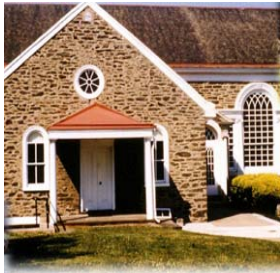




ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
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**2009 District Conference Offering Focus:**

**Mission Church Support Fund**



This year's District Conference theme, "*Receive, Refresh, Released to Bless*" encourages each member of the Body of Christ to participate in what God is doing, finding joy in the journey of following Jesus. One way to find such joy is by releasing our financial gifts for the blessing of others.

During the Friday evening worship service of this year's District Conference, you will be invited to do just that by offering financial contributions to support the four ANE mission churches (Brooklyn First, Alpha & Omega, Harrisburg First, and Germantown). Persons representing ministries of our mission churches will share their testimony to what God is releasing in their ministries. Please make your congregation aware of this special invitation to share blessing with our mission churches this year at District Conference so that those who are present may come prepared to release their financial gifts for others to receive and all to be refreshed!

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# Youth & Young Adults



## Young Adult Sundaes & Saucers

Date & Time: Sunday September 13, 5:30-?

Location: Gene & Darlene Shenk's -- 262 Cold Springs Rd., Elizabethtown (approx. 1 mile from Chiques Church)

Details: We'll have space to play Ultimate, a volleyball net set up and there's a pond designed just for swimming! Later we'll have ice cream sundaes!

Registration: Email this address to let me know if you're coming so we have plenty of ice cream! [jbrandt@ane-cob.org](mailto:jbrandt@ane-cob.org)

No Cost!

## Junior High Retreat

Date & Time: October 30 – November 1, 7:15 pm Friday to after lunch Sunday

Location: Camp Swatara

Details: On Earth Peace will be leading Retreat! More details coming...

Registration Deadline: October 23

Cost: Youth = \$80, Advisors = \$40

## Footprints<sup>09</sup> (formerly ERYC)

Date: November 20-22

Location: Rhoades Grove Camp & Conference Center, Chambersburg PA

Details: David Radcliff, director of the New Community Project will be the keynote speaker and there will also be various options for workshops and service projects.

**Check out the website for the 2009-2010 Event Calendar!!**

## The 2009-10 Youth Cabinet has been selected!

*Returning members...*

**Clint Barger** (Hempfield)  
**Stephen Geib** (Chiques)  
**Taylor Husted** (Lancaster)  
**Kelsey Murray** (Lancaster)  
**Katelyn Nolt** (Chiques)  
**Kyle Shirk** (Lancaster)  
**Tailor Shotzberger** (Lititz)

*New members...*

**Connor McDonough** (Elizabethtown)  
**Sarah Parcell** (Indian Creek)  
**Carter Wintsch** (Mechanic Grove)

And a big thank you to **Spencer Havemann** and **Molly Walmer** who have served on the Youth Cabinet and graduated this year!

*Check the Youth tab on the District website for more event information as details become available!*



## Youth Spotlight: For Harrison Rhodes, a Passion is Global

The summer after his freshman year in high school, recent Elizabethtown Area High School grad Harrison Rhodes discovered a passion that changed his life. After listening to environmental speaker David Radcliff at a church conference, Rhodes' interest in global environmental science was sparked. Since then, he has volunteered alongside Radcliff in Alaska and Honduras, learning firsthand the effects of the United States' global economic and environmental footprint.

"It was really eye opening," Rhodes said. "All our actions, the things we buy and the things we do affect everyone all around the globe. You try to live more consciously and understand why people are living in these situations." Rhodes, son of Frank and Kay Rhodes, and member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, brought a conscious lifestyle back to his home in Elizabethtown. He rides his bike to and from school, follows a strict vegetarian diet and grows produce in his home garden, where he experiments with unusual foods like wonderberries in addition to growing the basics like tomatoes and peppers.

This summer Rhodes will put his gardening skills to use in a summer-long internship at Prescott's Patch, an organic farm in Hellam. For nine hours a day, Rhodes will plant and harvest fruits and vegetables, and he'll do plenty of weeding, too. The rigorous schedule is right up the nature enthusiast's alley, because the teen says he is "interested in environmental studies and food and where it comes from."

This fall, he'll further pursue his passion as an environmental studies major with a focus on agriculture at Green Mountain College in Vermont. No matter where ends up, Rhodes is determined to embrace nature and life — a lesson he learned after beating non-Hodgkin's lymphoma during his freshman year of high school. Rhodes says, "I try to make something of each moment, each day."

*(from the Lancaster New Era, staff writer Katy Hopkins)*

### **ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT DISPLAY**

*Available to Congregations*

***This ANE display is ready to move on to another church!***

In a unique way, your congregation can read and see pictures of the Church of the Brethren beginnings in Atlantic Northeast District, as well as pictures of Annual Conference that took place in ANE District. Also, enjoy pictures and information of current ANE ministries and "pictures" of key people who are being called to continue building God's Kingdom in the future.



To schedule a time to have this on display at your church and to have a Staff person come to share during a Mission Moment, Sunday School hour, or Children's story time, please contact Kay Weaver at [kweaver@ane-cob.org](mailto:kweaver@ane-cob.org) or call her at 717-786-1645.

## WE Connect: Palmyra Peace Action Team-- "May Peace Prevail"

*Excerpts by Wendy Jo Arndt,  
Palmyra CoB Peace Action Team*

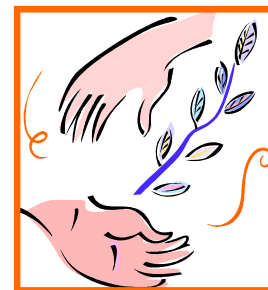
To the unacquainted "Peace Poles", monuments that have the saying of "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in several languages are structures that have evolved from one of the three peace churches. Yet, nothing could be further from the truth. Peace poles actually originated from the same country as origami cranes as a response to the devastation and despair witnessed by Masahisa Goi during World War II. Mr. Goi founded the World Peace Prayer Society in Japan in 1955 as a non-profit organization open to anyone who is willing to pray, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Its headquarters was moved to New York City in 1988, and at its World Peace Sanctuary located in Wassaic, NY, there are 191 peace poles on the Peace Path that represent each independent nation that make up the United Nations. According to the World Peace Prayer Society, more than 200,000 Peace Poles are located around the world... One of the world's largest peace poles at 52 feet is located in Janesville, Wisconsin. It was erected in response to a KKK rally...



If you look to the right at the front doors of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, you will see our very own peace pole. Your congregation can also make your own peace pole; for instructions and more information, go to [www.worldpeace.org](http://www.worldpeace.org) or purchase a pole through Peace Pole Makers USA at [www.peacepoles.com](http://www.peacepoles.com). The ultimate reason for peace poles is for people to actively and earnestly pray "May Peace Prevail on Earth"... Won't you join the Palmyra Peace Action Team in this prayer?

## Local Outreach Grant: Encouraging New Ministry Initiatives

Want to engage your community for Christ? Have a creative witness and evangelism ministry you would like to try? Need a financial boost to help enable a new ministry initiative to take flight? Then, consider applying for the Local Outreach Grant. This grant is available through the ANE Witness and Evangelism Commission to *any congregation* in the ANE "to develop new ways of reaching out to their local communities in word and deed." Contact Sheri Weaver at the District Office (717-367-4730 or [sweaver@ane-cob.org](mailto:sweaver@ane-cob.org)) for more information or for an application.



## September 21, 2009 - The International Day of Prayer for Peace: Building Community... Building Peace

From the On Earth Peace website, "On Earth Peace is launching its third annual campaign in support of the World Council of Churches International Day of Prayer for Peace initiative, which is observed annually on September 21, coinciding with the United Nations International Day of Peace. Last year, some 160 congregations and organizations in 4 countries, and Puerto Rico participated in On Earth Peace's campaign.

This year, participating congregations are being encouraged to focus their activities around the ways in which people in every community around the country are being affected by the deepest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

General information about the campaign is available at the campaign website at <http://idopp.onearthpeace.org>. Congregations wanting to sign up for the campaign: <http://www.idopp.onearthpeace.org/idopp-2009-registration>."

## Mission Church Spotlight: Youth Becoming Peacemakers in Harrisburg

---Submitted by Pastor Gerald Rhodes, Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren



Mayor Stephen Reed visits with Agape-Satyagraha students

Harrisburg Mayor, Stephen Reed, was the guest speaker at our Agape-Satyagraha Recognition Banquet in April this year. Mayor Reed said, "Brethren Community Ministries is the real deal. Agape-Satyagraha Training provides youth with skills that are not only needed in Harrisburg but across the nation." Seven years ago, in response to youth violence both in Harrisburg and across the nation, we, at Brethren Community Ministries of First CoB in Harrisburg, PA, felt called to develop a positive response to reducing violence among youth. We contacted college conflict resolution programs and mediation centers. The mediation center in North Manchester, Indiana recommended a middle school curriculum on conflict resolution that had been used in the New York City schools.

I used this material with a group of Middle School guys. They were very patient but this material was too oriented to the classroom setting. These young men helped brainstorm and test ways to transform this material for a community setting where youth freely chose to attend. They talked about how video games challenged them to accomplish tasks to move from level to level. They also spoke of martial arts programs such as Kung fu in which you move from level to level. So we divided up the conflict resolution skills and knowledge into five levels named after colors: white, green, blue, brown and black. At first, I called the program "Peacemakers Team", but this turned off many youth. They seemed to like a more exotic sounding name like those of the Korean and Japanese martial arts programs. We chose to combine the Greek New Testament word for unselfish love with Satyagraha, the Sanskrit word for truth force used by Mahatma Gandhi to form the name "Agape-Satyagraha". The youth especially love to be able to pronounce and understand these words when many adults are not able to do so.

As we have used the Agape-Satyagraha Training, the youth have helped refine and improve it. It took the original group of youth three years to progress through the five levels and complete the training. It has been exciting to be involved with Middle and Senior High youth in developing this program. Even more exciting is hearing the youth talk about using what they are learning. Last year we expanded Agape-Satyagraha Training to a second site in Harrisburg and are excited this year to expand beyond Harrisburg through our partnership with On Earth Peace. We are now seeking to find congregations and/or organizations who will consider becoming a pilot site. We also need adults to mentor youth in healthy conflict resolution. We will provide training for volunteers. We hope you will prayerfully consider if God is calling your congregation to develop leaders in peacemaking and so become a pilot site for Agape-Satyagraha Training and/or call out adults to mentor youth in these skills. For more information, contact Gerald W. Rhoades at [GeraldWR@aol.com](mailto:GeraldWR@aol.com) or 717-234-0415 ext 12.

**HELP WANTED****Camp Swatara News:**

Natasha Stern, Program Coordinator at Camp Swatara, has resigned her position effective early this fall. Natasha will be married in October and will be moving to Vermont with her new husband, Bob Etzweiler. Natasha has served as Program Coordinator at Camp Swatara since November of 2007. She also served on the Family Camping Center staff at Swatara in 2004.

Camp Swatara is seeking applications/resumes for the position of Program Coordinator. This full time position will be open early in the fall of 2009. Interested persons should send letters of interest and resumes to: Marlin Houff, Administrator, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd., Bethel, PA, 19507. Job description and additional details are also available upon request. Persons applying should do so at their earliest convenience. Position will be filled no later than this fall.



The Palmyra Church of the Brethren is seeking a worship facilitator to lead its praise team and assist in worship planning for FaithQuest, a non-traditional weekly worship experience. The position is part-time, requiring about ten hours per week.

The facilitator works as part of the FQ Team to: recruit and schedule musicians and vocalists; select contemporary praise songs for worship; coordinate weekly and Sunday morning praise team rehearsals; introduce and teach new praise songs; oversee copyright compliance with CCLI; maintain payroll records for praise team members and musicians; and assist in the planning of FaithQuest services. Prior experience singing or performing with a praise team is required. Knowledge of contemporary and post-modern worship is a must. The ability to play an instrument; particularly a keyboard, the drums, a guitar or piano, is preferred. Salary is negotiable.

For more information about the position, email Heidi Neiswender at [hln@lmf.net](mailto:hln@lmf.net). To submit a resume for consideration, please send it to: FaithQuest Team, Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 North Chestnut Street, Palmyra PA 17078-1702.

## District Senior Adult Ministry

**Don't Miss this Year's Fall Banquet!**



*Ryan & Friends*

**Yoder's Family Restaurant**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 12 noon**

**Featuring: Men's Choir of Brethren Village  
and Ryan and Friends**

**Cost: \$16.00**

Registration forms and info coming soon to your senior contact person. Be prepared to be caught up in laughter. Great fun!



### **NOAC (National Older Adult Conference)**

There are still seats available on both buses to NOAC. Contact Bill or Kitty Puffenberger at 717 367-7021 or Earl or Vivian Ziegler at 717 560-6488. NOAC is September 7-11, 2009 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in North Carolina.

### **Medicare Sign-Up**

In September of this year, I will be 65. Time to sign up for Medicare. What a time! It was almost impossible to get to a real person. After spending much time trying to get through to the local Social Security Office (it was always busy), I tried the 1 800 number. I had a specific question as I will not need Medicare B and D and wished to talk to someone about my options. Dealing with Automated "Annie" was a hassle.

What did I learn from this? The best way to reach someone in person is to use the 1-800 number; answer the automated questions then be put on a list to be called back. I found out it doesn't work to wait on the line. Thought it might be helpful to those of you who are venturing into this area of senior adulthood. Good luck.

### **Need help with prescription medicines?**

Here are some good resources:

[TogetherRxAccess.com](http://TogetherRxAccess.com)

[Access2wellness.com](http://Access2wellness.com)

[pparx.org](http://pparx.org)

[rxassist.org](http://rxassist.org)

[needymeds.org](http://needymeds.org)

Smiles never go up in price or down in value.

*Judy Laubenstein*

*Director of Senior Adult Ministry*

## Finding Long-Term Volunteers

You've worked long and hard to recruit volunteers you need, but now they're starting to drop out. What happened, and how can you prevent it in the future?

- **Stop recruiting.** The armed services have recruiters—people whose job is to persuade people to do something they don't really want to do. Yes, you can sometimes persuade people to do something they didn't want to do, but don't be surprised when they don't stay long. In the church we should invite people to join us in serving God through our ministries. (Yes, folding bulletins is a ministry.)
- **Make it personal.** Blanket pleas from the pulpit and bulletin inserts for people to sign up indicate that "anyone can do it." No, anyone can't—no matter what it is. Being physically able to fold bulletins doesn't mean a person has the temperament to do so for hours on end. Personally inviting someone means you've invested the time to get to know him or her and believe they're a good fit for the role.
- **Be honest about what's required.** Don't soft-pedal the work or challenges involved just to get someone to sign up. You may get them, but once they learn the truth you won't keep them. Most people like to be challenged a bit. Telling them the truth lets them come to the position ready to apply their fresh viewpoint to overcome difficulties. Written ministry descriptions really help.
- **Match people to tasks.** Exploring a person's spiritual gifts, passions, and experiences is an invaluable guide to the kinds of roles in which they're likely to thrive and be happy. Taking the time to do this up front is a huge step to reducing turnover.
- **Equip them to succeed.** Make sure they have all the resources and training they need. Being dumped into an assignment without the right tools and a sense of what's expected is the single biggest reason people quit.
- **Follow up.** When someone starts a new role, make it a point to sit down with them a few days later to ask how it went. Knowing

someone cares that much about them personally means a lot—especially when they see you responding to their concerns.

- **Keep the vision alive.** Over time, it can seem like it's a job instead of a ministry. For example, ushers can come to think that their job is to hand out bulletins rather than seeing themselves as God's representatives, responsible for helping everyone that comes to the church getting a friendly, loved first impression that moves them toward an attitude of worship.

Remember: it's almost never the volunteer's fault if he or she doesn't stay in a role very long.

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## Ministry Roundtable Forum: Contemporary Worship

Is your congregation considering implementing a more contemporary-style worship experience? Or maybe your church has been doing this type of service for a while, but it looks quite similar to your traditional-style service. Perhaps you are involved with helping to plan music, drama, or other elements of a contemporary service and a) you've found some great resources you'd be excited to share with others; or b) you could use some new ideas and maybe even a little encouragement! Maybe you feel just plain "stuck-in-a-rut" and would like an opportunity to hear what some others have been trying.

No matter where you find yourself on the continuum of "Contemporary Worship", please accept this invitation to join us for a Roundtable Forum on Tuesday, **August 18** at the Lititz CoB for what I anticipate will be a great exchange of ideas, resources, and experience. We will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and plan to finish up no later than 9:30. This Forum is FREE, and light refreshments will be served. So that we can make adequate room arrangements, please "e-register" by August 17 with Bev Anspaugh, Director of Leadership Development, at [banspaugh@ane-cob.org](mailto:banspaugh@ane-cob.org) ; or 717-367-4730.

## Atlantic Northeast District Disaster Response



ANE District Congregations have a deep history of service to others. A look at our Disaster Response Calendars will show that hardly a week goes by that does not have someone from ANE District at work in Indiana or Chalmette or, now, Haiti.

Although the most heart-warming images that come to mind when we think of Disaster Ministries are “action” shots of hammering, painting, carrying etc., there is much that goes on behind the camera. Weekends at the project sites are just as important as the weeks. Project directors need to take time to recharge their spirits and plan for the next week before the volunteers arrive for the next week. Volunteers are also busy preparing for their trip as well as helping around “camp” once they arrive at the project site.

For the volunteers, some of their preparation and behind the scenes work includes:

1. Working diligently at planning and coordinating their travel schedules so they arrive Sunday afternoon.
2. Volunteer Groups planning to have a person/persons assigned to help with the cooking throughout the week when specified by project directors on location.
3. Cleaning living areas and vehicles, mowing lawns, inventorying tools etc.
4. Preparing themselves, as God’s laborers and witnesses to the community, to offer the best in attitudes and mutual caring as they serve the needs of Disaster survivors.
5. Completing and mailing all necessary forms weeks in advance to allow project leaders to adequately prepare for the group’s arrival.
- 6 Working together with Project Directors, District and Denominational Coordinators to improve the outreach ministry in the respective work communities as well as improving the time Project Directors and Volunteers have working, living, and fellowshiping together.

Victims of Disaster are extremely grateful for the volunteers’ dedication and hard work. By working, growing and serving together, and supporting one another, Disaster Response Volunteers will bless and be blessed.

### The ANE 2010 WEEKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **Chalmette –**

##### **28 total slots each week**

January 10-16 - Florin (28)  
 January 31-February 6 - Spring Creek (28)  
 February 28-March 6 - Little Swatara (15) **13OPEN**  
 March 21-27 – Lititz (20) **8 OPEN**  
 April 11-17 – Springfield (9) **19 OPEN**  
 May 9-15  
 June 27-July 3  
 July 18-24 – Little Swatara (14) Lancaster (14)  
 September 26-Oct 2  
 October 7-23  
 November 7-13 Spring Creek (18) **10 OPEN**  
 December 5-11

#### **Elsewhere –**

##### **15 total slots each week**

March 7-13  
 April 11-17  
 May 9-15  
 June 27-July 3  
 July 11-17  
 August 8-14  
 September 26-Oct 2  
 October 7-23  
 November 7-13  
 December 5-11

Plan now to serve in 2010 or the November trip in 2009. Contact your congregation’s local coordinator to make your request possible. You may also contact Bob Eisemann, ANE District Response Coordinator by email at [rbreisemann@gmail.com](mailto:rbreisemann@gmail.com) or by telephone at 717-733-7413. Bob will answer any questions you have and provide you with additional information.



*A Brethren Disaster Ministry*

### **Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop**

**November 6 & 7, 2009 (5:00 p.m. Friday – 7:30 p.m. Saturday)**

**Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, 961 Johnsville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784**

**\$45.00 for early registration, \$55.00 after October 16**

Children's Disaster Services volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos that follows disaster by setting up & operating special child care centers in disaster locations. Parents are then able to apply for assistance and begin to put their lives back together, knowing their children are safe.

This Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop will train you to understand and respond to children who have experienced a disaster. Designed for people who have a heart and passion for children, this workshop will help them recognize and understand the fears and other emotions children experience during and following a disaster and how child-led play and various art mediums can start the healing process in children. Participants will experience a simulated shelter, sleeping on cots and eating simple meals. Once the training is completed, participants have the opportunity to become a certified Children's Disaster Services volunteer by providing two personal references and a criminal & sexual offender background check.

We invite current volunteers to brush up on their skills and invite others to attend for the first time. You are encouraged to participate in a workshop if it has been more than five years since you were originally trained. Having experienced child care givers in the workshop also enhances the experience for new people. Certified volunteers may attend for a reduced fee, since you are already a member of our volunteer network.

Although many volunteers are motivated by faith, CDS workshops are open to anyone over 18 years of age. Children's Disaster Services has been meeting the needs of children since 1980, and is a Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministry.

For more information:

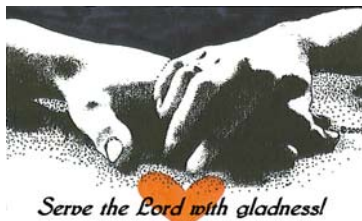
<http://www.childrensdisasterservices.org>

Contact: LethaJoy Martin, Program Assistant, 1-800-451-4407, ext. 5  
[lmartin@brethren.org](mailto:lmartin@brethren.org)

OR: Jean Myers, Regional Coordinator for CDS, 610-678-5247  
[Jean351@aol.com](mailto:Jean351@aol.com)

*We will be providing child care at the ANE/SoPA Disaster Auction at the Lebanon Expo Center in September. Stop by and see if this may be a place to use your skills in ministry with children.*

You're Invited. . .



*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

## Community Day

**Mohrsville Church of the Brethren's Annual Community Day  
Saturday, August 22 from 10am – 5pm .....rain or shine**

We will have many musicians throughout the day ranging from several of our own musical groups to some of the local groups of Wendell Yoder, Christian Leinbach and the Teen Challenge Choir.

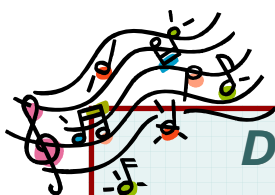
There will be lots of food, fun for all ages and many interesting displays to view. There will be no charge for anything, but a freewill donation will be accepted. Come share in our time of sharing God's love.

Any questions call 610-334-1941 ask for Pam.

## The Passion Play of Oberammergau and Classical Europe

Join me, Pastor Dana Statler, for an 11-day Classical Europe tour with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the world famous Passion Play in 2010 in Oberammergau, Germany. This takes place every ten years and started in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague. This trip will take us to some of most beautiful parts of Europe: Germany, Switzerland, and France. We will go to Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Rothenburg, Munich, Lucerne, Geneva, Paris. If you have never been to Europe before, this is your opportunity.

The tour will take place May 13-23, 2010. I led this same tour in 2000 and led a similar tour in 2008 visiting Oberammergau. Nawas International is making the travel arrangements. Contact me for a brochure . My phone number is 717-475-0239 and email is dstatler@bv.org. Join me for a trip preview Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Brethren Village Chapel.



## District Conference Choir

A District Conference Choir is being planned for Friday evening's worship service (Oct. 9).

Singers interested in participating, please contact Kay Weaver (kweaver@ane-cob.org or 717-786-1645). Watch for details!

## New Members

**Akron** - Baptism: Jonathan Bell, Jennifer Endy. Letter: Jay Wolf

**Little Swatara** - Baptism: Matthew Bohn, Rebecca Emerich, Aaron Riegel, Tyler Snyder, Ethan Stupp, Alexis Yenser. Transfer: Melvin & Jean Lingle

**Mount Wilson** - Baptism: Katie Buck, Megan Duffy, Sarah Fies, Joe Heisey, Tiffany Heisey, Gabrielle Kreiser, Kirsten Leiberher, Shaylin Leiberher, Kaitlyn Speece

**Parker Ford** - Robert & Patti Fobia

**Paxton** - Baptism: Tiffany Frehafer, Aaron Prendergast

**Wyomissing** - Baptism: Karena Cooley, James Harris, Dylan Kaucher, Nathan Kaucher, Zy Knarr, Douglas Kunkle, Alanna Oese, Dani Smith, Samantha Zientek. Letter: Bruce & Rosemary Reppert. Reaffirmation: James Long.

## Annual Church Leaders Conference Dates Announced

Pastors and other local church leaders had a wonderful day April 25 exploring the "Art of Sacred Listening" led by Linford King of the nearby Kairos School of Spiritual Formation. "Keep your eyes open for God; watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence." The group explored what God is saying to each of us in our life and ministry.

In a very grace filled manner, Linford lifted up themes of spiritual direction and how that impacts the way we go about ministry and affects renewal of the church. Linford led many of those attending to participate with their own reflections on how God was speaking deeply inside of their lives and in their experience. The question became, "How do we listen to the soul of a congregation and notice and seek God's direction?"

The dates for the next two conferences were announced. Michelle Armster, co-leader of Conciliation for Mennonite Central Committee and co-pastor of a church in Lancaster will lead the conference on April 28, 2010. Her theme will be "Transforming Conflict through a Biblical Lens."

The following year, on April 27, 2011, Dr. Robert Mulholland, professor of Biblical studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, speaker at the conference in 2008, is being invited back by popular demand. He has written such books as *Shaped by the Word* and has much to offer to everyone.

Each year the DSRT of the Atlantic Northeast District plans a conference to provide a spiritual growth experience where pastors and church leaders can learn to know one another and have a rewarding professional growth event. Pastors from Southern and Middle PA Districts and others are invited to attend. The DSRT team expresses gratitude to Elizabethtown College for hosting the conference.

The Spiritual Renewal Team is happy to announce the availability of Bob Vroon from the team who leads workshops on prayer in local churches. The length of such an experience can be worked out with Bob. Good reports are coming from these sessions. Please feel free to be in touch with the DSRT for ways the team can serve.

**District Spiritual Renewal Team:** John Shaffer, Ron Ludwick, Bob Vroon, Joann Maurer, Rey Aviles, Betty Jane Evans, Mary Kay Graver, Bev Anspaugh (District Staff liaison), David Young, chair, e-mail [davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org](mailto:davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org)

# Calendar

## August

- 1 Hispanic Leadership Summit
- 1 Church of the Brethren Night with the Harrisburg Senators
- 16-18 District Women's Camp, Camp Swatara
- 18 Roundtable Forum - Contemporary Worship, Lititz CoB
- 22 Community Day, Mohrsville CoB, 10 am - 5 pm
- 29 Fall Peace Retreat - Miller Homestead, Spring Grove, PA

## September

- 7-11 National Older Adult Conference
- 10 Brethren Village Golf Tournament
- 13 Young Adult Sundaes & Saucers
- 15 Brethren Housing Association 20th Anniversary Banquet
- 15 Ethics Training, Parker Ford CoB
- 25-26 Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo Center
- 30 Hitchhiker's Guide To Evangelism Workshop, Parish Resource Center, Lancaster

## October

- 1 Ethics Training, Lancaster CoB
- 5 Peter Becker Community Golf Outing
- 7 District Senior Adult Fall Fellowship Banquet, Yoder's Family Restaurant
- 9-10 40th ANE District Conference, Leffler Chapel, Elizabethtown College
- 12-13 Senior Adult Fall Foliage Trip
- 28 Ethics Training, LVBH
- 30-Nov.1 Junior High Retreat, Camp Swatara

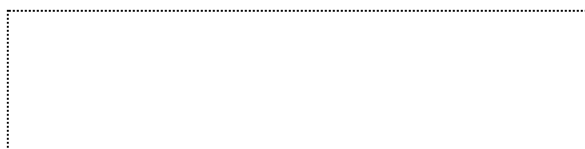
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