



Journal

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference
Grand Rapids, Michigan, Monday, July 4, 2011

“Annual Conference exists to unite, strengthen and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus”

INFORMATION UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES

continues its very successful “Living Room Chats” program this year in their very ‘homey’ exhibit, *Mi Casa es Su Casa*. No need to call ahead, just stop on by and visit. Tuesday’s schedule includes:
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Intercultural Conversation – Ruben Deoleo
12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Spiritual Direction – Spiritual Directors
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. New Life Ministries, E3 for Congregations
John Neff
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Portrait of Us – Carl Bowman
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Workcamp Ministries – Jeanne Davies

A FEW MEAL TICKETS

for the various scheduled meal events are still available. If you wish to purchase them, please do so soon. Tickets may be purchased in the registration area of the Grand Gallery.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT IS OFFERING

a number of service projects on Tuesday as a witness to the host city. If you would like to sign up to participate in one of those, please go to the Service Projects table in the Registration Area.

FIREWORKS TONIGHT

will be displayed from the footbridge leading to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Beginning at 10:30 p.m. the show begins after most insight sessions end. Grand Rapids expects a crowd of over 30,000 to view the show!

ORDER FORMS FOR SERMONS

on DVD and the Conference Wrap-Up on DVD can be found in the Delegate packet and on the Usher tables in the business hall. Both of these resources are made available to you by Brethren Press. This is a great way to share with and report to your congregation.

VIRGINIA PASTOR PREACHES AT TUESDAY EVEING WORSHIP

Dava Hensley, pastor of the Roanoke, Va. First Church of the Brethren, will preach at Tuesday evening’s worship service. Hensley’s message is titled “The Invitation List” based on Luke 14:12-14 and Luke 9:10-17. Sonja Griffith will serve as Worship Leader.



BRETHREN BENEFIT TRUST 5K FITNESS CHALLENGE—RESULTS

As reported by Maddie Dulabaum

Early Sunday morning, Brethren Benefit Trust hosted its annual 5k Fitness Challenge in Grand Rapids’ Millennium Park. One hundred and thirty six people participated in the Challenge, with 84 runners and 52 walkers. The first-place male runner was Nathan Holsler, from Manheim, whose finishing time was 17:24.1. The first-place female runner was Chelsea Goss, from Portland, who finished at 21:43.0. The first-place female walker was Paula Mendenhall, from Clifton, whose finishing time was 36:30.0. The first-place male walker was Don Shankster, from Scottsdale, who finished at 33:08.5.



Patrice Nightingale

WHAT’S COOKING? The new *Inglenook Cookbook* and you

The new *Inglenook Cookbook* is coming and we need your recipes. Since 1901, the *Inglenook Cookbook* has been a tradition passed from generation to generation. The new cookbook project looks to follow in that same tradition by assembling the best recipes from today’s kitchens. Submit your recipes by October 15, 2011

and help us continue the tradition. To find out more visit: www.inglenookcookbook.org or stop by the Brethren Press bookstore exhibit.



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream !

The Amway Grand Hotel will serve Ice Cream Sundaes in their lobby Garden Court on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person.





BRETHREN PRESS BOOK SIGNINGS TUESDAY

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Paul Stutzman will sign copies of his new book, *Recovering the Love Feast: Broadening Our Eucharistic Celebrations*. In his book, Stutzman offers a unique blend of liturgical and practical theology that encourages Christians to reclaim the Love feast as an act of worship to God.

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Donald Miller, co-editor of *Overcoming Violence in Asia: The Role of the Church in Seeking Cultures of Peace*. The book represents the third title from the World Council Churches Decade to Overcome Violence and stems from a conference of Historic Peace Churches in Asia that took place in Solo, Indonesia.

4:30-5:00 p.m.

Singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman will sign copies of his CD offerings including, *My Money Talks*. Suderman has a gift for writing songs that are deeply scriptural, musically memorable, and readily singable. He will be performing a concert later Tuesday evening.

BOOK AVAILABLE AT BRETHREN PRESS BOOKSTORE

A book, *Every Monday: Finding God On Tough Days*, by Craig Smith is available in limited supply in the Brethren Press Bookstore. Smith preached the Sunday morning worship at Annual Conference and is currently the District Executive Minister for the Atlantic Northeast District, Church of the Brethren.



Delegate packets include a small yellow form that can be used to enter a drawing for a free book at the Christian Peacemaker Teams booth in the exhibit

hall. The form is located inside the manila envelope with the CPT newsletters.

BLOOD DRIVE CONTINUES TUESDAY

Disaster Response Services is sponsoring a blood drive in the Recital Hall. The Michigan Blood Drive will be collecting donations from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Drop-ins are welcome, however, you may schedule an appointment at the table in the registration area. Through Monday noon over 125 appointments had been scheduled.



“Dracula” recruits his next “donors”, Brenda O’Roke and Joyce and Harold Fink of the Moler Avenue CoB, Martinsburg, WV.

INTERPRETACIÓN A ESPAÑOL/SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

Interpretación oral está disponible si la piden para las sesiones de negocios y los cultos. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina de la conferencia anual o con Ruben D’Oleo si quiera este servicio.

Materiales escritos en español por asuntos de negocios y los boletines de los cultos están disponibles a la mesa de interpretación cerca de la cámara de video al frente del salón de la conferencia.

Spanish interpretation is available upon request to the Annual Conference office.



GLOBAL WOMEN’S PROJECT CHILDREN’S GIVING CURRICULUM

The Global Women’s Project invite conference goers to their exhibit hall booth at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday to learn more about their new Children’s Giving Project Curriculum. During your visit, learn more about our worship resources, Lenten calendars, gifts for Mother’s Day and more.

Building on 30+ years of connecting women around the world, we would love to connect with you!

ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION BENEFITS WORLD HUNGER MINISTRIES

The Association for the Arts will hold their annual quilt auction Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 p.m. Bidding will begin 15 minutes after the close of the afternoon business session. All proceeds for the auction will benefit world Hunger Relief and the Global Food Crisis Fund.



Betty Kreider of Milford, In. works on one of the conference quilts.

Conference Statistics

Registrations:	Delegate:	869
Non-Delegate:		2281
Total as of 10pm Sunday:		3150
Sunday morning offering:		\$14,306.11



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