

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



A Joyful Voice

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Church of the Brethren Haiti Earthquake Response

The earthquake in Haiti has worsened the cycle of hardship and poverty the Haitian people endure. The Church is called to open our ears to the cries of the poor and open our hearts with compassion to alleviate their suffering.

You Can Help:

Donate. Financial gifts are the best way to help the effort in Haiti. Contribute online through www.brethren.org/HaitiDonations. **OR**, donate by mailing check payable to Emergency Disaster Fund, designated for the Haiti Earthquake, to Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Pray. Visit this special webpage, www.brethren.org/HaitiPrayers to post your 'Prayers for Haiti.' Prayers will be shared with the Brethren in Haiti.

Assemble Gift of the Heart Kits: Hygiene Kits & Baby Care Kits are needed. Instructions: www.churchworldservice.org/kits

Special Quake Kits: Family Household Kit & 10x10 tarps are being collected until April 16, 2010. Instructions found at www.brethren.org/HaitiEarthquake

**www.Brethren.org/HaitiEarthquake
1-800-451-4407**



Mountain View Welcomes Interim Pastor . . .

The Idaho District extends a warm welcome to Tom and Shelley Warner. Tom recently accepted an invitation to serve as Interim Pastor of the Mountain View congregation while they continue their search for a permanent pastor.



Tom graduated with honors from Multnomah Bible College in Portland, OR, and has served as pastor or assistant pastor of various congregations over the past 30 years. He enjoys designing meaningful, inspiring worship services and has had years of experience as a speaker, Bible teacher, worship leader, singer and guitarist.

In addition to his part-time pastoral duties at Mountain View, Tom works half-time as the Chaplain/Religious Activities Coordinator for the Veterans Home in Boise. He also works for Ministry to the Aged as a chaplain at three other assisted living or nursing care facilities, and has officiated at more than 300 funerals since he and Shelley returned to Boise seven years ago.

Tom and Shelley (Worden) have been married for 39 years, having met while she was a student at Northwest Nazarene College. Shelley works in a special needs classroom at Les Bois Jr. High. She and Tom have two adult children, both born in India and adopted as infants, and two grandchildren.

We look forward to becoming better acquainted with the Warners.

Congregational Prayer Partner Connection . . .

During the months of **March, April and May . . .**



Boise Valley will be in prayer for **Fruitland**
Bowmont will be in prayer for **Community Twin Falls**
Fruitland will be in prayer for **Bowmont**
Nampa will be in prayer for **Boise Valley**
Mountain View will be in prayer for **Nampa**
Community Twin Falls will be in prayer for **Mountain View**

It has been a blessing to see our heavenly father work as his people pray for our prayer partners. Please continue praying for your church's prayer partner and get excited, because we have a big God who loves us deeply and hears our prayers.

In Christ's love,
 Wanda Travis. Action Team Chair

National Youth Conference 2010 July 17-22

Eleven Idaho District youth and three adult advisors have pre-registered for NYC 2010 and are making plans to travel to Fort Collins, Colorado to participate in the event which is held every four years. Please be in prayer for each of these youth and adults as they prepare for this awesome experience of worship, recreation and Christian fellowship with hundreds of other Church of the Brethren young people.

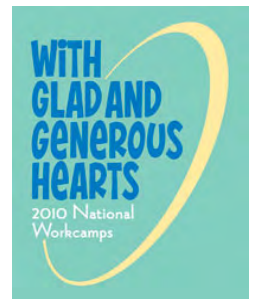
Kera Ames, Nampa
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 Donny Brooks, Nampa
 Ashley Bausman, Community Twin Falls
 Kelsea Bayes, Fruitland
 Elizabeth Heller, Boise Valley
 Amber Humphrey, Community Twin Falls
 Josh Hunsucker, Nampa
 Josh Mahler, Nampa
 Doug Shoemaker, Nampa
 Troy Wade, Mountain View

Dawn Heller, Boise Valley
 Harold Kerschensteiner, Boise Valley
 Stephen McKinney, Nampa



Young Adult Workcamp

~ Haiti ~



Nick McKellip, Nampa, is making plans to participate in the **Young Adult Workcamp** in Haiti June 1-8, 2010. He plans to visit each of the Idaho churches in the next few weeks to share information about the trip.

Haiti is a country of extreme poverty and has recently suffered severe weather disasters. Workcamp participants will be serving at the New Covenant School in St. Louis du Nord. They will be doing whatever they can to support the school in its mission, whether that is light construction, painting and clean-up, or playing with and caring for the children. Participants will fly into Port-au-Prince and travel together by bus to the northern part of the country. They will eat local cuisine and have opportunities to learn about Haitian history, current affairs, and worship with a local congregation.

Nick is excited about this unique opportunity. District support for him and this venture (prayer as well as financial contributions) is encouraged and appreciated.



Boise Valley:

- Boise Valley volunteers for Disaster Ministries work in New Orleans area returned with a great report and encouraged others to consider getting involved. The group thanked both the district and local church for their support.
- Our social committee planned a great Valentine party for the whole church on Feb. 12th. Twenty four attended.
- At the Feb. 21 church council meeting our moderator helped us take a look at the overall picture of the church building project. The Board felt the need for a renewed affirmation since things were on hold for almost two years. The affirmation was positive. A financial team was appointed to plan fund raising, and a building committee to focus on new dimensions of the project..size of building, architect, contractor, volunteer evaluation, etc.

Bowmont:

- Our Harvest Dinner was November 22nd after church. Lots of good food and fellowship was shared.
- There was a great turn out for our annual Christmas play in both the morning and evening of December 20th. What a fun way to share the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas sacks were given out to all who attended.
- What a blessing to have three of our church family baptized on January 10th. Praise the Lord!
- January 17th was our Annual Business Meeting and Potluck, where we were able to praise the Lord for all he did for us last year and plan the calendar for this year, and February 21st was our annual "Just Because Banquet",
- March 14 is our "Birthday Sunday and Kite Flight" and April 3 is our Annual "Kids Easter Extravaganza" that is free to the community. We will have the true story of Easter, crafts, treats, and of course a huge Easter egg hunt.
- The Lord continues to bless Bowmont as we seek to do His will. Praise God!

Community Twin Falls:

- We have been working to raise money for our youth to attend NYC and have sold over 1000 tamales at \$10.00 per dozen. The youth are helping the ring leader, Yvonne Humphrey and her mom, Alma (the experts at making tamales). We have 5 quart jars and are taking donations for a "Pie in the Face" on Sunday, March 14th. Even Pastor Mark and David Humphrey have a jar. The one with the most money gets the pie in the face. There will also be a pie auction. A car wash is planned for March 20, weather permitting.
- On Valentine's Day we had a potluck and played Valentine Bingo with prizes and lots of fun. A very good turnout.
- We are working our way through Matthew at our Tuesday evening Bible study; the youth meet on Thursday evening.
- David McKellip will be our guest speaker on Feb. 28 while pastors Mark and Kathryn enjoy a respite.
- In March we are having a Banana-Gram-a-Thon game night . Our God is an awesome God and has blessed our church in so many ways!

Fruitland:

- Fruitland had a successful Ground Hog Dinner. Next year's date will be February 5, so mark your calendars.
- We celebrated three baptisms and one letter transfer this past month.
- The ladies of the church made over 100 valentines and delivered them to St. Alphonsus children's ward.
- Cookies and eggs by the dozen are being offered for donations to help Kelsea Bayes participate in NYC.
- February 7 was Souper bowl Sunday; we collected ramen noodles and soup for WICAP and donated over \$140 cash.
- We celebrated Valentine's Day with a potluck and Bingo with decorated cakes as prizes.
- We're Looking forward to our March potluck of corned beef and cabbage and the all-church birthday party.

Mountain View:

- The focus of Mountain View leadership has been finding an interim pastor to lead us while we continue our search for a permanent pastor. Well, we finally have an interim--Tom Warner, and he is a gem. The congregation is getting to know Tom through his excellent, Bible-rooted sermons, his home visits, and phone calls.
- God continues to bless Mountain View; new members are turning their lives over to Jesus and joining the church. By time this is published we will have had two join us through reaffirmation of faith and two through baptism during the past four months.
- We thank God for his faithfulness and give him all the glory for the lives that He has changed.

Nampa:

The spring calendar at Nampa is full with Lenten, Easter and other congregational activities:

- Feb. 28 1:00 pm -- Annual Congregational Meeting
- March 13 9 AM-3 PM -- Spring Clean-Up
- March 18 6:00 PM -- Lenten Soup Supper... 7:00 PM -- Community Lenten Service
- March 23 7:30 AM-4:30 PM Red Cross blood drive
- April 1 6:30 PM -- Love Feast
- April 4 7:15 AM -- Easter Sunrise Service (Walter's Ferry); 8:30-10:00 AM -- Breakfast (at church); 11:00 AM -- Worship Service (only one service)
- May 8 -- Mother-Daughter event

CAMP STOVER NEWS:



**The water will
be turned on
at Camp May 15th!**

*Fifth Sunday
District Worship Service*

*May 30, 2010
at
Camp Stover*

New District Treasurer

At District Conference 2009 Sue Miller was elected treasurer for the District of Idaho & W. Montana. Please send all district monetary contributions (congregational and personal) to:

*Sue Miller
2219 W Silver Creek Drive
Nampa, ID 83686*

We mourn the sudden passing of Ethel Schulz on the evening of February 22. For many years Ethel has been active in the Idaho District, as well as the Bowmont and Nampa churches, sharing her special gifts on the District Board and in a variety of other roles. Most recently she served as District Historian and wrote an extensive Idaho District summary for the Church of the Brethren's 300th Anniversary celebration.

Our condolences are extended to Ethel's family. She will be greatly missed.

Mark your calendars!



***Idaho & Western Montana
District Conference 2010***

***September 3-5
Camp Stover
(Meadows, Idaho)***

". . . I DO BELIEVE..!!!"

Mark 19:24

**Moderator: Don Morrison
Guest Speaker: Mary Jo Flory-Steury,
COB Executive Director of Ministry**

**Inter-Church Participation
Worship**

Family Activities

Business

Fellowship

Watch for details coming soon!

✓ Youth Weekend at Camp Stover!

MARK

Let's all go to Camp Memorial Weekend!

We'll have a great time of fellowship, service and fun!

THE

We will leave Nampa COB Friday May 28th at 6:00 pm
Returning Monday at 4:00

Cost is \$20

DATE

Which covers food, transportation & a trip to Zims!

For more information see your youth leader.

A D.Y.C. event

The ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW

March 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

At the Idaho Center

Tickets \$10 at the door

Featuring:

**Mercy Me, David Crowder Band,
Family Force Five, Fee,
Francesca Battistelli, Remedy
Drive, & the Sidewalk Prophets**

For more information:

Contact your youth leader

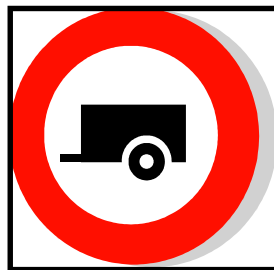
Must arrive by 5:30 to get tickets at door

A District Youth Council Activity



A great big thank you to everyone in the district that made the NYC fundraiser such a success! We raised \$1084.90 toward travel & leaders registration & the Kids made \$760 for t-shirts and food for the trip!

Trailer Needed



The National Youth Conference contingency is looking for a trailer to pull behind the Nampa van for luggage, bedding, etc. when they go to NYC in Colorado. They will be gone July 16-23. If you have an enclosed trailer and are willing to loan it, please call Linda at 495-2737 or e-mail her at llgoering@q.com.

Thank you!!

taking Jesus seriously

©Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

Registration for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference and Conference housing is now open at www.brethren.org/ac. The 2010 Conference is planned for July 3-7 in Pittsburgh, PA, with leadership by moderator Shawn Flory Replogle of McPherson, KS.

A Conference packet is available online at <http://www.cobannualconference.org/pittsburgh/infopacket.html>

For more information about the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, go to www.cobannualconference.org.

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2010 Calendar of Events



- March 14** Camp Stover Board Meeting @ Nampa 2:30pm
March 20 Ministerial Ethics Workshop @ Nampa 12:00-4:00 pm
& Ministers/Spouses Dinner @ Millers 5:00 pm
April 6 District Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View 6:30 pm
May 15 Camp Stover Water Turn On
May 29-31 Annual Spring Cleaning and Opening of Camp Stover
May 31 Fifth Sunday Worship @ Camp Stover
June 1 District Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View 6:30 pm
June 20-26 Camp Stover 2010
July 3-7 Annual Conference in Pittsburg, PA
July 17-22 National Youth Conference @ CSU, Fort Collins, CO
August 14 Camp Assembly Meeting & Fundraiser Nampa COB
Sept. 3-5 District Conference @ Camp Stover
Sept. 25 Camp Stover Water Shut-off
Oct. 31 Fifth Sunday Worship

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