

# ANE Today



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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### Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

In Acts 2:42, as the early Church began, we're given an example for us to follow, that the first believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."



On October 5 and 6 we will be gathering together for District Conference, where we will worship together, hear the Word of God, fellowship, eat, and pray together. On Saturday, we will hear many great things that God is doing through us as a District which all of you are a part of. And yes, we will also discuss some difficult issues that we now face. One opportunity we have to prepare for Conference is our Sectional Meetings scheduled in September (dates and locations are in this newsletter and our website [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)), where all of you are invited to come and have conversation about the business items on the agenda. Please be sure you do.

Another way for us to prepare is to PRAY.

I ask you to please devote yourself to prayer as we prepare for District Conference. I hope you do everyday throughout your lives and walk with Christ, and so I especially lift up this

time for us as the Body of Christ. There is something powerful about praying together as the Body of Christ. We open our hearts to God, and His Spirit breathes into us His Power, Vision, and Call upon our lives. God speaks, moves, leads, comforts, heals, encourages.

Acts 4:23-24, 31 says, "On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God...After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."



They prayed to God, naming and claiming His awesome power on display from the beginning of time. They prayed for boldness. They prayed for great power through healing, signs, wonders. And the place where they were meeting was shaken. We are not to be timid or live in fear. We are to expect great things from God. I invite us now to pray together for God's

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power to come upon us.

All of you have the prayer calendar for your congregation which you can follow.

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## District Conference 2018

*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 ~ Philippians 4:8*

I invite you and every member of your congregation to consider coming to District Conference for worship and fellowship on Friday evening or on Saturday. We will be hearing stories throughout the weekend about good things going on in our churches and neighborhoods and you are welcome to share your church's "praiseworthy" story too! There is no cost to worship with the larger body on Friday evening. There is a minimal cost to attend on Saturday and to break bread with us during the lunch hour. Childcare is available and several workshops are available for you to enjoy as well. All of the details are contained in our District Conference book available on our website: [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)

May God bless us all with His call to you and yours to be a part of our Conference in worship on Friday, in presence on Saturday or both. We can only be as complete a body as He wills with as many who answer His call to join us!

Yours in Jesus' Love,

Misty Wintsch

2018 District Conference Moderator



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday, October 5, 2018

- ◆ ANE District Choir
- ◆ Speaker – Misty Wintsch, Moderator
- ◆ 50 Year Ministers Recognized:  
Galen Brumbaugh (Hempfield) &  
Benjamin Simmons (Palmyra)
- ◆ Appreciation of newly credentialed, placed  
and 2018 interim Ministers
- ◆ ACTS Graduates Acknowledged
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Refreshments Following Worship
- ◆ Fellowship Expo with Related Agencies
- ◆ Free and All are Welcome to Attend!

### Saturday, October 6, 2018

- ◆ Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Bible Study
- ◆ Service Project – COBYS Collection
- ◆ Free Childcare Offered
- ◆ Group Prayer
- ◆ Multi-Cultural Celebrations
- ◆ Time to Share What's Good
- ◆ Lunch & Learn Insight Sessions
- ◆ Buffet Lunch Option
- ◆ Enjoyable Presentations and Reports
- ◆ Important Business Matters
- ◆ Registration Required

*Online Registration Closes September 15.*

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ane-cob.org/>



# District Conference Highlights

## Families of All Ages Are Encouraged to Attend! Free Childcare Offered

We are pleased to offer childcare for this year's District Conference. Children ages 0-12 will be cared for during conference hours on Saturday, October 6. The Elizabethtown Community Nursery School, located inside the Elizabethtown CoB, is pleased to offer quality care provided by certified educators.

There is a \$20 registration fee per child, with a \$50 maximum per family. This money will be refunded when you pick your children up after District Conference. If registered children do not attend, the money will be donated to COBYS Family Services.



**Registration closes September 15! Please sign up at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)**

## 2018 ANE District Conference Service Project and Offering



**KIDS CLOSET**—If you have kids, you know they need a lot of things! At COBYS each foster child coming into care receives a backpack filled with toys, games, personal care items, a Bible and more. School supplies are on sale now. This is a great time to stock up for District Conference!

**For a full list of items needed, please visit:**

<https://cobys.org/support-us/needs-list/>

Please consider bringing donations to District Conference! Items will be collected in the lobby all weekend. If you would like to donate a monetary gift, please feel free to place a check in the offering during the Worship Service.

## What good things is God doing in your congregation's ministries? - A Time to Share

Unique to this year's District Conference, there is time in the agenda for interested congregations to share all of the good things that God is doing within your church. There are certainly many true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy things happening in our families, churches and communities. Please come prepared to share with conference about the wonderful things that God is doing within your congregation. Please prepare your minds & hearts as we focus on this year's theme and share what is good.







## District Conference Sectional Meetings

September 4, 2018 – 3:00-4:30pm or 6:30-8:00pm – Hempfield CoB Sanctuary

September 11, 2018 – 3:00-4:30pm or 6:30-8:00pm – Spring Creek CoB Chapel

September 17, 2018 – 3:00-4:30pm or 6:30-8:00pm – Indian Creek CoB Fellowship Hall

The Agenda for each meeting is as follows: Opening Prayer, Presentation about Policy on Same Gender Marriage, Time for questions and answers, Presentation about Procedural Outline for Congregational Withdrawal, Time for questions and answers, Closing Prayer/Hymn.

OPEN FOR ALL TO ATTEND; NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

## Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations

**Joseph Gendy's** (Source of Grace) ordination service was on June 24. Pete Kontra, District Executive officiated the service.

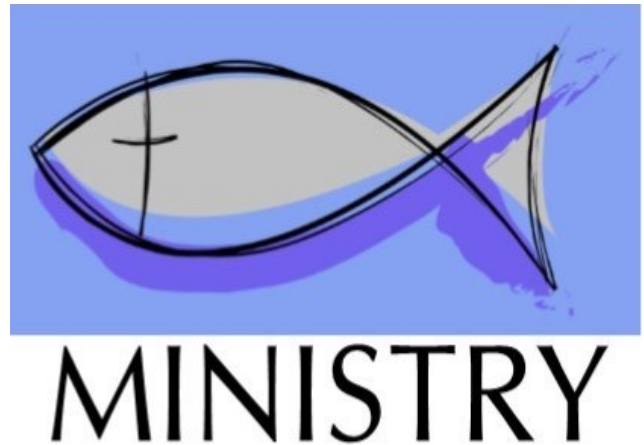


**Ryan Cliff's** (Mount Wilson) licensing service was on July 22. Kay Weaver, ANE Director of Stewardship, officiated the service.

**Tom Weber's** (Florin) installation service was on August 5. Pete Kontra, District Executive officiated the service.



Photo credit: Sandy Weber



## Placement News

**Akron:** Search Committee formed. Dennis Garrison serves as Interim.

**Conewago:** Sandy Christophel serves as Interim.

**Geiger Memorial:** Open.

**Hanoverdale:** Called Kevin Richardson as Interim, Search Committee formed.

**Hempfield:** Searching for full-time Youth Pastor.

**Lancaster:** Robert Kettering serves as Interim Executive Pastor.

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

**Mount Wilson:** Jim & Sue Eikenberry resigned.

**Wyomissing:** Pastor Tim Speicher retires 9/18; Search Committee formed.



The following positions are open within the ANE District:

**Lititz CoB:** Seeking to hire a part-time **Director of Youth Ministries** (30hrs/week) as well as a **Director of Young Adult Ministries** (10 hours/week). For more information or to express interest in either position, please contact the church office at 717-626-2131 or [admin@lititzcob.org](mailto:admin@lititzcob.org).

**Harrisburg First CoB:** Seeking PT **Administrative Assistant** (20 hrs/wk) Contact Harrisburg First at [admassistant219@gmail.com](mailto:admassistant219@gmail.com) or 717.234.0415.

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If you haven't seen it, you can find it on the District website. Lift each other up as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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 pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* —Ephesians 3:17-19

Blessings!

~Pete Kontra

## New Members: ANE District

**Indian Creek** — *Baptism:* Lila Bechtel

**Middle Creek** — *Letter:* Ashley Good, William Kilhefner.

**Mohrsville** — *Baptism:* Alan Romono;  
*Reaffirmation:* Lillian Romono

**Mount Wilson** — *Reaffirmation:* Natasha McKinney; *Baptism:* Nicolas Pfister

**Myerstown** — *Letter:* Matthew Sanchez, Karen Sanchez; *Reaffirmation:* Diana Majors

**Wyomissing** — *Reaffirmation:* Shirley Bender, Ernie Farrier, Virginia Fichthorn, Bryan Haas, David Martin, Morgan Weaver.

## District Prayer Calendar Requests:

**September 2:** District Conference Delegates

**September 9:** District Youth, Young Adults & Advisors

**September 16:** Disaster Relief Auction

**September 23:** Call to Ministry: Pray for those discerning the call, as well as, for those who are seeking to be ordained.

**September 30:** District Conference

**October 7:** ANE Ministers

**October 14:** ANE Educational Institutions: Elizabethtown College, Juniata College, Bethany Seminary, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

**October 21:** ANE 55 Plus Community

**October 28:** Pastoral Placement

**POWER OF PRAYER**



## MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

by Pastor Mark Baliles, Pastor, Indian Creek CoB; Photo by Donna Parcell

On Sunday, June 24, approximately 40 people gathered after our morning worship service for a short service of dedication around our newly installed Peace Pole.

Peace Poles are a popular form of witnessing for peace among many churches, governments and civic organizations, even having a prominent role along walkways in a recent Olympic setting. In each location, the Peace Pole stands in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message, May Peace Prevail on Earth, in different languages on each of its four or six sides.

The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan by Masahisa Goi (1916 – 1980), who dedicated his life to spreading the message, “May Peace Prevail on Earth”. Mr. Goi was greatly affected by the destruction caused by World War II and the atomic bombs which fell on the city of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His desire to assist in the creation of world peace was answered when in 1955, the Peace Message, May Peace Prevail On Earth, came to him in a moment of great inspiration and deep prayer.

After Mr. Goi authored the Universal Peace Message in 1955, a great number of people gathered in support of his vision and activities to spread the Peace Message were promoted throughout Japan. Soon after, Peace Poles inscribed with the Peace Message began to appear in various locations across Japan initi-

ating the start of The Peace Pole Project.

The Peace Pole Project was first introduced to the United States with the opening of The World Peace Prayer Society offices in San Francisco and New York in 1986, The



International Year of Peace. Since the beginning of The Peace Pole Project, more than 200,000 Peace Poles have been planted in more than 200 countries around the world.

Here at Indian Creek, there are several stories within the story of our “planting” a Peace Pole on our own property. The suggestion came from a young adult in our congregation, Dan Bedell. Dan is a recent graduate from Penn State University with a degree in Landscaping. Last fall

he had been asked to oversee the landscaping design of an area near our main entrance where overgrown yew shrubs had been removed.

Once the idea was embraced by church leadership, the entire congregation was invited to participate in discerning which four languages would be on the pole. We chose English (for obvious reasons), German (acknowledging our heritage), Spanish (the second most common language in the U.S. and the language of our Hispanic Brethren churches in the U.S., the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and elsewhere), and Hausa (the language of our sisters and brothers in Nigeria, where the Brethren presence outnumbers membership in the U.S. and with whom our congregation has a strong historic connection). Don Moyer Chair of our

Steward’s Team, along with Gene Wampler, oversaw the ordering and installation of the pole.

The placement of the Peace Pole is not simply the completion of a project, but rather a new beginning in our ongoing effort to live and witness for peace. In reality, it was not a physical object we dedicated, but ourselves.







## Disaster Response: Green Tree CoB

Al Funke, a member of Green Tree Church of the Brethren volunteered in June to work with Brethren Disaster Ministries as a part of the short term response efforts on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Here is how Al described his experience:

*In September 2017 the United States Virgin Islands was visited by Irma and Maria - two Category 5 hurricanes. The damage from the hurricanes are visible all over the island.*

*This summer I had the opportunity to volunteer in St Thomas on a Brethren Disaster Ministries trip. While we were there we experienced lingering problems from the hurricane to deal with - power outages and lack of materials. We adjusted to do the most good with what we had - whether it's restoring water to an 80 year old lady who has been living off of bottled water for 9 months or replacing windows and doors for a 90 year old man to keep the weather out of this house. We are part of a group that is working to help make people's lives better.*

Brethren Disaster Ministries has openings for persons to serve two weeks or longer as a part of this disaster recovery work in the Virgin Islands. There are also opportunities to serve "closer to home" with a one week commitment in both North and South Carolina.

For more information, please contact Robert Eisemann, ANE District Disaster Coordinator, by phone at 717-733-7413 or email at [rgeisemann@gmail.com](mailto:rgeisemann@gmail.com)



**DAMAGE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**PREPARING TO CLEAN UP**



**CLEAN UP FINISHED**



**RESTORING WATER**



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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 Helping Hands Benevolence Fund. For more information you may contact Robert Eisemann by phone at 717-733-7413 or email at [rgeisemann@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mreinhart@ane-cob.org).



## New and renew

By Stan Dueck, director of Organizational Leadership

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).*

I am on the highest of highs after the [New and Renew Church Planting Conference](#) that was held May 16-19. Participants experienced the presence and blessing of God during times of worship, prayer, and connecting with one another. Everyone departed the conference with a greater understanding of ministry and with useful resources to impact a new church plant or bring renewal to an established congregation. As one attendee stated, *"This was an energizing conference with practical ideas and resources for different ministry contexts and situations."*

The conference theme, *"The Risk, and Reward of Embodying Jesus Locally,"* was based on John 1:14. The event provided the space for participants and presenters to share about the challenging and rewarding work of planting a new church, explore ways to be the dynamic presence of Christ in their local community, and offer testimonies of God's faithfulness.

Another highlight at the event was seeing these pioneering, planting leaders as the embodiment of potential for multicultural diversity within the Church of the Brethren. Several church planters at the conference recently started Hispanic churches, including new projects in Los Banos, Calif. and Las Vegas, Nev.

Diversity could also be identified by the variety of new churches. One planter initiated a project in the Baltimore metropolitan area and it has become a growing multicultural church in just a year. Another leader in Chicago is pioneering a ministry that is extending the reach of their faith community into new places in their local context and also around the world. Another planter is pioneering the renewal of a congregation by connecting it to a startup

ministry on a college campus.

The United States today is composed of a multitude of nationalities from every corner of the globe. Few other areas of the world bring together such varied ethnicity. And while all people groups retain some measure of their own historical identity, they also create unique subcultures as they become part of the ever-changing culture of North America.

As a result, the Church of the Brethren faces exceptional ministry opportunities that hold the promise of

transforming countless lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The opportunities require fresh, creative approaches. These pioneer leaders, who are planting new churches and renewing established congregations, have a passion for seeing God glorified among those who are spiritually apart from the gospel of Jesus.



PHOTO BY DOUG VEAL



Article from the eBrethren, August 1, 2018

Those who attended from the ANE District are:

**Stan Dueck** (Lancaster),  
**Don Mitchell**, New Church Advisory, ANE Director, (Harrisburg First)  
**Ryan Braught**, New Church Advisory (Veritas)  
**Garrett Moore** (Veritas)  
**Laura Heller** (Veritas)  
**Jere Cassel**, Church Development & Evangelism Commission (Conestoga)  
**Sandy Christophel**, Interim Conewago (Coventry)  
**Arlyn Morales**, Church Development & Evangelism Commission (Alpha & Omega)  
**Carolina Izquierdo** (Un Nuevo Renacer)  
**Leonor Ochoa** (Lirio De Los Valles)  
**Eric Ramirez** (Un Nuevo Renacer)





# YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE!

## SR. HIGH SERVICE PROJECT

WASHINGTON DC  
NOVEMBER 16.17.18

DETAILS TO COME



### HELPING HANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND

New name – same fund

The ANE District Disaster Benevolence Fund now has a new name! In May the ANE District Witness and Outreach Commission decided to rename this fund in an effort to encourage more awareness of this valuable resource in our District.

The **ANE District Helping Hands Benevolence Fund** seeks to enhance local congregational ministries in responding to natural disasters and social ills in the ANE District. Consideration is given to congregations desiring to assist individuals or families who are victims of a disaster,



as well as, individuals or groups requesting travel reimbursement when volunteering for trips coordinated by the District Disaster Response Coordinator.

In recent months this fund was used to offer support to the bcmPEACE outreach ministry of Harrisburg First as they dealt with significant



weather related damage to one of their properties. Other churches have been aided by this fund in their efforts to offer benevolent help to persons in the congregations who had needs that surpassed the financial resources of the local congregation.

For more information about to apply for help from this fund, please check out the ANE Special Funds link on the ANE District website at: <http://ane-cob.com/ane-disaster-benevolence-fund/>



## Sheep's Lane (Manor) Meetinghouse

The Mountville Church of the Brethren was formed by members of the White Oak congregation in 1882. A brick house of worship was built in Mountville in 1881, but was later torn down as the congregation grew and replaced it in 1962 with a larger building which continues to be used today (although it was enlarged and renovated in 2010).

Mountville also had meetinghouses in East Petersburg (which eventually split to form the East Petersburg Church of the Brethren) and in Manor Township on Sheep's Lane, which is known as the Manor Meetinghouse. Henry Herr, Jr., who had been hosting Brethren meetings in his home, donated the land in 1876 for the construction of the Manor Meetinghouse. Benjamin Musser, one of two original trustees for the Sheep's Lane property, has many descendants that worship with the Mountville congregation to this day.

The brick structure measured 36 by 40 feet and, unlike many older meetinghouses, used one entrance door for both men and women.



MANOR MEETINGHOUSE 1950



MANOR MEETINGHOUSE AS IT APPEARS TODAY, A PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Beside the meetinghouse was erected a cemetery, which is maintained today by the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Occasional special worship services were held at Sheep's Lane even after the new Mountville church was built in 1962. Eventually the meetinghouse was rented to two different Baptist groups. The latter group of Baptists moved to a larger structure, and the Mountville congregation sold the property early in this century for use as a private residence. The photograph demonstrates a modern edition that was added by the owners.

~ David Fuchs, Historical Committee



Ever wonder about other congregations in the Atlantic Northeast District, and what they do, and how they are involved in their communities?

The district started a publication almost 2 years ago that shares some intimate details of each of our churches. This publication was sent out electronically, and was being shared about every 2 weeks. They also can be read on our website ([www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)) under the communications menu.

With regret, we have had to stop this publication. Although it had been very well received and appreciated by our readers, we only had 16 of our 77 (almost 21%) churches return their questionnaires!

The District would love to continue to distribute more issues! If you haven't seen your church highlighted in an issue, but would like to, contact the District Office for a questionnaire. All forms must be approved by either the pastor or board chair.

FOR MORE EVENTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS,  
PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT-WIDE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE— [WWW.ANE-COB.ORG](http://WWW.ANE-COB.ORG)

## Carter is Speaker for Chiques Brethren 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Service



Chiques Church of the Brethren will commemorate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary during a special Homecoming worship service on Sunday, September 16. The service begins at 10:15 a.m. Chiques Church of the Brethren is located at 4045 Sunnyside Rd., Manheim.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter, president of Bethany Theological Seminary, in Richmond, Ind., will

deliver the anniversary sermon. The service also will include music from a popular former Chiques male quartet, comprised of Mike Shelly, Frank Rittenhouse, Steve Faus, and Jim Miller, along with a choral benediction from the senior choir.

During the 9 a.m. Sunday school hour Don Fitzkee, who currently is researching and writing a history of the congregation to be released in 2019, will lead a historical presentation and time of sharing memories.

The church will provide a noon meal for members and guests. Following the meal Fitzkee will lead a historical tour in a coach bus. Sites will include a 1756 house on Chiques Road where early worship was held, an early outdoor baptismal site, the congregation's former Mt. Hope meetinghouse, and the 1859 Kreider Meetinghouse, near Manheim, where participants will view the historically preserved building and join in a brief hymn sing. The Kreider meetinghouse is one location where Chiques Brethren worshipped prior to their separation from the White Oak Church of the Brethren.

Guests are asked to sign up in advance for both the meal and the historical tour by contacting Linda

Bruckhart no later than September 2 at 717-475-7731 or [glbruckhart@gmail.com](mailto:glbruckhart@gmail.com).







## IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS IN PUERTO RICO



BDM has been diligently working with the Puerto Rican District to develop a plan to aid in recovery from the devastating affects of Hurricane Maria that swept through the island Sept 2017. We are now ready for volunteers to aid in rebuilding & repairing homes.

### TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

**Bob Eisemann, DDC**

**[rqeisemann@gmail.com](mailto:rqeisemann@gmail.com) or 717-203-7270 (c)**

**For additional information, contact:**

**BDM Office 410-635-8731**

**[BDM@brethren.org](mailto:BDM@brethren.org)**

**BDM will be sponsoring small  
groups of volunteers Sept. 2nd  
through the end of 2018**

### **Volunteering for 2 weeks during BDM sponsored Responses includes:**

- Lodging
- Meals Monday through Friday
- Groceries for weekend meals
- Transportation to/from job sites
- Funds to help with travel costs available\*\*



## Devotion and Worship in the Book of Revelation



**John R. Yeatts** is Professor Emeritus at Messiah College and Senior Pastor Emeritus of Grantham Church. He pastored the Fairland Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and the Brethren in Christ Church in Gratham. He served on the faculty at Messiah College for 33 years and still

teaches a course every year. He also taught at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, the Theological College of Central Africa and Evangelical University in Ndola, Zambia, the Theological College of Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, and the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi in Blantyre. With his wife Amy, he has a son and a daughter, two grandsons, and three granddaughters.

**Course Description:** Devotion and Worship in the Book of Revelation: People say that they do not understand the Book of Revelation. Yet, they understand it every Sunday morning when they sing it in songs and use it in worship. This course assumes that treating Revelation as a puzzle book predicting when Jesus will come again diverts our attention away from

what Jesus told us to do witness to the one who is coming, the slaughtered Lamb, Jesus the Christ. This course will treat the Book of Revelation as devotional and worship material strengthening our witness to the one whose coming we await with joy and anticipation.

This FREE 10-week class will begin at **Lancaster COB** on Wednesdays, starting October 3–December 12, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be no class on November 21 (the eve of Thanksgiving Day). CEU credit will be offered through the **SVMC** .1 for each class attended, and a \$10 fee. The Believer's Church Commentary on Revelation, which John Yeatts wrote, will be available for purchase for those who wish to purchase it.

To register: If requesting CEUs, please send \$10 with your name and contact information to: SVMC, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. 717.361.1450. If no CEUs are needed, please contact Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601 (717.397.4751)

All classes will be held at Lancaster CoB.

## Celebration of the Global Church

The **Lancaster Church of the Brethren** has designated the weekend of **November 17 & 18** as a Celebration of the Global Church which will include an international meal and fellowship event at 5:00 and a concert of International music at 7:00 on Saturday, November 17.

Sunday evening, November 18 will be a mission rally supported by the ANE -Lancaster South section churches at 7:00 with guest speakers, former Haitian mission workers, Ilexene & Kayla Alphonse. A massed choir of 150 voices from the supporting churches will sing under the direction of Emery DeWitt.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 21-22**  
**LEBANON EXPO CENTER**





## Join us for a Night of Gospel Music

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.  
**Myerstown Church of Brethren**  
51 W. Stoeber Ave.  
Myerstown, PA 17067

### Participating musicians are:

Cindy Smith – Mt. Zion Road CoB  
Bob Kettering – Lititz CoB  
Faithful Men – Little Swatara CoB  
Ashley Butters – Midway Church  
Men's Quartet – Myerstown CoB  
Instrument – Myerstown Youth  
Kara & Trent Miller – Middle Creek CoB

All musicians will join their voices in a group  
song led by Bob Kettering.

For additional information, call  
Myerstown Church of the Brethren at  
717-866-5517.

## FREE OUTDOOR SHOWING

September 1, 2018—8:00 PM

Florin Church of the Brethren Parking Lot

815 Bruce Ave., Mount Joy.

Kid Friendly alternative program while Film is showing  
Refreshments will be served.



# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE™

Discussion Opportunities Available After the Showing



ANE Historical Committee Presents  
**ANABAPTIST  
HISTORICAL  
VIRGINIA BUS TRIP**  
December 1, 2018

◆ John Kline Homestead

Crossroads Valley Mennonite-  
Brethren Heritage Center ◆

◆ Antietam Battlefield/Dunkard  
Meeting House

[www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org) for information

## 55 PLUS FALL FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Yoders Restaurant, New Holland PA

12:00 Noon

\$18.00/person

Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship!

Register Online at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)  
or see your church representative!







# Faith & Fellowship Conference

September 8 • 10-4 • Lancaster CoB

“A day filled with worship, workshops, and enhanced opportunities to strengthen relationships among members of ANE urban and multi ethnic congregations. Leadership will be provided by gifted congregational leaders and District Staff. Worship Teams will provide a variety of musical offerings to include contemporary, traditional, and instrumental praise. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this inspirational and educational event.”

## Workshops:

**Stewardship**—Kay Weaver, ANE Director of Stewardship & Carolina Izquierdo, Pastor, Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship

**Who are the Brethren**—Belita Mitchell, Pastor of Harrisburg First CoB

**Church Security**— Edwin Quijano, Former NYC Police Detective, Moderator, Deacon and Acting Treasurer, Brooklyn First CoB

**Stranger Things: Helping Churches Engage Young People**—Calvin Park, Pastor of Mechanic Grove CoB

## Music Provided By:

- ▶ Alpha & Omega Worship Team
- ▶ Brooklyn First Worship Team
- ▶ Janet & Dave Myers
- ▶ Ridgeway Brass
- ▶ Light of the Gospel

Online registration is available at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)

Registration: \$20.00  
(.2)CEU equivalents available  
Lunch Included  
Translation Available

Payment, along with name, phone, church affiliation, and whether CEUs or translation is needed can also be sent to:  
ANE, 500 E Cedar St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Deadline to register is August 30.

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
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## A FREE ONE-DAY PARENTING CLASS



**Spring Creek Church of the Brethren** is partnering with COBYS Family Services, Day Seven Ministries, Love INC of Greater Hershey, and a local addiction counselor to provide a parenting class that builds and strengthens families. **Parents or caregivers of children of all ages are welcome to attend.** This one-day interactive class will be held at the church on Saturday, October 20, 2018, starting at 8 a.m. and going until 4:30 p.m.

Based upon your schedule, you may attend either one or all four of the following workshops:

Building Confidence and Self-Esteem • Using the Power of Positive Reinforcement •  
Parenting in a Porn-is-the-Norm Culture • Hope for Families Faced with Addiction

**The cost of the program is free. Lunch and child care will be provided.** To register for this class, please visit the church's website, [springcreekcob.org/parenting](http://springcreekcob.org/parenting), or you may contact the church office by phone at (717) 533-7192 or by email at [connect@springcreekcob.org](mailto:connect@springcreekcob.org). **Space is limited, so please register early.**

## COBYS Bike & Hike Seeks to Extend Growth Streak to 20<sup>th</sup> Year

The 22nd annual COBYS Bike & Hike is set for Sunday afternoon, September 9, at the Lititz Church of the Brethren. The event includes a three-mile walk, 10- and 25-mile bicycle rides, and the 65-mile Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride. 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 \$1.3 million for COBYS ministries, since its inception. Last year, the Bike & Hike grossed \$136,669 and attracted more than 600 people.

Participants included 306 walkers, 129 bicyclists, and 166 motorcyclists on 104 cycles, along with some additional friends who stopped in to visit and participate in the silent auction. Bike & Hike income has grown for 19



consecutive years. Planners are seeking to make it 20, while also setting a new attendance record.



"We are off to a great start this year, with record business support already in the bank," said Director of Development Don Fitzkee. "Now we just need walkers, riders, and donors to get us the rest of the way."

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, 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 [www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike](http://www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike). To arrange a silent auction or door prize donation, contact Development Associate Anne Stokes at 717-656-6580 or [anne@cobys.org](mailto:anne@cobys.org).



## New Holland Band Concert



The New Holland Band, directed by Kenneth Laudermilch, will play their third concert of "Great Hymns of the Faith" in the **Lititz Church of the Brethren on Sunday, September 30** at 3:00pm. This one-hour concert will focus on a collection of hymns and songs that have been adorned with new musical attire, highlighting the texts we have long sung by rote and even at times, mindlessly.

Early hymns and sacred songs from the 16<sup>th</sup> century through the late 20<sup>th</sup> century will be programmed including enduring hymns like "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (1680), "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (1882), "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (1927), and "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" (1995). Also included will be early 19<sup>th</sup> century songs like "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger," and the gospel song, "Softly and Tenderly." All have received extraordinary melodic and harmonic treatment that reinforce their beautiful melodies.

Claude T. Smith, working from a commission from the United States Marine Band, brings "Old Hundredth" ("Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow") into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with his "Variations on a Hymn by Louis Bourgeois." "How Can I Keep From Singing?" composed by American Baptist Robert Lowry, has found its way into many denominational hymnals and song collections over the years and now receives an exquisite harmonic handling supporting the text that speaks of inner peace and joy.

The New Holland Band, founded in 1829, is the second oldest municipal band in the United States. It has been described as a "Lancaster County treasure." Come, join us for this unique performance of "Great Hymns and Songs of the Church" on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. A free will offering will be received. The church is located across from Warwick High School at 300 W. Orange Street in Lititz.

## New Ventures in Christian Discipleship season to begin September 8

The Ventures in Christian Discipleship program at McPherson (Kan.) College is moving into its seventh year of providing useful, affordable education to small church congregations. The first course of the year, "The Why and How of Conflict Engagement," will briefly explore the theory and practice of conflict engagement. Using the expertise of Mennonite, Quaker and Methodists scholars, John Paul Lederach, Parker Palmer, and Tom Porter, participants will explore various models of engagement, the importance of spiritual preparation when we are asked to help facilitate conversations between others who are in conflict, and some tools that can assist us in listening and responding in helpful and healing ways. The class will be held online September 8 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST and taught by Debbie Roberts. Debbie teaches adjunct courses at Bethany Theological Seminary in Reconciliation Studies and is pastor at Ellisforde Church of the Brethren, Tonasket, Wash. and Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren, Wenatchee, Wash.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures in Christian Discipleship and to register for courses, visit [www.mcpherson.edu/ventures](http://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures).



**Save the Date:**  
**November 3, 2018**

SVMC is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018 by rejoicing in our firm foundation, celebrating the present, and envisioning the future.

Please help us celebrate!

### BANQUET & WORSHIP SERVICE

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Location: Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

We will begin with a history of SVMC and hymn sing led by Warren Eshbach, followed by a banquet, and ending with a worship service with Dr. Steven Schweitzer, Academic Dean at Bethany Theological Seminary

A free-will offering will be received



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