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OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Be Still and Know that I am God.
ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
October 2-3, 2020
ONLINE

Worship Service- Open to All

Closed Caption & Closed Caption Translation available. A link to the service will be emailed to all who are registered for Conference and available on our website and Facebook.

Please visit our [website](http://www.ane-cob.org), www.ane-cob.org for updates. Our service project and offerings are going to **bcmPEACE!**

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact the [District Office](#)

1-717-367-4730 Monday-Thursday, 8am – 4pm.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS . . .



We are entering the harvest season for 2020. While COVID-19 has dominated the news and our lifestyle, it is not the main reason for our farmers' current dilemma. The tariffs and trade barriers continue to restrict the sale of agriculture products to foreign countries (mainly China). Due to the restructuring of trade in 2019, the government has been buying a lot of these products and with the coming of COVID-19, stimulus moneys have been made available to the farming industry. However, these funds have mostly gone to large industrial farms and processing plants. The small family farmer has not been as readily compensated. While we hear daily of the small business that are currently in jeopardy, we hear little of the family farmer.

This economic turndown has had an impact of our food cupboard as well. The obvious effect is an increase in families coming to the Food Cupboard for food. We have seen about a 15% increase attendance. However, this increase has been offset with increased government donations from the buyback program.

We are also experiencing an increase in food and financial donations from the community - both individuals and businesses. People stepping up not only with their "thoughts and prayers" for families in need, but with their deeds and actions! However, little would be done without the work, the deeds and actions, of our dedicated volunteers. Still more volunteers are needed, especially those with free time during the weekdays. We could use more help making pickups in Hatfield, Lansdale, Lederach, Sellersville, and Norristown. There can be as many as 3 or 4 pickups a week, each take about 1 – 2 hours. Please, if you have some weekday time available, let me know. We can talk about how you can fit in with one more of the pickups.

Thank you to all for "Praying with your hands and feet!"

Pastor Clay

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE NEWS . . .
WELCOME OCTOBER . . .



REMINDERS, NOTES, TIPS

- The weather is getting cooler. Please make sure your child has a coat when weather permits.
- The yearly food forms are to be completed.
- It is that time of year; flu shots are highly recommended

IMPORTANT DATES

October 30th: Halloween festivities, Pajama Day or Orange and Black

North Penn: Early Dismissal 14th and 29th

NEW HAPPENINGS

- **Halloween:** We will be playing games, doing activities, and having special treats. We are not allowing costumes. Since it is the last day of the month, it is pajama day. Your child may wear pajamas or orange and black.
- The North Penn food program is back! They will provide the children with breakfast and lunch. Friendship House is providing afternoon snack through the CACFP program. Since your child is receiving food from North Penn, please do not also pick up meals at school sites. North Penn does not want "double dipping". They want to make sure there are meals for all families within the district.
- Ms. Arlee is our new School Age Monitor and helps assist the students to complete their online virtual learning. She has been great with the children and we are happy to welcome her to the Friendship family.

THEME OF THE MONTH:

Happy 
FOCUS  Fall y'all



Conference, and 10% to **Bean Bag Project**, Souderton, for food insecurity needs.

HELP with DISASTER RELIEF by Donating

As you know, the **BDRA** held at the Lebanon EXPO Center has been cancelled for 2020, due to health and safety concerns. This year would have been the 44th year for our auction. We plan to hold a live auction next year. Please mark the date: September 24-25, 2021.

Although we will not meet in person, we ask that you do not forget our mission, helping persons affected by disaster.

Disasters will still happen and persons will still need help in re-claiming their lives. This is where you can become part of the solution.

Prayerfully consider ways in which you could support the auction this year so the important work of helping those who have suffered loss related to natural disasters can continue.

Donations can be sent directly to:

- **Treasurer, BDRA, 164 Vinegar Ferry Rd., Marietta, PA 17547**
- **Through the Facebook Page**
- **Donate tab on the BDRA Website: BrethrenAuction.org**
- **OR through the Hatfield COB, note BDRA in memo line.**

OCTOBER IS



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
Thanks!, Pastor Clay & Pastor Lynne

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10 – Shawn McMahon
- 22 – John Bruning
- 25 – Kelly Hanks
- 27 – Rev. Brandon Hanks

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

- 15 – Carl & Connie Holbert
- 21 – Rodney & Lynne Allebach

ANE District Conference 2020

“Be Still and Know . . . That I am God.”

***Friday Worship** is at **7pm**. Join us for a meaningful time together as a District. Our speaker for the evening is **Eric Landram**, pastor at Lititz CoB. A link for the service will be available on our website and Facebook. Closed Captioning and Closed Captioning Translation in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Korean are available. ***Saturday, October 3rd**, Business Session. Prayers requested for the Conference and delegates. Pastor Lynne Allebach is our delegate.

Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to enjoy delicious, homemade Pa Dutch food in the **Harvest Food Festival take-out event on Saturday, October 3 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Franconia Mennonite Church parking lot**. You can order apple dumplings, scrapple, vegetable soup and more online at mhcp.org. There will be individual foods available that day for purchasing. Proceeds will go the Mennonite Heritage Center with 10% going to the **Shalom Fund**, Mosaic Mennonite

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

What Is Happening?

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Thursday, October 1st
Brownies
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Friday & Saturday
October 2nd & 3rd
ANE District Conference
Pastor Lynne is our Delegate

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Sunday, October 4th
Morning Worship
Bread & Cup Communion
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Tuesday, October 6TH
Food Cupboard
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, October 8th
Bag Making
7:00pm – 8:00pm.

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Sunday, October 11th
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Clay Moyer

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Monday, October 12th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.

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Thursday, October 15th
Brownies
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, October 17th
Food Cupboard
10:00am – 11:00am.

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Sunday, October 18th
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Lynne Allebach

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Tuesday, October 20th
Food Cupboard
Noon – 1:30pm.

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Thursday, October 22nd
Bag Making
7:00pm – 8:00pm.

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Sunday, October 25th
Morning Worship
10:00am.
Pastor Clay Moyer

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Monday, October 26th
Food Cupboard
6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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Saturday, October 31st
Turn your clock BACK.
FALL BACK in the FALL!

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION
OCTOBER 2020**

Sunday Ministry Team

Carl & Connie Holbert

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

04 – Robin McMahon

11 – Connie Holbert

18 – Carole Bruning

25 – Carl Holbert

Accompanist

04 – Annamarie Dieterle

11 – June Jenkins

18 – Annamarie Dieterle

25 – June Jenking

Message

04 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

11 – Pastor Clay Moyer

18 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

25 – Pastor Clay Moyer

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert – Treasurer

Some things to think about

- Pray with your feet.
- When we cry out to God . . . “Why don’t You do something?! He says . . . “I did, I created you.
- Live for the glory of God and your neighbor’s good.
- Put your prayers of faith into auction. You may not see the progress, but the seeds were planted.

Stats for SEPTEMBER 2020

Average Worship for September: 14
Offering Received for September: \$4,784.00
Offering Needed for September: \$4,392.00

Weekly offering needed to
meet 2018 Budget:
\$1,098.00



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Thank you. We gave \$200 to support the larger church through the Church of the Brethren, MISSION Offering:



As a church family, we donated \$250 to the **Brethren Disaster Relief Auction** and their efforts to help persons in time of natural



disaster. If you would like to make a personal donate, you can make your donation through the Hatfield CoB, note Disaster Relief, or see “Focus on Folks” for additional options. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Church of the Brethren and the relief efforts that are given.