

UPDATE
Missouri/Arkansas District
Church of the Brethren
August 16, 2014



Luci Landes to Lead District

Conference: Join us for the annual Missouri/Arkansas District Conference on September 19-20. Moderator of the meeting will be Luci Landes of the Messiah congregation.

Luci has chosen the theme of “Grace” and the scripture from Romans 5:1-5. “Grace” will be the topic for each of the two worship services – one on Friday evening, and one on Saturday morning. Preachers will be Luci Landes and David Steele. David is the Annual Conference Moderator for 2015.

David Steele will also lead a workshop on Friday afternoon titled: **“Where Two or Two-Hundred are Gathered: Strengthening Congregational Life.”** You won’t want to miss this exciting workshop which is for ALL Conference goers. It will start at 1:30 p.m. Pastors will be eligible to earn .3 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Registrations are due on August 18. You will find the information sheet and the registration form at the end of this UPDATE.

NYC Youth to Share the Joy:

MO/ARK was well represented at the recent National Youth Conference in Colorado. Five youth and leader, Becky Baile Crouse, attended along with 3 other Crouse family members who were there in Leadership positions.

A few of the youth will be able to be at District Conference and will make a special presentation on Saturday afternoon.

Katie Heckerth who travelled to Turkey this summer will also make a presentation on Friday evening. Katie was on a study tour and was supported through the District BOTF fund.

Quilt to Travel to Conference: The famous quilt that is being made by the District Women’s Fellowship will be present at District Conference. It will be set up in the main room where all can do their part by adding a few stitches as time allows. So bring your needle and favorite thimble and join in with the stitching. Let’s get that quilt completed !!

Farrenburg to Fry Fish Again:

Everyone from the District is invited to travel to Farrenburg for a wonderful evening of all you can eat fish and all the trimmings. This annual event put on for the community by the Farrenburg Church of the Brethren will be held Saturday, August 23. Serving will begin at 5pm and continue till around 7pm or all fish is gone. They are located on County road 707 in New Madrid County, MO.

Nigerian Brethren write petition to United Nations: (July 16, 2014)

Samuel Dante Dali, president of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) has written a petition to the United Nations. The two documents—a letter and a review of the situation of violence in Nigeria--concern “what is happening to us in Nigeria,” Dali wrote in a cover note to Global Mission and Service executive Jay Wittmeyer, to whom he copied the petition. “Thanks again for your love for Nigeria and assistance,” Dali wrote.

Spring Branch News: Our church sent 13 campers to Hammond Mill this year. We also sent the Camp Managers, Tommie Leet and Brian Maddux as well as Brandy (Maddux) Defosse as a counselor. Everyone had a great time.

Vacation Bible School, July 21-25 was a big success. There were 19 children in attendance.

Bernice Breshears, a longtime member of the Spring Branch Church of the Brethren, went to with the Lord, July 14, 2014 Funeral services were held Thursday July 17, with Pastor Diana Smith and Pastor Warren Campbell officiating. Special Thanks to the Spring Branch Church, who provided lunch for the Steven Breshears, family.
(from Ida Mae Campbell)

New Hope News: New Hope congregation has been blessed with the ability to help some of the tornado victims in Vilonia and El Paso, AR with quilts and pillows. Though contacts and friends that Sherry has made through work, she was able to get these items delivered to families in need of help. Also two lap size quilts were delivered to the Willis boys as Luke, 4, is undergoing chemo at Lebonheur Hospital.

July 27th, Cindy and Danny Sanders joined us for service. Cindy's message taken from Matthew on the parables of the pearl and treasure in field has caused me to ponder this week what I consider priceless. As we rally around Opal to help cheer her, I think of the priceless treasure of friendship and love. What a treasure we have in God's endless love for us. Do I thank him for that treasure enough?

We enjoyed a potluck dinner afterwards. What a bounty is being supplied to us this year; watermelon, corn, squash, peppers and tomatoes; though not many are perfect they are edible. Some obtained though farmer's market as rain caused delay in our own gardens. Unfortunately due to the weather the grapes are not yet ready in time for Camp Hammond Mill.

Afterwards Opal, Jewel and I drove to Searcy to visit Thurman. This time he was alert. As Opal and I arrived back at the church to retrieve dinner bowls we were able to offer cold water to two teenagers out bike riding. The Lord placed us there at the right time as it was a very hot afternoon. Sometimes we wonder what our church purpose is, maybe it is for the small simple things like cold water and quilts.

As of this morning, August 1st, Thurman is being transferred to a facility in Walnut Ridge. Do not know if this will be temporary until something opens closer to home. (from Darlene Riley)

Remembered: Gertrude (Trudy) Eller passed away on Monday, August 10, 2014 at age 91. She was a member of Messiah congregation for 79 years, baptized in 1935. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Margaret Thompson at Floral Hills Cemetery on Aug. 15 at 1:30 p.m..

Information Sheet

Missouri/Arkansas District Conference
September 19 & 20, 2014 Windermere Conference Center, Roach, MO

Registration Fee:

The conference registration fee is \$20 per adult. Children 18 years and under do not need to pay registration fees. Those not staying at the Motel will be charged a commuter fee of \$4.00 per day.

Room Rates:

We will be lodging in the Motel. The rate is \$49 per room per night. Each room can hold 4 persons. (This means if 4 people share a room, it would cost each person \$12.50 per night.) A rollaway bed can be added for \$11.00) We have reserved 3 family cabins that can accommodate larger families. Your cost for those cabins is still \$49 per night. The District will pay the additional costs of those family cabins.

Meal Rates:

The District will pay for all children's meals (under age 12).

	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper
Age 12 and older	\$6.50	\$8.00	\$9.25
Age 3-11	\$5.50	\$5.75	\$7.00
Age 0-2	Free	Free	Free

When sending in your registration form, include a check for each person's registration fee.

Do not send money for the commuter fee, the meals, or the room. These latter items will be paid directly to Windermere when you check in at the registration desk upon arrival at conference. This is where you will go to get your key and meal tickets.

Make your check to MO/ARK District Church of the Brethren.

Send Registrations to:

Carolyn Schrock , 5098 Girlstown Rd., Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Registration Form

Missouri/Arkansas District Conference
September 19-20, 2014

Please fill in this registration form for each adult and child coming to District Conference. Each form should be accompanied by a check for \$20 per adult. Children under 18 will not pay a registration fee.) This registration fee helps cover the costs to the District for the conference. The food, lodging, commuter fee will be paid at the Windermere Registration desk upon arrival. Registration forms are due back to the District Office by **August 20, 2013.**

The form and your check for \$20 per adult should be sent to: (make checks payable to MO/ARK District Church of the Brethren)

Carolyn Schrock, 5098 Girlstown Rd. Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Name: _____
(List all persons who will stay in your room. Please give children's ages.)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation or organization: _____

____ I (we) will need lodging on Friday night, September 19

____ I (we) will not be using Windermere lodging.

Check all meals that you will need: (please indicate the # of persons (even children) if this registration covers more than one person.

_____ Friday Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm

_____ Friday evening supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm

_____ Saturday breakfast 7:30 – 8:30 am

_____ Saturday lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm

____ Yes, I (we) will attend the Minister/Spouse Luncheon on Friday noon. (There will be no charge for Ministers/Spouses as you will be guests of the District.)

____ My check for \$20 per adult (registration) is enclosed.

Signed: _____