



Message from Pete Kontra, District Executive

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Brothers and Sisters of the ANE District:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It truly has been a joy to be in this role as District Executive as I begin to build my relationship with you. Yes, to say that there is much to learn is quite the understatement, and I am grateful for all those who surround and support me: Our District Staff who know what has been and what now is going on in the district, Board members who are committed to leading district ministries, retired and current District Executives who are more than willing to offer their wisdom, Pastors who are encouraging me, my Coach who has helped me grow as a leader and follower of Christ, my Family who love me no matter what, and all members of the Church who offer your encouragement and prayers.

Okay, this is sounding like an acceptance speech...but that's just it: In accepting our call by God to serve Him we are not called to serve Him alone. That is true for us as individual members of the Body of Christ, as well as congregations.

1 Corinthians 12:24-26 says:

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

God has created us with different gifts to work together as His Body. We are not meant to go it alone, but to work together, build each other up, and share our resources in order to fulfill our purpose in Christ. The ANE District is a unique district within the Church of the Brethren. We have

diversity within the Body: theologically, culturally, stylistically in worship and ministry models, large and small congregations.

And so my prayer, and I hope yours too, is that we continue to see clearly how we need each other. We need each other in our unique giftedness to fulfill God's vision to share Christ with the world. And we need each other to support and strengthen one another, walking together that we all might grow deeper and broader as witnesses to His amazing love and grace.

There was a day we Brethren could not come to the communion table if we could not affirm any of the three deacon questions:

- Are you still in the faith of the Gospel as you declared at your baptism?
- Are you, as far as you know, in peace and union with the church?
- Will you still labor with the Brethren for an increase of holiness both in yourselves and others?

God has impressed upon my heart how vital and powerful this third question is for us as the Body today. In a world that so easily gives up on its relationships, will you, will I, still labor together for the good of us all? May we show the world a different way of living!

Blessings,

Pete J. Kontra





"Keep Thinking About Good Things"

If you're anything like me, you can set your heart, mind and spirit to having a positive attitude, thinking about good things, casting your cares on the Lord and then, yes, stuff happens! Why is it so easy to leave our commitment to think about good things the moment we first encounter some pressure, stress or displeasure? I'm an inherently positive person most of the time and I try to always be prepared to give an account of the reason for my joy and hope, but although I have that natural tendency toward joy, when the world piles on the negativity, even I can get down. That's when I can almost hear my father saying, "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps and fake it till you feel it." That works some of the time, but not always.

You know what does work every time? Counting my blessings. In every situation, positive or negative, counting what is good is helpful to me. If I'm overwhelmed by deadlines, I try to remember what a privilege it is to have these things to do which require that I finish them on time. When people treat me like a second-class citizen just because of my gender, I think about the many years when women didn't even enjoy the privileges I enjoy these days. This doesn't stop me from trying to help people to see another way of thinking, but it does change my attitude about it and the people who feel that way so I can pray with love for the ones who still don't understand.

I imagine you can think of situations that bring you down. How about if you disagree with someone in your church or even with other congregations about theology? OK, but what do they do for the community or for evangelism or for shut-ins that amazes your heart? You want to argue about a particular policy or polity of the denomination or district? OK, but

what good things are going on at the same time? Disagreements about one thing to not have to result in disdain for everything. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

We need to recognize the good in those with whom we disagree. My father also told me, "You can find

Maybe, just maybe, we can (dare I say it?) actually love one another more for having disagreed with grace and come out of the discussion as a family anyway. What a concept! May God inspire us to share our hearts and our minds in loving ways as we gather for District meetings, events, choir rehearsals, commission meetings, board meetings and every other chance we have to meet together to seek His will.

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 about each brother and sister in our District. May we never lose sight of those as we seek out others' redeeming qualities and leave one another in the Love of Christ until we have the privilege to be together again!

Love to all,
Misty Wintsch,
District
Moderator ~
2018



at least one redeeming quality in everyone you meet whether you like the person or not. Look for that and they'll be easier to get along with." If we put 5 people in separate rooms and asked them to read *Gone With the Wind*, there would be at least 3 opinions about what the author, Margaret Mitchell, was trying to say in the 6th chapter, 3rd paragraph. How can we agree on Bible passages that have been translated into English from original languages and pulled apart and theologized about for over 2,000 years?

What we can agree on is Love. We must love one another. And love always begins (think about this with regards to anyone you have ever loved) with trying to understand where the other person is coming from. We don't have to agree in order to love each other. If we did, no marriage would last a year. Since that is true, then we can certainly disagree and continue to love one another.



District Conference 2018!

October 5 & 6

District Conference preparations are underway, as your District Staff is working hard to make this year's conference a memorable, productive and uplifting weekend. In response to the 2017 District Conference evaluations, we have taken action to improve and respond to your requests. Thank you for voicing your opinion and giving your input, so that we can create an ideal conference for our ANE brothers and sisters.



Things to look forward to.....

-Registration opens May 1 (all registration will be done online this year at www.ane-cob.org)

Register between May 1 and July 1, and receive a discounted fee of \$30 per delegate.

Non-delegates are \$30 per person. Non-delegate fees are \$30 until September 15.

Fees include: District Conference book, breakfast, lunch and one insight session

*According to our by-laws, all delegates must be registered by July 1, in order to ensure that all pertinent communication is received in a timely manner.

-Friday Night Worship Service – October 5 at 7pm in the Leffler Chapel at Elizabethtown College

Speaker – Moderator, Misty Wintsch

Children's Church offered

Special recognition for 50 year ministers, ACTS and TRIM graduates

ALL are welcome! Free to attend. Registration is not required for the worship service.

-Saturday, District Conference – October 6. Breakfast begins at 7am Conference starts at 8:15am

Free childcare provided

Breakfast and Bible Study – led by Pastor Brian Berkey

"Lunch and Learn" Insight Sessions offered

Creative, fun skits and anniversary celebrations

Open microphone time for delegates to have their voice heard

***Stay tuned for more information and updates as they become available!**



District Conference 2018!

October 5 & 6



This year's District Conference will host a Friday night Worship Service on October 5th!

Brothers and Sisters from all over the District are encouraged to attend and worship with us!

If you would like to stay with one of our Brethren Hosts, please contact Christine Dugan with your name, Congregation, address, phone number and the number of guests that will be coming.

If you would like to become a host, please contact Christine Dugan with your name, Congregation, address, phone number and the number of guests you would like to host. Breakfast will be provided at Conference.

cdugan@ane-cob.org
717.367.4730



Prayer Calendars



One of the most important things we do is pray for one another. Therefore, we are excited to begin a district-wide prayer ministry so churches can pray for each other on a rotating weekly basis. Every week, each will pray for another church in our district as one will pray for them. A special prayer calendar has been made for each church. They are available on our website at www.ane-cob.org. In addition to the church calendar, the

District is also providing specific ways all of you can support us in prayer. The following is our requests for the upcoming months:

May 6: District Board –Please pray for guidance and discernment as the District Board make decisions and recommendations for our District.

May 13: Church Development & Evangelism Commission – Please pray for the Church Planting Conference in Richmond, IN and those from our District who are attending.

May 20: Ministry Commission – Please pray for the District Ministry Commission in their work with all credentialed ministers and ministry candidates.

May 27: Annual Conference Delegates—Please pray for Annual Conference Delegates as they attend the Annual Conference Briefing to prepare for Annual Conference.

June 3: Executive Committee – Please pray for the District Executive and District Staff.

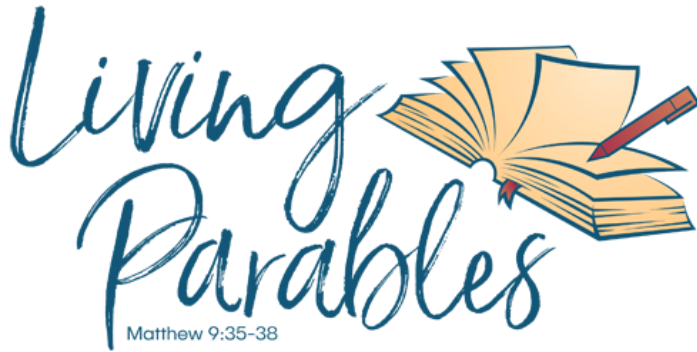
June 10: Witness & Outreach Commission – Please pray for the Witness and Outreach Commission as they plan their Urban Initiatives conference.

June 17: Stewardship Commission – Please pray for discernment as the Stewardship Commission works to develop the 2019 District Ministry Investment Plan.

June 24: Standing Committee – Please pray for our Standing Committee members as they prepare for Annual Conference.



Annual Conference, Church of the Brethren



July 4-8 • Cincinnati, OH

For more information, visit:
<http://www.brethren.org/ac/>

Online Registration is now open!

Worship Leadership



Preacher: **Brian Messler** (Ephrata),
 Thursday evening, July 5

Annual Conference Delegate Briefing

June 2

9:00-11:00am

Hempfield CoB

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

Annual Conference Moderator Samuel Sarpiya will be in our District on June 2 to share about this year's conference.

Your District Standing Committee delegates (Jeff Rill-Lancaster, Mark Baliles-Indian Creek, Kim Ream-Ephrata) invite you to come to this year's Annual Conference Delegate Briefing to hear from Samuel and prepare for the upcoming conference.

Coffee & light snacks available at 8:30am
No Registration Required to Attend

Annual Conference Worship Planning Team



Left to Right: **Linetta Ballew**, Bethel, Pennsylvania; **Josh Tindall**, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; John Shafer, Oakton, Virginia, **Eric Landram**, Lititz, Pennsylvania; Christy Waltersdorff, Lombard, Illinois

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



Good News of Great Joy!

At our invitation, Mrs. Mary Yohanna and Dr. Yamtikarya Joseph Mshelia, two Women Theologians and leaders in the E.Y.N. (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) are planning to attend Annual Conference in Cincinnati in July 2018. This is a first for them and for us!

Sisters Mary and Yamtikarya will join us for our celebration of 60 years of ordained ministry for women in the Church of the Brethren! They will attend the clergy women's breakfast on Friday morning and also will present an Insight Session through the Office of Ministry. It is our hope that this visit will provide many opportunities to build long and lasting friendships with our Nigerian sisters.

Included in their visit is the possibility of "extra-curricular" activities before and after conference, such as a visit to Bethany Theological Seminary, the offices in Elgin and a visit to Washington D.C. and advocacy work on "the Hill."

The cost of the trip for both of the women will total approximately \$6000 (\$3000 each). That includes air and ground travel, registration, lodging at conference, food, etc. We are asking individuals, congregations and districts to consider contributions to help cover these costs and make this trip a reality!

Donations can be sent to: Please earmark checks "**EYN Women Theologians.**"

Nigeria Crisis Fund
Church of the Brethren
1451 Dundee Ave.
Elgin, IL 60120-1674

If you have any questions, contact Pam Reist (717.475.6513 or reistp@etown.edu).



Save the Date!

Women's Camp August 19-21

Doris Abdullah,
Church of the Brethren Representative to
the United Nations,
Speaker

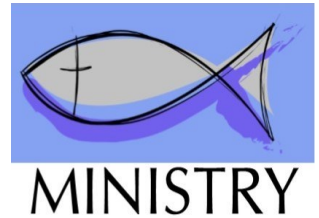
Online Registration Opens June 1
www.ane-cob.org
or see your church representative



Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations



Adam Ulm was installed as Pastor at **Spring Creek** on February 25 by Pete Kontra, District Executive.



Jason Haldeman's (Elizabethtown) licensing service was officiated by Pete Kontra, District Executive on March 11.



Ryan Burkholder's (Ephrata) ordination service was performed by Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE Director of Witness & Outreach on March 11.

New Members: ANE District

Brooklyn First — *Baptism*: Aisha Neri and David Rosario

Harrisburg First — *Letter*: Mark Pickens;
Reaffirmation: Howard Kramer, Victor Mendez.

Indian Creek — *Reaffirmation*: Stephen Rostick, Danielle Rostick

Lititz — *Baptism*: Matthew Backon, Kyle Charles, Carissa Lusk, Rebekah Trovinger, Mu Mu Wa, Dylan Zimmerman; *Letter*: Rick Balmer, Sarah Balmer, Clair Kreider, Louise Kreider; *Reaffirmation*: Sarah Challenger, Amos Cunningham, Dennis Kready, Sharon Kready, Rose Raia, Sarai Raia.

Little Swatara — *Reaffirmation*: Lois Bohn, Schott Bohn, Carl Graby

Placement News

Conewago: Sandy Christophel serves as Interim.

Florin: Negotiating.

Geiger Memorial: Open.

Hanoverdale: Search Committee forming. Seeking Interim.

Hempfield: Called Doug Hinton as Pastor starting April 16.

Lancaster: Robert Kettering serves as Interim Associate Pastor.

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

Mechanic Grove: Negotiating.

Swatara Hill: Interviewing.



Church 2 Church Project Request

The ANE District is looking for a few small groups (Sunday school groups, Bible Study groups, Men's or Women's groups) to spend a few hours offering a helping hand by working alongside members of Harrisburg First.



bcmPEACE, the community outreach arm of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, owns 6 two-bedroom apartments at 1317 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA 17104. We use the apartments for permanent housing for persons facing barriers to renting an apartment on the open market. bcmPEACE rents the apartment for a little under the market rate. When an apartment is vacant at times it is used for emergency housing. One of the apartments is currently being used for emergency housing but we wish to make it suitable for permanent housing. The other two apartments have tenants that attend Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren.

Here's the project that we need completed at the properties:

Flooring (rolled linoleum flooring has already been donated) in two (2) two-bedroom apartments

Drywall of a two-bedroom apartment

Painting a two-bedroom apartment

Repair of cabinets

There is also a back door that needs to be replaced

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.

Interested persons may contact:
Atlantic Northeast District Office
(717-367-4730),
or the ANE District Director of Witness
and Outreach (mreinhardt@ane-
cob.org)

The next due date for Barnabas Fund applications is Monday, April 23, 2018.

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 this year are:

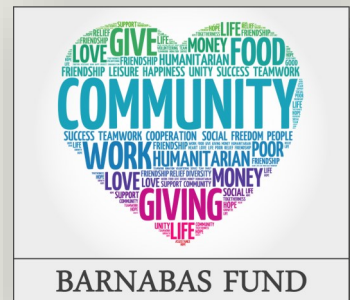
Monday, April 23

Monday, July 30

Monday, October 22

Applicants will be contacted within 10 days **following** the scheduled meeting.

Please contact the District Office for an application.





Outreach Update:

Reach Out to Caring Cupboard Families with a Reverse Advent Calendar

The Outreach Team at Palmyra CoB has a unique Advent idea for celebrating the season of giving by helping families who benefit from the Caring Cupboard, a local food bank.

We introduced a reverse Advent calendar! Rather than *getting* something each day of Advent, people would be *giving* something each day. Palmyra CoB used this concept to

collect toiletries for Caring Cupboard families. While we generally think of food when giving items to the Caring Cupboard, families need personal hygiene items as well. From Dec. 1 through Dec. 25, our congregation members could create a family toiletry packet by following the daily guidelines on this calendar. After the items were collected, the items were placed in a box, bag or basket. For those who could not complete a full set of toiletries, a few selected items could be donated.

A specific area was established in the church for drop off of the items. We collected items through December 31, and gave a goal of a certain number of completed kits to achieve.



~Steve Bortner, Palmyra CoB

EXAMPLE OF A REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR USED BY PALMYRA COB

December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Deodorant ¹	Shampoo ²
Toothbrush ³	Bar Soap ⁴	Dish Soap ⁵	Laundry Soap ⁶	Razors ⁷	Tissues ⁸
Hand Soap ¹⁰	Toilet Paper ¹¹	Paper Towels ¹²	Window Cleaner ¹³	Cotton Balls ¹⁴	Antacid Tablets ¹⁵
Hand Sanitizer ¹⁷	Tylenol/Ibuprofen ¹⁸	Feminine Hygiene Product ¹⁹	Dental Floss ²⁰	Lotion ²¹	Countertop Cleaner ²²
Band-aids ²⁴	Toothpaste ²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹
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Do a reverse Advent calendar!

Help your friends and neighbors have access to basic needs, like the above-listed toiletries! We will collect items through the 2nd week of January, 2018.

Focus on family

Our average family size is just under 3 persons. The items for this box do not need to be large/bulk items. Our families appreciate any help with these items!

Our goal

We would love to give each of our families one of these boxes. We would like to collect a minimum of 150 boxes to help our friends and neighbors.



Disaster Response Update: Marion, South Carolina, February 4-9, 2018



This was the first time for us to go on a mission trip through BDM. We came from the ANE District (Lebanon Church of the Brethren and Schuylkill Church of the Brethren). Joining us were 13 others, including Old Order Mennonites from Wisconsin and a couple from Indiana. Ages ranged from 69 to 15 with many different skills. Our purpose was to help rehabilitate 3 homes in Nichols, South Carolina that had been devastated by the flooded Little Pee Dee River after Hurricane Matthew in 2015.

We were housed in St. John's AME church in Marion, South Carolina. Our work consisted of painting, cleaning, and ripping out paneling. The day started at 6:00 AM with devotions, packing lunch and breakfast. We arrived at the work site, which was a half hour drive, about 8:00AM. After a lunch break at noon, we worked until 4:00PM, then returned to Marion. Evenings were for devotions, supper, review of our day's work, and fellowship.

During the week one of the family members of the house where we were working stopped by to inspect our progress. She and her mother are eager to return home and were very thankful for all the help from BDM.

We enjoyed our week helping those in need and making new friends from Wisconsin, Indiana, and South Carolina. We definitely would recommend this opportunity to everyone who has a wish to help others.

~ Bev Bode, Lebanon CoB



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.



Pricetown: The Oldest Unaltered Brethren Meetinghouse

A gem of Brethren History exists in the small Berks County village of Pricetown, located on route 12 near its intersection with route 662. The village is named for Conrad Price, a Dunkard Brethren who emigrated there from Germany in 1754. The Pricetown Meetinghouse was constructed of fieldstone in 1777, only seven years after the first Brethren Meetinghouse in America was built in Germantown. It was built by Martin Gaube, who in 1807 turned over the deed to the "Old Baptist Society" (known as the Church of the Brethren since 1908). Gaube died in 1812 and is buried behind the Meetinghouse. It remains in pristine shape, due to the efforts of the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren.



The one-story structure (30 x 25 feet) features a kitchen extension (16 by 16 feet) to the right, probably added a very short time after the main structure was built. The Kitchen was likely used to prepare meals for Love Feast. There are benches for the congregational attendees, to which backs were added in 1877. There is no pulpit for the preacher. Dubbed "the oldest unaltered Brethren Meetinghouse in America," the building has not been modified from its original structure. Other than replacement of the roof and floorboards, it remains in its original state.

Brethren have not consistently worshipped here since 1777. The 1770 members of what was then known as the Oley congregation were Martin Gaube (minister) and wife, John Yoder (minister) and wife, Conrad Price and wife, David Price and wife, David Kinsey and wife, Daniel Kleine and wife, Peter Kleine, Elizabeth Ellis, Margaret Harpine, and Catherine Plank. After a period of decline in membership, Samuel and Sara Fox moved to Pricetown in 1846 and began having services there.

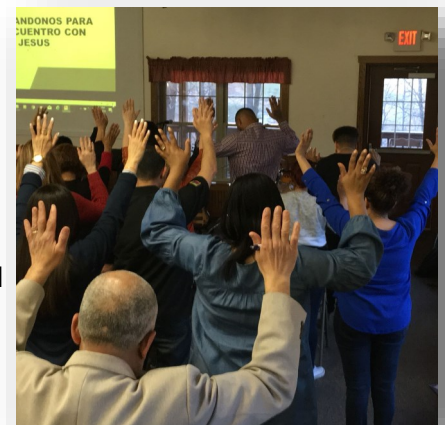


Since 1930, there is only service a year. The next service is on June 3, 2018 at 2:30PM.

~ David Fuchs, ANE District Historical Committee

RUGE Camp

A Camp for women and men of the ANE Hispanic Churches was held on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2018, at Camp Andrew, Lancaster. This camp has been celebrated for three consecutive years, where the participants have enjoyed a special time, and where all the Hispanic Churches of our District, come together as one body in Jesus Christ. Pastors and Leaders participate in the conferences, worship services and dynamics- offered in a program aimed at reinforcing our theological formation, deepening the spiritual aspect and intimate with our Lord Jesus. In addition we enjoyed entertainment dynamics linked to different Biblical stories. The Lord ministered to our lives and we were restored through the Holy Spirit. In these three (3) days, we strengthened our unity and love in Jesus Christ.



Pastor Leonor Ochoa, Lirio De Los Valles, Organizer



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

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With the First World War looming and concerns about conscientious objection and options for alternative military service for Elizabethtown College students, on April 25, 1917 ownership of the college was assumed by the Church of The Brethren's General Education Board. For 75 years the college was legally owned, governed, and funded by the Church of the Brethren.

On December 3, 1992 a Mutual Expectations Committee produced a "Statement of Basic Understanding" establishing a covenant rather than legal relationship between the church and college. Accordingly the "church cannot and should not control the college, and the college cannot and should not expect the church to totally finance its operations and assume all of the legal responsibilities of ownership." On October 23, 1993 the Board of Trustees amended the College's Articles of Incorporation, giving the board sole power to elect its members.

All but the last three presidents of Elizabethtown College were ordained clergy in the Church of the Brethren and several were evangelists such as President Ralph W. Schlosser (1886-1978), class of 1907, who held 225 evangelical revival meetings in the course of 55 years in over 10 states. Many of the presidents, deans, and faculty were alumni of the college.

Most of the students were right off the local farms in southeastern Pennsylvania, six of the past presidents could speak the Pennsylvania German dialect fluently. Although Elizabethtown College is rooted in Anabaptism and strongly influenced by the local Pennsylvania Dutch culture, the institution has always been ecumenical.

In the original charter for the College it is clear the school was not established only for members of the Church of the Brethren but "shall be open to all such as desire to avail themselves of its privileges." According to a statement crafted by faculty and students appearing in 1904 in the school newspaper "... the doors are open to everybody, regardless of creed, and they are not to be intimidated on

account of their honest, religious convictions. While Elizabethtown College is loyal to its immediate fraternity, yet no one on account of his religious convictions, shall in any way be embarrassed while making his sojourn with us; but that he shall always feel at liberty to hold his honest religious convictions, even though they may in some degree be at variance with others."

One of the college's benefactors, Mennonite Elmer Esbenshade (1881-1967) wrote in 1967 how he believed "every youth, regardless of race, creed, or color, ought to prepare themselves for life by securing an education that will qualify them for some worthwhile vocation." Adding how the world needs individuals who "will influence not only their own destiny, but also serve the interests and welfare of human kind."



DR. CARL STRIKWERDA

**Dr. Carl Strikwerda,
President of Elizabethtown College,
recently announced his retirement
effective June 2019.**

In 1967 a committee was appointed to review the purposes of the College. The committee issued the statement, "While the College does not expect that the total Faculty be Christian or reflect any one point of view, it does expect that the goals and the purposes of the institution will be respected by all Faculty." Consistent with this history, Elizabethtown College offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interfaith Leadership Studies.

Elizabethtown College is still firmly rooted in the Anabaptist and Pietist tradition within the context of the Historic Peace Churches.

The College is home to The Galen S. Young (1912-2006) Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies (1989). This research center sponsors The Young Center Fund for Student-Faculty Research in Conflict Resolution and Ecumenical Studies as well as the Dale W. Brown Peace Endowment.

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

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The Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellowship works closely with the College's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking. These two groups sponsor the Paul M. Grubb, Jr. (1932-1985) class of 1955 Student Peace Award; Eugene P. Clemens, Professor of Religion Emeritus, Student Peace, Tolerance, Social Justice Award; and the Mary Dilling Herr, class of 1957, Peace Fund.

The College's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking annually hosts the Ware Colloquium on Peace Making underwritten by Paul and Judy S. Ware class of 1968.

The College offers a minor in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, as well as a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies. The College curriculum features classes such as "Anabaptist and Pietist Movements," "Amish, Brethren, and Mennonites in the U. S. Since 1875," "Amish Society;" "Peace, War, and Nonviolence;" "Peacemaking and Social Justice in the Bible."

The President of Elizabethtown College, European Historian Dr. Carl J. Strikwerda, a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, regularly teaches the course "Peace and War in a Global World."

The College library is home to the Church of the Brethren Archives located in the Earl H. and Anita F. Hess, Class of 1953, Archives and Special Collections.

The Office of Church Relations is part of the Institutional Advancement division and is a bridge between the College and the Church of the Brethren's Atlantic Northeast and Southern Pennsylvania Districts. The College financial aid office features the Church of the Brethren Scholarship to students who are active members of the Church of the Brethren.

The campus hosts the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center which was established in 1993 in collaboration with the Church of the Brethren Bethany Theological Seminary (1905), and the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

The offices for a study abroad program called Brethren Colleges Abroad have been on campus since it was created in 1962.

In his inaugural address as the 11th president of the College, on November 5, 1977, The Reverend Dr. Mark C. Ebersole (1921-2011), class of 1943, said, "Through philosophy, history, legend, poetry, religion, and all other liberal studies, the human spirit is stirred to probe more deeply for the truths that make life worthwhile, for those values that will bring sublimity of purpose and character."

President Ebersole's words are echoed in the purpose of the college as described by the Board of Trustees in a statement issued in 1927, "...the ideals and purpose of the founders of the college... harmonious development of the intellectual, moral, physical, and spiritual life of the student."



Silver, Wood, & Ivory

Music that soothes your soul

Sunday, April 29th

2:30 pm

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
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The Classical Concert Series supported through the generosity of the K. Ezra and Esther M. Bucher Music Fund, and the generous Donors who provided the resources to upgrade and restore the church organ.

A free-will offering will be taken to help continue the concert series.

For more details contact the church office or visit silverwoodandivory.com



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

ANE GROUP RATE \$129

It is with great pleasure to offer a group discount rate to our ANE leaders for this summit!

There is limited space. For details and to register, please go to our website at www.ane-cob.org.

Please help us get the word out! Lititz Church of the Brethren is seeking to hire a part-time Director of Young Adult Ministries. For more information or to express interest in the position, please contact the church office at 717-626-2131 or admin@lititzcob.org.



Many of us yearn for peace and justice, but aren't always sure what to do. Come join the **Run-Walk for Peace 5K**--a visible, feet on the ground, positive-energy community event!

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the 3.1 mile race to raise money and awareness for this year's beneficiary: Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center. Located in York, PA, PIRC works to provide access to justice for vulnerable immigrants in detention and in the community through legal services, education and advocacy.

An annual event since 1982, **this year's Run-Walk for Peace has a new course through Etown College**



campus. As in past years, the course will be slightly hilly, but have fewer road crossings, making it even safer for children and families.

Race day is Saturday, June 9 with a 9 a.m. start. Overall male and female prizes will be awarded, along with age group winners. Sweatshop-free, eco-friendly race t-shirts have been carefully selected. Other attractions include a kids fun run, Fair Trade goods for purchase, sneaker recycling and live music.

For more information on how to register or volunteer, please check out www.etowncob.org/runforpeace or call Karin at [717-383-7275](tel:717-383-7275). Hope you can make it!



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN *Hymn Sing*

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.

Ephrata Church of the Brethren, 201 Crescent Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522



Enjoy 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.

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District C.O.B. Historical Committee

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A Brethren Hymn Sing

Join us for a good old-fashioned Brethren Hymn Sing on Sunday Afternoon May 6 at 3:00 P.M. Janice Holsinger and Bob Kettering will lead singing, accompanied by Organist Margaret Marsch and Pianist Ryan Arndt. Familiar hymns will be featured. Jeff Bach, Ph.D., Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College will provide a brief history of Brethren Hymnody.



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.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention: Where to Start and What to Say

(Registration handled by Dale Leverknight)

Session II: September 10, 2018

The Body of Christ in Corinth & America

Date: October 15, 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.



Mother's Day Gratitude Project

We invite you to participate in the Mother's Day Gratitude Project!

Honor a woman you love by supporting mothers around the world!



This is a wonderful opportunity for you to honor a woman you know and love by celebrating and supporting women around the world. Instead of buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that keeps on giving. Your donation allows Global Women's Project (GWP) to fund women-led projects in Haiti, India, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the United States focused on women's health, education and employment. In return, your chosen recipient will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate mail your donation to: GWP, c/o Tina Rieman, 508 Miami St., North Manchester, IN 46962

Include recipient name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be listed on our website. Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Tina by May 6, 2018. After the 6th, they will be mailed as they are received.

We invite you to help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity to give a meaningful gift to a woman you love.



Senior Adult Trips Available

Calling All Single Adults

Let's have fun together by joining a group going to lunch at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant followed by the show, "Home Game" performed in the Bird-in-Hand theater right there on the premises. The buffet luncheon will begin at 11:15 a.m. and the show at 1:30 p.m. The date is Tuesday, June 5, and the cost which includes the coach, driver gratuity, luncheon and show is \$79 per person.

You qualify for this exclusive trip if you are a single adult, a widow or widower. Trips for this special group are sponsored in Florida, so why not here? Come and join a fun traveling group for a time out together.

"HOME GAME" is a new musical in which Levi Troyer must choose between his father's expectation of an Amish life on the farm and his own deepest dreams of playing major league baseball. Filled with laughter and drama, this moving and entertaining show is sure to hit it out of the park!

For reservations, please call Earl Ziegler at 717-560-6488. We hope to have you join us! Welcome! Pick-ups will be at Elite Coach in Ephrata, Brethren Village, and Lancaster Shopping Center. Send full payment by June 1 to Earl K. Ziegler, 203 Fieldcrest Drive, Lititz, PA 17543.

Don't Miss Seeing "Jesus"

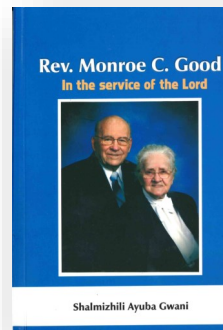
– Sight & Sound Production Style

Come with us to experience the Sight & Sound production of **Jesus** on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in their Strasburg theater. Following the performance, which ends at approximately 5:30 p.m., we will travel to a Lancaster County Restaurant for a buffet dinner.

Come with us to see the Greatest Story ever told in the unforgettable drama and music of a Sight and Sound production. We have reserved 50 seats in the center of the balcony for our Atlantic Northeast District friends.

The cost is \$98 per person and includes the show ticket, coach transportation, a buffet meal, and driver gratuity. Pick-ups will include locations at Elite Coach in

Ephrata, Brethren Village, and Lancaster Shopping Center. For more information, please email at evzieg@gmail.com or call at 717-560-6488 for a brochure.



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

Were you unable to attend the book launch but are still interested in a book? Send \$10.00 to Lancaster CoB; 1601 Sunset Ave. Lancaster, PA 17601.

District Calendar

May 1
District Conference
Registration Opens
May 3
Witness & Outreach,
Reading
May 6
Brethren Hymn Sing,
Ephrata
May 8
Ministry Commission,
Hempfield
May 9
CCDE Commission
May 15
Nurture Commission,
East Cocalico
May 28
Office Closed

June 2
Annual Conference
Delegate Briefing,
Hempfield
June 5
Stewardship
Executive Committee
June 9
Run for Peace,
Elizabethtown
June 13
CCDE Commission
June 21
Ministry, Nurture, Witness
& Outreach Commissions
&
Board Meeting,
Lebanon CoB

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Our Mission:

Guided by scripture, heritage and the Holy Spirit, we are creating spiritually healthy New Testament congregations who covenant and network together to further the Kingdom of God.

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