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“Sharing the love and blessing of God with all.”



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If you've been following denominational news over the past year or two, you likely have heard the phrase “Compelling Vision” once or twice or a hundred times. Those two words have been a driving force in recent church conversations, and they will be at the heart of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference when delegates and others gather in Greensboro, N.C., this month.

The “Compelling Vision” process stems from a growing sense of division within the church over a variety of issues. A 2017 statement by church leaders said, “To stay on the journey together, it is ... crucial that the church discern the compelling vision that this body of Christ is called to pursue.”

That year's Annual Conference created a committee to oversee a conversation process to build such a vision, and the denomination has been talking about it ever since. In a recent report (see www.brethren.org/compellingvision for more information), that committee said, “We believe the mind of Christ is most faithfully discerned in community.” They also noted that the wider the conversation, the greater the ownership of any resulting vision.

In the two years since, 71 district conversations have taken place (including one here at Easton), with responses gathered from more than 2,500 individuals and 563 table groups, plus from participants at National Youth Conference and the national Young Adult Conference.

This expansive process culminates this summer with the business session conversations in Greensboro and the synthesizing of information that will follow. Will it all bear helpful fruit?

My own feelings on this process are somewhat mixed. On the one hand, it's always good to have conversation, especially when people with differing views can sit down face-to-face and seek to better understand one another. And it's good to ask ourselves why we do what we do, and how our call to follow Jesus matters to us as a church and as individuals.

On the other hand, I covered Mennonite Church USA as they went through a similar endeavor a few years ago, and the lengthy process didn't really seem to create anything new—just a snapshot of what most people already thought. For the Brethren, it feels like many people are already entering these conversations knowing what they want the outcome to be, rather than giving room for the Holy Spirit to work. That's a recipe for failure. One wonders if our denominational/cultural fissures have widened too much to be bridged.

But, of course, as Jesus said, “There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything” (Matt. 19:26, CEV). So can we discern a common vision that brings us together as followers of Christ? I guess all we can say is: We'll see.

—Pastor Walt

Schedule note: *Pastor Walt will be traveling to Annual Conference in North Carolina July 1-7, helping with camp leadership some other weeks in July, and at a wedding in Minnesota Aug. 8-12. If you need pastoral care or other assistance during these times, please contact your deacon or the church office.*

Sermons & Scriptures for July & August

July 7 Annual Conference Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Live-stream of Annual Conference worship service
with speaker Tim Harvey

July 14
One Small Step
Deut. 30:9-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 21 Wanda Baynard, preaching

July 28
The Kiss of Life
Gen. 18:20-31, Psalm 85

Aug. 4
Cleaning House
Eccl. 1:14, 2:18-23; Luke 12:13-21; Col. 3:1-11

Aug. 11 Wanda Baynard, preaching

Aug. 18
The Forecast
Jeremiah 23:23-29, Luke 12:49-56, Psalm 82

Aug. 25
Set Free
Luke 13:10-17, Psalm 103:1-8, Gal. 5:1, 13-18

Sept. 1
Family Camp worship at Camp Mardela



A World of Difference Looking at our Relationship with God's Creation

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is offering **"ecology cruises"** on the Miles River aboard the Winnie Estelle. If you are interested in joining the cruise, please contact the church office or Pastor Walt ASAP! Space is limited. Cost is \$20. We will leave the church by 9:15 a.m. and could stop for lunch on the way home.

Leadership Team Retreat



Our next for Leadership Team meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: The family of Lynn Clark Heatwole, Judy Haddaway, Donnie Hutchison, Liz Wildasin's sister, Ginny, Pat Saathoff, Paul & Ginny Turkington, Seth Willis, Pat Lewis, Donna Muir, JR & Bonnie Wooters, Bob Fletcher, Dave Schaubert, Ellen Walbridge, Pete Haynes, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, Barbara Seese, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Steve Webb, Roger Plagge, JK Rider, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, Mary Ann Kiser, Harold & Regina Hutchison, Audrey O'Brien, Doug Edsall, Lois Schall, Meredith Kelly, Natalee Jones, Doris Walbridge, Jeff Wright, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Mary Fike, Barbara Taylor, Audrey Geib, Leo Truban, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard, Christine & Kenny Fike. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. Please phone the church to add or remove persons on our prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date, we will remove persons the end of each month unless we are asked to continue them on the list.



CAMP MARDELA

“Benefit Pig Roast”

WHEN:

**September 14
2pm – 6pm**

WHERE:

**Trax Farm
8571 Black Dog Alley, Easton**

FEATURING: FREE RANGE BAND

**Open to Brethren
members & friends.**

**Purchase your tickets no later
than 9/7/19**

**Limited to 100 tickets! Checks
payable to Easton CoB.**

**ALL
PROCEEDS GO
TO CAMP
MARDELA**

TICKETS:

**\$15. Please bring a
side dish, salad or
dessert.**

CONTACT:

**LEE ANN FOX
AND
SPONSORS FOR
TICKETS**

SPONSORS:

**Robert & Judy Musch
Jim & Loretta Lohr
John & Norma Trax**

BENEFITING:

**Camp Mardela
Programs and
Operations**

National Older Adult Conference September 2-6, 2019

held at

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center
in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

The cost per person is \$195 if you register before July 15. After that date the cost will be \$225. First time attendees will get a \$20 discount. Your registration fee does not include housing or meals.

Paper registration forms will be available on request. If you are able to register online, please do so. To request a paper registration form please call 800-323-8039, ext. 302.

For more information and to register, visit www.brethren.org/noac.

Camp Mardela Fundraiser Dining Events for August

**August TBA—Texas Roadhouse,
Seaford, DE**

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect the box tops for education throughout the summer. The box tops are found on a variety of food items we purchase. The box tops will enable us in some small way help the school children of Talbot County. Thank you for your participation.

Your Witness Team

Diane Shores & Anne Harvey



Volunteer Opportunities

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2019 volunteer list is available for sign-up. Please take the time and look to see where you can spare a few hours of your time every other month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. **Our next date is July 19, 2019.**

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in serving as a worship leader or doing the children's time? We're always looking for new people to share their gifts! It doesn't take a lot of time--just a bit of preparation and a willingness to serve. If you would like to join this team of volunteers or want more information, please contact the church office or Pastor Walt.

Neighborhood Service Center

Please contact Marilyn Neal, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.

NSC Food Pantry

Let's not forget that food prices keep going up! When we pay attention to our local, national and international food needs, we are reminded that people suffer from food insecurity all around. If we do not share of our bounty, others go hungry. Let us give, so others may live. Any non-perishable food items with good "best if used by" dates are accepted. **There is a container in the narthex to put your non-perishable items.**



Ridgeway House Lunches

The 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For months that have five Fridays, lunches will be provided on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday. Contact Loretta Lohr (410-822-3094). Monetary and food donations (drink boxes, individual fruit cups, small bags of chips and cookies) are always welcome.

150 YEARS

OF THE BRETHREN ON THE EASTERN SHORE

SUMMER VESPERS

Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
Historic Round Top
meeting house, Easton

FALL LOVE FEAST

Late Oct. or Nov.
A Brethren heritage-flavored
remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper,
at Ridgley Church of the Brethren

WATCH FOR E-MAILS AND OTHER UPDATES!



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1869: First Brethren move to Eastern Shore, Caroline County
- 1880: First meeting house constructed in Easton, Talbot County
- 1881: First Brethren congregation formally organizes
- 1948-1949: First camps held at Camp Mardela, Denton

PRESENT-DAY CONGREGATIONS

Bethany
Community of Joy
Denton
Easton
Fairview
Green Hill
Ridgely



Church of the Brethren

Attendance & Offering for June

<i>Attendance</i>	54	40	47	25		166
	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19	Totals
<i>Distributions</i>						
<i>General (06)</i>						
Envelopes	3,024.00	1,385.00	1,878.00	1,355.00		7,642.00
Loose Change/Cash	69.00	5.00	17.00	1.00		92.00
Total Tithes	3,093.00	1,390.00	1,895.00	1,356.00	0.00	7,734.00
<i>Other Income (06)</i>						
<i>Building Use</i>						
Dutchmans Lane Rent		1,155.00				1,155.00
Subtotal of Income	0.00	1,155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.00
Totals	3,093.00	2,545.00	1,895.00	1,356.00	0.00	8,889.00
<i>Special Offerings (07)</i>						
Bldg/Mem. Fund - L. Mankemeyer Porter		300.00				300.00
Deacon Fund	800.00					800.00
In Kind						
In & Out						
Camp Mardela	41.57	150.90				192.47
Pentecost Offering		45.00				45.00
Totals	841.57	495.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,337.47
Totals	3,934.57	3,040.90	1,895.00	1,356.00	0.00	10,226.47



We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

IN SEARCH OF A VISION

Brethren come together again this month for Annual Conference, taking place July 3-7 in Greensboro, N.C., with the theme "Proclaim Christ; Reclaim Passion." Can you find all the Annual Conference-related words listed below? Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, forward or backwards.

B	B	R	E	P	P	R	A	Y	E	R	E
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P	I	O	W	B	O	R	S	R	R	R	D
E	T	A	G	E	L	E	D	S	O	H	T
L	O	V	I	P	R	E	I	P	C	W	H
L	M	I	N	V	O	T	E	G	L	R	G
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G	R	O	T	A	R	E	D	O	M	X	N
W	X	N	E	X	H	I	B	I	T	E	I

AMEND
INSIGHT
POLITY
SERVE
WORSHIP

COMPELLING
MODERATOR
PRAYER
TABLE

DELEGATE
MOTION
PROCLAIM
VOTE

EXHIBIT
PASSION
REPORT
VISION

GROOVING FOR GOD

Fifty years ago this summer, as the Woodstock Festival in upstate New York became a symbol of the countercultural movement, another groundswell was occurring: the Jesus Movement. In 1970, teenager Greg Laurie was baptized after a bunch of "Jesus freaks" introduced him to the Savior. The lost kid whose mom had been divorced seven times finally felt part of a family.



Laurie, now pastor of a megachurch and author of *Jesus Revolution* (Baker Books), says the Millennial generation is ripe for another major faith movement. During a time of division and unrest that mirrors the late '60s, people are longing for what's "real" and relational, he writes. Our "weary, chaotic, selfie-saturated culture" needs "a big, ravishing, transcendent, and transformational vision of who God really is," adds Laurie. "That's what happened fifty years ago. It can happen again today

**AREA ONE CHURCHES
MEN & WOMEN' S BANQUET**

AUGUST 24, 2019 ~ 6:00 P.M.

**EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
412 S. HARRISON ST. EASTON, MD 21601
Hosted by Easton and Bethany CoB**

MENU: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, garden salad, rolls, drinks, and desserts. (Catering by Susie's Kitchen)

COST: \$22 per person. This will cover the meal, delivery fee and gratuity. Please call the church at 410-822-0475, no later than August 12 with a count. We are asking everyone to pay in advance, in order that we have a definite head count for the caterer. Checks can be made payable to the church, and mailed to the address above, to the attention of Lee Ann Fox or Judy Musch. Thank you!

Music is provided by: "Above the Grass", consisting of Phyllis Dodd, Rusty Curling, Brad Turner and Susan Drummond. (A love offering will be taken.)



Volunteers for July



	July 7 10:00— a.m.	July 14	July 21	July 28
Preaching	Live Streaming Annual Conf.	Pastor Walt	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Walt
Worship Leader	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall	Sharon Miller	Kevin Wile
Head Usher/Sound	Bruce Butler	Bruce Butler	Bruce Butler	Bruce Butler
Ushers	Rick & Jane Marshall	Mat Baynard & Bruce Butler	Wanda Baynard & Barbara Saulsbury	Rick & Jane Marshall
Greeters	Paul & Ginny Turkington	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Les & Marlena Groves	Ron & Elisa Miller
Deacons on call	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena	Rick & Jane Marshall
Special Music		Amy Bachand	John Coleman	Carolyn Lane
Flowers	Robert & Judy Musch			

Volunteers for August

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Preaching	Pastor Walt	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt
Worship Leader	Wanda Baynard	Lynn Butler	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall
Head Usher/Sound	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch
Ushers	Ron & Elisa Miller	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Ron & Elisa Miller	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Greeters	Les & Marlena Groves	Terri Tarr & Sharon Miller	Barbara Saulsbury & Wanda Baynard	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Deacons on call	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Special Music				
Flowers	Anne Harvey	Gretchen Satchell	Gretchen Satchell	Sharon Miller & Marlena Groves



- 1 Amy Bachand
- Lee Lyons
- 2 Chris Scaglione
- 3 Pat Saathoff, Lisa Lohr
- 4 Kathy Anderson
- 6 Joshua Lohr, Brennen Lyons
- 7 Jamie Cox, Judi Loscomb, Dwayne Mattox, Tracy Correa
- 8 Betty Lednum, Tom Schwaninger, Jody Gunn
- 10 Sherry Hutchison, Mike Mullikin
- 11 Trinity Turnage
- 12 Katie Grubbs
- 13 Bob Davis, Brian Rathell, Luke Miller
- 14 David Cox
- 16 Nina Jacobs
- 17 Kevin Lohr
- 20 Terry Dayton
- 21 Melanie Young
- 22 Barbara Taylor, Morgan Quathamier, Liz Wildasin
- Ken Martin, Michael Pierce
- 24 Jim Harvey, Robert Musch
- 26 Bud Loscomb
- 28 Paityn Phillips
- 31 Geoff Fox, Brenda Yeatman



- 11 Robin & Linda Lyons
- 28 Gary & Wendy Faulkner
- 30 Tom & Sue Ann Brockson



- 1 Amy Brown
- 3 Renee Edsall
- 5 Dale Fike, Morgan Harvey, Fran Morris, Chloe Grubbs, Gretchen Satchell
- 8 Jo Ann Fike
- 10 Gary Fox
- 11 Gary Ball, Adam Lohr
- 12 Emerson Tarr
- 13 Lynn Butler, Adam Schwaninger
- 14 Melissa Johnson
- 19 Dennis Lohr
- 21 Ryan Tarr
- 24 Gwen Wood Larrimore
- 25 Lucas Milburn, Brenda Pierce
- 26 Bonnie Wooters
- 28 Barbara Seese
- 29 Bill Zellers, Tara Blake Haddaway
- 30 Bruce Butler
- 31 Brianna Boyle



- 3 Kevin & Ellen Wile
- Kevin & Joy Miller
- 4 John & Norma Trax
- J.C. & Debbie Russ
- 15 John & Lyn Banghart
- 19 Lee & Lynn Lyons
- 27 Dennis & Lois Sanger

2019 Annual Conference - Greensboro, NC - July 3-7, 2019

We will be live streaming Annual Conference worship service on Sunday, July 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our church delegate is Gene Walbridge. Also traveling to conference is Diane Walbridge, Pastor Walt, Dale and Mary Fike, Amelia Gunn & Chad Whitzel. *Please keep those mentioned and everyone in your prayers traveling to and from conference.*



CAMP MARDELA FAMILY CAMP 2019

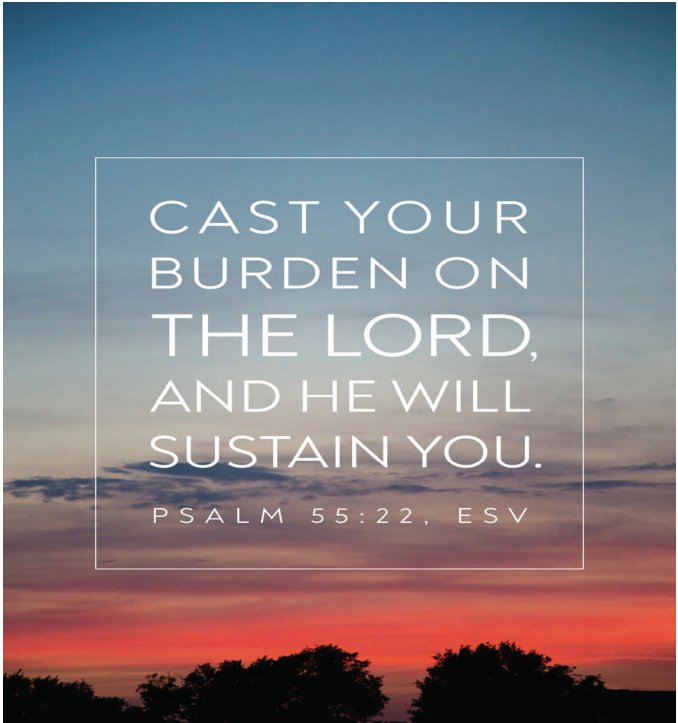


Speaker: Dave Weiss is a Brethren artist, minister, and speaker. He does unique multimedia presentations combining speed painting and storytelling.



August 30 - September 1





July/August

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