



Reflecting news and views

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Brethren Disaster Team Reports To Joplin, Missouri

Children's Disaster Services responds in Joplin, Brethren Disaster Ministries reports on preliminary activities, requests EDF grant

At the request of the American Red Cross, a team of Children's Disaster Service (CDS) volunteers were to arrive by this morning in Joplin, Mo., to set up a Children's Disaster Services Center at the Missouri Southern State University shelter.

The volunteers will care for children in the aftermath of the tornado that caused significant destruction on May 22. The twister rated a strong EF 5, packing winds up to 198 m.p.h., and cut a path a mile wide and six miles long through the most densely populated area of the city of 49,000.

Following a conference call with the Missouri VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Patricia

Disaster Ministries needs School Kits and Clean-up Buckets

The current inventory of School Kits and Emergency Clean-up Buckets is too low to meet the expected demand for the upcoming springtime flood season reports Chris Herlinger of Church World Service. They are appealing to all members including the Church of the Brethren to promote these needs to each congregation within the denomination. The efforts of Church members are critical to help meet the requests and replenish the supply.



(Photo from Church World Service)

For information on assembling the kits and buckets go to: www.churchworldservice.org/kits

Dennison reported that the area is "being overwhelmed with truckloads of clothes," and officials are hard pressed to find more places to store them.

She says they're asking people instead to "donate them to a local charity or have a large garage sale and send the money" to be used where most needed.

Responding with much-needed monetary donations is the best way to help disaster relief organizations which already have been stretched by the severe weather this spring

To support the 2011 US spring storms appeal, send your gift to Emergency Disaster Fund, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Give online at www.brethren.org/disaster.

Jane Yount is coordinator for Brethren Disaster Ministries in New Windsor, Md.



Lake Williamson Lodge

District conference packets have been mailed to the Churches by the District Office. They include the registration forms and maps to the Lake Williamson site.



**Illinois/Wisconsin District Conference
@Lake Williamson Christian Center
Carlinville, IL**

**Hosted by: Hurricane Creek Church of the Brethren
November 4-6, 2011**

Registration includes: 2 Nights lodging, Meals Sat. morning thru Sun. morning, Worship, Love Feast, Recreation, Insight sessions, Business session, Hayride, Bonfire, Family movie, Live & silent auctions

Family Registration:

Family Members:

First _____ Last _____ Delegate: ___Yes ___No

First _____ Last _____ Delegate: ___Yes ___No

First _____ Last _____ Delegate: ___Yes ___No

First _____ Last _____ Delegate: ___Yes ___No

First _____ Last _____ Delegate: ___Yes ___No

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Congregation: _____ Phone number: _____

Registration/Rooming Options: (families will be staying together in one guest room, max 6 people per room)

Single Occupancy: \$144.90 per adult Double Occupancy: \$120.60 per adult

Three or more: \$110/70 per adult Teen 12-17: \$79.20 per child Child 6-11: \$64.35 per child

Adults: _____ X _____ + Children/Teens: _____ X _____
Number of Adults Rooming Option Number of Children Rooming Option

Total Registration: _____

Other:

1. Roommate Request: _____
Would you like us to pair you with a roommate?: ___Yes ___No
2. Handicapped rooms are available, but in a limited number. Please reserve early if you need one of these rooms.
3. Dorm rooms are available: \$94.50 per person. Bring your own linens.
4. RV Camping is available. For this information, please contact the district office.

Deposit Policy:

\$50.00 per person deposit is required by August 12, 2011 when you register for this event.

The remaining balance is due by: Sept. 30, 2011

Failure to pay in full by: September 30, 2011 will result in a \$10.00 late fee.

Deposit Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash ___ Check # _____ Amount Due: \$ _____

Office Use:

Registration Received: _____ Deposit Received _____ Paid in Full _____

Emergency Disaster Fund makes grants for tornado response

Two grants have been given from the **Church of the Brethren's Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF)** for disaster response work following recent tornadoes in the United States. A grant of \$15,000 responds to an expanded appeal from Church World Service (CWS) following a weekend of tornadoes that affected seven states from Oklahoma to Minnesota, and \$5,000 supports the work of **Children's Disaster Services (CDS)** volunteers in Joplin, Mo.

The grant to CWS will help pay for shipments of material aid and provide resources and training in the development of long-term recovery groups in affected communities. A prior grant of \$7,500 from the EDF responded to the initial appeal from CWS for this project, made on May 13.

The grant for the work of CDS in Joplin responds to the EF 5 tornado that hit the city May 22. **FEMA requested CDS volunteers** to care for children in Disaster Recovery Centers there. The grant pays for travel, lodging, and food for the volunteer CDS teams.

Children's Disaster Services has 20 volunteers working in Joplin, caring for children at a Multi Agency Resource Site, two FEMA Disaster Recovery



Photo by Steve Zumwalt/FEMA

Centers, and in a Red Cross shelter. In addition, a specially trained critical response team is accompanying the Red Cross's Integrated Care team on home visits to families who have experienced a death when there are children in the home.

To contribute to the work of **Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services**, or to learn more about the Emergency Disaster Fund, go to www.brethren.org/edf.

(Article from Church of the Brethren Newslines.)

Brethren Benefit Trust Notice

What do you know about long-term care insurance?

Do you know that 75 percent of people age 65 and older will eventually need long-term care?

Do you know that about 75 percent of all single people and 50 percent of all couples spend their entire savings within one year of entering a nursing home?

Do you know that, for every one person receiving long-term care in a nursing home, there are four people receiving home health care?

Here's another thing you should know — Brethren Insurance Services, a ministry of Brethren Benefit Trust, offers LTCi for all Church of the Brethren members, as well as their families and friends.

Long-term care insurance is the only insurance that pays for the kind of custodial care that becomes necessary with the loss of two or more activities of daily living — bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, continence, and transferring — or cognitive impairment.

The provider companies with which Brethren Insurance Services works include John Hancock, Genworth, Mutual of Omaha, Prudential, Transamerica, and Lincoln. These companies provide comprehensive insurance plans that include home care, skilled care, assisted living, respite care, and hospice care. All of these companies are A-rated or better by A.M. Best, a source that evaluates the financial stability of insurance companies.

A recent feature available with these policies is a qualification for a state partnership, which provides the capacity to protect some of the insured's financial assets if the policy runs out while care is still needed. Currently, 40 states participate in this partnership.

Want to know more? Please contact **Randy Yoder, Client Development Representative for Brethren Insurance Services**, at 847-622-3362 or ryoder_bbt@brethren.org.

Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI July 2-6, 2011



DeVos Convention Center, by Gary Syrba, Experience Grand Rapids

NOAC Bus to Lake Junaluska



A bus to National Older Adult Conference in Junaluska, North Carolina has been reserved for transport from Mt. Morris on **Sunday, September 4, 2011**. The bus will return on **September 10, 2011**. The group will make an overnight stay going and returning. The cost is **\$260.00** for the bus fare including double motel occupancy. For information and registration, please contact: Marvin Thill, 521 Eugene St., Stockton, IL 61085; 815-947-3197; bettyandmarvin@gmail.com

Persons associated with churches in the southern part of the district are welcome to ride on the **Western Plains** bus boarding at **Carbondale**. Call David Fruth for details: 620-245-0674.

For information about NOAC go to www.brethren.org/NOAC or call Kim Ebersole at (800) 323-8039, ext. 30

38th Annual Brethren Bible Institute



Summer Term July 25-29, 2011
(on the campus of Elizabethtown College,
Elizabethtown, PA

Sponsored by: Brethren Revival Fellowship
Applications available at: Brethren Bible Institute
155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517
Application process completed by: June 24, 2011

Banners For District Conference



Our Moderator Lisa Fike and the Program and Arrangements Team asks each fellowship/Church to make a small banner using the conference theme "**Joined with me and I with you**" from John 15:5 You may also use your Church theme or logo. Banners should be finished size 12" X 15" and include a means of hanging. They

can be made of any material and can be any color. Please include your Church name in some manner. The banners will be the back drop for worship and business services. At conference end the banners will be re-distributed. Each church will receive the banner of a sister church and are encouraged to hold this sister congregation in your prayers throughout the next year.

We please ask that you send the banners to the District Office or give to one of the members of the Program and Arrangements Committee by September 15, 2011. Members are: Roger Ruth – Springfield, Joyce Person – Dixon, Twila Habegger – York Center, Lisa Fike, Fletcher Farrar, Bill Williams and Kevin Kessler are members Ex-officio.

Brethren and the Civil War

In a recent newsletter, Shenandoah District included the following reflection on the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, and how **Brethren** at the time responded:

On May 19-22, 1861, the **Brethren** held their Yearly Meeting at Beaver Creek (now a congregation near Bridgewater, Va.). This is a particularly historic and meaningful gathering that deserves commemoration because it occurred in their district during the turbulent, opening days of the Civil War.

Through the winter and spring, 1861, as the nation spiraled toward disunion, the **Dunkers** debated whether to change the location of their meeting. As nonresistants and opponents of slavery, **Brethren** were a conspicuous minority in a slave-holding region preparing for war. Northern **Dunkers** feared that travel south was too risky, but Virginia **Brethren** countered that it was just as dangerous for them to journey north and the meeting proceeded as planned.

The turnout was large, but only four northern congregations sent representatives. The editor of the local newspaper, the "Rockingham Register," visited and wrote a lengthy and very interesting report.

Consider sharing this information with your church as a Brethren-style remembrance of the Civil War sesquicentennial, a basis for preaching, a Minute for Mission, a Sunday school topic, or some other form of commemoration. Interested persons can consult the Annual Conference minutes and Roger Sappington's book "The Brethren in the New Nation." For further information, including early 19th-century hymns that are still familiar and in the blue hymnal, contact Steve Longenecker, Professor of History, Bridgewater College, slongene@bridgewater.edu .

(taken from the Church of the Brethren Newsline.)



Layman's 10 Commandments

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rearview Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

2011 Calendar

JUNE

- 3-5....Camp Emmanuel Women's Camp
- 5-11....Camp Emmanuel Youth Camp
- 12-18....Camp Emmanuel Jr. High Camp
- 17 ..Nat'l. Jr. High Conf, Elizabethtown College
- 19 ..Father's Day
- 21 ..First Day of Summer
- 25-26...Elementary Camp I - Emmaus

JULY

- 2-6Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- 8-9....Camp Emmanuel Pre-Jr. Camp
- 10- 16...Sr. High Camp - Emmaus
- 10- 16...Camp Emmanuel Jr. Camp
- 17-23...Jr. High Camp - Emmaus
- 23 ..Leadership Team - Peoria
- 24-29...Elementary III Camp - Emmaus

AUGUST

- 2-5...Elementary II Camp - Emmaus
- 5-7...Women's Camp - Emmaus
- 12-14....Camp Emmanuel Men's Camp
- 14 ..Camp Emmanuel Board Meeting
- 20 ..Program and Arrangements

SEPTEMBER

- 5Labor Day
- 5NOAC, Lake Junaluska
- 2-5Family Camp Emmanuel
- 2-5Family Camp Emmaus
- 11 ..Grandparent's Day
- 17 ..Leadership Team - Dixon
- 21 ..International Day of Peace
- 29 ..Rosh Hashanah

OCTOBER

- 2World Communion Sunday
- 8Yom Kippur
- 8Program & Arrangements
- 10 ..Columbus Day
- 15 ..Leadership Team - Peoria
- 22 ..Camp Emmanuel Fall Work Day

NOVEMBER

- 4-6District Conference, Lake Williamson
- 6Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 12 ..Camp Emmanuel Board Meeting
- 18-19 ...Leadership Team Retreat - Emmaus
- 24 ..Thanksgiving
- 27 ..First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

- 21 ..Hanukkah
- 25 ..Christmas
- 26 ..Kwanzaa

Regional Youth Conference



The **2011 Powerhouse Regional Youth Conference** will take place at Manchester College (North Manchester, Ind.) Nov. 12-13. Jeff Carter, pastor of Manassas (Va.) Church of the Brethren, will be our keynote speaker for the weekend. Other details will be developed in the months ahead, but for now **please mark your calendars** and plan to join us! For questions, contact the Manchester College Campus Ministry office at wjwiltschek@manchester.edu. Walt Wiltschek; MC Campus Ministry, 260-982-5243

Mother-in-Law of Pastor Succumbs in Pennsylvania

Our deepest sympathy goes to the Freda Gordon family. Freda went to be with the Lord on May 22, 2011. She is the mother of Vonna Beach whose husband, Greg, pastors the Woodland Church of the Brethren in Astoria, Mrs. Gordon was 91. Her husband Raymond Gordon had ministered in several Churches of the Brethren in Pennsylvania. Pastor Gordon went to be with the Lord in 1985. Our condolences to Vonna and Greg Beach.

July Newsletter

There will be NO newsletter in July because of Annual Conference and many people will be on vacation. Please send articles for the August Newsletter, however.