



**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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*The great gift of Easter is hope -
Christian hope which makes us
have that confidence in God, in
his ultimate triumph, and in
his goodness and love, which
nothing can shake.*

Basil Hume

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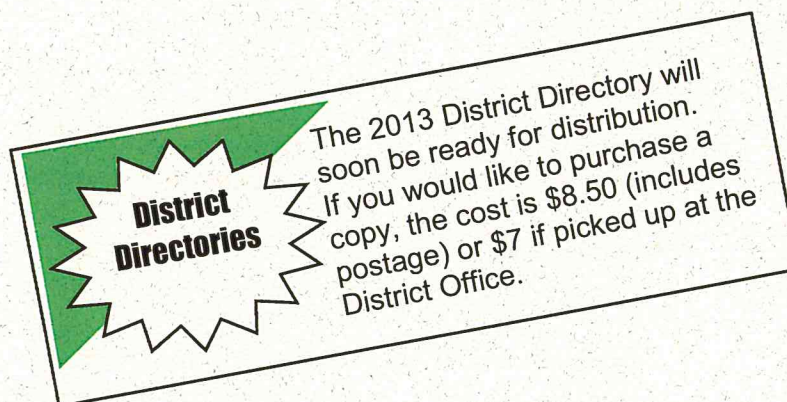
District Global Mission Advocate

As newly appointed Global Mission Advocate for the Atlantic Northeast District, **Carolyn Fitzkee** of the Chiques congregation is encouraging congregational mission advocates to share information about denominational mission programs with their congregations. The new network hopes to inform churches of Brethren mission efforts and to encourage participation and financial support of this work.

Denominational staff have committed to sending out a monthly "Minute for Mission" e-newsletter, which includes stories related to current mission work, mission opportunities, and prayer requests. Each issue contains a "Global Prayer Guide" that lists a mission worker or country that should be lifted up in prayer for each day of the month. This is a great source of current information that can be shared with the congregation on a Sunday morning during worship or Sunday School, placed on bulletin boards, and added to bulletins or websites.

If you would like to receive the e-newsletter or read past issues go to <http://www.brethren.org/partners/>.

If your congregation has not yet named a congregational mission advocate, please choose one and pass on the person's contact information to Carolyn. If your congregation would like someone to come speak to your congregation on some aspect of missions in the Church of the Brethren, please contact Carolyn at 717-664-2252 or dcfitzkee@dejazzd.com.



REMINDERS:

- District Conference dates for 2013 have been changed to: October 4 & 5.
 - In case of inclement weather, the District Office follows the Elizabethtown Area School District weather schedule for closings and delays.
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Volunteers Prepare \$100,000 Christmas Gift for Hurricane Victims— Set Record

On Friday, December 14, 150 Brethren Disaster Relief Auction volunteers from the Atlantic Northeast and Southern District of Pennsylvania assembled 1000 Emergency Clean-up Buckets for victims of Hurricane Sandy at Florin Church of the Brethren in Mount Joy, PA--and they did it in 60 minutes. A Clean-up Bucket is a large plastic bucket tightly filled with 58 items needed by people to clean up after a disaster. It includes such items as cleaning supplies, detergents, disinfectants, trash bags, gloves, insect repellents and other items needed after a natural disaster.



The assembly of 1000 Emergency Clean-up Buckets at one place and one time had never been attempted before. Most are donated in smaller amounts by churches or individuals. A video of the assembly of the buckets is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIPtt0SLfA>.

~ David L. Farmer



MILESTONE: Frank Knerr happily accepts a birthday cake from Tracy Mullarkey, Life Enrichment Coordinator at Peter Becker Community.

On January 6, Frank Knerr celebrated his 102nd Birthday at Peter Becker Community. A resident since 2009, Frank lives independently and is still active.

3,000 Miles for Peace

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Earth Peace has announced a new campaign dedicated to the memory of Paul Ziegler, a Church of the Brethren college student who died in a bicycle-automobile accident in McPherson, KN, in September. The campaign, "3,000 Miles for Peace," will raise funds for violence prevention. Paul, a McPherson College student and a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, was planning a 3,000-mile bicycle ride across the country in 2015, for peace.

The campaign is to begin March 1 and end May 5 with, with a closing event in Elizabethtown, PA, in Paul's honor. On Earth Peace encourages people to join the campaign by organizing bicycle rides and walks this spring to raise up a message of peace and to help prevent violence. Already more than a dozen events are planned in at least nine states.

~ Church of the Brethren Newsline

Youth & Young Adults

REWIND...

SH Retreat on January 18-20 at Camp Swatara was great! Our theme was "What's Your Story" which Bekah Houff expanded on during our main sessions. *Everything Dear* led us in music during the main sessions and also gave an awesome concert on Saturday night during our coffeehouse. Insight sessions were led by Bekah Houff, Joel Gibbel, Dennis Lohr, and the Youth Cabinet members. And as promised there was great food, great games, & great people there! Thanks to all who led and participated!

NEXT EVENTS...

SH All Nighter

Date & Time: March 8-9, 2013, 10pm – 6am

Location: Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Registration Deadline: March 4

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: To bring some awareness to those who go without food, we are going to collect non-perishable food items to donate to local missions/food banks. We will also hear stories throughout the night from those missions/food banks about how they are feeding individuals' physical hunger and spiritual hunger. In light of this theme, we will provide a juice bar overnight, but no food. At the end of our time together we will serve a delicious breakfast to break the fast. To keep busy during the night we will be bowling, playing games, and much more!



SH Service Project

Date & Time: April 20, 2013, 10 am – 3 pm

Location: Parker Ford Church, Pottstown

Registration Deadline: April 15

Cost: FREE!

Details: The local Salvation Army can use our help! Lunch will be provided!

JH Service Project

Date & Time: May 11, 2013, 9 am – noon

Location: Mennonite Central Committee Warehouse, Ephrata

Registration Deadline: May 6

Cost: FREE!

Details: Lend a hand to make health kits, sort clothes and more!

**Help
Wanted**

Cabinet Applications

Date/Time: Due by April 30th, 2013

Where: District Office, 500 E. Cedar St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Details: It's time to think ahead toward the 2013-2014 Youth Cabinet and I need your help! I would be so appreciative if you would encourage your youth in whom you sense have leadership ability, to apply for District Cabinet. Even as young as 9th grade, if you see some budding leadership potential, please tap them on the shoulder and encourage this opportunity. I think they'll enjoy and benefit from their experience on Cabinet!

Check the Youth tab on the District website for more details on all events and, as always, feel free to email me with questions! jross@ane-cob.org

NATIONAL COB YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



Christian Citizenship Seminar

"Childhood Poverty: Nutrition, Housing and Education"

Date: March 23-28, 2013

Location: New York and Washington, D.C.

Who: High school youth and adult leaders

Cost: \$375

Registration is currently open!

To register and find more information, visit www.brethren.org/ccs

Young Adult Conference

"Voice: ... the stones would shout out!"

Date: May 25-27, 2013

Location: Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, Iowa

Cost: \$100. After May 1, \$125

Registration is currently open! To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/yac

National Junior High Conference

"Love Speaks"

Date: June 14-16, 2013

Location: Elizabethtown College

Cost: \$155

Registration opened January 4. To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/njhc



Senior Adult Ministry



Banquets Planned

- Lancaster Area:** Thursday, April 11, Noon, Middle Creek CoB. Cost: \$13.50
Program: *Blessed by Fanny*, a musical drama by Maranatha Productions on the inspirational life and music of Fanny Crosby
- Harrisburg/Lebanon:** Thursday, April 18, Noon, Hanoverdale CoB. Cost: \$12.50
Program: *Solo Handbells* featuring Eileen Smith (Palmyra CoB)
- Philadelphia Area:** Wednesday, May 8, Noon, Parker Ford CoB. Cost: \$12.50
Program: *The Bouquet of Life*, watercolor painting and message by Barbara O'Neill (Skeppack CoB)

Watch for flyers and registration forms!

Spring & Summer Trips

April 26 - Lancaster County Amish Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. See broom making, a buggy maker, visit an Amish school, a quilt shop, a bakery, and dinner in an Amish home. Cost: \$55

April 29—May 2 - Ohio's Amish Country & Longeberger Basket Tour. Includes Warther's Knife-Carving Museum, Lehman's Old-Fashioned Hardware Store, Heini's Cheese Chalet, plus an Amish wedding meal. Cost: \$498 double occupancy.

May 21 - Mystery tour. Leave from Ephrata and Brethren Village, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost: \$83, includes bus, several attractions and two meals.

July 11-27 - Canadian Rockies. Includes Glacier National Park, the Calgary Stampede, Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper National Park. Cost: \$4,490 double occupancy.

Contact Earl Ziegler: 560-6488



September 2-6

Lake Junaluska Conference
& Retreat Center, NC

www.brethren.org/NOAC

Registration brochures will
be mailed in late February.
Online registration will open
March 1 or you may register
by mail.



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

**Atlantic Northeast District
Brethren Disaster Response Ministries**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY for 2012 WORKCAMPS

Income	Balance carried forward from 2011	\$	16,411.80
	Spec Contributions from Cong., individuals, memorials, and a Trust Fund	\$	18,013.00
	TURF	\$	-
Income Total - 2012		\$	18,013.00
Total Cash Available for 2012		\$	34,424.80
Expenses	Payments for 2012 Trips	\$	9,713.71
	Miscellaneous Expenses (Postage & Envelopes)	\$	46.48
	Payment made in 2012 for 2011 Trip	\$	878.71
Expense Total for 2012		\$	10,638.90
Cash Balance as of 12/31/12		\$	23,785.90

Thanks to the contributions from congregations, individuals, a memorial fund, and the Wenger Trust (Ephrata), ANE was able to send more than 130 volunteers to 15 different Disaster Response work camps in VA, AL, and NY in 2012. We also have funds available for trips in 2013. We can send a maximum of 15 people each week. For information, please contact ANE Trip Coordinator, Bob Eisemann at 717-203-7270 or rgeisemann@gmail.com.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

Bus to Annual Conference

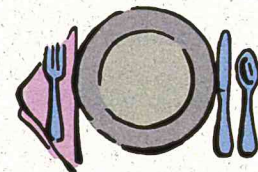


Ken Kreider is again offering Elite coach transportation to Annual Conference this year (June 28-July 4). As desired, pick-ups will be scheduled from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Lancaster Shopping Center, Elizabethtown, and Carlisle. Enroute to Charlotte, NC, a visit will be made to CROSSROADS, Journey of Faith and Conscience at the Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. For additional information please call (717-367-7622), email at kreiderk@etown.edu, or write to Ken Kreider, 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The Alpha and Omega Community Center

invites you to its annual banquet which will be held this year at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, 351 Middle Creek Rd. Lititz, PA 17543 on Saturday, April 27, at 6 p.m.

Come to be inspired by authentic testimonies and Christian music. You will learn about the continuing work that the Community Center is doing among the Hispanic community in Lancaster. Congregations are encouraged to sponsor a table for \$125 with seating for 8. Or individuals can reserve a place at a table on their own.



A freewill offering to support the ministry of the Community Center will be taken. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to the Alpha & Omega Community Center (394-3021) by April 15.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY



11 DAYS: OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 9, 2013

Hosted by: REV. DANA STATLER



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For a brochure & more information, contact:

Rev. Dana Statler, 269 Prospect Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tel: (717) 475-0239 Email: destatler@verizon.net

SPACE IS LIMITED! CALL OR EMAIL TODAY!!



Atlantic Northeast District
Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 30

**Thompson Gym
 Elizabethtown College**

Cost per team: \$110

Time: 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: March 18

Registration forms will be mailed to congregations in February.

For more information, contact: Jack Gerver,
 Tournament Director (717) 846-1140 or
 (717) 309-1140.

Stewardship University

Saturday, March 2

Lancaster Mennonite School

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:

Kay Weaver, ANE Director of Stewardship
 kweaver@ane-cob.org
 (717)786-1645

You can also register online at
www.StewardshipUniversity.com.

Women's Spring Fellowship

March 9

Chiques CoB

Speaker: Pat Moyer

"Biblical Gardens" and "Fringe Benefits"

Registration: 8:45 a.m.

First Session: 9:30-11:30

Lunch (if preregistered)

Second Session: 1-2:30

JOY Bookstore

An Invitation . . .

"Why is the study of theology relevant and important? How can we understand and live out our Anabaptist theology more fully? How can our Anabaptist theology benefit the broader church?"

You are warmly invited to a dessert reception on Saturday, Feb. 23, 7:00pm at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church to engage with author and theologian, Thomas Finger. The evening will begin with presentation by Finger and will include a Question & Answer time. The event is being sponsored by an ECSMC Sunday School class, following their very rewarding study of Finger's book, *A Contemporary Anabaptist Theology*. Come join in their discovery of the contemporary significance of our Anabaptist theology. Contact ecsmclyn@verizon.net with questions.

CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE

"A Desert Spirituality" *Learning from the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA 17545

8:15 am: Registration 8:45 am – 4:00 pm: Conference

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Hall, Chancellor of Eastern University, Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary



Registration Form - Church Leaders Conference 2013

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ DISTRICT _____

Please complete and return, along with fees, to: Atlantic Northeast District, 500 E. Cedar Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

NOTE: Registration deadline is **APRIL 3**. No refunds after this date.

Registration fee	\$40 x _____ persons	=	\$ _____	Total fees enclosed	\$ _____
CEU fee	\$10 x _____ persons	=	_____		



In Loving Memory

Dorcas C. Lengel, mother of Pastor **Dean Lengel**, Myerstown CoB. (January 8) Please keep Dean and family in your prayers.

Carol Cave Dubble, former Co-Pastor of Mt. Wilson CoB and Pastor of Visitation at Palmyra CoB. (January 30) Our prayers go out to Kirby and the family.



Congratulations

To **Josiah and Christine Ludwick** on the birth of **Asher Eugene** on January 8. Josiah serves as Youth Minister for Harrisburg First CoB.

New Members

Ephrata - *Letter*: Rosanna DeOleo, Ruben DeOleo, Bethany Kyper; *Reaffirmation*: Martin Kyper

Harrisburg First - *Baptism*: Robyn Carter, Crystal Joseph; *Reaffirmation*: Sidney Foley

Middle Creek - *Baptism*: Clara Bollinger, Robert Paul Hess, Cassidy Kline, Anna Rohrer, Andrew Thomas; *Letter*: Marie Breisch, Steve Breisch, Garry Eppy, Shirley Eppy, Lillian Thompson

Philadelphia First - *Reaffirmation*: Larry Newberry

Schuylkill - *Baptism*: Grace Daubert

Calendar

February

15-16

Junior High Lock-In, Lebanon Valley College

March

8-9

Senior High All-Nighter, Ephrata CoB

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District Board Meeting, Lampeter CoB

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District Women's Spring Fellowship, Chiques CoB

23-28

Christian Citizenship Seminar, New York & Washington, DC

April

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Church Leaders Conference, Hempfield CoB

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Lancaster Area Senior Adult Banquet, Middle Creek CoB

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Harrisburg/Lebanon Senior Adult Banquet, Hanoverdale CoB

May

8

Philadelphia Area Senior Adult Banquet, Parker Ford CoB

25-27

Young Adult Conference, Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, IA

June

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Annual Conference Briefing, Hempfield CoB

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District Board Meeting, Elizabethtown College

29-July 3

Annual Conference



Deadline for the May/June issue of ANE Today is March 25. Articles may be faxed (717-367-8737) to the District Office or emailed to: Jan Reed at jreed@ane-cob.org. When possible, include appropriate logo or other graphic designs.

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