



Journey

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

As many of you know Terri Meushaw, our district administrative assistant, has been battling brain tumor metastases since March of 2010. Over the past year plus, Terri has gone through radiation and chemotherapy treatments and three gamma knife surgeries. Because one of the tumors was in the auditory canal of her left ear, treatment resulted in the loss of hearing in that ear. Treatment has also resulted in numbness on the right side of her face.

If you weren't aware of all of this and have had interactions with Terri, you'd never know she was going through what she's been going through. Terri is a consummate professional; she has a strong Christian faith, and one of the most positive attitudes of anyone I know. She's invariably upbeat and positive, always helpful and hospitable to anyone who calls, emails, or visits. So many of you reading this appreciate Terri's ministry to and on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic district, and know firsthand what a significantly positive contribution she has made to our congregations, members, and district.

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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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

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!

Over the past weeks Terri has progressively been losing hearing in her right (good) ear, and has been increasingly having a problem with the vision in her right eye. She's been coping though, and has begun taking signing classes in case the hearing loss should progress. Following an MRI yesterday (Monday, May 9) at University of MD Hospital, Terri learned three new brain tumors have developed within the past five weeks, and that there is likely other as yet undetected cancer cell activity. One of the tumors is in her right auditory canal. Terri's oncologist has recommended a series of fifteen full brain radiation treatments, which she will begin tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11. *(editor's note: University doctor postponed the Wednesday start because they need more time to set up the process. It is a little tricky because of previous procedures and want to be sure of the precision. No start date as of the completion of this publication. tam)*

The plan here for at least the next couple of weeks is for Terri to work in the office in the mornings and to travel to U of MD Hospital in the afternoons for her treatments. We'll continue to evaluate Terri's work schedule as treatments progress, and will keep you posted on any changes. Do keep in mind though, that through the end of May, if you want to connect with Terri, it will be best to call or email the district office in the morning, Monday - Thursday.

Many, many of you across our district, individuals and congregations, have been praying for Terri, and those prayers have strengthened and blessed her, and her husband Bill, and their family to this point. Terri is very grateful for all of the prayer support, and other expressions of care and support she has received. I would ask you now to redouble your prayers for Terri and her family. Please pray for the effectiveness of the radiation treatments. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for her doctors and those caring for her, that all they prescribe and do may contribute to Terri's healing and strength. Please pray that side effects of the treatments will be minimal, and that she'll be able to cope with them if they should develop. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace, and a very real sense of Christ's presence for Terri and Bill and their loved ones. Let Terri know she's in your prayers and thoughts. She needs our support. You may send cards to her attention to the district office: PO Box 480, New Windsor, MD, 21776-0480. Terri has served us faithfully and well for the past eight years. I know the Mid-Atlantic district family will want to be there for Terri in the days, weeks, and months ahead, together with her on this journey, as Christ is surely with her, and with us all . . .

Gene Hagenberger



Mid-Atlantic District Executive Minister

PASTORAL CALLS

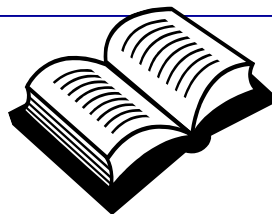
PASTORAL OPENINGS

Dranesville-Profile Prepared

Flower Hill

Sharpsburg—Profile in Progress

Washington City-Profile Prepared



MAD MEN

*The Mid-Atlantic District Men's
Service and Ministry*

Our mission: to grow through the teaching of the Word, to clarify what it is to live the life of a man of God, to build courage in the face of a culture that seeks to corrupt our children, to foster fellowship among the men of the wider church family and to share the Good News through service.

Meeting Agenda

Meet & Eat	8am
Morning Teaching	8:35
Entertainment	9:00
Guest Speaker	9:20
Conclusion	9:45-10

Contact David McDevitt

drmcdevitt@comcast.net
410-848-9205

\$10 per person

Hagerstown Church of the Brethren

Saturday, June 18

speaker

Fred Bernhard

Music provided by

Stoney Run String Band

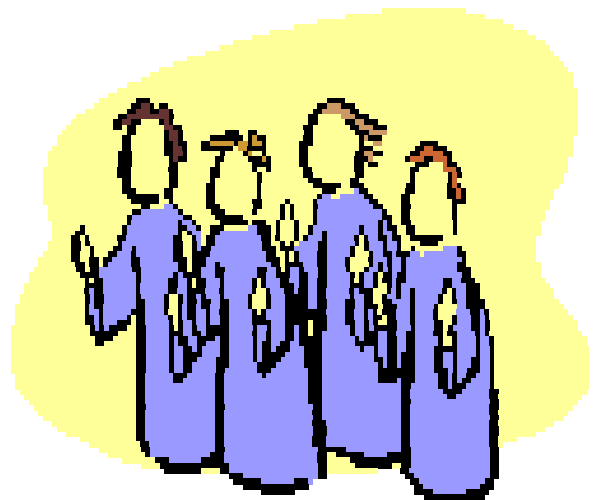
\$10 per person

Fathers...bring your young adult sons!

Free upright piano and choir robes (in good condition).
Must move piano.



Please contact
Bush Creek
COB at
301-663-3025.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

- [Annual Conference](#)
[Youth Activities](#)
July 2-6, 2011
Grand Rapids, MI



- MAD COB night at Camden Yards
date: July 16, 2011
- Youth Camps 2011 at
[Mardela](#) &
[Shepherd's Spring](#)

Visit www.madyouth.org for more details

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.

FAHRNEY-KEEDY NEWS

Fahrney-Keedy Plans Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Wastewater Plant Upgrade

Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village in Boonsboro will have a ground-breaking ceremony for its wastewater treatment plant upgrade project at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 11. The ceremony site is at San Mar Road and Mapleville Road.

“We anticipate this project to be completed in spring 2012,” said Doug Ridenour, director of plant operations at Fahrney-Keedy. “The state’s requirements about what treatment plants are putting back into rivers and streams have gotten much tougher,” he said. “This will be a really good upgrade, and should take us many years into the future.”



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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Pages

30/41 Pastor Harry Strite email: cbdfarm@gmail.com

Attention Golfers

The **15th Annual Shepherd's Spring Golf Tournament** will be held at the **Maryland National Golf Club**, Middletown, Maryland, on **June 20, 2011**, 9am shotgun start. All proceeds from this year's tournament benefit continued development of the **Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring**. Following is important information on the event

15th Annual Shepherd's Spring Golf Tournament

Maryland National Golf Club

Monday, June 20, 2011

9am Shotgun Start, 4-person scramble

\$125 per golfer



This is what you will receive for your \$125 entry fee into the tournament:

A donation to the vital work of the Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring
18 holes of golf on one of Maryland's most prestigious courses

GPS on all golf carts

Full use of the practice facility 8-9am

A certificate for 4 to play at Maryland National when 3 pay

Chances to win flight, golf and door prizes

Chance to win \$5,000 with a hole-in-one on # 17

A superb luncheon and refreshments on the course

On the following pages you will find a **golf registration form** and a **sponsor information form**. You are encouraged to enter a foursome into the tournament and to seek sponsors for this worthy cause. Additional information is being mailed to golfers and sponsors who have participated before. We invite you to participate and hope to see you on June 20.

Golf Planning Team – Ann Cornell, Eddie Edmonds, Lerry Fogle, Mark Godfrey, Jeff Hurwitz, Chris Larrick, and Pat Linton

Registration Form

15th Annual Shepherd's Spring Golf Tournament

All proceeds benefit the
Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring

Monday, June 20, 2011, 9:00am Shotgun Start

Maryland National Golf Club

8836 Hollow Road, Middletown, MD, 21769

<u>Foursome</u>			<u>Entry Fee</u>
_____	_____	(____)____ - _____	_____ \$ 125
Name	Handicap	Phone #	
_____	_____	(____)____ - _____	_____ \$ 125
Name	Handicap	Phone #	
_____	_____	(____)____ - _____	_____ \$ 125
Name	Handicap	Phone #	
_____	_____	(____)____ - _____	_____ \$ 125
Name	Handicap	Phone #	
Foursome Total			_____ \$ 500

Please return this form and enclose check(s) payable to **Shepherd's Spring**, with a memo notation of '**Heifer Global Village/GT.**'

This is a 4-person team, captain's choice, scramble event, with prizes awarded in multiple flights, for closest to the pin, and long drives. Mulligan/powerball packages will be available for a donation on tournament day. \$5,000 will be awarded for any hole-in-one on hole # 17.



Mozambique dwellings at the Heifer Global Village

A sincere thank you on behalf of Shepherd's Spring.

Please return by the **June 13, 2011** deadline to:
Shepherd's Spring, P. O. Box 369, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Sponsor Information Form

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All proceeds benefit the
Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring

Monday, June 20, 2011, 9:00am Shotgun Start
Maryland National Golf Club, Middletown, Maryland

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

I/We would like to support the Heifer Global Village fundraiser in the following way:

Sponsorship Options

_____ Diamond level for \$ 5,000 donation – program thank you, tee sign, and 3 sponsored foursomes

_____ Gold level for \$ 1,000 donation – program thank you, tee sign, and 1 sponsored foursome

_____ Silver level for \$ 500 donation – program thank you, tee sign, and 2 sponsored players

_____ Eagle level for \$ 250 donation – program thank you, tee sign, and 1 sponsored player

_____ Birdie level for \$ 100 donation – program thank you, tee sign

My/Our sign should read

A sincere thank you on behalf of Shepherd's Spring and the Heifer Global Village.

Please return this form and enclose check payable to **Shepherd's Spring**, with
"Heifer Global Village/GT" in the memo line.

Please return by **June 13, 2011** to:
Shepherd's Spring, P. O. Box 369, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference



2011 Annual Conference Moderator, Robert Alley, has created the following Soul Preparation for you to use in anticipation of gathering as a body in Grand Rapids.

Soul Preparation—A Journey to Conference

For over 250 years, Annual Conference has served a valuable role in the life of the Christian movement known as the Church of the Brethren. We have gathered to seek the mind of Christ on matters of common concern, mission, and service. Much of this history has been recorded in decisions that formed how Brethren lived out God's presence in their families, congregations, districts, and the world. However, that history extends beyond the minutes of business to the more prayerful manner in which Brethren entered into the gathering of Conference. In 2011, how will we enter prayerfully into our gathering in Grand Rapids?

I offer to you as members, leaders, congregations, and districts of our denomination the following guide to plan for your soul preparation in these six months leading to Annual Conference. May these help us all to listen to the Holy One and to each other as we seek to discern the mind and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Reflect: Take time to reflect on the purpose and theme of Annual Conference and how AC contributes to your life, your congregation, and your district. Use silence to invite your reflection and to offer opportunity to listen to what God is saying.

Purpose of Annual Conference: To unite, strengthen, and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus.

Theme for 2011 Annual Conference: Gifted with Promise: Extending Jesus' Table.

Pray: Schedule opportunities for individual and corporate prayer. Join Annual Conference officers in their weekly prayer time at 8 am on Wednesday mornings or schedule another time for your Annual Conference prayers. Include Annual Conference in the prayers in congregational worship.



Highlights for Prayer: Conference Officers, Standing Committee, Delegates, Business items including the 2 Special Response items, Conference Director & Office personnel, many volunteers, Church of the Brethren national staff and district leadership.

Study: Engage in studies using the following:

Bible Passages of the Conference Theme: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-14 plus Mark 8:1-10 and Matthew 15:32-39

Bible Passages for the Worship Services: John 2:1-12; Luke 7:36-8:3; Luke 14:12-14; John 21:9-14

Bible Passages for the daily Bible Study sessions: Jeremiah 30-33, especially 31:31-34; Hebrews 6, 11, and 9:15; Acts 2:33 & 39

Soul Preparation—A Journey to Conference *continued...*



Business Items, including the studies provided in the Special Response Process

Acts 15 – the chapter often read for the beginning of Annual Conference

Serve: Assemble and bring a school kit to Annual Conference to be presented as part of the offering in Opening Worship on Saturday Evening and then given to Church World Service. You may bring these kits as individuals or families. Information on the contents of school kits may be found [here](#).

To assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)
- Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

Volunteer for one task that allows Annual Conference to be held. Watch Annual Conference publicity or check the Annual Conference website for volunteer opportunities.

Witness: Share the story of Annual Conference with someone else as a way to "extend Jesus' table", even inviting those persons into the fellowship of the Church of the Brethren in your congregation.

I challenge us all to be creative in how we incorporate the above opportunities into our personal and congregational life. You may want to plan special gatherings for study, reflection, and prayer. I would particularly challenge pastors and church leaders to plan a focus on Annual Conference for *Pentecost Sunday June 12*. Pentecost served as the pivotal Sunday of Annual Conference in much of our history. Use the conference theme and scriptures, develop your own liturgy of prayers and hymns, include a personal witness to Annual Conference by someone in your congregation, and highlight the movement of the Holy Spirit as God's people gather for fellowship, worship, and discernment.



**These shoes
were made for
walking (or
running)!**



If that fits you, then you should join the BBT FITNESS CHALLENGE 5K RUN / WALK at Annual Conference on July 3, 2011, 7 a.m.!

The Fitness Challenge will be held at Millennium Park – a beautiful new park located only 6 miles from downtown Grand Rapids – an easy drive away. This park has a few lakes and many wide, paved trails to accommodate our race. Restrooms are available on-site. Refreshments will be served and awards given following the event. [Click here](#) for more information on Millennium Park.

Registration information. It is preferred that participants register prior to Annual Conference by filling out the registration form and mailing it with your check to the address indicated. [Click here](#) for the form. The early-bird fee is \$18 for individuals until May 31 (\$20 after May 31), and \$55 for families of four or more. The check should be made payable to Brethren Benefit Trust. Pre-registration forms and payment should be mailed to BBT by May 31. If you are unable to pre-register by May 31, please stop by the BBT booth in the Exhibit Hall on July 2, while the booth is open between noon and 10 p.m. and worship and business are not in session. You may also register at the park on July 3 from 6 – 6:30 a.m.

Race packet, directions, and location of the race. Pick up your Fitness challenge packet at the BBT booth prior to the event or at the event location. This packet will include a T-shirt, bib number, and directions to the park. If you are willing to provide transportation for other participants who don't have a way to get to or from the park, please call Diane Parrott by June 24 at 800-746-1505, ext. 361, or email dparrott_bbt@brethren.org. There will be a sign-up sheet for carpooling at the BBT booth.



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

38TH ANNUAL

BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE



SUMMER TERM JULY 25-29, 2011

(ON THE CAMPUS OF
ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE,
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA)

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God.” ROMANS 10:17

Sponsored by the
BRETHREN REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP

TO: The Brethren Bible Institute
155 Denver Road
Denver, PA 17517

DATE: _____

Please Send _____ Packet(s) outlining more completely the 2011 Summer Bible Institute
(Application Forms Included)

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

JULY 25-29, 2011

BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE COURSES

8:50-10:20

EVANGELISM & CHURCH GROWTH (Beam)
STUDIES IN I CORINTHIANS (Myers)
THE BOOK OF II KINGS (Horst)

10:30-12:00

EVANGELISM & CHURCH GROWTH (Beam)
PRAYER & SPIRITUAL LIFE (Eric Brubaker)
HEROD THE MAN & BUILDER (Lehigh)
JESUS THE MESSIAH (Hershey)

1:30-3:00

PREACHING (Myers)
SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Carl Brubaker)
GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN & WOMAN..(Horst)

3:00-4:30

PREACHING (Myers)

COST

Dormitory Students \$200.00
Commuting Students \$70.00

TO REGISTER

For application forms, write to:
Brethren Bible Institute
155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517

Please send for an application form early.
**Your application process must be
completed by June 24, 2011.**



20 Years in Summer Camp Ministry !!

Help us celebrate!!
August 6, 2011
1—7pm

Shepherd's Spring Outdoor
Ministry Center



We're working on the plans for our 20th Anniversary Celebration!
Things like a Dunk Tank, Kiss the Critter contest, camp sing a long, and
MILE STONES auction are in the works.

Chicken Dinners will be served 4-6:30pm

Handicrafters will have items for sale.

An Anniversary Walk and other tours are planned.

Some activities are FREE and some allow you to support
Summer Camp ministry through donations, sponsors or
buying goodies.

At 7pm we'll gather for Vespers at the Spring!

Reserve the date on your calendar now and join the celebration!



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>



STAN NOFFSINGER TO PREACH AT 41th ANNUAL DUNKER CHURCH SERVICE

Stan Noffsinger, the Church of the Brethren General Secretary, will be the preacher for the 41th Annual Dunker Church Service, Sunday, September 18, 3:00 pm, at the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD.

This worship service will be in the restored Mumma Meeting House, commonly referred to today as the Dunker Church. It was built in 1853 and heavily damaged by the September 17, 1862, Battle of Antietam. After extensive repairs were made, services resumed in the summer of 1864.

This service is sponsored by area Churches of the Brethren.

Stan Noffsinger will preach at the Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren that Sunday morning, 10:45 am.

For more information, please call Eddie Edmonds, 304-267-4135 or Tom Fralin, 301-432-2653.

2011 DISTRICT CALENDAR

MAY

- 17-20 CODE Professional Growth, New Windsor
- 19 CETT, 10am, Skype
- 21 MITT meeting, 9am, District Office
- 23 CCMT meeting, 6:00pm, District Office
- 24 Meat Canning Mtg., 10am, Union Bridge CoB

JUNE

- 4 MITT meeting, District Office
- 4 SCLMT meeting, N VA
- 17-19 Natn'l Jr High Conference, Elizabethtown
- 18 MADMEN, 8am, Hagerstown CoB
- 20 P&A, 3pm, Hagerstown CoB
- 26 AC Delegate Briefing, 3pm, Westminster 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

- 7-8 **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**, Hagerstown
- 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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