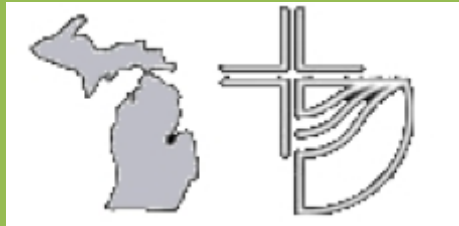


# The Brethren Bugle

Michigan District Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsletter



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# Letter from the Editor

Hello Brethren!

I hope that your summer has been well and you are enjoying this beautiful weather we have been having! A few items I'd like to remind you about:

If you haven't filled out the NEW Gifts & Serving Interest Survey, a replacement for the one from last year, please take time to do so at your earliest convenience. This will help the District to identify people who can help serve in a variety of capacities. The survey is available at [https://mhub.cc/users/sign\\_in](https://mhub.cc/users/sign_in) Please contact **Jake Davis** for more information!

I also wanted to remind you that if you have any videos or photos from District Conference (any year!), please send them to [brethrenbugle@gmail.com](mailto:brethrenbugle@gmail.com) for next year's promotional video! Speaking of District Conference, I want to THANK YOU for your support at the Nigeria Fundraiser- Coffee & Canvas! We were able to send over \$600 to the Nigeria Crisis fund through the event and are now inviting the entire Michigan District to host a painting class at your church or ours (or somewhere in between) to continue fundraising for EYN. If you are interested in doing so, please visit our facebook page [www.facebook.com/galleryone1paints](http://www.facebook.com/galleryone1paints).

Due to low attendance, the Pastors' Retreat has been rescheduled to January 10-12, please mark this in your calendar and RSVP to Nate by December 1.

Some other dates to add to your calendar are for High School Youth Rallies. Their Winter Rally will be January 15-17 at Camp Brethren Heights and the Spring Rally will be April 15-17, location to be determined. The cabinet is aiming to have the rallies on the third weekend of January and April, so look forward to these upcoming events! In place of the Fall Rally, the High School Youth will be attending the Powerhouse 2015 at Camp Alexander Mack.

On the following page, I have inserted the Received Froms from each church- please review and remember to turn in forms in a timely manner. Thank you so much!

Blessings-

Emily Woodruff

<u>Church</u>	<u>Form A (5/15/15)</u>	<u>2016 Cong. Outreach (12/1/15)</u>	<u>Form B (12/31/15)</u>	<u>2016 Pastor Contracts (12/31/15)</u>	<u>2015 Statistical Reports (3/15/2016)</u>	<u>Annual Conf. Delgate (6/1/16)</u>	<u>Dist. Conf. Delegates (7/1/16)</u>
Beaverton	x						
Common Spirit	x			N/A			
Crystal	x						
Drayton Plains	x						
Flint	x						
Hope	x						
Lakeview	x						
Lansing				x			
Living Peace Church	x						
Lost & Found	x						
Marilla							
Midland	x			N/A			
Muskegon	x						
New Haven							
New Life							
Onekama	x						
Shalom	x	x					
Skyridge	x			x			
Sugar Ridge	x						
The Church in Drive	x			x			
Woodgrove							
Zion							

# District Conference



During this year's district conference, we were able to take part in some great activities! We welcomed and participated in a licensing service for Randall Westfall, took time to pray over several questions regarding District Conference locations, worshiped together and were led by Leah Hileman and Jonathan Shively, listened to insight sessions from Steve Schweitzer, Jonathan Shively, participated in an EYN Fundraiser- raising upwards of \$600, had great help with kid's camp and so much more. There were over 100 Michigan Brethren in attendance!

If you have videos or photos from this conference or any previous conferences, please email them to [brethrenbugle@gmail.com](mailto:brethrenbugle@gmail.com) to be featured in our promotional video for next year's conference!

## Baptisms, Births & New Memberships

Nate & Mandy Polzin welcome baby boy, Michael Bricker Polzin on September 13- Congratulations!  
-District Executive & Pastor at The Church in Drive

Onkama Church of the Brethren Baptisms: Kassidy Ward, Danielle Ward, Jamie Meister, Hannah Hughes, Grace Hughes, Esther Miller

Marilla Church of the Brethren received Amanda Thomas as a member on September 13

The Michigan District mourns the loss of Nancy Flint, Flint Church of the Brethren and Don Stroup, Lakeview Church of the Brethren. We ask that you keep Don Flint and Janet Stroup (spouses of decesased) in your prayers during this difficult time.





# An Attitude of Gratitude

"School's out; quit studying  
the subject and start *living* it!  
And let your living spill over  
into Thanksgiving."  
- Col. 2:7b The Message

## **POWER HOUSE 2015**

A regional  
conference for  
Church of the  
Brethren youth

### Nov. 21-22

Keynote speaker:  
Rich Troyer

Camp Alexander Mack  
Milford, Ind.



[www.manchester.edu/powerhouse](http://www.manchester.edu/powerhouse)

# 2015 Calendar of Events

## September

- 19- Camp Fall Festival 10am-3pm
- 24- Discipleship Team Conference Call
- 29-1 CODE Meeting

## October

- 10- Program & Arrangements Meeting
- 17-NCD & Renewal Team Meeting
- 18-20 Ministers' Retreat
- 23-25 Bethany Board Meeting

## November

- 6-Ministry Team Meeting
- 7- Camp Brethren Heights Inc., Meeting
- 7-Gallery one:1 Coffee & Canvas at Lost & Found Church 10am
- 7-District Leadership Team Meeting

## December

- 1- Pastors' Retreat RSVP due
- 1-2016 Congregational Outreach Form due
- 31- Form B due
- 31-2016 Pastor Contract due

## January

- 10-Pastors' Retreat
- 15-17- High School Winter Rally