

Mid-Atlantic District
Church of the Brethren

APRIL 2018 EVENTS





BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

Mid-Atlantic District Relief Auction Dinner

Join us for an evening of fine food and specialty food items auction to follow the dinner.

Saturday, April 7 @ 6 p.m., 2018

Co-Hosted By

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren &
Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

Tickets available by reservation
- \$25 per person.

Contact Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958

Fresh Fruit Cup, Fried Shrimp, Baked Chicken, Baked Pasta,
Vegetables, Homemade Breads & Rolls & Desserts

If interested in providing a specialty food items
(cakes, pies, candy, gift baskets, etc.) please
contact Alice Houck at 240-750-4307

abhuck1@gmail.com

Daily Work Schedule & Responsibilities

Shift #1 - 6:45 a.m. to NOON

Assist in starting the day's process, participate in the cutting, canning and labeling. (15 volunteers needed)

Shift #2 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Participate in the total process of the program. (15 volunteers needed)

CAM Requirements

First and foremost it is the desire of CAM to honor and glorify God. We appreciate all the people that are volunteering their time and effort at the Ephrata warehouse. We kindly request that the following guidelines be respected.

- Parents should share with CAM the responsibility for the safety of their youth.
- Proper use and respect for equipment and reasonable care for the building.

- Girls/women with below the knee dresses or skirts.
- Men/boys in long pants, shirts with sleeves. No Shorts or Tank Tops!

- NO SMOKING or TOBACCO use.
- NO use of foul language.

May God bless you for your cooperation!

Note: Room temperature is 55 degrees, dress accordingly.

2018 Meat Canning Committee

Mid-Atlantic District

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Directions to Christian Aid Ministries

2412 Division Highway, Ephrata, PA
717-354-2434

From Lancaster: Go north on Rt. 222 to Rt. 322. Go approximately 4 miles east on Rt. 322 to Christian Aid Ministries. Facility is on the left.



From York: Take Rt. 30 east to Rt. 222 North, then follow the above directions.

Meat Canning Project



8 Days

April 16, 17, 18, 19 and
April 23, 24, 25, 26

Processed at:
Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:
Southern PA &
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

"I was hungry and
you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35



This quote from Jesus' story about the Last Judgment is a reminder that we render service to God even as we respond to human need. The spirit of generous sharing, and the hunger that exists in many parts of the world comes together in our Meat Canning project.

For the 41st year, the Mid-Atlantic and SO PA Districts are co-sponsoring a Meat Canning project which previously has enjoyed a generous response and enthusiastic support. The project is scheduled for April 16-19 and 23-26 (8 DAYS), at the Christian Aid Ministries facility.

The 2018 Meat Canning goal is to can approximately 50,000 pounds of chicken in 8 days of processing.



From 2003 through 2017, the two Districts' congregations gave a total of

\$1,110,865.23

toward this project.

Starting funds are relatively stable, but we still need to raise money if we intend to meet our goal. Expenses include the cost of the chicken, use of CAM's facility, labels, boxes, miscellaneous supplies, as well as shipping costs, when applicable. Congregations are encouraged to take offerings during January, February, March and April for this ministry of sharing and to forward these funds to their respective District Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS

The Meat Canning Committee is very grateful to those congregations who will be providing free snacks and a light lunch (for all workers) to be available during each shift. The Mid-Atlantic District will be partnering with some of the SO PA District congregations who are willing to prepare a meal, but are short on funds. Please contact your district office if your congregation is willing to provide a meal or funds.

In order for the committee to provide adequate help for each shift, it is important that you inform your District Office ASAP when you will be available to volunteer.

Shift assignments will be made by the District Offices on a first-come-basis. Once you have pledged volunteers, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING REPLACEMENTS if you are unable to fulfill your commitment. No shows create schedule problems and an increase in inspector fees.

A shift of 15 persons is needed to work from 6:45 a.m. to noon (13 of those persons should be able to process the chicken, while the others are needed for labeling.) A second shift of 15 persons is needed to come in at 9 a.m. and relieve some of the first shift. Canning will continue until approximately 11:30 a.m. with labeling to continue until about 2:30 p.m.

HOTELS IN CAM AREA

Econo Lodge - 2031 N Reading Rd, Denver
717-336-7000

Comfort Inn - 1 Denver Rd, Denver
717-336-7541

Hampton Inn & Suites - 380 E Main St
Ephrata 717-733-0661

The Meat Canning Project is a great way for us to minister to those in need during these difficult economic times.

As in the past, a portion of the meat from this project will be provided to both Districts to be shared with local food banks and meal programs. The Meat Canning Committee has decided to wait until Spring 2018 to determine who will receive distribution outside the U.S.



VOLUNTEER MEAT CANNING SIGN-UP

Please contact the District Office with your preferred time slot.

Call 443-960-3052 or email aamad@brethren.org

| FIRST SHIFT | MONDAY April 16 | TUESDAY April 17 | WEDNESDAY April 18 | THURSDAY April 19 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 6:45 a.m. to 12:00 Noon | Bush Creek - 16 | Upper Conewago - 8 York 1st - 2 New Fairview - 3 Gettysburg - 3 | Three Springs - 9 West York - 5 Gettysburg - 1 | Locust Grove - 7 Hanover - 8 |
| 15 | FULL | FULL | FULL | FULL |
| SECOND SHIFT | Food- Brenda T. Coordinator Brenda T. | Food- Upper Conewago Coordinator Brenda T. | Food- West York COB Coordinator John K. | Food- Hanover COB Coordinator John K. |
| 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Frederick - 6 Shippensburg - 10 | Grossnickle - 6 | Grossnickle - 7 Long Green Valley - 4 Huntsdale - 3 | Brownsville - 6 Chambersburg - 9 |
| 15 | FULL | NEED 9 | NEED 1 | FULL |

• Rich Shaffer 717-891-3939 Cell 717-225-5659 Home **NOTE: SNACK AT 9:00 LUNCH AT 11:00**

| FIRST SHIFT | MONDAY April 23 | TUESDAY April 24 | WEDNESDAY April 25 | THURSDAY April 26 |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| 6:45 a.m. to 12:00 Noon | Buffalo Valley - 10 York Mad Ave - 3 Bermudian - 2 | Black Rock - 3 Gettysburg - 5 | Black Rock - 1 Chambersburg - 6 Hades - 4 | Ridge - 7 Bermudian - 8 Black Rock - 1 Gettysburg - 1 |
| 15 | FULL | NEED 7 | NEED 4 | FULL |
| SECOND SHIFT | Food- Billy H. Coordinator Billy H. | Food- Black Rock Coordinator Roger T. | Food- Three Spring Coordinator John K. | Food- New Fairview Coordinator Roger T. |
| 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Sam's Creek - 6 Black Rock - 1 Broadfording - 6 | Westminster - 5 Black Rock - 1 Union Bridge - 5 Gettysburg - 1 Pipe Creek - 2 | Black Rock - 5 Pipe Creek - 2 | Carlisle - 6 Black Rock - 1 Gettysburg - 3 Pipe Creek - 2 |
| 15 | NEED 2 | NEED 1 | NEED 8 | NEED 3 |

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren 2018 Disaster Response Auction

The 38th Annual Disaster Response Auction will be held on May 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland.



Photo by Jeff Dorschner

In 2017, \$60,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.

During 2017 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts:

- EYN response to violence in Nigeria
- Hurricane Harvey response in Texas (CWS)
- CDS Hurricane Harvey response in Texas
- Hurricane Irma and Maria response in Puerto Rico
- Hurricane Matthew response in South Carolina
- Hurricane Matthew response in Haiti
- Drought in Kenya (CWS)
- South Sudan Mission
- Flooding rebuild response in West Virginia
- Flooding rebuild response in Missouri
- Flooding and storm rebuilding response in South Carolina
- CDS tornado response in Georgia
- CDS flooding response in Missouri
- Shalom Ministry (displaced families in the DR Congo)
- Disaster Recovery Support Initiative

Thank you for your support of our Disaster Response Program!

On the back of this page are many ways you can help make the Auction a success.



Put May 5th on your calendar!
Come to the auction and invite your friends...together we can make a difference to many people near or far recovering from disasters.

You can support Disaster Response in various ways:

- Prayer
- Donate as a Patron, Supporter or Sustainer for as little as \$10 and get your name printed with your church in the Auction booklet.
- Purchase church, business, or personal ad space in the Auction booklet - Full page (\$150), Half Page (\$75), Third Page (\$50) and Eighth Page (\$25). Check with your church office for info.
- Make quilts, comforters and wall hangings or other handcrafts to sell.
- Donate special items such as high quality woodwork, paintings and artwork. Antiques, furniture and collectibles also are a valuable donation.
- Encourage your church group or children's Sunday School class to collect items to make special gift baskets, school bags full of new books, etc. to auction off. Get creative!
- Contribute a gift certificate from your business for the auction.
- Donate quality auction items (value of \$10 or more) such as craft items, food, baked goods, flower and vegetable plants, trees and shrubs for booth sales.
- Groups and individuals can sponsor special events such as plays, dinners, and musical presentations to raise and provide monetary gifts to the auction.
- Volunteer to help at the Auction.

- Decide now how you can help!

If you have special items of high value to donate, email a photo to auctionbooklet@comcast.net by February 23rd to have your item published in the booklet. Then inform your Disaster Coordinator or call Jeff at 410-848-2720.

If you have regular items to donate inform your church's Disaster Coordinator or call Jeff at 410-848-2720.

To place an ad or to donate as a patron in the booklet see your pastor, your Disaster Coordinator or call Debbie at 847-7144482.

These commitments are due February 23, 2017.

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 5, 2018?**

Such as...



Antiques



Valuable Crafts



Framed Artwork



Fine Woodworking



Gift Baskets



Collectible Toys

Please call John at 443-974-0228 or email a photo with description to auctionbooklet@comcast.net

A photo and description needs to be received by February 23rd to be published in the booklet!

Mid Atlantic District Disaster Auction

Saturday, May 5, 2018 – 9 am

at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Md.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are attending the disaster auction, **please consider bringing along baked items for the large bake table** that is located inside the arena (next to the dining hall). Pies, cakes, brownies, breads, candies – let your imagination soar! Please include your name and ingredients on any donations.

You can't make the auction – then perhaps someone else in your congregation that is attending would be willing to bring your donations. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit disaster response.

Your baked items can assist in rebuilding not only homes -
but lives that have been shattered from various disasters.

Volunteers from the **Bush Creek Church of the Brethren** will be volunteering at the bake table to greet you.

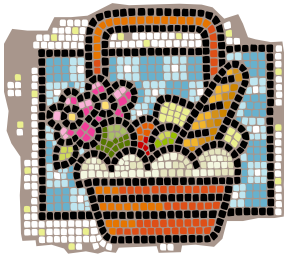
Please bring donations in as early as possible the day of the auction.

Thank you.

Disaster Auction May 5, 2018 Needs Your Support!

For The Following

- Crafts, Artist, Handiwork & Woodworkers
 - White Elephant Tables
- Alice Stup, alicestup@comcast.net or 301-695-7467
 -
 - Baked Goods, Sweet Treats, MORE Pies !
- Lou Gloyd, Bush Creek COB – c-301-606-8855, h-301-829-1137
 - **New & Used Books**
 - Dorothy Saville, savilledottie@yahoo.com
- **Special Items - Paintings, Pictures, Furniture & Tools**
 - Bedding Plants-Vegetables, Flowers, Herbs
 - Seedlings, Shrubs & House & Garden Plants
 - Contact: emleiter@verizon.net



Please include on an index card the amount spent to prepare the theme basket and list contents for auctioneers. Please attach list to basket with list of contents also!

Theme Baskets for the Disaster Response Auction

Theme Baskets are very popular. Why? Because they are FUN and EASY.

Anyone can make one! Theme Baskets will be sold during “special items” at the auction.

Each basket or container is filled with items, all pertaining to one certain theme, wrapped

in CLEAR cellophane. So get a Sunday School Class, Bible Study Group Youth Group

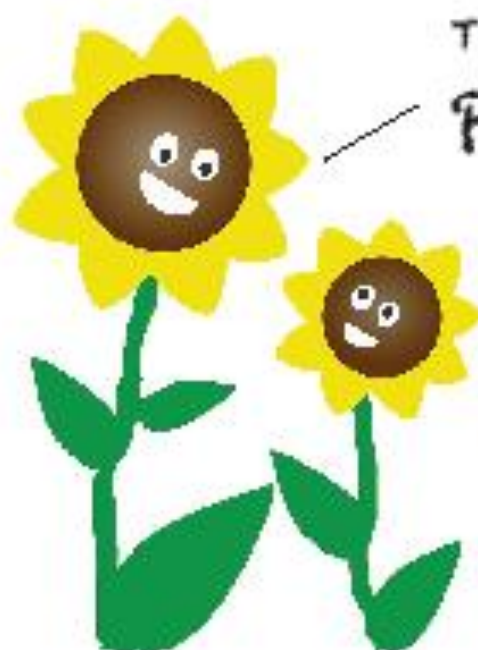
Family or Friends together and donate a Theme Basket to the Mid Atlantic District Church of the Brethren Disaster Response Auction. Be creative! The only

Limit to making a theme basket is your imagination. For information or questions

Contact abhouch1@gmail.com, 240-750-4307. Need a few ideas to get you started?

Tea for Two, Chocolate, First Aid, Plant & Grow, Coffee Break, Picnic, Picture Perfect, Pearly

Whites, Gardening, Bird Lovers, Candles, Veggie Tales, Paper, etc.



The Disaster Relief Auction

PLANT BOOTH

needs

YOU

for donations of
flower and
vegetable plants

Ideas

Donated or purchased flats of Blooming Annuals

Vegetable Seedlings grown under lights or south window

Potted Culinary Herbs, labeled

Nice Perennials, potted and labeled, with photo

Bulbs, bagged and labeled, with photo

Ground Covers and Blooming Vines

Nice shrubs and ornamental trees, small and labeled

Will not accept invasive species:

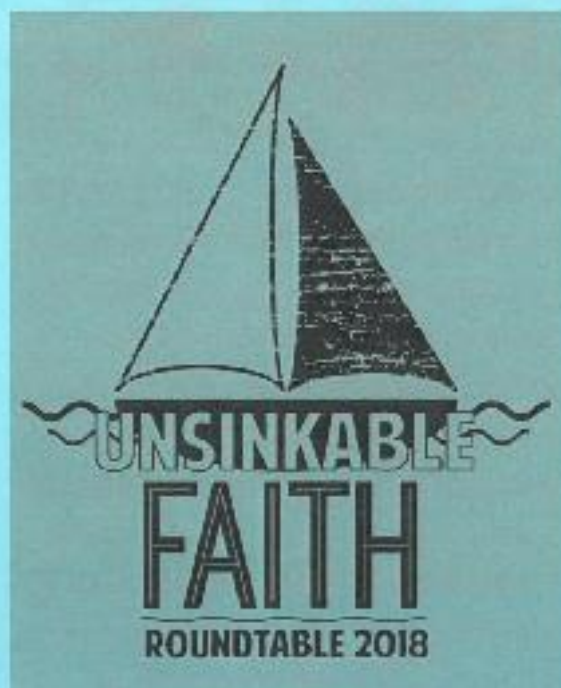
Burning Bush, Butterfly Bush, Orange Daylily, Barberry, Spiraea,
Bradford Pear, Mimosa, Norway Maple, English Ivy, Periwinkle

Please bring plants Friday or early Saturday

Pricing ahead of time is very helpful

Contact Marcia Leiter with questions: emleiter@verizon.net

ROUNDTABLE 2018



Roundtable 2018 is right around the corner, and we know that everyone is so excited to join us **April 6-8** at **Bridgewater College**. Our speaker this year will be **Marcus Harden** from Camp Ithiel in Florida! The theme this year will be **'Unsinkable Faith,'** and Roundtable will be a weekend of unsinkable faith, fellowship, and fun! Our Friday night entertainment will be a Carnival with games, snacks, and fun festivities. Saturday & Sunday will include Bible study, worship, small groups, workshops, recreation, the variety show, and vespers.

Roundtable Offering 2018

The offering collected at Roundtable this year will be going towards the National Youth Conference 2018 Scholarship Fund. This fund helps those who may not be able to pay for NYC themselves. This offering will help your brothers and sisters in Christ attend NYC.

We hope to see all of you at **National Youth Conference**, as well. Every 4 years, Brethren high school youth travel by bus, plane, train, and van to beautiful Colorado for a week of awesome fun, fellowship, and faith. See your Roundtable friends and make lots of new friends as you worship, hike, serve, attend workshops, and enjoy a grand variety of awesome, fun, faith-filled activities. NYC 2018 will be July 21-26 at Colorado State University. Registration opens January 18, 2018.

Don't miss this awesome opportunity!!!

It has been a life-changing experience for many decades.



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ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

6:30-8:00p Registration: Funkhouser Center
8:15 Opening Session, Cole Hall
Welcome Singing
Devotions, Marcus Harden
9:15 Carnival/Snack, Funkhouser Center
10:30 Connections, Funkhouser
12:00 Advisor Meeting, Fun-house
Quiet Time/Lights Out

SATURDAY

7:00am Rise and Shine
7:15 Bible Study, Aerobics Room
Early Lunch

7:30 Breakfast
8:45 Worship, Cole Hall
10:00 Group Picture, Bowman
10:15 Small Groups
11:15 Workshops
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Workshop
2:00 Recreation/Free Time
3:45 Worship
5:00 Small Groups
5:45 Dinner
6:45 Advisor Meeting
7:30 Evening Program, Cole Hall
8:30 Vespers
10:45 Snack/Social Time
11:30 Lights Out

SUNDAY

7:30am Rise and Shine/Pack up
7:45 Bible Study, Aerobics Room
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Small Groups
10:00 Worship and Installation Service

God Bless and Drive Safely!

More information about Roundtable:

<http://lycroundtable.wix.com/lycbc>

If there are any questions about Roundtable or registration, please send an e-mail to lycroundtable@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP

Marcus Harden

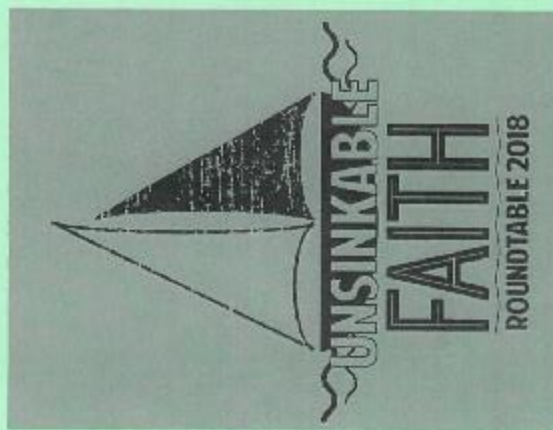
Marcus Harden is the Program Director at Camp Ithiel, a Church of the Brethren camp and retreat center located in Gator, Florida, near Orlando. He grew up in Miami, Florida, and is a member of Miami First Church of the Brethren. After graduating high school, he moved to Tallahassee where he studied political science and religion at Florida State University. Marcus has been serving in youth ministry now for over ten years. He has preached at National Junior High Conference, Young Adult Conference, and even Roundtable back in 2013. Marcus is excited to return to Roundtable.



Friday Night Entertainment

Carnival

This year, we will be having a Carnival held in the Funkhouser Center as our Friday Night Entertainment. Carnival Games, such as ring toss, plinko, milk jug toss, basket ball toss, bank shot, and balloon pop will be available to play, along with a lot more games, fun, and food! We are excited for this addition to Roundtable 2018!



Things to Bring: Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, towel, and toiletries. **Note:** you'll be sleeping on the floor in the gym.

Registration Times and Places:

Friday 6:30 - 9:00 pm Funkhouser Center
Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 am Funkhouser Center
Sunday 9:15 - 10:00 am Cole Hall
Backstage Hours:
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration is limited to mature 9th - 12th graders and advisors. Please complete a separate registration blank (enclosed in this brochure) for each person attending Roundtable, or register online at lycroundtable.wix.com/lycbc

Advisors Notice! We strongly suggest that any adult accompanying youth to Roundtable with the intention of staying for the duration of the weekend attend the Advisor Meeting and assist Interdistrict Youth Cabinet members in maintaining the conduct of the participants.

DIRECTIONS to BC's Funkhouser Center: From I-81, take exit 240 (Mt. Crawford/Bridgewater). Go west on 257, through the stoplight, crossing Route 11. As you are approaching the college, turn left onto College View Drive. The Funkhouser Center will be immediately on your right, on the corner. Temporary parking will be available in the Funkhouser lot.

Refunds will be granted upon request (less \$5.00) if the request is made by May 13, 2018.

TRAVEL INCENTIVE PACKAGE: Groups traveling over 500 miles are eligible for a travel scholarship.

For more details, contact IYC at lycroundtable@gmail.com

Roundtable 2018
Southeast Regional Youth Conference

Bridgewater College
Bridgewater, Virginia

April 6-8, 2018

Featuring:

Marcus Harden

Loganby: Safety Party

Winchester Musica Viva

***In concert at Hagerstown Church of the Brethren
15 S. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown MD***

***Friday, April 13, 2018
7:30 PM***

***Featuring the choral music of Brethren composer
Shawn Kirchner***

***This concert is free and open to the public
(free-will offering accepted)***

Winchester Musica Viva is an independent chamber choir in its 34th season of presenting the finest choral literature from all musical periods and styles to audiences throughout Virginia and neighboring states. WMV enjoys a widespread reputation for fine choral music, with three successful international tours and performances at events sponsored by such organizations as the Contemporary American Theatre Festival, the American Choral Directors' Association, and the Contemporary Music Festival.

The ensemble is supported in part by The Marion Park Lewis Foundation for the Arts.

Learn more about the group at <http://winchestermusicaviva.org>





SVMC Continuing Education Events

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's continuing education events are designed for ordained Church of the Brethren ministers, but non-Brethren clergy and interested laypersons are also welcome to attend. For more information, and to register for any of the events listed below, please click on the title link, or go to: <https://www.etown.edu/programs/svmc/continuing-education.aspx> . Print registration form and mail to SVMC. Thank you.

Current 2018 offerings:

The Imaginative Church: Embracing and Empowering Creativity and the Arts

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren

Presenter: Dave Weiss

Memory Care: Igniting the Inner Light

Date: Monday, May 7, 2018, 9 AM - 3 PM

Location: Cross Keys – The Brethren Community, New Oxford

Presenter: Jennifer Holcomb, Director of Memory Care, The Brethren Home Community, New Oxford

The Body of Christ in Corinth and America

Date: November 12, 2018, 9 AM - 4 PM

Location: Juniata College

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary

Cost: \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEUs).

Description of event and registration form are forthcoming.

Fellowship Church of the
Brethren

International Buffet

Saturday, April 14, 2018
4-7 pm

Menu will include:
Appetizers, Entrees
& Desserts from various
Countries and Cultures



All tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in
advance

505 Blossom Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25405

www.fellowshipcob.com 304-263-7750

Sponsored by FCOB Peru Mission Team

HELP!
There's too much
MONTH
at the end of my
MONEY!



Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. • Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
Gather at 8:30; presentation is from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., with break and question time included.

OPEN TO ALL

RSVP to the church office by Sunday, April 8
office@bushcreekchurch.org • (301) 663-3025

Having a hard time stretching that paycheck to the end of the month?

Living faithfully within your means isn't always easy. This workshop will offer participants advice from a biblical perspective. We will talk about attitudes toward money, look at the difference between a necessity and a convenience, and help you take the first steps in creating a realistic personal budget that fits into your long-term financial plan.



Presented by Loyce Swartz Borgmann, CPRC®

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
4821 Green Valley Road
Monrovia, Maryland



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Upcoming Ventures Course to focus on “Congregations Nurturing a Culture of Call: Why It Matters”

The upcoming April course offering of the Ventures in Christian Discipleship program at McPherson (Kan.) College will focus on “Congregations Nurturing a Culture of Call: Why It Matters.” This interactive course will focus on the distinctive role congregation’s play in the calling and nurturing of ministerial leadership. We will hear testimonies of those who have answered the call – from biblical times to the present, and examples of congregations who have excelled in creating a climate for calling. We will examine the new Ministerial Leadership (2014) paper, highlighting various components of “discerning the call” toward credentialed ministry. We will identify 10 practical ways congregations and districts can partner in the calling, training, and sustaining qualified ministerial leaders for the local, district, and national ministry needs.

The class will be held online Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST and taught by Joe Detrick, who recently completed a term as interim director of ministry for the Church of the Brethren and is a former district executive.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures and to register for courses, visit www.mcpherson.edu/ventures.

April 6-8, 2018
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Frederick, MD



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a Global Church of the Brethren*

The Church of the Brethren missions conference featuring:

- Worship
- Keynote speakers
- Workshops
- Fellowship with Brethren from near and far

Save the date today!

Register starting October 21st.
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Behold! A gathering of people too numerous to count, from all across this earth, praising God in all sorts of languages and uniting to follow Jesus Christ, the Lord of Love.

This is the heavenly vision of Revelation 7:9, and the Church of the Brethren is seeking to live into an earthly vision to match. Can you see it?

Behold! A global Church of the Brethren—a spiritual community bound together by a common passion to be followers of Christ, a common New Testament theology of peace and service, and a common commitment to be in relationship with one another.

Mission Alive serves as an opportunity to:

- Rejoice in the growing presence of the Church of the Brethren across the globe
- Explore what it truly means to be a global church and how each district, congregation, and individual can take part
- Commit to investing in this vision

Sponsored by Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service

For more information, please visit the Mission Alive webpage at www.brethren.org/missionalive2018 or call (800) 323-8039 x388.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Friday afternoon



Alexandre Gonçalves is a bivocational minister of Igreja da Irmandade (Church of the Brethren) in Brazil. He serves as a theologian and educator with CLAVES, an international program working to prevent

child abuse and domestic violence and to promote a culture of peace.

Saturday morning



David Niyonzima is founder and director of Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS), which provides psychosocial intervention and rehabilitation for people traumatized

by war and violence in Burundi.

Sunday morning



Jay Wittmeyer is in his ninth year as executive director of Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service.

Friday evening



Michaela Alphonse is pastor of Miami (Fla.) First Church of the Brethren. She previously served through Global Mission and Service as a program volunteer with Mission Evangelique des Eglises des Freres D'Haïti

(Church of the Brethren in Haiti).

Saturday afternoon



Hunter Farrell is director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and former director of World Mission for the PC(USA).

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...

—Revelation 7:9a (NKJV)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 6

- 1:00-3:00.....Registration and exhibit setup
- 3:00.....Worship and keynote address
- 5:00.....Dinner
- 7:00.....Worship and keynote address
- 9:00.....Peace vigil for global and local community

Saturday, April 7

- 8:15.....Welcoming music
- 8:30.....Worship and keynote address
- 10:15.....Workshops
- 11:30.....Workshops and lunch
- 12:45.....Workshops and lunch
- 2:00.....Worship and keynote address
- 4:15.....Workshops
- 5:30.....Love feast
- 7:30.....Global celebration
- 9:00.....Ice cream social

Sunday, April 8

- 3:15.....Closing worship with Frederick Church of the Brethren

For more information,
please visit the Mission Alive webpage at
www.brethren.org/missionalive2018
or call (800) 323-8039 x388.



Workshops

A variety of workshops will be presented in each time slot. Learn more about the options at www.brethren.org/missionalive2018.

Conference site

Frederick Church of the Brethren is located at 201 Fairview Ave, Frederick, Maryland. Directions are available at www.brethren.org/missionalive2018

Registration

Online registration is available at www.brethren.org/missionalive2018. Those who wish to register offline should complete the form below and send with a check for the full amount due made out to Church of the Brethren. To the extent that space is available, onsite registration will be available from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

Registration costs are listed on the registration form below. Friday and Saturday dinner and Saturday lunch are included in the cost of full conference registration; Saturday only registration includes lunch and dinner.

Housing

Home stays are available free of charge through local congregations. If you are interested in a home stay, please fill out the housing registration form.

A list of local hotels is available at www.brethren.org/missionalive2018

Academic credit

Continuing education credits (CEUs) are available for an extra \$10.

Offering

An offering will be collected for a special travel fund to help bring Church of the Brethren global leaders together for mutual conversation and support, a vital step in strengthening the global church. Participants are encouraged to bring a special offering from their congregation to support this fund.

MISSION ALIVE 2018 REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Congregation: _____

District: _____

☐ I have interest in the Global Mission Advocate Network

☐ I am hearing impaired

☐ I am visually impaired

Registration type

☐ Full conference \$85 through February 15; \$110 thereafter

☐ Saturday only \$50

☐ Student (High school, college, or seminary) \$50

☐ Family full conference \$170

CEU credit (add \$10 to the registration cost; see under need person)

☐ Total cost

Dietary restrictions: _____

We need childcare for _____ children (must pre-register)

Housing registration

☐ I do not need housing. I will make my own arrangements.

☐ I would like to stay in a home. (Please complete all

information below.)

Name(s): _____

Number in party (max. 5): _____

Allergies of any in party: _____

Special needs: _____

Preferences (we will do our best to accommodate, but cannot guarantee)

☐ Female only host

☐ Male only host

☐ No children in the house

☐ No pets in the house

Other: _____

Please make checks out to
Church of the Brethren,
designated for Mission Alive.
Send check and completed form to:
Global Mission and Service,
1451 Dundee Ave, Elgin, IL 60120.

www.brethren.org/missionalive2018

Handbell Concert

Sam's Creek
Church of the Brethren

Sunday, April 22
2 pm

Belle Grove Legato

Combined 5-Octave Ensemble
Westminster Church of the Brethren
and
St. Paul's United Church of Christ





Angels Amongst Us

at

Pipe Creek COB on

May 19, 2018

from 11am – 2pm

Come join us for an afternoon women's tea and fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

There will be games, door prizes, and light refreshments.

**There will also be special
entertainment from the
“Brethren Sisters”.**

We will be collecting a love offering to benefit our youth.



**You're not too Old
or too Young**

**to have the best times
at Shepherd's Spring**

Our camps blend fun and faith through a variety of activities.
Consult the website for more details.

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| Ages 18-25 | Spring Break Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip | March 5-7 |
| Ages 18+ | Adult Camp A | May 20-24 |
| Ages 19+ | Staff Training — Apply now | June 17-26 |
| Ages 18+ | Volunteer Training | June 23 |
| Ages 16-18 | Leaders in Training | June 21-23 |
| Grades 9-12 | Youth Camp | June 27-30 |
| Grades 2-3 | Mini Camp | July 1-3 |
| Ages 6-10 w/adult 18+ | Big & Small Camp | July 6-7 |
| Ages 6-10 w/grandparent | Grand Camp A | July 6-7 |
| Grades 4-8 | Creative Arts | July 8-13 |
| Grades 6-8 | Middler Camp | July 8-13 |
| Grades 3-5 | Junior Camp | July 15-20 |
| Grades 3-6 | JAM Camp | July 29-31 |
| Ages 6-10 w/grandparent | Grand Camp B | July 29-31 |
| Grades 6-12 | Outdoor Adventure | July 22-27 |
| Ages 18+ | Adult Camp B | August 19-23 |
| All Ages | Family Camp | August 3-5 |

Register online or by mail as soon as you can.



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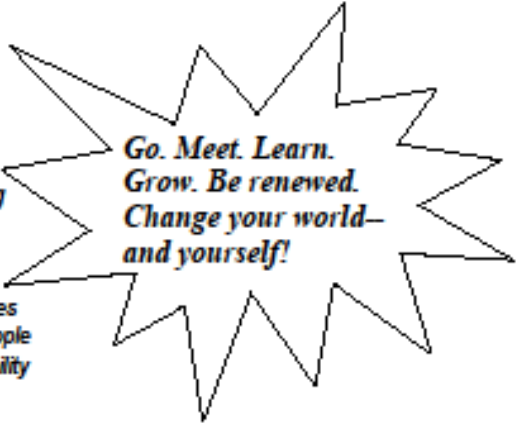
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2018/19 Learning Tours

New Community Project

Peace through Justice • Care for Creation • Experiential Learning

NCP Learning Tours build community with our neighbors, explore important justice and environmental concerns, and offer opportunities to reflect on the connections between our world and their world. Expect basic but safe accommodations, an encounter with other cultures and ecosystems, good traveling companions, and plenty to think about. Trips are open to people of all ages, with every effort made to create experiences for folks from across the age and ability spectrum. Cost excludes airfare and visas, but includes all on-the-ground expenses.



**Go. Meet. Learn.
Grow. Be renewed.
Change your world—
and yourself!**

Ecuadorian Amazon – Deep Jungle (May 26 – June 2) Leaders: Delio, David Radcliff, Dr. Dustin Wilgers
Cost: \$900 (\$825—student) (plus airfare to and from Quito) Head deep into the Amazon Rainforest to the Yasuni National Park—one of the most biodiverse – and threatened – spots on earth. Explore the rainforest, guided by Siona shaman Delio; see monkeys, birds, pink dolphins, the ceiba tree (“Spirit Tree”)—maybe even a jaguar; observe the impacts of oil drilling and ranching; visit indigenous Waorani and Secoya native communities; accommodations in tents while in the forest.

Diné (Navajo) Reservation, New Mexico (June 17-24) Leaders: Jim Therrien, David Radcliff
Cost: \$175 (student \$125) Experience the beauty of and challenges facing the land and people on the Diné reservation. Help with work projects in this native community northwest of Albuquerque; join with youth and elders to learn handcraft skills; learn about the history of the Diné, including boarding schools and The Long Walk. Explore current social issues, spiritual practices and the impacts of fracking; see local artists at work; visit nearby Chaco Culture NHP.

Dominican Republic: July 2-11 Leaders: Bartolo Incarnacion, Tom Benevento Cost: \$525 (\$450 - students)
The Dominican Republic is best known for its emerald blue oceans, white sandy beaches and beautiful all inclusive resorts, but NCP will take you to a different side of that world. Live in a Batey community, learning about life for poor and marginalized immigrant Haitian/Dominican sugarcane workers who earn less than a dollar a day; explore environmental issues of the Caribbean region including deforestation, water scarcity, and the direct impacts of the climate crisis. See community development projects in action, learn from inspiring local activists, and get your hands dirty working alongside villagers to reforest their rugged mountainous homeland, creating edible forest ecosystems. Stay with village families and sleep on concrete floors in remote places.

Denali/Kenai Fjords National Parks, Alaska (July 29 – August 7) Leader: David Radcliff
Cost: \$825 (\$675—student) (plus airfare to and from Anchorage) Camp at Savage River campground 15 miles inside the Park; hike along streams and up a nearby peak; see moose, grizzlies, Dall Sheep, a dogsled demonstration, and (if we're lucky) Denali—the Great One (highest peak in North America); spend a day doing a volunteer work project; explore environmental issues facing Alaska. In Seward on the SE coast take a day-long fjords cruise to observe whales, walrus, seabirds, and a glacier; visit a sea life center; stay (indoors!) in a cozy hostel.

Arctic Village, Alaska August 7-15 Leaders: Charlie Swaney, David Radcliff Cost: \$875 (plus airfare to and from Fairbanks) Visit this north-of-the-Arctic Circle community—Gwich'in by birth, caribou by culture. Meet Arctic advocacy groups in Fairbanks; learn about the threat of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the impacts of global warming. Then travel by small plane (included in registration) to Arctic Village. Hike and camp in sight of the Brooks Range, eat traditional foods, experience Gwich'in life and customs, maybe see migrating caribou. Spectacular!

Burma (Myanmar) January 5-16, 2019 Leaders: David Radcliff, Nyan Min Din, Saw Jimmy Zan
Cost: \$1075 (\$975—student) (plus roundtrip airfare to Yangon) Visit this fascinating Southeast Asian country; see cultural and religious sites; learn about reforestation, women's development and girls' education projects supported by NCP; explore issues of poverty and ethnic conflict. Overnight trek (moderately strenuous) to Paloung hilltribe area, staying in local homes; travel by boat to the Southeast delta to visit microloan projects.

For more information or to register, visit www.newcommunityproject.org or contact David Radcliff at 844-804-2985; dradcliff@newcommunityproject.org
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