

"Bear One Another's Burdens."

Galations 6:2



On behalf of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, we welcome you to be part of this year's auction, which will be the 42nd auction event. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, or come to enjoy the food and fellowship, your support is greatly appreciated.

The auction team is grateful for your continued support. Because you provide substantial resources for the auction, we are able to partner with local congregations and disaster response agencies to support disaster relief both locally and nationally. This support can be either direct monetary distributions to organizations such as Brethren Disaster Ministries or for volunteer workers to travel to disaster relief sites to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.

All the events and activities you have come to expect at the auction will again be awaiting your review and enjoyment. Special items that will be available are highlighted in this booklet.

We invite you to come and join the entire auction team for a time of renewing friendships, reflecting on times past, and working and sharing together as we prepare to meet the financial needs of responding to the disasters that have already happened and those we know lie ahead.

The auction requires the volunteer efforts of many individuals. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in this important work, please contact either of the co-chairs or any member of the Board of Directors listed on the next page.

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

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2018 BRETHREN DISASTER





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The late summer and fall of 2017 c h a l l e n g e d Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) and Children's Disaster Services (CDS) with one of

the most demanding disaster seasons we have ever had. Never has BDM responded to so many disasters at one time, and back-to-back, without a break. In less than two months, CDS responded to two hurricanes (Harvey and Irma), a flood in Missouri, the deadliest shooting in recent history (Las Vegas), the largest wildfires in California history and the train disaster near Olympia, Wash. BDM staff have worked with disaster-affected districts, including trips to Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria response. Brethren volunteers have also helped with clean up and early repair work.

All members of the Puerto Rico district were impacted when Hurricane Maria struck on Sept. 20, 2017, causing extensive and widespread damage to homes, roads, the power grid, water supply and cellular communications. Although Church of the Brethren buildings received limited damage, there was damage to the volunteer housing in Castañer and Caimito and at least 35 Brethren families had major damage to their homes. In support of the Puerto Rican Brethren, emergency supplies (solar chargers, generators, canned chicken, tools, tarps and other items) were sent and grants supporting church-based recovery. BDM is working closely with the district to develop and implement a long-term recovery program that will

include volunteer rebuild 🛩 programming in 2018.

As the first response program of BDM, CDS was exceptionally busy, with a record 16 disaster responses in 2017, including two critical responses. Volunteers, including some who served more than once, cared for 2,527 children in the aftermath of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, flash floods and a dam breach, as well as the train disaster in Washington state and the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The latter two required the help of our Critical Response Childcare Team, the only national response program called to care for children in mass casualty crises. The impact of CDS is illustrated by the words of a father sheltering in Florida with a CDS team as Hurricane Irma raged outside: "When you came in and started playing with our children, all the parents in this whole place just calmed right down. We knew we were going to be all right."

For most disaster survivors, the road to recovery comes to an end when their homes are restored. With this as a goal, the BDM home rebuilding program sends volunteers and leaders to support community-based disaster recovery by repairing or reconstructing homes for people like 88-year-old Dorothy Brown from Columbia, South Carolina, who delights in showing the many photos and notes she has received from volunteers. They not only repaired her home, they became a part of her life—and an answer to her prayers.

In 2017, the ministry of home rebuilding and restoration reached 64 families in four communities across three states. The Columbia, South Carolina, project finished in August, after restoring homes damaged in 2015 storms and floods with an \$88,801 grant from the United Way of the Midlands for building materials. The



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Puerto Rico

project then moved to Marion County, South Carolina, to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. A six-week rebuild project in March and April, in Clay County, West Virginia, supported homes damaged in July 2016 floods. In July, a home rebuilding site opened in Eureka, Mo., in response to two historic floods. BDM volunteers also served 19 families on short-term

RELIEF AUCTION DEDICATION

Brethren Ministries

disaster responses in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and West Virginia.

In February, the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI), a partnership of the disaster ministries of the Church of the Brethren, the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), hired its first staff (Rachel Larratt and Tim Sheaffer) to pilot a program that supports local communities in the rapid development of effective long-term recovery programming. The DRSI team supported communities in La Salle County, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, DRSI explored opportunities in Texas and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), resulting in a request to support local longterm recovery planning in USVI in 2018.

The greatest global need, representing 52 percent of BDM's \$1,090,818 project expenses, involved families forcibly displaced or impacted by violence. In South Sudan, funds supported food distributions and repairs to the Brethren Peace Center, which was ransacked by government forces during the ongoing civil war. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a local partner assisted villagers forced to flee their homes due to political corruption, local warlords and hungry fighters.

As the biggest operation in BDM history, the Nigeria Crisis Response continues to support Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) in response to ongoing violence in Northeast Nigeria by the terrorist group Boko Haram. This response provides relief and recovery programs including peace building and trauma-relief activities for adults and children; support for four displaced people relocation centers; home repairs; agricultural support (seeds, fertilizer, soybean project, tractors); educational support, including scholarships for orphans; business and skills training for widows; food, medical and household distributions; safe water provision; shipping a container of books for schools, including Kulp Bible College; and ongoing advocacy and peace build-



ing work by the COB Office of Public Witness. Amazingly, even with all the displacement and violence, EYN has opened new churches as families relocate and has created four new districts.

The total 2017 program expenditures were \$460,013 for U.S. responses, including the Rebuild Program and CDS, \$529,091 for the Nigeria Crisis Response and \$101,714 for all other international responses. This includes continued support for Hurricane Matthew recovery in Haiti.

After so many disasters and the hurting families trying to recover, we pray for a calmer year and a time of healing. Please pray for BDM staff and volunteers who are stretched by the extent of need in the U.S. and around the globe. Thank you for your prayers and for supporting this auction and the programs of Brethren Disaster Ministries. You are a blessing and a beacon of hope to those in need.

Roy Winter is the Associate Executive Director of Global Ministries & Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries.



Democratic Republic of Congo



South Sudan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

FOOD STANDS	9:00 AM
BAKED GOODS - West Hall	
FARMERS' MARKET - West Hall	
SHARE-A-MEAL TICKETS - West Hall	9:00 AM
HEIFER AUCTION - Stables	
ARTS & CRAFTS - Arena	
ARTISAN ALLEY - East Hall	
BLOOD DRIVE - (Central Penn Blood Bank)	1:00 to 9:00 PM
CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE DINNER - Pavilion	
MAIN AUCTION - Main Hall	
SILENT AUCTION - Main Hall	Closes at 6:00 PM
THEME BASKET AUCTION - Southeast Hall	6:30 PM







SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

BLOOD DRIVE - (Central Penn Blood Bank) BREAKFAST - Pavilion	7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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5K RACE - Rail Trail (Check-In 7:00 AM) BAKED GOODS - West Hall	8:00 AM
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FARMERS' MARKET - West Hall	8:00 AM
ARTISAN ALLEY - East Hall	8:00 AM
SHARE-A-MEAL TICKETS - West Hall	8:00 AM
OPENING DEVOTIONS AND CONGREGATIONAL SINGING - Main Hall	
MAIN AUCTION - Main Hall	8:50 AM
ARTS & CRAFTS - Arena	
FOOD STANDS	
CAR/TRACTOR SHOW	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
POLE BARN AUCTION	9:00 AM
COIN AUCTION - Center Hall	10:00 AM
QUILT AUCTION - Main Hall	10:00 AM
FREE CHILDCARE - West Hall	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
CHILDREN'S AUCTION - Southeast Hall	11:00 AM
CHICKEN POT PIE - Pavilion	11:00 AM
SILENT AUCTION - Main Hall	Closes at 11:00 AM



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If you are not able to donate an animal but would like to help, we would also accept monetary donations. Checks may be made payable to Disaster Relief Heifer Fund and mailed to Bob Lentz.

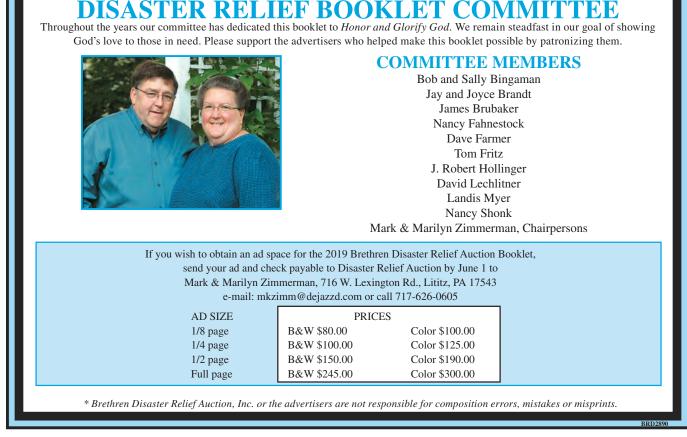
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Thank You, The Heifer Committee







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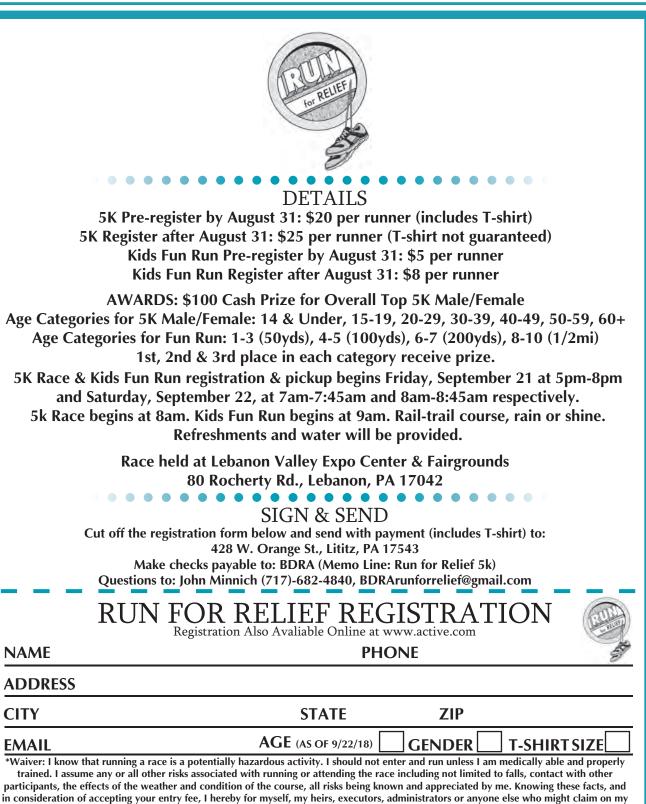
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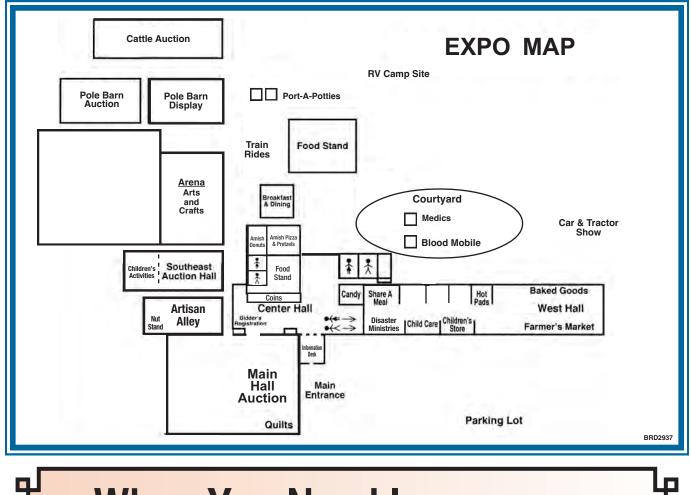
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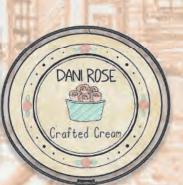
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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

What an amazing time of year this is when we gather for the Disaster Relief Auction, knowing the powerful impact it will bring to those whose lives have been turned upside down by these unexpected events in life.

My first real encounter with Disaster Relief was back in July 2004 when a tornado tore through the Country Squire Estates neighborhood and surrounding area of Campbelltown, Pennsylvania. My family and I had recently moved from the Southern Ohio District to serve the Hershey Spring Creek congregation as pastor. The joke at the time was what I had flippantly said to my wife, Shelley, just before we moved. You see, out in western Ohio, tornadoes are a more common threat, which Shelley knew from growing up there. So, as we prepared to move to Hershey. I said to her, "Well, at least you won't have to worry about tornadoes. Those are rare in PA."

The "joke" quickly became a terrible reality. The tornado hit just a few miles from the church. I joined the group of Brethren who were the first responders to the disaster. As we gathered in a group for instructions, I listened to the coordinator at the time, our late brother Tom Cope, prepare us for our work. I later learned that the Brethren were the only group allowed in immediately after the tornado hit. Why? Because we are to be trusted, a reputation earned from all our experience in serving others.

Jesus said, "...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

What a light the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is in this world! I cannot imagine how many people have seen it and have given praise and thanks for it. Not praise to us, but to God who gives us all we have, including the tremendous resources to serve which are on display at the Auction.

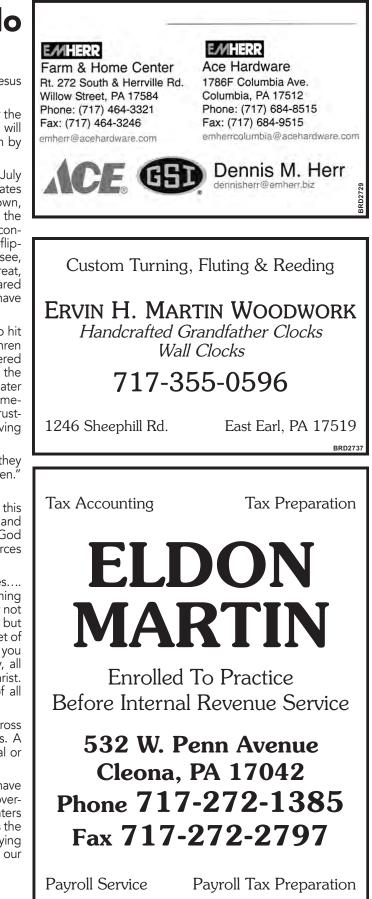
And it is quite the display! Food, animals, crafts, activities.... Well, all of that is listed in this booklet, so the important thing is for you to come and see it for yourself. Because you may not be able to go out and serve on-site following a disaster, but your presence and generosity at the auction is a critical facet of the Light of Christ that we shine. If you have been there you know that God is present as people experience the day, all generations coming together to fulfill our purpose in Christ. And, none of that happens without the excellent work of all those who have prepared for the auction all year long.

Disasters are the great equalizers in our lives, striking across all boundaries of social class, ethnicity, religion, and ages. A tornado, fire, or earthquake does not make any theological or educational distinctions. All in its path are affected.

So, it is with the Light of Christ! Jesus said that we will have trouble in this world, but to take heart, because He has overcome the world. When someone sees His Light and encounters His love, they will never be the same. That is our call. That is the work of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction. Join me in praying for God to bless our efforts for His glory and the good of our neighbor.

See you there!

Pete Kontra is the Atlantic Northeast COB District Executive.



Another Record Year for Children's Disaster Services

KATHY FRY-MILLER

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) had an exceptionally full year again in 2017 with a record number of 16 domestic disaster responses, including two critical responses—the mass casualty shooting in October in Las Vegas, Nevada and the Amtrak derailment in Tacoma, Washington in December. CDS had been able to build up our volunteer base and leadership support over the past few years with support from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Methodist Committee on Relief. This gave us the capacity to respond to these events, particularly when the response required volunteers for 11 disasters in a six month period and sometimes three responses at a time.

CDS was able to respond to every request it received from FEMA and Red Cross, as well as some local emergency management agencies. Just when we thought all our volunteers that could go out had already gone, we would get emails coming in from volunteers saying they cleared their schedules and could now respond or they were rested and could go out again. We had a team approved, ready and willing to travel to California for the wildfire response on Christmas Day. As it turned out, they were not needed at that time. Mary DeWitt-Dia, Community Partnerships senior associate with Red Cross, wrote, "American Red Cross is very grateful for the support CDS has provided this year. This year truly challenged all of us who are in the disaster business. CDS brought compassion and expertise to the disaster operations and the families affected, and I know that everyone was very thankful that you were there."

Several volunteers served on more than one response in 2017. One repeat responder, Pat Krabacher,

shared, "In both California and Texas we saw amazing generosity poured out all around us, ordinary Americans doing something to help. We were loved by people who served us and provided food, a place to lay our heads, and security guys who sat up all night out in the cold while we slept. As we were loved, so we too were changed by that love."



Both the CDS associate director Kathy Fry-Miller and program assistant Sherry Chastain were also able to respond with teams in the fall. Red Cross asked the Hurricane Irma teams to pre-position themselves in three different evacuation centers. Kathy shared from that experience, "Here we were the night of the storm in an elementary school gym, sleeping on a mat on the floor with 500 other people. We definitely had a sense of all 500 of us being in this together. Once the sustained winds got up past 45mph, nobody was allowed to go anywhere. We looked outside off-andon throughout the night as winds and debris flew horizontally across the reinforced glass doors. By the next morning as the winds calmed down, people began to leave. We said good-bye to one of the last families, whose two little girls had been playing with us for hours. The father said, 'When you came in and started playing with our children, all the parents in this whole place just calmed right down. We knew everything was going to be OK."



Kathy Fry-Miller is the Associate Director of the Children's Disaster Services.

My Favorite Hymn

T. MICHAEL SHELLY

Asking a choir director to pick a single favorite hymn is like going to an ice cream parlor with forty flavors and being told you can have only one. There are a multitude of great hymns to pick from in the Blue Hymnal. There is a hymn though that is my favorite, and it just beats out my second favorite by a nose. "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," page 46. The reasons are first of all, great lyrics with a simple tune. I know that sounds too simple a reason, but wait, there's more (sounds like a commercial).

The musical score is one of the few scores to be repeated note for note using different lyrics on page 238, "Hosanna, Lord Hosanna." The lyrics are depicting Christ's Passion and death. The hymnal committee must have also liked this hymn enough to include it twice in the same hymnal. Very few hymns are repeated in the same hymnal. But the most important reason that it's my favorite is that occasionally, I will hear my wife humming this tune when she is done doing something at home. I know that shouldn't be the reason for a hymn to be my favorite, but that's my story, and I'm sticking to it. Oh, and by the way, my number two favorite tune is the Mennonite National Anthem, page 118.

T. Michael Shelly is the choir director at Chiques Church of the Brethren.

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The Old Becomes New

DONITA KEISTER

The Disaster Relief Auction has been a part of our congregation's life for about thirty years. When Jake and Dixie Myer moved in 1988 from Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, located in the auction's "back yard," to our congregation, Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, ninety miles north near Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, they brought their love for the auction to Buffalo Valley. Southern Pennsylvania District had joined the Disaster Relief Auction effort in 1987, and with Jake and Dixie's encouragement, we joined in the disaster relief effort by donating items to help raise the funds so desperately needed when natural disasters strike, leaving families without homes and other needed resources.

Just down the road from our farm, Uncle Marvin and Aunt Jane spent hours in their workshop year after year preparing a car load of goods for the auction. Throughout the year, they gathered worn and broken wooden kitchen and dining room chairs, many of them cast-off antiques ready for the burn pile. They would strip the old paint or varnish, make new wooden pieces to match the broken rungs, backs, and seats, re-caning them when needed, to recreate a beautiful chair that anyone would love to place in most any room of their

house. The chairs would then make their way to the Disaster Relief Auction in September. The workshop is mostly silent since Uncle Marvin's death in 2012, but each time I drive by, I remember it as a very special place where old broken things were made beautiful and new.

These refurbished chairs are symbolic of what Brethren Disaster Ministries is about. Nature, in its fury, often puts people in a place where the material things of their lives have become broken and sometimes destroyed beyond Brethren Disaster repair. Ministries becomes the mobile workshop full of volunteers who specialize in bringing newness to things that are broken or building new things to replace those that have been destroyed. Our ministry with Children's Disaster Services provides another sort of "workshop" of caring as we come along side children and parents who are experiencing the brokenness of sudden disaster, helping ease their stress on the journey back to wholeness. These ministries are some of the most inspiring to me as a member of the Church of the Brethren and are enormously significant in our ability as a denomination to shine the light of Christ in the world.

As we are witnesses to Christ's love and compassion for all through our service, we also have the opportunity to

share the good news of the One who brings new life. I've heard countless stories of folks going on Disaster Response trips where they build more than houses---they build caring and trusting relationships with one another and with those they are serving. Those relationships can open doors for the sharing of personal faith stories, which in turn may help strengthen, renew, or begin a journey of faith in Christ.

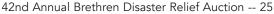
> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-18).

> When we give our time and energy simply caring about someone else and their need, we demonstrate in a very tangible way our gratitude for Jesus giving Himself for us. That is what happens when we go on a week-long disaster response trip or spend a week caring for children affected by a hurricane, flood, or horrific shooting. That is also what happens when we take the time to support the Disaster Relief Auction by opening our wallet to purchase items donated or by donating items like old kitchen chairs made new.

> Donita Keister is Associate Pastor, Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren and 2019 Annual Conference Moderator.











2018 THE AUCTION RELIEF COMMITTEE 2018

Over \$3,000,000 has been disbursed for grants and programs since its founding. The Auction Relief Committee (ARC) is a disaster response effort of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction (BDRA). Since the early 1990s, a portion of the funds from the BDRA is planned to be used by local Church of the Brethren congregations and related agencies to meet the disaster response needs in the ANE and SoPa Districts (in addition to our overall donations to the Brethren Disaster Ministries Organization).

Grant applications may be submitted by a Church of the Brethren congregation or related agency to the BDRA. Guidelines and applications have been established in awarding grants that respond to church and community needs and are available on the BDRA website.

Grants are also given to relieve church and community disasters for supporting expenses of volunteers from our Districts serving on denominational disaster relief projects. A grant of \$12,000 was processed since last year for the SoPa District Disaster Response Committee.

The BDRA urges all congregations to become more involved in ministry to those in need in our communities. Thanks to all who participate in this worthy effort by making purchases each year at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction so that funds can be made available for use by our congregations and Church of the Brethren related agencies.

Report prepared by Bob Bingaman



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BDM is an Answer to Prayers

MARY MUELLER

"Wait till you meet her. You'll never guess how old she is!" That's what I was told about Dorothy Brown of Columbia, S.C. I met her today, and I find myself wondering if this vibrant woman with the dancing eyes can really be 88 years old?! I notice her movements are more fluid than mine as she rises from her chair to answer the phone, and I hear that she stayed up till 4 A.M. moving things out of her bedroom so that the volunteers could work in it today!

Brethren Disaster Ministries has taken on Brown's home, repairing the damage caused by the 2015 floods and rains. The volunteers expect to finish up this week, leaving her with a repaired roof and new flooring along with a host of new friends. She mentions that she has been delightfully surprised by the women working alongside of the men. During our visit, Dorothy proudly shows off the pictures and notes that the volunteers from previous weeks have sent her. "They were so sweet. They were so wonderful," she exclaims as she picks up the pile from the table next to her chair. "I always asked them to send me a copy when they took pictures and they did!" It is obvious she takes great joy in their notes and cards.

Although Brown is certainly grateful to the BDM volunteers, she doesn't plan to stay home much. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will find her back at the senior center; there is church on Sunday and Bingo on the weekends! She confides that this is part of the secret to staying young—keep moving! She doesn't plan to just sit in her rocking chair waiting to be called home!

Mrs. Brown is so grateful to God for the help she has received. "I didn't know what I was going to do," she recalls. "I just prayed to God for help with my home." Following the repairs that BDM volunteers completed, she has now been able to secure homeowners insurance which she was denied in the past. And, her dancing eyes do a little jitter-bug as she says, "I KNOW God answers prayers!"

Mary Mueller is a BDM project leader



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Think About Good Things

MISTY WINTSCH

I can hardly wait for the Disaster Relief Auction this year. I'm writing this in early April, which is too bad because the end of September seems so far away. I can almost see, hear and smell all of the delightful things that take place on such a wonderful weekend already. And for me, the Auction weekend will be a lovely and much-needed break from the responsibilities of being ANE District Moderator at a time when that will be most welcome, leading up to District Conference.

Being District Moderator for 2018 has been a very busy and wonderful time for me and many others as we prepare for District Conference on October 5th and 6th. We are bringing back Friday evening worship, complete with Children's Activities, a District Choir and so much more! It is my fervent prayer and in fact, my heart's desire, to see Leffler Chapel filled to the rafters with brothers and sisters worshipping and fellowshipping together on Friday evening. It would be nice if families could worship together and enjoy the fellowship of the larger body, wouldn't it? Well, now we can!

Wait now! I guess I'm "preaching" to the proverbial choir here! We've been doing that at the Disaster Relief Auction for just over forty years now, haven't we? It's yet another time when the larger body can be together. You say it's not a worship event? Well, I



always hear

singing, don't I? And, I have never been to an Auction that hasn't opened with prayer. I've been there many times too when we paused for prayer for a certain event or sale item or even for someone's health. I've seen people sitting and praying together all over the Lebanon



Fairgrounds every year too, and I also see the fellowship of God's people enjoying one another! Isn't it an offering when I hear the words, "Sell it again!" or even when someone pays far more for an item than they would at any other kind of auction because it's for God's glory and our neighbor's good at this Auction? Our Disaster Relief Auction certainly is a worshipful and fellowship-full event every year! If it weren't, I think it would have fallen away many years ago!

Our theme for this year's ANE District Conference is "Think About Good Things," from Philippians 4:8 which says, "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

There are certainly many true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy things to think about leading up to and spending time at our Auction. There is so much planning, so many volunteer hours, so much effort and heart put into each and every Disaster Relief Auction, and what for? To serve one family, one person, one of God's beloved who has been the victim of a disaster. And then another, and another and another. It is to witness to God's love for His children through the efforts of those who have already figured that out. If that's not commendable, excellent and praiseworthy, I can't imagine what is! May God inspire us all to serve Him as faithfully as that.

To God be the glory!

Misty Wintsch is Associate Pastor at Mechanic Grove Church and ANE District Moderator for 2018.

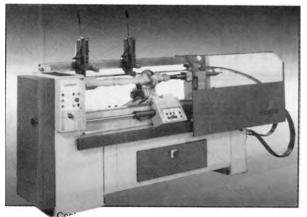


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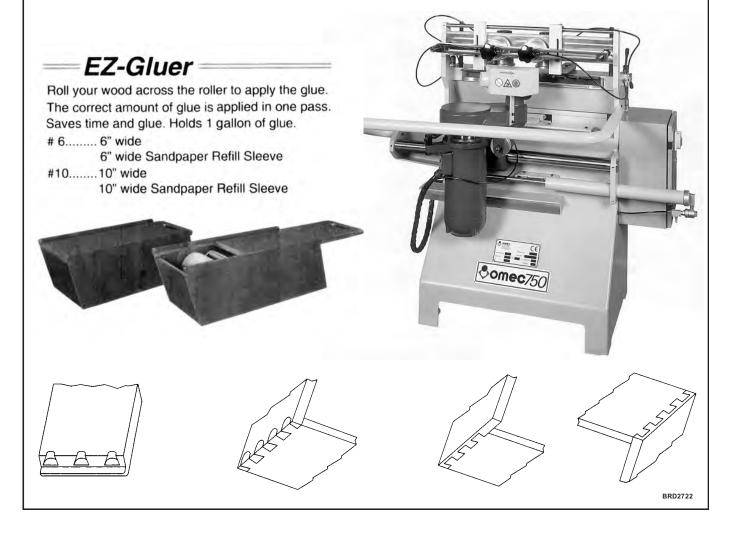
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JOHN N. SNADER

Three devastating storms in the summer and early fall of 2017 remind each of us of the powerful destructive potential of natural disasters and the powerful resilience and generosity of the human heart. Organizations like the Brethren Disaster Ministries served as conduits for an immediate surge of response from people around the country who saw the misery of their neighbors play out on the evening news. Thanks to the strength of programs like the Brethren Disaster Ministries, the personal items, food and money were deployed quickly and efficiently to provide relief to those in the paths of these devastating storms.

This response, I believe, is conditioned by our deeply ingrained and shared value of service to all without expectation of receiving anything in return. In the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, the lawyer asked Jesus "and who is my neighbor?" In this story, Jesus makes neighbor a verb--it's the Samaritan who seeing a traveler beaten by the side of the road takes compassion and helps him that makes him the neighbor. In the same way, the many people who volunteer and participate in the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction are neighbors to the countless recipients of the beneficence of the Relief Auction.

Brethren Village is grateful to share this neighborly value with Brethren Disaster Ministries. Recently, we held our annual banquet to celebrate and raise funds for our aptly named Good Samaritan Fund that allows us to be a neighbor to residents who receive the care that provides the dignity all of us deserve. We do this even for those who are no longer able to pay for the full cost of their care, through the abundance that we have received from generous donors, and in response to the value of service inherited from our founding more than 120 years ago.

At the banquet, we noted that the Good Samaritan did several things. First, he stopped to help the traveler, responding to his immediate need. Second, the Good Samaritan extended hospitality, taking the traveler with him, and stayed with him at the inn. Finally, the Good Samaritan gave money to the innkeeper to take care of the man on his behalf while the



Good Samaritan continued on his travels.

Perhaps today, we may not be able to do these three things, but can we do one? I am grateful for people who choose to work for organizations that provide relief and care for individuals. Day in and day out these individuals are serving as the hands and feet of Christ to the broken in this world. Likewise, volunteers give freely of their time without any compensation because they, too, recognize and heed the call to "go and do likewise" and be a neighbor to those in need.

Finally, there are countless individuals who share their financial resources to support these organi-

zations and their efforts. In this way, you, the reader, are also being a neighbor. Whether your contribution is modest or incredibly generous, together these funds create the organizations and agency to provide systemic relief that is impactful to the most people.

Brethren Village is glad for our shared values and is glad to play a role in the relief auction. We are pleased that some of our Residents play integral roles in this effort and for the many Residents who volunteer and attend the auction. Our prayer is that together this effort will be a great success, and make a great impact, relieving the suffering of individuals who benefit from the auction.

John N. Snader is President/CEO of Brethren Village.



Volunteering and Learning

DUANE BAHN

In September of 2017, I had the opportunity to help move a Brethren Disaster Ministry (BDM) site from Columbia, South Carolina, to Marion, South Carolina, and then serve for the month as a Disaster Project Leader. Much of our work was held in the town of Nichols, South Carolina, which floodwaters consumed after Hurricane Matthew dumped 18 inches of rain. Nichols wasn't directly hit by the hurricane, but the rain that fell north of the town caused two converging rivers to fill up like a bathtub, flooding the town. As the water receded, a stew of water, fuel, fertilizer and sewage settled in the homes, leaving nearly all of the town's 261 homes uninhabitable.

Few have returned, and the fear is that many never will. I recall one resident telling the story that they thought they were spared of the storm after the worst hit north of them, only to wake up one night and getting out of bed into knee deep water with the home continuing to fill up. Many had to be rescued by boat after several hours of waiting. Many families lost everything.

Our work included replacing flooring, walls, ceilings and roofs. It amazes me how God continues to bless and lead this ministry. This ministry is so blessed with strong leadership as well as faithful vol-



unteers. God also blesses this ministry through sending the right volunteers at the right time. We, as leaders, are amazed at how God's plan is worked out through this ministry. I recall working on one home in particular where we needed to install a flooring which none of us leaders had ever installed before. I, for one, had become a little anxious as to how we were going to lead a group of volunteers to install this floor when we had to learn how to install it with them.

When the weekly group came, and we held our usual Sunday evening orientation, we found out that there was a husband and wife who installed this type flooring numerous times. Not only did they install the flooring, they also installed the cabinets for the kitchen as well. I recall a lady who had come for the week who shared that she did not have any skills and didn't know how she could possibly be of help. Little did she know that she would be helping the husband and wife install the flooring, and she came away from the week having learned a new skill. If I recall correctly, she was confident enough after the week that she was going to install a floor in her home when she returned. These are just a few stories I would like to share about my experiences with BDM. I would encourage you to volunteer with BDM. Trust me, you will be blessed by your service to others.

I would like to personally thank you as a supporter of this Auction. This very important ministry is only possible with the support of this and other auctions held to support the Church of the Brethren's Emergency Disaster Fund. Thank you for your help in reaching our neighbors whom BDM can reach through this ministry. Please consider volunteering a week this year to help others. This ministry can only work if we have volunteers willing to serve.

Duane Bahn is serving as an Interim Pastor at the Codorus Church of the Brethren. He also serves as a Disaster Project Leader with Brethren Disaster Ministries.



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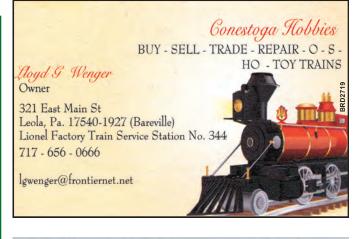
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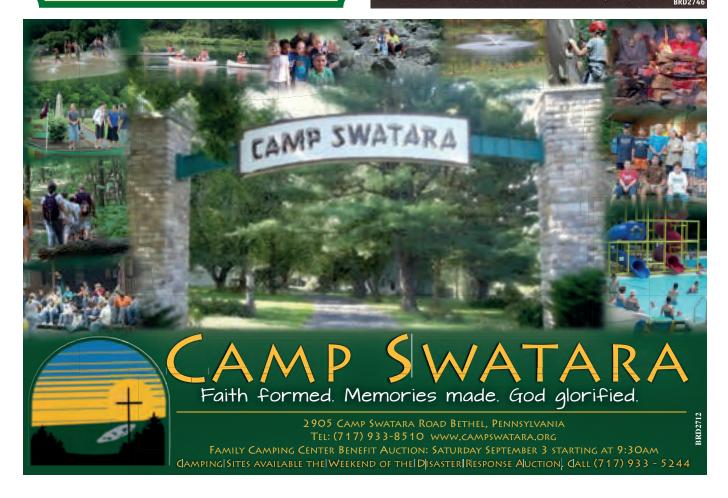
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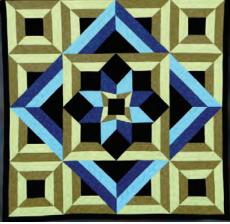
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	Contact PersonPhone	quilt must be clearly labeled with the quilt's name and the name of the quilter.
	Send to: Deb Bendit 364 North Homestead Drive Landisville, PA 17538 Questions? Call Deb Bendit at 717-898-2908 or email at quilterdeb60@gmail.com	Pray for the success of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction. God is using our gifts to help others, and we want to honor him with our talents!

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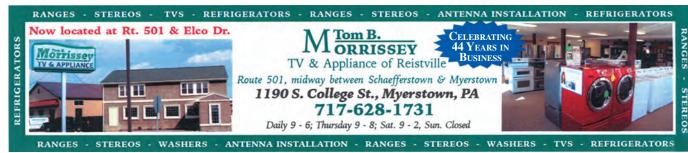
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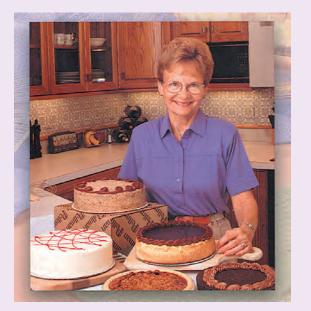
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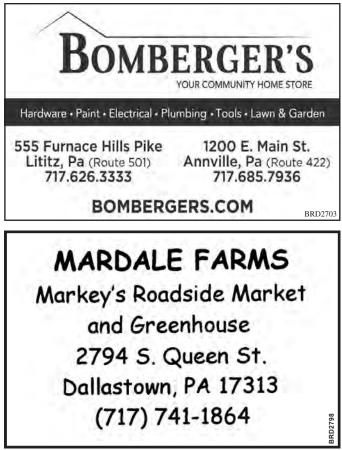
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Esther: A Woman of the Bible

JUDY MELLINGER

The Biblical woman that I greatly admire is Esther. I vaguely remember the details of her life from my early childhood when I would hear her story in Sunday School. She has been brought back to life in recent years for me. Back in 2000, my first grandchild was born. At Christmas that year, her parents gave me a Christmas gift from baby Emily. It was also to benefit her and my two grandsons who would arrive on the scene in later years. The title was "Grandma's Gospel," stories of Bible characters told with love. One of the ten stories was about Esther, which I read and reread to my grandchildren when they visited or when I visited them in Virginia along with many of the other stories from that Bible storybook.

Even so, the story of Esther always fascinated me. It has drama, romance and power all rolled into one. Any best-selling novel written today would do well with the contents found in the book of Esther. But the Biblical account is true, not fiction. This book of ten chapters was written in approximately 470 B.C. Esther became the queen in 479 B.C. in the capital city of Susa, one of the various capital cities in Persia. Esther is one of only two books named after women in the Bible. As you may have guessed; the other is Ruth. The book of Esther is

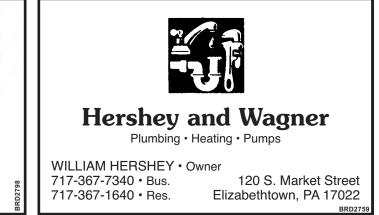


unusual in that in the original version no name, title, or pronoun for God appears. The key verse is found in Esther 4:14. "If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this?" This is taken from the New Living Translation. Do reread the book of Esther to again experience this intriguing story of her careful planning, bravery, and courage.

Esther's older cousin, Mordecai, a religious Jewish man, adopted Esther after her parents died. His parents also were not living. He felt responsible to care for her. She loved God and was indeed a very attractive and beautiful fourteen-year-old young lady when she won the heart of King Xerxes of Persia. Because of Queen Esther's courage, a whole nation was saved. Her life made a huge difference. She was also open to advice and willing to act upon it. Esther was a kind, caring, and extremely brave young lady. She was more concerned for others than for her own security.

Esther was not only beautiful on the outside but inside as well. Talk about being an advocate for justice for her people--the Jews. She would do well in our day for taking a stand on the issue of justice for all. Her stand of courage would have been very unusual for a young woman in her day. Kudos to you, Esther, on your bravery. Thanks be to God for putting you at the right time and place in history. God has a purpose for the situations in which he places us too. We can trust him to weave together the events of our own lives. Give God the credit and thank Him for being in complete control. "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30).

Judy Mellinger is member of Lititz COB and a resident of Brethren Village.



Southern PA District Moderator

DON HUBBELL

"When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven" Nehemiah 1:4.

When we hear of a disaster, natural or man-made, somewhere in the world, or in our country, or in our own neighborhoods, do we sit down, like the Old Testament writer, Nehemiah, and weep before God and ask what can we do to help? We want to respond in some way, but how? We want to help alleviate suffering and to help get life back to normal as fast as possible. We often feel frustrated because there is little that we can do.

Prayer and fasting are how Nehemiah responded, along with confession and repentance when he learned of the disaster that had come upon his homeland in Israel. Once he had prayed and fasted, then Nehemiah listened to the voice of God as He gave Nehemiah a plan. It was a bold and challenging plan, one that required great risk of life and property for Nehemiah. Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king, Artaxerxes, a very trusted position in the courts of the kings of that day and age. The cupbearer tasted the cup being brought to the king to be sure that it was not poisoned. Nehemiah had heard of the condition of his homeland, Israel, and about the devastation of the city of Jerusalem and he feels a burden from God to help in some way?

We hear a great deal in our day about the building of

a great wall along our southern border with Mexico. I am sure that if we were to weep over the situations that people live in around the world and ask God for the things that Nehemiah asked for, we could do a great deal to improve the lives of persons both here at home and around the world. We could do a great deal to build walls and homes for persons in need.



Nehemiah asked for three things from the king: he asked for time away from his job to go to Jerusalem; he asked for the authority to accomplish the work that needed to be done; and he asked for the resources to do the work. Most of the time when the Church of the Brethren learns of a disaster somewhere in the world, we respond with these things that are already at our disposal. If we don't have the resources that are needed, all we have to do is ask, and sisters and brothers respond generously.

Service to others is one of the crucial parts of what it means to be a servant of the King of Kings. So, sit down, take the time to fast and pray, see the things in our world that break God's heart and respond to the needs in our world that God reveals to you!

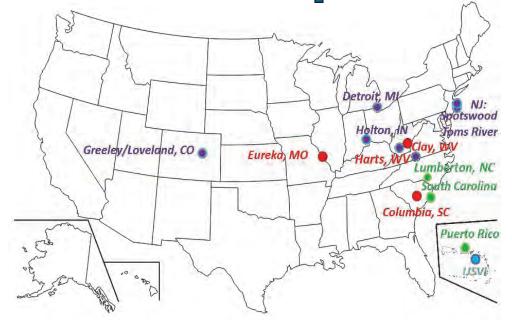
Amen.

Don Hubbell, is a retired COB pastor, current Moderator Southern Pa. District at the Newville COB on September 14 & 15, 2018.



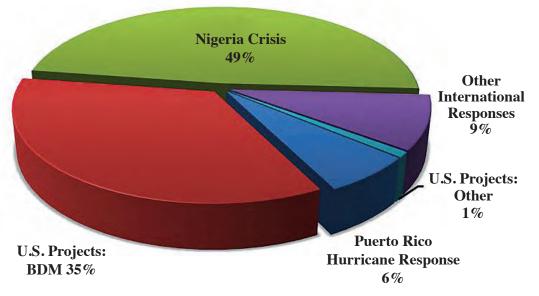
Brethren Disaster Ministries

Domestic Response Sites 2017



- Completed Rebuild 2014-2016
- Completed Rebuild 2017-2018
- Currently Active Rebuild
- Potential Upcoming Rebuild
- Active DRSI Site

2017 Project Expenses



Brethren Disaster Ministries

2017 Project Expenses

Status	Disaster	Amount
	US Projects	
Active	BDM—Marion County, S.C., Hurricane Matthew response	\$36,773
Active	BDM—Eureka, Mo., flood recovery	\$42,620
Active	BDM and Puerto Rico District—2017 Caribbean Hurricanes Response	\$69,935
Active	BDM—2017 Fall disaster response	\$963
Active	BDM—Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI)	\$60,392
Completed	CWS—Hurricane Harvey response	\$10,000
Completed	CDS—Hurricane Harvey Response	\$4,417
Completed	BDM—Columbia, S.C., flood response	\$206,971
Completed	CDS—Missouri flooding response	\$2,927
Completed	BDM—2016 West Virginia flooding	\$23,038
Completed	CDS—Albany, Ga., tornado response	\$1,977
	U.S. total	\$460,013
	International Projects	
Active	BDM—EYN response to violence in Nigeria	\$529,091
Active	BDM/Haitian CoB Hurricane Matthew response	\$40,000
Active	GMS—South Sudan war, food shortages & response vehicle	\$11,714
Completed	CWS—Drought in Kenya	\$25,000
Completed	Shalom Ministry for Reconciliation—displaced families in the DR Congo	\$25,000
	International total	\$630,805
	TOTAL BDM PROJECT EXPENSES	\$1,090,818
Key: BDM = Brethr	• ren Disaster Ministries / CDS = Children's Disaster Service / CWS = Church World Service / EYN = Nigeria Church of th	e Brethren

2017 Project Funding

Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) Total	\$2,315,759
Nigeria Crisis Fund (included in EDF Total)	\$425,169
2017 Hurricanes & Puerto Rico Hurricane Responses (included in EDF Total)	\$589,243
Program Grants (included in EDF Total):	
Week of Compassion - Disciples of Christ grant for Nigeria Crisis Response	\$30,000
United Way of the Midlands for South Carolina project building materials	\$88,801
*Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI) Partner Funding	\$19,000
*DRSI is a joint program of BDM, United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	BBD0706



Location	Disaster Type	Volunteers*	Workdays	Hours Served	Value of Service**	Families Served
Columbia, S.C.	Storm/Flood	449	4,205	33,640	\$812,069.60	27
Clay County, W.Va.	Flood	80	412	3,296	\$79,565.44	4
Eureka, Mo	Storm/Flood	242	1,736	13,888	\$335,256.32	24
Marion County, S.C.	Hurricane Matthew	160	3,671	29,368	\$708,943.52	9
5 Short-term responses ***	Hurricane/Flood/					
	Tornado	45	233	1,870	\$45,141.80	19
Totals		976	10,257	82,062	\$1,980,976.68	83

2017 Rebuild Response Statistics

* Includes repeat volunteers. ** Estimated Value of Volunteer Service = \$24.14/hr for 2016 per IndependentSector.org

***Short-term responses in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and West Virginia

Children's Disaster Services 2017 Response Statistics

Location	Disaster Type	Volunteers*	Workdays	Hours Served	Value of Service**	Children Served
Albany, Ga.	Tornado	4	16	128	\$3,089.92	36
Oroville, Calif.	Dam breach	8	32	256	\$6,179.84	106
Perryville, Mo.	Tornado	5	5	40	\$965.60	7
Oak Grove, Mo.	Tornado	4	10	80	\$1,931.20	24
Neosho, Mo.	Flooding	8	55	440	\$10,621.60	161
Utica, N.Y.	Flooding	3	6	48	\$1,158.72	7
Mariposa, Calif.	Wildfire	4	16	128	\$3,089.92	50
Kansas City, Mo.	Flooding	4	8	64	\$1,544.96	22
Texas	Hurricane Harvey					
	(Red Cross)	40	247	1,976	\$47,700.64	531
Texas	Hurricane Harvey (FEMA)	16	102	816	\$19,698.24	269
Florida	Hurricane Irma	18	134	1,072	\$25,878.08	666
Las Vegas, Nev.	Mass shooting	17	140	1,120	\$27,036.80	122
Sonoma, Calif.	Wildfire	19	114	912	\$22,015.68	327
Ventura, Calif.	Wildfire	12	109	872	\$21,050.08	185
Philadelphia, Pa.	Evacuation center	4	20	160	\$3,862.40	13
Tacoma, Wash.	Train derailment	3	6	48	\$1,158.72	1
Totals		169	1,020	8,160	\$196,982.40	2,527

*Includes repeat volunteers. ** Estimated Value of Volunteer Service is \$24.14/hr for 2016 per IndependentSector.org

THEME BASKETS

DORY CRATER

It's time for the 2018 Disaster Relief Auction to aid those who have suffered damage or loss of their homes by natural disasters in the United States of America. The Theme Basket Auction is a fun way to donate to those in need of your support. Creating a basket just takes your imagination, new or collectible items valued at \$35.00 or more, and wrap the basket in clear cellophane.

clear cellophane. Over the years there have been Theme Baskets for those who like John Deer Tractors, Wilbur Chocolate, duct tape, pizza, gardening, Barbie Dolls, Craftsman Tools, Armoral Car Cleaning supplies, Bath & Body Works, Vera Bradley, pasta, baking, various holidays, Hershey Chocolate, etcet-

era. The baskets can be for babies, children of all ages, men, and the ladies. It is an easy way to help those who have experienced damage to their homes by natural disasters.

Not everyone can go on a mission trip to rebuild or repair homes touched by natural disasters, but you can donate a theme basket for the auction. Your support is greatly appreciated, and you are reaching out with God's love to those in need during this difficult time in their lives. It is a blessing to serve our LORD by helping those suffering from natural disasters by supporting the Disaster Relief Auction.

Again, it is easy to do, just use your imagination, put the new items (food items must be in code, and not past the expiration date) or collectible/ antique items in a basket, complete

the Theme Basket registration form and mail the form by Friday, August 31, 2018 to: Dory Crater, 310 Ironmine Road, Middletown, PA 17057; or email it to jwdmcrater@comcast. net. If you have any questions, please contact Dory by email or telephone Dory (717) 944-1271.

Theme basket registration forms not received by August 31, 2018, will not be list-

ed in the 2018 Theme Basket Booklet due to the printer's time constraints.

Dory Crater is a pastor and member of the First Church of God in Middletown.







2018 Theme Basket Registration
Please complete a form for each theme basket you are donating.
I am / We are willing to: donate money to Theme Baskets. Make check payable to: "Disaster Relief Auction"
make a theme basket. Baskets should be brought to the Southeast Hall on Friday, September 21, between 8:30 am and noon. Please wrap basket in clear cellophane. Contact person Phone # Address Email City State/Zip
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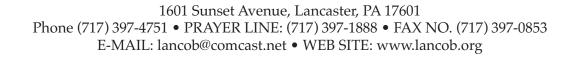
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Mission Trip

ASHLEY MAXWELL

This past June, I was fortunate to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. At first, I was hesitant about going on the trip since it was centered at a children's home with 400 unwanted, poorly treated and abused children. The ages of the children were anywhere from newborns to high schoolers. As a high schooler myself, I contemplated whether I was ready to stretch out of my comfort zone with this experience. Over months, I prayed and thought deeply about how great of an opportunity this was right in front of my hands. Once I stepped foot in the children's home, I knew I had made the right choice.

My group included twenty people of all ages with different backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge. Most of the group members, including myself, never traveled to another country for

a one-week mission trip. For weeks leading up to the trip, my group practiced speaking Spanish since it is the dominant language in Guatemala. Finally, we were ready to go and experience what the Lord had laid out ahead of us.

We arrived at Casa Aleluya late on a Saturday night. We went straight to bed to rest up for the big week ahead. The next morning, we attended the Sunday service, which was filled with all the children, staff and missionaries. As I was seated on a bench along the outskirts of the room, I witnessed every child laying their hearts before the Lord while they sang the praise songs. In that moment, it did not matter whether we were from the same country, spoke the same language, or have only been there for less than 24 hours. Everyone in that room was together to worship the same Lord. It was my first of many, eye-opening experiences to see the children express such joy while worshipping even after enduring so much in their lives.

At the beginning of the week, we were told by the head director that at least one child would fall in love with us and we would fall in love with them in return. It did not take long before I made my connection with an eight-year-old girl named Marta. Every day when I would come out of the "gringo" house, I would hear my name called from the playground and look up to find Marta waving. Throughout the





week, the number of relationships continued to grow. Children whom I never encountered before would run up and wrap their arms around me or hold my hand. The children taught me what pure love is through their actions toward each other and to the mission-



aries. No matter if it was a hug, a small gift, or time spent playing soccer with them, the children were grateful.

Since Casa Aleluya is in charge of 400 kids, there was always a task for us to help out with. During the daytime, we helped in the kitchen to prepare and serve the meals. Also, we cleaned the dorms where the children slept. Others in our group with construction experience helped to build a dialysis wing in the nearby hospital. When a child would spot us not doing anything or taking a break, they would run over and ask us to play with them. The majority of the afternoon was spent with the children coloring, playing four square, jumping rope and talking. At night, when the children went to bed, our group would go to our house and sit by a table to discuss what we experienced throughout the day and thank the Lord for allowing us to be there.

With the help of my church and the fundraising efforts prior to the trip, we were able to buy shoes for the children and renovate the bathrooms around the grounds. Most of the bathrooms were at the point where they did not work anymore or were far beyond sanitary conditions.

As the week was coming to an end, it was time to say goodbye to all the children we had encountered during the week. They latched onto us before we began to board the bus that took us to the airport. It is still a vivid image in my head of the kids waving their goodbyes as our bus left Casa Aleluya.

This experience has opened my eyes and especially my heart to those who are far less fortunate than I. The love that the children poured out to me over the week is nothing I have ever experienced before. To see the smiles on their faces after being through so much in their young lives, has truly changed my perspective on life. I grew in my faith as a Christian because I now have a passion to serve underserved people.

Ashley Maxwell is a member at Florin COB and a Donegal High School Senior.

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Galvanized Milk Can Hanging Lamp Comes with hanging chain and on/off switch on the cord, Rustic, distressed, galvanized finish, 13" x 13" x 11"

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Red Milk Bucket with Antique Finish Antique finish galvanized metal, 13" x 10" x 19"

53" Patina Green Corinthian Bells handtuned Manassas Park, VA

42nd Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction -- 67

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42nd Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction -- 69

Antiques

2018 Disaster Relief Auction Preview



Antique Courting chair, 200 to 300 years old, Family, velvet fabric Antique Courting chair, 200 to 300 years old, Family, brocade fabric

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2018 Disaster Relief Auction Preview

Clay Birdhouse by Pottery by Clay Path Studios in Red Lion PA



Covered Casserole by Clay Path Studios in Red Lion PA

Santa figurines are Great American Taylor Collectibles. There are a total of 15 figurines, released in 1991-1993. Original boxes and identifying cards included. Santa averages 7-8" in height.





Solid Cherry Extension Table

with 12 boards

By Landis Myer

Sunflowers 20in x 20in Original Acrylic on Canvas Painted and Donated by Gladys Zeiset

Italian Floor Planter





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Crescent 70 Pc. Professional Tool Set Stanley Control Grip 3 Pc. Pliers Set DeWalt 10 Pc. Screwdriver Set donated by Paul B.

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The Arrangements Committee needs your help! In addition to volunteers needed to help set-up before the auction and clean-up after the auction, we need volunteers to help collect trash during the auction! The jobs do not require any special training and are not usually dirty jobs, but they are important jobs that must be done and the committee needs your help. Any and all help is appreciated! Individuals, families or groups are welcome and encouraged to help. Come for a few hours, half of the day or a day! If you have any questions, can serve in any way, or would be willing to serve on the committee, please contact Chris Keller, Arrangements Committee Chairman at 717-269-4052 or 4ckak@comcast.net. Thanks for your help!

Auction Set-up is Thursday, September 20, 2018 starting at 8 AM. (Lunch is provided.) Trash Collection is Friday and Saturday, September 21 & 22, 2018 during the auction. Auction Clean-up is Saturday, September 22, 2018 as the auctions are ending.

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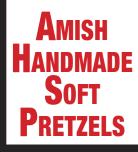


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"Down at the River" donated by Kevin Nolt

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Saturday, September 22, 2018 Main Hall, 9:30 - 10:00 am

FEATURES AUCTION

Special Meals, Day Trips, Vacations, Parties, Catering

Chicken BBQ Dinner Party in the Woods,

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Second Course—Salad Winter Fruit Salad with Apples & Grapes, Garnished with Shallots, Red Onion with Honey- Lemon Dressing

Third Course—Soup Creole Country Shrimp and Crab

Fourth Course—Sorbet Lemon-Raspberry-Guanabana Sorbet

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FREE Childcare and Children's Activities

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Did you know there is **FREE Childcare** offered at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction on **Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM in West Hall beside the Children's Store?** This is provided by the Children's Disaster Services. These are certified volunteers to care for your children so you can attend the auction activities. CDS was started in 1980. They set up childcare centers in areas affected by disasters – tornados, floods, hurricanes, wild fires and any other disasters. They are specially trained to respond to traumatized children. They provide a calm, safe, reassuring presence in the midst of chaos. They help parents respond to their children's needs after disasters.

We are really excited about the entertainment we have for the children this year. At **10 AM on Saturday morning in South East Hall BEFORE the Children's Auction we will have a concert featuring PHREDD** (Fred McNaughton from WJTL's Get up and Go show) or you may know him as Phredd – Ukulele Strumming, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drum Kicking, Quirky Singer-Songwriter of Unmitigated Joy! He is a great entertainer for children. Some of his songs you might know are "Why did the chicken cross the road last night", "Floating Zoo", " If Coffee smells so good why does it taste so bad", "Under Where?" and so many more.

One of the main highlights of the children's activities is the 14th Annual Children's Auction on Saturday at 11 AM in Southeast Hall. Cathy Whitman is the contact for this auction. This auction is for children age 12 years and younger. The children get special colored bidder numbers that match their parent's numbers. Just ask for one when you get yours at registration. The children have so much fun being able to bid on toys (with adult supervision of course)! The variety of toys usually available to bid on include, Barbie's, dolls, books, Fisher Price items, girls dress up clothes, cars, trucks, trains, games, LEGOS, art supplies, DVD's, collectibles, sports equipment, etc. (We are looking for donations of these items if you wish to donate them.) If you and your child have to leave **before** the auction is over or they have not won a bid by the auction's end, **PLEASE** see Cathy or Marsha and they will receive a gift. We do not want any child to go away empty-handed. We want this to be a fun experience for every child!



Children's The Store will be open on Friday 9 AM to 9 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 3 PM in the West Hall. It has been run by Marsha Heisey for the last 10 years. In that time, it has raised about \$13,000 for the auction!! It has grown from 3 tables to 8 tables of wonderful used toys, games, books, etc. for children of all ages. It is the highlight for both kids and adults as we have many returning customers year after year who come to look to see what we have and get great things for their kids and grandkids. We are always looking for donations of good used toys, games, books, DVD's, etc. **ALL** the money that you pay for the items goes directly to the auction!



Marsha Heisey and Cathy Whitman

We will have **Balloon Art** again on **Friday at 5 PM in West Hall in the Childcare area and on Saturday at 10 AM in Southeast Hall**. Our balloon artist is Mary Jo Noble. She has been doing this for many years now. She does a great job and the kids look forward to having animals or hats done by her.

Face Painting will again be provided on Friday at 5 PM in West Hall in the Childcare area and on Saturday at 10 AM in Southeast Hall. Janelle Gregory and Joanne Boyer and grandchildren/friends provide this great talent. Last year we had a Mother and daughter volunteer a few hours of their time to do specialty face painting where the whole face is painted. We are hoping to have them back again this year.

The kids just love that there is a **Barrel Train**. This will be offered on **Friday at 5PM and Saturday at 10 AM outside**. The train depot is located outside across from the Arts and Crafts. Look for signs. This is driven by Jim Boyer and his team of drivers.

We will be providing **Pony Rides** again this year on **Saturday at 10 AM outside near the Pole Barn** as long as we have Star the pony still with us. Star is 23 years old. She has been able to come to the auction to give the children pony rides for most of her life. She is owned by Dave and Almira Kline.

So, as you can see, the children can have as much fun as the adults at the auction! If you would like to donate **NEW** items to the Children's Auction please bring them on Thursday or Friday to Southeast Hall. If you have **gently used** items you would like to donate to the Children's Store you may bring them on Thursday or Friday to the Children's Store. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Marsha Heisey at 717-314-1925 or Cathy Whitman at 717- 433-6948. We look forward to seeing you and your children/grand children at the activities for children!!

Marsha Heisey is a member of Spring Creek COB and Cathy Whitman attends Hanoverdale COB. They are Co-Chairs of the Children's Activities Committee.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES







FRIDAY

WEST HALL

9 AM— CHILDREN'S STORE

5 PM—FACE PAINTING BALLOON ART

SATURDAY

SOUTHEAST HALL

10 AM— PHREDD CONCERT (Fred McNaughton from WJTL) 10 AM—FACE PAINTING BALLOON ART 11 AM—CHILDREN'S AUCTION

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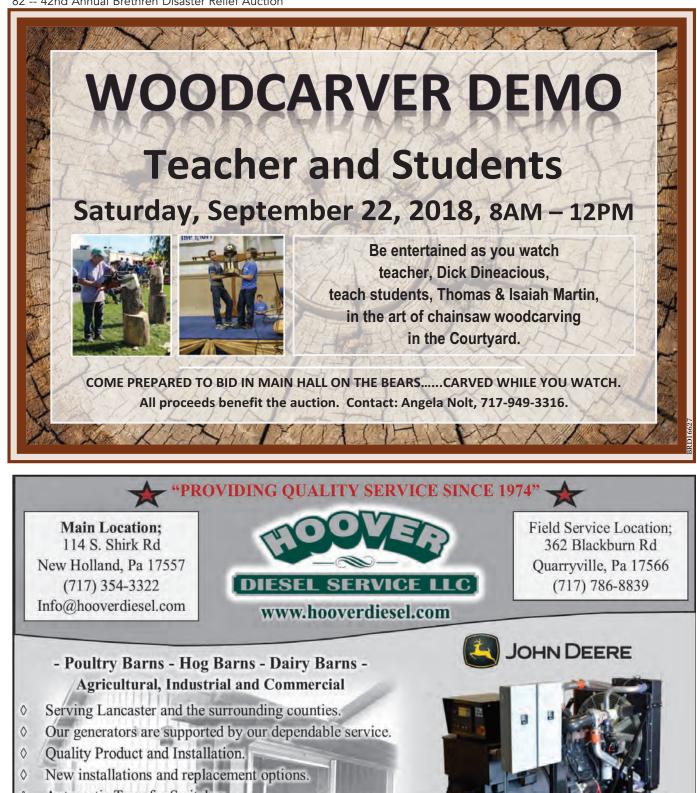
5 PM—BARREL

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WEST HALL 8 AM—CHILDREN'S STORE 10 AM—2 PM— (FREE) CHILDCARE

OUTSIDE 10 AM- BARREL TRAIN PONY RIDES

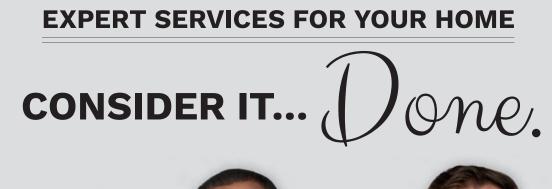




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2018 Wall hangings to be auctioned.

hangings to the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction for many years on behalf of York's First Church of the Brethren. Nadine formed a group at her church to bring back the art of quilting and mentored others to quilt for BDRA.

Nadine was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away a few weeks later on July 2, 2018. Before her passing, she asked these friends to see that her wall hangings get to the auction this year. They are pictured here.

Thank you, Nadine for the quiet support of the BDRA for many years.

Marilyn Zimmerman is a member of the BDRA Publicity Committee and member of the White Oak COB.

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Our motto is: If you have not used it in the last year, please consider donating it to the auction. Thank you for your time, and hope to see you at the Pole Barn Auction.

Here are a few suggestions:

<u>TOOLS:</u> Power tools, hand tools, lawn and garden items, and other miscellaneous items.

<u>FURNITURE</u>: Tables, chairs, chests, and other good useable items.

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Friends, as you gather this day, may you take time to remember in prayer those who have lost their homes, loved ones, and possessions. May you also remember that "we (the Church of the Brethren) hold an inexhaustible cup of cold water, water that can assuage the need of a thirsty world. We possess the cup, we are the cup, we know what it contains, and – because we've experienced firsthand its wonderful promise – we can pass it on. If we can accept and live this single metaphor, we and our work cannot fail, and will not end." (1994 Communicorp Report prepared for the Church of the Brethren General Board - adapted)

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A Brethren Volunteer Service Experience

SARAH UHL

Growing up in a small town and attending the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren taught me about community--people coming together to help each other when there is a need. In 2016-2017, my BVS assignment was at a homeless shelter in Fremont, California, very different and far away from my comfortable space. When I pictured California, I thought of palm trees, clear water, hot weather year-round, and beaches everywhere. When I arrived, I saw palm trees, mountains, and homeless people!

Of course, I knew that there were going to be homeless people because that was my assignment--but how could there be so many? Where was their helping community? Then I arrived at a homeless shelter called Sunrise Village Abode Services. There my days consisted of helping residents, answering phones, kitchen work and many other tasks. I will never forget the days I could say, "Welcome home," to the residents when they walked through the door, exhausted from the day. I always received a huge smile, and I saw the relief in their eyes that they had a safe place to stay.

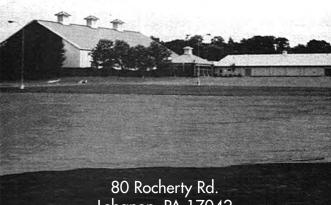
It was in these small things that I realized I had found a community. It may not have been a small town, but it was a group of people, a community, who wanted to help, and I was part of it. Sunrise Village Abode Services changed my life and I was privileged to serve my BVS year there.

Sarah Uhl is a member of Elizabethtown COB.

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A Seller of Purple

JOHN MINNICH

The overcast sky shrouded the early morning boats while the crew unloaded their catch at the Tyrian dock. Their baited traps had yielded a record number of Murex snails. An observant woman glided among the crates of snails and was soon making an offer for some of the best specimens. This entrepreneur, Lydia, was a maker of Tyrian purple using thousands of snails. They were boiled for days in giant lead vats, producing a terrible odor, while chemicals were extracted producing a purple dye. This royal purple wasn't just an indicator of wealth, it was also a symbol of political power.

Lydia took several pounds of dye, each pound worth three pounds of gold, to her business in Thyatira. It was here that she sold her highly sought after purple cloth to wealthy businessmen. In addition, Lydia also sold rich dyed red fabric using the popular local madder roots to make the famous red dyes from this region.

In time Lydia moved west to the city of Philippi, purchased a house and expanded her business to the wealthy Romans in this area. Philippi was a mini-Rome and was located on the Via Egnatia, which gave direct access to Rome. As a seller of purple, Lydia, the business woman, was a lady of means. She was a woman who excelled in her career and knew not only how to survive but thrive.

It was during this time that she began connecting with the local women. They would meet for prayer alongside the picturesque Gangites River. Acts 16:13-15 reveals that Paul and his traveling companions arrived in Philippi and met with the women for worship on the Sabbath. I see here a brief portrait of Lydia and what happened when God changed her heart. She begins to soak in every word that Paul is sharing. She is focused and concentrating. There are no distractions. Her smart phone is turned off! Paul is speaking to her heart. How well do we listen to God's Word being preached? Do we have ears that hear when God's Spirit speaks to us? Events begin to unfold in Lydia's riverside conversion.

As she focuses on the message, the Holy Spirit is busy at work in her heart and life. God opened her heart. Alongside this rippling river is a beautiful picture of human initiative and divine quickening. The Spirit is testifying to the truth of Paul's words along with convicting Lydia that she needs to surrender her heart and life to Jesus. God is seeking Lydia because she cannot seek Him, and she is unable to come to Christ unless God the Father draws her to Him. During open heart surgery, the surgeon deftly cuts the heart open to repair a heart valve or to dissect a part of the muscle. But even more amazing is how God opens up the heart of His child, and gives them a "new" heart! Praise God for hearts that love God and love His people!

As Lydia's heart is changed, she is transformed

into action. God delights to choose ordinary people and use them for His glory. The significant thing for us to notice is that when God wanted to enter into a new continent so that multitudes of people in that continent might be saved, He chose Lydia as the channel through whom He would work. Lydia's opened heart was the vantage point for a forward move-



ment for the gospel in Europe. Think what God can do through one life when He gains complete control of it, and it is yielded to Him!

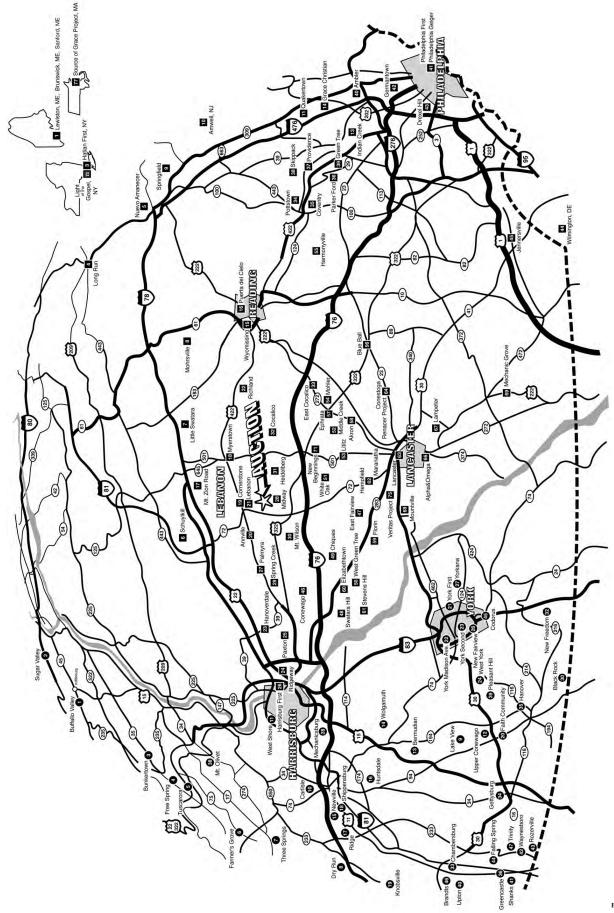
Lydia springs into action and brings her family, her servants and their families to hear the message of Jesus. They are converted and baptized! She is passionate about having everyone who lives under her roof know and experience Jesus as their Savior and Lord. How passionate are we to live and share the gospel and life of Jesus Christ to those God brings across our paths?

Lydia responded with persistent hospitality. I love the way she talks to Paul. In Acts 16:15, she is straightforward-- "If you judge me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay there." We see here a little more of Lydia's personality. The same gifts that made her an excellent sales person allowed her to persuade Paul and his team to make her home their headquarters. She is using the gifts that God had given her as a good business woman to be a good hostess and evangelist. What a challenge for each of us to not only be a hospitable people but also to live our lives in such a way that no one can find fault in us.

It's interesting that right after this incident, Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned. Following an earthquake, the jailer's salvation and their interesting release, Acts 16:39 says that they went straight to Lydia's house. My guess is she gave them some royal purple attire as they went on their way!

There are a lot of individuals that we may want to look up to as our role models. I believe one of the best ones any of us could find is here in the life of Lydia. May God give us Lydia's passion with our family, our work, people we meet and all that we are...... to His honor and glory!

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Bold Faith

JAY M OBERHOLTZER

As I reflect on my January 2018 trip to Nigeria, Africa, to attend the dedication of the EYN (Ekklesiyar Yan 'uwa Nigeria, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) Technology Centre, one scripture passage comes to mind. Philippians 1:18-21 (NASB)

(18) What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice yes, and I will rejoice, (19) for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (20) according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. (21) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

As we traveled with Brother Adam (all names in this article have been changed to protect identities) from Abuja to Jos, we talked with him about the terrorism of Boko Haram (roughly translated, Western education is forbidden). Brother Adam shared with us his deep bold faith in Jesus Christ. I soon discovered that I was traveling with a man who was on the top ten hit list of Boko Haram. As we stopped at the 20-30 checkpoints (I lost count) on the 100-mile trip to Jos, staffed by armed guards with AK47s, there was no sign of fear but bold and confident faith. The love of Christ was evident in the way he treated the guards and showed respect. As we traveled, Brother Adam shared about the devastation that has happened to EYN Church, the ongoing threats by Boko Haram and the Fulani herdsman. Throughout our conversation, the posture of EYN as a peace church became evident. Do not retaliate but return good for evil. Seek to live in peace with Muslim neighbors and show them the love of Christ. Demonstrate forgiveness in the midst of the terribly violent brutal loss of family members burned out homes and churches. Endure kidnappings of family members, not knowing if they will be set free, forced to do unthinkable things or killed.

In spite of all this, EYN Church continues in bold confident faith sharing and demonstrating the love of Jesus to their Muslim enemies and peaceful Muslim neighbors, many of whom have been hit just as hard by Boko Haram. They care for Muslim widows. They help them rebuild their burned-out homes.

What are the some of the results of these non-violent peaceful actions? EYN church is growing at a phenomenal rate. Approximately 100,000 members were added to EYN in 2017. They are seeing Muslims and some members of Boko Haram come to Christ per my recent conversations with Brother Adam.

About a day later as we gathered at Brother Adam's personal residence for an evening meal, I had the opportunity to spend some time with one of the leaders of EYN whom I will call Brother Luke. As we shared together, he looked at me with tears in his eyes

expressing deep gratitude for the support of the Church of the Brethren America, in who helped make the EYN Technology Centre a reality and donated much to relief efforts. He showed deep gratitude toward me for walking a tiny bit where they walk daily and a deep love and concern for our safety while we were there. Yes, another brother with bold confident faith.

A f t e r spending time with some of the

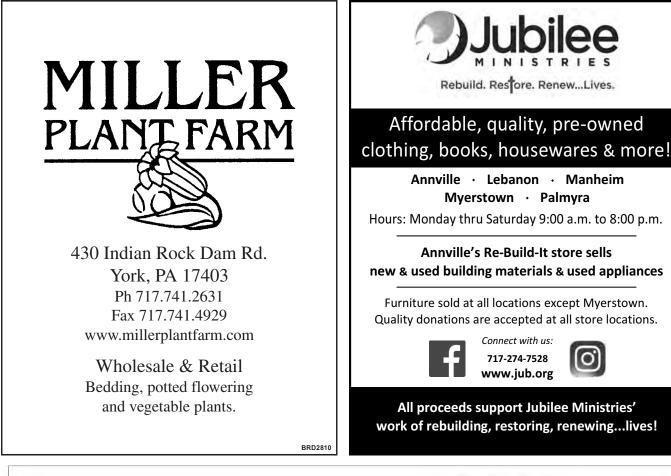


brothers and sisters at EYN church and traveling in some areas where the blood of saints was spilled for their faith, I will never be the same. I have a love for EYN Church and feel compelled to tell their story. They have mostly suffered in silence because their plight is seldom in the news, especially American news. I was deeply challenged in my faith. My comfortable American perspective was changed. How boldly will I stand for the Gospel? How boldly will I share the love of Jesus? Will I continue to stand unflinchingly for the truth of God's word as recorded in 1 Timothy 3:16 so that I will not be put to shame in anything? How about you? How bold is your faith? Are you remaining true to the Word of God?

How can we help and stand with EYN Church 6,500 miles away in Nigeria?

I would suggest become informed and pray. Read world news sources. Open Doors USA is doing a lot currently to bring attention to Nigeria's plight. Give to relief efforts. Keep track of what is happening via social media. Check the Church of the Brethren webpage, Nigeria Crisis Response, for updates. Get involved if God stirs your heart. How bold is your faith?

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DARREN BISHOP

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Let's be honest. It would be hard to convince anyone that someone that they knew was dead and had come back to life. It would be even harder if we had witnessed his or her death. Or even harder if their death had been as gruesome as a crucifixion. No wonder even the disciples had a hard time believing that Jesus was alive. Even the women, on the morning that He rose from the dead, they were going to the tomb to prepare His dead body. They weren't going to the tomb to see if He had risen. No, they went to prepare His dead body for burial. They just assumed that Jesus Christ was dead. I mean, just three days ago, they had seen him on the cross--beaten, mangled beyond recognition. They had heard Him say, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"...and then a final breath... and then silence. He was dead. They had seen that. It was very real to them. But to be alive again--impossible! It was hard to believe then, and here we are 2000 years later, and it's hard to believe it now.

And from that day when Jesus Christ breathed His very last breath and then three days later, rose from the dead, from that day, began the Christian movement. This Christian movement is still changing lives today. But it all hinges on that one Sunday morning, the resurrection. Our salvation hinges on that Sunday morning when they found the empty tomb. If someone could have just disproven the resurrection, found a body and dug up His bones, as Paul says in I Corinthians 15, our faith would be in vain, and we would be people most to be pitied. But we can be confident that He is alive and that He rose from the dead. We have actual eyewitness accounts in scripture of where Jesus Christ appeared to people after He was resurrected. John chapter 20 is a detailed account of what John experienced firsthand. Then you have Matthew's account, and then Luke's account of what others saw, and then Mark's account of what Peter himself saw. According to Acts 1:3, Jesus Christ provided many eyewitness accounts to certain individuals to prove to people then and to prove to people today that He has truly risen from the grave and is alive today.

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3 New International Version).

You know times have changed. Forty years ago, people were outspoken about their faith. If you believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you called yourself a Christian and pretty much believed everything in the Bible was true and was from God. If you didn't believe in the resurrection, then you were intentionally not a Christian. Today the discussion of the resurrection doesn't really come to the forefront as much as it did. The fact is today, our culture feels that, you know what, it really doesn't even matter. It might have happened, it might not have. If you want to believe it, fine. If you think it helps you in life, fine. But, it really doesn't matter much to me. You may call yourself a Christian, and that's fine. If you don't, hey, that's fine too. We have become a "Whatever makes you feel good, whatever you want to believe, and whatever makes you comfortable society." Unfortunately, many people look at the resurrection through that lens, and that is a big problem. There was also a group of people in the Bible who lived this way in Acts 17: 22-31. They thought it was ok for the people to worship any god that they choose. They had many different gods. In fact apparently they even had an "unknown god."

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So, you are ignorant of the very thing you worshipand this is what I am going to proclaim to you. 24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'[a] As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'[b] 29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:22-31 New

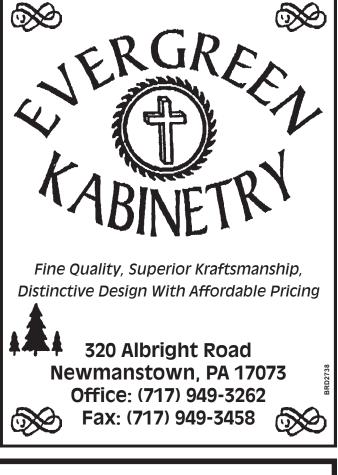
International Version).

But notice what Paul said: God calls the whole world to repent because we have all sinned against Him. We must all repent because one day each and every one of us will be judged. Each of us will stand before God and will answer to Him. We won't be able to use those excuses:

- Well it just didn't fit my lifestyle.
- I just didn't have time to believe in you.
- I was going to get serious about it later in life God.
- It's just not what I wanted in life.

If our society says, "It really doesn't matter," Paul is saying here, "People, I am telling you, it really does matter, because someday we will have to stand before God and answer to Him." It really does matter. There is a Heaven and there is a Hell, and we all will die one day. The tomb is empty, death has been defeated. Satan has lost the battle the very day Jesus rose from the grave, so I ask you: Do you believe the grave is empty? Do you live your life so that others see you believe that? We will all have to stand before God one day and answer those questions. If you believe in the resurrection or not, that is the question. It really does matter?

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BVS/BRF- Serving for Jesus' Sake

WALTER HEISEY

In II Corinthians 4:5, the Biblical writer says, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

It was in the mid-1970's that Willard Dulabaum, "Dully," who served as Director of Training and Recruitment for Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS), contacted the Brethren Revival Fellowship (BRS). He wanted to see if there would be a way for BVS to attract Brethren from more conservative backgrounds.

This was the beginning of the program that is known today as BVS/BRF, a cooperative effort between Brethren Volunteer Service and Brethren Revival Fellowship. Willard tells me that he traveled to Lancaster County and spent time in the home of Jim Myer as they worked on plans and a pattern for the program. Their design featured a household type living arrangement, a Unit, typically with a married couple serving as houseparents and giving mature guidance to the household, which includes several single volunteers. Household duties would be shared by all and a budget that exemplified simple living was set in place. This Unit setting would lend support to the individuals as they faced the challenges of their life of service and also a group with whom to share their joys. Group devotions were to be a part of the household order along with encouragement to personal spiritual growth. Volunteers begin their time of service with several days of orientation, which provides experience in working and serving together, along with budgeting. There is also a formal class time covering subjects of Brethren History, Peace and Non-resistance, Interpersonal Relationships and Mission Philosophy.

The first Unit began in 1976 and headed south to Jackson, Mississippi, serving with Voice of Calvary Ministries, which was begun by John Perkins. This was a cross-cultural setting and volunteers learned many things about the difficulties created by racial injustice.

In 1979 Units began serving in Lewiston, Maine. At first Volunteers worked with the city's housing authority in property management and maintenance. Later, volunteers were heavily involved in developing the Good Shepherd Food Bank, which has grown over the years. It serves to provide nourishment for the hungry in all sixteen of Maine's counties. The food bank delivers more than nineteen million meals per year with more than 178,000 Mainers receiving crucial food assistance.

In 1981, the Lewiston Church of the Brethren congregation was planted and volunteers added strength to this church plant with quite a few volunteers over the years choosing to stay in Maine and become part of the Church of the Brethren congre-



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gations there. Lewiston is a city in which people from more than 50 different nationalities converge. Presently the Volunteer Unit lives in the city and works with the Root Cellar, an inner- city ministry reaching out to youth and refugee families who have made Lewiston their home.

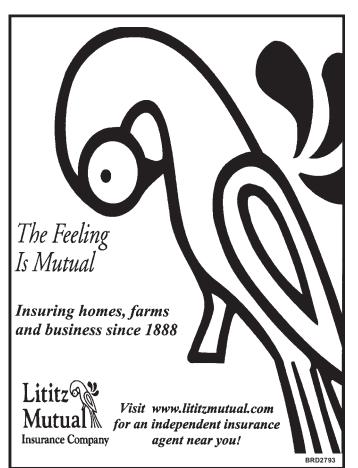
Other Units have served with Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, Wayside Cross Rescue Mission in Aroura, Illinois, and Flat Creek and Mudlick Churches in



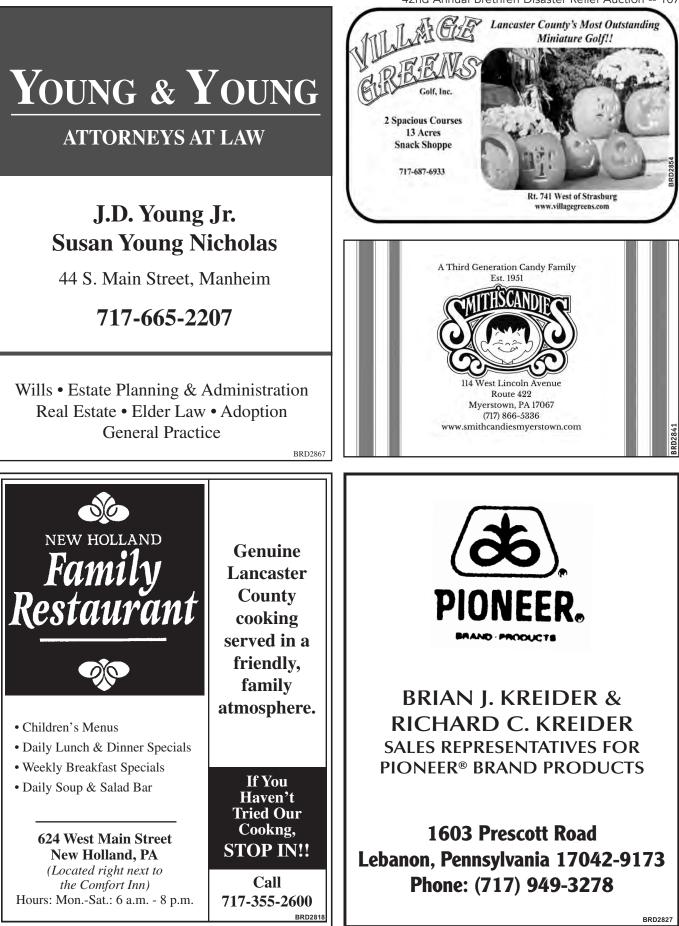
Kentucky. Over the past 42 years there have been 65 Units involving more than 300 individuals.

As I look over the Roster of those who have served in BVS/ BRF, I see the names of many who have gone on to a life of continued service and ministry in their home congregations as well as in the larger church, including our 2019 Annual Conference Moderator. A few years ago, I met "Dully" at New Windsor. He was thrilled to know that the program he had been instrumental in beginning was still in operation. I hope that each one of us might be challenged by the example of these volunteers to be "Servants for Jesus' sake" in whatever place or position we might find ourselves.

Walter Heisey is a minister in the Heidelberg congregation (ANE District) and has served as Brethren Revival Fellowship's **BVS/BRF** Coordinator since 2006.



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Atlantic Northeast District Disaster Response

MARY ETTA REINHART

Many folks have been blessed by the partnership between the Atlantic Northeast District and the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction in the support of groups who travel to Brethren Disaster Ministries work sites to donate one or more weeks of work to support the BDM rebuild ministry.

In 2017, 195 volunteers from sixteen Atlantic Northeast District congregations traveled to BDM work sites in Columbia, South Carolina; Marion County, South Carolina; Eureka, Missouri; Kansas, and West Virginia. This includes groups as small as three or four people up to groups as large as fifteen people. Both men and women, young (youth groups) and old, skilled and not-so-skilled folks have found a place to serve at the BDM work sites. Funds from the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction enabled us to provide reimbursement of the travel expenses of these groups in 2017. These funds were used to cover the costs of van rentals, as well as food and gasoline for groups traveling to and from the various Brethren Disaster Ministries work sites.

Here is a story that was shared with us by Darlene Miller of the White Oak Church of the Brethren. Darlene traveled with a group from her congregation in the spring of 2017:

What inspires you to keep on volunteering year after year with BDM? That was the question I asked Steve Keim, our Project Director, Friday night as we debriefed the week's activities. His answer boiled down to one thing: the joy of helping others. In April, a group of fifteen from White Oak COB spent a week working at the Columbia, South Carolina, site. Most of us were return volunteers who were looking forward to helping folks repair or rebuild their homes after flooding rains in October 2015.



Our team was building a new 1,000 sq.ft. home for Elease, who woke up to knee deep water in her home. Can you imagine the shock

and dismay of such a soggy mess? She was very thankful for all the volunteers who came from far and near to help her. Hopefully, by mid-summer she can move into her new home.

It is so neat to see how God provides just the right people at the right time. We had two career carpenters on our team who did a great job leading the rest of us in framing, sheeting and roofing that new house! I am NOT a carpenter. I have been a domestic engineer for 32 years (homemaker and mother of five), who does better cooking a meal than building a house. But the guys had faith in me and taught me to use the compound miter saw!! They gave me the measurements, and I kept them supplied with the 2x4's and 2x6's that they needed to frame the interior walls. I enjoyed the challenge and realized again that God doesn't always call the equipped, but He does always equip those that He calls.

We enjoyed working with Johnny Williams and his local group of volunteers with DERM (Disaster Emergency Relief Ministries) from the First Nazarene Baptist Church in Columbia. He had a few men each day who diligently helped us. On Friday, he scheduled a large group of about 25 Navy recruiters to assist in the work. It took some planning to keep everyone busy. About half of them went down the road to another BDM rebuild house and put in insulation, while the rest helped with sheeting in our roof.



Despite tornado warnings on Monday and Wednesday and some heavy rain, we felt like we got a lot done! Our group had comfortable accommodations at the Woods Edge and enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship we shared together for the week.



My husband, Kervin, and I have gone on eight BDM trips now and would r e c o m m e n d them to anyone who is willing to work and learn new skills while serving others.

Quoting from

a devotional: "You encourage by what you say, but you inspire by what you do. Who can you inspire today? Your words are important, but your actions add inspiration to your encouragement!"

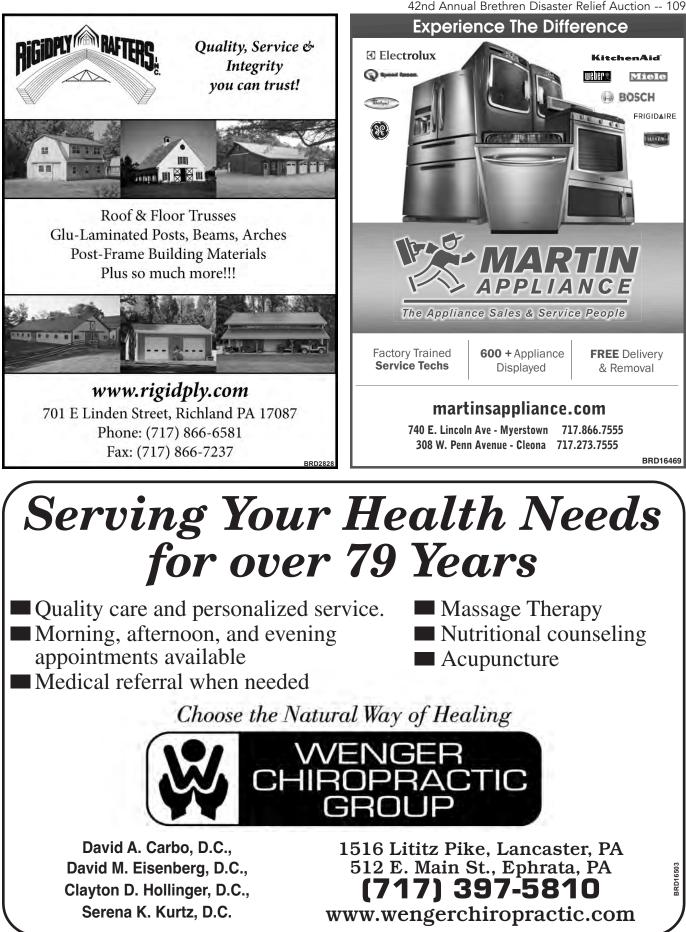
May God bless your service for HIM,

Darlene Miller

White Oak Church of the Brethren

Mary Etta Reinhart is Director of Witness and Outreach for Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren.

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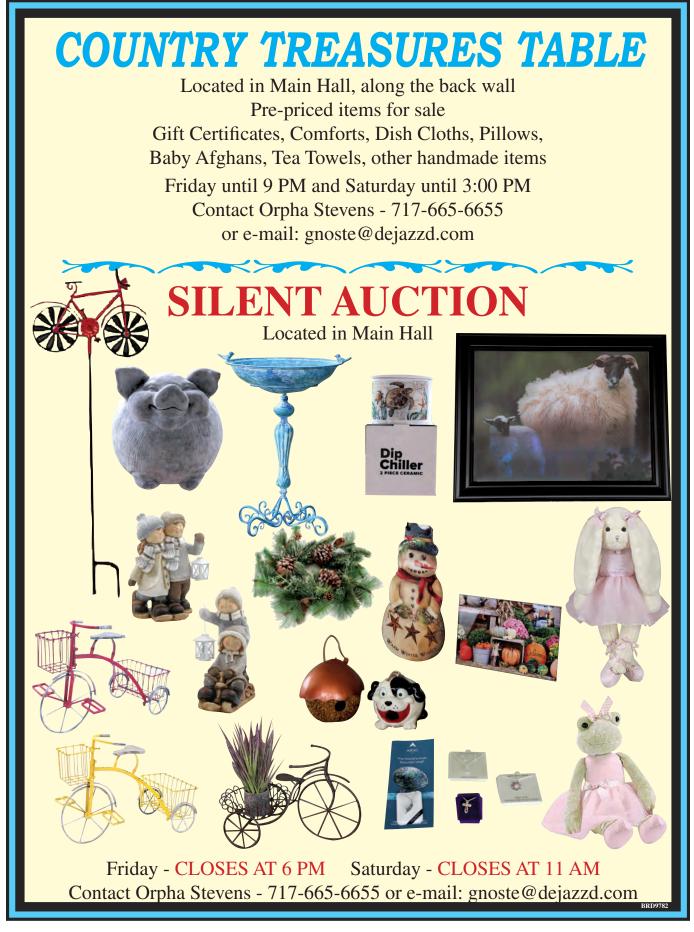


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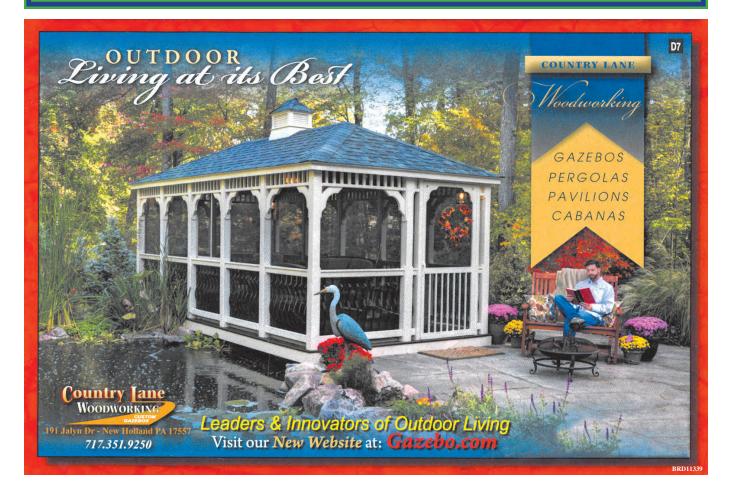


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The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Inc. and Fulton Financial Advisors are available to walk you through the process. Please contact BDRA Treasurer, Evelyn Dehmey, at (717) 371-2158 or Vince Lattanzio, Manager of Charitable & Endowment Services, at Fulton Financial Advisors at (717) 291-2523.

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Friday, September 21

9:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market • Food Stands 9:00 AM - Share-A-Meal Tickets • Children's Store 11:00 AM - Heifer Auction • Arts & Crafts - Artisan Alley - East Hall 12:00 PM 1:00-9:00 PM - Blood Drive 3:00 PM - Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner - Pavilion - Main Auction - Main Hall 5:00 PM 5:00 PM - Children's Activities - West Hall & Barrel Train (outside) 6:00 PM - Silent Auction Closes 6:30 PM - Theme Basket Auction - Southeast Hall

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Saturday, September 22

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7:00AM - 9:00AM	- Car and Tractor Show Registrations			
7:00AM - 3:00PM	- Blood Drive			
7:00 AM	- Breakfast - Pavilion			
8:00 AM	- Artisan Alley - East Hall			
8:00 AM	- 5K Race - "Run for Relief" - Rail Trail			
8:00 AM	- Baked Goods • Farmers' Market			
	Children's Store			
8:00 AM	- Share-A-Meal Tickets			
8:30 AM	- Main Hall - Opening Devotions			
	& Congregational Singing			
8:50 AM	- Main Auction - Main Hall			
9:00AM - 2:00PM	- Car/Tractor Show			
9:00 AM	- Arts & Crafts - Arena • Food Stands			
9:00 AM	- Pole Barn Auction			
10:00 AM	- Quilt Auction - Main Hall			
10:00 AM	- Coin Auction - Center Hall			
10:00 AM	- Children's Entertainment - Southeast Hall;			
	Pony Rides & Barrel Train (outside)			
10:00AM - 2:00PM - Free Child Care				
11:00 AM	- Chicken Pot-Pie - Pavilion			

11:00 PM - Silent Auction Closes

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