



JUNE 2019

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

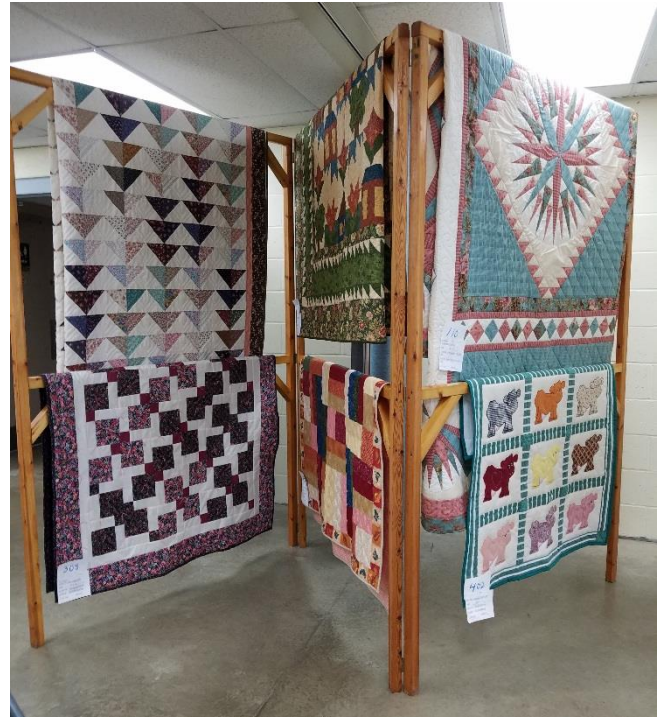
Compelling Vision has been the focus of the past year denominationally and has been given significant time and attention here in Mid-Atlantic district in five compelling vision meetings at Manassas, Frederick, Easton, Pleasant Ridge, and Fahrney-Keedy with some 250 district members overall participating.

Annual Conference will be all about Compelling Vision. We recently forwarded to congregations a clarifying communication from the Compelling Vision Process Team about the upcoming Compelling Vision process to be held at Annual Conference. "The Compelling Vision process is not intended or designed to 'test', directly or indirectly, the desire of the body to maintain, change, or establish any particular official position/statement of the Annual Conference. Rather we seek to understand: Where are we united? Where can we build a bridge? Where do we need other options for a way forward outside our current framework? Overall, we hope to ultimately answer this most important question: How can we best strengthen the mission of Christ in our congregations...in our communities...in the world?"

I've supported the process, but I'll tell you what I think. I think we have the most compelling vision we could have right in front of our eyes: Church of the Brethren Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together. Everyday I see the Mid-Atlantic district, our fifty-nine congregations, and ninety-one hundred members living out that vision as we come together in district worship as we did this past Saturday, or in raising money for disaster relief and going out in service, canning meat for the hungry, as I see our congregations, members, and pastors creatively and committedly working to live out that vision in their particular community. If you look in through the front window of any of our congregations the furniture of ministry and mission may look a little different, but you can clearly see the big picture of the Church of the Brethren Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

I am so proud of you! I am so proud of the way this district keeps its focus on Jesus Christ and the big picture of continuing his work peacefully, simply, and together. I am so proud of you for the commitment of your faith and for your sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. I am so proud of you for maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. I don't know what will come out of Greensboro, but I don't anticipate that it will much change the atmosphere here in Mid-Atlantic, where we will be Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together. Amen.

Gene Hagenberger



Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren
2019 Disaster Response Auction

Quilts, plants, delicious food, books, antiques, special items, crafts, silent auction...this year the Disaster Response Auction team was able to donate

\$60,000 to Brethren Disaster Ministries

Photos by Jo Ann Landon





CHICKEN CANNING 2019

There were seven canning days in 2019 for this joint project of the Southern PA and Mid-Atlantic Districts, April 22 – 25 and April 29 – May 1.

During that time a total of 226 volunteers (74 from Mid-Atlantic District) canned 46,480 pounds of chicken - that's 25,060 cans! Mid-Atlantic's contribution to the canning effort was \$19,600.00.

When production is complete, the cases are divided equally; one third to each District and the remaining third to an area of need. Brethren Disaster Ministries and BSC Material Resources give tremendous support to this effort. They provide guidance on where needs are greatest, provide shipping, transport chicken from the canning facility, store the cases and facilitate congregational pick ups at the warehouse.

This year, because of prohibitive shipping costs and distribution issues overseas, chicken will be stored at the warehouse and distributed domestically where the greatest needs arise. A portion of the canned chicken remained at Christian Aid Ministries. They will provide guidance for distribution of that portion.

Cases of chicken are now available for pick up – to use in your food pantry, a food pantry you work with or a need in your community, FREE.

Please contact the District Office to schedule a canned chicken pick up; 24-hour notice is needed. Please call if you have questions:

aamad@brethren.org

443-960-3052

District Disaster Co-coordinator Jeff McKee reports that **Brethren Disaster Ministries is conducting training sessions for those interested in Children's Disaster Services in 2019.**

The schedules can be found at the following website: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2019/childrens-disaster-services-workshops-2019.html>



Brethren Workcamps

These congregations are sending youth, young adults and advisors to summer workcamps.

- Friendship
- Grossnickle
- Hagerstown
- Manassas
- Nokesville

Please lift the participants in prayer for travel, work, learning and growing.

CAMP MARDELA "NEEDS" YOU



- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Bug Spray
- Cookies
- Bleach
- Kid Friendly Cereal
- Pool Noodles
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Ice Cream Toppings
- Glass Cleaner
- Hand Pump Soap
- Marshmallows
- Graham Crackers
- Brooms

PLEASE DELIVER TO CAMP NO LATER THAN JULY 1

The delegate briefing video for Annual Conference can be found at

<http://www.brethren.org/ac/2019/business/>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Britnee and Scott Linton are the proud parents of **Liana Kristine Linton**.

Born Dec. 18th, 2018 7lbs. 3oz. 21 in. long!



Photo supplied by Britnee Linton



Photo by Ernie Speck

Dawn Weller was licensed Sunday, February 10, 2019, at Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren. Pictured left to right: Pastor Steve Lowe, Linda Lambert (representing the District), Dawn Weller and James Weller, Dawn's husband.

CONGREGATIONAL OPENINGS AND PLACEMENT UPDATES

- Beaver Creek: Interviewing
- Fellowship: Search Committee oriented and searching
- Frederick Discipleship & Evangelism – Interviewing
- Frederick Family Ministries – Preparing congregational profile
- Hagerstown: Interim interview upcoming
- Midland: In negotiations
- Moler Ave.: Bob Miller called
- Oakton: Tim and Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey to begin August 1
- Union Bridge: Interviewing
- Woodbridge: In negotiations

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- Meadow Branch COB has a new website address <http://www.meadowbranch.org/>
- Jeff Davidson has a new email address at Washington City jeff@washingtoncitycob.org
- Martha Beahm, updated email address mebeahm927@gmail.com
- Roger Truax, correct contact information 2292 Scotland Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17201 717-496-8830
- John Shafer, correct address 9929 Oakton Terrace Rd., Oakton, VA 22124
- Angela Finet, correct address 13008 Fitzwater Dr., Nokesville, VA 20181 (pg. 26)
- Michael Staubs has a new email address pastormike@mtviewcob.com

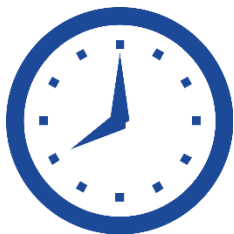
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District Service of Worship and Prayer 10am -noon at Frederick COB Shepherd's Spring Open House
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Ministerial Ethics Training, Hagerstown 9am -3pm
9 Arlington COB / Matt Rittle Installation	10 Administrative Assistant Jo Ann Landon – vacation through June 14	11	12 Gene Hagenberger preaching at First Church 7 pm	13 Gene and Chris at Oakton 9:30 am	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 CCMT, District Office, 10 am – 2pm	21	22 Midland COB Call Weekend
23 Midland COB Call Weekend	24	25 F&P 6:30 pm	26	27	28	29 S&CL, Bush Creek COB 9 am
30 Council of District Executives meetings begin in Greensboro, NC						

LT-Leadership Team
 CCMT-Calling & Credentialing Team
 MITT-Ministry Interviewing Task Team
 CETT-Continuing Education

CEEMT-Church Extension and Evangelism
 F&P-Finance and Property
 OR&S-Outreach and Service
 S&CL-Spirituality and Congregational Life

LCT-Leadership Calling
 P&A-Program and Arrangements

2019 Leadership Team Meeting Dates
 February 9, April 13,
 August 3 and November 16



New Office Hours
 Mid-Atlantic District Office
 Hours
8 am – 1 pm
Monday through Thursday

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