

# ANE Today



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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SAVE THE DATE!

### ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**OCTOBER 2-3, 2020**

ELIZABETHTOWN  
COLLEGE

On October 2 and 3, 2020 we will gather at the Leffler Chapel for our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual District Conference. The theme this year is "Be Still and Know" and is from Psalm 46:10. This verse says to us, "Be Still and Know that I am God."

In our very busy world today, it is hard to find time to "Be Still" and sometimes even harder to find and know God.

The Program and Arrangements Committee is in the process of planning our time together on Friday evening and Saturday. More information will follow in future newsletters, on the ANE website, and digital media.

I am excited to serve as District Moderator this year. If you would like me to visit your Church on a Sunday Morning to meet and share with you or to bring the Morning Message, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [knk821@comcast.net](mailto:knk821@comcast.net) or on my cell phone (302)-540-6729.

I look forward to meeting with you and seeing you at District Conference this year.

~Karen Hackett



Karen Hackett,  
Moderator

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## Message from Pete Kontra, District Executive

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that you are strengthened and encouraged in your walk with Christ as you continue in His work here in ANE. As we remember and celebrate what He has done for us on the Cross and through His Resurrection, I am encouraged by scene of the Last Supper in Luke 22.



Pete Kontra

Jesus shared in the Last Supper with His disciples. He's warned them of Judas' betrayal. And what do they do next? Why, they dispute among themselves who is the greatest!

"I'm the most faithful. No, I am. C'mon, you know what good things I have done lately!" Little did they know how foolish their pride was.

And Jesus says, Not so. This is not how it is in My Kingdom. The pagans lord it over each other, but not you. And then He turns to Peter. "Simon, Simon. Satan has asked to sift you as wheat."

Notice it's Simon Jesus now calls him, not Peter. Simon: your old self before you knew Me is going to come out. Sometimes we're tested and our old selves come out and fail in times of challenge.

Anyone else know that feeling? I sure do. Satan's desire is to scatter the disciples and use this to draw them away from God and into sin. The "you" here is plural. Jesus is talking to Peter about all the disciples being sifted. Satan wants to show them to be hypocrites. That as they fail Jesus in His final hour, it is to show they are chaff—just the shell of who they thought they were in their walk with Christ.

In our walk with Christ and as His church, it's not that we will never fail. Yes, we all have our list of wrong-doings, right? I do. You do. We do as a church. That is a fact of life. But what is critical to our walk is in our turning back to Him.

"Once you have turned back," Jesus says, "strengthen your brothers."

Peter's role will be to turn back and once done to strengthen the others who will face similar trials.

What do we do with our failures? Do we let them stand as the final verdict on us, that you're just a shell of who you thought you were? Do we let them stand as the final verdict on others, that someone else who's failed is just a shell of who they thought they were?

Or, do we allow that to help others, knowing just what it feels like?

What does it mean to strengthen your brothers and sisters?

### **We are called to pray for one another.**

Jesus told Peter, I have prayed for you. Jesus has prayed for all of us believers as we see in John 17:15- *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.*

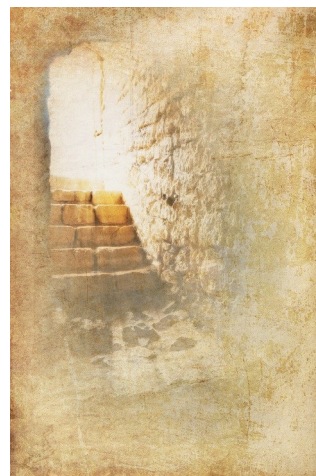
Paul says in Ephesians 6, right after he encourages us to put on the full armor of God, he says in verse 18: *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

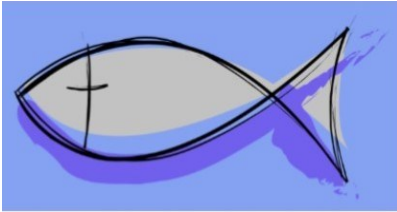
Ephesians 4:2 says, *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

I am praying for you and all of us as the Church, that we may walk with and encourage one another, just as Jesus did all the way to the Cross and out of the tomb into new life, never giving up on us.

God bless you.

-Pete





## MINISTRY

Dr. Jobie E. Riley, 91, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Monday, October 21, 2019 at Lancaster General Hospital. He was married to June E. (Loose) Riley who passed away in March of 1999. Dr. Riley was an ordained minister and a member of Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, where he served as a life deacon. He was a Professor of Speech and debate team coach at Elizabethtown College. He was an avid reader and writer, an expert on Conrad Beissel and the Ephrata Cloister, and a lover of baseball.



William W. "Bill" Longenecker, 91, of Mount Joy, joined the great cloud of witnesses on Monday, December 9, 2019 at his residence. Bill was the husband of Peggy Smith Longenecker with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage this past July 25th. Bill was ordained in the Church of the Brethren where he served as

pastor of 4 congregations. He was interim pastor at 6 congregations while farming, raising sheep, and using the property to host day camps, reunions, Jesus People, baptisms, and other gatherings. He held 180 preaching missions in 13 different states.

## [ Placement News ]

**East Fairview:** Bob Kettering serves as interim. Search Committee forming.

**Geiger Memorial:** Open

**Lebanon:** Pastor Ron Ludwick retiring effective March 31. Search Committee formed.

**Lititz:** Searching for Director of Youth Ministries

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

**Paxton:** Mary Etta Reinhart serves as Interim Pastor; search committee formed.

**Richland:** Called Bill Wink as Pastor to begin in April. Levi Ziegler and Chris Dubble serve in interim.

**Schuylkill:** Search Committee forming.

## Licensing, Ordinations, and Installations:



### Misty Wintsch's

(Lancaster) installation service was performed by Pete Kontra on January 19.

**Don Fitzkee's** (Lancaster) installation service was also on January 19 and performed by Pete Kontra.

**Chris Shelly's** (Lampeter) installation service was performed on February 16 by Pete Kontra.

# REMINDER

The 2020 Ordination Review is now underway. Letters and forms have been mailed out to ordained and retired ministers and their congregations for completion. Completed forms are due back to the District Office by July 15, 2020.



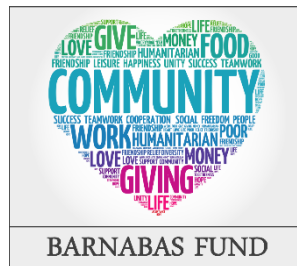
## Could your church use a financial boost?

Is your congregation actively involved in a community outreach ministry such as:

- Community food pantry
- Counseling services
- English as a second language classes
- Parenting workshops
- Tutoring or other kinds of children and teen programs

Do these guidelines fit your congregation?

- A verifiable active outreach ministry
- Located in and serving a community with a significant economically challenged population.
- Limited resources due to circumstances beyond their control
- Sizeable community needs that surpass the congregation's ability to respond.
- There must be a clear evidence of Gospel and Mission



The Barnabas Fund has been established to share the blessing of financial resources with those who express a ministry-driven need. The Fund seeks to encourage the ministry of congregations through a grant-based ministry investment strategy that seeks Kingdom-based ministry results through: shared resources, fiscal accountability, ministry planning, and economic partnering.

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

Application deadlines this year are:

Monday, April 27

Monday, July 27

Monday, October 26

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

**Please contact the District Office for an Application.**

## ANE DISTRICT— NEW MEMBERS

**Alpha & Omega—** *Baptism:* Luz Soto, Steven Valentin.

**East Fairview—** *Baptism:* Natalie Earhart;  
*Reaffirmation:* Christine Eifert, Mac Eifert.

**Elizabethtown—** *Baptism:* Olivia Knight, Isaiah Lokai;  
*Reaffirmation:* Heather Drake, Nancy Garber, Richard Garber, Jerry Knight; *Letter:* Jacob Bradley, Allison Mattern, Lyssa Morehart, Mason Morehart.

**Harrisburg First—** *Baptism:* Carrie Miller Flores, Andrew Rodriguez Santos; *Reaffirmation:* Rachel E. Ludwick; *Letter:* Drew G.I. Hart, Renee A. Hart.

**Little Swatara—** *Letter:* David Wagner, Billie Jean Wagner

**Middle Creek—** *Baptism:* Aiden Balmer, Connor Fahnestock, Dawson Forney, Bridget Kline, Ava Martin, Valerie Martin, Emersen Weaver, Eric Zimmerman.



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
**BENEFIT TRUST**

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, November 21**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

BBT will be having their fall board meeting in the Washington DC area and are inviting all pastors and church leadership to attend this luncheon, which will include an informative presentation. Invitation and details to follow in the Spring.

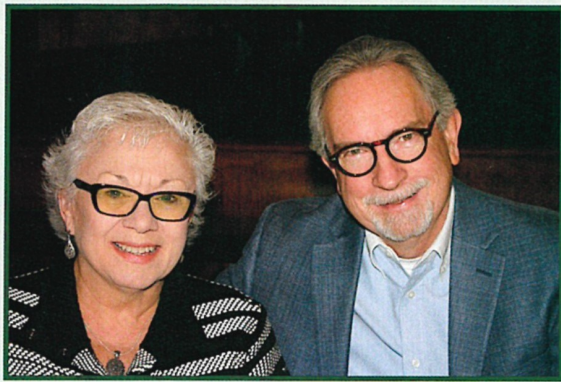




## When the unthinkable happens are you prepared?

by Kathy Walter

When we were young and pastoring a small church, my husband Don and I needed every dollar we were paid. So when our church treasurer asked him to sign a document that would put a very meager amount of our small salary in a retirement fund, we didn't think we could do it. But we did, and we are forever grateful that we started saving for retirement — early, and even with a small amount.



Don recently passed away very unexpectedly, and I was so thankful that he had been diligent in planning for our retirement and later years. In one of his last seminars that I attended, he admonished pastors to plan financially for long- and short-term goals. He told them,

“Your family will know how deeply you love them by how you prepare for their lives after you are gone.”

I want to pass along to others some of the ways I continued to feel Don's love even after he was gone — because he had planned ahead. This is practical advice for anyone of any age.

Consider having an easy-to-access paper file in which you keep all those things needed at the passing of a spouse (ours was called the “red file”). This is something that prevents a great deal of stress. Electronic files are great, but you need the username and password to access.

The contents of your red file may vary, but should include the following —

- I. Username and password for ALL devices and all important accounts as well. And don't forget to update or check this information on a regular basis

2. Copies of car titles, insurance information, and payment method on vehicles. Make sure both of your names are on vehicles and insurance. (Make sure it is worded using “or” instead of “and” when both names are included — for example: Sam OR Nancy.)
3. Make sure BOTH of your names are on utility accounts.
4. Have copies of agreements for auto-draft payments or bank payments of bills. Make sure both names are included.
5. Keep a file for those items needed at tax-filing time.
6. Check state requirements for required documents needed to conduct business (official copy of marriage license, birth certificates, copies of Driver's License and Social Security card). NOTE: You will also need several copies of the Death Certificate.
7. Make sure you both know the location of the key to the safety deposit box in which you would keep your Will, Power of Attorney, or Living Will.
8. Going paperless for all your bills is great but make sure your spouse is listed as someone with whom information can be shared, and who can make decisions about accounts, etc. Don created a spreadsheet that showed date and approximate amount for payment and how they were paid.

Whether it is a sudden death or even a stroke, if your spouse is unable to tell you how to access these things, your grieving is compounded by the burden of working through all of these issues.

Your family will be so GRATEFUL if you plan ahead by taking these precautionary steps.

*Until his untimely death in March, Don Walter served as the director of Pension and Benefits for the Church of the Nazarene.*





## Home Sweet Home

*Mid pleasures and palaces though we  
may roam, be it ever so humble,  
there's no place like home.*

~J.H. Payne

I never heard of the little town of Nichols, SC before we went there with BDM to help rebuild the homes damaged by the flood waters of Hurricane Matthew and Florence. But after 3 years of working in that area, there are people and places that are now dear and familiar to us.



On our drive to Nichols, we enjoyed the rustic

beauty of Page's Mill Pond near the town of Lakeside, with water falling over the breast of the dam and the cypress trees standing like sentinels in the pond. We stopped to examine the novelty of a field full of cotton that was yet unpicked. We wondered at all the abandoned houses that would likely never hear the sound of laughter and families again and were sorry for those who had lost so much.

We worked hard from Mondays to Fridays hanging drywall, applying the needed compound to seams and screws and sanding until the walls were smooth enough for bright, fresh paint. Plumbing, electrical



work and insulation were all needed parts for fixing a house, too. Nice, new flooring was laid

for the welcome return of work boots, sneakers or comfy bedroom slippers.

In January, we worked at the home of Gladys, a dear, 93 year old lady who is blind and has had to live in a nursing home since her house was flooded in Sept. 2018. Luanne and I thought it would be special to meet her, so after talking to her son, we made arrangements to meet him the next morning. He took us to her room and introduced us. What a sweet, lovely lady who loved her Lord! She was thankful for what we were doing to get her house fixed and was hoping to live there again soon. We asked if she likes to sing, and she sure does! She and her son sang a few songs for us with passion and heartfelt joy!

*"You ought to take the Lord with you, everywhere you go... In your home, all along, in the highways and the byways, you ought to take the Lord with you, everywhere you go!"*  
*"I live in this moment because of you. I want to thank you and praise you too, your grace and mercy brought me through."*

We found out that she was the youngest of 5 sisters who all lived beside each other. Right down the road was Diana, her



niece, whom we had met and whose house we had worked on through the devastation of 2 floods. So, one day after lunch, we walked across the road and she invited us in to see her beautiful, finished house that she is enjoying – a dream come true.

If you are thankful for the comforts of home, and have never gone on a BDM work trip, please consider whether this is something the Lord is calling you to do. Willing hands and willing hearts are what's needed to get the job done!

Having Someone to Love  
is FAMILY

Having Somewhere to go  
is HOME

Having Both is a BLESSING!

January 28, 2020-

Darlene Miller – White Oak





## Outreach Update

### Ephrata Compassion Project



The Ephrata congregation and the Mohler congregation both participated last year in the Ephrata Compassion project.

The Compassion Project is a ministry partnership with Love INC and local communities in Lancaster County. Love INC describes the annual program as "a practical resource to the local church and Christian community to aide them in acts of compassion during a 'missions trip to their own community.' These acts of compassion create unique and exciting opportunities for relationships to be built and the gospel to be shared, equipping the body of Christ by providing a hands-on, proven, step-by-step process to launching your own local missions project."

The way that it works is that Love INC staff accept phone calls from members of each community

during a certain limited time frame. These calls are to share any needs or work that the families can use on their homes or in their yards that they are not able to do themselves. This list is then shared with the coordinator in that area who is collecting a list of churches willing to connect and provide those services for their neighbors. Projects range from yard work and power washing requiring less skill to other work requiring more construction experience. All participating churches are encouraged to stay in contact with the families or individuals they serve throughout the year to keep building their relationship.

Ephrata COB is providing the coordination for the Ephrata Compassion Project and Ephrata and Mohler COBs were participating churches that completed projects in the community. Here is a link to the website: <https://loveinlancaster.org/supported-ministries/the-compassion-project/>

Two of the youth from Ephrata had these comments to share about their experience: Rebecca Foard (6<sup>th</sup> grade) said "it was a good bonding time for the youth working to help someone in need." Elizabeth Foard (8<sup>th</sup> grade) said "I enjoyed spending time with my youth group from church and I would do it again for sure".

They are sisters that are in this group photo of our students. Elizabeth is in the green with her hands on the neighbors shoulders and Rebecca is in the black "Jesus Saves" shirt.

~By Jen Dorsch-Messler



### ANE District Prayer Calendar Requests:

**March 1:** Call to District Leadership

**March 8:** The District Way Forward Team: God's wisdom and leading as they bring recommendations to the District Board.

**March 15:** Congregations who are in pastoral transition.

**March 22:** Renewed focus on our purpose as the Church to build the Kingdom of God.

**March 29:** District Volunteers

**April 5:** District Conference Moderator

**April 12:** Growing new Fellowships and Projects.

**April 19:** The District Transition Team: God's wisdom and grace as they work toward reconciliation and healing as congregations choose to leave the COB.

**April 26:** Strength and peace for all our ministers who serve in various settings across the District.





## DR. TOD BOLSINGER AND DR. MICHAEL GORMAN TO SPEAK AT 2020 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ELGIN, IL – Dr. Tod Bolsinger and Dr. Michael J. Gorman, two nationally acclaimed church leaders, will be featured resource persons at the 2020 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference to be held July 1-5, 2020, at DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Bolsinger will be the featured speaker at an all-conference equipping session on Friday, July 3, where he will address “Doing Church in Uncharted Territory.” On Thursday, July 2, he will speak at the Moderator’s Dinner on the topic of “Adventure or Die” and lead an insight session themed “Standing the Heat, Surviving the Sabotage.” He will also speak at a breakfast event Friday morning, July 3, on “The Fire and the Anvil.”

Dr. Gorman will resource the Church of the Brethren Minister’s Association pre-conference on June 30 and July 1. His focus will be “1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today’s Church.” He will also serve as Bible study leader each morning for the entire Annual Conference on selected passages from the book of Revelation. In addition, Dr. Gorman will lead an insight session on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on the topic “Reading the Bible Missionally.” On Saturday, he will speak at a luncheon on the theme “Non-Violence in the Writings of Paul.”

Dr. Tod Bolsinger serves as Vice President and Chief of Leadership Formation at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. Previously, he served the seminary as Vice President of Vocation and Formation and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. Holding both a PhD in Theology and Master of Divinity from Fuller, Dr. Bolsinger also serves as an executive coach for corporate, nonprofit, educational, and church organizations in transformational leadership. He has authored three books, including his most recent, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*. For seventeen years, he was the senior pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church in San Clemente, California, after serving for ten years at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Dr. Bolsinger and his wife Beth have two children.

Dr. Michael J. Gorman holds the Raymond E. Brown Chair in Biblical Studies and Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland.

He has taught at St. Mary’s since 1991, as well as serving as the Dean of St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute from 1995 to 2012. Dr. Gorman is the author of nearly twenty books and scores of articles, including several books on Paul; books on Revelation, the Gospel of John, and the atonement; volumes on biblical interpretation; and short books on topics in Christian ethics. Dr. Gorman received his B.A. in French from Gordon College and his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he taught Greek. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and an elected member of the Society for New Testament Studies. A United Methodist layperson, Dr. Gorman is a frequent lecturer at churches, institutions of higher education, and clergy gatherings of many traditions in the U.S. and abroad. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Nancy, and they have three adult children.

For more information on the 2020 Annual Conference, entitled “God’s Adventurous Future,” visit the Annual Conference website at [www.brethren.org/ac/](http://www.brethren.org/ac/).



Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Elizabethtown, York First COB, and Carlisle on June 30, we will return home on July 6, 2020. For information and reservations please call Ken at 717-367-7622, email [jkreider@gmail.com](mailto:jkreider@gmail.com), or write to him at 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.





## A Mission Moment Opportunity



Many of our congregations are familiar with the Rebuild Program of Brethren Disaster Ministries. This ministry offers

the opportunity for volunteers to help repair and rebuild storm damaged homes for some of the most vulnerable disaster survivors in areas ravaged by hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. No specific skills are required...just a little time and the desire to reach out to help those in need.

Here in the Atlantic Northeast District, Bob Eisemann has worked tirelessly for many years as our ANE District Disaster Coordinator. Bob has a heart for helping those in need and is eager to encourage others to have the opportunity to share their gifts and skills with those who need our help.



Bob is available to come to your church on a Sunday morning to share with persons in your congregation how they can become involved in serving with Brethren Disaster Ministries. This is a great opportunity for those in your church to learn how they can spend a week on a "mission project" serving with Brethren Disaster Ministries.

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

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 District 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 [mreinhardt@ane-cob.org](mailto:mreinhardt@ane-cob.org).

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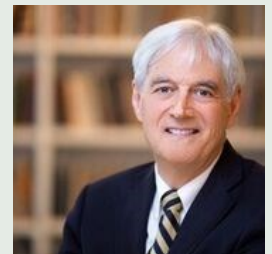
# PASSION: THE MUSICAL

A contemporary journey through  
Christ's death, burial, and resurrection

Myerstown Church of the Brethren  
51 W. Stoeber Ave. Myerstown  
Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 7:00 PM  
For more info contact 717-866-5517

## MODERATOR'S FORUM APRIL 18, 2020

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday has announced that he will be hosting a Moderator's Forum this spring. The event will take place at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA. The date is April 18, 2020 from 1-9 p.m.



The forum's focus is "Historical Themes Impacting Today's Church." It will feature leading Brethren historians who will address a variety of historical themes impacting present-day congregations, districts, and national structures. Particular attention will be given to Brethren history and themes relevant to the current reality of Brethren communities, with special emphasis on the Church of the Brethren.

Themes to be addressed include accountability, compelling vision, division, forbearance, and nationalism. To register or secure a forum brochure, please visit: [tinyurl.com/modforum2020](https://tinyurl.com/modforum2020). The registration deadline is April 9, 2020. Cost is \$30.00 and includes dinner.



## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



### Struphaur's Meeting House

In Pine Grove, Berks County, about eight miles north of Bethel, PA sits an historic Brethren meetinghouse. Built in 1865 as the first meeting house for the Schuylkill Church of the Brethren, it is a small frame building, only 24 x 30 feet. It was so small that Love Feasts were held in the barns of members as late as 1915, when a brick church was built a few miles away. It features benches with high backs, a central table for leading worship, and two pot belly stoves for heat.

The meetinghouse, spelled Struphaur or Strouphauer, sits atop a hill on Waterfall Road with a remarkable view over vast acres of farmland. The adjacent cemetery serves as the final resting place for numerous Strouphauers, Stumps, Kutzes and Zerbys. It is cared for by the Schuylkill Church of the Brethren, which now worships in a modern facility a few miles away which was enlarged and modernized in 1977.

~David Fuchs

Strouphauer Meetinghouse in 1950



Cemetery



Strouphauer Meetinghouse today

4th Annual

## Seeking First the Kingdom

**Living Simply in a  
Complex World**

*March 21 & 22, 2020*



*Spiritual Renewal Committee of the  
Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
lancob.org  
717.397.4751*

### Historical Committee seeks members

The District Historical Committee's mission is to preserve our history and stimulate interest in local COB history. As amateur historians, we meet twice a year to plan projects and activities. We are seeking new members who have an interest in ANE Brethren history. Please contact Dave Fuchs at [defuchs@comcast.net](mailto:defuchs@comcast.net) or 717-413-1388.





**Global  
Leadership  
Network**

## Global Leadership Summit August 6 & 7, 2020

For the third year in a row, the ANE Nurture Commission is offering a group rate for the Global Leadership Summit of \$139, saving an individual up to \$80. Included with this rate is an ability to network with other CoB members on both days over lunch at the Manheim location, and up to 1.1 CEUs. For those attending not using the ANE Group rate, CEUs will be available for \$10.00. For those not close to Manheim PA, you can use this group rate at a location near you!

### Faculty

The diverse Summit faculty\* delivers a unique blend of vision, inspiration and practical skills you can immediately apply. (*\*Faculty lineup and topics subject to change— more faculty online.*)



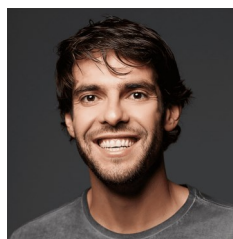
**Craig Groeschel**

Co-Founder & Senior Pastor, Life.Church



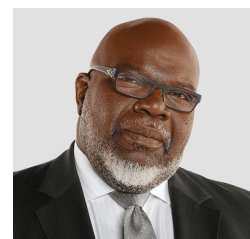
**Amy Edmondson**

Novartis Professor of Leadership and Management at the Harvard Business School; Author



**Kaká**

Brazilian Retired Soccer Phenomenon; FIFA World Player



**T.D. Jakes**

Senior Pastor, The Potter's House; Visionary and Entrepreneur; Best-Selling Author



**Beth Comstock**

Director at Nike; Author; Former GE Vice Chair & CMO; Former President of Integrated Media at NBC Universal



**Marcus Buckingham**

Best-Selling Author; Global Researcher; Strengths Revolutionist



**Nona Jones**

Head of Global Faith-Based Partnerships, Facebook; Author



**Lysa Terkeurst**

President Proverbs 31 Ministries; Best-Selling Author

To register using our group ticket rate, go to our website under Calendar/Events. To find out more about the Summit, go to <https://globalleadership.org/global-leadership-summit/>. Register Now! Hope to see you there!



# Save the date!

## Stewardship University 2020



Saturday  
March 7, 2020  
Calvary Church

Registration begins  
at 8 a.m.

### You can count on

- Workshops that offer practical, relevant, useful information.
- A biblical, Christ-centered, Anabaptist focus for the event.

For more information,  
contact:

**Lynette Morales**  
Church Relations Representative  
lynette.morales@everence.com  
717-653-6662

You can also register online at  
**StewardshipUniversity.com**  
starting Monday, Dec. 2.



### Keynote event

**Being the Body of Christ** – Hank Johnson, Senior Pastor of Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, which has a vision to be a thriving, diverse urban church sharing Christ's love and serving the needs of our local and global communities.

More than 30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship, including:

- **Missions in your own back yard** – Christopher Lautsbaugh, Global and Local Outreach Pastor of Worship Center, and Michael Gilchrist, Pastor of Community Impact at Calvary Church.
- **Combating human trafficking** – Ling Dinse, Assistant Professor at Lancaster Bible College.
- **Living simply as Millennials** – Nate and Kate Grieser of The Shalom Project.
- **55 and counting: an opportunity to begin planning for retirement** – Gerald and Marlene Kauffman, retired Marriage and Family Counselors.
- **Elevate your nutrition** – Janelle Glick, Wellness Dietitian.
- **Kingdom entrepreneurship** – Karl Diffenderfer, Business Coach.
- **Seeking God's guidance with ADHD/Autism** – Dayona Ellis, Behavior Specialist Consultant.
- **Make Medicare an easy step** – Bill Parson, Everence Financial Representative.
- **"I'm never helping again!" Overcoming burnout and disappointment** – Nate Hoffer Chief Executive Officer of Good Samaritan.



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## COBYS 40 Years Celebration

### Banquet

Help us celebrate 40 years!

Executive Director Mark Cunningham and Director of Development Anne Stokes invite you to join us for our annual banquet of good food and fellowship. We plan to reminisce a bit (okay, maybe more than a bit), celebrate where we are today and look to the future for COBYS.

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**Noon and 6:30 p.m.**

**Middle Creek Church of the Brethren**

Reservations can be made for either the noontime banquet (12:00 noon) or the evening banquet (6:30 p.m.). Please make your reservations no later than Monday, March 2, 2020.

**The 80s: Humble Beginnings:** From the seeds of a shared desire to serve, to the

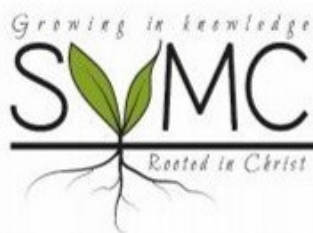
formation of an agency with the focus of helping children in need and building stronger families, the first decade gained momentum on a path to make a real difference in people's lives.

**The 90s: Expanding to Meet the Needs:** Activity, expansion and growth defined the 90s. Services shifted to meet the demands to best serve the children and families we were called to help.

**The 2000s: Depth of Service Added:** Additional services are added to continue care for adopting families, new property is purchased and existing properties improved to accommodate the expanding programs so units can operate efficiently. COBYS mission is officially defined.

**The 10s: Recommitting with Room to Grow:** COBYS adapts and recommits to its core values while fostering common sense growth to meet the increasing needs in the region.

To reserve your place, please go to <https://cobys.org/news-events/> for reservation form or contact Rebekah Hamilton at 717-656-6580, ext. 161 or [rebekah@cobys.org](mailto:rebekah@cobys.org). no later than Monday, March 2, 2020.



Continuing  
EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley  
Ministry Center  
presents...

## Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners through the Journey

Monday, May 11, 2020, Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA  
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

## Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part III

Congregational Care

Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

## Binocular Vision: Seeing Through Eyes of Faith and Science

**Presenter: Russell Haitch**

**Professor of Theology and Human Science, Bethany Theological Seminary**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Juniata College (The Sill Board Room in von Liebig Center for Science)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Questions, contact SVMC at: 717-361-1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).





# **55 PLUS SPRING BANQUET**

**March 25, 2020 12:00 PM**

**Middle Creek CoB**

**\$16.50 Per Person**

## **MENU:**

**Garden Salad, Hamloaf OR Stuffed Boneless Chicken  
Thighs, Gourmet Cheesy Potatoes,  
Green Beans Almandine,  
Dessert: Angel Food Cake w/ fruit topping OR Apple  
Crumb Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Vegetarian Option Available.**

## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

**Jack Brunner, Local Lancaster County Musician**

**\*Plays his hand-made acoustic guitar \* Plays music by Tennessee Ernie Ford, Johnny Cash, John Denver, and many more! \*Takes song requests**

**\*Past performances at Ten Thousand Villages & The Coffee Company**





# CHILD ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## WORKSHOP

Stopping child sexual abuse is only possible when adults have the information and tools to effectively intervene, and most prevention education focuses on adults molesting children. Yet 30% – 50% of sexually abused children are victims of other children or teens under age 18. A 2017 investigation by the Associated Press uncovered about 17,000 reported sexual assaults of students by other students - including in elementary school. We'll look at prevalence and impact, and why we need to change our concept of adult sexual offenders in order to understand children with problematic behaviors.

An invitation to all Church of the Brethren Congregations...

**Saturday, May 2**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Lancaster Church of the Brethren**

1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601

\$25/person

## PRESENTED BY

Safe Communities

Deb Helt, Senior Facilitator

Sponsored by the Nurture Commission of the Atlantic Northeast District.

Light refreshments will be provided.

## REGISTRATION

**To register, go to: [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)**

Questions? Contact Safe Communities  
at [info@safecommunitiespa.org](mailto:info@safecommunitiespa.org) or 717-560-9989.







**March 21<sup>st</sup> • 9:00 – 11:30 AM**  
**West Green Tree Church of the Brethren**  
 740 Greentree Road • Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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## THE YOUNG CENTER FOR ANABAPTIST AND PIETIST STUDIES

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

### DISCUSSION

Conversations about Pietism and Old German  
Baptist Brethren Thought and Practice

**Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**

Tony Walsh, the Young Center's 2018 Kreider Fellow, facilitates this interactive discussion about perceptions of Pietism and how Pietism affects Old German Baptist Brethren.

### SYMPOSIUM

What is Pietism?

**Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**

Craig Atwood, Jeff Bach, and Devin Manzullo-Thomas provide input for this look at Pietism and its influences today. See page 2 for presentation descriptions and visit [www.etown.edu/pietism2020](http://www.etown.edu/pietism2020) for schedule and registration information. Deadline to register is February 28.

### LECTURE

The Nicholas Stoltzfus Family and  
Homestead

**NIC STOLTZFUS**

**Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**

Today, Stoltzfus is the most common last name among Lancaster County Old Order Amish, all descended from one immigrant family. Find out more about immigrant Nicholas Stoltzfus and his homestead in Reading in this talk by tenth-generation descendant Nic Stoltzfus, who is the current caretaker of the homestead.



### YOUNG CENTER BANQUET

**Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m. (Reception at 5:30)**

**Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall**

The annual dinner gives friends of the Young Center an opportunity to socialize and learn about the Center's activities and programs. Cost for the banquet is \$23; reservations are required by March 13. Call the Young Center at (717) 361-1470 or register online via the events page of the Young Center website.

### DURNBAUGH LECTURE

"That I may sing a song":  
Early Anabaptist Hymnals

**JOE A. SPRINGER**

**Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.**

**Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall**



Joe A. Springer shares recent scholarship on the earliest hymnals published by German-speaking Anabaptists in the 16th century, devoting particular attention to the 1564 *Etliche schöne Christliche Geseng*, the first known edition of the Ausbund hymnal still in use among Old Order Amish today. Springer has served as curator of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen (IN) College since 1986.

### DURNBAUGH SEMINAR

Early Anabaptist Hymnody: What Do We Want  
to Learn?

**Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to noon**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**

Joe Springer provides input and invites discussion of aspects of Anabaptist hymnody that merit further exploration. Can we better determine who used which texts or melodies and how? How did hymns spread geographically and across language groups? What musicological resources provide new documentation or insight?

### LECTURE

Compassion in the Face of Intern-  
ment: The Story of the Cunninghams

**CAITLIN ROSSITER**

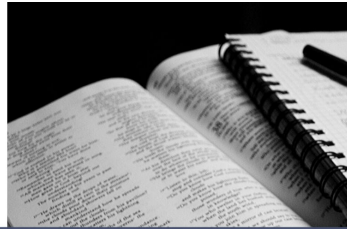
**Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**



Caitlin Rossiter discusses the acquisition, rehousing, research, and digitization of the Cunningham Papers, a collection of letters, documents, and photographs that tell the story of Lloyd and Ellen Cunningham, Brethren missionaries imprisoned by the Japanese Imperial Army from 1941 to 1945. Rossiter, an Elizabethtown College senior, is studying history and French with a minor in religious studies. She is also pursuing a certificate in Public Heritage Studies.





CAMP SWATARA

## Our Daily Bread

ADULT LENTEN DAY RETREAT

MARCH 21, 2020

9AM - 3PM

WEST LODGE, CAMP SWATARA

LED BY KAREN HALDEMAN

Optional overnight accommodations.

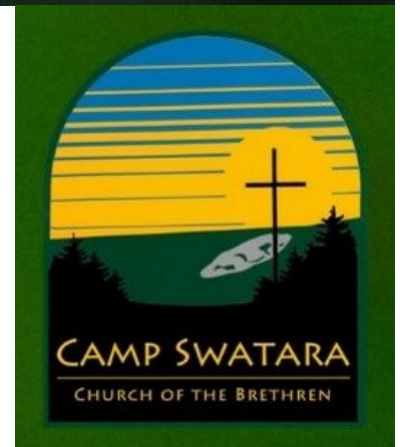
For more info and to register, visit [www.CampSwatara.org](http://www.CampSwatara.org)  
717-933-8510

# YOUNG ADULT GETAWAY

Unplug to recharge!

March 6-7th, 2020

For those 18-30 years young



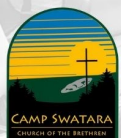
## Spring Into Swatara!

Camp Swatara

April 26, 2020

2-5pm

\*Rain date May 10th\*



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