



Photo by Glenn Riegel

*Volunteers sort and box donations to the Witness to the Host City collection*

## July/August 2017

### Church of the Brethren Annual Conference by the numbers

**2,329:** final registration number for the 2017 Annual Conference, including 672 delegates and 1,657 nondelegates

**6,822:** “views” of the Annual Conference webcasts as of 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, including 2,454 views of worship and 4,368 views of business sessions

**\$55,280-plus:** the total of the offerings received during the Annual Conference worship services, on the 5 days of the Conference

**\$7,276.76** received in worship on Wednesday, to provide copies of “Shine On Story Bible” to congregations that do not use the Shine Sunday school curriculum jointly produced by Brethren Press and MennoMedia

**\$13,376.74** received during worship on Thursday for the Nigeria Crisis Response, a cooperative effort of the Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries with Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)

**\$11,653.54** received in worship Friday, for the church’s ministries in Haiti

**\$15,534.58** received in worship Saturday, given to support the Core Ministries of the Church of the Brethren denomination

**\$7,441.93** received on Sunday, to go into the Core Ministries Fund to support a new initiative of Congregational Life Ministries called “Renaissance 2017-2020.” The initiative focuses on growing vital churches and equipping church planters through resources, training events, networking, and coaching. It will “enable congregations, established and new, to offer compelling ministries that reach more people, more young people and more diverse people in our communities,” said a statement from Congregational Life Ministries staff. The staff are “committed to empowering people to articulate and embody their faith in significant ways that reach out with genuine hospitality to people wherever they are, inviting and welcoming them as together we seek to renew existing congregations, start new faith communities, and inspire faithful disciples.”

**1 percent:** the increase approved for the Minimum Cash Salary Table for pastors, at the recommendation of the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee. In addition to recommending this increase in pastors’ salaries, the committee also encouraged congregations to monitor their pastors’ health insurance premium increases, reporting that many pastors are struggling to pay higher premium costs.

**190:** the total number of pints of blood collected during the 2-day Conference Blood Drive, well exceeding the goal of 160 pints. On Thursday, 84 pints were collected. On Friday, 106 pints were collected.

**\$11,250:** total proceeds of the annual Quilt Auction sponsored by the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren

**4:** the number of local ministries in Grand Rapids that received support from Conferencegoers as part of the Witness to the Host City. The four local ministries were the Refugee Education Center, Bethany Christian Services, the Well House, and Mel Trotter Ministries.

**\$1,140:** the total donations received by cash and check for the Refugee Education Center, one of the local ministries in Grand Rapids that was a beneficiary of the Annual Conference Witness to the Host City. Backpacks and other material goods were donated as well, and there were enough donations of backpacks for every child who attends summer camp at the Refugee Education Center, as well as enough snacks to service the summer camp and the tutoring program for the rest of the year.

**\$1,280.08:** the total donations received by cash and check to Bethany Christian Services, another of the local Grand Rapids ministries to receive support through the Witness to the Host City. One pallet “stacked up with office supplies” was donated, in addition, to help serve refugees who are resettled through Bethany Christian Services, as well as enough bed sheets and comforters to fill three pallets. “Bethany Christian Services staff members were amazed at how much their box truck was filled with donations,” reported site co-coordinator Joanna Willoughby.

**17:10.4:** the time of Galen Fitzkee, first male runner in a photo finish in the BBT 5K Fitness Challenge sponsored by Brethren Benefit Trust. Rieth Ritchey Moore was the first female runner with a time of 19:39.8. Bev Anspaugh was the first female walker with a time of 35:41.5. The first male walker was Stafford Frederick, with a time of 38:31.9.

**1:** new location for upcoming Annual Conferences, announced by the Program and Arrangements Committee. The 2021 Conference will return to Greensboro, N.C., which was the location for the 2016 Conference. The 2021 Conference will be held from June 30-July 4. This decision is in addition to previous years’ announcements of upcoming Conference locations: Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 2018 Conference to be held July 4-8; San Diego, Calif., for the 2019 Conference to be held July 3-7; and Grand Rapids, Mich., for the 2020 Conference to be held July 1-5. All of these Conferences will take place on a Wednesday-through-Sunday schedule.

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## **July**

### Non-Fiction

Lights Out                      Travis Freeman  
He Came First                      Rod Parsley

### Fiction

God's Not Dead 2              Travis Thrasher  
Waves of Mercy                      Lynn Austin

## **August**

### Fiction

Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café              Max Lucado

### Non-Fiction

Kidnapped by the Taliban      Dilip Joseph, MD  
Taking My Life Back                      Rebecca Gregory  
Above All, Love                      Julie Ackerman Link

## **2017 Southern PA District Conference**

Southern PA District Church of the Brethren District Conference will be held on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at New Fairview Church of the Brethren, 1873 New Fairview Church Road, York, PA. Conference theme is based on Matthew 28:19 "Go and make disciples of all nations." Delegates attending from Chambersburg COB are James & Mabel Diller, Sam & Debbie Fitz, Tenni Pyles and Pastor Joel.

Everyone is invited to attend all or part of the Conference. For information or to register to attend, please contact the church office.

We hope you can attend!

# 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ, Car Show & Auction

- . Great Food
- . Car Show
- . Craft Vendors
- . Auction
- . *Voxology* (Bluegrass)
- . *Across the Pond* (Celtic Sounds)



**Saturday, August 12 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community, 2990 Carlisle Pike (Intersection of Routes 30 & 94) will host their 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ, Car Show & Auction on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit The Friends of Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community.

Plan to attend this annual event.



## July–August Youth Events

### July

- **Summer of Surrender:** July 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This week session will be for those who want to deepen their relationship with Christ. We will be learning how to surrender stuff, status, sin and self. By focusing on the scriptures we will be able to surrender to God and become who God wants us to be as children of the Lord.

### August

- **Youth Carnival!** The youth will be hosting a carnival for Mid-Week Connection on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We would like all the youth and youth parents to help out with this event.
- **A Closer Walk– Beach Trip: Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.** All youth who have filled out their permission slip and paid their fee will be able to attend this event. We will be heading to Wildwood New Jersey for “A Closer Walk.”
  - **Permission Slips and Fee are due by Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
  - Also, if weather is forecast to be bad for that weekend we will cancel the beach trip and will do a movie night at Jamie’s house. Funds will be returned in full.
- **Pool Party!** On Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at the church at 5:15pm and will be heading to the Preso’s House for a pool party. We will be having lots of food and fellowship with our new youth members. This event will end at 8:15pm. All youth members who will be taking the church van to this event will be back at the church for 8:30pm pick up.

# Summer Sunday School Schedule 2017

All Sunday School Classes will be Combined in the Sanctuary

**Explore the Bible: Acts—Chapters 1–12 Bible Study Book** is a six-session study that will equip you and your group members to understand significant events in the early church, like Jesus' commission and ascension, Pentecost and the birth of the church, the persecution of the early Christians, Philip and the eunuch, Paul's Damascus Road conversion, and Peter's vision.

First there were 12. Then 120. Suddenly there came an explosion of spiritual fire, and 3,000 were added. Then 5,000. Like the growth of a tiny seed into a giant tree, the church—called into being by Christ, planted in the gospel, and nourished by the power of the Holy Spirit—pursues to this day its mission of being witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. From its earliest times, the church has stretched upward in faith and outward in evangelism despite facing bouts of heated persecution and spiritual drought. God's kingdom marches relentlessly forward. By digging deep into Acts 1–12, today's Christ followers can reconnect with their dramatic early story, renew their passion to obey the Lord, and refocus their vision as His global witnesses.

## July

Lesson 1: Acts 1:1–11: Jesus Gives the Mission  
July 16<sup>th</sup> – Mission Sunday Contact: Sean Scott

Lesson 2: Acts 2:1–4, 41–47: The Church Is Born  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Warren Eshbach

Lesson 3: Acts 5:21, 25–35, 38–42: Faithfulness in Persecution  
July 30<sup>th</sup> – Clarence Stouffer

## August

Lesson 4: Acts 8:26–40: Obedience to the Spirit  
August 6<sup>th</sup> – Kendal Trader

Lesson 5: Acts 9:3–9, 15–20: Transformation Through the Gospel  
August 13<sup>th</sup> – Clarence Stouffer

Lesson 6: Acts 10:9–16, 43–48: Salvation Is for Everyone  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – Bill Waugh

Annual Conference Representatives  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Rhodes and Carol Wingert



## Vacation Bible School 2017



What a great week celebrating God and His Awesome Creations– US!!! We are built for a purpose and we were reminded of that this week.

During the week we had a successful Vacation Bible School with an average of 42 children who attended every day.

This year our donations went to a Chambersburg Organization called Over the Rainbow. This is a place where children in our community can find hope and love when they are going through a tough situation. We raised \$446.30. The organization was pleasantly surprised that we took the time to support them this summer.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to help this year. Without your help, this year's VBS would not have been possible.

### During this week we learned that...

- God made you
- God is for you
- God will always love you
- God is always with you
- God made you for a reason

**WOW GOD!!!**





**Mark your calendars for Upcoming events** from the Fellowship and Recreation:

- Church Picnic on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the Twin Bridge Campground
- Sunday, November 5, 2017 - Paint Night at 2:00 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center



***Mid – Week Connection  
Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.***

The youth will be hosting a carnival theme  
Mid-Week Connection.  
Come and join us for Walking Tacos, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Games & More!

260 South Fourth Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-264-6957

*Mid-Week Connection's purpose is connecting our Brethren family  
to the community through fellowship and service.*





To All.....Thanks for remembering my Birthday! I got over 120 cards! One of my greatest blessings is a life time of church friends. Thanks Again.

---Glenn Koons

Dear Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,

Just a little note to say thank you for shopping with us. We appreciate you and all you do for our community! We hope you have a blessed day as you continue to bless others!

---From all of us here at  
**Chambersburg Lifeway**



**Our Sympathy To:**

Donald and Annette Lehman and Family following the death of Donald's mother, Vera M. Frey Lehman on Sunday, July 2, 2017.

The Family of Harvey S. Kline following his death on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

**Pastor Joel's Vacation**

Pastor Joel will be on vacation and out of the office Monday, July 24th thru Monday, August 7th and will return to the office on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. If you have an emergency while he is gone, please call the church office at 264-6957 or Deacon Chair Terry Koons at 264-3208.

Jamie Rhodes will be bringing the morning message on Sunday, July 30th and Clarence Stouffer will bring the morning message on August 6th, 2017

**For the Kids of Chambersburg News**

A donation of \$15,000 was given to BOPIC to enable them to keep their summer program going. \$500 was given to WIN to get backpacks for children under their care for back to school. Plans are to have a Tea on August 19th for Agencies we support. This enables them to share the projects they are working on with us and each other.

In November we will have a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's. Tickets at \$10.00.

We are working on a project for Christmas downtown. We are looking for more members, if you are interested talk with Lora Bucher.

Serving Our Neighbors (S.O.N.) Collection  
Schedule:



**August/**

**September Collection** is breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, and pancake mix (no refrigerated or frozen items).

Your generous support of this program truly helps to Serve Our Neighbors in so many ways!



**Talent Show – October 4, 2017**

Talent Show on Wednesday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. as part of  
Mid-Week Connection.

Meal and great talent!

Do you have a talent to share?

We would love for you to share it with us.

Any questions or to sign up for a talent,  
see or call Gail Appenzellar at 264-5774.

Start Thinking!!! And mark your calendars.

And if you don't want to share a talent,  
please join us to enjoy those who do!

Contact Gail Appenzellar today to share  
your talent!

--Mid-Week Connection Planning  
Committee

**Life Line Screening  
The Power of Prevention  
September 22, 2017**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Friday, September 22, 2017 at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren.** Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation – irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)** and receive your Community Circle discount and your Preferred Appointment!



### Missions Sunday - July 16, 2017

On Sunday, July 16, 2017, our church will be hosting a Missions Sunday event. During this time, we are welcoming organizations the congregation supports to attend. This is being held from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in place of our Sunday School hour. This will provide an opportunity to highlight the ministries and activities that the church sponsors. It will provide a forum for you to interact with the local organizations and provide concrete examples of how our contributions are being put into good use.

Our Nursery School is having an Auction on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Brethren Life Center. We will be looking for items to Auction.....

Things in very good condition; Things from the Garden;  
Canned items--jams or jellies; Vacations, vehicles, etc.

The Auction committee is; Nicholas Wingert, Lora Bucher, Mimi Kelly and Dawna Brindle. We'd love to hear from you.

### **Sixty-Fifth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren**

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of the Brethren will be held at Rhodes Grove Campground, 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA from

**August 26 - September 3, 2017**

The Theme is "Run For an Incorruptible Crown" with the theme verse from I Corinthians 9:24 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." The Bible Study text is I John. This year's main speaker and morning Bible Study leader is Bro. Curvin Martin from the Heidelberg congregation. Lodging information and program with worship times are available in the Narthex and the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Everyone Welcome!

**Summer Office Hours** - Beginning on Friday, June 2, 2017 and for each Friday thereafter our church office will close at 12 noon.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 8, 2017.



- 10 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 10-14 Youth – Summer of Surrender from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- 11 Stewardship Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 12 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Fellowship & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Young Adult Discussion Group at the home of Pastor Joel at 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Baptism at 8:30 a.m. Worship
- Missions Sunday during the Sunday School Hour
- 17 Deacons Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 18 Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 19 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Young Adult Discussion Group at the home of Pastor Joel at 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Loving Hearts Luncheon and Movie at 12 Noon in the Brethren Life Center
- 24 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 26 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 27 Nursery School Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 31 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center



- 1 Music & Worship Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 2 **Mid-Week Connection at 5:30 p.m. Youth will be hosting a Carnival with games, food and fun**
- 7 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- 8 Christian Education Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 9 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Youth Pool Party at the home of Luke Preso at 5:15 p.m.
- Young Adult Discussion Group at the home of Pastor Joel at 6:30 p.m.
- 13 **Teacher Appreciation Sunday**
- 14 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 15 Helping Hands Circle Banquet at Gibble's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center
- Young Adult Discussion Group at the home of Pastor Joel at 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Loving Hearts at 12 noon at Parlor House, Waynesboro. Bingo to follow.
- 21 Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 23 Pickleball at 8:30 a.m. in Brethren Life Center
- Young Adult Discussion Group at the home of Pastor Joel at 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Nursery School Orientation at 6:00 p.m.
- Pickleball at 6:30 p.m. in Brethren Life Center
- 30 8:30 a.m. – Pickleball in Brethren Life Center
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.