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NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
APRIL 2022

Q & A with Church of the Brethren Denominational Leadership Sunday, April 24th from 3 pm – 5 pm

You are invited to a Question and Answer Session with David Steele (CoB General Secretary) and David Sollenberger (CoB Moderator) at Ashland First Church of the Brethren on Sunday, April 24th from 3 pm – 5 pm. This will be an informal time to ask questions you have regarding the denomination, and to voice concerns and affirmations. We encourage you to take part in this important opportunity for conversation with denominational leadership.

Congregational Yearbook Forms

Congregational Yearbook Forms are due on April 15. Please see that your congregation has sent in these forms to help our denomination with their records. Please contact the district office if your congregation needs replacement yearbook forms. Copies will be sent to the district office so you do not need to send a copy of your forms to the district office.

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Spring Area Clergy Meetings

The **Spring Area Clergy meetings** are scheduled for May 3-5. The first 1/2 hour is announcements and sharing, followed by 2 hours of a workshop for CEUs. Moses and Jocelyn Siakula will be our presenters. More information will be sent out next week.

May 3rd, 9:30 am - 12 noon - (Central area) Marion CoB

May 3rd 6 pm - 8:30 pm - (Western area) Sugar Creek West

May 4th, 9:30 am - 12 noon - (Western area) Defiance

May 4th, 6 pm - 8:30 pm - (Eastern area) Hartville

May 5th, 9:30 am - 12 noon - (Eastern area) East Nimishillen

May 5th, 6 pm - 8:30 pm - (Central area) District Office and Zoom

Annual Conference Delegate Briefing

Annual Conference Briefing: On Sunday, May 22nd from 3 pm – 5 pm at East Chippewa Church of the Brethren there will be a time for delegates and others to learn about the program and business items for Annual Conference this year in Omaha. Please encourage delegates in your churches to put it on their calendars. This year's Moderator, David Sollenberger will lead this time together with our Standing Committee delegate, Ben Polzin.



Take advantage of the opportunity to attend the **2022 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference this year on July 10-14 in Omaha, Nebraska.**

You may also register to attend virtually, which will allow you to view business sessions and concerts and some of the equipping online and will not have the ability to participate online.

All worship services can be viewed without cost but you must register to view business sessions, concerts, and some equipping sessions available online. You can find more information and register online at www.brethren.org/ac2022.

National Young Adult Conference—May 27-30, 2022



The theme of the 2022 National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) is “I Am because We Are” based on Romans 12:5. NYAC is scheduled for May 27-30, 2022 at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina. This event offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults! For more information go to <https://www.brethren.org/yva/yac/>

May Ventures Course to Focus on Faith in Media Culture

The May offering from Ventures in Christian Discipleship will be “Spirituality on the Screen” to be held online Monday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. Central. The course will be presented by Walt Wiltschek.

Even while culture seems to be drifting away from organized religion according to many recent surveys, faith pops up all over the place in television and film and elsewhere in media culture. How are God and other parts of faith being portrayed? And are these intersections a good thing? Join us to dig in deeper and discuss together.

Walt Wiltschek started last year as part-time district executive minister for Illinois & Wisconsin and currently lives in Lombard, Ill. He also does part-time chaplaincy work for Illinois Wesleyan University. He previously served as pastor of Easton (Md.) Church of the Brethren, campus pastor at Manchester University in Indiana, and editor of Messenger magazine, for which he still does some writing and editing. He enjoys traveling, camp ministry, puns and wordplay, and cheering for various sports teams.

Continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. During the registration process, you will have the opportunity to pay for CEUs and give an optional donation to the Ventures program.

To learn more about Ventures in Christian Discipleship and to register for courses, visit www.mcpherson.edu/ventures.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ANNOUNCES MILEAGE RATE FOR 2022

Beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the business use of a vehicle will be 58.5 cents per mile driven. This is up 2.5 cents from the 2021 IRS rate. The rate for miles driven for charitable work remains at 14 cents per mile.

District Prayer Calendar

April

Churches/Pastors

Bristolville, Pulpit Supply
Brook Park, Pulpit Supply
Center, Mark Kell
Chippewa, Bill Eley

District Leadership

Central Committee, Brian Layman Moderator

Other Districts

Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest

National Leadership

Tim McElwee, Moderator elect

May

Churches/Pastors

County Line, Chris Ewing
Defiance, Eugene Yenser
Dupont, Jeff Rhees
East Chippewa, Brad Kelley

District Leadership

Ministerial Commission, Steve Simmons Chair

Other Districts

Missouri/Arkansas, Southeastern

National Leadership

On Earth Peace, Church of the Brethren Spain

Visit www.nohcob.org/prayer for a complete copy of our District Prayer Calendar.

Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Bristolville (full-time) – Profile completed, Search Committee interviewing. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

Mansfield First – Search Committee being formed. Tom Michaels serving as transitional pastor.

Painesville (part-time) – Profile completed, Search Committee interviewing. John Ballinger serving as transitional pastor.

Woodworth – Search Committee working on profile. Preacher John Polanski will complete his ministry April 24.

Congregations that have not yet begun the Search Process or have chosen not to seek at this time:

Akron Eastwood – Cindy Peel serving as interim pastor.

Brook Park – Leadership providing pulpit supply.

Dupont – Jeff Rhees serving as interim pastor.

Sugarcreek East – Nelson Brown serving an interim pastor.

Silver Creek – Ric Beals serving as interim pastor through April 24.

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May God's blessings of hope, joy, and new life be yours as you celebrate this day together.

Mark Your Calendar

- 4.12 Eastern Area Clergy Luncheon
- 4.12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 4.13 Central Area Clergy Breakfast
- 4.15 Good Friday, Office Closed
- 4.17 Easter Sunday
- 4.23 BBI Class: Intro to Theology (District Office)
- 4.24 CoB Q & A with David Steele and Dave Sollenberger @ Ashland First CoB
- 4.30 SISTERS Women's Spring Retreat (Mansfield First)

Spring Area Clergy Meetings May 3-5, 2022. See page two for meeting locations.

Staff Vacation and Office Hours

Julie Watson will be on vacation April 11-15 and attending the District Administrative Assistants Conference April 25-27.

Kris Hawk will be covering the office while Julie is out, but please contact her before coming to the District Office. There will be times she will be out for meetings. You may reach Kris at 330-612-2086 or krishawk@nohcob.org. Thank you!