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~~ *Living the Legacy* ~~
50 years for ANE

Job 29:2-3

Church of the Brethren
Atlantic Northeast District
2019 District Conference



On October 4 and 5, 2019, we will again gather together at the Leffler Chapel as the Atlantic Northeast District. We will gather to worship and address the business of the church. This will be the 50th District Conference for ANE. 50 years ago, folks from what at the time were the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the North Atlantic District gathered together at the Lititz church to unite and become the Atlantic Northeast District. In some ways things are much different today but in other ways, perhaps not so much. The participants 50 years ago faced a variety of issues in coming together. Bringing the message to the assembled people that day was Annual Conference Moderator, Harold Z Bomberger, who observed that: "the uniting districts brought a common loyalty to Christ and a common heritage as well as differences and diversities. To bring strength from these diversities will require keeping proper priorities in focus. As uniting districts we need to bring an openness to keep the mind of Christ and a sensitivity to one another and to others as a high priority if we are to stay together, to work together and to make a positive contribution to our fractured and bleeding world."

I believe that those words apply to us today just as much or perhaps even more, as they did 50 years ago. The theme for the 50th ANE District Conference is "Living the Legacy", based on Job 29:2-3 — "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)

I think most of us would agree that if ever there was a person who could really lament about the "good old days", it has to be Job. In this passage of scripture, even in the midst of his anguish over what has befallen him, Job comes to the realization of what really was good about the good old days. What Job really misses is not all of the "stuff" that he had but his close relationship with God. 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. Harold Bomberger's words from that first conference apply very much today. 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 things on which we can build the future, the important things that we have in common and less on the "stuff" that may cause division.

As Brethren we may not study the Old Testament perhaps so much but as we enter into a new year with many challenges before us, I would really encourage us to take a look at Job. There are lessons that can be learned there about dealing with our struggles that apply in our world today.

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For the 50th ANE District Conference in October, Friday evening will be devoted to worship and celebration with the business sessions on Saturday. We will adopt our District's Ministry Investment Plan and affirm our leaders for the coming year. We also plan to provide more time for small group discussions as part of those business sessions. I urge you to be in prayer for everyone who will plan and participate in District Conference, including your role as a participant in worship and fellowship.

We are also interested in assembling stories and photos from that first ANE District Conference in 1970. If you or your church has anything you would like to share, please send it to us so that it can be included in this year's conference. Stories or pictures can be sent to Christine Dugan at cdugan@ane-cob.org.

Also, as moderator this year, I am very interested in getting out to as many churches during the year as I can to get to know more of ANE before District Conference. I can be available for a pulpit fill or to just introduce myself to your congregations on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in a visit, please contact me at bdberkey@comcast.net or 443-553-0356.



I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you at this year's ANE District Conference!



What is the Gifts Discernment Team?

The Gifts Discernment Team is responsible for calling persons to serve in various leadership positions throughout the ANE including: District Board, Moderator-Elect, Program and Arrangements Committee, Standing Committee, and each of our five Commissions: Church Development & Evangelism, Ministry, Nurture, Stewardship and Witness & Outreach.

Your ANE Gifts Discernment Team is currently building a database of names and we need your help!

The Gifts Discernment Team is appointed to call active, well-versed and committed members of congregations or fellowships, from within our District, to positions of leadership and service. Both Pastors and CoB members are called from all over the District to represent the diversity among us.

Our team's knowledge of your gifted and capable church members is limited. Therefore, we kindly request that you consider and inform individuals that would serve the District well. A list of our leadership position summaries is available on our website at: <http://ane-cob.com/leadership-summaries/>

For additional information, please contact our District Conference Manager, Christine Dugan, at (717) 367-4730 or cdugan@ane-cob.org

Annual Conference Transportation

Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Elizabethtown, York First Church, Carlisle, and Chambersburg on July 2; Returning on July 7, 2019. For information and reservations please contact Ken at kreiderk@etown.edu, 717-367-7622, or 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



BUCHER MEETINGHOUSE

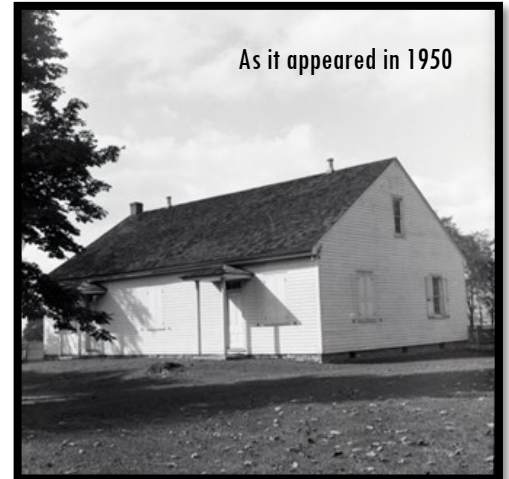
The Tulpehocken Circuit of Brethren, a branch of the Conestoga (Lancaster County) Church which was spreading to Lebanon County, was growing rapidly in the mid 1800's. Prior to 1871, religious services for these members were held in their homes and barns. Henry Dohner donated an acre of land, and A. Wilhelm, Ezra Bucher and J.H. Bucher led a drive for funding which resulted in the construction of the Bucher Meetinghouse along route 419, the Schaefferstown Road, in Cornwall, PA.

The 40 by 60 foot white frame structure still stands today much like it did when constructed in 1871. It sits back from the road such that it is easily missed by the many drivers along route 419. It features a separate entrance for men and women, and simple wooden benches. It has been called the Cornwall or Bucher's Meetinghouse over the years, the latter name being a testimony to the many Buchers who preached or taught there.

The first Sunday School was held at the Bucher Meetinghouse in 1880. When the Midway Church of the Brethren was founded in 1902, it merged Brethren from two meetinghouses of what was then called the Tulpehocken Church : Midway and Cornwall.

The first Elder in Charge of Midway in 1902 was Christian Bucher. The Midway congregation went on to enlarge and build new facilities, but the Cornwall Meetinghouse was never enlarged and ceased to hold regular services in 1933. Some special services, including German language services, were held there for a few decades. It is maintained today by the Atlantic Northeast District.

David Fuchs, Historical Committee



As it appeared in 1950



As it appears today

New Members: ANE District

Elizabethtown — *Baptism:* Chantel Langan, Neil Langan; *Letter:* Linda Keesey; *Reaffirmation:* Julie Larison, Kevin Miller.

Middle Creek — *Baptism:* Allison Bruckhart, Bill Kilheffner, Ryan Martin, Tim Martin, Magdalena Lutz, Monatan Lutz, Tyler Zimmerman, Benjamin Gladhill, Lily Shuke, Lydia Shuke; *Letter:* Ashley Good, Steven Kline, Brenda Kline, Jeremy Hess.

Mount Wilson — *Baptism:* Frank McGovern, Robert Fessler.

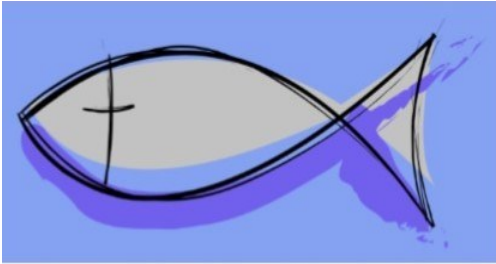
Presidential Announcement

Elizabethtown College



Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D.

Cecilia M. McCormick has developed a longstanding career in higher education, focusing on both management operations and strategic direction to grow and improve higher education institutions. She has been fervent in advancing institutional mission and creating an environment that fosters holistic student learning and development.



MINISTRY

Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations

Kevin Zurin's (Hempfield)
licensing service was on February
3. Pete Kontra, ANE District
Executive, officiated the service.

Bethany Hoffer's (Palmyra)
ordination service was on February
10. Pete Kontra, ANE District
Executive, officiated the service.

Donna Lefever-Hoover's (Annville)
ordination service was on February
17. Pete Kontra, ANE District
Executive, officiated the service.

Placement News

Akron: Called Time Fleener as Pastor effective April 29. Dennis Garrison serves as Interim.

Conewago: Called Sandy Christophel and Ryan Clift as Pastors effective January 27.

Geiger Memorial: Open.

Hanoverdale: Called Peter Johnson as Pastor effective February 10. Kevin Richardson as Interim, Search Committee formed.

Hempfield: Searching for full-time Youth Pastor.

Lancaster: Don Fitzkee serves as Interim Pastor. Robert Kettering serves as Interim Executive Pastor.

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

Mount Wilson: Donna Lefever-Hoover serves as Interim Pastor; Search Committee formed.

Wyomissing: Jan Glass King serves as interim. Search Committee formed.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING EVENTS

As part of the 5 year ordination review coming up in 2020, each ordained minister must complete an Ethics Training session. Licensed ministers are also required to attend this training. .5 CEUs will be granted to ordained ministers (ANE only) upon completion of a training event. The booklet that will be used during the training sessions, provided at no-cost to ANE ministers, is *Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry*, written by James Benedict, a Brethren pastor with more than 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry who has also studied extensively the field of ethics.

Atlantic Northeast District

Each event is held from 9am-3pm, with an hour break for lunch. Participants are on their own for lunch.

May 17	TBD
May 18	Brethren Village, Wolfe Auditorium,
May 20	Londonderry Village,
October 19	Hempfield CoB
Hispanic Session — TBD, Presenter: Ramon Torres	

Surrounding Districts

Surrounding Districts also have Ethics Training sessions planned that our ministers can participate in. To participate, please contact the appropriate District Office for further information on location, pricing, registration and other necessary details.

March 30	MID PA	814.643.0601
April 6&7	Western PA	814.479.2181
	(Mt. Joy and Maple Spring COBs)	
April 27	SOPA	717.624.8636
May 10&11	SOPA	
May 18	MID PA	

Registration is required to attend. More details coming soon.



Disaster Relief Updates: Lumberton, NC



In early September 2018, six of us from Palmyra COB headed to Lumberton, NC, to work with Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) reconstructing homes damaged 3 years earlier by Hurricane Matthew. Along with about 15 other volunteers from Southern Ohio and Western PA, we spent a very hot week fixing drywall, busting up a damaged driveway and preparing it for new concrete, installing skirting under a mobile home, and salvaging usable bricks from the exterior of an unlivable home before demolishing it. A couple of us had significant construction skills, and the rest of us supported them as “go-fers.”

I was part of the brick-salvaging work crew. We were able to meet the homeowner, and she described the story behind why the bricks were important to her. When her father owned the house decades ago, he had salvaged them from somewhere and was so pleased to put them on the exterior of the home. Now that he was no longer living, the homeowner wanted to re-use some on the new home in his memory. Knowing the story of their significance made the work less difficult.

The days were long, the heat was tiring, and there were challenges of equipment breakdowns, supply delivery schedule errors, and a backlog of homes waiting for assistance. At my work site, we would often see the same local gentleman riding on a scooter around the neighbor each day, stopping to scavenge scrap metal or asking for help rebuilding his home. While we weren't able to give that help, we could refer him to BDM and other local agencies, though we knew that the approval process for assistance can be daunting.

The entire crew of BDM volunteers had the unique privilege to participate in a house blessing for a recently-finished home. David's home was renovated in a cooperative effort between BDM and local United Methodist partners, all of whom participated in the house blessing by reading scripture, praying, and sharing memories. BDM leaders presented David with a quilt made by Brethren friends in the Southern Ohio district. While none of our group had

helped to hammer, paint, or clean this house, we represented those who did, reminding me of the Apostle Paul's words in I Corinthians 3:10: “I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.” We each had a different part to contribute in ministry to this

homeowner, and none was more or less important than another.

As we left Lumberton at the end of the week, the long-term BDM staff on site was making plans for the impending arrival of Hurricane Florence a few days later. While the storm wasn't as devastating in Lumberton as projected, and the church which serves as the BDM base was spared major issues, many of the homes BDM crews had recently repaired sustained new damage due to the storm. BDM has been assessing how to offer continued assistance in the area.

We all can play a part in ministry to those whose homes—and lives—are being rebuilt by Brethren Disaster Ministries, whether that is by praying for teams, buying items at the annual Disaster Relief Auction, or giving time to use our abilities on a project site.





BDM Work In Puerto Rico

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, I arrived at the San Juan airport in Puerto Rico. Near the baggage claim area, I found what I was looking for: a man holding a BDM sign.

Like me, Brian was a Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteer. He and Sam flew in from Ohio. We then found Carrie, the volunteer manager, and went to the waiting van, where Al from Pennsylvania was waiting to drive us up into the mountains, to the community of Castañer, in the central mountain region of Lares and Adjuntas.

Driving into the mountains, we could see glimpses of homes in the valleys below with blue-tarped roofs, a sign that neither temporary nor permanent roofing had been installed. Our crew would spend the next two weeks repairing and rebuilding metal roofs, as well as repairing damage to walls and other structures. We also repaired the insides of houses with water or mold damage, painted and did cement and masonry work.

Our BDM work crew was housed at the Castañer Church of the Brethren (Iglesia de los Hermanos). After leaving the church grounds, we would drive about a half hour through winding mountain roads to different job sites in the area of Rio Prieto, Lares. When we arrived at the job site, we would work from about 7 am to 2:30 pm.

After we left the job site, we had free time to explore local shops and farms. During a trip to a nearby coffee plantation, we learned that 60 percent of the farm's coffee plants had been wiped out by Hurricane Maria, which hit the

island more than a year ago. The tour guide told us that his home on the coffee plantation was completely destroyed, and he now lives in public housing.

BDM began the Puerto Rico reconstruction project in September and plans on continuing to deploy work crews through 2019. As of early December, BDM volunteer manager Carrie Miller said 38 volunteers (including construction leaders and local volunteers) have worked more than 2,300 hours on various sites. Volunteers included a delegation earlier this year of Dominican volunteers who travelled to Puerto Rico to repay the help offered by Puerto Rican volunteers in 1979 after Hurricane David.

Despite the continuing impacts from the hurricane, the residents of the town were in a celebratory mood with the approach of Christmas. The town's plaza was the site for a children's Christmas program and we watched as the children recited plays, sang and played their instruments. Some residents joked to our group that the Christmas celebration lasted from Thanksgiving until January.

In one church service, leaders reflected on the past year of hardship, but rejoiced in their blessings and the Christmas season. A Sunday evening cantata concluded with the song "Navidad." Many in the congregation openly wept as they listened to the moving melody resonating through the small sanctuary.

Paula Knudsen Burke travelled to Castañer and volunteered for two weeks with a BDM volunteer crew. She is a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.



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.



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

Atlantic Northeast District

Disaster Response Coordinators' Meeting

Saturday, March 30, 2019

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

Ephrata Church of the Brethren

201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522

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

There is no charge to attend. However, please RSVP to Kelly Bernstein in the ANE District office kbernstein@ane-cob.org no later than March 25, 2018.

An Update on ANE District Disaster Response



DID YOU KNOW???



Disaster Response continues to play a very important role in many of our ANE congregations. Our ANE District congregations provided a team of volunteers to support the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries **for 20 weeks out of 52 weeks in 2018!** That means that we had a group of volunteers from one or more of our ANE churches serving with Brethren Disaster Ministries for almost half of the work weeks in 2018! In addition several individuals from our ANE congregations spent one or more weeks serving with BDM.

Thanks to the generous support of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, our ANE District was able to support the efforts of these volunteers by providing funding for the travel expenses of these groups travelling to and from the BDM rebuild location located in Lumberton NC.

BDM has been working in Marion County, S.C. and some surrounding counties since September 2017. Since April 2018, BDM is working out of a housing site in Lumberton, NC to serve homeowners in both states who are still recovering from Hurricane Matthew or the flooding that happened because of it.

If you would like to organize a group of volunteers from your congregation to spend a week supporting the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries in 2019, please contact our ANE District Disaster Coordinator, Bob Eisemann by phone at 717-733-7413 or email at rqeisemann@gmail.com.

ANE 2018 DISASTER RESPONSE FINAL EXPENSE REPORT			
December 31, 2018			
	Balance carried forward from 2017	\$ 18,311.86	
Income:	From 2017 Relief Auction for 2018 travel expenses	\$ -	
	<i>Note: No funds were requested due to the significant balance remaining from the previous year</i>		
	Total Income as of 12/31/18	\$ 18,311.86	
Expenses:	Volunteer travel expense payments	\$ 17,529.56	
	Total Expenses paid 12/31/2018	\$ 17,529.56	
	Cash Balance 12/31/18	\$ 782.30	



HELPING HANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND AT WORK!



Our ANE Congregations are becoming increasingly aware of and making use of the **ANE District Helping Hands Benevolence Fund**. The fund was used recently to support the ministry of two of our ANE District Congregations as they reached out to persons in their church family.

Little Swatara recently received financial support as they helped a self-employed person who volunteers in their congregation's community café. The church leaders desired to offer support to a person with a financial need who generously supports their ministry outreach with his volunteer efforts.



In addition, Ambler CoB recently received financial support as this congregation works with a single mother and daughter with significant emotional and physical health needs.

Please keep this fund in mind as you and groups in your congregation look for appropriate ways to share your financial resources with those in need. And don't forget to request an application if your congregation desires to reach out to support a need in your congregation and/or community. By working together we can make a significant difference in the lives of our neighbors. What a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus with those in need around us!

For more information about or 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/>



Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Inc.

Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA Districts

December 8, 2018

Brethren Disaster Ministries
Church of the Brethren General Board
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120

Gentlemen:

It is our pleasure to be able to share with you proceeds from our 2018 Disaster Relief Auction efforts. Please find our Check #2385 for \$289,295 enclosed. We make this contribution to Brethren Disaster Ministries on behalf of the Atlantic Northeast District, the Southern Pennsylvania District, and all of our constituency. From this distribution, \$34,295 is restricted for domestic hurricane relief and \$255,000 is unrestricted.


We would like to note these additional distributions during 2018:

- \$16,000 for BDM SUV;
- \$15,000 directed to Flame Ministries to dig a well in Haiti;
- \$12,500 grant to Atlantic Northeast District for disaster trips.

In total we are distributing \$332,795, which closely resembles the net proceeds of our 2018 operations YTD of \$321,604.58.

Our prayer is that these distributions will help to alleviate the suffering of God's people in this country and throughout His world. To God be the Glory!

In Christ's Service,

Evelyn Dehmey 
Treasurer

POWER OF PRAYER

ANE District Prayer Calendar Requests:

March 3: District Volunteers

March 10: Gifts Discernment Team

March 17: 55+ Community

March 24: Parents of ANE Youth

April 7: Program & Arrangements

April 14: All Ministers

April 21: District Conference Moderator

April 28: Pastors in New Parishes



NOAC 2019

SEPTEMBER 2 – 6

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION: 9/1-2 & 9/6-7

COSTS:

- \$300/PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- \$415/PERSON, SINGLE OCCUPANCY
- \$190/PERSON, BUS ONLY (NO HOTEL)

INCLUDES:

- ELITE COACH TO AND FROM LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC
- HOTEL ROOM W/BREAKFAST TO AND FROM LOCATION
- TIPS

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE CONFERENCE FEE. REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15.

EACH PERSON MUST STILL REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AT WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/NOAC/

Register Online at
www.ane-cob.org or
 fill out the information below
 and send with payment to:

Atlantic Northeast District
 500 East Cedar St.
 Elizabethtown, PA
 17022

Deadline: July 31

PICK UP (SEPTEMBER 1) & DROP OFF (SEPTEMBER 7) LOCATIONS:

BRETHREN VILLAGE (11:15 AM)
 ELIZABETHTOWN CoB (12:00 PM)
 CARLISLE CoB (1:30 PM)
 SCOTLAND, PA (2:00 PM)
 HAGERSTOWN, MD (2:45 PM)
 *TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A FULL REFUND WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL JULY 1, 2019. A 50% REFUND WILL BE GIVEN FROM JULY 2, 2019 THROUGH JULY 31, 2019. NO REFUNDS WILL BE OFFERED AFTER JULY 31, 2019.

HOTEL:

COMFORT INN
 AIRPORT,
 ROANOKE, VA

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- DINNER TO & FROM PA TO NC
- LUNCH FROM NC TO PA

NAME: _____ GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

- ☐ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$300/PERSON
☐ SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$415/PERSON
☐ BUS ONLY \$190/PERSON

MY LODGING ASSIGNMENT AT LAKE JUNALUSKA IS:

PLEASE INDICATE ROOMMATE PREFERENCE FOR TRAVEL DAYS IF REGISTERING SEPARATELY:

PLEASE INDICATE PICK UP LOCATION:

- ☐ BRETHREN VILLAGE
☐ ELIZABETHTOWN CoB
☐ CARLISLE CoB
☐ SCOTLAND, PA
☐ HAGERSTOWN, MD

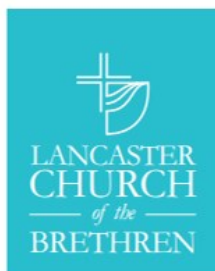
PAYMENT IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION. SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONE BUS (54 PEOPLE). A WAITING LIST WILL BE KEPT SHOULD THERE BE ANY CANCELLATIONS. BY REGISTERING FOR THIS EVENT, THE ABOVE CANCELLATION POLICY IS UNDERSTOOD.



Seeking First the Kingdom

March 30 & 31, 2019

3rd annual event sponsored by the
Spiritual Renewal
Committee
of the
Lancaster
Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17601



lancob.org
717.397.4751

Continuing Education Credits Available

Paxton COB to Host Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16 - 2pm @ ABC East Lanes,
1001 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA -

Bowling Fundraiser for Handicap Accessibility
Project for Paxton Church of the Brethren. Tickets
on Sale until March 11 - \$12 includes shoes and 2
hours of bowling. Prizes for high games. There
will also be a silent auction. More details
available at 717-564-9455.

"A Night of Music"

We welcome all to a night of Gospel Music to be held at
the Myerstown Church of the Brethren on
March 9 at 6:00 PM.

Nine groups will be presenting musical selections.

Come and bring your friends to be inspired.

For more information call the church office at
717-866-5517.

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

YOUNG CENTER EVENTS—SPRING 2019

Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies invites you to attend the dedication for its building expansion on **Thursday, March 14**, at 4:00 p.m. The dedication will feature a presentation by Jonathan Stayer of the Pennsylvania State Archives. An open house will precede the dedication, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The dedication will be followed by a reception featuring light fare in Leffler Chapel. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.



Christopher Herbert, in collaboration with Elizabethtown College's concert choir, presents "Forgotten Sounds: Researching, Transcribing, Performing, and Reimagining the Music of the Eighteenth-Century Ephrata Cloister" on **Thursday, March 14**, 7:30 p.m., in the college's Leffler Chapel. On **Friday, March 15**, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Herbert presents "Voices in the Pennsylvania Wilderness: An Examination of the Music Manuscripts, Music Theory, Composition, and (Female) Composers of the Eighteenth-Century Ephrata Cloister" in the Young Center's Bucher Meetinghouse. Herbert is the Young Center's Durnbaugh lecturer for 2019. A graduate of the Julliard School with a DMA in voice, he is an assistant professor at William Paterson University and the baritone in the critically acclaimed ensemble [New York Polyphony](http://www.nyupolyphony.org). For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.

Joshua R. Brown presents "Amish Identities in Changing Context," a discussion about the social and cultural changes from mother to daughter Amish settlements, especially with regard to linguistic change, on **Thursday, March 28**, 7:30 p.m., at Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies. Brown, the center's 2019 Kreider Fellow, is an associate professor of German and linguistics at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.



Charles Jantzi presents "Mental Health Treatment in the Plain Communities" on **Thursday, April 25**, 7:30 p.m., at Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies. Jantzi is a professor of psychology at Messiah College. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.



Taizé Service Palmyra Church of the Brethren Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.



The Music Ministry of Palmyra Church of the Brethren invites you to prayerfully worship and reflect with us as we remember the events of Holy Week during a Taizé Service on Palm Sunday, April 14th, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary of Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut

St, Palmyra, PA. We will offer prayers, meditations, and musical responses from the Taizé tradition as we reflect on the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus.

The tradition of Taizé includes praying with song in short, repetitive refrains. The French village of Taizé has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers where prayer is the center of life. Each year, thousands of worshipers from around the world gather to pray with the Taizé community.

We welcome you as you are and look forward to opening our doors and having you join us in the tradition of Taizé.

The Art of Neighboring: Connecting with our Local Communities



Join with ministry peers to explore how to identify points of intersection between the DNA of your church and that of the surrounding community. With these insights, participants will examine ways to build missional "bridges" between church and community. The aim of the interactive sessions will be for each church represented to generate action steps to build relationships and ministries with your neighbors.

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Akron Mennonite Church
1311 Diamond St, Akron, PA 17501

\$35 per person – Includes lunch
Group pricing / CEUs available

Learn More / Register at: www.evangelical.edu/neighboring

Presented by: Rev. Les Cool, MDiv, MA

Co-sponsored by:

Barnabas Initiatives

Anabaptist Center at Evangelical Seminary

SAVE THE DATE!

2019 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

August 18-20

Speaker

Susan Eikenberry

Camp Swatara





SAVE THE DATE!

VISION FOR THE FUTURE VISION PARA EL FUTURO

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Indian Creek Church of the Brethren

A day of worship and learning.
Un día de adoración y aprendizaje.



Paul Munday, Speaker
2020 Annual Conference Moderator

Paul Munday has been a pastor, church administrator, writer, speaker, workshop leader, consultant, and teacher for more than 40 years. Paul is currently, Moderator-Elect of the Church of the Brethren. He also serves as Moderator of the GraceWay Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, MD., and the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, Hagerstown, MD. During the academic year, 2016-2017, Paul was a Visiting Scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. Prior to that appointment, Paul served for 20 years as Senior Pastor of the Frederick Church of the Brethren in Frederick, MD. From 1983-1996, Paul was a staff member for the national ministry of the Church of the Brethren, serving as director of evangelism and congregational growth, and staff for Korean ministry.

WORSHIP TO BE LED BY:

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Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part I

Saturday, March 30, 2019
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA 17241

Presenter: Dale Leverknight

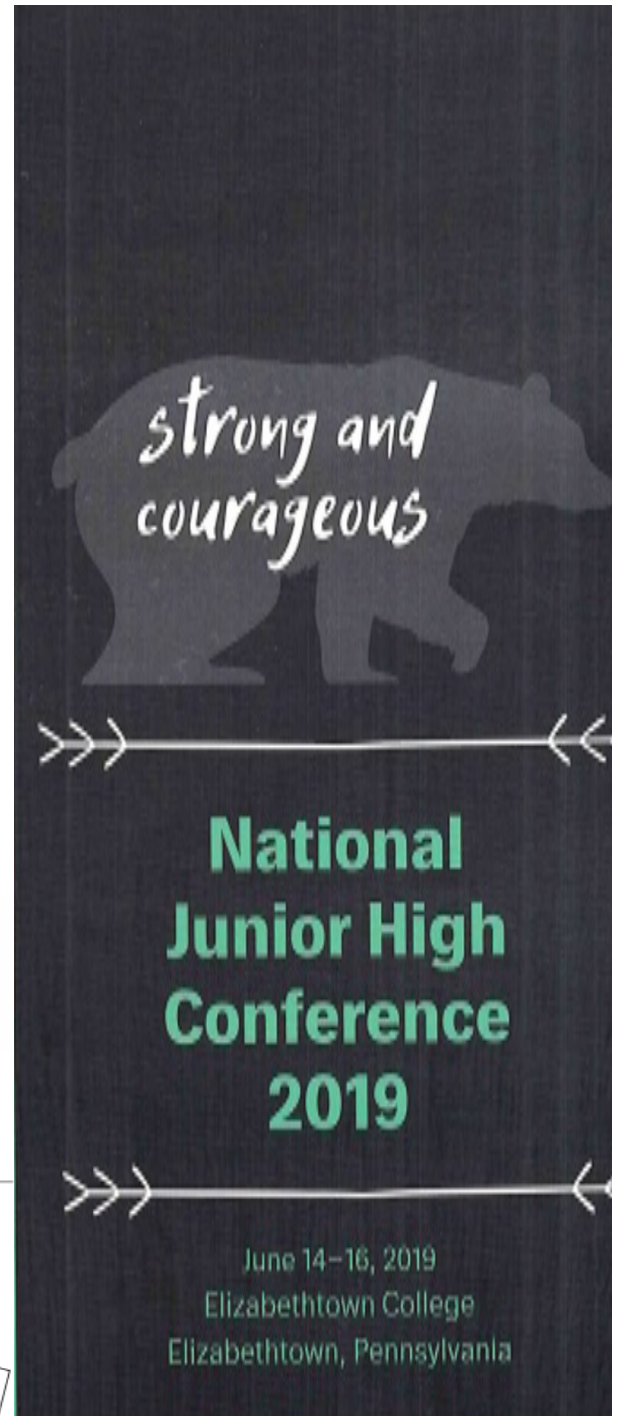
Dale Leverknight currently serves as pastor of the Montgomery Church of the Brethren in Western PA. He draws on years of experience in pastoral care, counseling, and emergency services. He has a BS degree in Biblical Studies/Theology and an MA in Christian Counseling, both from Eastern Mennonite University.

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention is a series of four sessions (March 30 and October 26, 2019, and two TBA in 2020), which will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. The sessions will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors. While the sessions build upon one another, you will gain valuable information even if you can attend only one session. **NOTE: This registration form is ONLY for Part I on March 30, 2019. The remaining 3 sessions will require separate registration at a later time. The cost, below, is for one session on March 30.**

- Topics to Be Covered:
- Vocabulary and Concept of Crisis
 - Listening Skills
 - Biblical Foundations of Emotional/Spiritual Care
 - Human Reactions to Crises
 - What Is Trauma
 - What Do I Do and Not Do
 - Understanding the Effects of Crises on Individuals and the Family System

Please check ☒ your option:

Registration due by March 15, 2019: ☐ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and .5 CEUs)
☐ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)





PRESENTED BY ANE DISTRICT AND BRETHREN BENEFIT TRUST

All Hispanic Pastors & Church Leaders are invited!

FAITH & FINANCES ~ LA FE Y LAS FINANZAS

May 4, 2019

- Overview of Christian Stewardship principles. Visión general de los principios de la mayordomía cristiana.
- Personal & church finances. Finanzas personales y de la iglesia.
- Caring for the financial well-being of your pastor and staff. Cuidando el bienestar financiero de su pastor y personal.

8:30 AM Registration & Snacks
9:00 AM Workshop Starts
Location: Mountville CoB

Spanish Translation Available!
Traducción en español disponible!

RESERVA!



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 2019

Once again, the ANE Nurture Commission will provide the opportunity of a group rate for the Summit. The Group Rate is \$129. The first 25 people to sign up will be able to utilize the rate.

A large group will be attending at the Manheim location, but this group rate can be used at other locations. Up to 1.1 CEUs are available to ANE ordained ministers.

For more information, go to our website: ane-cob.org under events.

Stewardship University

Save the date!



Saturday, March 2, 2019 • Calvary Church, Lititz

For more information, contact:

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S YOUTH CULTURE

Walt Mueller, Founder & President
Center for Youth/Parent Understanding

MARCH 30, 2019
9:00AM - 3PM
WEST GREEN TREE COB

TOPIC FOCUSES:

- *Megatrends influencing children and teens today
- *Hyper-connected 24/7: Children, Teens and Social Media
- *Stressed out: Teens and Anxiety

COST:

PRE-REGISTER FOR \$35 OR \$40 AT THE DOOR
LUNCH INCLUDED

Doors open at 8:30. .5 CEU Credits available.
Register online at www.ane-cob.org by March 16

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ANE DISTRICT
NURTURE COMMISSION

Please join us for a terrific seminar on today's youth
given by Walt Mueller, internationally recognized
speaker and author on
contemporary youth culture! CEUs available.



55 PLUS SPRING LUNCHEON

**MARCH 27, 2019
12:00 NOON**

MENU:

Garden Salad
Choice: Meatloaf or
Chicken Thighs
Cheesy Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Angel Food Cake w/Fruit
Or Cherry Pie
Ice Cream

\$16.50

**ENTERTAINMENT:
SEASONS**



Middle Creek CoB
351 Middle Creek
Road, Lititz

**DEADLINE
TO REGISTER
MARCH 19**

Please join us for an afternoon of great food, great fellowship and great entertainment! For more information and to register, please visit our website www.ane-cob.org under events/registration.

**Enflame us
with your love;
Empower us
with your spirit!**

—Ephesians 9:10-20 (MSG)

Young Adult Conference

May 24-26, 2019

Camp Blue Diamond
near Petersburg, PA



Church of the Brethren

Chiques Church of the Brethren is hosting a Pork Roast Dinner Saturday, April 6, 2019. The meal is served as a drop in from 4PM to 7PM, by donation, and benefits The **Nigeria Crisis Fund and Haiti Medical Clinic Program**. There will be crafts and theme baskets sold by silent auction, the winners announced at 7:00PM. No reservations needed, questions call Sandy Brubaker at 717-665-3466.

Alpha & Omega Community Center

Annual Banquet

April 27, 2019

Lampeter CoB

6:00pm

For more information contact the community center at 717-3943021 or Joel Peña at joelpena25@gmail.com.

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Deadline for the May/June issue of
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Articles may be faxed to the District Office
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