



Dear Kris,

The following are news items from around Middle PA District and the denomination. Please share with those in your community of faith as you feel would be most helpful.

## What's Happening in Middle PA District

### Two Annual Conference Delegate Briefings to be held:

#### Sunday, May 22 at Beech Run COB

2:15 gathering, 2:30 business

#### Thursday, June 2 at Altoona 28th Street COB

6:15 gathering, 6:45 business. The 2011 Annual Conference Moderator, Robert Alley will be speaking at this briefing.

### Choral Concert

New Enterprise COB is hosting a Choral Concert on Sunday, June 5 at 7 pm. The New Enterprise Church Choir will feature music they have been singing over the past 15+ years. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the concert. All are invited to attend.

...and sing, sing your hearts out to God! - Colossians 3:16

### Brethren Open Golf Tournament

Middle PA District & Camp Blue Diamond will hold the annual

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#### Contact Us

If you have an event or announcement to share with the Middle PA District Family, please call or email Kris

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#### Ministry Quick Links

[www.midpacob.org](http://www.midpacob.org)

[www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

Brethren Open Golf Tournament on August 9, 2011 at Iron Masters Golf Course in Roaring Spring. The tournament is followed by a meal at Albright COB. Invite your friends for a team of 4. The cost is just \$60 a person and includes 18 holes, cart, dinner and complimentary gifts). Prizes: Hold-in-One \$10,000 prize, 1st & 2nd place teams, longest drive, etc... Can't golf, but want to support the ministries of Middle PA District and Camp Blue Diamond, become a sponsor. Contact the District Center at 814-643-0601. A registration form is online at [www.midpacob.org](http://www.midpacob.org).

### **Heritage Fair- 30th Anniversary**

Start planning now for a day full of food, fun and fellowship! Heritage Fair will be held on Saturday, September 24. It is our hope that all 55 churches will participate in some way as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary. Our emphasis is on Brethren heritage, so we would encourage you to dress in traditional Brethren garb. Do you remember what your church did for the first or second fair? Are there ways your might "add to" what your church is already doing- ie. displaying pictures from past Heritage Fairs or historical artifacts from your churches, developing a skit, etc.? Be creative! A more detailed letter has been sent to Pastors, Board Chairs and Heritage Fair Representatives. Heritage Fair proceeds support the ministries of Middle PA District and Camp Blue Diamond.

### **150th Middle PA District Conference**

This year will be the 150th Recorded District Conference for Middle Pennsylvania District. District Conference will be held on October 14-15, 2011 at Carson Valley Church of the Brethren in Duncansville, PA. Our Moderator is David Filson who is a member of the Burnham congregation. Please mark your calendars now and plan to share in this celebration of our Brethren heritage. More details coming soon!



**Bus Ride to  
National Older Adult Conference**

Roaring Spring First COB is offering a bus ride to NOAC in September. Cost is \$145 for **bus trip only**. To register or for more details, please call the church office at 814-224-4113.

If you need to register for Conference: [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) or contact Kim Ebersole, NOAC Coordinator at 800-323-8039, ext. 302 or email: [kebersole@brethren.org](mailto:kebersole@brethren.org).

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## Youth & Young Adults

### Summer Splash

Summer Splash event at Lake Raystown Resort Waterpark will be held on Wednesday, July 13 from 6-8 pm. More details will be sent to youth and advisors soon. Please mark your calendars!

### Footprints Conference

Mark your calendars now! The 2011 Footprints Conference will be held on November 18-20, 2011 at Rhodes Grove Conference Center near Chambersburg, PA. The theme is "Be Doers of the Word" from James 1: 22-24. Sessions with Walt Wiltschek and music led by Mutual Kumquat. Watch for more details coming soon!

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## Educational Opportunities

**Worship God's Way: Planning and Practicing Transformative Worship** with Leah Hileman as instructor. The course will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Cost is \$20 plus \$10 CEUs. Email [SVMC@etown.edu](mailto:SVMC@etown.edu) or online at [www.etown.edu/svmc](http://www.etown.edu/svmc). Registration deadline is August 12.

**Alternative Stories in the Bible** with Dr. Robert Neff, instructor, Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at Elizabethtown College. Cost of

the event is \$50 with an additional \$10 charge for CEUs. Light refreshments and lunch are included. For more details or to register, visit [www.etown.edu/svmc](http://www.etown.edu/svmc). Registration deadline is September 6, 2011.

**Church Leadership and Administration** with David Banaszak on the following Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 18, 2011 at the Middle PA District Center; 6:30-9:30 pm.

## Calendar

May 22	Annual Conference Briefing, <i>Beech Run COB</i>
June 2	Annual Conference Briefing, <i>Altoona 28th St. COB</i>
June 17-19	National Jr. High Conference, <i>Elizabethtown College</i>
July 2-6	Annual Conference, <i>Grand Rapids, Michigan</i>
July 13	Summer Splash, <i>Lake Raystown Waterpark</i>
August 9	Brethren Golf Tournament, <i>Iron Masters Golf Course, Roaring Spring</i>
September 5-9	National Older Adult Conference, <i>Lake Junaluska</i>
September 24	Heritage Fair
October 14-15	District Conference, <i>Carson Valley COB</i>
November 4-5	Inquiry Retreat, <i>Camp Blue Diamond</i>
November 18-20	Footprints Conference, <i>Rhodes Grove, Chambersburg</i>

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