

# Pastor's Memo

November 2015

## Mark Your Calendar

November 14

District Board Meeting

Mt. Pleasant CoB, North Canton, OH

December 5

City Changers Youth Mission Event

“Freebay” Ashland, OH

December 5

Nominating Committee Meeting

District Office, Ashland, OH

January 23

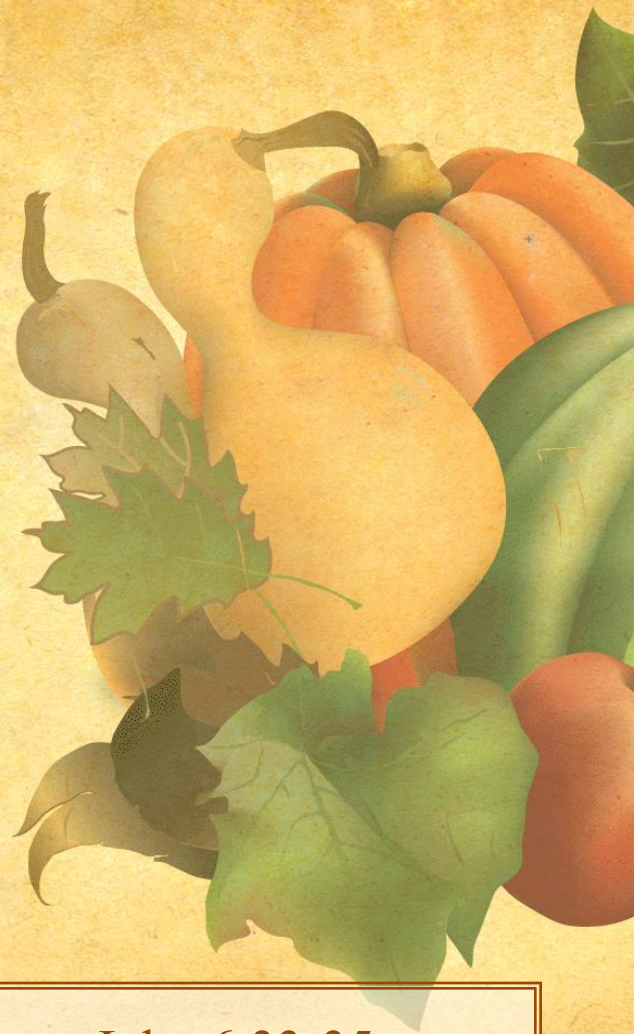
Youth Leadership Workshop

District Office, Ashland, OH

February 9

Executive Committee Meeting

District Office, Ashland, OH



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## John 6:33-35

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

# Pastoral Placement

**Adrian** – *David Morton* serving as interim.

**Akron First** – *Tobin Crenshaw* installed as pastor October 18.

**Akron Springfield** – Search Committee conducting pastoral interviews. *Tom Michaels* serving as interim.

**Ashland First** – Search Committee conducting pastoral interviews. *Tina Hunt* serving as interim.

**Bethel** – Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**Center** – Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**Chippewa** – Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**East Nimishillen** – Search Committee preparing congregational profile. *Matthew Reed* serving as interim.

**Eden** – Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**Lake Breeze** – *James Washington* serving as interim.

**Lick Creek** – Search Committee preparing congregational profile. *Dr. Nancy Berkheiser* serving as interim.

**Maple Grove** – *Bill Schaefer* resigning as pastor effective November 15. The search for an associate pastor has been put on hold.

**Marion First** – *Rick Hicks* serving as interim.

**Owl Creek** – *Charles Barnhill* serving as interim.

**Richland** – *Jim Frado* called as pastor June 28. Installation to be scheduled.

**Ross** – *Keith Stoller* serving as interim.

**Sugar Creek West** – Search Committee conducting pastoral interviews. *Dr. Byron Hawbecker* serving as interim.

**Swan Creek** – Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**Woodworth** – *Mitch Funkhouser* serving as interim.

## District Prayer Calendar

### **November 8—November 14**

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

### **November 15—November 21**

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

### **November 22—November 28**

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

### **November 29—December 5**

Sugarcreek East CoB (Pastor Dick Marshall) and Sugar Creek West CoB (Interim Dr. Byron Hawbecker)

### **December 6—December 12**

Swan Creek CoB (Pastoral Vacancy) and Water Street CoB (Pastor Denny Fox)



# Annual Conference 2016

## From the Annual Conference Office

There will be a change starting this coming year for congregations registering delegates for Annual Conference. Both delegate and non-delegate registrations will open on the same day, Wednesday, February 17, 2016. There will be no “early” delegate registration beginning in January as in the past. A letter with more registration details and information will be sent directly to all congregations in December. Anyone with questions can contact the Conference Office at [annualconference@brethren.org](mailto:annualconference@brethren.org) or by calling 800-323-8039, ext. 365.

## City Changers

The City Changers Initiative is a new piece of the District Youth Ministry. The generation of individuals which makes up our youth groups in the District generally desires a chance to change the world around them. In creating City Changers, we wanted to give them an outlet for this desire in their own backyards.

The way we do this is by offering our youth opportunities to serve the communities of which they are a part. It can often be easy to dismiss missional work as something we go away and do, but the reality is that we are missionaries in our hometowns as well. As the District Youth Coordinator, it has been on my heart to teach the youth in the District about this principle of the Christian life. The City Changers Initiative is simply that principle put into practice.

The first opportunity that our youth have to serve is with several different churches in the Ashland area. Each year there is a group of churches that hold an event called Freebay – a free Christmas store for Ashland families in economic need. Hundreds of people donate amazing items for these families to come and “shop” through in order to provide Christmas presents for their families. Each year, Freebay fills the Family Life Center at Park Street Brethren Church with gifts, and hundreds of people come out to benefit. With an event that has such a high volume of donations

and visitors, there is always a lot of need for help.

This is where we come in.

Since the heart of the City Changers Initiative is to serve the communities of which our congregations are a part, we will be helping out with Freebay on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Freebay offers opportunities for setup/teardown, assisting families with transporting their gifts, prayer ministry, and many more.

Serving out of love is the key component of City Changers, and I hope that you will join us in Ashland as we help to transform our community closer to the vision God has for it. If you are interested in joining, bringing youth, or bringing any volunteers, please contact Spencer Dolezal ([spencer@nohcob.org](mailto:spencer@nohcob.org) or (440) 554-4657)

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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