

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center offers:

Love Feast: Past, Present, and Future Led by Denise Kettering-Lane

Friday, March 13, 2026

10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA (In person only)



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Get back to Love Feast basics with Dr. Denise Kettering-Lane, Associate Professor of Brethren Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. As you prepare for Love Feast this year, root yourself in the historical practices of the Brethren, and explore what new and exciting ways Love Feast can be adapted or revitalized in your own congregation.

This is a FREE event which includes a morning session, a lunch and learn, and an afternoon session.

Sign up for one or all three. The lunch is limited to the first 25 registrants. CEUs are \$10.00.

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Session I: What is Love Feast

(10:30-11:30 am), Location-Chapel, Nicarry Meetinghouse

For Brethren, the Love Feast has included elements of preparation, footwashing, a shared meal, and communion, but there have been changes in how these elements have been lived out over the years. This session will focus on the theological meaning and movements of the Brethren Love Feast tradition over the past 300 years.

Lunch and Learn for Pastors and Deacons:

(11:45 am - 1:15 pm) Location-Board Room, Nicarry Meetinghouse

During lunch, participants will have the opportunity to discuss strategies for encouraging Love Feast within their congregations and consider strategies for adapting or revitalizing the practice of Love Feast. Cross Keys Village is providing lunch for up to 25 participants.

Session 2: What does Love Feast look like?

(1:30 - 2:30 pm: Location-Board Room, Nicarry Meetinghouse

Practicing Love Feast can look different in different congregations and contexts. This session will emphasize different practical aspects of Love Feast and demonstrate some practices, such as footwashing, that occur during Love Feast.

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Denise Kettering-Lane is the Associate Professor of Brethren Studies and Director of the MA Program at Bethany Theological Seminary. She received a BA in Religion from Ashland University in Ohio and a Masters in Theological Studies from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She completed her PhD in Religious Studies at The University of Iowa in May 2009. While completing her PhD, she served as a research fellow at both the University of Iowa and at the Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany. In 2002-2003 and 2009-2010, Denise served as an archival assistant at the Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Illinois. She also serves on the Brethren Historical Committee. She is the Editor for *Brethren Life and Thought*. She lives in Dayton, Ohio, with her husband, Calvin, and two children.

