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**Events**

August

- 8/5-9, 9 am - noon: VBS
- 8/11, 9 am: VBS Celebration Sunday, 12:30 pm: VBS Potluck Lunch
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- 8/19, 6:30 pm: Action/Reflection Committee Meeting
- 8/21, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- 8/27, 8:30 am: Inova Healthfair Bus (appointment required)

Please note our office hours:

9:00 a.m.—noon

Monday-Friday

**Events (continued)**

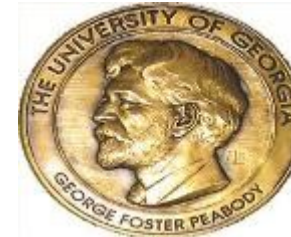
September

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# Brethren Banner

**Peabody Award Recognition**



This past May the documentary “My Neighbourhood”, a Just Vision film directed by Julia Bacha and Rebekah Wingert-Jabi and co-produced by Vicky Wingert, received a 2012 Peabody award at a New York City ceremony hosted by Scott Pelley, CBS News anchor.

Their award was among 38 others selected from about 1,000 international film entries based on one Peabody criterion: professional excellence. The Peabody committee characterized the film as an “honest, hopeful documentary”.

*My Neighbourhood* chronicles the story of Mohammed El Kurd, a Palestinian teenager whose family is forced to share a section of their East Jerusalem home with Israeli settlers. When Israeli activists arrive in his neighborhood to join residents in protests against the settlements,

Mohammed comes of age in the midst of unexpected cooperation with Israeli allies in his backyard. He joins the Israelis in non-violent protests in his neighborhood. Rebekah was also part of the team that produced the film, “Budrus.” Through this film, the use of non-violence was also explored within the context of Israeli-Palestinian conflicts; the film documented how Palestinians successfully blocked Israel from installing a wall through the middle of their community using non-violent protests. Both films were premiered at the Tri BeCa Film Festival in NYC; both films have won international film

awards and have been screened throughout the United States and the world.

Rebekah started filming in Sheikh Jarrah in 2008 before the evictions started taking place. Documenting this story as it unfolded was for her a way to put a human face on the issue of settlement growth and expansion that we so often hear about in the news.

Rebekah and Vicky are now working on a film about Reston that will be an integral part of Reston’s 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in 2014.

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## Move in our midst

*Move in Our Midst* has been sung at almost every Annual Conference since the debut of Kenneth I. Morse's hymn at the Conference of 1950. 2013 Church of the Brethren Moderator Bob Krouse selected this as the theme this year because he believes the words to be a petition and prayer as much needed today as in 1950. Krouse, and many others, refer to *Move in Our Midst*, as the Brethren National Anthem.

A note at the bottom of hymnal # 418 lists two dates, 1942 and 1949, for the text. By the mid 1940's the Brethren decided it was time to publish a new hymnal. Morse served on that committee along with Perry Huffaker. Perry

remembered a two-verse poem that Morse had written. The words for those two verses came to Morse as he walked back to the campsites following vespers at Camp Harmony, PA. He was spiritually on a mountaintop so the words flowed easily. He shared the verses with Huffaker who quickly composed a melody. As the hymnal committee worked Huffaker approached Morse stating that they should include the hymn but it needed one or two more verses. Morse agreed to write two more verses, but found it hard work, rather than the joy of the first two. Perhaps you have noticed the shift in tone between the second and third verse. In the first two God is

*From "Messenger"*

guiding us, walking with us, and we are inspired. In verse three the words turn harsh as we call on God to strike fetters that bind and we think of wrong that weighs us down. Those verses were completed in 1949. Between 1941 and 1949 Morse had experienced World War II including the dropping of atom bombs. This may explain the change. Morse wanted to change the world. He also believed that world builders needed to be faithful in prayer, and needed to remember that as we work to build the world anew Jesus must take the lead. It is the Spirit who stirs us.

## August Sermons

7/28 Luke 11:1-13; Genesis 18:20-32  
*"Praying that changes God's mind"*

8/4 Luke 12:13-21; Psalm 49:1-15  
*"Choosing the right investments"*

8/11 - VBS Wrap-Up: Matthew 6:1-15  
*"The Disciples' Prayer"*

8/18 Jer. 23:23-29; Heb. 11:29-12:2  
*"A nearby, faraway God"*

8/25 Matt. 11:28-30; Isaiah 58:9b-14  
*"Choosing your yoke"*

9/1 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17  
*"Claimed, Freed, and Called"*



## "Yellow Lanyard" Team

By Angela Finet



This year, I had the opportunity to experience Annual Conference in an entirely new way. I arrived in Charlotte a day early for an intensive day of training with the On Earth Peace, Ministers of Reconciliation team. This team, consisting of about 15 people representing all ages and backgrounds (including a man and woman from Nigeria), was identifiable to everyone attending conference by our "yellow lanyards". The goal of every Annual Conference is to "unite, strengthen and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus." Our prayer was that all who came to Annual Conference would feel safe, respected and encouraged to be faithful. Our training focused on preparing us to encourage mature Christian behavior and to interrupt potential sabotage, should that become an issue. We asked the entirety of those in attendance to recognize vulnerability in themselves and in others, and to help stop harassment of those that are different or in the minority (in every way). The yellow lanyard team made themselves available at the On Earth Peace booth, and just by simply walking around the exhibit hall and attending insight sessions. I was surprised by how many people sought us out to talk about feelings of hurt. It was an awesome experience and a huge blessing to be the ears and arms of Jesus to those who had felt hurt or slighted. It was also a treat to train and pray and talk with the staff of On Earth Peace, as I will be doing my year-long internship with them, beginning in August. Most of my contact with them will be by phone and email, so it was great to put some faces with names! Stay tuned for another article sometime later this fall where I will describe my activities with the Living Peace Church initiative (I have to have something to describe first). And, please get in touch with me if you'd like to know more about the yellow lanyard team and my experiences at Annual Conference!

**BNP Work Day**

By Missy Burkett

Oakton Church of the Brethren and Washington City Church had a workday June 22nd from 9-4 at the Brethren Nutrition Program. We had 13 volunteers who endeavored to improve the facilities. Volunteers worked in the kitchen to do deep cleaning including scrubbing the stove. Work in the kitchen including scrubbing down, cleaning out, organizing, and repairing cabinets. Work was also done in the hallway to remove water damaged plaster. Moisture was discovered to be wicking up from the foundation. The bathrooms were at the center of several volunteers work. The entry ways to the bathrooms were scraped and painted, as were the bathroom stalls

and paper towel holders. The overall impression that the bathrooms give is much more welcoming for the guests of BNP. Our spirits were lifted by the fellowship we had between the churches. We enjoyed fellowship at lunch and look forward to a continued relationship with one another. Some of the unmet needs include someone that knows how to do plaster work and someone with experience repairing linoleum flooring. Several people have expressed interest in helping with work at BNP and A/R is working on plans for a future work day to be announced soon. If you are interested in volunteering to serve food please contact Jenn Hosler [bnp.cob@aol.com](mailto:bnp.cob@aol.com).

**Homeless Walk a Success**

By Missy Burkett

The Help the Homeless Walk help June 9th was a resounding success. The effort and associated fundraising raised over \$5000 for the Brethren Nutrition Program a soup kitchen run out of the Washington City Church of the Brethren. The BNP has suffered from lack of consistent management and funding over the last few years. The Oakton Church of the Brethren support has helped to revitalize the program. The equipment was holding the program back as they were unable to accept donations of food without proper storage for the food. With the money raised through the walk and the program's other supporters they now have enough money to replace their broken walk-in freezer which has been assessed by a refrigeration specialist and determined to be unsalvageable. With this new capital expenditure and the support of a

BVser Kayla Robbins the BNP has been able to add additional days of service to the program. Thank you to all who walked and donated your efforts were a blessing to the program and a showed COB community support for the program which lifted the spirits of the BNP management team.

Picture by Al Zebrowski

**BNP Workday****Homeless Walk****Tips for Dodging the Perils of Summer**

By Shirley Roth

Oh, the hot, humid, hazy days of summer! Yes, the 'wonderful' DC summer weather is indeed here bringing with it some seasonal perils. Fortunately, with some preventative care these perils can largely be dodged.

*Dehydration*-Keep a water bottle handy and drink throughout the day equivalent to at least 6 - 8 glasses in addition to other liquids with meals. Stay indoors as much as possible during the hottest part of the day. It is preferable to walk or exercise outdoors only during the early morning or evening hours on days when the temperatures are 90 degrees or above. Drink additional water before and after exercise.

*Sunburn*-This is not only painful, but can lead to the development of skin wrinkles and skin cancer. Use a sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 on any exposed skin. Look for a product that is "broad spectrum" which means it's formulated to protect against both UVA and UVB radiation. Many prescription medications increase one's susceptibility to sunburn, so be sure to read prescription bottle labels or check with your pharmacist. Check one's skin regularly for changes in moles.

*Mosquito bites*-These are not only irritating, but can also be dangerous and transmit diseases such as the West Nile virus. When one is outside as dusk or at dawn, wear long sleeves, long pants, socks and closed toe shoes. Spray exposed skin with an insect repellent containing DEET. If bitten, cool compresses and an over-the-counter steroid cream such as

hydrocortisone helps ease the itching.

*Bee stings and spider bites*-For most people bee stings cause localized pain and swelling, but for those who are highly allergic they can cause life-threatening reactions. If you are stung, carefully remove the stinger. Cold compresses, and over-the-counter steroid creams such as hydrocortisone or Benadryl can help ease burning and itching. If you've had severe reactions to insect stings, carry a prescription epinephrine injector at all times.

*Poisonous plants*-The leaves of poison ivy, oak and sumac contain urushiol, a highly allergenic chemical that triggers an itchy, blistering rash in most people. Even if you don't touch the plants, you can get the rash (depending on your sensitivity) from burning the leaves or from touching something else that has come into contact with them such as a pet. Learn to identify each plant's features, and if exposed wash the area with water and soap. Wash clothes and hose down pets that might have tramped through the plants. Cool showers and compresses, and over-the-counter hydrocortisone cream can ease the discomfort of a poison-plant rash. Calamine lotion and oatmeal baths can help to dry oozing blisters.

Here's hoping you enjoy your summer days to the fullest with memorable barbecues and vacations. And, that you will be able to prevent sunburns and rashes while keeping the pesky bugs 'at bay.'

**Parish Nurse**

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## JrHighSunday



## Jr. High Sunday: In Pictures

Photos by Scott Seidel

## Local Events

## LocalEvents

**Summer on the Green:** only 7 shows remain in this series of free performances - until next year - presented by the Town of Vienna and its sponsors. All performances are held at 6:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) on the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna, VA. Please bring your chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. In the event of rain, please call the weather line at (703) 255-7842 or the Vienna Community Center at (703) 255-6360 two hours before the event for cancellation information. A complete list of performances can be found at <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=879>



**Fairfax County 4-H Fair**  
Are you looking for family fun this summer? Look no further than the 65th anniversary Fairfax Co. 4-H Fair celebrations with farm animals and rabbits, exciting rides and displays, horse and dog shows, the tractor pull, kids crafts and face painting, and plenty of good food, drinks and live music. Taking place on August 1st-2nd ~ invite your friends to come too, it's going to be a wonderful weekend!

**AIDA:** 2013 Vienna Youth Players Presents Production of Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA. Vienna Youth Players, formed in 1993, is a wonderful theater experience for the youth of our community. The Town of Vienna's Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors The Vienna Youth Players every year in a summer musical production for ages 11 through 18. Past shows include "How to Eat Like a Child," "Into The Woods," "Runaways," "The Sound of Music," "Seussical," "13 the Musical" and many others. Cast size is usually 35 to 45 with a summer of fun for as many junior thespians as space will allow.  
**Show Dates:** August 2, 3, 9 and 10 - 7:30 pm; August 11 - 1:00 pm

## Nigerian Delegation

By Carol Spangler



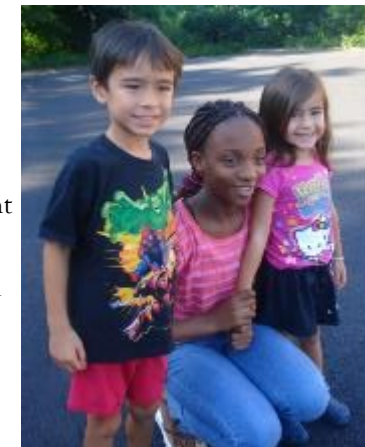
A delegation from *Ekklesiyar Yanuwa A Nigeria* (The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) spent several weeks in the States. They attended Annual Conference in Charlotte and the Brethren Assembly, a meeting of people from

every branch which traces roots to Alexander Mack, in Dayton, Ohio. Church people around Lancaster, PA, Bridgewater and Dayton hosted them on their travels.

Sunday, July 14, two vans arrived at Oakton from Dayton with 17 members of EYN, 2 drivers and 2 others from Pennsylvania. Supper was ready for them, the people who were providing beds and breakfast, and others who came to hear about the church in Nigeria. After the meal, members of the delegation shared about the church, their work in evangelism in Nigeria and several other countries, and the efforts of the church to foster peacemaking in the northeastern area. EYN churches have been burned and members have been killed by the radical Islamists so the need for this work is great. A question and answer period followed.

People from the Oakton and Dranesville churches took guests to their homes for the night and brought them back to Oakton Monday morning. They were taking a quick tour around the monument and Capitol area of DC before going to Dulles airport for their flight home.

Thanks to all the hosts for their hospitality and to Jan Burket, Evie Supinger and Bev Levesque, who did a great job in the kitchen.



## EYNDelegation

Photos courtesy of Nancy Cline and family

**Annual Conference (continued)***By John Shafer*

to four anthems from the vast number of options available. In the end I felt very confident that I had arrived at choices that were thematically and theologically appropriate to the church and to the conference. The Oakton Church of the Brethren choir most kindly (and unknowingly) tested all four anthems in our own worship services! I turned in the anthems as requested to the Annual Conference Office in December and then turned my attention to my conducting technique, which had languished a bit during all the years of conducting from the keyboard. One conducting manual and a lot of practice later, everything came together as I hoped. A certain level of anxiety is involved in traveling to a conference to meet a choir for the first time. There is no assurance of any number of people on the voice parts; in fact, there is no way of knowing how many choir members will be participating, or what their skills will be.

The first rehearsal on Saturday afternoon proved that there were sufficient singers, a reasonable balance of voice parts, and excellent skills among the singers. It was a pleasure to have three Oakton choir members, Angela Finet, Cathy Carson, and Chris Bowman participating. The challenge is learning the first anthem in one

rehearsal and then singing it in worship without further practice. As I had hoped the choir and the congregation responded well to the anthems. Members of the choir were such beautiful people and very responsive and supportive. At the last rehearsal I was presented with a cookie with various remarkable ingredients including “chocolate and extra sugar” which was a reference to one of the children’s stories shared during worship.

This Annual Conference was blessed with wonderful music. Music Coordinator Carol Elmore chose a well balanced and inspirational repertoire for congregational singing, and her leadership was excellent and inspired. Conference organist Jonathan Emmons lent some wonderful and intelligent organ accompaniment to the singing as well as incredible worship music by Buxtehude, Widor, and others. Enough cannot be said about the sensitive musical skills of Terry Murray on the piano. Many will know Terry as one half of the Andy and Terry Murray musical ensemble who were so much loved at national youth events and conferences in the past. Angela Finet provided one of the most inspiring moments of the conference with her solo “Reconciliation Song” during the anointing service on Tuesday evening.

**MusicCorner****Kanaan and Cooley Mesmerize Guests***By John Shafer*

The latest concert of the Oakton Church of the Brethren Community Concert Series featured series favorites Dr. Rami Kanaan, Violin, and Bettye Cooley, Piano.

On Saturday, July 13 approximately 70 people gathered to enjoy a lecture and concert of three Mozart Sonatas. Rami offered up his usual

musical wisdom about the classical style of Mozart as well as some interesting historical information. Rami and Bettye played thematic excerpts from each sonata to demonstrate various stylistic and structural elements of the music before performing the entire work. The Sonata in G-Major was fast moving, energetic and upbeat. The Sonata in E-Minor, composed during a trip to Paris on which Mozart’s mother died, was moody, somber and darker in nature. The Sonata in A-Major, again upbeat, and melodic, finished with a beautiful theme and variations.

The concert raised \$434 for the outreach projects of the Oakton Church of the Brethren.

*Photos by Al Zebrowski***ConcertSeries**

FleaMarket

**Biggest Flea Market to Date**

By Kim Ferrari

Last month we held our annual flea market. We saw the most ever vendors participate this year - lining the parking lot with their tents and tables full of fabulous items to sell! Over \$800 in donations and sales were made to support the outreach projects of Oakton Church of the Brethren.

Photos by Elliot Phillips



MusicCorner



**Annual Conference**

By John Shafer

I was privileged this year to experience Church of the Brethren Annual Conference from a new angle. Annual Conference is an event I look forward to attending each year, having done so as a delegate or observer many times over the past decades. This year, after having been called by the Annual Conference to be the choir director in Charlotte, was different, and I found myself involved in the planning process. In August of 2012 I traveled to Elgin, Illinois to meet with the Program and Arrangements Committee. Program and Arrangements Committee is



made up of the Annual Conference Moderator, the Moderator Elect, the Annual Conference Secretary, and several elected members. At this meeting I met Carol Elmore, the Music Coordinator for the Charlotte Annual Conference, and we were involved in the process of calling other musicians including the conference organist and pianist. Much prayer, thought, and conversation is involved in

planning Annual Conference, and members in the congregations should be aware that it is a very intense and intentional process. This year much emphasis was placed on revitalization of Annual Conference, with the desire to put past controversies behind us and to work on spirituality, prayer and unification under the theme "Move in our Midst." Moderator Bob Krouse, Moderator-Elect Nancy Sollenberger Heishman and Annual Conference Director Chris Douglas provided strong leadership. Immediately following the August meeting

in Elgin the work began in earnest. Four choir anthems needed to be chosen and submitted to the Annual Conference Office by December of 2012. This task was made easier by my experience at Oakton Church of the Brethren, where we are very intentional about choosing music which relates to the worship theme on a weekly basis. It was daunting however, to narrow down

Photo by Al Zebrowski

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AugVolunteers

August 2013 Volunteers

	8/4/2013	8/11/2013	8/18/2013	8/25/2013
Worship Leader:	Bob Seidel	Gretchen Zience	Leslie Connolly	Colleen Eddy
Children's Story:	VBS Kickoff	VBS Celebration	Rob Powell	Jan Burket
Acolyte:	Cyrus Kianersi	Bobby Schultz	Peggy O'Neil	Ellie Kosek
Greeters:	Jan Fisher-Bachman	Bob Seidel	Wayne Spangler	Jane Meadows
	Vern Wingert	Carolyn Seidel	Carol Spangler	Mark Wilkerson
Organ:	Cathy Carson	John Shafer	John Shafer	John Shafer
Piano:		Cathy Carson		
Hymn Leader:	Carol Spangler	Carol Spangler	Carol Spangler	Christine Wuhrman
Counters:	Karl Wilkerson	TBD	Wayne Spangler	Sherry Bowman
	Bridgette Beach	Leslie Connolly	Carol Spangler	Kim Ferrari
Nursery:	June Gonzalez	Kimberly Judd	Scott Seidel	Robyn Legge
Nursery Assistant:	Michael Biddle	Sarah Beth Seidel	Peggy O'Neil	Casey Comer
Worship Activity Time Leader:	Debbie Seidel	Debbie Seidel	Karen Richardson	Michelle Gill
Worship Activity Time Helper:	Luke Finet	Eric Finet	Cortland Comer	Ella Shultz
Nursery Toy Cleaner:	Missy Burket	Missy Burket	Missy Burket	Missy Burket

Fathers' Day Breakfast: In Pictures

Photos by Kim Ferrari

FathersDay








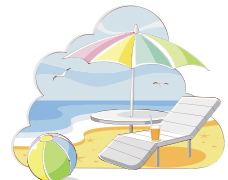


# August 2013

## Oakton Church of the Brethren

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Aug 4 - 10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Chandler Comer's Birthday Joseph Wilkerson's Birthday Leah Martin's Birthday 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DMC (Korean) 4:00pm IPC (Español)	Kenneth Judd's Birthday 10:00am DMC (Korean)	Harry & Sharon Biddle's Anniv John Shafer's Birthday 	VBS 7:30pm DMC (Korean)			Al Zebrowski's Birthday 
Aug 11 - 17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Emily Sharon's Birthday 9:00am VBS Celebration Sunday 11:00am Worship 12:30pm VBS Potluck 1:00pm DMC (Korean) 4:00pm IPC (Español)	Colleen Eddy's Birthday 10:00am DMC (Korean)	Brian Bachman's Birthday 7:00pm Worship Mtg.	7:30pm DMC (Korean)	Ali Kianersi's Birthday 		
Aug 18 - 24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Aug 25 - 31	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Lee Hylton's Birthday 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DMC (Korean) 4:00pm IPC (Español)	10:00am DMC (Korean) 	8:30am Inova Healthfair Bus	Jacob & Missy Burket's Anniv 7:30pm DMC (Korean)			

### Sunday Morning Schedule:

Worship—11:00

Enjoy the last month of summer!!

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### Deacons of the Month:

John Shafer, Jane Meadows, Angela Finet, Mark Wilkerson

### September

9/4, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting  
 9/5, 8:30 am: Inova Healthfair Bus (appointment required)  
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### Deacons of the Month:

Shirley Roth, Vern Wingert, Brian Bachman, Jan Fisher-Bachman