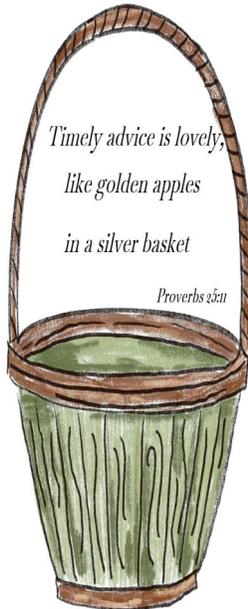




Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren



A Message from our District Executive



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The English architect Sir Christopher Wren designed a large dome for a church that was so unique that he became the object of criticism among his colleagues. The authorities demanded that Wren would add two supporting pillars to the dome to keep it from collapsing. He objected but over his objections the pillars would put into place. Fifty years passed and it became time to repaint the dome. When the workers climbed their scaffolding to do their work, they discovered that the pillars did not touch the dome, they were two feet short. The authorities had only inspected the work from the ground floor and thought they were good support for the roof. Wren went to the grave with his little secret, having the last laugh. -Robert Strand, Moments for Pastors. 1997

My senior sermon at Bethany Seminary was entitled "When All the Props Are Gone. Jim Myer was visiting Bethany that day and thought my title was "When All the PROFS are Gone." As I remember, I wanted to say that there were many things that we count on for support to help us face each challenge. For some people, in and out of the church, it may be family, intellect, bank accounts, or other earthly things. But what will you do when they disappear? My point then, and still is today, is that only a relationship with Jesus Christ will last. He is the only "prop" you need. All the other props might be nice to have but Christ is mighty to save as the modern chorus reminds us.

Whatever you are counting on to prop you up, I would invite you to closely examine it and make sure, unlike Wren's pillars at the church dome, it indeed goes all the way up. We live in shaky times and the changes that occur in society threaten to throw us for a loop or even fall. I know that I need a handhold to navigate life and I want to make sure I pick one that I can count on.

**My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

May the above be not just another song in the hymnal but a way of life for us all.
Bill



SO PA District COB
 3375 Carlisle Rd, Ste A
 Gardners, PA 17324
 717-778-2264

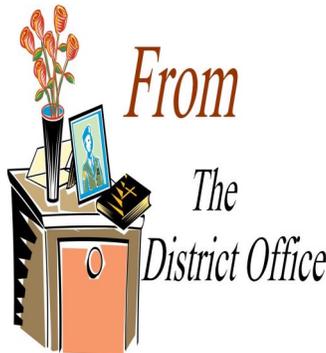
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 Mon-Thu 9-4



These congregations are currently looking for pastoral or additional staff

Search process:
 Tuscarora Fellowship
 York Second COB
 Mechanicsburg COB
 Chambersburg COB



Please have all submissions for newsletter emailed to the district office no later then **Thursday, September 22**



Information in this newsletter is accurate as of the date of publication.

Please check with the district office if events are to be continued as listed.

ATTENTION

All Pastors, Ministers, Deacons,

Those with leadership responsibilities, and any other interested Persons in your Congregations. You are invited to a meeting at the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren on **Sunday, August 21 at 6:00 PM** for a meeting to evaluate the state of our Congregations of the Southern Pennsylvania District. This is an important meeting where we will ask question such as: What are you doing and thinking as a church? Where are you as a church, and what are your plans for the future? How can we as churches and congregations maintain our relationships together in this District when considering what is taking place in our Denomination? This is not a meeting to gripe and point fingers but rather a meeting to determine where we are and where we are going as a District.

Please know this is a very important meeting, and Leadership should make attendance at this meeting a priority!

John Shelly
District Moderator

From the *SOPA District Board*

Clarity in the Midst of Troubled Times

Greetings to the Congregations of the Southern PA District Church of the Brethren:

We acknowledge that the Church of the Brethren is living in troubled times. Throughout the history of the Brethren there have been various times of controversy and diversity that have resulted in divisions within the Body of Christ. We are living in the midst of such a time. Even as we affirm the New Testament as our Creed, we admit to a wide diversity of scriptural interpretation and its application in the life of the Church. This diversity exists between districts, between congregations, and between individual believers within congregations.

As we grieve the ongoing divisions in our denomination, district, and congregations we must continue to hold one another in Christian love and constant prayers. Let us consider the possibility that no amount of divisions will ever totally eliminate diversity within any of the separate groups.

The official polity of the Church of the Brethren does not seem to be the main problem. Unfortunately, some individuals in leadership, within the Church of the Brethren and its agencies, have disregarded this polity. Their actions and publicly expressed viewpoints have caused much division and discontent.

In order to help our District and its Congregations to navigate these troubled times, we hope to provide some clarity about the role of Southern PA District in relationship to the larger denomination of the Church of the Brethren.

- The official polity of the Church of the Brethren is determined by the delegates of Annual Conference, not by denominational leaders or agencies.
- Denominational leaders have not been granted the authority to discipline or hold accountable congregations or credentialed ministers who disregard "Annual Conference Polity." That authority has been given to the Districts.
- The delegates of District Conference make the final decision on matters of Polity within the District.
 - o Southern PA District Conference delegates have already approved a Statement prohibiting officiating same-sex wedding ceremonies by any Ministers credentialed by the District. The use of Southern PA District buildings, camps, properties, or churches for the use of same sex weddings, or same sex commitment ceremonies is prohibited.
 - o The District Ministry Commission, in cooperation with the District Executive, has been tasked with providing guidance, support, educational opportunities, and accountability for the credentialed Ministers of the district.
 - o Licensed and ordained Ministers in the Southern PA District of the Church of the Brethren are bound by sacred vows to uphold the polity and doctrines of the Church of the Brethren as well as the authority of Scripture and its Truths.

From the

SOPA District Board

- Congregations determine the policies and guidelines of their own congregational constitutions at their council meetings and are responsible for the accountability of their own members.

We as the elected members of the Southern Pennsylvania Board and your District Executive are committed to providing accountability and protection of conscience for the congregations of our District. With the Holy Spirit and the authority of the Scripture as our guide, let us move forward to the Glory of God.

In the Name of the One and Only Savior, Jesus Christ and on behalf of the District Board,

 District Board Chair

 District Conference Moderator

 District Executive

July 23, 2022

Members of the District Board

Joel Nogle, Westly Gingrich, Nicholas Wingert, Don Hubbell,
 Ron Bell, John Hess, Ellen Yoder, Paul Bentzel, Liz Thorpe,
 Mark Zeigler, Chris Elliott, Beth Nonemaker, Keith Nonemaker,
 Kim Geisewite, Jay Finkenbinder, Ray Lehman, John Weber,
 Jesse Miles, Keith Hollenberg, Elaina Richard

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

August 2022

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 3.....Meeting with David Steele, Shippensburg COB,
7:00 p.m.
- 7.....Gospel Concert, West Shore COB, 5:00 p.m.
(pg. 16)
- 9.....District Stewards Commission, Zoom meeting,
7:30 p.m.
- 13.....Drive thru Chicken BBQ and Car Show
(pg. 18)
- 19-20....2022 Annual Yard Sale, Mechanicsburg COB,
7 a.m.-3 p.m.- (pg. 17)
- 21.....Pastors, Ministries & Deacon Meeting,
Mechanicsburg COB, 6:00 p.m.
- 21.....Vespers Service, The Faith Community of
TBHC- (Pg. 18)
- 25.....District Ministry Commission, Carlisle COB,
6:30 p.m.

September 2022

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 5.....Labor Dsy (District Office Closed)
- 8.....Executive Committee Meeting, Zoom
meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 16-17.....2022 SOPA District Conference**
- 20.....District Office Closed (Staff Day)
- 22.....Newsletter Deadline
- 29.....District Ministry Commission, Carlisle COB,
6:30 p.m.

2022 Giving Report

Southern PA District Church of the Brethren
 Congregational District Financial Ministries Allocation Report

January thru December
 50% of the year past

Membership rate is \$79.00 2022 DFMA Total Membership is	4039						
CONGREGATION	2022	Paid Prev. Month	Paid JUNE	Paid to Date	Balance Owed	Paid % 2022	Paid % 2021
BERMUDIAN	13,193.00	6,596.50		6,596.50	6,596.50	50%	50%
BLACK ROCK	16,353.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	14,353.00	12%	33%
BUFFALO VALLEY	20,698.00	6,625.00	1,725.00	10,350.00	10,348.00	50%	50%
CARLISLE	8,295.00	625.00		625.00	7,670.00	8%	7%
CHAMBERSBURG	24,095.00	12,150.00	6,225.00	18,375.00	5,720.00	76%	50%
CODORUS	18,881.00	7,867.10	1,573.42	9,440.52	9,440.48	50%	50%
DRY RUN	3,555.00			0.00	3,555.00		13%
FAITH COMMUNITY	8,611.00	2,150.00	2,160.00	4,310.00	4,301.00	50%	51%
FARMERS GROVE	632.00			0.00	632.00		
FREESPRING	11,771.00	11,771.00		11,771.00	0.00	100%	100%
GETTYSBURG	9,717.00	4,858.50		4,858.50	4,858.50	50%	75%
GREENCASTLE	9,796.00	4,148.00	1,632.00	5,780.00	4,016.00	59%	50%
HANOVER	13,983.00	10,488.00		10,488.00	3,495.00	75%	44%
HUNTSDALE	5,451.00	1,521.00		1,521.00	3,930.00	28%	33%
KNOBSVILLE	1,659.00	830.00	830.00	1,660.00	-1.00	100%	100%
LAKE VIEW	1,580.00			0.00	1,580.00		
MECHANICSBURG	21,646.00	10,824.00		10,824.00	10,822.00	50%	50%
MT. OLIVET	1,975.00		1,975.00	1,975.00	0.00	100%	
NEW FAIRVIEW	24,095.00	6,025.00	6,025.00	12,050.00	12,045.00	50%	50%
NEW FREEDOM	1,264.00			0.00	1,264.00		33%
NEWVILLE	10,823.00	4,509.60	901.92	5,411.52	5,411.48	50%	50%
RIDGE	10,507.00	10,507.00		10,507.00	0.00	100%	100%
ROUZERVILLE	790.00			0.00	790.00		
SHANKS	3,397.00	3,400.00		3,400.00	-3.00	100%	102%
SHIPPENSBURG	14,457.00	2,462.00		2,462.00	11,995.00	17%	42%
SUGAR VALLEY	4,029.00	2,014.50		2,014.50	2,014.50	50%	75%
THREE SPRINGS	7,031.00			0.00	7,031.00		25%
TUSCARORA	474.00			0.00	474.00		
WAYNESBORO	11,534.00	7,800.00		7,800.00	3,734.00	68%	34%
WEST SHORE	1,975.00	790.00	158.00	948.00	1,027.00	48%	45%
WEST YORK	10,349.00	2,031.00		2,031.00	8,318.00	20%	39%
WOLGAMUTH	3,397.00	1,698.50		1,698.50	1,698.50	50%	100%
YORK FIRST	13,193.00	5,835.00	1,167.00	7,002.00	6,191.00	53%	52%
YORK MADISON	5,372.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,372.00	74%	36%
YORK SECOND	1,975.00			0.00	1,975.00		
YORKANA	2,528.00			0.00	2,528.00		50%
SUBTOTALS	319,081.00	135,526.70	24,372.34	159,899.04	159,181.96	50%	48%
+INDIVIDUAL							
GRAND TOTAL	DFMA			159,899.04			167,583.26
DFMA Allocation should be 50% of the year has past. Congregations who have		Total given this year	50%	159,540.50			173,405.00
		50% are on or above their target with the district financial commitment.					



**FOR SUPPORTING
 THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT**

2022 SOPA
District Conference

The
Love
of Jesus Christ
Romans 8:35, 38 & 39

Friday, September 16th &
Saturday, September 17th

Mechanicsburg COB

Friday, September 16, 2022
Worship Service.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 17, 2022
Registration.....8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

***2022 SOPA District Conference
Information***

****Brochures will be emailed to the churches along with meal tickets & child care the second week of August.****

***It will also be available on our webpage at that time also.
(<https://www.cob-net.org/church/sopa/>)***

***District Conference Booklets will be emailed out this year to all district board members, registered delegates, & churches
(in the form of [.pdf file](#))***

District Conference Booklet will be available at the conference if you need one.



Three of our four congregations in the Church of the Brethren Rwanda do not have keyboards or sound systems. Not long before I came back to Pennsylvania, I had a conversation with them about the need. They had already begun setting aside some money, so I suggested that we in the US could help them with a sort of “matching funds” offer. My suggestion is that we will give \$500 to each of the three churches, totaling \$1,500 for the project. If you as an individual, Sunday School class or congregation would be able to bring a contribution, it may be sent to the

District Office 3375 Carlisle Rd. Suite A. Gardners, PA 17324.

Any questions can be directed to Chris Elliott at (717) 262-3154 or email at cwelliott56@gmail.com





Disaster Relief Projects

Once again hammers are ringing and saws are whirring on disaster relief projects around the country. If your congregation is getting into the action, support is available through the District Witness Commission.

- Up to \$200 per person (up to ten people) for Church of the Brethren sponsored projects.
- Up to \$100 per person (up to ten people) for non-Brethren projects.

The funds have come to us by a generous donation from the Disaster Relief Auction. If you would like to know more, call or email Witness Commission chair Chris Elliott at 717-262-3154 or cwelliott56@gmail.com.

Continue to pray for the developing Church of the Brethren in the Great Lakes region of Africa. As we seek God's will in discerning the best means of support – finances, teaching missions, work camps – it is prayer that is needed most. There are hindrances to followers of Christ in every culture and context, so the African churches are not unique in that regard. But being aware of the special challenges they face can help us pray more specifically.

The poverty of many families is very debilitating. Those among us who have been unemployed might feel great empathy for them. Parents unable to feed, clothe and educate their children are especially vulnerable to discouragement. A very large majority of women have been sexually traumatized. Many more have witnessed or experienced extreme violence.

Pray for the leadership as they develop trauma healing seminars, sewing programs, small business micro-loans, and so forth. Support can be channeled through the Global Food Crisis Fund and Global Mission and Service of the Church of the Brethren.

If your congregation or organization would be interested in a presentation of the trip to the Great Lakes Africa churches, call or email Chris Elliott (717-262-3154 or cwelliott56@gmail.com).



**CODORUS STATE PARK
Chaplains-in-the-Park
Outdoor Worship Service
Campground Amphitheater**

**Worship Service Volunteers Needed
Outreach Program
Memorial Day- Labor Day**

In urgent need of people who would be willing to use their special talents as a volunteer to help us in either of two aspects of our worship services:

- Music or Leading Sunday School for the children
- Musical talent that would provide traditional and/or contemporary praise music

We are not asking people to volunteer for the entire season, just if someone, youth group, praise and worship teams that have an interest in either of these activities.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for any youth group and youth leaders to help make a difference in peoples' lives in well-established program.

If interested, Please contact Mike King, (Co-Chairman, Chaplains in the Park Committee),

By emailing him at (makingit222@gmail.com).



Codorus State Park

Welcoming.....

Chaplain Bob Lamond

has been selected to serve as the
Campground Ministry Chaplain

Bob started this weekend (July 17, 2022) and will
serve each weekend until we conclude the ministry

season on

Labor Day weekend.



*HANOVER
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN*

*On July 17th, 2022,
Pastor Mark Bowyer and
his wife Lesley were installed at
Hanover Church of Brethren.*





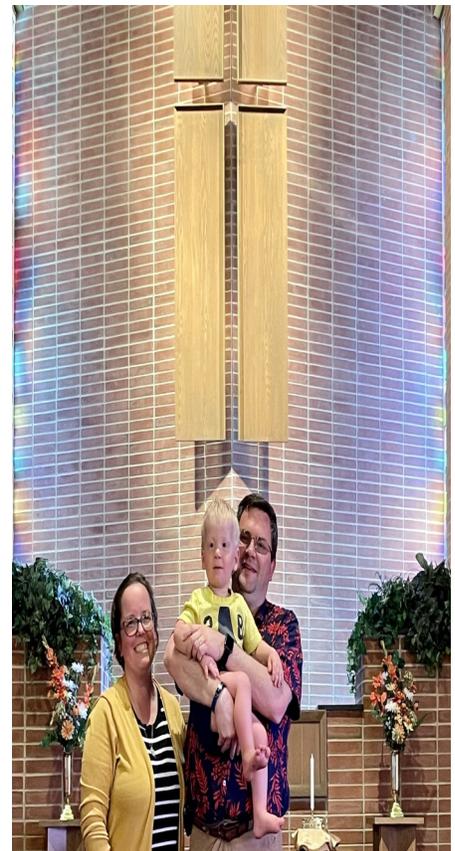
CODORUS
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



To:

*Pastor Eric Ritenour and his
wife Rhonda and family*

*Thank you to Pastor Bob Krouse
for being the Interim Pastor since
October 2020, he has made some
great changes to the church.
Good Luck to his future plans.*





*WEST SHORE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN*



A Gospel Concert by the Fuller Family

Sunday, July 31st @ 11 AM.

A love offering will be collected.

*Please stay after the concert for a free
kids-friendly lunch.*

A Gospel Concert by Reunited

Sunday August 7th, @ 5 PM.

A love offering will be collected.

*Please join us after the concert for free
refreshments.*

LOCATED AT:

6921 Wertzville Road, Enola PA 17025.

***For more information, please call (223) 488-0038 or leave a message at
the church (717) 795-8573.***



*MECHANICSBURG
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN*



*2022 Annual
Yard Sale*

Friday, August 19th,

7 a.m. - 3 p.m. &

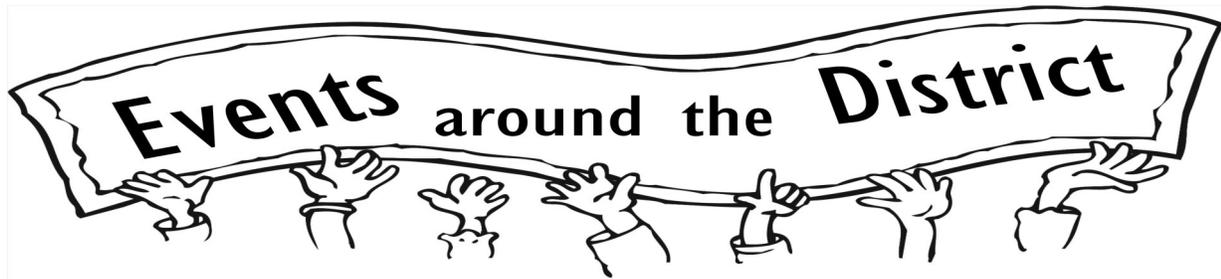
Saturday, August 20th,

*Soups & Sandwiches, Baked Goods,
Plants & Produce, and lots of Bargains!*

LOCATED AT:

301 Gale St.,

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



Drive thru
CHICKEN BARBECUE
and Car Show!

*Saturday,
August 13
10:30am till
Sold-out!*

Mark your calendars for The Friends of Cross Keys Village's celebrated event. Please check our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

The Friends of
CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community

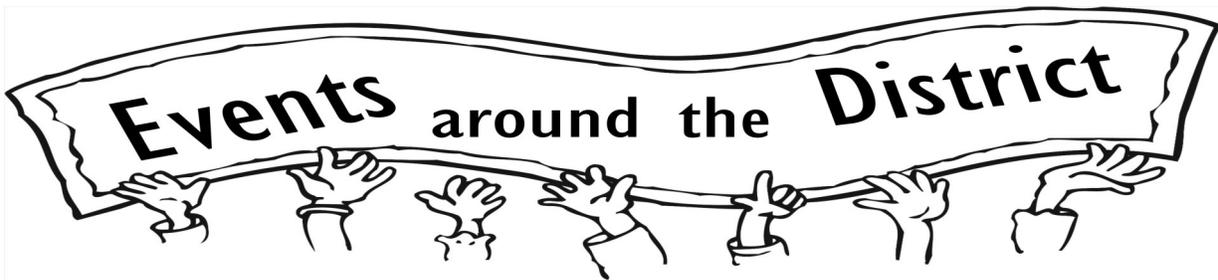
VESPERS SERVICE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 @3:00 P.M.
IN THE THEATER AT HARMONY RIDGE**

SINGING, SCRIPTURE, AND MESSAGE

**SPECIAL MUSIC BY MONTE LEISTER
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**Presented by
The Faith Community of TBHC**



BROOK LANE

Hope • Healing • Recovery

Community Events

Youth Mental Health First Aid - FREE

August 5, 2022 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Instructor: William Brick, BA, CPT

Brook Lane Main Campus
Community Room
13121 Brook Lane
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Visit www.brooklane.org current events to register.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID is an 8-hour program designed to teach adults how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions related challenge or crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD) and eating disorders. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

Questions: 301-733-0331 x1228 or curt.miller@brooklane.org



Adult Mental Health First Aid - FREE

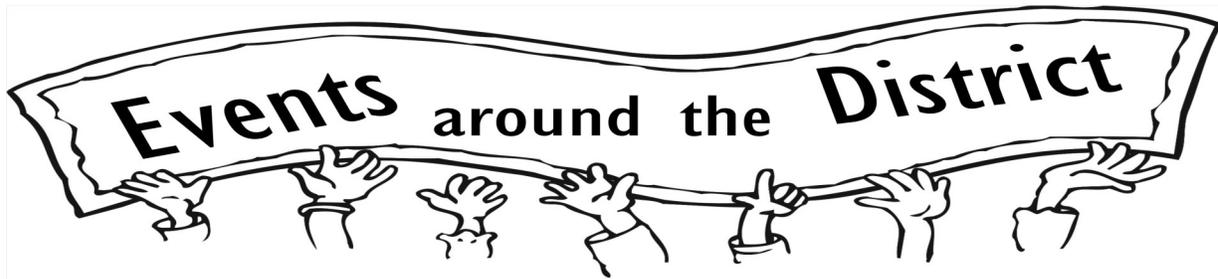
September 13, 2022 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Instructor: William Brick, BA, CPT

Brook Lane Main Campus
Community Room
13121 Brook Lane
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Visit www.brooklane.org current events to register.

The Adult Mental Health First Aid course is an 8-hour program appropriate for anyone 18 years and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, psychosis, and addictions. The adult course teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help an individual in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis, select interventions and provide initial help; and connect people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

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**Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry:
Basic Course**

A Zoom-based training for
newly licensed ministers and
others seeking basic clergy ethics training

Saturday, September 10, 2022
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time
With break for lunch

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

District: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cost:

____ Registration Fee: \$10

____ .5 CEU is available for ordained or commissioned
clergy for an additional \$10

Make check payable to: *Brethren Academy*

Or pay online at <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment>

A workbook will be mailed to you via USPS.

Registration deadline: August 30, 2022

No registrations will be received via phone or email
after this deadline.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West
Richmond, IN 47374

Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry: Basic Course

for newly licensed ministers and others
seeking basic clergy ethics training
With Janet Ober Lambert

September 10, 2022



This course will be led by Janet Ober Lambert, Director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership (BAML), with technical support from Bethany Seminary's technical support team.

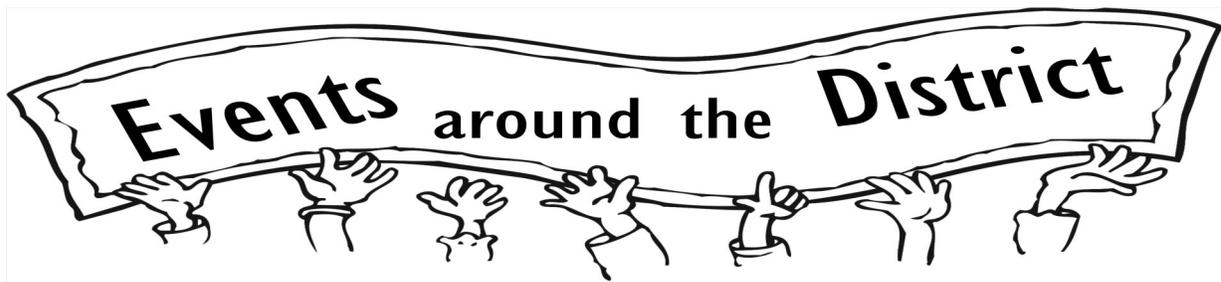
Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry: Basic Course will take place via Zoom, an online conferencing platform, on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time with a break for lunch. A website link will be emailed to all participants a few days prior to the webcast. This link will connect you to the Zoom room. Course workbooks will be mailed to participants via USPS.

The curriculum for this training has been created for the Church of the Brethren by James Benedict, a Church of the Brethren pastor and medical ethicist. James has created this course at both the Basic (introductory) level and the Advanced level. The Basic Course offers an introduction to the discipline and application of ethics through scripture and case studies. The Advanced Course calls on the experience of fully credentialed clergy to dig more deeply into the scriptures and explore more complex case studies. The Basic Course is offered several times a year by the Brethren Academy on behalf of the Office of Ministry. The Advanced Course is reviewed every 5 years for ministers wishing to maintain their credentials in the Church of the Brethren.

If interested in participating in this *Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry: Basic Course*, please return this registration form with payment enclosed. Participants may also register online at <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment>. Choose "other" then type "Clergy Ethics" and enter payment amount.

For questions regarding this event contact the Brethren Academy at academy@bethanyseminary.edu.

Registration and payment must be received by the Brethren Academy by August 30, 2022. No phone or email registrations will be accepted after this deadline date.



FALL FUND RAISING BANQUET



Carlisle
TRUCK STOP
MINISTRY

— ★ ★ ★ —
carlisletruckstopministry.org
Ctsm851@gmail.com
717 385 7932

Featuring...
**Brothers
in
Grace**



Saturday,
October 1, 2022

New Fairview
Church of the Brethren
1873 New Fairview
Church Rd
York, PA 17403

4:30:
Doors open
(No silent auction)

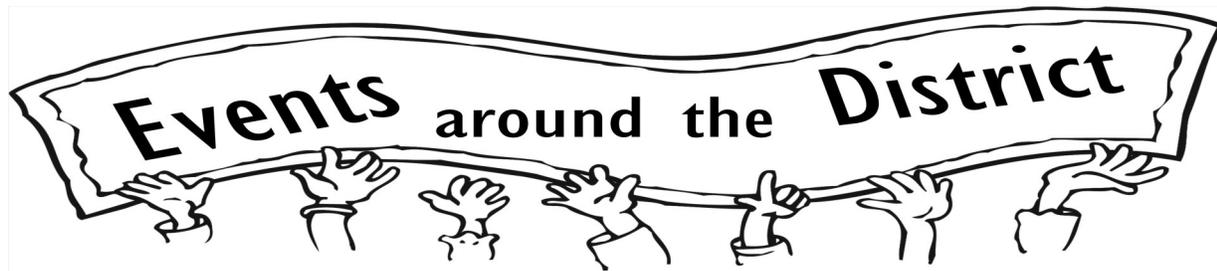
5:30:
Full-course dinner

Brothers In Grace
Ministry update
Doorprizes

Tickets are \$17.00
and are available from the following
until September 17, 2022.

Cash & checks only.
No ticket sales at the door.

- Bob Angelino 301 972 4190
- Paul Miller 717 243 9573
- Dave Braithwaite 717 249 5140
- Paul & Peg Garner 717 252 1814
- Barb Lehigh 717 292 4362
- Mark Lipsitz 717 332 6326
- Deb Guiher 717 334 5066
- Ministry office 717 385 7932
- Harry & Joyce Cleaver 717 428 2673
- Kurtis & LuAnn Brubaker 717 445 4812
- Mike Kelso 717 448 1420
- Marilyn Weaver 717 463 9259
- Judy Guise 717 487 2670
- Jay Herman 717 528 4551
- Jonathan Bream 717 532 6526
- John Kahley 717 609 6503
- Terry & Linda Sipe 717 624 5342
- Phyllis Furhman 717 633 9318
- Bill Fulmele 717 668 6520
- Barb Shoff 717 764 4828
- David & Kris Bell 717 776 7191
- Jay Sensenig 717 816 7795
- Glenn & Anna Miller 717 845 3066



SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, as well as Bethany Theological Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.

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Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, please click on the "REGISTER HERE" links for each event.

Preaching and Spiritual Care

Monday, October 10, 2022, 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Juniata College (Sill Boardroom-von Liebig Center for Science)

Leader: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Brightbill Professor of Preaching and Worship, Bethany Theological Seminary

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Through moments of spiritual reflection and opportunities for prayer and study, participants will consider how you may incorporate spiritual care into your sermon preparation and preaching. In addition to brief lectures and small group discussions, we will look and listen to God's presence with one another and there will be opportunities to draw from spiritual exercises in developing an upcoming sermon. \$60.00 for .55 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Violent Extremism, Radicalization and Boko Haram

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, PA

Leader: Dr. Amr Abdalla

Scholar in Residence, The Baker Institute, Juniata College

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Developing a more sophisticated understanding of violent extremism and terrorism with special attention to the Boko Haram movement in Nigeria and the violence suffered by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). Participants will explore the social, cultural, political and religious processes that result in radicalization and violent extremism committee (wrongly in the name of Islam and consider how best to confront those processes from an inter-religious perspective. \$37.00 for .55 CEUs; \$27.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Brethren Heritage – A virtual tour from Schwarzenau to North America

Monday, October 24, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Leader: Nevin Dulabaum

President of Eder Financial

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Nevin Dulabaum is a sixth generation Church of the Brethren member who became interested in Brethren heritage in perhaps one of the oddest of ways – through skateboarding! His dad was chaplain at Bridgewater College when Nevin was in his prime skateboarding days. The Alexander Mack library at the college had a great ramp that one could skateboard down and around and end up in front of a big concrete marker on the side of the building that described Alexander Mack as being the founder of the Brethren movement. Nevin remembers looking at that with interest, at the end of many skateboard runs, thinking Germany is far away and that was a long time ago. Fast forward to 1998 when as news director for the General Board Nevin developed an idea to create a CD-Rom resource of Brethren heritage stories and images. His quest to make that resource took him to Brethren heritage sites in Europe three times, as well as a number of sites in the United States. Since 2001, he has presented his "virtual heritage tour" of the places and themes that led to the Brethren movement. He is a professional writer and photographer, and his passion for this topic shows during his presentation. Oh, and since 2008 his day job has been serving as president of Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust/Eder Financial! Registration is free, but required. CEUs are available for \$10.00. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants a few days prior to the event.



2022 MEAT CANNING UPDATE

The Meat Canning Committee was able to can 3, 240 cans equally 270 cases.. The Southern PA and Mid-Atlantic District each had 135 cases to distribute in their district.

In the SOPA District we had to limited distribution of cases due to the decreasing of volunteers and donations, but our churches and agencies were happy to receive what we could provide.



A GREAT BIG THANKS!!

Billy Horton and Roger Turner for coordinating and working to make this meat canning project successful.

To all our volunteers for helping and working hard also for the success of this project and finished ahead of time (3 of the 4 days).

To all the congregations and individuals who contributed funds towards the project. We believe the gifts were well stewarded!

To the churches and organizations that have received the canned goods, as they distribute it to those in need.

Looking ahead to 2023, we hope and pray to have funds continuing to come into the District Office for a new start and for volunteers to help as we did this year.



MANDATORY MAINTENANCE CAMPAIGN

Camp Eder has undergone many improvements over the past two years. God has proven himself faithful in supplying building and monetary donations and qualified volunteers. Completed projects include new metal roofs on Geigley, Tree of Peace, Heckman Pavilion, Mack Cabins, Zeigler Cabins, sewer plant, and a bath house. A three-bay garage located below the maintenance shed was also built with donations and volunteer labor. However, there are some costly repairs and improvements still needed due to either roof leaks or replacements to failing equipment.

Tree of Peace Lodge central air conditioning units: \$12,500.00
(Funded. Will be installed this Feb.)

Schwarzenau Lodge roof: \$6,500.00 in material (Funded & Installed)

Maintenance Building roof: \$5,500.00 (Funded & Installed)

Water Treatment Plant roof: \$5,000.00 (Funded & Installed)

Zeigler Cabins Bath House roof: \$5,000.00 (Funded)
This bath house is used for Hammock Hut, climbing wall, and is a good central bathroom. Recently, this bath house was replumbed and repainted. The roof is soft and leaking.

Pool House roof: \$7,000.00
The roof is soft and leaks. This is a heavily used building during camp, as both swimmers and residents of Mack Cabins and even wagon units use this bath house for restrooms, showering, and changing. The laundry room for summer staff is also located here, as well as expensive water heaters, furnaces, pool pump, and pool supplies.

Geigley Lodge new heating and cooling system: \$24,000.00
Installing a new heating/cooling system will cut down on humidity, preserve the integrity of dry goods in the kitchen, and improve the noise level by replacing the current heating boxes. It will not effect the beautiful exposed wooden beams nor cathedral ceilings. *Note: If central air conditioning is installed in Tree of Peace Lodge, the working window units would be transferred to the Geigley dormitories.*

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?
All funding will be applied to specific project.
Projects will begin in order of completed funding.

Camp Eder Maintenance Capital Campaign

Camp Eder has undergone many improvements over the past few years. God has proven himself faithful in supplying building and monetary donations and qualified volunteers.

As of **January 2022- \$27,089.33**, has been received towards the campaign.

The following projects have been completed or will be completed this year:

- ◆ Schwarzenau and the Maintenance Shop roofs were installed in November
- ◆ The Water Treatment Plant Roof was installed December 20th
- ◆ The AC/ heat pump units for tree of peace are ordered and will be installed in February
- ◆ We have the materials for the Zeigler bath house roof waiting until spring to install

The only projects on the list that are still waiting for funding are:

Pool House Roof: \$7,000.00

This is the next project we will be shooting to complete

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If you would be able to help us achieve our goals? All funding will be applied to specific projects. Projects will begin in order of completed funding.

Camp Eder
914 Mt. Hope Rd.
Fairfield, PA 17320



Executive Directors Message



In Philippians 4:6-8 we read "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." During this time of transitions in Children's Aid Society these words give our organization comfort and understanding.

Our organization unexpectedly lost our beloved Senior Office Manager, Wanda Bankert of ten years in June to her battle with cancer. We grieve with her family and prayer with them knowing "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

In August we say goodbye to staff members including; Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Janique Washington Walker who is going to a tenure tracked professor at Coppin State University in Baltimore, MD after six years of dedicated and faithful service to our clinical services team, Director of Cornerstone Youth Home, Sara Gray-Bradley who is going to the private construction sector as VP of operations after two years of committed and humble service on the Leadership Team. We have two Art therapists transitioning to other positions including Lindsey Weaver, who is headed to Miami, F L and Fran Collins, who is returning home to be mom to her newborn son. We wish all of them success in their new endeavors.

This time provides a wonderful opportunity for our ministry to allow "the peace of God which transcends all understanding to guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus." I have faith that God has a plan for the Children's Aid Society in this time and place and our future will be what God has intended it to be. We need "to knock and keep knocking and the door will be opened... For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives, they who seek and keep on seeking finds. To them who knock and keep on knocking the door will be opened." I know this is true for our ministry to empower children and their families to build stronger healthier lives to true even more than ever before! I am grateful for your prayers, support, and service to our ministry together!

Blessings,

Eric M. Chase, M.S., M.Div.
Executive Director / CEO



Join us for the 6th Annual Mel Markey Golf Benefit!

**6th Annual Mel Markey
Memorial Golf Benefit**
August 18th, 2022
Hanover Country Club
Hanover, PA



The Mel Markey Memorial golf tournament seeks to honor the memory of Mel, a longtime volunteer, who gave countless hours to help The Lehman Center, through various projects and maintenance at the center. The event memorializes Mel while raising much needed funds for CAS. For more information, please visit <https://www.caspa.org/melmarkeygolfouting.html>

31st Annual CAS 'Virtual/Live' Auction successful



On April 23rd-26th, 2022 the Children's Aid Society held the 31st annual auction benefiting the Lehman Center.

The Auction included artwork, gift certificates, themed baskets, and of course delicious food. Over 130 bidders helped to raise over \$62,000 for services provided by the Children's Aid Society's programs at the Lehman Center in York, PA.

The Children's Aid Society would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 31st annual event such an enormous success, including the dedicated sponsors, auxiliary, advisory board, donors, our wonderful volunteers, and the staff of The Lehman Center! Thank You and see you next year!

Employment Opportunities

CAS is currently hiring! We are currently seeking applications for the following positions.



- Director of Clinical Services - Licensed Psychologist - New Oxford PA
- Operations Coordinator for the Crisis Nursery -York PA Art
- & Child Therapist FT -All 3 Sites
- Family/Child Support Associates - Crisis Nursery Team -York PA
- Assistant & Group Supervisors - Cornerstone Youth Home Team -York PA

For more information or to apply go to <https://www.caspa.org/JoinOurTeam>



**Is God calling on your heart to serve children?
Join the CAS Board of Directors!**

The CAS board of directors has four (4) open seats needing to be filled by members of the SOPA District COB.

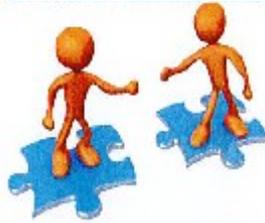
Our board of dedicated volunteers serves in several ways and shares their time, talents, and treasure to further our ministry partnership with children and their families to build stronger healthier lives through compassionate and professional services.



We currently have four (4) COB (Church of the Brethren) openings on our Board: a one-year term class of 2022, a two-year term class of 2023, and two three-year term class of 2024.

For more information, please contact our Executive Director/CEO, Eric M. Chase, M.S. M.Div. at echase@casd.org or 717-624-4461 ext. 201.

Do you have a liaison in your congregation?



A CAS / COB Liaison is the point person between your congregation and our organization. The Liaison will receive updates as to how we can work together in our ministry, to ensure all children are safe and feel loved, and how your congregation can connect on ways to get involved in this partner ministry.

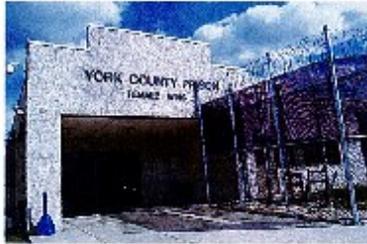
Please contact Samm Worthing, Director of Community Engagement at sworthing@casd.org or 814-502-2113 if you'd like to become a CAS / COB Liaison for your congregation.

We are seeking Church liaisons from the following congregations:

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| Bermudian | Black Rock | Carlisle | Chambersburg |
| Codorus | Farmers Grove | Free Spring | Knobsville |
| Lake View | Mount Olive | New Freedom | Ridge |
| Rouzerville | Tuscarora | Waynesboro | York Madison |



CAS re-starts important Prison Ministry



We are happy to share that one of our programs at the York County prison is back up and running.

Our Incredible Years parent group meets every Tuesday from 9:30am to 11:30am in the women's area of York County prison and runs through September. The program will be delivered as designed, but also discuss ways the women can effectively parent while being away from their children.

Our standard parent support group for the prison is ongoing and meets every Thursday from 9 am to 11am. We provide support and share information that may be beneficial to the parents when they are reunited with their children. Every week is a different topic focusing on the daily struggle of being separated from your children and families.

Thank you to all of our supporters and York County who helped to make this valuable ministry we provide possible.

Lee Sherk Inducted into the Melvin Jacobs Society

On June 7th, Executive Director/CEO Eric M. Chase, M.S., M.Div. presented Lee Sherk of Huntsdale Church of the Brethren with recognition of being inducted into the Melvin Jacobs society.

This society recognizes a member who is willing to contribute financially towards the endowment of our agency, helping to ensure that our organization and ministry is in a healthy financial position for years to come. We are humbled and grateful for Lee's gift. Thank you!

If you are interested in learning more about the Melvin Jacobs society, please contact Director of Development, Brandon Gething at bgething@cassd.org or call 717-624-5561 ext. 203.





Children's Aid Society 2022/2023 Events

August 18th, 2022

Mel Markey Memorial Golf Tournament
Abbottstown PA

November 3rd, 2022

Adams County Community Foundation 'Giving Spree'
Gettysburg, PA

November 19th, 2022

Christmas in Loganville
Codorus Church of the Brethren
Codorus, PA

April 25th, 2023

32nd CAS Annual Auction
New Fairview Church of the Brethren
York, PA

May 5th, 2023

Give Local York
York, PA

Board of Directors 2022 Meeting Schedule

August 18, 2022	Board Meeting - 6 pm The Nicarry Center Conference Room
September 17	SOPA District Conference/ Meeting of the Corporation - 11 am Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren
October 13, 2022	Board Meeting - 6 pm The Nicarry Center Conference Room
November 10, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting - 6pm The Nicarry Center Conference Room
December 8, 2022	Board Meeting - 6pm The Nicarry Center Conference Room

For more information, please contact Executive Director / CEO (Chief Executive Officer)
Eric M. Chase, M.S., M.Div. at echase@cassd.org or 717-624-4461 ext. 201



Daniel Lehigh, from the Upper Conewago congregation, continues to operate a small Christian bookstore, Daniel Lehigh's Bookstore. She is offering discounts to individuals, churches and pastors and will special order the books or curriculum that you need. The store also features boxed cards and children's books. Stop by to check it out.

The store is located at her home,
3206 Lake Meade Road, East Berlin, PA 17316

She does not currently have set hours of operation but if she's home (and it's not Sunday) she's open.



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Ken Wenger has the following books and curriculum

to give away:

In His Hand, In His Spirit and In Christ Jesus, senior high curriculum developed by COB in 1964.

Each segment has 4 parts with a student and teacher's guide for each part.

This is a total of 24 books.

Also, I have the 4 year, 2 semesters for each year, Quester's Bible Series curriculum published by Brethren Press in 1976 authored by Aaron G. Breidenstine.

William Barclay 16 volume translation and interpretation of the New Testament.

One volume Mark is missing. Also, Barclay's New Testament Words one volume.

The 12 volume Interpreter's Bible (1952) volume 9 Acts and Romans is missing.

4 volume Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible along with a one volume supplement

Numerous books by Don Durnbaugh and Dale Brown as well as some others by Brethren Authors.

He may have some other books, but this is the bulk of it. Ken's phone number is 717-637-1071.

If you are interested, you can contact him at that number.