

KNOW THE TRUTH
and tell

THE STORIES.
-Psalm 78:7 The Message



What's your story?

The Herald

District Conference Edition

2024 Northern Ohio

District Conference

August 9-10

Hartville Church of the Brethren

Hartville, Ohio

Message from the Moderator

Tina Hunt, Northern Ohio District Moderator and Pastor at Mansfield CoB

"I love to tell the story for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest (I Love to Tell the Story, Kate Hankey and William Fischer).

What is the truth and how do you know it? What's the story? What is your story?

These are the questions that bubbled up as I started thinking about the theme for this conference. As we have moved closer and closer to the time for conference I have seen more clearly how relevant the questions are.

First, let's consider "knowing the truth."

In Jesus' trial before Pilate, the two men discuss truth. Finally, Jesus says, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." That's when Pilate asks the age old and timeless question for our generation, "What is truth?"

News reports, social media and general conversation in our day seems to focus on this question. People inside and outside the church are digging in their heels, holding tight to their personal and preferred interpretation.

Before this conversation, Jesus had told the crowd who followed him, "I am the way, the truth, and life." So while we want to make truth a "what", I wonder if re-thinking our definition would help us answer a lot of questions. How radical is this concept? Truth is a "who". Truth is Jesus.

What kind of difference would this shift make in our thinking and doing as churches and individuals who follow Jesus peacefully, simply, and together?

Recently, an image came to mind as I was driving to a

The color was vivid and rich. The sun, rain, and snow hadn't worked to weaken the depth of the fresh paint. The color was still saturated. Saturated.

Tucked in Psalm 78:8 is one of my favorite phrases. It's not enough to merely know the truth and keep it to myself. Knowledge is motivation to tell the story.



We are to know the truth, know it and desire to share it.

We all have a story to tell. I can't tell yours and you can't tell mine. Telling the story became an important part of Jesus' teaching. When the crowd was lauding Jesus on his way into Jerusalem, the Pharisees were trying to quiet the joyful and loud crowd.

They were so put off by the scene, they told Jesus to silence the crowd. Jesus let them know if the people failed to praise, to tell the story, the stones would cry out. Putting the Old Testament reference and Jesus teaching together, we can begin to see somewhat of a "mathematical" equation:

knowing the truth + telling the story
= others coming to know God

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Children and Youth activities

Childcare (toddlers and preschoolers) is available during the Pre-Conference Workshop, Worship Services, Business Sessions and Insight Sessions, located in the Childcare area.

Children's Activities (K-5th grade) are provided during Insight and Business Sessions.

Jr. & Sr. High Activities are coordinated by Jessi Adams, Director of One Generation Ministries at Ashland Dickey CoB. Youth registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday and activities continue overnight through Saturday worship.

There are no registration or meal costs for children or youth (jr. and sr. high). Advisors serving with the youth through the conference also attend without cost.

Northern Ohio District Conference

2024 Schedule

Friday, August 9 Schedule

11:00 a.m.	Exhibit & Peace Auction Set-up Begins
12:00 p.m.	Registration Begins
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshop
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (in Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Opening Worship, Tina Hunt preaching
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Insight Sessions and Ice Cream

Saturday, August 10 Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (in Fellowship Hall)
9:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session (in Fellowship Hall)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (in Fellowship Hall)
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Insight Sessions
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Business Session (in Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m.	Worship Service, Guest Speaker Nate Polzin Installation of Moderator
5:30 p.m.	Dinner (in Fellowship Hall)
5:15 p.m.	Reorganization of the Board



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Perhaps you're math avoidant like I am. Here's another tool I use. I will take a verse like ours and in meditating/thinking deeply on it, I will emphasize each word and ponder the meaning and importance. For our verse, that would (be) something like this:

KNOW the truth and tell the story.
Know THE truth and tell the story.
Know the TRUTH and tell the story.
Know the truth AND tell the story.
Know the truth and TELL the story.
Know the truth and tell THE story.
Know the truth and tell the STORY.

Which word is God speaking to you through?

As we approach our August District Conference, I will be sharing brief devotional thoughts via the district Facebook page, and our district website.

Let's journey together toward knowing Jesus better, and be ready and able speak to others of God's great love. There are many around us "hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest."

Tina M. Hunt
District Conference Moderator

Conference Speakers

Tina Hunt

Friday Evening Worship

I've been a member of the COB since 2011. I was familiar with Anabaptist theology, having come through Ashland Seminary twice and serving as an interim in the Mennonite church. From my first visit to Ashland Dickey COB, I felt like I had finally found my spiritual home. I began my pastoral journey in the COB in 2015 with Ashland First COB. Currently I am at my second pastoral assignment in Mansfield, Ohio.



I have three ministry related degrees: a MA in NT; a MDiv, and an MAPC. I completed 10 units of Clinical Pastoral Education. My passion for teaching and learning has fueled my involvement in the district BBI program which I will continue working with when I am done serving as moderator.

Nelson and I met in college. He thought he knew what he was getting into marrying a woman preacher. He's always been my greatest encourager. God made him flexible, strong, and forgiving. His greatest spiritual gift is generosity. We have two grown daughters. They have blessed us with three grandchildren.

I have truly enjoyed working with and serving as Moderator for the Northern Ohio District. I also consider it an honor to serve on the Mission and Ministry Board representing our region.

I am a published author of two devotionals, one for Advent and one for Lent through Easter. I read a lot, mostly nonfiction and work related. I love singing. My favorite form of relaxation is riding my bike...and I don't do it nearly enough.

Tina M. Hunt, Moderator / Pastor
Mansfield First Church of the Brethren

Nate Polzin

Saturday Evening Worship

Nate Polzin is the Executive Director of Discipleship and Leadership Formation for the Church of the Brethren. He has been in ministry since 1996, and is the founding pastor of The Church in Drive (Saginaw, Michigan).



Nate also started a leadership coaching and training practice for ministry and business leaders, Polzin Coaching & Consulting, Inc.

Nate graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Political Science and earned an M. Div. at Bethany Theological Seminary.

He has served in various roles in the Church of the Brethren at the local, district and national level. In addition to planting a church, he served as a District Executive, started three college ministries, and led successful revitalization efforts in three congregations.

Nate is married to Mandy, who is a counselor and hospice chaplain. They have two great boys – Lucas and Michael. Nate enjoys traveling, reading, history, and especially coaching Little League Baseball and soccer for his sons' teams. One day Nate hopes to see his beloved Detroit Lions win a Super Bowl – we got so close this last year!

Registration for District Conference is now open.

Register on-line at www.nohcob.org/register
or use the forms on pages 6-8 in this
issue of the Herald.

Northern Ohio Church of the Brethren



District Conference August 9 and 10

Pre-Conference Workshop

Friday/August 9 from 1 pm– 4:30 pm



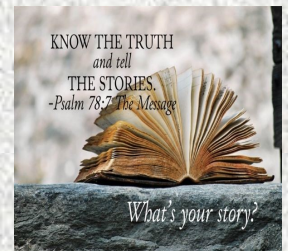
For My Neighbor's Good - Brethren Evangelism Training Event

Nate Polzin, Executive Director of Discipleship and Leadership Formation will lead this training that will focus on helping participants connect the story of how they have encountered Jesus in their lives with the needs of others in their neighborhoods who have not yet met Jesus. Rather than trying to memorize a script or a set of answers to pre-formulated questions, we will work to help Christians unlock their personal testimonies.

Another aspect of this course will be to develop a team approach to evangelism. We will talk about how the whole church can be involved in helping individual members share Jesus with their neighbors, and how all Christians need to think about their reputation in their community. Participants will be asked to think about how things in their congregation may feel and look to visitors, along with other helpful exercises to make our church spaces and services more accessible to guests.

These and other topics will be covered by a mix of Bible study, small group sharing, and more. It will be a fun and faith-building time together!

Clergy will be awarded 0.3 CEUs for participation.



Insight Sessions

Friday Evening/ August 9 from 8 pm-9 pm

Starting a Young Adult Ministry from Scratch – Presented by Nate Polzin

Live Stream Technology – Presented by Congregational Commission

Intro to PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) – Camera and streaming technology to congregations for live streaming worship services

Immigration “To Welcome the Stranger” – Presented by Connections Commission

Saturday Afternoon/ August 10 from 1:15 pm-2:15 pm

Leading a Congregation Through Change – Presented by Nate Polzin

What’s Happening at Camp – Presented by Andrew Kauffman – IH Interim Executive Director

There have been lots of changes and lots happening at Inspiration Hills over the last year! Come meet Andrew, the new Interim Executive Director and learn about what’s new at Camp.

A Space for Service – Presented by Connections Commission

We make space in our lives for the things that are importing to us. But do we make space for service? Come learn about the opportunities in our denomination to serve others, a space to be intentionally with others and with God.

Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren
2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATE AUTHORIZATION FORM

Mail the form to: Northern Ohio District, 1107 East Main Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Please do not include any payments with this form.

All payments should be sent with the Registration Form along with any choices for meals and camp lodging (if applicable).

CONGREGATION NAME: _____

Delegate 1

Name

Complete Mailing Address

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Delegate 2

Name

Complete Mailing Address

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Delegate 3

Name

Complete Mailing Address

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Delegates Authorized by: (Pastor, Clerk, or Moderator)

Sign below, name and title

Number of Delegates: District Polity says: "There shall be two (2) for each member church or fellowship with 200 or fewer members. Larger churches shall have one (1) delegate for each additional 100 members or fraction thereof. One delegate should be a church board member. No elected delegate shall serve more than two years in succession, except in those congregations where the average weekly worship attendance is (35) or less.

Adult District Conference Registration Form

August 9-10, 2024 Northern Ohio District Conference

YOU MUST REGISTER BY **JULY 28** IF YOU WANT TO ORDER MEALS

Send Registration Forms and checks to:
Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

All delegates must also complete this form. Each congregation must provide a delegate authorization form signed by the church's pastor, moderator, board chair, or clerk. This is verification that the delegate has been chosen by the congregation to represent them at conference.

You may now also register on-line & print conference materials from the District Website:
www.nohcob.org/register.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Are you a Delegate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Congregation Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____)_____ E-mail _____

Is this your first conference? Yes ☐ No ☐ Do you want a Conference Book? Yes ☐ No ☐

Registration Fee: \$25.00 pre-registration (\$35.00 on site) \$ 25.00

Choose your meal options:

Friday Dinner

☐ \$14.00

Saturday Lunch

☐ \$10.00

Saturday Dinner

☐ \$14.00

Special dietary needs? _____ Total Meals: \$ _____

Are you attending the Pre-conference event?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wish to receive CEU's?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please add together your Registration Fee & Meal Costs
(Make checks to "Northern Ohio District")

Total Cost: \$ _____

Jr. High / Sr. High Youth / Youth Advisor Registration Form

August 9-10, 2024 Northern Ohio District Conference

Send Registration Forms to: Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 28TH

You may also register on-line & print conference materials from the District Website: www.nohcob.org/register

☐ Senior High (9th-12th)

☐ Junior High (6th-8th)

☐ Youth Advisor

Congregation Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Is this your first conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a delegate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration Fee: No charge for youth.

Registration Fee: \$ 0.00

Meals: Meals will be provided for youth at no charge.

Special dietary needs? _____ **Total Meals:** \$ 0.00

***Lodging:** Youth will lodge at 1937 Pressler Road, Akron / Kris Hawk's home

(bring your own bedding and towels)

Total Lodging: \$ 0.00

Total Cost: \$ 0.00

How will you be coming to District Conference?

☐ With my Family

☐ With my Youth Leader

☐ Driving Myself

Jessi Adams, Director of One Generations Ministry at Ashland Dickey CoB is coordinating the youth events at Conference. If you need help with transportation call Jessi at 419-685-1552

*Youth and advisors are expected to stay overnight at Kris Hawk's home on Friday and participate in all youth activities.

Youth registration begins at 4 pm on Friday, August 9th.

In addition to this Conference Registration form, you must complete the Youth Registration Form at www.nohcob.org/youth.

Child Registration Form

August 9-10, 2024 Northern Ohio District Conference

YOU MUST REGISTER BY JULY 28 IF YOU WANT TO ORDER MEALS

Send Registration Forms & checks to: Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

You may also register on-line at www.nohcob.org/register.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Congregation Name _____

Child's Name _____

M/F Age/Grade

Is this your child's first conference? Yes ☐ No ☐

Your child's meals:

The District provides Children's meals. Mark the meals for this child:

Friday Dinner ☐ Saturday Lunch ☐ Saturday Dinner ☐

Special dietary needs or allergies? _____

Preschool Children: Child care is provided during the pre-conference workshop, business sessions, worship services, & insight sessions. Register children for Child Care by **marking the box for each session your child will be in Child Care:**

☐ Pre-Conference ☐ Saturday Worship
☐ Friday Worship ☐ Insight Sessions
☐ Saturday Business

Grade School Children: Children's activities are provided for children in grades 1 through 6 during the Saturday business sessions and insight session. Will your child attend Children's Activities on Saturday? Yes ☐ No ☐

Parent's Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Parent's Contact Information at Conference _____

Who will pick your child up from child care or children's activities? _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

There is no cost for children to attend conference.

Child's Name _____

M/F Age/Grade

Is this your child's first conference? Yes ☐ No ☐

Your child's meals:

The District provides Children's meals. Mark the meals for this child:

Friday Dinner ☐ Saturday Lunch ☐ Saturday Dinner ☐

Special dietary needs or allergies? _____

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HOTELS AND
CAMPGROUNDS IN OR NEAR
HARTVILLE CoB

A block of rooms have been reserved at:

Comfort Suites

953 Edison St. NE (Rt. 619)
Hartville, Ohio, 44632
Phone - 330-587-4347
1.2 miles from the Church

Room prices

King Suite - \$99.00
Double Queen Suite - \$99.00

Cut off date for reservations

July 7, 2024

When calling reference: Northern Ohio
District Conference CoB

Holiday Inn

898 Arlington Ridge East
Akron, Ohio 44312
Phone - 855-516-1090
9.2 miles from the Church
(exit off I-77S and Arlington St.)

Hampton Inn

880 Arlington Ridge East
Akron, Ohio 44312
Phone - 1-888-616-7185
9.2 miles from the Church
(exit off I-77S and Arlington St.)

**Other options:
Cambria Suites**

1787 Thorn Dr.
Uniontown, Ohio 44685
Phone - 833-577-4984
8.4 miles from Church
(exit off I - 77S and Massillon Rd)

Residence Inn (Marriott)

897 Arlington Ridge East
Akron, Ohio 44312
Phone - 844-201-9662
9.2 miles from Church
(exit off I-77S and Arlington St.)

Clear Water Park

(Yogi Bear's Camp Resort)
12712 Hoover Ave. NW
Uniontown, Ohio 44685
Phone 330-877-9800
Rating - 4.2/5

Cutty's Camping Resort

8050 Edison ST. NE (Rt. 619)
Louisville, Ohio
Phone 330+-935-2431
Rating - 4.4/5

* PLEASE NOTE: Comfort Suites will fill to capacity on weekends during the Summer months due to the Hartville Kitchen, Hartville Hardware and the Hartville Market Place and Flea Market being tourist attractions. Other hotels mentioned are also very busy at this time of year.

PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

District Conference Giving Opportunities

Offerings

Friday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m.

A special offering will be taken during worship for the **District Conference Fund**. This fund provides for conference expenses, including but not limited to supporting host church expenses, ice cream, conference speakers travel and expenses, delegate materials, books and handouts, youth and children's activities, display area, insight sessions and much more!

Saturday, August 10th at 6:30 pm

The offering on Saturday will support **Brethren Disaster Ministries** as they engage a network of volunteers to repair or rebuild damaged homes for disaster survivors who cannot recover on their own, provide volunteers trained to support children directly impacted by disasters, and provide crisis relief in the global community.

NORTHERN OHIO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DISTRICT CONFERENCE



WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY TO CULTIVATE
RELATIONSHIPS AND ADDRESS THE
UNSEEN NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

- CURRENTLY THE GREATEST NEED IS FOR DONATIONS OF NEW TWIN SHEET SETS OR TWIN BEDDING SETS

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT
FOR LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH AND
LOVE OUR COMMUNITY



FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOST CITY

WE WILL BE COLLECTING
ITEMS AND FINANCES FOR
2 DIFFERENT LOCAL
CHRISTIAN OUTREACHES

- FINANCIAL DONATIONS OR ITEMS TO GO TO THE TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS



LAKE TOWNSHIP
FISH

WORKS WITH THOSE IN NEED OF
SUPPORT THROUGH FOOD, UTILITY
PAYMENTS AND OTHER HELP

- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- DIAPERS, WIPES AND PERIOD PRODUCTS NEEDED

QUESTIONS CONTACT JOCELYN
siakula2018@gmail.com
330-880-1809

Coming at District Conference!

August 9-10, 2024

The Silent Auction For The Peace Endowment Fund

Support District Peace Education Efforts!

YOU Can Participate!



→ **by bring handmade items and goodies** (handcrafted items, artist's work, homemade food) for the auction! Themed baskets are also welcome.

→ **by coming prepared to bid** on the donated items in the auction!

Donate by:

- Bringing your donated items to the Auction Table Friday, Aug 9 by 5 p.m.
- Giving us an estimate of their value
- Noting what a minimum starting bid should be

How to Bid:

- The Silent Auction runs from 5 p.m. Friday to (just before worship) Saturday evening.
- The person with the highest bid when Saturday evening worship starts, takes the item home in return for their contribution to the Peace Endowment Fund!
- All items should be picked up after worship on Saturday evening.
- It will be possible to make your contribution by credit card. (Be aware that there is a fee of 3 % of the amount you contribute by credit card charged to the District for this option.)



Northern Ohio District Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Akron Eastwood – Profile completed. Cindy *Peel* serving as interim.

Ashland Dickey – Call vote for pastoral candidate on May 19th.

Bristolville –Search Committee interviewing. *Ed Agler* serving as Interim Pastor.

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

Brook Park – *Ryan Lopez* serving as interim.

Dupont – *Solomon Okang* serving as preacher.

Eden-Tom Michaels serving as Transitional Pastor.

Freeburg – *Ed Wartluft* serving as preacher.

Jonah's People– *John Ballinger* serving as Interim Pastor.

Owl Creek—*David Searcy* serving as Interim Pastor.

Silver Creek – *congregation arranging pulpit supply.*

Sugar Creek West - Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

Congregations that have completed the Search Process:

East Chippewa - *Michael Huffaker* called as pastor and installed on January 8th.

Sugarcreek East - *Nelson Brown* called as pastor and installed on December 17th.

District Prayer Calendar

May Prayer Calendar

Churches/Pastors

Defiance, Eugene Yenser / Dupont, Solomon Okang
East Chippewa, Mike Huffaker

District Leadership

Ministerial Commission, Steve Simmons, Chair

Sister Districts

Missouri/Arkansas Southeastern

National Leadership

On Earth Peace, Church of the Brethren in Spain

June Prayer Calendar

Churches/Pastors

East Nimishillen, Jim Lee / Eden, Tom Michaels
Elm Street/Pleasant View, James Washington
Faith in Action, Jim Gorrell

District Leadership

Connections Commission, Jocelyn Siakula, Chair

Sister Districts

Idaho /Western Montana Northern Plains

National Leadership

Nevin Dulabaum, Eder Financial
Church of the Brethren in Uganda

July Prayer Calendar

Churches/Pastors

Freeburg, Ed Wartluft / Hartville, Anthony DiMarco
Jonah's People, John Ballinger /
Lake Breeze, Stephen McLaughlin

District Leadership

Congregational Comm., Beverly Wengerd, Chair

Sister Districts Southern Plains Western Plains

National Leadership

Annual Conference July 3-7
Church of the Brethren in Venezuela

Jessi Adams Licensed to the Ministry at Ashland Dickey CoB



Sunday, May 5th, was a joyful day at the Ashland Dickey Church as Jessi Adams was licensed to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren.

Jessi serves the church as the Director of One Generation Ministry working primarily with youth, young adults, and young families.

Jessi worked with a cohort group to discern her call to ministry and will continue exploring that call through the licensing period. Jessi is currently taking BBI classes as part of her training.

A cookie and punch reception was held following the worship service.

Jessi and her husband Seth have 2 children, Wren (10) and Shaw (7) pictured to the left.

Volunteers Needed for 2024 Annual Conference



Volunteers are needed to assist with ticket sales at Annual Conference, July 3-6, in Grand Rapids MI. This group of folks will

handle all onsite ticket sales for catered meal events. Our responsibilities begin Tuesday, July 3rd at 3:00 pm and end Saturday, July 6th at noon.

If you are willing to assist, please sign up for one or more shifts using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AAEAF2FA2FAC43-49221854-annual> OR contact Don Anderson, ticket sales coordinator, at donaldranderson@comcast.net or 574-370-9905. Thank you for considering this opportunity

Registration for District Conference is now open. Register on-line at www.nohcob.org/register or use the forms on pages 6-8 in this issue of the Herald.

District Conference Business Items / Delegate Scholarships

Each congregation in Northern Ohio is encouraged to send two delegates to our District Conference on August 9-10 at Hartville Church of the Brethren in Hartville, Ohio. (Churches with more than 200+ members can send an additional delegate). There are confidential scholarships available to cover the cost of sending delegates to Conference, including registration, meals, and lodging. Please contact Kris Hawk at 330-612-2086 for more info.

While the business agenda is not yet finalized, here are some of the items that will come to the delegates this year:

1. Ballot for District leadership positions
2. 2025 Budget for the District
3. 2025 Budget for Inspiration Hills Camp
4. Withdrawal of several churches from the denomination pending their final vote and process completion before conference
5. A Query from the Dupont congregation
6. Opportunities to learn about & celebrate the good ministries happening in our district and denomination.

Annual Conference Delegate Briefing Sunday, May 19th from 3—5 pm Mansfield Church of the Brethren 899 Grace Street, Mansfield, OH

This year, our Standing Committee Delegate, Dawn Baldwin (Lick Creek CoB) will be leading our Annual Conference Delegate Briefing. While we were unable to find a time that Moderator Madalyn Metzger could lead us in the briefing, we will be able to share a video greeting from her as we meet together.



Our session will provide a time for delegates and others to learn about the program and business items for the Annual Conference this year in Grand Rapids.

Please encourage delegates in your churches to attend and bring along anyone who would like to learn more. No RSVP is necessary. **Please bring along your conference book if you have received it.**

Light refreshments will be served. We are grateful to Mansfield First for their hospitality in hosting. Call/text Kris Hawk at 330-612-2086 with questions or for more information.

Register your delegate for Annual Conference and learn more about the business, learning and fellowship opportunities at <https://www.brethren.org/ac/>

District Events Calendar

- 05.18 District Board Meeting at Black River CoB
- 05.19 Annual Conference Delegate Briefing
- 05.19-25 Brethren Disaster Ministry (BDM) Trip
- 06.04 Northern Ohio Pastor's Gathering (Zoom)
- 06.05 Western Area Pastor's Gathering
- 06.13 Central Area Pastor's Gathering
- 06.13 Eastern Area Pastor's Gathering
- 06.16-22 District Office closed (Kris Hawk on Vacation)
- 07.03-07 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI
- 07.11 Central Area Clergy Breakfast /District Office
- 07.11 Eastern Area Pastor's Gathering
- 07.16 Northern Ohio Pastor's Gathering (Zoom)
- 08.09 Pre-Conference Workshop 1:00-4:30 pm
- 08.9-10 District Conference at Hartville CoB