



Journey

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Annual Conference delegates and attendees are invited to the Annual Conference Briefing Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 3-5 p.m.

at Westminster Church of the Brethren

The briefing includes an overview of old business, new business, and a brief summary of the Special Process for Controversial Issues.

In addition, Standing Committee members, Howard Miller and Jeff Carter, will give an overview of the Annual Conference schedule and things to do in Michigan. Persons who plan on attending, please **call the district office at 410-635-8790** by June 22nd so we will have an accurate count. Thank you!

Together on the Journey with your District Executive Minister . . .

Can these bones live? (Ez 37:3) That is the question.

Somewhere William Willimon talks about seeing ancient, dog-eared Sunday school pamphlets, abandoned in the corner of a no longer used, dusty old Sunday school room. That image has stayed with me as a description of the church in too many places – dusty, dried up, worn out, stale, lifeless.

Can these bones live? Lord God, you know, the prophet answered.

Can the bones of a tired, dying church be renewed? Lord God, you know.

Can pastors exhausted by their push at another season of Lenten renewal be refreshed, restored? Lord God, you know.

Can a Body divided be brought together in unity? Lord God, you know.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS:

**District Office is open
Monday—Thursday**

8:30am-4:30pm

Will we ever again see our dead? *Lord God, you know.*

And what about you: dead to hope, going through the motions but not really living, at some dead end . . . Can there be new life for you?

The Apostle Paul wrote some intriguing lines in 1 Corinthians 15: *Christ has been raised from the dead . . . so all will be made alive in Christ* (20a, 22b). ***Can these bones live?*** Easter says "YES."

Can these bones live? There are days I wonder, days I doubt it. But on my better days, on Easter I BELIEVE so, I FEEL so, I CAN SEE IT.

Can these bones live? *Lord God, you know.* This Easter may WE KNOW, BELIEVE SO, FEEL SO, MAY WE SEE IT.

Happy Easter to you,



Gene Hagenberger

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:15-17 NRSV)



LIVING FAITH

Recently a group of 12 took a trip to Malawi and Zambia and witnessed first-hand the wonderful work that is happening through Growing Projects and Foods Resource Bank and their efforts in Overseas Development Programs.

Presentations about this vital work have been given by Tim Ritchey Martin at Grossnickle and Hagerstown churches so far and there are a couple more on the schedule.

As Tim puts it... 'It's a story that just has to be told.' There are no appeals for money, and he is not seeking anything other than the opportunity to share this story. Tim would love to meet with any interested group, Witness/ Outreach Commission Ministry Team, Church Board, peace group, hunger response group, service club, anyone with any level of interest.

Please contact Tim Ritchey Martin at 301-293-9516 or timritmart@gcob.org if you would like to schedule a presentation or need further information.

Please post this on a bulletin board in your church. Thank you!

Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction Needs Your Help!

**Do you have a special item of high value
that you would be willing to donate to the
Disaster Auction on May 7, 2011?**

Such as...



Antiques



Valuable Crafts



Framed Artwork



Fine Woodworking



Gift Baskets



Collectible Toys

Please call John at 410-635-6342 or Jeff at 410-775-2976.

Or send or email a photo with description to 24 Hilltop Lane, South Elgin IL 60177 / auctionbooklet@comcast.net.

If you contact one of them by February 20th your donation will be published in the booklet!



PASTORAL CALLS

Friendship — Stephen Hershberger
start date, May 1, 2011

PASTORAL OPENINGS

Dranesville-Profile Prepared

Flower Hill

Sharpsburg—Profile in Progress

Washington City-Profile Prepared

from ELGIN...

CONGREGATIONS

Please check to be sure you have sent **FORM B** to the Elgin Yearbook office. This form was due December 31, 2010 and there are still many missing from Mid-Atlantic.

STATISTICAL FORMS were mailed to each congregation in early January from Elgin. One copy of the three-page form was sent. These forms will be due by Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Please keep the paper flow moving!!

FORM A will be mailed from Elgin to all congregations in early April with a due date of Monday, May 16, 2011.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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31, 36 Rebecca House phone: 443-974-0201

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If you have any questions, please contact Jean Clements, Yearbook specialist, at 800-323-8039, x206 or jclements@brethren.org

Thank you!

DEADLINE
for information to be
included this monthly
newsletter is the
10th of each month.
Email items to
aamad@brethren.org

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

The District Sr. High Youth Advisors are accepting applications from youth, entering grades 10–12 in the Fall, who are interested in serving on the 2011-12 Youth Cabinet. The Youth Cabinet plans and organizes the District-wide Sr. High youth events.

Pastors and Advisors, if you have a youth member who would be a good candidate for Youth Cabinet (possess leadership skills, the desire to serve God, and enthusiasm), please encourage them to apply.

Application forms are available from the MAD Youth web page (www.madyouth.org).
Deadline is May 10, 2011.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENTS

2011 National Junior High Conference

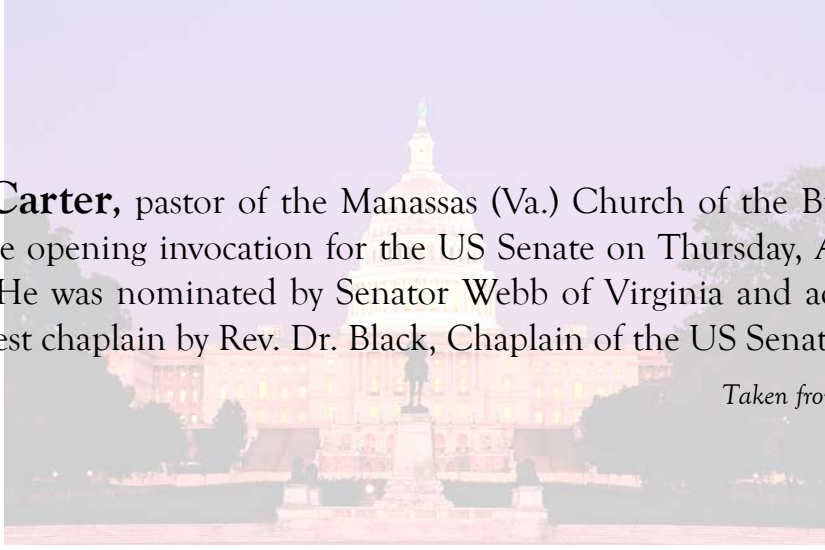
**June 17-19, 2011
Elizabethtown College**

Register NOW at www.brethren.org/youth
(click the “Junior High Conference” link).

The event is open to junior high youth who've completed grades 6-8 and their advisors.

The cost is \$150.

For more information call 800-323-8039 x289.



Jeff Carter, pastor of the Manassas (Va.) Church of the Brethren gave the opening invocation for the US Senate on Thursday, April 7, 2011. He was nominated by Senator Webb of Virginia and accepted as a guest chaplain by Rev. Dr. Black, Chaplain of the US Senate.

Taken from Newswire, April 20, 2011

2011

Meat Canning Distribution

As shared in previous newsletters and individual communications to congregations, the Meat Canning Committee made the decision to keep all of the chicken canned in 2011 within the continental United States . This means we will have more chicken to distribute.

None of the regular annual distribution will change, but ALL congregations in our district have an opportunity/challenge to participate in a hands-on way. If you are aware of people in your congregation, community or through your children's school, etc., that are out of work or struggling to have sufficient funds to purchase food you have the opportunity to take some of the canned chicken and give it to those families. Here is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love and put your faith into action.

There are twenty-four, 28 oz cans in a case. Call the District Office at 410-635-8790 to place your name on the list. We would like to have the cases picked up before Annual Conference.

FAHRNEY-KEEDY NEWS

Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village, a five-star-rated Continuing Care Retirement Community on a 90-acre campus near Boonsboro, MD, will host a Spring Open House on Saturday, May 14, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Guests will receive tours of the village, meet the staff and have the opportunity to take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the community. Gourmet refreshments will be provided.

“We are very excited for our guests to see firsthand the lifestyle at Fahrney-Keedy,” said Keith R. Bryan, President/CEO. “They will be very impressed at the full range of retirement opportunities, including single-family homes and apartments, assisted living studios and our highly acclaimed skilled nursing center.”

To RSVP or to obtain additional information, call 301-671-5015 or 301-671-5016 or visit www.fkhv.org.

Fahrney-Keedy Again Scores Above Average in Nursing Home Satisfaction Survey

For the fourth consecutive year Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village of Boonsboro has received high scores in Maryland’s survey of residents’ families. Annually, responsible parties for nursing home residents in the state receive a questionnaire about their feelings regarding services at, treatment by and conditions of nursing care where their family member or friend lives.

For 2010, the survey contacted 16,765 persons representing residents at 224 homes. Questions covered five aspects, or domains, of residents’ life and care: staff and administration, care provided, food and meals, autonomy and resident rights, and physical aspects of the home. Fahrney-Keedy was rated higher by its responsible parties than were other nursing care homes in the state average.

This is the fourth year of the survey, and the Boonsboro facility has received some of the state’s highest ratings every time. The packets were sent out last September; responses recorded by early December were included in the survey scores.

“Much of the credit for our high scores is directly related to the hard-working and dedicated staff,” said Nola Blowe, NHA, Vice President of Health Services.

Fahrney-Keedy board welcomes chair, 2 new members

Joseph Dahms, Ph.D., is new chair of the 2011 Board of Directors for Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village, Boonsboro. The board also has added two members, Lerry Fogle and Donna Ritchey Martin, to replace two whose terms expired.

Dahms, of Frederick, was named to the board in 2009. He has been an economics professor at Hood College in Frederick since 1978 and served as Chair of the Economics and Business Department from 2004 – 2007. Dahms grew up in California. He received a B.A. from Whittier College, an M.A. from California State University, and a Ph.D. from The American University in Washington, DC. Dahms is a member of the Glade Valley Church of the Brethren congregation in Walkersville, MD, and a lifelong member of the denomination. He lives in Frederick, MD, with his wife, Ann.

Fogle, also of Frederick, is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. He was planner and director of the denomination’s Annual Conference from 2002-2009, and served as associate pastor of the Frederick church before that. He is author of the book, “Revelation Explained.” Fogle has a BA degree from Hood College, Frederick, a certificate in ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN, and an MBA from California Baptist University, Riverside, CA. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Ritchey Martin, of Myersville, is pastor of Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, along with her husband, Tim. She is author of the book “Ephesians: Reconciled in Christ.” She is a graduate of Manchester College, North Manchester, IN, with a BA, and also of Bethany Theological Seminary, MDiv. The Ritchey Martins have two grown sons.

CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE

“Prayer in the Life of a Servant Leader”

A day apart for ministers, church leaders, and other interested persons

Conference Themes:

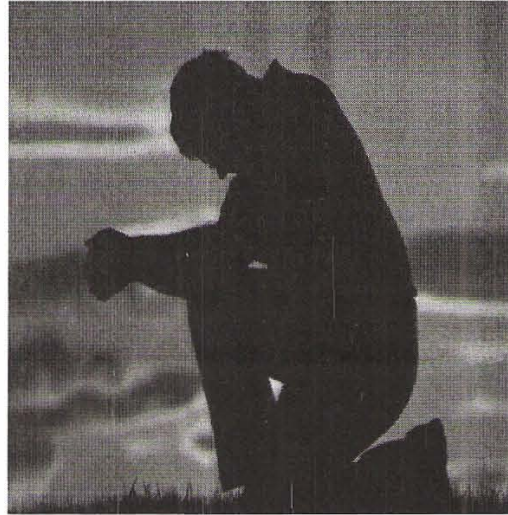
- *The Nature of Prayer*
- *The Practice of Prayer*
- *The Danger of Prayer*

Guest Speaker:

M Robert Mulholland

Professor of New Testament Asbury Theological Seminary

Dr Mulholland has been on the faculty at Asbury Theological Seminary since 1979. He is the author of *Shaped By the Word*, *Revelation: Holy Living in an Unholy World*, *An Invitation To A Journey*, and *The Deeper Journey*.



Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Elizabethtown College: Myer Hall, Susquehanna Room

(directly across from ANE District Office)

8:15 am Registration

8:45 am – 4:00 pm Program

- .6 CEU will be offered for attending this event in its entirety
- Registration includes lunch prepared and served by the college
- Scholarship assistance is available; please contact David Young at 717-738-1887, or e-mail davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District Spiritual Renewal Team

Church Leaders Conference – April 27, 2011

Registration Form

Please complete and return, along with the applicable fees, to:

Atlantic Northeast District Office
500 East Cedar Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

NOTE: Registration deadline is **April 21, 2011**
No refunds after this date.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ DISTRICT _____

Registration fee \$40 x _____ persons = \$ _____

CEU fee \$10 x _____ persons = _____

Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks
payable to
Atlantic Northeast District



Tweet Retreat



Date: May 13-15, 2011

**Dinner begins at 6:00 pm
On the 13th**

**Contact person: 301-223-8193
Shepherd's Spring**

Spring is here, which means beautiful flowers and the sweet sounds of birds chirping. Shepherd's Spring would like to invite you to a weekend retreat with the birds in our area. Chris Eberly and Doug Ruby will be our guides as we hike around Shepherd's Spring, visit Greenbrier state park, Antietam Battlefield and the Washington Monument. Join us for this peaceful retreat. It's a great way to learn about all the different birds for a small fee of

\$110.00

Ask your Ministry Ambassador at your church for registration forms

Sundaes on Saturday

May 21, 10:00 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren
26 Pipe Creek Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791-9716

Following in the tradition of our popular Peach Festival we invite you to attend our new church fund raising event.

- ^ Live music
- ^ Food by Pipe Creek Church all day
- ^ Dunking booth
- ^ Puppet Show
- ^ Bake Table
- ^ Silent Auction featuring retired and older baskets from Longaberger
- ^ And More!



Call Joyce Myers (410-848-3763) for more information.

A portion of the proceeds will go to Carroll County Hospice and David and Fran Irving who are missionaries with Indian tribes of Brazil.



Holy Spirit Conference

The Holy Spirit Conference is a conference promoting and strengthening renewal within the church. It is an outstanding opportunity for an intensive time of spiritual nurture, encouragement, praise, worship and ministry in and with a larger segment of the Body of Christ.

***Uplifting
Worship***

**July 18-21, 2011
Columbia Furnace
Church of the Brethren
Woodstock, VA**

***Powerful
Ministry***

**Theme for 2011
*The True Vine***

Ministering will be Sheryl Merritt and Larry Roth

For more information or to register go to
www.holyspiritcelebration.com

Workshops

Pastors please note: "The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership" will grant *.5 CEUs for participating in the 2011 Holy Spirit Conference.

Fellowship

**Position Opening
Church of the Brethren
March 2011**

Director of Buildings and Grounds at Brethren Service Center

Key performance accountabilities:

1. Manages building and equipment maintenance for the physical plant and grounds of the Brethren Service Center and related properties.
2. Manages assets at the Brethren Service Center (BSC) and related properties, including capital planning, equipment selection, inventory, acquisition, and disposal.
3. Provides space planning, utilization, negotiating, apartment rental, and space letting.
4. Establishes cost allocation methods for billable services
5. Provides lawn care, landscaping, and snow removal for the BSC campus
6. Performs maintenance and repairs for COB programs and partners based at the Brethren Service Center when requested.
7. In consultation with Information Services staff manages telephone systems at the Brethren Service Center.
8. Responsible for budget planning development, monitoring and reporting.
9. Practices good stewardship of Church resources, properties and the earth.
10. Participates in the ongoing development of the Safety Program.
11. Practices safety at all times and instructs volunteers/staff in following safety practices and protocols.
12. Administer Human Resource policies and procedures for Buildings and Grounds Department in – collaboration with the Executive Director of the Brethren Service Center and the Director of Human Resources.
13. Ensures timely staff coverage of maintenance emergencies during evenings and weekends. (living close to the Brethren Service Center preferred)

Skills and knowledge required:

1. Able to articulate and operate out of the vision of the Mission and Ministry Board.
2. Able to relate with integrity and respect within and beyond the organization.
3. Licensed in HVACR and/or electrician preferred, and a willingness to become licensed in Maryland
4. Knowledge of plumbing and construction preferred
5. Knowledge and experience in planning and implementing a vision for on-going facilities needs and uses of our physical resources.
6. Knowledge and experience in building operation and facilities management.
7. Skilled in oral and written communication.

Experience:

At least (3) three years of administrative experience in facilities management

At least (3) three years of HVACR, electrical and/or plumbing experience

Education:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience

Location:

Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, MD

Qualified candidates are invited to request and complete the Church of the Brethren application packet from:

Office of Human Resources
Church of the Brethren
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120-1694
Phone: 1-800-323-8039, Ext. 258
Email: kkrog@brethren.org

Deadline: April 26, 2011 or until position filled.



Global Women's Project invites all churches in the district to participate in this year's Mother's Day Gratitude Project. Honor your mother or another important woman in your life by making a donation which will improve the lives of women around the world.

For more info & a printer-ready bulletin insert visit www.globalwomensproject.org. You may also send a donation in honor/memory of that special woman to Global Women's Project c/o Nan Erbaugh, 47 S. Main Street, West Alexandria, OH 45381-1243.

Information on three upcoming Academy level courses



Brethren History 101 is an eight week online course offered from May 30 - August 2, with Denise Kettering as instructor.

Historic Peace Churches Seeking Cultures of Peace is an on site course at Bethany Seminary from June 13-17, with Scott Holland as instructor.

Introduction to the Old Testament is an eight week online course offered from September 12 - November 5, with Craig Gandy as instructor.

Please call the district office (410-635-8790) for a copy of the brochure or contact Brethren Academy directly at the information below and register as soon as possible.

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West; Richmond, IN 47374
Phone: 765-983-1824 -- Fax: 765-983-1840

E-mail: academy@bethanyseminary.edu or academy@brethren.org

Website: <http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy>

Nico Holz of Hamburg, Germany, has recently undertaken a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) assignment with Center on Conscience & War in Washington, DC.



Jessi Marsiglio of Palm Springs, CA, has recently undertaken a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) assignment with Meeting Ground in Elkton, MD.

Church of the Brethren 2011 Workcamps

Church of the Brethren
Youth and Young Adult Ministries
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120
800-323-8039, 847-742-5100
www.brethren.org/workcamps

Junior High

Stone Creek Kettle, PA - June 13-17
Elgin, IL - June 22-26
John Kline Homestead, VA - June 22-26
Greenville, OH - June 27 - July 1
Kalamazoo, MI - July 6-10
Lancaster, PA - July 13-17
New Windsor, MD - July 18-22
Indianapolis, IN - July 20-24
Roanoke, VA - July 27-31
Richmond, VA - Aug 2-6
Portland, OR - Aug 3-7

We Are the Body

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12: 4-5

Senior High

Innisfree - June 12-18
Idaho Mountain Camp - June 12-19
Lybrook, Cuba, NM - June 20-26
Miami Haitian CoB, FL - June 20-26
Brooklyn, NY, BRF - June 20-26
Castañer, Puerto Rico - June 26 - July 2
Disaster Response, BRF - June 26 - July 2
Caimito, Puerto Rico - June 19-25
Disaster Response I - July 10-16
Brooklyn, NY - July 11-17
Disaster Response II - July 17-23
St. Croix - July 18-24
Chicago/Lombard, IL - July 18-24
Reynosa, Mexico - July 24-30
Los Angeles, CA - July 25-31
Eastern Shore, MD - July 31 - Aug 6
ECHO - August 1-7

Young Adult

Taizé (and WCC) - June 4-14

Intergenerational

Coconino National Forest, AZ
June 25-30

We Are Able

New Windsor, MD - July 11/12-15

Registration Opens
January 3, 2011
7:00 pm CST

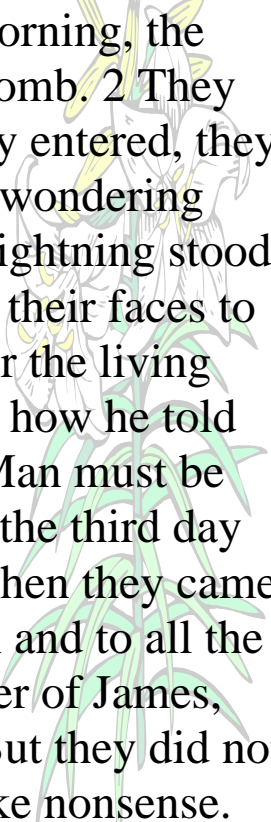
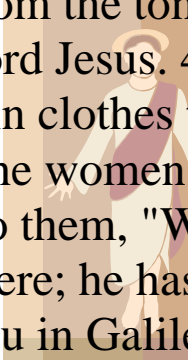
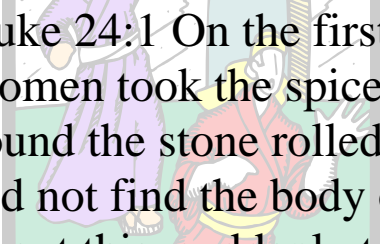


Register today for the 2011 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC). Brochures have been mailed to past participants, congregations, district offices, and retirement communities, and a copy is in the April "Source" packet mailed to each church in the denomination. Complete conference information and online registration is available at www.brethren.org/NOAC.

NOAC begins Monday, Sept. 5, with evening worship featuring Robert Bowman as preacher, and concludes following the closing worship service on Friday morning, Sept. 9, when Susan Boyer delivers the message.

For additional information about NOAC contact 800-323-8039 ext. 302 or kebersole@brethren.org. Information also is at www.brethren.org/NOAC.

HE IS RISEN!



Luke 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

2011 DISTRICT CALENDAR

APRIL

- 25-28 MEAT CANNING, Ephrata, PA
30 LEADERSHIP TEAM meeting, District Office

MAY

- 2-3 MEAT CANNING, Ephrata, PA
7 MAD AUCTION, AG Center, Westminster
9 P&A, 6pm, District Office
10 FPMT, 6:15pm, District Office
17-20 CODE Professional Growth, New Windsor
19 CETT, 10am, Skype
21 MITT meeting, 9am, District Office
23 CCMT meeting, 6:00pm, District Office

JUNE

- 4 MITT meeting, District Office
4 SCLMT meeting, N VA
17-19 Natn'l Jr High Conference, Elizabethtown
20 P&A, 3pm, Hagerstown CoB
30-July 2 CODE, Grand Rapids, MI

JULY

- 2-6 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Grand Rapids, MI
16 MAD Youth Night at Camden Yard, Baltimore
18 P&A, 6pm, District Office

AUGUST

- 8 P&A, 6pm, District Office
13 LEADERSHIP TEAM meeting, District Office
27 SCLMT meeting w/Sr High Cabinet

SEPTEMBER

- 5-9 NOAC, Lake Junaluska, NC
17 MITT meeting, District Office
24 P&A, 9am, District Office
26 CCMT meeting, 6pm, District Office

OCTOBER

- 22 MITT meeting, District Office

NOVEMBER

- 6 RELICENSING EVENT, Union Bridge CoB

OFFICE HOURS:

The District Office is
now open
Monday—Thursday
8:30am-4:30pm.

KEY:

- CCMT Calling & Credentialing Ministry Team
CETT Continuing Education Task Team
DEM District Executive Minister
MITT Ministry Interview Task Team
CEEMT Church Extension & Evangelism Ministry Team
FPMT Finance & Property Ministry Team
OSMT Outreach & Service Ministry Team
SCLMT Spirituality & Congregational Life Ministry Team
LT Leadership Team
LCT Leadership Calling Team
P&A Program & Arrangements
PJTT Peace & Justice Task Team
CODE Council of District Executives

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