

UPDATE
Missouri/Arkansas District
Church of the Brethren
October 24, 2014

Turkey Creek to Celebrate: You are invited to join the Turkey Creek Congregation in celebration of their 125 years. November 9 is the date. They will begin with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 11:00. This will be followed by a basket lunch at noon. Please come and help this congregation celebrate their ministry through the years.

Zella Antwiler of the Turkey Creek congregation turned 96 on October 23.

Ethmer Erisman to Celebrate: Ethmer is turning 90 Nov 10th. The family is celebrating with an open house on Sat Nov. 8th. Friends are invited to drop by from 1 till 4 to wish him happy birthday. Weather permitting it will be outdoors at David's new house across the street. If you can't make it, a card would be nice: Ethmer Erisman, 301 Southwest Blvd., Warrensburg, MO 64093



Reminder !! Two Ventures courses are coming up soon. Don't forget to register. Go to ventures@mcperson.edu. The cost is only \$15 for each. Duane Grady will be the leaders of these online seminars on November 8. "Beyond the Numbers: the Power of Small Places (Think Small) and "Laughing at Jonah and Sustaining Ourselves".

And remember again – **Jr. High Sunday:** November 2. Get helpful resources at Brethren.org.

Bethany Church Sent Youth to the Festival of Sharing:

This year Pastor Jason Frazer, Misty Frazer and Mary Adams from Bethany Church of the Brethren (Stet, MO) took 7 Youth to the Festival of Sharing. It was a very rewarding experience not only for the youth but for the adults as well. This year's theme was taken from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Friday evening was one to remember with Mike, a retired NFL football player from the Seattle Seahawks, and a long-time member of the Strength Team (an organization that visits schools and churches around the United States). Mike physically showed his strength and challenged the youth to show their power in fun ways, such as: bending a horse shoe into the shape of a heart, breaking a Louisville Slugger baseball bat, and ripping a license plate and phone book in two, just to name a few. Mike also shared very personal, heartwarming stories from his younger years and how important God is in our lives.

On Saturday, the youth got to share their love for God by helping others in need. Kids bagged rice, loaded and unloaded kits, blankets, eyeglasses, recyclable items, potatoes, etc. It was so

amazing seeing all the wonderful people wanting to help, and coming to the Festival of Sharing to do just that. We are looking forward to Youth Fest 2015. Blessings, Jason & Misty Frazer



The Bethany Group with Misty Frazer in the foreground.



Youth at work in the loading zone.



An exciting day for the seven youth + Jason Frazer, third from right.

Some More Dates for your 2015 Calendars:

MO/ARK District Women's Retreat – March 27-28. Cabool and Peace Valley are in charge.

District Camp at Hammond Mill – August 1-8.

NOAC at Lake Junaluska – September 7-11. Phyllis Tickle will again be a featured speaker.

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

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of your congregation.**

Thanks, Carolyn Schrock