

# Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren



## A Message from our District Moderator

"See, I am making all things NEW"

In the spirit of Paul, may grace and peace be with all the churches of the Southern Pa. District, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I would like to share a few Scriptures with you:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19a; NIV, 2011)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (II Corinthians 5:17; NIV, 2011)

"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a; NRSV)

There is a common thread that runs through these verses and many others like them in the Bible. In the past, present and future, we have a God who creates and recreates, so that his will might be done in the lives of his people.

My theme for this year's District Conference is "SEE, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW," based on Revelation 21:5a. Many of us would like to go back in time, before Covid and before some of our churches left the denomination. But, of course, we can't do that. And we shouldn't keep dwelling on the past, we have to move forward. We don't know what the future holds for our District, or for the COB as a whole. But right now, we are here and God is working in our midst today and he will continue to do so tomorrow!

So, I invite us to look around and "see" what the Lord is doing in our District! At District Conference, I want to take some time to celebrate the good things that are happening in our churches! Let me know if your church has a story that could be shared when we gather together in September.

I covet your prayers for myself and our District leadership as we make our way through 2024, and plan for District Conference.

John F. Hess, District Moderator



*Mission: Create New Testament communities committed to personal transformation thru Jesus Christ-SO PA Dist.*  
Vision Statement:  
Working together to  
empower disciples for  
ministry & mission through:  
Leadership Development,  
Mission & Service Opportunities,  
& Creative Resourcing

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As your Interim District Executive, I want to take this opportunity to welcome Linette Quinn, from the Newville area. Linette has begun her 60 day trial employment in mid February, to serve as Administrative Assistant to the District Executive. Both I, Georgia, and the District Executive Committee look forward to a positive trial period, as we move forward with the ministries of Southern Pa District.

Concerning office hours for the District Office: we continue to work on an unstructured time frame as both Interim DE and Administrative Assistant work on a part time basis along with personal schedules. Generally there is someone in the office from 11:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m.; however, if you need to stop at the District Office, please call ahead to insure staff is available to greet and help you. Thanks for your understanding in this interim time.

Georgia Markey, Interim District Executive

*This is a story shared by one of our District Pastors and it seems most appropriate for all in our Churches—Your interim DE~Georgia*

*The death of President Franklin Roosevelt abruptly thrust Harry Truman into the presidency. He traveled to Capitol Hill to address Congress, and, at the end of his speech he said, "As I have assumed my heavy duties, I humbly pray Almighty God, in the words of King Solomon:: "Give me, thy servant, an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad, for who is able to judge so great a people as your own?"*

*That's not just a prayer for kings like Solomon or presidents like Truman. It's a prayer each of us can make as our own. James 1:5 tells us to ask God for wisdom. We're living in days that call for insight—for much wisdom and discernment—because the lines between good and evil are heavily blurred by our culture and society.*

*As we provide leadership in our Churches and intermingle with one another, with seemingly endless indications that we are quickly approaching the end times, let us learn to ask God for constant discernment and wise judgement and treat one another with patience and love.*



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 3375 Carlisle Rd, Suite A  
 Gardners, PA 17324

### **These congregations are currently looking for pastoral or additional staff**

#### **Search Process**

**Gettysburg COB** - Sr. Pastor (currently Utilizing Pulpit Fill)

**Mechanicsburg COB** - Sr. Pastor (currently being served by Interim Pastor, James Benedict)

**Waynesboro COB**— Sr. Pastor (currently being served by Interim  
 Pastor, Andrew Paterno)

**York Second COB**—Pastor (currently being served by Lay Minister)

#### **Pastoral Placement within Southern PA District**

**West York COB** Interim Pastor Richard Godfrey to serve as their Part Time In Place Pastor effective 01/14/2024

**Chambersburg COB** called Mark Baliles as Senior Pastor (joining Liz Thorpe, who currently serves as Pastor of Music and Spiritual Formation)

**A SPECIAL WELCOME to Richard, Mark, and Liz to these Positions!**

#### **2024 District Directory UPDATE**

The District Directory is in the process of being updated for 2024. With the past changing staff in the District Office and our attempt to obtain updated data from congregations, agencies and other sources, we are diligently working to compile data for the directory. Please bear with us as we attempt to obtain correct data and get the 2024 District Directory completed. Churches are encouraged to get their information forms back to us ASAP. Thank you! ~ Georgia

## **The Work of the SOPA District Board**

*Comments from your District Board Chair*

Who is serving on the SOPA District Board and what does the board really do anyway? Have you ever been curious enough to ponder that question? Just in case you have, let me attempt to answer that question. I will begin by sharing the Mission and Vision statements of our District and describing the basic structure of the board and its members.

The Southern Pennsylvania District Mission is:

*Create New Testament communities committed to personal transformation thru Jesus Christ.*

The Southern Pennsylvania District Vision Statement is:

*Working together to empower disciples for ministry and mission through:  
Leadership Development, Mission and Service opportunities, and Creative Resourcing.*

The 2023-2024 SOPA District Board: Executive Committee and five Commissions:

- Executive Committee:
  - o Leon Yoder, Chair; John Shelly, vice-chair; Georgia Markey, interim D. E. (ex-officio); H. Roger Miller, treasurer (ex-officio); Mary Hahn, scribe (ex-officio); and the chairpersons of each commission (see below)
- Ministry Commission:
  - o John Shelly, chair; Gerry Godfrey, vice-chair; Linda Titzell, scribe; Keith Nonemaker; and Don Kauffman
- Nurture Commission:
  - o Ellen Yoder, chair; Mary Hahn, vice-chair; Nicholas Wingert, scribe
- Witness Commission:
  - o Cindy Barclay, chair; Kim Geiswite, vice-chair; Fred Keener, scribe; Chris Elliott
- Stewards Commission:
  - o Ray Lehman, chair; Jay Finkenbinder, vice-chair; Morgan Hahn, scribe; Leroy Keeney; and Ron Bell
- Church Development & Revitalization Commission:
  - o Eric Reamer, chair; Elaine Richard, scribe; and Beth Nonemaker
- Additional ex-officio board members:
  - o John Hess, district moderator; Eric Reamer, moderator-elect: John Shelly, standing committee; Traci Rabenstein, restructuring consultant; Joel Gibbel and Colin Scott, Church of the Brethren mission & ministries board

A brief sketch of the ongoing work of the board is to provide leadership in district ministries: such as working in cooperation with the District Executive, credentialing and supporting pastors, overseeing district finances, working with outreach ministries such as disaster relief, meat canning, foreign missions, youth, women's, and men's, and park chaplaincy ministries, etc. Supporting and cooperating with our affiliated organizations such as Camp Eder, Children's Aid Society, Brethren Home, etc. These are some of the ways we are working for you.

Please be in prayer for your district board as we face several monumental tasks. We are exploring new direction in the configuration of district staffing and organization of our district.

With the current uncertainties within the Church of the Brethren denomination and our district going from 44 to 27 churches in the past few years, we must make adaptations that match our size and better serve our mission.

I am very pleased with the leadership of our interim district executive, Georgia Markey, but the fact that she is “interim” means that we are still working at finding a long-term arrangement for this position. We have already moved the District Executive position from full-time to part-time during the interim period. Some other districts have moved to a team approach, which is one of the options we are seriously exploring. We are blessed to welcome Linette Quinn as our new administrative assistant. Moving forward we will likely need to adjust the responsibilities of that staff position in order to properly fit a new executive configuration which is still in process. Another factor that possibly needs consideration is the evaluation of the current location of the district office and how that affects the total search process. These are some of the intricately intertwined variables your executive committee and district board must prayerfully consider. Lots of wisdom and Holy Spirit guidance is a necessity as we move forward. Keep praying!

Having fewer congregations in the district prompts the need to restructure the zones and the representation on the district board from those zones. There is consideration of recommending combining some responsibilities of commissions and reducing the number of commissions from five to four as well as reducing the number of members needed in some commissions. This would reduce the number of board members from 26 to 19. If approved by the district board, this recommendation would require an amendment to the district constitution and therefore require approval by the delegates of the next District Conference.

Obviously, we are in a time of transition and challenge for our beloved SOPA District. We thank you for your prayers and kind patience as we continue the work of Christ’s Kingdom.

Blessings,  
Leon Yoder, District Board Chair

### Attention Church Treasurers and Board Chairs

Just in case you missed the 2024 Mileage Rate, the IRS has boosted the standard mileage rate by 1.5 cents per mile.

Business standard rate is now 67 cents per mile

Ministerial moving expenses and Medical rate is now 21 cents per mile



### Southern PA District Congregations

District **Women's Camp**, June 3-4, 2024, Camp Eder. Guest Speaker—Gretchen Sortzi, "Finding the Light"

Each of the Churches are encouraged to contribute a quilt block to the 2024 **Annual Conference Quilts**. See the attached flyer regarding this opportunity.

### MEAT CANNING 2024

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE MEAT CANNING PROJECT IS STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FIRST SHIFTS (7:15 AM TO NOON) ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL, 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Please contact the district office if your congregation is willing to volunteer.

Meat canning takes place at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, Pa.



### 2024 Disaster Relief Auction Report

Tom Fritz, Chair

The 46th Brethren Disaster Relief Auction was held on September 22 & 23, 2023, at the Lebanon Expo Center.

Some of the significant income was generated by, Food Sales-\$33,942, Heifer Auction-\$76,247, Theme Baskets-\$14,755, Quilts-\$31,945, Coin Auction-\$9,270, General Auction-\$30,355. Overall gross proceeds were approximately \$416,367, (including estate bequests), leaving \$405,000 for distribution.

Distributions made: \$385,000 to Brethren Disaster Ministries and \$20,000 to ANE for Disaster Relief Trips.

As always, we appreciate all the support we receive from the Churches in the Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA Districts and our many other supporters that have made the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction a success for 46 years. We are an all-volunteer auction and any help you can provide to set-up the auction and to help on the auction days is welcome. Please visit [www.BrethrenAuction.org](http://www.BrethrenAuction.org) for additional information and to donate or volunteer. **Our next auction is September 27 & 28, 2024, Lebanon Expo Center.**

## HOLD IN PRAYER



Deepest sympathy to the family of Harold S. Martin. Brother Harold passed away January 5, 2024 at the Lincoln Christian Home, Ephrata. At the age of twelve, Harold accepted Christ as his Savior and was later called to be a minister of the gospel, serving at the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren for sixty-two years. Harold conducted Bible teaching sessions and revival meeting in several hundred congregations located in forty-three states, and numerous foreign countries. Harold and his wife Priscilla were married for nearly seventy years when she passed away in June, 2020. Funeral services for Harold were held January 13, 2024 at the White Oak Church, 1211 North Penryn Road, Manheim, Pa.

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Deepest sympathy extended to the family of Dennis C. Winand, Jr., of the District's Upper Conewago Church of Brethren. Brother Denny passed away January 11, 2024. He was the co-owner of Winand Trucking and for many years assisted SOPA District in transporting the District's portion of canned chicken to SOPA District for distribution. He also made donations of canned chicken to Flame Ministries, Haiti, for which he supported personally. Funeral services were held January 16, 2024 at Upper Conewago Brethren Church.

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Deepest sympathy to the family of Belita Mitchell, retired pastor and the denomination's first Black female moderator, passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at her home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

The first African-American woman to be ordained in the Church of the Brethren, Sister Belita was called as the 2007 Annual Conference Moderator. She served as pastor to Church of the Brethren congregations at Imperial Heights (Calif.) and Harrisburg First (Pa.). Along with her husband, Don, she was recognized in 2017 by the denomination's Intercultural Ministries as a significant leader in efforts to make the Church of the Brethren an intercultural church, and in 2022 she was the preacher for the final worship service at Annual Conference in Omaha and also was a past guest speaker at So PA District's District Conference.

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~Continue to uplift Pastor Bob Krouse (Hanover COB) in prayer as he continues his battle with cancer.

~Be in prayer for Pastor Mark Bowyer, Hanover COB, as he continues to be tested for health issues.



Let us be in prayer for all our Church Pastor's, Minister's, and their families. We appreciate all you do for our District, Churches, and Congregations.



## *Church Happenings around Our District*



The first Brethren baptisms in America were held on Christmas Day 1723 in the Wissahickon Creek in Philadelphia. On the 300th anniversary of that event, the **West Shore Church of the Brethren** held a baptism in the Conodoguinet Creek in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Miller Masson, a college senior and a new believer, was baptized by Pastor Keith Nonemaker. Pastor Beth Nonemaker led the service. God granted a balmy 53 degree day, although the water was considerably colder. About 25 people attended, including Miller's family and friends. Nine members of West Shore Church were present to welcome Brother Miller into membership.

### **Lease Garden Space at The Brethren Community Garden**

**Gettysburg Church of the Brethren**, 1710 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, Pa 17325, has garden plots available for lease. Garden plots are 20' x 20' and lease for \$30 each. The plots are available April 1, 2024—March 31, 2025. Contact [info@gettysburgcob.org](mailto:info@gettysburgcob.org) or call 717-334-5066.

### **Cross Keys Village      Senior Living With A Purpose**



**Cross Keys Village** is offering GriefShare to neighbors of the greater community on Mondays, February 29—June 6, 1:00—2:30 in Nicarry Meeting house.

GriefShare is a worldwide network of Churches equipped to offer grief support groups.

Pastor Linda Titzell leads the nondenominational program which features biblical concepts for healing.



## **UP-COMING EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024** District Programs and Arrangements Committee, 7:00 PM ZOOM Meeting

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**, District Board Meeting  
Gathering, 8:30 AM, Danish/Beverage, 9:00 AM Meeting begins  
Knobsville COB 221 Knobsville Road, Hustontown, PA

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024** District Nominating and Personnel Committee, 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting

**Thursday, March 28, 2024** District Ministry Commission 6:30 PM Carlisle COB

**Friday, March 29, 2024** Good Friday—Office Closed

**Sunday, March 31, 2024** Easter Sunday

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### **APRIL**

**Monday, April 1-4, 2024** – District Meat Canning Project at Christian Aid Ministries

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, District Stewards Commission ZOOM Meeting 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, Central Zone Pastor's Meeting at Carlisle COB  
9:00 – 10:30 AM

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**, District Witness Commission ZOOM Meeting 6:30 PM

**Thursday, April 4, 2024** Eastern Zone Pastor's Meeting at TBD 2:00 Noon

**Saturday, April 6, 2024** District Men's Outdoorsman Day, Camp Eder, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, District Nurture Commission ZOOM Meeting 6:30 PM

**Monday, April 15, 2024**, District Church Development & Revitalization Commission ZOOM Meeting—6:30 PM

**Monday, April 15, 2024** RENDER UNTO CAESAR Day

**Thursday, April 18, 2024** District Executive Committee Meeting, Carlisle COB – 6:30 PM

**Saturday, April 20, 2024** District Women's Spring Luncheon, West Shore COB—9:00 AM

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**, District Ministry Commission Meeting, Carlisle COB—  
6:30 PM

## **Up-Coming Events Continued**

### **MAY**

**Friday, May 10, 2024** Camp Eder Golf Outing (see attached flyer)

**Saturday, May 18, 2024** District Board Meeting, Gathering, 8:30 AM, Danish/Beverage, 9:00 AM, Meeting begins, Buffalo Valley COB, 46 Brethren Church Rd, Mifflinburg, Pa 17844

**Thursday, May 23, 2024** District Ministry Commission, TBD, 6:30 PM

**Friday/Sunday, May 24-26, 2024** Young Adult Conference, Shephard's Spring, MD

**Monday, May 27, 2024** Memorial Day—District Office Closed

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### **JUNE**

**Monday/Tuesday, June 3-4, 2024** , District Women's Camp, Camp Eder

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024** District Stewards Commission Meeting, Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Thursday, June 6, 2024** District Witness Commission Meeting, Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Sunday, June 9, 2024** District Prayer & Praise Gathering, 6:00 PM, Carlisle COB

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024** District Nurture Commission, Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Thursday, June 20, 2024** District Executive Committee Meeting, Carlisle COB 6:30 PM

**Thursday, June 27, 2024** District Ministry Commission, TBD, 6:30 PM

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### **JULY**

**Wednesday/Sunday July 3-7, 2024** Annual Conference, DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Saturday, July 20, 2024** District Board Meeting, Gathering 8:30 AM, Danish/Beverage, 9:00 AM Meeting begins, Codorus COB, 1129 Dunkard Valley Road, Dallastown, PA17313

**Thursday, July 25, 2024** District Ministry Commission Meeting, TBD, 6:30 PM



## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's 2024 Continuing Education Events

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is offering a robust schedule of Continuing Education for clergy and interested laity in 2024. Ranging from Christian ID in the Age of AI, Worship Models, Grief Literacy, Suicide and your Congregation, Luke and ACTS, Autism and the Church, and Why Leadership Matters, everyone will find a topic of interest. While credentialed clergy can receive Continuing Education units which are needed for ordination renewal in 2025, laity will also benefit from these topics. Please be sure that deacons and other interested folks receive information on these topics as everyone is invited to register. The ordination renewal for ordained clergy is coming quickly in 2025, so be sure to register for these excellent sessions and bring other interested persons from your congregation. **To register, click on the event Title for each event and follow the registration links, or email [KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org), or call 717-361-1450.**

### Worship Models from Genesis to Revelation

Leah Hileman, Leader

**Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Camp Harmony, Western PA District (In-Person or Zoom)**

**In-person: \$45.00 for .3 CEUs; \$35.00 for no CEUs**

**Zoom: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs; \$25.00 for no CEUs**

*How did churches end up with altar tables, tambourines, separate seating, call-and-response songs, house churches, and hymns? How did the way God's people worship morph through the generations, adapting to culture shifts and changing in style, format, liturgy, and theology? In this workshop, we will survey the scripture to see evidence that, while the Good News never changes, the ways and means by which we approach God in worship have undergone dramatic change. We'll explore the biblical basis for large and small assemblies; varying styles of art, music, and architecture; and the "personality" of worship in high- and low-church traditions.*

### Christian ID in an Age of AI

Russell Haitch, Leader

**Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Juniata College (In-Person or Zoom)**

**In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.**

**Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs**

*The world is shifting, the foundations shaking, and no innovation seen before—not the printing press or automobile or Internet—will be able to rival the impending impact of Artificial Intelligence, combined with genetic engineering and other advanced technologies. This workshop is designed to help you develop or improve a Christian framework for thinking through all the new issues on the horizon. The world is going to look dramatically different, so too our churches and the lives of our children. We need to be ready to respond. The best, most faithful response will grow out of our identity in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

### Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down

Chris Bucher & Bob Neff, Leaders

**Thursday, May 2, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Elizabethtown College (In-Person Only -- No Zoom Option for this event)**

**\$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.**

*This class will draw upon the 2023 book Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down, co-authored by Chris Bucher and Bob Neff. Chris and Bob will discuss Luke's theme of "turning the world upside down" through the gathering of Jesus' followers into communities that practice healing, inclusivity, and sharing. Presentations will assist in the understanding of these two books as a guide for Anabaptists and Radical Pietists and will incorporate visual art that offers new ways to see the Biblical texts.*

**(More Events on Next Page)**



### Suicide and Your Congregation

Julie Guistwite, Leader

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Zoom Only

\$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs.

*Suicide is a rising public health concern and faith-based organizations hold a vital role in ministering to survivors. This interactive workshop examines the dual role of clergy in postvention care. Best practices in caring for survivors, the congregation, and oneself forms the basis of a small group role-play focusing on a faith community's response to a member's violent death. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills relevant to engaging suicide issues across congregational settings.*

### Autism and the Church

Lisa Kruse, Tim Miller, David Crumrine, Stan Dueck, Leaders

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Juniata College (In-Person or Zoom)

In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs

*The church is a place where people should feel welcome no matter what challenges they may have. Families with an autistic member need to feel the welcome and acceptance of a church who cares for their special circumstance. This Continuing Education event will provide information to pastors and other church leaders regarding autism, how to support families with an autistic member, and how to make the church a safe and welcoming place for families.*

### Grief Literacy

Julie Guistwite, Leader

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Zoom Only

\$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs.

*Society's grief-avoiding mentality and limited community-based support initiatives affect the well-being of bereaved persons. This interactive case-based workshop examines the grief literacy movement in connection with Christ-Centered Ministry Leadership. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills applicable to enhancing the welfare of grieving congregational members and persons in their community.*

### The Question of Leadership: Why It Matters

Jeff Carter, Leader

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Elizabethtown College - In-Person or Zoom

In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs

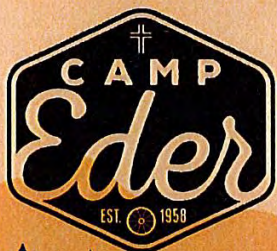
*What does it mean to lead in today's church and world? The American protestant church is in steep decline. The Church of the Brethren is experiencing schism. The pandemic accelerated the already changing patterns of religious life. Resources are scarce. Furthermore, Brethren are naturally suspicious of leaders; called, elected, or self-proclaimed. Values, such as humility, consensus, and the priesthood of all believers, lead to a flat hierarchy and a communal pragmatism. We celebrate leaders such as Dan West, Sarah Major, M.R. Zigler, and Anna Mow, but in their day, they stirred controversy by the manner of their leading. So, what does it mean to lead in today's church and world? I believe leadership begins by asking the first question and having the willingness and curiosity to pursue the second question. It is a way of thinking that results in effective doing. And yes, it is something we do together.*

*Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is a Church of the Brethren ministry partnership that includes the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA, in addition to Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary. SVMC's mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritages and practices of the Church of the Brethren.*



# MEN'S OUTDOORSMAN DAY APRIL 6TH

**CO-SPONSORED BY CAMP EDER &  
THE SOPA DISTRICT NURTURE COMMISION**



DEVOTIONAL THEME: MEETING GOD IN  
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

APR 6

8:30AM-3PM

**\$40  
LUNCH  
INCLUDED!**

## CLAY SHOOT AND FISHING

JOIN US ON APRIL 6TH FOR A DAY FILLED WITH ADVENTURE! OUR JOURNEY BEGINS WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE FROM MATT ILKO AND NEVIN FUNK, SEASONED FIREARM INSTRUCTORS. TOGETHER, WE'LL DELVE INTO THE WORLD OF CLAY SHOOTING, MASTERING GUN SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND HONING OUR SKILLS TO BECOME PROFICIENT CLAY TARGET SHOOTERS. LATER IN THE DAY, WE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE TRANQUILITY OF FISHING UNDER THE MENTORSHIP OF SETH BRICKNER, A PASSIONATE ANGLER WHO WILL SHARE INVALUABLE BASS FISHING TECHNIQUES. SECURE YOUR SPOT BY REGISTERING ON THE CAMP EDER WEBSITE OR BY CONTACTING THE CAMP OFFICE VIA PHONE.

**CAMPEDER.ORG/REGISTRATION**  
717-642-82567

914 MT HOPE RD  
FAIRFIELD, PA 17320



## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed @ \$10.00 per person  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_List names of those attending so we can  
create name tags. Please list any dietary  
restrictions beside name if needed.

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**Make checks payable to and mail to:**

Southern PA District  
3375 Carlisle Road, Suite A  
Gardners, PA 17324

**Registration Deadline**

April 13, 2024  
No refunds after deadline date.

# West Shore Church of the Brethren

6921 Wertzville Road  
Enola, PA 17025  
717-571-6288

westshorecob@pa.net

**From I-81 South – Take  
Wertzville Exit, turn right onto  
Wertzville Road. Church will be  
1.5 miles on the left.**

**From I-81 North – Take Exit to  
Route 114, left at end of ramp,  
about ½ mile, about 3<sup>rd</sup> light,  
turn Right onto Wertzville Road  
(at the Turkey Hill Gas Station).  
Church will be 1 mile on the  
right.**

Drive through upper parking lot, around the  
left (east) end of the church building, to the  
lower parking lot for easy entrance into the  
Fellowship Hall.

Southern PA District

Church of the Brethren

2024

District Women's  
Spring Luncheon

Deuteronomy 6:1-8

Matthew 11:28-30

A Commandment to Keep  
and a Choice to Make

Saturday,  
April 20, 2024

9:00 AM

West Shore Church  
Of the Brethren  
6921 Wertzville Road  
Enola PA 17025





**Meet Kirsten Harris Keys**

<b>Schedule</b>	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration Refreshments
9:30 – 9:45	Worship and Welcome
9:45 – 10:45	Session One
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Session Two
11:45 – 12:00	Roll Call and Prayer
12:00 noon	Lunch

*Kirsten serves as the Public Relations Coordinator for the Harrisburg City School District, which serves more than 6,500 children and families. She attends the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church of Harrisburg where she gladly serves God and others. She is married to Pastor Thomas Keys. She is also active in health and wellness ministry, community outreach, women's ministry initiatives, and the ministry of encouragement.*

*Kirsten has served as the chairperson of the Faith-based Initiative for the AIDS Fund of South Central Pennsylvania, and as a house parent and maternity counselor for Catholic Charities' Lourdeshouse. She currently serves on the Patient and Family Advisory Council for UPMC's 40 hospitals to ensure that patients and families are educated, empowered, and actively engaged*

*in healthcare decisions that impact their lives and health outcomes. Kirsten enjoys studying the Word of God and spending time with family, friends, and the Body of Christ. Her heart's desire is to live and leave a legacy of service to the Lord and others.*

**\*Mark Your Calendar\***

**\*District Women's Camp**

**June 3 and 4, 2024**

**Camp Eder\*** 

**\*District-Wide Prayer**

**Carlisle First COB**

**1340 Forge Road**

**Carlisle PA 17013**

**Sun, June 9, 2024 6 PM\***

Many thanks to the West Shore Church!

## Chaplain in the Park Program

A Ministry Sponsored by the District's Nurture Commission, via the PA Council of Churches

The Local Chaplaincy Committee for the Gifford Pinchot State Park is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Harry S. Davis as the Chaplain in the Park to serve at Gifford Pinchot for the 2024 Summer Camping Season.

Harry earned his B.A. Degree in Psychology from Millersville University and his M. A Counseling Degree (Christian emphasis) from Liberty University. He ran Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs for 31 years and retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He is currently employed as a Substitute Teacher in the Public School System. He has served as a Deacon, Elder, Bible Study and Sunday School Teacher, Ministry leader of Celebrate Recovery, Board Member of a Christian School and as a Christian Author. Carla, his wife of 42 years is deceased. His son Benjamin lives in Buffalo, NY and his daughter Bethany lives in Lewisberry, Pa. Harry moved to Lewisberry in 2022 from Milton, PA. He has enjoyed camping since his youth and currently still travels and camps in his motor home with his dog, his grandson Sammy, other family members and friends. He has filled in for his friend who is a "Chaplain in the Park" and he really enjoys ministering in a campground setting.

The Chaplain in the Park Program started at Cowans Gap State Park in 1960, at the request of the campers. It has expanded yearly to other state, federal, and private campgrounds, and continues to expand. Three new parks were added just in 2024! The program began at Gifford Pinchot in 1969. A Worship Service is held each Sunday morning from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekends at 10 AM, in the Amphitheater in Loop B of the Campground.. A Community building activity is held at 10 AM each Saturday, and campsite visitations are a large part of the chaplain's duties at the park. Volunteers to help with music, special programming, teaching children, and other activities are always MUCH appreciated!

Please contact Rosemary Firestone, Local Committee Chair, 717-307-1822, or [firestone-funfarm@gmail.com](mailto:firestone-funfarm@gmail.com) if you would like to become involved with this program in any way.







# TRANSFORMED by GOD

Romans 12:1-2

## Young Adult Conference

May 24 – 26, 2024 • Camp Shepherds Spring, Sharpsburg, Maryland

Church of the Brethren

## Young Adult Conference

May 24 – 26, 2024

Camp Shepherds Spring, Sharpsburg, Maryland

Young Adult Conference is for those ages 18 – 35

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – you sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for God. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

—Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)

Young Adult Conference (YAC) is an energizing weekend to hang out with friends and worship God! Add your voice to the music, your perspective to Bible studies and small groups. Attend workshops and have some fun during recreation.

Register at [www.brethren.org/yac](http://www.brethren.org/yac)

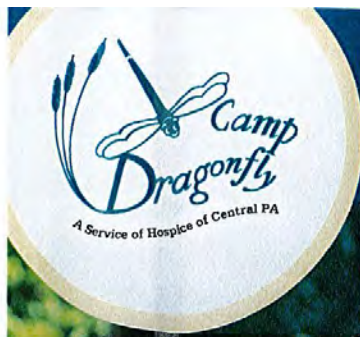
Registration fee (includes food, lodging, and programming): \$275 through April 15. 18 year olds can attend for only \$150. Register by May 1, 2024 to avoid a late fee of \$50. Non-refundable deposit of \$150 due within two weeks of registering.

Scholarships are available by request until April 15. Contact Becky Ullom Naugle at [bullomnaugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullomnaugle@brethren.org) or 847-429-4385.

Connect with us:  @brethrenyouth  Young Adults of the Church of the Brethren







# — SAVE THE — DATE

Weekend Program  
June 7-9, 2024

CAMP HEBRON  
HALIFAX, PA

A free weekend  
camp for grieving  
children



A PROGRAM BY:

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## About Camp Dragonfly

For children, ages 6 to 15

Specialized teen track, ages 13-15

Group sessions to help children learn healthy ways to cope with loss

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Horsemanship program

Fun camp activities (it's okay to smile or laugh when you are grieving)

Parent/guardian session (Sunday) to learn about childhood grief

Free to attend, advance registration required

Arrive 6 p.m. on Friday, June 7  
Camp concludes on  
Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 1

To register, or for more information,  
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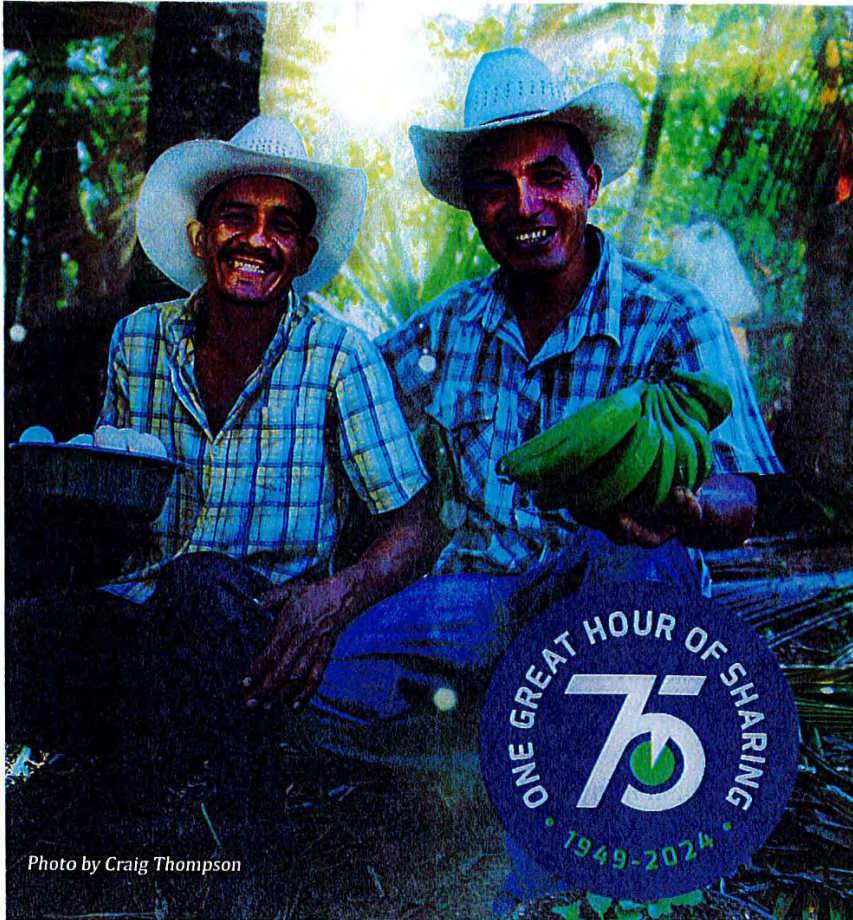
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*~Matthew 5:14, MSG*

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Church of the Brethren  
Office of Mission Advancement

## Upcoming Special Offerings



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Offering

May 19, 2024



Mission  
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September 15, 2024



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March 16, 2025



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## Church of the Brethren 2024 Annual Conference Ballot



The Nominating Committee and Standing Committee present the following ballot for the 2024 Annual Conference elections in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Complete biographical information is available on the Annual Conference website: [www.brethren.org/ac2024/business](http://www.brethren.org/ac2024/business) and will be printed in the Conference booklet.

### For Moderator-Elect

**Don Fitzkee** – Lancaster Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast District

**Gene Hollenberg** – Union Center Church of the Brethren, Northern Indiana District

### For Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee

**Addie Hostetler Lucatorto** – Good Samaritan Church of the Brethren, Western Pennsylvania District

**Laura Sellers** – Happy Corner Church of the Brethren, Southern Ohio, Kentucky District

### For Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board – Area 4

**Pearl Miller** – Warrensburg Church of the Brethren, Missouri Arkansas District

**Colby Patton** – Wichita First Church of the Brethren, Western Plains District

### For Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board – Area 5

**Robert Aguirre** – Glendale Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District

**Erik Brummett** – Live Oak Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District

### For Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees - Colleges

*Desired skill set: awareness of the dramatic changes taking place in higher education, especially seminary education; awareness of the issues of division in the denomination and changes in the larger church; persons of color who can help the seminary have conversations about diversity; persons with corporate or executive leadership experience*

**David McFadden** – Manchester Church of the Brethren, South Central Indiana District

**Jamie White** – Stone Church of the Brethren, Middle Pennsylvania District

### On Earth Peace Board

*Desired skill set: develop and walk with leaders/communities who work for justice and peace; participate in "values-based consensus" decision-making process*

**Jennie L Wearing** – Central Church of the Brethren, Virlina District

**Mark Ottoni-Wilhelm** – Northview Church of the Brethren, South Central Indiana District



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION  
PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

# Listening for the Sound of the Genuine

July 2-3, 2024

Grand Rapids, Michigan

**FRANK A. THOMAS, PHD**, serves as the Director of the new Compelling Preaching Initiative and the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. He has previously taught at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago; Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee; and United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc., which formerly published *The African American Pulpit*.

Thomas has served as senior pastor for congregations in Matteson, Illinois and Memphis, Tennessee. Out of a lifetime practicing, studying, teaching, and writing about preaching, Dr. Thomas invites us to "Listen for the sound of the genuine."

*Howard Thurman writes "There is something in every [one of us] that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in [ourselves]." Preaching is a reflection of the genuine inside of ourselves. But, have we ever listened to our own preaching? We concentrate on what our preaching says to the congregation or the audience, but what does it say to us when we actually sit down and listen carefully, quietly, and deeply to our own sermons? Do we hear the sound of the genuine? Preachers would be helped to cultivate the discipline of listening to the sound that comes through their sermons. Each preacher is a better preacher when they are able to answer the question: How does the sound of the genuine come through you, particularly through preaching?*

His books *The Choice: Living Your Passion Inside Out* and *Preaching as Celebration Digital Lecture Series* (based on his first book, *They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God*) will be the basis of our event. His most recently book is *The God of the Dangerous Sermon*.



## Registration

Tuesday, July 2: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

## Event

Tuesday, July 2: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, July 3: 9:00 - 11:45 am  
and 1:15 - 4:00 pm

## Complimentary Dinner

offered Tuesday July 2 to all attendees,  
5:00 - 5:45 pm just prior to the  
opening session (advance registration  
required for meal; attendees' children  
may be included if registered)

## Buffet Luncheon

(available for purchase)

Wednesday, July 3: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

[www.brethren.org/sustaining](http://www.brethren.org/sustaining)



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Register online at [www.brethren.org/sustaining](http://www.brethren.org/sustaining) beginning March 1, 2024  
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# Celebrate 2024

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE QUILTING BEE

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ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

# WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Your congregation is invited to create a block  
for the 2024 Conference quilts.**

Please follow instructions on the next page.

**All Quilt Blocks should be postmarked  
by May 15, 2024**

**Mail your quilt block and a dollar (or more)  
donation**

**to offset the cost of quilting materials to:**  
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**Margaret Weybright  
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Quilt tops are assembled before conference.

No blocks can be accepted at conference for this year's quilts.

All blocks delivered at conference will be considered  
for next year's quilts and wall hangings.

# **2024 Camp Eder Golf Outing**

## ***Save the Date***



**Friday May 10, 2024**  
Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain  
78 Country Club Trail  
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Fairfield, Pa 17320



Grace Elliott, Unit 331

## Living in 'The Land of Eternal Spring'

by Grace Elliott

Many stereotypes exist in the minds of Americans and other Westerners about the climate of the African continent. It is a commonly held belief that Africa is either a sweltering, steamy jungle or a parched, barren, desert land, complete with the sight of camels strutting on the far horizon.

But northwestern Rwanda fits neither of these. While it is located just one degree south of the equator, northwest Rwanda sits at an elevation of anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level, with a few mountaintops more than 14,000 feet. As an equatorial highland climate, it averages a daily high of 75 degrees Fahrenheit

and dips into the 60's at night year-round. There is a consistent dawn to dusk from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the year.

Four seasons plan out the lives of a mostly agrarian society: long rainy season, long dry season, followed by a short rainy season and a short dry season. Being able to eat locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables during the time of winter in the US, or going swimming in the lake in January seems strange, but it's not hard to get accustomed to!

Rwanda bears the nicknames "The Land of a Thousand Hills" and "The Land of Eternal Spring." With lush green mountains and fields of tea and banana plantations stretching as far as the eye can see, it is so beautiful that it can only be appreciated when one sees it with their own eyes.

This is Rwanda, a land of great contrast. There is poverty, but there is hope. There is sadness in the shadow of war in the past and on the horizon in the hills of Congo, but there is peace in surrender to King Jesus, the one who sets his people free. It is the Land of a Thousand Hills, and the land of a thousand smiles and laughs. The children cheerfully chasing each other around attired in worn footie pajamas or tattered ballerina outfits prove the resilience of the young. Life is hard, hunger is a constant companion, war looms on the horizon, in a fight for survival.

But there is joy in the blessing of another day, thankfulness in eating food today, and the peace of a life surrendered to Christ, the satisfaction of the filling of the Holy Spirit. This is Rwanda. This is my home. My growth as a person in the past year has been exponential. Africa has produced many strong women. I am one of them. I am a daughter of the Land of Eternal Spring. *Imana ishimiwe* (To God be the glory)!

*Grace Elliott is serving through BVS at Brethren Nursery School in Ginsenyi, Rwanda.*

# **Muddy Waters Song & Story Fest: Exploring the Heights and Depths of Community**

**July 7-13, 2024**

**Camp Brethren Heights, Rodney, Michigan**

**A Family Camp featuring Brethren musicians and storytellers in the woods and lakelands of central Michigan!**

Seems like we've been here before!

Yes, we're back in central Michigan for the 28<sup>th</sup> Song & Story Fest.

But we're also still floundering in the muddy waters of national and international turmoil.

Seven years ago the brochure read:

"It seems like we are coursing down a raging river of ignorance and regression. Bouncing around and over big and dangerous rapids that threaten to capsize us, we are in the midst of deep waters on all sides: religious, political, and economic differences that divide and conquer any unity we might experience as one people, under God's care and guidance."

Actually, today we are more mired in muddy waters than bouncing down rapids.

And we don't know about you, but our sense of community seems to be getting smaller and more limited than ever, at least domestically.

Brethren, Christian, American – Do you even want to claim to be part of these communities? But maybe in these hard and muddy times we are called to witness and proclaim the values that we have learned from Jesus and these very same communities.

Perhaps we need to remind ourselves that being community isn't easy, that it carries highs and lows. So, you are invited to join us in Exploring the Heights and Depths of Community!

Together we'll find some islands of hope and understanding to rest upon and regroup, and then plunge back into the muddy waters with the exasperating/beautiful people around us.

**Come and muck about with us in the 2024 Swamp!**

## ***Storytellers and Workshop Leaders:***

**Susan Boyer      Debbie Eisenbise      Anna Lisa Gross  
Kathy Guisewite      Jonathan Hunter      Jim Lehman**

## ***Campfire, Workshop, and Concert Musicians:***

**Greg & Rhonda Baker      Louise Brodie      Hannah Button-Harrison  
Jenny & Jeffrey Faus Family      Erin and Cody Flory Robertson  
Chris Good      Tim & Byron Joseph & Marlene Wood  
Brian Kruschwitz      Peg Lehman      Mike Stern**

***Join us on the lakeshore at Camp Brethren Heights!***

To Register for this event: visit : [songandstoryfest@gmail.com](mailto:songandstoryfest@gmail.com)



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## In the Shadow

# Shalom

**S**halom is a beautiful name for a Church of the Brethren congregation. With leadership from Pastor Hezekiah, Shalom is located in one of the surrounding communities of Uganda's sprawling capital city of Kampala. The metropolitan area is estimated at nearly 7 million people and is among the fastest growing cities in Africa. To say that it is sprawling is no exaggeration. Even with some recent road construction, it can take hours to get across town.

I first visited the church about two years ago, shortly after they had purchased a small plot of land and erected a simple structure. There was no roof, just a wooden frame with a few tarps tacked to the sides to keep the wind from blowing through. It had rained the night before, making for a very muddy worship experience.

Two years later, that is all changed. There is now metal roofing and siding, a cement floor and a tiled stage area. The simple, but contemporary decorating of the stage is very attractive. It is painted black with a cutout version of the COB logo (yes, it is backwards), some string art and colored lighting to sharpen it up, all very tastefully done.

On this particular Sunday morning, the worship team led a lively and inspirational time of singing and prayer. Most of the lyrics were in the Luganda language, although a few were sung in English, making it easier for me to sing along.

The most memorable part of the service was the testimony time.

Several came to the front to share something that the Lord had done for them or a blessing for which they were especially grateful. One older sister in particular touched my heart. She was tall and thin, obviously having recently dealt with some serious health issues. It turns out that she had had brain cancer. She mentioned that doctors played a role in her healing story, but it was a very small role. It is God to whom she gives all the glory. She went on at length making it crystal clear that the Lord Jesus Christ is our healer and He is the only means by which we can be saved. It is Christ alone that gives us hope, whether earthly or heavenly. Preach it, Sister!

For the Master, Chris Elliott with the Church of the Brethren Uganda





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Bible school students assisting  
with the daily task of food  
preparation - peeling potatoes.



# FAR Reach Ministries

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in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.**

## Great Lakes Bible School

The third term of the Great Lakes Bible School began on 5 February with students from Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. We are also very blessed to have an instructor from Nigeria, Joshua Ishya Mamza. Joshua has come to us with the recommendation and support of several American Brethren and the EYN (Church of the Brethren Nigeria). His resume includes teaching at EYN's Kulp Theological Seminary and authoring several books. Joshua's musical abilities, strong biblical teaching and sunny personality make him a joy to work alongside. Courses this term include Old and New Testament Introduction, Christian Education, Principles of Preaching, General Church History, Missions and Evangelism, Brethren History, Christian Worship, Systematic Theology, and Advanced English.

## Vocational education

Pastors in these parts are rarely full time, in most cases receiving no salary at all. Occasionally some will receive a portion of the offerings. Practical vocational skills are absolutely essential. Most possess at least rudimentary farming/gardening skills and have experience with basic construction; therefore, among our goals for the students is that they might be better equipped

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with advanced practical knowledge so they can work with their hands to more effectively support their families and churches.

Our latest project is a flock of laying hens, pictured on the left. We have about 150, purchased as chicks. They should be providing us eggs in a few weeks. This will not only supply us with our own eggs, but allow us some income as well. Janvier, our business manager, has taken responsibility for the chickens and is coaching the students in poultry husbandry skills.

## Burundi and Rwanda Schools

Continue to pray with us for God's provision as He meets the needs of our other school projects. The Brethren Academy primary construction is nearing completion, with a remaining need of about \$2,500.

Grace is now halfway through her second year of BVS service. Pray for her as she considers future plans.

The Burundi Brethren School is also needing, and is worthy of, your generous support.

As always, THANK YOU THANK YOU  
THANK YOU for your gifts of prayer and funds!

## Contact Information

Donations may be mailed to:

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Please write **Africa Great Lakes** on the memo line.

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Top: Pullets-soon-to-be laying hens at GLBS.

Center: BVS worker Grace Elliott with students at the Brethren Academy in Rwanda.

Bottom: Opening exercises at the Brethren School in Burundi.