

Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren

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PASTOR'S MEMO



Church of the Brethren

July 2009

District Prayer Calendar

The Congregational Commission suggests that these congregations be placed on your church's prayer list for the appropriate week

July 26—August 1—Richland CoB (Pastor Jim Rowsey) and **Ross CoB**

August 2—August 8—Silver Creek CoB (Pastor Terry Baldwin) and **Sugarcreek East CoB** (Pastor Dick Marshall)

August 9—August 15—Sugar Creek West CoB (Pastor Marty Moyer) and **Swan Creek CoB** (Pastor Dick Neuwirth)

August 16—August 22—Toledo Heatherdowns CoB (Pastor Kendal Elmore) and **Water Street** (Pastor Denny Fox)

August 23—August 29—Woodworth CoB (Pastor Tim Hayes) and **Zion Hill** (Pastor John Bartholomew and Youth Pastor Mike Hileman)

August 30—September 5—All District Staff

August 6—August 12—Adrian CoB (Interim Pastor David Morton) and **Akron Eastwood CoB** (Pastor Paul Markland)

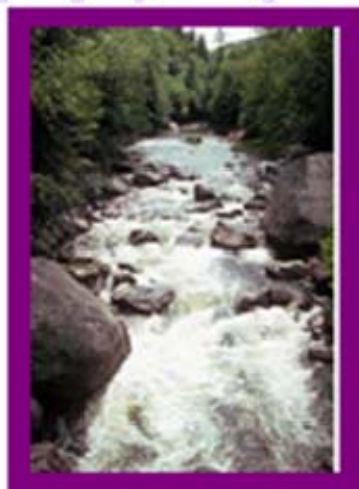
August 13—August 19—Akron First CoB and **Akron Springfield CoB** (Pastor Andy Hamilton and Visitation Pastor Kris Hawk)

Joys & Prayer Concerns



- Anitra Kraus (outreach minister, Water Street CoB), was hospitalized last week while undergoing testing
- Dennis Meeks (husband of Patricia Meeks, Pastor, Poplar Ridge CoB) is recovering from surgery on June 29th
- Denise Kettering (licensed minister, Maple Grove CoB) received her Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies degree from The University of Iowa in May, 2009. She will serve as an archival assistant at the Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Illinois and will also be an adjunct instructor for Bethany Theological Seminary.
- Joshua Brockway (licensed minister, East Nimishillen CoB) has accepted the call to serve as the director for Spiritual Life and Discipleship for the Church of the Brethren, effective January 4, 2010.

Springs of Living Water



Springs of Living Water training event

October 31, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At Inspiration Hills

We look forward to seeing you there!

PASTORAL PLACEMENT UPDATE

Akron First—Congregational profile completed. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.
Ashland First—Search committee preparing congregational profile. *Rev. Glenn Sprunger* serving as interim.
Chippewa—*Doug Wantz* resigned as Pastor, effective August 31, 2009.
Deshler—Congregation arranging pulpit supply.
Hartville—*Tobin Crenshaw* resigned as senior pastor, effective September 13, 2009.
Marion—Search committee preparing congregational profile. *Rev. Keith Irey* serving as interim.
Mohican—*Reid Firestone* resigned as associate pastor, effective September 30, 2009.
Owl Creek—*Rev. Charles Barnhill* serving as interim.
Paradise—*Rev. Tom Michaels* serving as interim.
Richland—*Rev. Jim Rowsey* called as pastor, effective July 1, 2009.
Ross—*Rev. Byron Hawbecker* serving as interim.
Water Street—*Anitra Kraus* resigned as outreach minister, effective July 31, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



The academy has listed upcoming courses, which are open to TRIM and EFSM Students, pastors, and lay people. Upcoming courses include:

Introduction to Old Testament

Online
 Craig Gandy, Instructor
 August 24 – October 17, 2009

Passions of Youth, Practices of Christ

Codorus COB, Dallastown, Pennsylvania
 Russell Haitch, Instructor
 September 25 - 28, 2009 (Fri-Mon)

Healthy Relationship/Spirituality in a Small Membership Congregation

Fairview (Iowa) Church of the Brethren
 Jim Kinsey, Instructor
 November 5 - 8, 2009

Gospel of John

Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN
 Dan Ulrich, Instructor
 January 11 - 15

AUG/SEPT. 2009 CALENDAR

AUGUST

24—Mail Memo

SEPTEMBER

18-19—Chicken BBQ & District Board Meeting @ Inspiration Hills

21—Mail Memo

OCTOBER

13—Executive Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. @ District Office

17—Tools Workshop

31—Springs! Training Event @ Inspiration Hills



National Older Adult Conference

September 7-11, 2009
 Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Join the community of sisters and brothers who will gather for National Older Adult Conference 2009, "Legacies of Wisdom, Weaving Old and New."

For more information, or to register—go to www.brethren.org

Included with the Pastor's Memo is the July edition of the Parish Paper. This is a resource provided by the District Board Ministerial Commission.



Inspiration Hills 53rd Annual Chicken Barbecue

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

BBQ served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm

Also, hot dogs, veggies, applesauce, rolls, and delicious pie.

(Each congregation to donate 4 pies.)

Cost: Free will offering.

Proceeds to benefit the Ministry of Inspiration Hills.

And...

Inspiration Celebration

with

Games for kids, basket auction, worship, music & much more.

Come and mingle... activities starting about 10:00 am

with the basket auction at 1:30 pm.



Inspiration Hills ~ Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren

4819 W Easton Rd, Burbank, OH 44214 ~ 888-GO-2-CAMP

www.inspirationhillscamp.org

The mission of Inspiration Hills is to provide a set apart place in nature where people of all ages can grow in the awareness of God and deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, so that in all aspects of Christian life we might continue the work of Jesus Christ, peacefully, simply, together.

Ice Cream Social

1st Church of the Brethren
889 Grace Street
Mansfield, Ohio
Saturday, August 8, 2009
4:30—7:30 p.m.



Menu: Sandwiches:
BBQ pulled pork, shredded chicken,
Hot dogs and Cones
Homemade Chicken and Noodles
Homemade Potato Salad
Ice Cream and assorted desserts

Freewill offering will be taken

Youth Rally Schedule

Jr. High Rallies

Fall Rally

Camp Inspiration Hills
November 6 & 7, 2009

Winter Rally

Camp Inspiration Hills
February 19 & 20, 2010

Sr. High Rallies

Fall Rally

Camp Inspiration Hills
October 10 & 11, 2009

Winter Rally

Camp Inspiration Hills
January 30 & 31, 2010



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