

“As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”*

Luke 24:28-36



May the joy of Christ's resurrection be yours this Easter season!

Laura and Sarah

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

| DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT as of February 29, 2024 | | |
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| | <u>February</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| <u>Income</u> | | |
| Congregations' Self-Allocation | \$0.00 | \$8,434.09 |
| Restricted Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other Income | \$64,425.54 | \$70,964.85 |
| Total Income | \$64,425.54 | \$79,398.94 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | |
| District Expenses | \$11,937.34 | \$25,381.46 |
| Restricted Expenses | \$245.00 | \$251.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$12,182.34 | \$25,632.46 |
| Net | \$52,243.20 | \$53,766.48 |
| District Fund Balance | \$1,184,630.23 | |

APRIL DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 7 - Join us as we lift up Lafayette CoB and the Puerto Rico District.

April 14 - Join us as we lift up Liberty Mills CoB and the Middle Pennsylvania District.

April 21 - Join us as we lift up Living Faith CoB and the Southern Pennsylvania District.

April 28 - Join us as we lift up Logansport CoB and the Western Pennsylvania District.

DISTRICT CHURCH UPDATES

- **Anderson** - Is currently in the search process to fill a new part-time ministry position, Leader for Growth and Community Engagement. For more information about this position, go to: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a7uN41DD7o8pDfIOJ_cp-3b6B-cfDeIsJr6gRs4bj5s/edit?usp=sharing
- **Eel River Community**—Audrey Svay is resigning at the end of May. Eel River is in search for 3/4 time pastor or team.
- **Guernsey** - Is in the search process.
- **Manchester** - Is in the search process.
- **Wabash**— Pastor Doug Veal has been hired as the DEM of the Mid-Atlantic District. His end date at Wabash is June 10. The Wabash congregation is beginning the search process.

APRIL 2024 - DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES

April 11 - Ministry Credentialing Committee—
7:00 PM - District Office

April 13 - Camp Mack Board Meeting

April 14 - Ordination of Matt Myers - 1:00 pm
- Peru CoB

April 25 - Nominations & Personnel
Committee - 7:00 pm

“ . . . WHAT SHALOM MEANS TO ME” *Notes from Shalom Team Members*

Shalom and peace are often perceived as synonymous. Peace is referred to throughout the Bible, 59 times in the Old Testament, 38 times in the New Testament. Jesus was referred to as the Prince of Peace from before his birth in Isaiah 9:6, "And he will be called Wonder Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." This theme of Jesus as the Prince of Peace continues through the New Testament. But peace never meant the absence of conflict. It never implied agreement, but civil and respective discourse. Shalom always values the other. It allows us to continue the dialogue as we attempt to understand the other, while being true to who we are.

John Wenger

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

SAVE THE DATE

UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY!

2024 District Conference

September 13 and 14
Camp Mack, Milford, IN
Moderator: Bruce Dunk

Fellowship, service, and learning activities for everyone on Friday; worship, business and insight sessions on Saturday. Plan to come for the whole weekend and have a staycation at Camp Mack!

Calling the Called **Saturday, May 4, 2024**

11:30 am - 5:15 pm
At Camp Mack, Milford, IN

This is a gathering of discerners and mentors across Indiana and those sensing even an inkling of call to ministry! Join us for fellowship and mutual encouragement. You'll meet some of your peers in this process, hear a variety of call stories and share some of your own journey.

If you know someone whom God might be calling to ministry, invite them to come!

Torin and Laura from the districts and Janet and Nancy from the denomination will be present to answer questions about credentialing and educational paths.

RSVP to scindcob@gmail.com or 260.274.0396 by April 15.

Lunch provided; please let us know of any dietary restrictions when you RSVP.

Sponsored by the Northern & South/Central Indiana Districts

Look for updates from Laura and other folks in the S/C IN District on our District blog at:

<https://www.scindcob.org/blog>

Also, follow South/Central Indiana District on Facebook to see current information and upcoming events.



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+
WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
DeVos Place Convention Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 3-7

Registration is now open at: <https://www.brethren.org/ac2024/registration/>

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BALLOT

MODERATOR-ELECT

- **Don Fitzkee** of Lancaster (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, in Atlantic Northeast District.
- **Gene Hollenberg** of Union Center Church of the Brethren in Nappanee, In., in Northern Indiana District.

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

- **Addie Hostetler Lucatoro** of Good Samaritan Church of the Brethren in Cranberry Township, Pa., Western Pennsylvania District
- **Laura Sellers** of Happy Corner Church of the Brethren in Clayton, Ohio, Southern Ohio and Kentucky District

MISSION AND MINISTRY BOARD

Area 4

- **Pearl Miller** of Warrensburg (Mo.) Church of the Brethren, Missouri Arkansas District
- **Colby Patton** of Wichita (Kan.) First Church of the Brethren, Western Plains District

Area 5

- **Robert Aguirre** of Glendale (Calif.) Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District
- **Erik Brummett** of Live Oak (Calif.) Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES—*Representing the colleges*

- **David McFadden** of Manchester Church of the Brethren in North Manchester, In., South Central Indiana District
- **Jamie White** of Stone Church of the Brethren in Huntingdon, Pa., Middle Pennsylvania District

ON EARTH PEACE BOARD

- **Jennie L Waering** of Roanoke, Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Va., Virginia District
- **Mark Ottoni-Wilhelm** of Northview Church of the Brethren in Indianapolis, In., South Central Indiana District

Listening for the Sound of the Genuine

July 2-3, 2024
Grand Rapids, Michigan



A preaching workshop led by Dr. Frank A. Thomas, professor of homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis). His passion is “to teach preachers to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to shape and influence preachers to rise to the height, depth, and beauty of the best of their preaching potential.”

Informational flyer with event details is available [here](#).

To register, go to: <https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=23565>

LISTENING FOR THE SOUND OF GENUINE

Directed Independent Study Unit (DISU) through Brethren Academy
July 2-3, 2024,
Facilitator: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey

This course is a Directed Independent Study Unit (DISU) in conjunction with attending the Ministers' Association Pre-Conference event with Frank A. Thomas, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Students who participate in this DISU will examine their own preaching, specifically what is said and how it is said. After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Evaluate sermons for what is communicated through the words that are spoken.
- Articulate the role of celebration in preaching.
- Utilize practical resources for strengthening genuine and celebratory preaching.

This course is available for Continuing Education and Personal Enrichment. TRIM/EFSM students will receive one credit in Ministry Skills upon completion. This also qualifies for the Annual Conference Experience.

Registration deadline is May 28.

For more information and registration details, go to: <https://bethanyseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Final-DISU-Brochure-2024.pdf>

Camp Mack Upcoming Events

Summer Camp registration is open! Go to <https://www.campmack.org/summer-camp/> to find out more.



Calling All Quilters!

Each year quilt blocks from congregations across the denomination are gathered to create the wall-hangings auctioned at Annual Conference to fund hunger projects. Click here for a flyer with more information, including how to submit a quilt square:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:f3e126cf-c51d-455a-bb4d-ff5860025395>

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES —HELP NEEDED

Friends,

South/Central Indiana District is invited to fill 7 volunteer spaces to rebuild homes the week of **December 1 -7, 2024**. At this time we don't have a location, but will have the complete BDM support structure in place when that time comes! :-) Are you and folks from your congregation willing to fill these positions? Email or call Cliff.

Also, on shorter notice, **we need 7 volunteers May 5-11 in Dawson Springs, KY** to build new homes for families who lost theirs in tornadoes two years ago. Email or call Cliff.

Interested in the training for Children's Disaster Services? Two nearby are April 12-13 in Ankeny, IA and May 3-4 in Freeport, IL. Cliff can send you info if interested.

Blessings of peace to you! Cliff Kindy phone: 260-982-2971



Solar for Nonprofits

If your congregation is considering solar, here are some resources from a local organization helping non-profits access funding. You can watch the recording of this webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zhu8altONlo>

You can [view the presentation slides here](#). There is also a **free program called Ready, Set, Solar! for nonprofits**. This is a perfect way for nonprofit organizations to start the process of going solar, starting at the very beginning! Feel free to sign up, or pass the information along to an organization you know.

Becky Ullom Naugle is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. Each year that there is not a National Youth Conference, she plans the **Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)**. This year, CCS takes places in Washington DC April 11-16. The focus is on immigration and asylum policies, looking especially at Matt. 2:13-23, where Jesus' own family had to flee political violence and leave their home. Youth and their advisors will learn about the issues, meet with policymakers and activists, and experience ways in which our faith drives our service to and advocacy for others. Check out the website (www.brethren.org/ccs) for a draft schedule and a reflection from last year.

If you are interested in more information or would like to learn about scholarships that may be available to help your youth attend, please reach out! April is coming fast, so register soon!

God bless you, your families, and your ministries!

Nate Polzin, NPolzin@brethren.org

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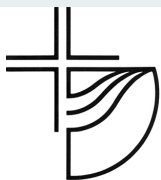
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