Annual Memorial Tribute
The Memorial Tribute honoring Pension Plan members and denominational leaders who passed away in the previous year is scheduled for Friday, July 6, at 4:10 p.m., Hall A.

Blood Drive Continues
Blood Drive continues at the back of Hall B tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brethren Got Talent
It’s Open Mic at the Exhibit Hall Concert series Friday at 1-2 p.m. Afterwards listen to Dennis Webb from 5:30-6 p.m. and the Hollenberg Family from 6-6:30 p.m.

Mutual Support Groups
Friday:
11:50 a.m. Native American by Bloodline and Culture, Rm 230
11:50 a.m. Families of Children with ADD/ADHD, 231
1 p.m. Persons impacted by Domestic Violence, Room 230
1 p.m. Persons Caring For Someone with Dementia, 231

Insight Session Cancelled
Friday’s 12:30 p.m. Insight Session “A Picture Is Worth...Using Photography in Your Church” is cancelled.

By The Numbers
Wednesday offering for Nigeria Crisis Response: $14,774.
Registration as of July 4: delegates-674, non-delegates - 1,494, total 2,168.
Webcast: 190 online, 662 total views of Wednesday worship.

Brian Messler preaching tonight
Tonight’s worship service is built around the theme “We Are Called to Claim Our Unity.” Brian Messler’s sermon, “The Upside-Down,” is based on the parable of the vineyard workers in Matthew 20:1-16. Messler, lead pastor of Ephrata (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, said, “In the parable those who worked all day are unhappy because those who worked as little as an hour received the same pay. Part of the reward is being able to serve in the vineyard. Who are we to determine what God gives to us? Who are we to determine what God gives to others? Let’s celebrate the one-hour workers. God is in control.” Tonight’s offering benefits Core Ministries of the Church of the Brethren.

Dunker Meeting House Book Signing
Copies of September Mourn: The Dunker Church of Antietam will be signed by authors Alann Schmidt and Terry Barkley from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the Brethren Press Bookstore in the Exhibit Hall. Read about the Mumma family, John Lewis and the return of the church’s Bible, and much more. Separate fact from fiction, truth from legend, and war from peace!

No Book Signing
That’s Right! No book signing. Just loads of sweet dreams come to life—175 dessert recipes certified by over 100 testers. Cooking tips, meal suggestions, memories, gluten-free recipes, and the return of Miss Inglenook to designate “classic” recipes. The new Inglenook Dessert Cookbook is available at Brethren Press.
**BBT 5K Run Registration**
Registration ends Friday, 7 p.m. for the BBT 5K Fitness Challenge. On-site registration is Saturday 6-6:30 a.m.

**SVMA 25th Anniversary**
The theme for the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center’s 25th anniversary is “Rooted and Growing.” Come celebrate by picking up a Wildflower Seed Packet at the SVMC exhibit at the Bethany Theological Seminary booth.

**Host City Witness**
If you have brought a check for the Witness to the Host City please bring it to the Annual Conference office. It is important that you not tuck it in a backpack or other donated items where it could get lost.

**Saturday’s Quilt Auction**
The Association of the Arts for the Church of the Brethren Quilt Auction will benefit the Global Food Crisis Nigeria Project. There is also one regifted 1985 quilt that will benefit Brethren Disaster Relief. The auction will begin shortly after end of business on Saturday.

**Saturday Bicycle Tours**
Ride to Findley Market and back. Meet 11:45 a.m. or 4:45 p.m. at the local bike docking company “Red Bike.” The Red Bike Kiosk is outside the Convention Center. Those under 16 years old must wear helmets. Riders 15 and older must ride on the street. Riders will bike to Findlay Market, eat, relax, and return before Insight Sessions (morning ride) or worship (afternoon ride). An $8 rental fee is payable by credit card.

**Kid and Grandkid Friendly!**
You have not one, but two chances to buy this year’s “Must Have Book” for Advent. That’s right! Instead of being lost among all the other gifts under the tree you can gift this book around Thanksgiving. Christy Waltersdorff and Mitch Miller lead you through a new illustrated Bible story daily December 1 through Christmas Day. It’s like an Advent Calendar without the fattening chocolates. Start a new family tradition. Two book signings Friday and Saturday, 3-4 p.m.

**Compelling Vision Process**
“Come begin the journey developing a compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren. The Compelling Vision Process Team wants to hear your voice at the Friday morning business session. Delegates and non-delegates are invited to participate.”—Kayla Alphonse

**Back to Black**
Did you notice individuals wearing black at Annual Conference today? The “Thursdays in Black” practice harkens back to the terrible period in Argentine history in the 1970s when women were routinely raped and tortured by a repressive regime. Rebecca Dali is founder of the Center for Caring Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CEPI) in Nigeria, for which she received recognition from the UN. She invites individuals to today wear black in recognition of such repressive behavior. Interested individuals may join together outside the Convention Center front entrance following worship around 8:15 p.m. T-shirts are available in Brethren Press.

**The Underground Railroad**

If For Any Reason You Are Unable to ago on the official Brethren tour of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a museum in downtown Cincinnati (50 East Freedom Way) do not despair. There’s no reason you can’t go on your own. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is $15, seniors 60 and up $13, children 3-12 $10.50, and under age 3 are free. The museum chronicles Cincinnati’s venerable role in freedom’s history.

Other places to visit include the Harriet Beecher Stowe House (2950 Gilbert Avenue, 513-751-0651) celebrating the famed abolitionist who also worked for women’s rights and was active in the Underground Railroad. The Wilson House (1502 Aster Place, College Hill) was home to Samuel and Sally Wilson, fervent supporters of abolition, who assisted hundreds of escaping slaves.

Go online and learn about the Allen Temple, the Union Baptist Church, and the Zion Baptist Church, African-American churches that at great personal risk participated in helping slaves escape. It is said that John Hatfield, a deacon at Zion Baptist, arranged a fake funeral procession in order to conceal 28 slaves in the process of escaping.

For more information go to the National Park website (nps.gov) or use your favorite search engine.