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Greetings ANE Ministers, Congregations,
Board Chairs,

The District Ministry Commission (DMC) feels it is important to clarify the 'what now' as the result of the failed vote for the *Policy on Same Gender Marriage* at this year's District Conference.

The *Policy on Same Gender Marriage* was brought to District Conference, as recommended by the District Ministry Commission and District Board, for approval. During the morning business session of District Conference, the delegates, upon the recommendation of the District Board, voted to require a 2/3 majority vote for this policy to pass.

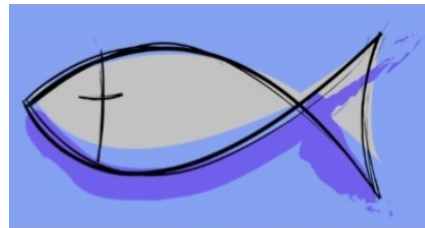
An amendment to the policy was brought to the delegates for consideration, which passed by a majority vote. However, the newly amended *Policy on Same Gender Marriage* failed with a 56% vote.

This leaves the District with a variety of assumptions of what this action signifies. A couple important notes of clarification:

- The action taken at the 1992 ANE District Conference which states, "...in light of the Scriptures and the 1983 and 1992 actions of the Annual Conference in regard to homosexuality, we of the Atlantic Northeast District desire to support Christ-centered ministry which seeks to help people stop practicing homosexuality, and we will not support anything which promotes accepting the practice of homosexuality as a lifestyle that is approved by God", is still in effect.
- The action of the *Policy on Same Gender Marriage* indicates that the District Conference has not agreed to terminate a minister's ordination if he/she officiates a same gender marriage. However, ministers in the District and within the denomination are still not authorized to perform such unions. The action at District Conference did not give the 'okay' to perform same gender marriages.

Please be assured that the District Ministry Commission is continuing its work to develop a process on responding to ministers who may choose to perform same gender marriages. There is so much good God is doing through us! Let's be on our knees before Him that His Light shines bright to the world.

Blessings,
Liz Bidgood-Enders, Tony Eberly, Marvin Foster, Karen Hackett, Randy Hosler, Pete Kontra
Members of the District Ministry Commission



MINISTRY

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District Conference Wrap Up

Atlantic Northeast District Conference * Elizabethtown College * October 5-6, 2018



PHOTO BY MARK MEYERS

On the evening of October 5, 2018, the Atlantic Northeast District commenced the 49th District Conference with a Friday night worship service. Back by popular demand, an evening worship service was well attended by many ANE Brothers

and Sisters singing God's praises. The inspiring evening was full of music from SonLight Praise Team, a District-wide Choir, and a youth solo guitarist, who all helped to set the mood for a weekend full of prayer and praise.

Moderator Misty Wintsch, fulfilled a lifelong dream to preach at District Conference. Her uplifting and powerful message encouraged everyone to pray for one another, listen to each other and respect all opinions that might not agree with a personal perspective. Misty reminded the conference to "Think about Good Things", this year's District Conference theme.

The evening consisted of a celebration of District diversity, a fellowship expo with displays from related and partner agencies, refreshments provided by Camp Swatara in celebration of 75 years, ACTS graduates were recognized, 50 year ministers were honored and an atmosphere of family and fellowship flourished.

On Saturday, record breaking numbers of delegates and non-delegates turned their focus to the business portion of District Conference. Before 7am, Leffler

Chapel was full of passionate Christians seeking to do God's will. A team of volunteers were on hand to assist with parking, greeting and registration. Fellowship abounded in the breakfast room and an insightful Bible study was led by Pastor Brian Berkey. Outreach was in action, as hundreds of supplies were collected for the children benefiting from COBYS Kids Closet. The collective group of volunteers from the host churches Jennersville, Mechanic Grove and Wilmington welcomed the ANE family as they arrived for the day.

At 8:15am, the conference began with lovely music, group prayer and a time to share. Soon afterwards the ANE District Commission Directors shared all of the good things that the District ministries have been doing over the past year with their presentation of *ANE Today*.



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Afterwards, the Compelling Vision Team gave a report to the body. At the 2017 Annual Conference, the delegate body affirmed a report from the Leadership Team and the Council of District Executives. That report concluded with the assertion "to stay on the journey together, it is also crucial that the church discern the compelling vision that this body of Christ is called to pursue." The Compelling Vision Working Group established a guiding

statement: *"Confessing Jesus Christ as Teacher, Redeemer, and Lord, we desire to serve Him by proclaiming, professing, and walking in His way together bringing His peace to our broken world. Join us in reclaiming a new passion for Christ and helping set a course for our future as the Church of the Brethren serving Him in our communities and in the world!"*



District Conference Wrap Up (continued)

This statement of proclamation, intention, and invitation articulates the deep conviction of this group. Conference attendees were invited to participate in upcoming conversational meetings in November.

After the Compelling Vision report, a financial report was given by the ANE Treasurer, Ray Flagg. A 2019 District Ministry Investment Plan was presented and the delegates voted to approve the proposed budget for \$615,651 and the Fair Share Recommendation.

Beginning each November, the Gifts Discernment Team works together to discern whom among our District would serve well in a leadership position. Throughout the year, many prayers are lifted up, and the team works diligently to find people that feel called to serve. The Atlantic Northeast District is blessed with many talented, dedicated and passionate Brothers and Sisters, always seeking to help and work for the Church of the Brethren. At 9:55am, the 2019 Slate was presented. 137 slates were affirmed out of the 189 returned. The 2019 Slate was positively approved.



PHOTO BY MARK MEYERS

The candidates that will serve you over the next 1-3 years include the following:

Moderator Elect

Karen Hackett

Program & Arrangements Committee

Venona Detrick (Lancaster South)

Lisa Kreig (Lancaster North)

Gifts Discernment Team

Paul Brubaker (Lancaster North)

Jason Haldeman (Lancaster South)

Nancy Elliot Carter (ANE East)

Megan Lester (ANE West)

Standing Committee Member

Donna Lefever-Hoover (ANE West)

Alternate Standing Committee

Jeff Rill (Lancaster South)

District Board Vice-Chair

Pam Reist (Lancaster South)

District Clerk

Douglas Nyce (ANE West)

Church Development and Evangelism Commission

Stephen Hess (ANE East)

Tim Fleener (ANE West)

Ministry Commission

Ann Bach (Lancaster South)

Nurture Commission

James Hollen (ANE East)

Sue Eikenberry (ANE West)

Stewardship Commission

Ruby Bean (ANE East)

Ronald Myer (Lancaster South)

Witness and Outreach Commission

Dawn Weiss (ANE East)

Dale Wolgemuth (Lancaster North)

Camp Swatara

Clint Arndt

Rachel Swank

Dale Ziegler

COBYS Family Services

Kay Kulp

Please pray for these individuals as they share their talents, and serve the ANE District with their time. If you are interested or know of anyone that would like to serve in this capacity, please contact the District Office for more information at 717-367-4730.

Unique to this year's conference was time built into the agenda for each congregation to share about all of the good things that God is doing within each church. Brothers and Sisters were pleased to share all of the "true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy" things as they lifted their voices to God and celebrated all of His goodness.

Partner and related agencies presented their year in review. Many presentations were insightful, entertaining and educational. ANE is thankful to work alongside of so many praiseworthy partners.



District Conference Wrap Up (continued)

The lunch break provided an enjoyable time for food and fellowship. Three "Lunch and Learn" insight sessions were offered and were well attended. They included: "Meet Pete" the ANE's new District Executive, "Hugging Porcupines" a nurturing youth session with Dave Coryell, and "The Young Center" a lesson and tour with Jeff Bach.

After lunch, the tone of conference turned more serious as delegates and non-delegates alike gave their full attention to the significant policies being presented. The delegate body affirmed Veritas for congregational status. An amendment was made to the Policy on Same Gender Marriage, however the final vote to adopt the policy was not affirmed. Additionally, the final vote on the Procedural Outline for Congregational Withdrawal was not affirmed by the delegate body.

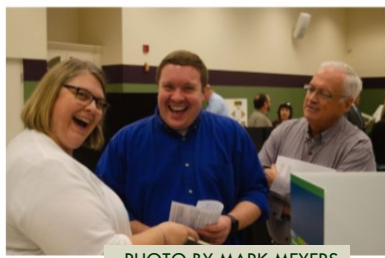


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At the end of the day, there was a beautiful consecration and transfer of leadership from Misty Wintsch to Brian Berkey.

Next year, Brian

will lead the ANE District Conference with a focus on Job 29:2-3, "Living the Legacy". The verse says "How I long for the months gone by, for the days when God watched over me, when his lamps shone upon my head and by his light I walked through darkness!" (NIV) Brian said, "If ever there was a person who could really lament about the 'good old days', it has to be Job.... In the 21st century church, as we become absorbed with all of the issues, all the 'stuff' of the day, perhaps we, like Job, need to consider our Brethren legacy and where we are in our relationship with God. To follow up on the 2018 District Conference theme, perhaps it is time to focus on those things in our heritage that are good and positive, the important things that we have in common and less on the 'stuff' that may cause division."

The evaluations revealed that many at District Conference appreciated the Friday night worship

service, singing Brethren hymns together, the Moderator's excellent leadership and the overall sense of respect for one another during these challenging and controversial times. 68 out of the 77 ANE congregations came together on a beautiful fall weekend to celebrate the Philippians 4:8 theme of all that is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy within the ANE District.

What a beautiful weekend the Lord made! On behalf of the ANE District Staff and Program & Arrangements Committee, we would like to thank everyone that attended. Thank you for your contribution and participation. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Please mark your calendars now for next year's 50th District Conference!

October 4-5, 2019

Leffler Chapel * Elizabethtown College

By the Numbers

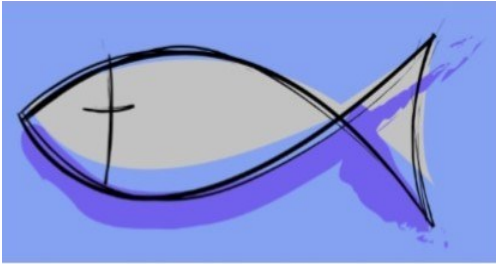
- ◇ Friday night worship attendance: 249
- ◇ COBYS offering: \$1456.00
- ◇ Morning attendance: 338
- ◇ District Ministry offering: \$1732.00
- ◇ Afternoon attendance: 389
- ◇ Delegate attendance: 203
- ◇ Non-delegate attendance: 173
- ◇ Congregations in attendance: 68

District Conference: Worship, Friday, October 5, Photos by Mark Meyers



District Conference: Business Session, Saturday, October 6, Photos by Glen Reigle





MINISTRY

Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations

Bill Wink's (Swatara Hill) installation service was on August 26. Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE Director of Witness & Outreach officiated the service.



Jonathan Shultz's (Alpha & Omega) ordination service was on October 14. Pete Kontra, ANE District Executive officiated the service.

Also, **Darren Bishop** (Middle Creek) had his ordination service on September 23, officiated by Pete Kontra, District Executive.

And, **Mark Pickens** (Harrisburg First) was re-licensed on August 26.



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.

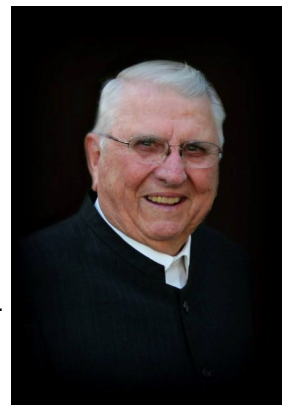
Long Run: Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team

Mount Wilson: Jim & Sue Eikenberry resigned. Search Committee formed.

Wyomissing: Search Committee formed.

In Memoriam

Paul E. Heisey, ordained minister of the Gospel, passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018 in his home just a few hours short of his 92nd birthday. He was the husband of Dorothy J. Kline. He was born in Millbach Springs, PA on October 16, 1926, a son of the late Nathan P. and Ada Dickersheid Heisey. Paul was born again and baptized at the age of 12 and was called to serve as minister of the Gospel in 1963. He served at Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, Myerstown, PA; Welty Church of the Brethren, Smithsburg, MD; Youth Challenge International Bible Institute, Sunbury, PA; Blue River Church of the Brethren, Columbia City, IN; Old Furnace Church of the Brethren, Ridgely, WV; Mount Olivet Church of the Brethren, Newport, PA.





CONVERSATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Atlantic Northeast District

Saturday, November 10: Palmyra CoB - 9am-11am

Saturday, November 10: Ephrata CoB - 2pm-4pm

Sunday, November 11: Indian Creek CoB - 3pm-5pm

Where there is no vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18a KJV)

Denominational and district leadership have worked together to call two teams to work collaboratively to guide the denomination through a process of conversation and discernment in an effort to arrive at a compelling vision rooted in our shared commitment to live as Christ's disciples.

It is an invitation to place our trust in God's Spirit and engage in a visioning process to discern what God is calling us to do together with the fervent hope that our commitment to one another and to serving our God as the body of Christ might be renewed through this shared journey and a sense of shared mission.

Please join us at one of the above conversations!
No registration required. For planning purposes, please RSVP either by calling the District Office 717.367.4730, or visiting the event on our website (www.ane-cob.org) or Facebook, if you haven't done so already.

New Members: ANE District

Harrisburg First — *Letter:* Melanee Hamilton

Hempfield — *Baptism:* Jaime Fisher, Leah Gappa.

Indian Creek — *Baptism:* Lila Bechtel

Lititz — *Letter:* Carol Nelson, James Nelson, Sherry Raup, Hannah Schultz, Jen Zurin, Randy Zurin.

Little Swatara — *Baptism:* Ethan Beidler, Gaby Krick, Jayden Manbeck; *Reaffirmation:* Penny Graby, Jennifer Manbeck, David Martin.

Mohler — *Letter:* Carol Noll, Jasmin Stauffer; *Reaffirmation:* Dorothy Freidly, Leroy Freidly.

District Prayer Calendar Requests:

November 4: Compelling Vision Process

November 11: Denominational Leadership

November 18: Current and new ANE Board Members

November 25: ANE Youth

December 2: Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

December 9: District Executives throughout the US

December 23: Bethany Seminary

December 30: All ANE Ministers & their families

POWER OF PRAYER



Disaster Relief: St. Thomas

Doing disaster relief is one of my favorite things to do for several reasons. One is helping those that are in need and do not have the means to rebuild their houses. Another is the social aspect of it all. What I mean by that is the relationship building that goes on when many come together to meet a common goal. From the church groups to the Disaster Organizations, to the homeowners themselves. All are bound in this unique community of rehabilitation and healing.

I had volunteered with Brethren Disaster Ministries through the Brethren Volunteer Service a few years



ago. It kindled my passion for disaster relief that stills lives on today. When I saw BDM sponsoring weeks in the St. Thomas, I jumped at

the chance to help. St. Thomas had a double hit in 2017. Not one, but two, hurricanes ravaged the Virgin Islands in a ten-day span, leaving scars that are still seen and felt a year later.

Besides myself, there were eight others that made the trek to St. Thomas. Few of us knew each other, but by the end of the two weeks, we had built a mutual camaraderie. We stayed in housing owned by a local Episcopal church that had one bedroom and bath for each gender. Centered in town, the housing location was perfect for us to experience local life after work. Every weekday we would travel to meet with the

organization named My Brother's Workshop that would tell us what job to do that day. For the two weeks I was there I helped make shutters, painted, re-sealed a roof, and help put up those same shutters. It was exhausting work, especially when you add in the factor of the intense sun. Nevertheless, we persevered and got a lot accomplished.



What I take away the most from those two weeks is witnessing the sheer trauma the people of St. Thomas still experience. I heard several accounts of the survivors reliving and struggling with those moments. The time I was there was the anniversary of the two hurricanes. On top of that, came a threat of another one hitting the island that set everyone on edge. On the weekend I attended a Moravian church, and the woman speaker talked about accepting that you need help in dealing with the ordeal.

In short, it was a tiring but enjoyable week. I learned new skills, reused old ones, and had a lot of fun. I would highly encourage anyone to volunteer with Brethren Disaster Ministries. No matter what your skills are, there is always work to be done. In truth, my biggest skill I used those two weeks were my listening ones.

~ Melissa Wilson, Myerstown 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 Helping Hands 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.



Faith & Fellowship Conference a success

Faith & Fellowship Conference

"I thoroughly enjoyed the diversity in the music." "I loved the mixture of cultures and how we are all so different but so alike."
"A taste of heaven because in heaven we will have all kinds of people."

These were just a few of the comments about the Faith and Fellowship Conference held on Saturday September 8, 2018 at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The Urban Ministries Initiative planning committee hosted a spirit filled day of music, worship and learning for the purpose of offering all in attendance a taste of all the variety of gifts and talents that can be found here in the ANE District of the Church of the Brethren.

Challenging workshops were led by Pastor Belita Mitchell of Harrisburg First, Pastor Calvin Park of Mechanic Grove, Edwin Quijano from Brooklyn First, and Kay Weaver, Director of Witness and Outreach for the ANE District. Workshop attendees were encouraged to consider such topics as church security, the inclusion of young people in our congregations, fruit-filled stewardship and "Why are we Brethren"?

In addition, participants were able to enjoy a wide variety of music and worship styles led by worship teams from Alpha and Omega and Brooklyn First. There was also a time of hymn singing in both English and Spanish led by Dave and Janet Myers. Additional musical worship was offered by Joe Craddock of Germantown and Ridgeway Brass from Ridgeway. Each of these musicians offered us a wide spectrum of worship styles – from contemporary to traditional to soul to jazz. What a gift to be able to worship God in so many different ways all in one day and all in one place!

If you were not able to be a part of this unique and inspirational day of worship and learning...never fear! We are planning another event for 2019. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next opportunity to experience a "taste of heaven."





Blooming in Rwanda

By Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of [Global Mission and Service](#)

My flower garden in full bloom is a wonderful sight to see this time of year. The days are hot but the evenings are cooler, and each night dew forms on flower petals. When dawn breaks, bumblebees bounce about, as do hummingbirds, and the morning breeze blows through the garden. The droplets of dew on each plant roll off, falling to the ground and gently watering the roots of neighboring plants.

The ministry of Global Mission and Service functions in a similar fashion. As mission workers and international leaders care for their communities, they also receive care and encouragement. It is just as the Apostle Paul wrote when he hoped to visit the believers in Rome that they “*might mutually encourage one another*” (Romans 1:12).

Just a few weeks ago, the Ludwicks packed their bags and caught an Ethiopian Airlines flight to Kigali, Rwanda. This small family from the Harrisburg (Pa.) Church of the Brethren committed to serve as mission workers for a year with a newly established Brethren church community in western Rwanda. Their ministry will include many things, but first and foremost they will be led to new levels of trust—in God, their new Brethren community in Rwanda, and their home congregation.

The Church of the Brethren is just getting started in Rwanda. There are currently four small congregations: one in the city of Gisenyi and three in rural areas where a significant number of members attend from Batwa Pygmy community, the indigenous inhabitants of the equatorial forests of the Great Lakes Region of Africa. The Rwandan Brethren have a deep desire to reach out to this marginalized community and have even started a Batwa Pygmy choir.

For Christine and Josiah Ludwick, moving their children, Asher and Rachel, to a new country in the heart of Africa required much faith in Jesus. As they serve, they are also trusting that God, who called their family in this new direction, will supply all their needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).



The charge we have given the Ludwicks is simple but profoundly meaningful: be present, build relationships, and be mutually encouraged by the Brethren in Rwanda. Since Christine is a nurse practitioner and Josiah is a youth minister and skilled musician, they will teach, provide medical care, sing, and serve. In return, the Rwanda Brethren will teach the Ludwicks to function in a society that they do not know. This includes finding housing and transportation, teaching them how to shop and cook, sharing advice, and providing support all along the way. The transition will be difficult, and the Ludwicks will surely have many questions, but their new Brethren community will bear with their newness and guide them into meaningful ministry. Together, they will offer the gospel of peace to those they encounter—something that is greatly needed in Rwanda at this time.

In addition to trusting in God and their new Brethren family in Rwanda, the Ludwicks are also trusting in their home congregation and in all of us of the Church of the Brethren in the United States. They are in great need of our prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Through your gifts to Global Mission and Service, the Ludwicks and other mission workers can continue to serve where God has called them.

As the Ludwicks and Rwandan Brethren serve in ministry together, they will mutually encourage one another and water the growth that is already started. Through trusting in God and one another, the blossoming ministry in Rwanda will become an ever more wonderful sight to see.

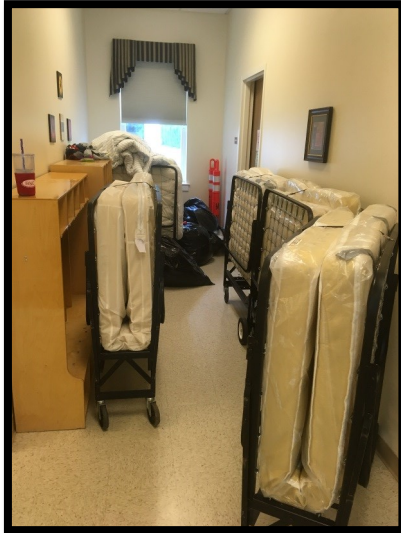
Learn more about Global Mission and Service at www.brethren.org/global or support its ministry at www.brethren.org/givegms. Taken from eBrethren, September 26, 2018. **eBrethren**: Stories of Brethren Stewards is produced by the Office of Mission Advancement of the Church of the Brethren.



Hope to Homeless Through Family Promise

By Jill Keyser Speicher

Two weeks of every year the Wyomissing Church of the Brethren near Reading, PA, transforms several of its Sunday School rooms into comfortable bedrooms to house several families seeking homes and jobs in Berks County. The program called Family Promise of Berks County is part of a nationwide



program. In the evening and overnight the families are hosted at the church, given a warm meal and offered support through listening. The church has a gymnasium for the children to play and an outside playground. During the day, the families are driven to the Family Promise Headquarters in Reading where they concentrate on job skills, financial counseling, and work on permanent housing stabilization.

The Wyomissing Church has hosted families with Family Promise for over ten years. When the church first became involved, it was teamed with Temple Oheb Shalom. After those initial years, the Wyomissing Church started to host the program on their own. The most recent coordinators have been Linda and Carl Voelker, who recruited and managed volunteers for nine years. When asked what impressed them most about their experience, they stated that it was the gratitude expressed by the participating families. Just this year, Paula McCutcheon became the new facilitator. When Paula heard the need for a new coordinator, she thought of the story of the Good Samaritan and the help of a stranger. Paula is glad that the Family Promise program provides a safety net for families in need. She was excited to welcome her



first group of families to the church and coordinated volunteers who shared their time and talents in many ways –providing a meal, serving and cleaning up after a meal, offering a listening presence, sleeping in the church as a chaperone, reading a story to a child, setting up and breaking down Sunday School rooms, and helping with laundry.

In Berks County there is much need for help to families in transitional circumstances. During 2017, Family Promise of Berks County enrolled 143 families, served 11,000 meals, provided 3,722 bed nights, and facilitated 14,248 volunteer hours, with the help of congregations throughout Berks County, including the Wyomissing Church of the Brethren. In 2017, Family Promise of Berks County successfully transitioned 85% of the families served into



permanent housing. Family Promise certainly makes a considerable difference for hundreds of families

experiencing homelessness in Berks County.

Christ calls us to continue to offer hope to homeless families in Berks County. The next week of service is set for November 4-11, 2018. Find more information about our local affiliate by visiting www.FamilyPromiseOfBerks.org or get involved in your own community by connecting with a Family Promise in your area at www.FamilyPromise.org.



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 or 717-203-7270 (c)

For additional information, contact:

BDM Office 410-635-8731

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**



Concert at Lititz Church of the Brethren

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Lititz Church of the Brethren will present the instrumental trio, Isosceles, in concert. No math skills are needed to enjoy the delightful music of these three musicians!



Isosceles is comprised of Doris Hall-Gulati, clarinetist, Sara Male, cellist, and Maria Thompson Corley, pianist, some of Lancaster County's finest performers.

So mark your calendars and invite your friends for this musical treat in the church sanctuary at 3:00 PM on November 11. A free will offering will be received to support the concert series. The church is located at 300 W. Orange St., Lititz, across from the Warwick High School.

FOR MORE EVENTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT-WIDE CALENDAR ON OUR
WEBSITE— WWW.ANE-COB.ORG

SAVE THE DATE!

Senior High Retreat

JANUARY 18-20, 2019
CAMP SWATARA- \$90/PERSON

DAVID RADCLIFF -- "JUSTICE"
DIRECTOR, NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT

DON'T MISS IT!



**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

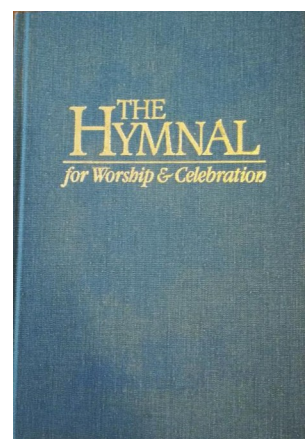
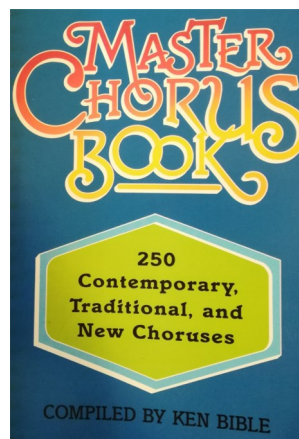
Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

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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Contact Melody Rosser at Lampeter Cob at melody@lampcob.com or 717.464.2050



Stewardship University

Save the date!



Saturday, March 2, 2019

Calvary Church

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

You can count on

- Workshops that offer practical, relevant, useful information
- A wide variety of workshops to choose from
- A biblical, Christ-centered, Anabaptist focus for the event

For more information, contact:

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You can also register online at
StewardshipUniversity.com
starting Monday, Dec. 3.

Keynote Event

- **Whole-Life Stewardship** – Keith Blank, Realtor with Coldwell Banker/Overseer in the Landisville Manor District of LMC

More than 30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship, including:

- **Add value: Live a life of positive impact** – Mike Gingerich, President of Digital Hill Multimedia
- **Building family resilience: how relationships heal** – Bridge of Hope National
- **Catching stones: Everence® Urban Initiative Philly update** – Leonard Dow, Everence Stewardship and Development Specialist
- **Creating a system to overcome poverty** – Chuck Holt of The Factory Ministries
- **Creation justice** – Rodney Martin, Pastor of Lititz Mennonite Church
- **Eat to beat stress** – Janelle Glick
- **Financial coaching – faith in action!** – Tabor Community Services, Love INC and Everence
- **Human trafficking** – North Star Initiative
- **Investing in the giftings of others** – Jeff McLain, Pastor of East Petersburg Mennonite Church
- **The open secrets of classism, racism and sexism in the church** – Karl A. McKinney, Pastor of Erisman Mennonite Church
- **The secret sauce in building culture** – Allon Lefever, President of Lefever Associates
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Brooklyn First CoB Celebrates 110 Years



Brooklyn First Mission Church of the Brethren was founded on November 8, 1908. They will celebrate this glorious 110 year founding starting with a Praise Explosion of music Saturday evening November 24 following by Anniversary services Sunday morning, November 25, with a luncheon after service.

Come and celebrate with the diverse 2018 Brethren family at Brooklyn First Church of the Brethren.

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

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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.

Leading Teams in Effective Decision Making

Too often, team dysfunction can be traced back to flawed decision making. This seminar offers a straightforward framework for leaders to develop skills to create an environment that gives everyone a clear understanding of the core issues, a common language for discussion, and an authentic invitation to engage in productive decision-making.



Friday, November 9, 2018 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Grace Community Church
212 Peach Bottom Road, Willow Street, PA

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