

*District of Idaho & Western Montana
Church of the Brethren*



A Joyful Voice

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*Fifth Sunday
District Worship Service*

November 30

7:00 p.m.

Mountain View Church of the Brethren



Evie and Will Pollack will share their experiences at the National Young Adult Conference they attended August 11-15 in Estes Park, Colorado.

There will also be a time of celebration of the Idaho District's Licensed Ministers 2009 licensing renewal:

*Donald Bayes,
Keith Goering,
and
Donald Morrison*

The district is invited and encouraged to attend.

Thank You

... to Ed Kerschensteiner for his service and commitment to the district as Chair of the District Board of Directors for the past three years (2006-2008).

... to Mary Ann Sedlecek who served for six years (two terms) as the Idaho District Standing Committee Delegate to Annual Conference. The Standing Committee has nominating, legislative, judicial, and envisioning responsibilities. Members also serve as a resource for interpreting Annual Conference concerns and actions in their districts. Mary Ann has served with dedication in each of these capacities.

... to the Fruitland Congregation for serving as gracious hosts for the 2008 District Conference ~ providing delicious meals, excellent accommodations and a delightful atmosphere for business, fellowship and worship.

Idaho/Brethren Disaster Ministries

~ Monday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. ~

A meeting is scheduled for Idaho volunteers planning to go (or interested in going) to Challmete, Louisiana, January 11-17 to work with Katrina disaster survivors. Board and room will be paid for volunteers while on the project and Idaho/Brethren Disaster Ministries will contribute \$300.00 per volunteer toward travel to the project site.

Bud & Dee Fillmore will be project directors at the Challmete site for the month of January 2009.

Mark your Calendars

Disaster Ministries Auction

Date: June 13 2009

Place: Meridian, Dairy Exposition Grounds

Auctioneers: Jeff Howell and Associates.

Donations of auction items are needed



Bausmans Ordained

Congratulations to Kathryn and Mark Bausman on their recent ordination to Christian ministry! A service and celebration of ordination was held on Saturday, November 1, at the Community Twin Falls Church of the Brethren where they have served as co-pastors for the past four years. On Sunday Julie Hostetter, Director of Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership with Bethany Theological Seminary, conferred certificates of Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) completion upon Mark, Kathryn and five congregational members who participated in the program.

God bless your ministry, Kathryn and Mark!



Mark & Kathryn Bausman



*"Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth Peace,
Good Will toward Men"*

Good News!!

~ from the Idaho congregations . . .



Boise Valley

- A sizeable group from the church attended the wedding in McCall of one of our members, Kathy Carrick, to Jim Daniel. Boise Valley held a belated reception Nov. 23 following worship services.
- Our women's fellowship gathered and assembled 500 bags of candy and toys to send to our Mexican Children Mission project. This is our 10th year with this project. Don Tutor, our contact/delivery person and friend, came on Nov. 9th to worship with us and load up the units for delivery.
- Pastor Ed will focus on an Advent series that takes its theme from Isaiah 9:1-7. The topics will be: "The Candle of Hope!" (Nov. 30), "The Candle of Peace!" (Dec. 7), "The Candle of Love!" (Dec. 14), "The Candle of Joy!" (Dec. 21).

Bowmont Community

- In September we had our annual "Sunday School Kick Off" and potato bar potluck.
- October found us busy preparing for our 19th annual "Harvest Carnival". We had a great turn out and fun was had by all.
- Our annual "Harvest Dinner" took place in November. What great food, fun, and fellowship!
- Since September our Congregation has read 2266 chapters of the Bible, and the Lord continues to bless our efforts in raising money for our building fund!

Community Twin Falls

- Our Youth are meeting on Thursday evenings for dinner and Bible Study; our Tuesday evening dinner and Bible Study (see a pattern here of eating and studying?) is growing each week with new attendees.
- Pastors Mark and Kathryn were ordained on Saturday, November 1st, and the EFSM members received their certificates on Sunday, November 2nd.
- A Bazaar/Second Chance Items/Book Sale/Bake Sale and Lunch was held on Saturday, November 22nd.
- We are participating in Operation Thanksgiving Hope as one of a few churches in Twin Falls providing a free Thanksgiving Day meal to the public.
- On Saturday, December 20th, we are presenting a Live Nativity program, providing hot chocolate, coffee and cider to those attending.

Fruitland

- October ended with a flurry of activity as we traveled to the new Corn Maze in New Plymouth with the children and handed out sacks and sacks of candy to both the church family and the neighborhood children at our annual Trunk or Treat!
- Over the last few weeks, The King's Daughters/ Women's Fellowship met each Friday evening for a time of fellowship and crafting as they prepared for our Annual Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar, held on November 8th and was a great success!!
- November and December has the church collecting canned and boxed food items in support of Help Them to Hope, as well as adopting a youth and sharing a shoebox Christmas gift with them.
- December is jumping too; a group of families is traveling to the Living Christmas Tree at Northwest Nazarene University on December 7, our youth will be presenting their Christmas program on December 21, and we will celebrate a Christmas Eve candle light service at 10pm.

Mountain View

- December 7, Jeff Hansen will be bringing the message for worship. He is exploring some thoughts about communion and the meaning of remembrance. Jeff is serving as our new director of operations here at the church.
- December 14, Paul Grosdidier and Alicia Stevens will bring a new concert. Flute, Guitar, Message in Song. We know you will be blessed.
- December 22 is the Children's program under the direction of Becky Goldstein.
- December 24, 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship.

Nampa

- Nampa's youth sponsored a fund raiser on Nov. 29, with the comedy group "Improvolution" performing—"the ultimate experiment in improv comedy." The youth are raising funds to be used for summer mission camps.
- Women's Ministries prepared and served a delicious Thanksgiving dinner to church friends and family on Sunday, Nov. 23.
- On December 7, the 2008 Secret Sisters will be revealed at a dinner, program and gift exchange.
- The "*Sound & Tastes of Christmas*" on December 14, 6:00 p.m., will feature songs, skits, poems, readings and other talent with "the reason for the season – Jesus" as the theme.
- The Search Committee recently reported to the Nampa congregation that it has considered a number of potential pastoral candidates, has conducted some preliminary interviews and is hopeful that a recommendation may soon be made.

2009 National Junior High Conference

June 19-21
James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA

Transformed: Inside Out

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds..."
Romans 12:2

Online Registration opens January 15, 2009 for junior high youth in sixth, seventh and eighth grades and their advisors. The registration cost will be \$125 per person for youth and adult advisors. Persons west of the Mississippi will be eligible for a \$150 travel scholarship.

**Only the first 1,300 Junior High Youth and Advisors who register will be able to attend, so mark your calendars,

Schedule and registration information available at:
<http://www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/NatJrHighConf.htm>

District Conference Election Results

2008 District Conference delegates selected the following people to fill open district positions:

Moderator-Elect:	Don Morrison (will serve as 2010 District Conference Moderator)
Board of Directors Chair:	David Humphrey
Standing Committee Delegate:	Mark Bausman
Nominating Committee:	Tanya Bethel
Program Committee:	Cathy Morrison
Historian:	Sidney King

Keith Goering will serve as moderator for the 2009 District Conference, to be hosted by the Nampa Church October 9-10. The 2009 conference theme is: *"Choose to Serve."*

Thanks to all who serve the kingdom in district positions.

Christian Citizenship Seminar

April 25-30, 2009 youth and advisors in the Church of the Brethren will gather in New York City (and later go on to Washington, DC) for Christian Citizenship Seminar. The focus for our seminar will be on the issue of modern-day slavery. Most of us think of slavery as an institution that does not exist anymore, but many experts estimate that there are approximately 27 million human beings who are currently being held in slavery around the world.

What would Jesus do? What does God call us to do in light of these persons forced to perform domestic and agricultural work as well as to become prostitutes or soldiers against their will? We will examine the current status of slavery today and what our Christian faith invites us to do for "the least of these."

Brochures are now available from the Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office in Elgin. You may also find information by going to www.brethren.org

Please pass this information on to youth in your church!

2009 Annual Conference on the West Coast!



Plan now to attend the 223rd Recorded **Annual Conference** of the Church of the Brethren which will be held in San Diego, California, June 26-30, 2009.

Moderator David Shumate has recently announced the conference theme statement taken from II Corinthians 5:16-21:

***"The old has gone!
The new has come!
All this is from God!"***

Once the commitment is clear,
 You do what you can, not what you can't.
 The heart regulates the hands.
 This isn't so others can take it easy while you sweat it out.
 No, you're shoulder to shoulder with them all the way,
 your surplus matching their deficit, their surplus matching your deficit.
 In the end you come out even.
 As it is written, nothing left over to the one with the most,
 nothing lacking to the one with the least.

2 Corinthians 8:12-15 (The Message)



Bound Together: Finely Woven

“We see not only how the various threads of our individual lives are woven together but also how they are woven into the lives of others.”

Jean M. Blomquist

Just as each thread is important in a tapestry, each person is important in a workcamp. This summer we will work side by side, giving and receiving; revealing a God already present in the weave of the world.

Come, explore with us what it is like to be...

bound together as a community woven finely with purpose and intention

bound together by our relationships with God and each other

bound together as diverse strands in the same fabric

finely woven as part of a greater plan

finely woven with people of many cultures, races, religions, and nations

finely woven with people of many gifts, continuing the work of Jesus together

Come discover the importance of each thread of the tapestry, **bound together and finely woven** as the community of all God's children.

Registration begins January 5, 2009 at: www.brethrenworkcamps.org

(See website or contact the District Office for a listing and description of the 2009 Workcamp sites and dates.)



Church of the Brethren
 Youth & Young Adult Ministries

District News & Notes . . . Seasonal messages from the Idaho congregations

Community Twin Falls: “From our congregation to yours, Merry Christmas and may the new year bring you many blessings!”

Mountain View: “We want to wish you a wonderful Season of Joy as we are underway with the Christmas Advent Season.”

Fruitland: “All of our district brothers and sisters are invited to join us for any and all activities, or just stop by and join us for worship any Sunday at 11am....we would love to see you!!! The Fruitland family wishes all a blessed and joyous Christmas!”

Boise Valley: “We pray the Advent season will be one of blessing... praise ... and great joy for our friends and sister congregations in Idaho.”



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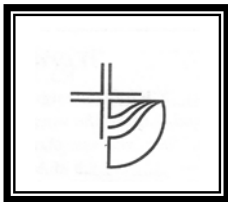
2008-2009 Calendar of Events

- Dec. 1 Disaster Ministries Project Meeting @ Nampa 7:00 pm
Dec. 2 District Board of Directors Meet @ Mt. View 6:30 pm
Jan. 11-17 Idaho/BDM Volunteers @ Chalmette, LA
Jan. 24-28 Council of District Executives Meet @ Cocoa Beach, FL
Feb. District Board of Directors Retreat
April 4 District Women's Spring Rally @ Mt. View
June 13 Idaho/BDM Auction @ Meridian
June 14-21 National Senior High Workcamp @ Camp Stover
June 26-30 Annual Conference @ San Diego, CA
July 4-8 Camp Stover
Oct. 9-10 District Conference @ Nampa



Ministers Meet: First Friday/month

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