

District of Idaho & Western Montana
Church of the Brethren



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Church of the Brethren
Idaho District Presents

CAMP STOVER 2007

New Meadows, Idaho
July 8 – July 14

“TURN AROUND”

Camp Stover is an inter-generational camp, with all ages coming together for one week of camping. Some activities are inclusive of the entire camp, such as meals and the evening campfire. Other activities are by age groups.

Fees (after June 1 Pre-Registration deadline)
(Registration fee includes one admission to Zims)

Preschool & Primary	\$ 57.00
Juniors	105.00
Junior High through Adult	115.00

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The Camp Wilbur Stover board is looking for people for the months of July and August who might like to take a week, two or the entire month and fill the position of camp manager. Lodging will be furnished or you could use your own cabin or RV.

Basic requirements include:

Work 2-4 hours/day, 5 days/week

Help out when campers are there

See that all camp rules and regulations are followed

If interested, contact Howard Garwick (466-2896).



National Workcamp Comes to Idaho! June 18 – 23

“Small Things, Great Love”

For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, God will give you many opportunities to do good, and God will produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

On June 18, twenty three young people from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Illinois will partner with the Idaho Brethren to give Camp Wilbur Stover an early summer face lift: refurbishing cabins, painting, cutting firewood, clearing trails, doing roof repairs... they will also increase their awareness of the ecology factors of living in a wilderness area.

This workcamp is part of a denominational program which seeks to provide experiences that connect service, faith, and spiritual growth. The 2007 Church of the Brethren Workcamps are opportunities to act in faith and hope, to catch a glimpse of other's lives and experiences, and to plant **small** seeds of love and change so that we all may feel God's **Great** harvest of generosity.

Steven Van Houten, National Workcamp Coordinator, will act as coordinator of the Idaho project along with Jim Hardenbrook as local director. An on-site Camp Stover representative will oversee the work.

**We can do no great things; only
small things with great love.**

- Mother Teresa

Celebrating 300 Years . . .



Casey McGrew and Stephen McKinney

The Youth Heritage Team is at Work in Idaho!

In 1708, Alexander Mack and seven others risked their security and safety by going to the Eder River to be re-baptized as adults and begin a new church. The Church of the Brethren was born. Next year we will celebrate the 300th anniversary of those historic steps.

An exciting piece of that anniversary celebration is the commissioning of Youth Heritage Teams. Each district was invited to call out two youth for this responsibility. Our district called **Casey McGrew** and **Stephen McKinney**, both of Nampa.

Casey and Stephen attended an intensive training event April 13-15 at the General Offices in Elgin, IL, which included learning more about Brethren heritage, leadership skills and how to effectively communicate with congregations in worship and workshop settings.

Both young men express appreciation for the opportunity to be part of the team and look forward to sharing their experience. "Going to Elgin was the best experience imaginable. Not only did I learn about the church's history but I also met many well rounded kids from around the U.S. But most importantly I feel that I became closer to God," says Casey. Stephen added, "The trip to Elgin was an uplifting experience. Meeting kids from around the nation who had the same thoughts and beliefs as I do was very fun. It's nice to know that there are people like me."

The duo is now ready to visit churches and share what they have learned about our Brethren heritage and values. Visits can be scheduled by contacting **Stacey Wymore**, Idaho Youth Heritage Team adult coordinator, at **208-466-3221**. They are available to assist with worship services, meet with various age groups, or provide programs at special events. Be part of the celebration! Call soon to get your first choice of dates for a visit from the team.

Church of the Brethren Anniversary Events:

April 2007 – August 2008 — Youth Heritage Travel Teams are prepared to visit congregations to present workshops and/or to lead in worship.

Fall 2007 — Kick-Off Event for the Anniversary Year to be held at Germantown.

Fall 2007 — Joint course to be offered through Bethany Theological Seminary and Ashland Seminary. The course will be taught by Jeff Bach and Dale Stoffer.

Saturday, July 12 – Wednesday, July 16, 2008 — Annual Conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Brethren Church will feature some joint celebratory events as well as separate time for each denomination to conduct its business.

Sunday, August 3, 2008 — Anniversary Event in Schwarzenau, Germany. The event will include worship, lunch, tours of the area, and a service of re-dedication.

Sunday, August 3, 2008 — Celebration Sunday. All congregations are encouraged to celebrate the 300th Anniversary in their own way. A variety of celebratory worship and educational resources will be provided in advance.

July 26- August 7, 2008—*Jim and Pam Hardenbrook will lead a tour beginning in Berlin and concluding in Zurich. The tour cost (not including round trip airfare) is \$2,239. Three days will be spent in the Schwarzenau area for the 300th Anniversary celebration.*



**300 Years
Church of the Brethren
1708-2008**

Good News!!

~ from the Idaho congregations . . .



Boise Valley:

- Easter Sunday worship attendance was 84; more than 80 were served breakfast following Sunrise Service.
- Five members were received by baptism on April 29; seven were received by transfer of membership.
- The building committee and church board are moving forward with building plans, with documents being prepared for review by Ada County Planning and Zoning.
- Pastor Ed and Anna Lou, daughter Dawn Heller and granddaughters Kyla Heller and Chelsea Kerschensteiner recently visited the birthplace of the Church of the Brethren in Schwarzenau, Germany.

Bowmont:

- Bowmont men recently hosted about 35 women at "Ladies Night Out," complete with a prime rib dinner.
- The community Easter Extravaganza hosted by Bowmont COB was a great success.
- The congregation hosted a baby shower for Christy Waggoner Hinton on Saturday, June 2. Baby due soon!

Community Twin Falls:

- "We want to thank everyone that attended and supported our Centennial Celebration!" DVD's which feature pictures from the history of the Twin Falls Congregation, as well as several from the Centennial Celebration are being offered at \$5.00 each. Please contact Pastors Mark or Kathryn at 733-3789 or ffcob@aol.com.

Fruitland:

- A summer kick-off BBQ will be held on June 6 for the Wednesday night Kids for Christ Club which will continue through summer. With about 25 children attending, leaders Lorraine Hunsucker, Donald and Dawn Bayes feel challenged but honored that God is giving them the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these children. The Bayes faithfully transport children in the church van each Sunday and Wednesday.
- The congregation is enjoying their time with Summer Service Worker Sarah Keagy, a University of LaVerne student who will be with them until July 28.

Mountain View

- The congregation recently approved Pastor David's semi-retirement effective July 1. He will go 3/4 time. Pastor Julie Dillehay continues as associate pastor. The congregation will be calling out membership to help with different needs of the congregation.
- Evie (Winchester) Pollock, was recommend to the District Ministry Council for Licensing to Ministry. Evie, who will be attending Boise Bible College in the fall, is feeling a call to youth ministry.
- The young adult group at Mt. View will host a Fiesta Celebration and dinner June 16 at 7:00 P.M. with the proceeds going to support young adults planning to attend the National Young Adult Conference in 2008.

Nampa:

- The congregation is looking forward to the June 8th arrival of McPherson College student Mat Ayers as a Ministry Summer Service Intern.
- Howard Garwick recently returned from Lucedale, MS, where he served for a month as Project Director for Disaster Ministries. Rex & Jenette Freeman and Bud & Dee Fillmore also worked as directors of the Lucedale project earlier this year. Thank you all for so generously giving your time.
- The Nampa Church is pleased to announce the construction of a new Children's Play Area. The children hosted a BBQ to help raise funds for the project and many volunteers have helped make this dream a reality. It is expected the project will be completed by the middle of June. There is no doubt the children in this church are loved and supported by their church family. Glory be to God!

**"Laughter is the hand of God on
the shoulder of a troubled world"**

Candis Goodwin, Fountain Inn, SC

**Congratulations to Harold Kerschensteiner,
Boise Valley, who was recently honored as
Teacher of the Year at Lake Hazel Middle
School in Boise!!**

The logo chosen for the 2007 Annual Conference, to be held June 30-July 4 in Cleveland, Ohio, was designed by **Becky Goldstein**, a member of the Mountain View congregation.

Annual Conference Logo Proclaims the Power of God

By **Becky Goldstein**, Mountain View Church of the Brethren

While reading over the theme concept for the 2007 Annual conference, "Proclaim the Power of God" (Psalm 68:34-35), I came upon a few words that really stood out for me. I pondered those words for my design concept.

To me, words are like paintings that lend themselves to a person's own personal interpretation. Words are like paintings that are in the process of completion. The painting begins to have meaning when the mind's eye takes the spoken word, adds a splash of color, and before long the painting begins to have meaning. The light that shines within is revealed to those who truly see and listen.

The words that were a part of my thought process for the design were "together," "inclusion," "prayer," and "telling." From these words I formed the 2007 Annual Conference logo.

The 2007 logo embraces a world where boundaries are disappearing (inclusion). The Holy Spirit is alive within the descending dove and the vibrant flame that brings the gift of faith in Jesus (cross) to everyone everywhere (green leaf). The Holy Spirit (flame) is continually cleansing and sanctifying, while letting us know that He is always with us and ever will be, because life in Him is eternal.



Fruitland, Nampa Welcome Summer Service Students

University of LaVerne student **Sarah Keagy** is serving as a Summer Service Worker with the Fruitland congregation May 26 - July 28. Sarah, who is being hosted by Earl & Lois Traughber, is from Alta Loma, CA, and a sophomore at ULV. Her passion is music—she plays drums and guitar and is learning piano. She will be assisting with the Kids for Christ Club, Camp Stover, worship, and other congregational activities.

Nampa will host **Mat Ayers**, a McPherson College student, as their Ministry Summer Service Intern. Matt will arrive on June 8 and spend ten weeks with the Nampa congregation learning what the pastoral ministry is about. He will focus on youth and young adults, and will 'shadow' Pastor Jim through hospital calls, worship preparation and other ministerial duties. Mat is a religion and philosophy/art (ceramics) major at McPherson College who likes to play cards, draw, and meet new people. He likes to cook (and has been told he's good at it). He enjoys the outdoors and likes to have a good time wherever he is. "I'm looking forward to meeting all of you," Mat says.

A warm **Welcome** is extended to both **Sarah** and **Mat** from the District of Idaho and Western Montana!

Disaster Relief Auction



**October 6, 2007
10:00 a.m.**

**Northwest Nazarene University Campus
Johnson Center
(behind Montgomery Field House)
Nampa, Idaho**

Donations are being solicited for the auction (some items already donated include two quilts, fifth-wheel camper, cement mixer, two head of cattle, a copier and more.) A craft section will be also be available.

The auction committee is seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks related to the auction.

The auction will benefit the work of Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services, with proceeds being shared equally between the National Office and the Idaho District.

**Contact: Rex & Jenette Freeman 452-3990
Bud & Dee Fillmore 337-5737
Howard Garwick 466-2896
Earl Traughber 452-5420**

District Youth Council

The District Youth Council met in May and has started to plan some District Youth activities, including a trip to Roaring Springs in August, a youth event during District Conference, and a district youth Christmas party. Representatives are still needed from the Bowmont, Fruitland and Nampa churches.

LET'S MAKE OUR YOUTH A PRIORITY!!!

Children's Disaster Services report from **Erma Brunabend** (Fruitland congregation), Region X Back-up Coordinator . . .

I was in New Orleans from April 5 until May 5. During that time we had over 250 children come through the center which was an area 18' wide by 20' in length. We were asked by F.E.M.A. to man this center for their Welcome Home Program which was set up to help people from the devastation of Katrina get their homes repaired or rebuilt. My first team was made up of **Dawn Bayes** (Fruitland) and Kathy Howell from Corvallis, OR. As we drove around New Orleans we were able to see just how much damage there still is. In front of home after home there were piles of rotten lumber and wall board being pulled out. The Church of the Brethren repair team in St. Bernard Parish gave us a tour of that area. People waved as we passed by when they saw the Brethren sign on the sides of the van. I realized these people really appreciated the help they were getting. The last two weeks I was there we shared the building with 3 teams of young people working with the Americorp program for youth. **WHAT A PROGRAM!!**

If you are interested in helping with this work, I have information regarding the openings available. Call me at 541-262-3977 for the information.



Several persons from Fruitland and Nampa congregations have been working at restoring a kitchen in the PAYETTE HOUSE in Payette and the project is finally finished. The following note was received from WICAP.

"THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSING OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE LIKE YOU. Thank you so much for the work everyone did on the Payette Home—The Brethren Church holds a special place in God's heart and WICAP's also. We can't say thanks enough. God bless you all."

Paula Lrigg, Program Director, Western Idaho Community Action Program (WICAP)

Mark Your Calendars!

Mission Possible



District Conference 2007
September 14-18
Bowmont Church of the Brethren

Support Our Youth in Mission . . .

Rochelle Ochoa, from the Boise Valley congregation, is registered to participate in the Katrina Disaster Response Workcamp in McComb, Mississippi the week of June 17-23.

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Amber Humphrey of the Community Twin Falls congregation will be going on a mission trip to Peru during summer 2007.

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It is important for the church family to hold these young people up in prayer as they prepare to leave, travel, work and return.



GARAGE SALE

Boise Valley Women's Fellowship
will sponsor a **Garage Sale**
Saturday, June 23
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
716 Bushnell
Caldwell

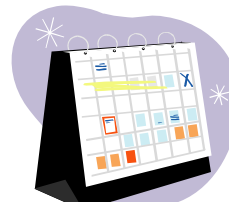
Proceeds will go to the Boise Valley
Church Building Fund

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2007 Calendar of Events

- May 25-26 **Camp Stover Clean-up**
June 18-23 **National Youth Work Camp @ Camp Stover**
June 23 **Boise Valley Garage Sale @ Caldwell 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**
June 30-July 4 **Annual Conference @ Cleveland, OH**
July 8-14 **Camp Stover ~ "Turn Around"**
July 29 **Fifth Sunday Luau & Worship @ Mt. View**
Aug. 7 **Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View**
Sept. 14-15 **District Conference @ Bowmont**
Sept. 23 **Mt. View 50th Anniversary Celebration**
Sept. 30 **Fifth Sunday Worship**
Oct. 2 **Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View**
Oct. 6 **District ERSM Auction @ NNU, Nampa**
Dec. 30 **Fifth Sunday Worship**

Ministers Meet: First Friday/month



New Address!

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