

**August 2016**



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

It seems that almost every day you turn on the news there's a report of another shooting – Charleston, Orlando, Dallas, New Orleans, San Diego . . . It makes you wonder.

There was another kind of story playing out on this morning's news, coming out of the scenes of cars and people being swept down the streets of Ellicott City in the flash flooding that occurred there yesterday, tragically taking two people's lives. It was the scene of people forming a human chain, anchored by a man holding tight to a street side door handle, to stretch out to pull a mother and child from a car that was about to be swept away in the flood. At great risk to their own lives they saved the mother and child from death.

Those are the kinds of people I choose to believe my neighbors are. I know that's the kind of people Jesus calls us to be – people who reach out to our neighbors with love and compassion even if it costs us something, or everything. Folk singer John McCutcheon has a little children's ditty *The Kindergarten Wall* which has a line about "hold hands, stick together..." Jesus anchors and blesses all such efforts to extend our hands to our neighbors.

Let us continue the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

Gene Hagenberger  
Mid-Atlantic District Executive Minister

*Thank You!*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Mid-Atlantic District,

Over the years Brethren Disaster Ministries has been richly blessed by the incredible efforts that you have given in support of our ministry. We are so thankful to all of you and for your partnership. You have worked tirelessly, and with love in your hearts, in so many ways - volunteering, fundraising events, educating others about needs, special appeals, material donations, a firm foundation of prayer and personal support - the list goes on and on.

The one event that brings all of this together is the Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction. Year after year there are so many people who work so hard to make the auction a success and to spread the work about what BDM does. We send our deepest gratitude to all who support the auction in anyway. We are especially grateful for those who begin thinking about next year's auction before the current year's auction even happens!

The proceeds of the auction go a long way toward sustaining BDM. We thank you for all of this and pray for God's blessings on all you do.

*Sharon Franzen`, BDM Office Manger*

**PLACEMENT UPDATE**

Bethany	Negotiating
Easton	Preparing Profile
Frederick	Preparing Profile
Friendship	Searching
Harmony	Searching
Welty	Negotiating
Woodbridge	Interviewing

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### August

- 9 F&P 6 pm at District Office
- 11 P&A 2:30 pm at Frederick CoB
- 20 LT 10 am- 3 pm District Office
- 23 CCMT 1pm at District Office
- 27 Clergy Tax Workshop at Denton CoB  
from 10 am - 1 pm (*registration required*)

### September

- 5 District Office Closed
- 11 Ordination of Nancy Tabb at the  
Mountain View CoB, 3 pm
- 15 P&A 2:30 pm at Frederick CoB
- 18 Dunker Church Service, 3 pm

### October

- 7 Pre-Conference Minister's Workshop,  
11 am- 6 pm, Easton CoB
- 7 Minister's Banquet, 6:30 pm  
Easton CoB
- 8 50th Annual District Conference, St.  
Mark's United Methodist Church,  
Easton MD (*registration open at 7 am*)
- 29 LT 10 am- 3 pm District Office

### November

- 3 P&A 4:30 pm, LCT 6:00 pm at the  
District Office

### Directory Updates

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*For God has not given us  
a spirit of fear and timidity*



*but of power,  
love and self-discipline.*

*2 Timothy 1: 7*

*50th Annual Mid-Atlantic District  
Conference*

*October 8, 2016*

*St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

*100 Peachblossom Road  
Easton, Maryland*

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