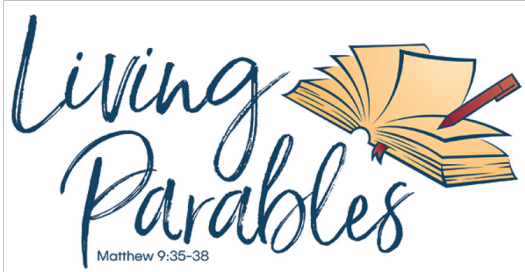


# The New Olympian

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Annual Conference 2018 takes place at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 4-8. The theme is "Living Parables" (Matthew 9:35-38).

## Our lives as living parables

"Living Parables" is a foundational call to be involved with the ministries of Jesus. It calls us to work for peace, reconciliation, and transformation of all things, visible and invisible. As living parables, Christ calls us to learn how to share our lives in grace with others and our sharing should be a source of grace for others. This kind of sharing is not about telling information, but being present in a world that so desperately needs to see Christ in action.

We Brethren, at our best, have been able to be present when disaster strikes. "Living Parables" takes us beyond providing material resources, to share our personal story of God at work in our lives—individually, through the church community of believers, and in the world. As seen through Jesus' actions

in Matthew 9:35: "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

Delegates will address 11 new and unfinished items of business and will receive numerous reports.

## New business includes:

"Change in Delegate Representation at Annual Conference,"  
"Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren,"  
"Brethren Values Investing,"  
"Polity for Electing Brethren Benefit Trust Board Directors,"  
"Polity for Electing the District Representative to the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee."

## Unfinished business includes:

"Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century,"  
"Vitality and Viability,"  
"Creation Care,"  
"Compelling Vision,"  
"Denominational Leadership Gathering," and various amendments to the denomination's bylaws.

Find the full text of business items at [www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business).

## Preachers for the Conference are:

Moderator Samuel Sarpiya, pastor of Rockford (Ill.) Community Church of the Brethren, Wednesday;  
Brian Messler, pastor of Ephrata (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, Thursday;

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## NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

*Submitted by Roger Edmark*

Though our church only has one youth, Joanna Calderon, one advisor, Roger Edmark, and one advisor friend, Bobbi Dykema, going to NYC this year, it is still expensive and we are grateful for the support of the church. As advisors, Bobbi and I will have nine youth in all from around the district to guide and help have an amazing experience at NYC. Having organized NYC for our district for 20 years now, and having gone four times as an advisor, I list NYC as one of the most moving, inspirational, and fun experiences I have ever attended. Your support of those going to NYC is well worth it!

## NORTHAVEN SENIOR LIVING

*Submitted by Roger Edmark*

The Northaven Community Meeting was held on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The community meeting is an opportunity for friends, residents, and neighbors to come hear what is happening at Northaven. This year our special guest was Deb Murphy, CEO LeadingAge WA. She gave a great presentation about the growing need for low income affordable housing. Northaven has committed to add more low income housing and has found a partner, Human Good, to help to accomplish it. Human Good has been in the non-profit housing world for a long time, so we think it is a good fit. There are still funding and zoning issues to navigate, but it is exciting to move a few steps closer to the reality of creating more low income housing.

Don't forget to put on your calendar: the Northaven picnic on August 25 and the Gala on September 21.

## NEWS FROM THE SEATTLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

*by Christina Sophia, PhD*

We have been celebrating the Services and Sacraments of the Christian Community Movement for Religious Renewal in the Seattle area since Michaelmas, of 2000; and we have been holding the Community Devotional Lay Service since 1995.

For the Seattle Christian Community Initiative, the Olympic View Community Church has now become our 'Home Away from Home.'

In Seattle we celebrate the Christian Community Services on Saturday mornings, as we share a Reverend from a full-time community, so we always have a visiting Reverend from another congregation. The Seattle initiative tries to serve the community here through offering a service during 6 of the 7 major festival times. And during those times when we cannot have a service, or for the in-between times, we offer a monthly 'Community Devotional Lay Service,' or Lay service which is based on community participation.

The Christian Community was founded on September 16, 1922 by Rudolf Steiner when others asked for help towards creating Religious Renewal that can move humanity into the future. Each community group is financially independent and there is no established dogma, just the belief in the 'Resurrected Christ' as the source of human renewal and growth. The adult service, 'The Act of Consecration,' is a sacrament offering the body and blood of Christ at the altar. For more information one can visit: <https://christengemeinschaft.org/en/>



*Living Parables continued from page 1*

Rosanna Eller McFadden, pastor of Creekside Church of the Brethren, Elkhart, Ind., Friday;  
Angela Finet, pastor of Nokesville (Va.) Church of the Brethren, Saturday; and  
Leonard Sweet, the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew University in New Jersey, Sunday.

**Offerings will be received for the:**

Nigeria Crisis Fund on Wednesday;  
Church of the Brethren Core Ministries on Thursday;  
Puerto Rico hurricane response on Friday;  
assistance to the Batwa Pygmy communities in the Great Lakes region of Africa on Saturday; and  
funding of Spanish translation at

Annual Conference on Sunday.

This year's Witness to the Host City will benefit First Step Home, a treatment center that helps women rebuild their families as they break the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction. This is the only addiction treatment center in Cincinnati allowing children to live with mothers who are in treatment. Conference-goers are invited to bring donations of needed items. Find a list at [www.brethren.org/ac/2018/activities/wisnesstothostcity.html](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/activities/wisnesstothostcity.html).

Go to [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac) for more information about the Conference schedule and activities. Daily worship services and business sessions will be webcast live online, find the webcast schedule at: [www.brethren.org/ac/2018/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/webcasts).

## CAMP KOINONIA UPDATE

Submitted by Roger Edmark

Summer is almost here which means Camp Koinonia will be busy 24/7 with a good staff to get everything done. There has been quite a lot of turnover in staff since Mike and Nancy O'Cain retired about 9 months ago.

About a year ago, Wayne Laudhal was hired on as Camp Director and Melissa Hinton became Food Service Director. Wayne, after about a year at camp, (which saw him use his contractor skills to renovate, repair and remodel just about every facility at camp,) has resigned effective June 30.

The new Camp Director will be Kevin Eichhorn. Kevin has extensive experience in camping ministries and looks forward to taking the reins of Camp Koinonia in late June. Melissa continues as Food Service Director, with kitchen assistance from Kathy Edmark, along with Summer Service workers: Amber Compton, Renee Robinson and Emily Cain, and a few others as well.

There is still a need for some assistance in the kitchen in late July and in August. If you are able to fill in for a week or for a few days, call Melissa (303-808-9615) to get on the schedule.

The NWRCC directors and counselors, along with Church of the Brethren counselors, are again collaborating to create a unique, multi-denominational camp, offered to both our regions. With a summer curriculum focused around "Use What Ya Got," this is a great opportunity and will be a very meaningful experience for campers.

Camp plays a unique role for the church by asking us to brush off spiritual stagnation with a walk in the woods. By getting away, we learn to value and develop the silence an open heart requires. We build fellowship by connecting with friends new and old around a fire. Olympic View Community Church visits Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum, Washington at least twice a year. The name "Koinonia" means communion; visit Camp Koinonia for Summer Camp or Snow Camp.

### Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) World Friendship Center (WFC)

One of the reasons Melissa has need for additional help in late July and in August, is because Kathy and Roger Edmark, who have been helping in the kitchen at camp, will be at BVS Orientation at that time in preparation to serve for two years as the Directors of the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima Japan. Their term of service with BVS and

### Registration Information Brethren and Ecumenical Camps at Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum, WA

#### Rates:

#### Kids (2nd-3rd Grades)

##### August 21-25, 2018

Early Rate \$185 if Postmarked by July 9, 2018

Regular Rate \$200

July 10 - July 30 (No Later)

#### Junior (4th-6th Grades)

##### August 19-25, 2018

Early Rate \$285 if Postmarked by July 9, 2018

Regular Rate \$300

by July 10 - July 30 (No Later)

#### Chi-Rho (7-9th Grades) and CYF (10-12th Grades+Grads) (Register through the Disciples)

##### August 5-11, 2018

Early Rate \$285 if Postmarked by June 25, 2018

Regular Rate \$300

June 26 - July 16 (No Later)



WFC will start in the summer of 2019. Kathy and Roger first expressed interest in WFC about 12 years ago at Annual Conference, indicating they would like to serve at some future time after they retired. They are both retired and answered the call to serve at WFC earlier this year. If you want to find out more about WFC, here is a link: <http://wfchiroshima.com/english/>



On Sunday June 10, Olympic View Church recognized the achievements of the following students. We wish them well on their New adventures in life.

**Wanya Calhoun** has just completed his GED through Columbia Center, a Seattle alternative high school. He plans to continue his education at Seattle Central Community College. *Wanya is pictured above.*

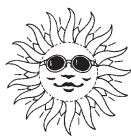
**Isaiah Koscho** is graduating from Shoreline Community College with 2 degrees in Music Tech. He will be attending Cornish School of the Arts in the fall.

**Matthew Schultz** is graduating from Ballard High. He is starting a part time job, and getting ready for whatever happens next!

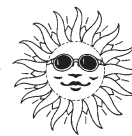
**Andy Thill** is graduating from Marysville-Pilchuck High School. Andy is the son of Susanna Thill and the grandson of Jimmy and Goldie Barnes. Andy is a very accomplished artist and photographer and has won awards for both. He will be attending Washington State University in the fall.

**Anaya Williams** is graduating from Washinton Youth Academy in Bremerton, Washington. This is a military academy which trains cadets and Anaya has shown outstanding leadership.





## Maple Leaf Summer Ice Cream Social



The 2018 Maple Leaf Community Council Summer Social will be July 18 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Join us and your neighbors for a fun evening at Maple Leaf Park filled with music, ice cream and activities for the kids. Our church will have a table there again this year. It's a great way for us to show our commitment and involvement in our community.

Stop by and help us be a positive, loving presence in our neighborhood!



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

by Pastor Glenn Brumbaugh

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." As the Gershwin classic suggests, we're moving onto that time of the church year when it's more relaxed and easy going. The weather's balmy, and opportunities for outside recreation and relaxation abound. Worship starts a little earlier, and we have more of our Sundays free to enjoy the blessing of the Sabbath.

As you enjoy the "easy livin'" that summer offers, I encourage you to take some of that time to reflect on what your hopes and dreams for all that this church could be, and more importantly, how this congregation should be the church in the community in which we live and serve.

Too often we dwell on how we should change to "attract" new members instead of focusing on how we authentically live out being the body of Christ in a changing world. What does that look like for Olympic View Community COB? As our national denominational body becomes more fractured and divided, how can we as a congregation best be the face of Christ to the community?

In July, as Roger and I travel to Annual Conference in Cincinnati, we would welcome your prayers for safe travels and particularly for guidance in the troubled waters that gathering often contains. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about the potential you imagine for our congregation when I earnestly get back to work after Annual Conference (and a little Pennsylvania vacation). I pray that your "livin' is easy" these next few months and that we can find the path God has in store for us together.

### Leadership Team of Olympic View Church

Effective June 1, 2018

#### **Pastor**

*Glenn Brumbaugh*

#### **Board Chair**

*Roger Edmark*

#### **Treasurer**

*Bill Hershberger*

#### **At-Large Board member**

*Joanna Calderon*

#### **At-Large Board member**

*Sylvia Hershberger*

#### **District Conference Delegate**

*Frosty Wilkinson*

#### **Church Clerk**

*Harriet Koscho*

#### **Trustee**

*Kristi Morris*

# June 2018

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Brethren District Event - Lacey	<b>2</b> Gospel Choir Benefit for SODA
<b>3</b> <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship-Graduate Recognition. Blessings / dedication of leadership 12:00 Fellowship - Dessert Auction Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>13</b> 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>16</b> Movement for Religious Renewal 10:30am
<b>17</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## June Outreach



## June Birthdays!

1 Olive White	20 Anita LaFranchi
2 Aimee Bisterfeldt	20 Keith Palmer
10 Cabe Matthews	22 John-Clair Smith-Derksen
11 Shannon Williams	23 Solomon Grandison
13 Brenda Schmidt	23 Almaz Tesfay
17 Phyllis Harris	30 Grace Edmark
17 Tim Bisterfeldt	

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 3 World Environment Day
- 10 Graduate Recognition
- 10 Dessert Auction
- 13 OV Executive Meeting
- 13 OV Board Meeting
- 17 Father's Day

# July 2018

## Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Blessings / dedication of leadership. 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pastor Glenn Annual Conference	<b>4</b> Pastor Glenn Annual Conference	<b>5</b> Pastor Glenn Annual Conference	<b>6</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Brethren District Event - Lacey	<b>7</b> Pastor Glenn Annual Conference
<b>8</b> <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Blessings / dedication of leadership. 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>9</b> Pastor Glenn Vacation	<b>10</b> Pastor Glenn Vacation	<b>11</b> Pastor Glenn Vacation	<b>12</b> Pastor Glenn Vacation	<b>13</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>14</b> Pastor Glenn Vacation
<b>15</b> <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>16</b> Pastor Glenn Day off	<b>17</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>18</b> Maple Leaf Summer Social 6:30 - 8:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Alternative Worship - 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

July Outreach



### July Birthdays!

3 Andrea Bowers	23 Jim Barnes
4 Velda Braun	23 Dennis Rempel
7 Michal Ghebrai	25 Charles Walker
8 Bobbi Dykema	26 Rob Miller
16 Marie Funston	27 Victor Quiroz
18 Chris O'Cain	30 Anden Hormann
21 Free Hinton	

### Upcoming Events

#### July

4 Independence Day  
 4-8 COB Annual Conference  
 17 Brethren Family Camp  
 18 Maple Leaf Summer Social