopes. Two things stand out from our conversation. One, Pastor Jean saying, "I wish they could afford to give me a fulltime salary, so that I could do ministry full time!". We affirmed his dream, and prayed with him. And two, having frank discussions about other Denominational challenges.

The Sunday worship was a highlight! Attendance was about 100 or more. There were many children; and many tiny babies! Worship was in Creole, and they provided translation via headsets. SOGMOG have a good praise team; ladies led singing, men played instruments. Pastor Jean Jeune is an energetic gospel preacher!

During our visit, it was great to see more people participating in the music program. SOGMOG uses technology and the services are available to all through YouTube. Many greeted us after worship in English saying they were glad for our visit.

It was a good time in Boston for ANE.



CHURCH DEVELOPMENT
& EVANGELISM

Written by Sandy Christophel on behalf
of the Commission



MINISTRY

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Conewago: Sandy Christophel serves as Interim.
Florin: Galen Hackman serves as Intentional Interim. Interviewing.
Geiger Memorial: Open.
Hanoverdale: Search Committee forming.
Hempfield: Profile completed. Receiving profiles.
Lancaster: Robert Kettering serves as Interim Associate Pastor.
Long Run: Joel Hershey & Bob Specer serve as Interim Team
Mechanic Grove: Seeking Youth Director.
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Nertha Castro was installed as Pastor at Nuevo Amanecer on January 21 by Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE Director of Witness and Outreach.

Pete Kontra was installed as ANE District Executive on February 4 at Hempfield by

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Outreach Update: Little Swatara

Winter may be upon us but Little Swatara cannot wait again for the summer months when their annual car, truck, tractor, and motorcycle show takes place.

Folks gather from all around to see the antiques, classics and enjoy wonderful fellowship. Breakfast and lunch items are available as well as many delicious baked goods within the walls of the church pavilion in addition to an indoor yard sale with an offering of various selections.

Spread throughout the church grounds are games for the kids and a crowd favorite - kiddie tractor pulls. Cruising through the parking lot are barrel rides pulled by a garden tractor and the sounds of a band are bringing joy to our ears. Show participants display collector toy tractors and implements



and several other valuables. You can hear stories of old, and meet new friends. You won't find trophies at

this event because every participant is valued and appreciated—the event ends with a parade of entries. Anything we can do to gather people and demonstrate compassion and love for one another is a top priority at Little Swatara.

We are looking forward to another great show this coming year on June 16 from 9am—2pm. Who knows, maybe a boat will show up to enter.

Joyously serving Christ,
~Pastor Matt Christ



How can the Barnabas Fund help your congregation?

Have you ever wondered how the Barnabas Fund can help your congregation? Take a look at these guidelines. Do these guidelines fit your congregation?

- 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.
- There must be a clear evidence of Gospel and Mission

The Barnabas Fund has been established to share the blessing of financial resources with those who express a ministry-driven need. The 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.

If these guidelines fit the kind of ministry efforts that you see in your congregation, this might be just the place to get that extra financial boost that will allow your ministry to be more effective!

Application Deadlines for 2018 are:

♦April 23

♦July 30

♦October 22

Applicants will be contacted within 10 days **following** the scheduled meeting. **Please contact the District Office for an Application.**



Outreach Update: Puerto Rico Refugee Resettlement

As a result of relationships formed through Brethren Disaster Ministries, Indian Creek CoB and the South Eastern PA Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), Indian Creek was called to assist with child care. A significant influx of evacuees from Puerto Rico was overwhelming Philadelphia's resources. As part of the larger effort, they needed trained child care volunteers while parents worked with various agencies, organizations and case workers.

The initial contact with Indian Creek CoB Witness Team's Bob Lane resulted in calling on Pat Bub who had a long history working with Children Disaster Services (CDS). Even though Pat had "retired" from CDS, she made a few preliminary calls to CDS and followed through by



attending a VOAD meeting with Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Management. At this meeting, Pat recognized the opportunity was a good fit for CDS. Within days, Pat and three other CDS volunteers were onsite in Philadelphia serving the families coming from Puerto Rico. Some of the people who were serving, were Mary Geisler, Project Manager, is from Manassas, VA; Kim Kirkwood is also from VA, near Washington, DC; Mary Kay Turner is from the Gettysburg area.

An unforeseen benefit of Pat Bubs service in Philadelphia with CDS helping Puerto Rican evacuees is that she became aware of a documentary of the devastation there.

The first thing needed in order to help someone is to understand the problem. One way we can help is

to raise awareness by watching a documentary, sharing it and discussing what you have learned with others.

"I DID NOT, AND I SUSPECT MANY OTHERS DO NOT, UNDERSTAND THE CATASTROPHIC DISASTER IN PUERTO RICO."
~ BOB LANE

The documentary is part of the TV series: "The Profit". You can find it online by searching for the program title: "The Profit in Puerto Rico: An American Crisis".

The link is provided below:

<http://www.cnn.com/live-tv/cnn-origins/full-episode/the-profit-in-puerto-rico-an-american-crisis/1124563523588>

~ Bob Lane, Indian Creek CoB

Atlantic Northeast District Disaster Response Coordinators' Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 2018

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. (8:30 Coffee and Tea)

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522

This meeting is for all area and local congregational disaster response coordinators and any other interested persons who want to know more about ANE's Disaster Response Ministries. Jenn Dorsch-Messler, Director of Brethren Disaster Ministries, will join us to help us learn more about the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and find ways for your congregation to participate in this important denominational ministry!

There is no charge to attend. However, please RSVP to Kelly Bernstein in the ANE District office (717) 367-4730 or kbernstein@ane-cob.org no later than March 15, 2018.





District Youth and Young Adult Activities and Information

Junior AND Senior High Youth Service Project AND Car Rally!

April 21, 2018

@ Global Aid Network (GAIN), Mount Joy

We will volunteer at GAIN from 9:45 – 1, with a pizza lunch, AMAZING RACE—CAR EDITION and ice cream to follow! Details can be found on our website (ane-cob.org) under registrations!

****SPECIAL REQUEST FROM GAIN.** There is a shortage of clothing at their facility. Would you consider starting a clothing drive at your church and then bring all donations to GAIN on the day of the service

Youth Cabinet Application

The Youth Cabinet is comprised of high school students (9-12 grade) from different churches throughout the ANE District. The cabinet meets about once a month from September through April to brainstorm, envision and plan for the Senior High district events. In addition, the cabinet not only attends the events, but they also provide leadership during those events.

The District is looking for all persons and leadership types (visionary, creative, organized...) as we determine the leadership team for our 2018-2019 Youth Cabinet. We believe youth will enjoy and benefit from their experience on Cabinet!

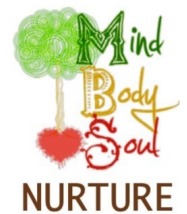
Interested persons may contact Jess Ross, Director, (jross@ane-cob.org) for an application. Please return completed applications to the District Office by **April 30, 2018**.

Young Adult Conference

May 25 – 27, 2018 @ Brethren Woods, Keesletown, Virginia

This denominational led event offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults!

This year's theme is 'Teach With Your Life,' based out of 1 Timothy 4:11-16. For more information please visit www.brethren.org/yac. Registration is open now!



April 6-8

Frederick CoB
Frederick, MD

Mission Alive serves as an opportunity to:

- Rejoice in the growing presence of the Church of the Brethren across the globe
- Explore what it truly means to be a global church and how each district, congregation, and individual can take part
- Commit to investing in this vision

For more information, go to
www.brethren.org/missionalive2018

Events Looking Forward:

- May 6:** COBYS Family Fun Walk, Peter Becker
May 11: Brethren Housing Golf Tournament
May 19: Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, bcmPEACE
May 31-June 2: Independent Living Community Annual Estate & Yard Sale, Londonderry Village

Check the websites of the listed organizations for further details.



Camp Swatara Senior High Winter Retreat - Surrender to Joy

Winter retreat is always an exciting time for me and my friends from Providence Church. Camp to us is a place to be refreshed from the stress of school, and bond with other Brethren church youth. This year's annual retreat did not disappoint! We were able to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, learn about National Youth Conference, and enjoy the services of Pastor Jeff Keller who inspired us to surrender our lives - past, present and future, more fully to the calling Christ has for us.

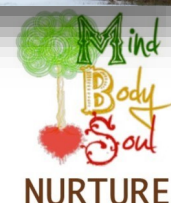
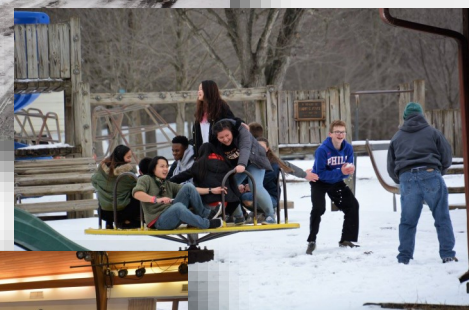
The theme for the weekend was "Surrender to Joy," which pastor Jeff did a very good job at displaying. He used many analogies, powerful video clips, examples, and even stories from his own life. Jeff taught us what joy really is, and how it differs from happiness. Once we learned this, he explained how to live a joyful life, and how to get there. The first step would be surrendering our past. By doing this we are able to get rid of the baggage holding us back, and we can move forward in life with the Lord. Moving forward with the Lord gives us hope even when we go through the inevitable hardships of life. Jeff shared some stories about this from his past that he had to surrender, and how incredible he started to feel afterwards. He even referred to us as "God's perfect masterpiece," and showed us practical ways to identify and remove some of the negative traits we have obtained and allow Christ to shape us into His image.

I believe this was a perfect theme for teenagers. It really showed us how to let go of our past and grow from it. This allows for a much happier mindset, and a much happier life! Also, how cool is it to think of yourself as a *masterpiece*! In times of hardship, and stress, I can always remember that I am God's perfect image. No matter what I go through, this truth will act as a reminder that God is always there to turn to. This is especially useful as college approaches, and even just the overwhelming stress from classes.

Of course, we had lots of fun doing all the activities retreat always has to offer. We were able to really bond with our cabins at worship by circling up, and doing fun little activities. We did a get to know everyone, and even had a singing battle! The cabi-

net leaders shared National Youth Conference information in a fun and engaging way which ended with a Kahoot! Quiz contest. One activity I really enjoyed was the scavenger hunt. We formed little groups, and had to go around camp and take picture at each destination. Some of the pictures required crazy poses! As always, there was lots of 9-square, dodgeball, and crafting. To end it all off, we did the annual shirt signing. Nothing cheers me up more than reading the back of my winter retreat shirts! Camp definitely did not disappoint, and I can't wait to be back next year!

~Renee Scioli, Providence CoB





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

(continued from previous issue)

In 1899 Elizabethtown College was established by members of the Church of the Brethren. The first faculty member the College hired was Elizabeth Myer. This was a clear statement of how the College was formed in response to the Garb Law by hiring the champion of defending plain dress in state normal schools and public schools.

In the first Elizabethtown College catalog, for the 1900-1901 academic year, it states "All those who are members of the Brethren should bring their certificates of membership and it is expected that all such conform to the order of the church in all her doctrines, plainness of dress, and daily Christian deportment."

In 1908 Lillian Herr Risser (1887-1988) graduated from Elizabethtown College. The Board of School Directors for Mount Joy Township hired Risser, a plain dressed Mennonite from Lebanon County, to teach in the public schools. In 1909 the Board of School Directors of Mount Joy Township was brought under investigation for violating the 1895 Plain Garb Law. Certain non-Anabaptist members of the local community demanded the directors of the school, in compliance with the law, remove Lillian Risser from the classroom and the school directors subject to pay a fine. The case was heard by Charles Israel Landis (1856-1932), President Judge of the Courts of Lancaster County. Judge Landis was an Episcopalian descendant of Swiss Mennonites from Paradise who was sympathetic to plain garb. Judge Landis ruled the Act of 1895 was contrary to Sections 3 and 4 of Article I of the Bill of Rights.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics (1844) held their annual convention in Lancaster. This group was anti-Roman Catholic. They supported the 1895 Garb Law as a way to prevent nuns from teaching in public schools. At their convention they appropriated \$1,000.00 toward the expenses of testing the Lillian Risser case and appealing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Myer, editor of the Elizabethtown College's newspaper "Our College Times," featured a call to the campus and community to raise funds, "not less the \$500.00 to pay the costs of testing this case in the above courts. If any of our readers or friends of the College are disposed to contribute to this fund, please send your contribution to H. K. Ober Acting Treasurer of Elizabethtown College."

The Reverend George Bucher (1845-1923), founder of the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren (1898) in Quarryville, among the founders of Elizabethtown College, one of the first members of the Board of Trustees, wrote a series of articles in 1908 defending plain dress, published in the "Daily New Era" newspaper and later printed as a booklet entitled, "The Garb Law An Argument on The Pennsylvania Garb Law in Relation to Public School Teachers."

In 1910 the case was presented before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in *Commonwealth v. Amos R. Herr*. The justices upheld the Garb Law of 1895 and found the school directors of Mount Joy Township in violation of the law.

In 1949 the Garb Law of 1895 was absorbed into the Public School Act Section 1112. "Religious Garb, Insignia, etc., Prohibited; Penalty.--(a) That no teacher in any public school shall wear in said school or while engaged in the performance of his duty as such teacher any dress, mark, emblem or insignia indicating the fact that such teacher is a member or adherent of any religious order, sect or denomination." The law still stands today in Pennsylvania.

Plain dress and other related teachings of the Church of the Brethren became more consistently embraced when the denomination assumed ownership of Elizabethtown College during the First World War. While Elizabethtown College was established by members of the Church of the Brethren, it was not legally owned by the denomination for the first 18 years.

This was the fourth excerpt of Mr. Benowitz's article. His article will conclude in the next issue of ANE Today.



Alpha Hall, the oldest building on the campus.

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



Be Still

A Day Apart for Prayer and Reflection
Camp Swatara — Bethel, PA. — East Lodge
Saturday April 21, 2018 — 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

"Be still and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

We live in a busy, noisy world. The demands of jobs, ministry, and family, along with personal challenges and societal expectations, often prevent us from slowing down long enough to listen for God's gentle voice inviting us into His presence.

This day-long retreat will provide an opportunity to slow down, to quiet our noisy minds, to be still. With times of guided reflection, teaching, contemplative prayer practices, and personal silence amid the natural beauty at Camp Swatara, the day is a chance to connect deeply with God without the usual distractions.



Retreat leadership is provided by Spiritual Directors Ann Bach and Karen Haldeman.

Ann Mason Bach, MDiv, is a trained spiritual director, ordained minister, and a member of Stevens Hill Church of the Brethren. She provides end-of-life care with Hospice & Community Care.

Karen B. Haldeman is a trained spiritual director and a member of Palmyra Church of the Brethren. She is also an avid gardener, a writer, and office manager for Manada Conservancy.

Your \$20 registration fee includes your lunch and a snack on the retreat day. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes for optional walking. Remember to bring your Bible, a journal or notebook, and a candle (preferably unscented and in a glass holder). Bring an open heart and a willingness to wait upon the Lord.

If you have questions about the retreat day or would like help with registration please contact the camp office via E-Mail at info@campswatara.org or by calling (717) 933 - 8510.

"To take time to be apart is not a luxury, it is essential. The gift of space for myself seems so simple, and in a way it is: but it is also surprisingly difficult to do without some form of external encouragement." -- Esther de Waal

"BE STILL: A DAY APART FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION" REGISTRATION FORM

Online registration available at www.campswatara.org
Registration deadline is Monday, April 16th, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Special Needs: _____



Return form with your \$20 registration payment to 2905 Camp Swatara Road, Bethel, PA 19507



COME and ENJOY!

A Brethren Hymn-Sing

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

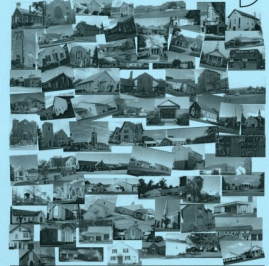
3:00 P.M.

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Sponsored and Hosted by ANE Historical Committee

Enjoy an hour of singing our favorite hymns through the ages! Hymns penned by Church of the Brethren members as well as favorites that Brethren have always loved to sing interspersed with a brief historical review of Brethren hymnody.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



2018 DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is now available. To order a directory, please return this form with \$9.00 to the District office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip _____

Chiques Church of the Brethren will host a Benefit Pork Roast Dinner April 14, 2018

The Haiti Medical Clinic Program and The Nigeria Crisis Fund will receive 100% of the proceeds. The drop in meal is by donation and will be served from 4PM to 7PM.

There will be theme baskets by silent auction and a craft table. Following the meal, Jay Wittmeyer, Executive Director of The Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service will speak about the needs and conditions of Nigeria and Haiti.

Special music will also be provided for enjoyment. Everyone is invited and any additional questions call Sandy Brubaker at 717.665.3466.

Rev. Monroe C. Good
In the service of the Lord



Shalmizhili Ayuba Gwani

You are invited to
A Book Launch

Rev. Monroe C. Good
In the Service of the Lord
By Ayuba Gwani

Date: Sunday, March 4, 2018
Time: 2:00 in the afternoon
Place: Lancaster Church of the Brethren

Please come to honor Monroe for his many years of service, hear presenters, buy the book, get Monroe's signature, and enjoy refreshments!



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Events for 2018

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's continuing education events are designed for ordained Church of the Brethren ministers, but non-Brethren clergy and interested laypersons are also welcome to attend. For more information, and to register for any of the events listed below, go to: <https://www.etown.edu/programs/svmc/continuing-education.aspx> . Print registration form and mail to SVMC. Thank you.

The Imaginative Church: Embracing and Empowering Creativity and the Arts

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren

Presenter: Dave Weiss

Memory Care: Igniting the Inner Light

Date: Monday, May 7, 2018, 9 AM - 3 PM

Location: Cross Keys -- The Brethren Community, New Oxford

Presenter: Jennifer Holcomb, Director of Memory Care, The Brethren Home Community, New Oxford

Pastoral Crisis Intervention: Where to Start and What to Say

(Registration handled by Dale Leverknight)

Session I: March 2, 2018; Session II: September 10, 2018

Gospel of Peace

Date: November 12, 2018, 9 AM - 4 PM

Location: Juniata College

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary

Cost: \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEUs).

Description of event and registration form are forthcoming.



Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Doors open at 8:45 a.m. for coffee/tea/hot chocolate

Midway Church

13 Evergreen Road, Lebanon, PA 17042
717-273-4832 - www.midwaychurch.net

Save the Date!

5k Run for Peace

Saturday, June 9

Elizabethtown CoB

More information at
www.etowncob.org



Mennonite & Brethren Marriage and Engaged Encounter 2018

Engaged Encounter: Take a break from wedding planning and spend a weekend away with your fiancé(e) at 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! 2018 Encounter dates include: March 16-18, May 4-6, August 3-5, September 21-23 and November 16-18. Visit our website (www.marriageencounter.org), send us an email (love@marriageencounter.org), or give us a call at 717-569-5676 for more information or to register.



Marriage Encounter: 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! 2018 Encounter dates include: October 26-28. Visit our website (www.marriageencounter.org), send us an email (love@marriageencounter.org), or give us a call at 717-569-5676 for more information or to register.

A TIMELESS STORY OF RELENTLESS LOVE



Sight and Sound Productions, beginning on January 5, 2018, will present **JESUS** in their theater at Strasburg,

PA. **JESUS** is the action packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Inquiry into ticket purchase revealed that the earliest a group could purchase tickets was for the show on **Wednesday, April 18 for the 11:00 a.m. show.** The cost per person is \$98 and that is all inclusive (the ticket, transportation, dinner, and driver gratuity). The first three rows in the center balcony are reserved for our group.

Pick-up with Elite Coach will begin at 9:15 am. at the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 9:30 at Brethren Village and 9:45 at Lancaster Shopping Center (east side of A.C. Moore). Earl Ziegler will be the host. For reservations, please email Earl at eziegler29@gmail.com or call 717-560-6488

District Calendar

March 3
Stewardship University
Women's Spring
Fellowship

March 5
ACTS Training

March 6
Gifts Discernment Team
Executive Committee

March 12
ACTS Training

March 13
Ministry Commission

March 14
Church Development

March 19
Historical Committee
ANE Board Meeting,
Nurture, Witness &
Outreach, Mechanic
Grove

March 19
Ministry Formation

March 20
Stewardship, Lancaster

April 11
Church Development &
Evangelism

April 14
Germantown Trust

April 17
Ministry Commission
Nurture Commission, East
Cocalico

April 21
Be Still Retreat, Camp
Swatara

Jr/Sr High Service
Project, GAIN

April 24
Stewardship, Lancaster

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

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Deadline for the May/June issue of ANE Today is April 9.

Articles may be faxed to the District Office or emailed to:

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When possible, include appropriate photo, logo or other graphic designs.