



Mid-Atlantic District
Church of the Brethren

2018
MAY
EVENTS

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

A series of events in May at Easton Church of the Brethren (412 S. Harrison St.) will help participants to think about the circle of life, wrestle with end-of-life issues, and be better prepared for the steps along the way. The schedule will include a film night, a four-week sermon series, a joint Christian education class, and a workshop on advance directives.

The programs are being planned by a committee of church members with assistance from Talbot Hospice and other community resources.

The schedule is as follows:

May 5: Movie night at the church, "The Bucket List," 7 p.m.

May 6: Worship: "Rites, Rituals, and Rhythms," 10:45 a.m.

May 13: Joint class: A conversation on end-of-life issues—Why does it matter?, 9:30 a.m., fellowship hall
Worship: "To Be Alive," 10:45 a.m.

May 20: Joint class: "The Five Wishes" and importance of advance directives, 9:30 a.m., fellowship hall
Worship: "The D-Word," 10:45 a.m.

Carry-in lunch and advance directives workshop after worship, fellowship hall

May 27: Worship: "Remember," 10:45 a.m.

The public is invited to all events. For more information, contact the church at 410-822-0475 or eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com, or visit www.eastonbrethren.org.





Westminster Church of the Brethren
4:00 pm Sunday, April 29, 2018

◦ *First Course*

- Cucumber Sandwiches (gluten-free available)
- Egg Salad Sandwiches (gluten-free available)
- Cheese & Crackers (gluten-free available)
- Fresh Fruit

◦ *Second Course*

- Scones
 - Blueberry or Cranberry
 - Orange Cream
 - Gluten-free Almond Flour Blueberry Lemon
- Jam

◦ *Third Course*

- Shortbread
- Sticky Buns
- Brown Butter Pound Cake with Strawberry Compote
- Lemon Butter Cookies
- Peanut Butter Fudge
- Gluten-free Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Gluten-free Almond Pound Cake

◦ *Freshly Brewed Assorted Teas*



RSVP to the church office 410-848-8090

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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



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.

Since 1981, the first Saturday in May has marked the annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction. There is no admission charged for this annual event that is open to the public and features three auctions, plants, crafts, food and baked goods, books, and white elephant table.

7-9:30am	Breakfast
9am	Outside Auction: tools, lawn and garden, household and general items
9:30am	Special Items Auction: including antiques and collectibles, art and jewelry
10am	Food booths open; child care available 10am-2pm
10:30am	Lunch
12pm	Quilt and Comforter Auction

Terms: cash, check, or credit card; ATM machine located in Shipley Arena.

Your purchase has purpose. Auction proceeds go to the Church of the Brethren Emergency Disaster Response Fund to send trained volunteers to help disaster victims with child care and to repair and rebuild after natural disasters that occur within the United States. Overseas relief includes food, water, shelter and medicine. For more information call 443-960-3052.



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.

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.

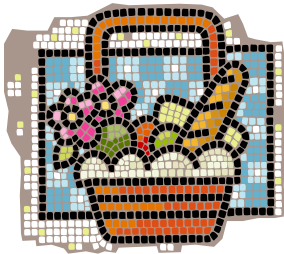
Please bring donations in as early as possible the day of the auction.

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
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 - 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

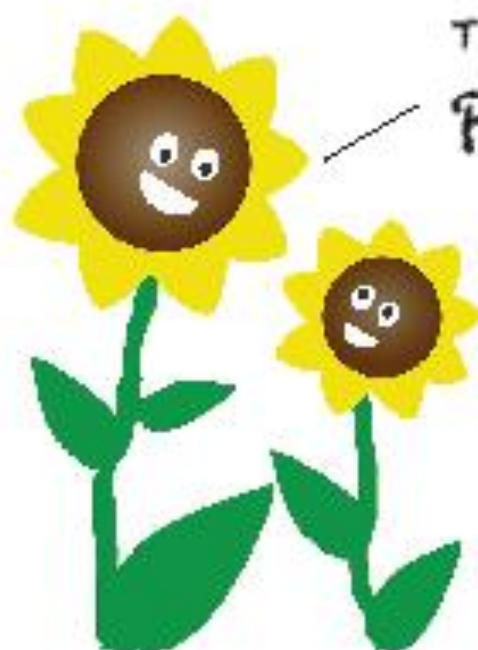
Family or Friends together and donate a Theme Basket to the Mid Atlantic District Church of the Brethren Disaster Response Auction. Be creative! The only

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

Contact abhough1@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

MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT

Honor a woman you know and love by celebrating and supporting mothers around the world!

Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to:

Global Women's Project
c/o Tina Rieman
508 Miami St
North Manchester IN 46962
(write checks to GWP)

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on our website:
www.globalwomensproject.wordpress.com

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Tina by May 6, 2018. After the 6th, she will mail them as soon as she receives your request.

This Mother's Day, share a gift in honor of a woman you know and in honor of women in India, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, and the United States, who are improving the lives of women in their communities.

Global Women's Project seeks to raise awareness of the poverty, oppression and injustice suffered by women around the world; to recognize how our overconsumption and misuse of resources contributes to that suffering; to change our way of living; and to support self-help community projects that are led by, empower, and benefit women.

*Additional information can be found at
www.globalwomensproject.wordpress.com*



Continuing
EDUCATION EVENTS

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.



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.



2018/19 Learning Tours

New Community Project

Peace through Justice • Care for Creation • Experiential Learning

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

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.

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 Sequoia 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
New Community Project 117 Nature Road, Blue Ridge, VA 24064



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Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

Baseball Game Group Outing: Cincinnati Reds playing the Chicago White Sox

Tuesday, July 3 - 7:10 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun as we go together to the Great American Ballpark* to see the Cincinnati Reds play the Chicago White Sox. Enjoy America's favorite past-time with other Brethren. Great for the whole family!



Tickets: \$12.00 each when you register in advance for Annual Conference. Pick up your ticket at Registration "Will Call" in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall B beginning at 3:00 Tuesday afternoon. Tickets will *not* be for sale onsite, so order online before June 11.

**The ballpark is located 0.7 of a mile from the Convention Center and closer to the hotels.*

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Bus Trip

Friday, July 6 - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
(non-delegates only)

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati is one of the premier "museums of conscience" in the United States. It provides informational and interactive exhibits offering insight into the struggle for freedom from slavery in the past, as well as the present and into the future.



The 158,000 square foot museum has three pavilions celebrating courage, cooperation, and perseverance. Several features include an intact, two-story log slave pen, the "Suite for Freedom" theater, the John Parker Multimedia Library, a family research center, and the Jane Burch Cochran quilt "Crossing to Freedom."

Tickets: \$15.00 each when you register in advance for Annual Conference. Includes bus trip and museum admission. Bus seats are limited.

Also available: Tickets: \$10.00 each when you register in advance for Annual Conference. Go on your own at any time during the week. *The museum is located 0.6 of a mile from the Convention Center and closer to the hotels.*

To purchase game or museum tickets and to also register for Annual Conference go to www.brethren.org/ac/nondelegates Go to www.brethren.org/ac/store if you are already registered.