



Pastor's *memo*

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN | OCTOBER 2016

Articles for The Herald, Fall Issue Due October 10

Stories to Share

Each church received a check for \$1000 in June, and another \$1000 check in August. This money came from the Hottle fund, a \$2 million gift to the District from the estate of Dwight Hottle.*

In the October issue of the Herald, we want to include stories of how this money was used in your church. Please send your stories to julie@nohcob.org or call the District Office at 419-281-3058. These don't need to be complicated; they can be as short as several sentences, or as up to 150 words. Staci Williams (Licensed Minister from Poplar Ridge and writer) will put these together in an article to help us celebrate God's work through these gifts.

In addition to sharing these stories with each other, this will also allow us to share with the Hottle family how some of this amazing gift is being used.

*The money for the grants to churches for outreach ministries is also provided by this fund. See the District Conference Wrap Up newsletter for more information.

Self-Allocation Packet

It is now possible to submit this information on-line

Each church received a Self-Allocation packet at District Conference or had it mailed to them shortly after. It is important for each church to complete and return this form. This can be sent by mail, or you fill out the information on-line at <http://www.brethren.org/stewardship/congregational-outreach.html>

It is very helpful to have this information as we work through the budgeting process for the District. With the action at District Conference, money from the Hottle Memorial fund has been freed up for use for the churches, the camp, and the district for active ministry now. We are working towards a balanced District budget that will be using less of the Hottle money now and be self-sustaining when the Hottle money is no longer available. And this depends on your self-allocations to the District. Please prayerfully consider your support to these important Outreach funds.

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SISTERS' Fall 2016 Retreat

October 15, 2016, "Sisters and Friends", Guest Speaker: Lisa Troyer, Musician and Author Hosted by: New Philadelphia Church of the Brethren, New Philadelphia, OH

SISTERS in Christ, mark your calendar and plan to attend the SISTERS' Fall 2016 Retreat on October 15, 2016. Please see the attached flyer for more information. You may register by mail, by phone or email, or online at <http://www.nohcob.org/resources/sisters>. Contact Billi Janet Burkey, 330-418-1148 or sistersnorthernohio@gmail.com.

Northern Ohio Disaster Ministry Trip, October 23-29

The Northern Ohio District Disaster Ministry Team is going to Detroit, MI from October 23-29, 2016. They still have space for a few more volunteers. Please respond with your reservation to Brenda Hostetler, Hjbrenda@aol.com as soon as possible if you are interest in going. They need to know in advance who is planning to travel with the group. Thank you!



Save the Date Sr. High Winter Fest, December 3-4 at Inspiration Hills

Attention Sr. High Youth: Mark your calendar for December 3-4 and plan to attend the Sr. High Winter Fest at Inspiration Hills, Burbank, OH. This is for Grades 9-12. Contact Esther Harsh, District Youth Coordinator, 330-880-7161 or esther@nohcob.org for more information.

Nigeria Workcamp WORK, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Participating in and/or supporting Nigeria Workcamps is another important and life-changing way to support EYN and its members. The workcamps will focus on restoring some of the nearly 70 percent of church buildings lost during the crisis. Participants will help to rebuild churches and repair church facilities, and will also have an opportunity to worship and pray in fellowship with the Nigerian Brethren and to encourage people as they recover. More information can be found online at <http://www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis/action.html#workcamps> or by contacting Kendra Harbeck at 847-429-4388 or kharbeck@brethren.org. Anyone interested in the November workcamp should contact Kendra immediately to find out if registration is still open. There is still plenty of time to participate in the trips in January and February 2017.

Nigeria Book Drive for Children's Books for EYN-Related Schools & Kulp Bible College

The book drive is an important way to support education and hope in Nigeria. The drive aims to collect children's books for EYN-related schools, as well as books for the library at Kulp Bible College for training pastors. Information about the book drive is included on the attached flyer and also online at <http://www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis/action.html#books>. The books must arrive at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD no later than November 20 so they can be packed and shipped to Nigeria. Books should be new or in very good shape. A wish list of books for KBC can be found online. Contact the District Office if you would like a copy sent to you or if you have any questions email julie@nohcob.org.

Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Bethel – Congregational profile completed. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

Brook Park – *Tom Michaels* to begin as interim. Search Committee being formed.

Dupont – Searching for youth pastor. Profile complete.

Lakewood – Interviewing candidates. *Gene Wyse* serving as interim.

Pleasant View – *Les Bartley* resigned as pastor effective October 30th. *Dr. Byron Hawbecker* begins serving as interim November 6th. Search Committee formed.

Process completed

Dupont – *Dan Wust* called as Pastor. Installation service held September 11.

Lick Creek – *Bill Holsopple* called as Pastor. Installation service held September 18.

Marion – *Rick Hicks* called as Pastor. Installation service held September 25.

Moving forward towards calling:

Chippewa – *Bill Eley* approval for Commissioning by board. Congregational call meeting pending.

Woodworth – *John Polanski* serving as interim and beginning the credentialing process.

Congregations that have not yet begun the search process or have chosen not to seek at this time:

East Nimishillen – *Matthew Reed* serving as interim. Congregational profile complete, but not actively seeking at this time.

Eden – *Wayne Scott* serving as interim.

Lake Breeze – *James Washington* serving as interim.

Maple Grove – *John Ballinger* serving as interim until 2/2018.

Paradise – *Terry Vaught* to begin serving as interim.

Mark Your Calendar

- **October 6**—Transition Team Meeting, 6:30pm to 9pm, District Office, Ashland, OH
- **October 8**—Transition Team Listening Session, 9am to 11am, Akron Springfield CoB, Akron, OH
- **October 8**—Transition Team Listening Session, 10am to 12pm, Pleasant View CoB, Elida, OH
- **October 9**—Transition Team Listening Session, 3pm to 5pm, East Chippewa CoB, Orrville, OH
- **October 15**—SISTERS' 2016 Fall Retreat, New Philadelphia CoB, New Philadelphia, OH
- **October 20**—Ministry to Dementia Patients, 10am to 3pm, Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria, OH
- **October 22**—Disaster Volunteer Reunion, 11am to 1pm, Mohican CoB, West Salem, OH
- **October 23-29**—Northern Ohio Disaster Ministry Project, Detroit, MI
- **October 25**—Executive Committee Meeting, District Office, 5pm to 9pm
- **November 18-19**—Jr. High Fall Rally, Mt. Pleasant CoB, North Canton, OH

District Prayer Calendar

September 25—October 1

North Bend CoB (Pastor Patrick Bailey) and Owl Creek CoB (Pastor Charles Barnhill)

October 2—October 8

Painesville CoB (Pastors John & Sondra Bocchieri) and Paradise CoB (Pastoral Vacancy)

October 9—October 15

Pleasant View CoB (Pastor Les Bartley) and Poplar Ridge CoB (Pastor Ben Polzin)

October 16—October 22

Reading CoB (Pastor Larry Bradley) and Richland CoB (Pastor Jim Frado)

October 18—October 29

Ross CoB (Pastor Keith Stoller) and Silver Creek CoB (Pastor Terry Baldwin)

FALL AREA CLERGY MEETINGS

As I have travelled the District, one of the things I have heard from clergy is the desire to have more opportunities for fellowship with each other...providing and receiving support, encouragement, and inspiration. One of the things I have felt is a deep calling to pray together...for our churches, our communities, our district, our denomination, and our world.

These two things have guided the planning of our Fall Area Clergy Meetings (see schedule below). There will be a short time set aside to hear about what is going on in the district/denomination and provide feedback. But the bulk of our time will be praying together and spending time in fellowship with each other.

I hope that this time will allow pastors new to ministry and new to our District to develop connections, and to establish deeper relationships among those who already know each other. And we need to be in prayer together – the strength, focus, power, and transformation that is needed will not come from within ourselves!

There will be no CEU's offered for this time. I know that it's risky, but I believe the opportunity to pray and fellowship together provides a reward even richer than CEU credits! I encourage you to use the workshop offered by Jonah's People Fellowship and Good Shepherd Home on October 20th as your fall CEU opportunity (see attached flyer).

Please plan on sharing in one of these times. Renewal, rest, refreshment, and revival can come as we wait upon the Lord together. Praying for you all in the love of Christ, Kris Hawk.

Date	Time	Location
Tues. 11/1	9:30 – 11:30	(Western)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Western)
Wed. 11/2	9:30 – 11:30	(Eastern)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Eastern)
Thurs. 11/3	9:30 – 11:30	(Central)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Central)
Sat. 11/5	9:30 – 11:30	(Central)

Specific church locations to be announced soon.

Looking ahead: Plans are underway for Spring Area Clergy meetings that will continue opportunity for fellowship as we learn about what the church can and should bring to race relations within our communities. Speakers and date details will follow. (Spring will come with CEU's)

ATTACHMENTS

- FALL REVIVAL SERVICES BULLETIN INSERT—OCTOBER 2-6, MT. PLEASANT COB, NORTH CANTON, OH
- TRANSITION TEAM LISTENING SESSIONS FLYER—OCTOBER 8-9, AKRON SPRINGFIELD COB, PLEASANT VIEW COB, EAST CHIPPEWA COB
- SISTERS' FALL RETREAT FLYER—OCTOBER 15, NEW PHILADELPHIA COB, NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH
- MINISTRY TO DEMENTIA PATIENTS WORKSHOP FLYER—OCTOBER 20, GOOD SHEPHERD HOME, FOSTORIA, OH
- JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY FLYER—NOVEMBER 18-19, MT. PLEASANT COB, NORTH CANTON, OH
- NIGERIA CRISIS RESPONSE BOOK DRIVE FLYER—DEADLINE NOVEMBER 20, BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND FOR KULP BIBLE COLLEGE
- NIGERIA CRISIS RESPONSE WORKCAMP FLYER—CAMP DATES: NOVEMBER 4TH—21ST, 2016, JANUARY 11TH—30TH, 2017, FEBRUARY 17TH—MARCH 6TH, 2017, ADDITIONAL WORKCAMP IN 2017 ARE BEING PLANNED