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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

It was nearly 100 degrees with about 70% humidity. The September sun beat down on the concrete of the Foothill Corridor. It was, to say the least, not a great day for a walk. Nonetheless, a couple hundred (fool)hardy souls made the trek from the City of Knowledge Islamic School to Claremont School of Theology/Claremont Lincoln University – a distance of about 2.5 miles - in the spirit of community-building and peacemaking.

The occasion was the 4th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace and Service, sponsored by the Claremont Working Group for Middle East Peace. The walkers ranged in age from very young to not-as-young-as-they-used-to-be. We were men, women, and children wearing any combination of shorts and T-shirts, blue jeans, saris, suits, skirts, monastic robes, headscarves and yarmulkes. We were a motley crew. We were stinking hot. And we were beautiful.

We were also far fewer in number than we were last year. Down from about 600 to just less than half that. The heat was too much for many. Even among the 8 walkers from the La Verne Church of the Brethren, two of us rode in a van from stop to stop – a back-up “just in case” one of us was felled by the relentless sun.



At first the lower number discouraged me. I so wanted a stronger showing from our church and our community. It wasn't until halfway through the event I realized what a walking witness we really were.

God has always worked with remnants, small communities, and motley crews. God may, on occasion, use a heavenly host to proclaim peace and good will. But God can speak just as loudly through one voice. God is present where two or three are gathered in God's Spirit (Matthew 18:20). And using even a small group, God can change the world.

As it turned out, by the grace and mercy of God, it was a perfect day for a walk ~ after all.

~Janet Ober

The La Verne Church of the Brethren continues the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together. We create a Christian community, called by Christ to be inclusive, caring and peace-minded. We affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, faith tradition, or life situation are welcome in our congregation. We believe in compassionate service, stewardship of creation, respect for diversity and nonviolent reconciliation for differences among all people, nations and faith traditions. We claim no creed but the New Testament, as exemplified by the life of Christ. We strive to follow the way of Jesus. Through these efforts, we seek to grow ever closer to the mind and heart of God.

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October Worship Themes



OCTOBER 7

WORLD COMMUNION

Face Time

Janet Ober

In a world more and more dominated by digital images, we are in danger of losing the “realness” and intimacy of “face time”. Yet in the act of holy communion, we are invited to meet one another face-to-face. We become present to one another as Christ becomes present to us.

OCTOBER 14

Tearing Down the Walls

Susan Boyer

When Joshua decided to take on Jericho, he did so without military strategy, recognizable troop movements, or a calculated attack. However, the walls came tumbling down. This is a story of triumph over great odds.

Joshua 6:1-27

OCTOBER 21

ULV ALUMNI SUNDAY

Circling Back to Home

Susan Boyer

On this Homecoming Weekend at the University of La Verne, we will explore what it means for us to go home. *Home* brings with it connotations of warmth, comfort and joy. When you think of *home*, where do you imagine?

Psalms 126; Matthew 7:24-27

OCTOBER 28

PROGRESSIVE BRETHERN GATHERING

Becoming the Beloved Community

Father Greg Boyle

Father Boyle, author of the book Tattoos on the Heart and founder of Homeboy Industries in downtown Los Angeles, will bring the morning message. At this final gathering of the Progressive Brethren Gathering around the theme of the *Beloved Community*, we will hear from a man who takes the vision of a *Beloved Community* and makes it a reality.

October Calendar

- Oct 2 Commission Night
Support Group, Library, 7 p.m.
- Oct 3 Commission Reports to Council are Due
Peace & Justice Commission, Fireside, 6 p.m.
- Oct 5 Older Adult Luncheon at Hillcrest, 12 p.m.
- Oct 7 World Communion Sunday
Senior High Youth Steering Committee,
Fellowship Hall, 5:30 p.m.
All Youth Broom Hockey, Fellowship Hall,
7-8 p.m.
- Oct 9 Church Board, Fireside Room, 7:15 p.m.
Support Group, Library, 7 p.m.
- Oct 10 WABS (Wednesday Afternoon Book Study),
Library, 4 p.m.
- Oct 11 Intercom Deadline/November Issue, 5 p.m.
- Oct 14 Youth Visit to Islamic Center, 9:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School Pumpkin Pie Auction
for UNICEF, 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Oct 16 ULV/LVCOB Food Network Dinner, Fellowship
Hall, 5-7 p.m.
Support Group, Library, 7 p.m.
- Oct 17 Fellowship Visitors, Library, 9 a.m.
- Oct 18 Hillcrest Spiritual Retreat, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct 21 ULV Alumni Sunday & Reception, after worship
Church Council Meeting & Youth Fundraiser
Lunch, Fellowship Hall, after worship
IVHP Walk for Hunger, 1 p.m.
- Oct 23 Support Group, Library, 7 p.m.
- Oct 24 Shared Ministries, Library, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct 26 Progressive Brethren Gathering Begins 5 p.m.
- Oct 27 Progressive Brethren Gathering, All Day
- Oct 28 Progressive Brethren Gathering, Fr. Greg Boyle
Fall Fun Variety Show, Hillcrest, after worship
- Oct 30 Intercom Meeting, Fireside, 9:30 a.m.
Spiritual Cinema Circle, Fireside, 6:30 p.m.
Support Group, Library, 7 p.m.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Hillcrest Sunday Chapel Services

Dean E. Kieffaber Chapel – 4 PM

Located at the west end of Maple Court.

All are welcome.

October 2012

- 7 MUSICAL VESPERS: The Neeley
Family, Neil Fancher and others
- 14 Chaplain Tom Hostetler
- 21 Joyce Kirk Moore
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WABS

October 10, 4:00 p.m.

Church Library

Please join the Wednesday Afternoon Book Study for enjoyable company, discussion, and reading suggestions. On October 10 at 4:00 p.m. we will be sharing ideas about *The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love*, by Kristin Kimball. Kimball impulsively leaves the city life to start a new farm in upstate New York, with a farmer she has just met. Here is an excerpt from her last chapter: *“The town is unknowable, marriage unknowable, the farm – just a single tablespoon of its soil – is a confounding mystery. But as the weeks ticked into months, into seasons, as I slowly became a farmer, something else emerged, and it was something to hold on to, something less slippery than knowing.”* A heartfelt, funny, eye-opening read. We meet in the Church Library, the second Wednesday of the month, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Love Feast

November 18, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

On November 18 we will re-enact the Last Supper Jesus shared with his friends. We will eat together, share in

communion, and wash one another’s feet (or hands). We call this service “Love Feast”. If Love Feast is a regular part of your journey of faith, we will plan to see you. If Love Feast is new for you, we encourage you to come and try it. It is perfectly okay to participate or observe to the level of your comfort. For many, the Love Feast is a very holy and profound expression of their faith, holding together tangible service, community, God’s presence in the ordinary, and the presence of the Spirit when the community gathers in love, ritual, and remembering. Children are welcome at the Love Feast table, but childcare is also provided.



Young Adult Food Network

Homecoming Edition

October 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The time for the October Food Network has been extended in order to accommodate more people. Scheduled the Tuesday before ULV’s Homecoming, we are anticipating hosting the ULV football team once again. Therefore, extra hands in the kitchen and extra hosts in the Fellowship Hall will be appreciated. To volunteer, please contact Corlan Harrison at corathome@verizon.net or 909-981-7739, Zandra Wagoner at 909-593-3511, ext. 446 or zwagoner@laverne.edu or Janet Ober at 909-593-1364 or Janet@LaVerneCOB.org.

Food Network is co-sponsored by the La Verne Church of the Brethren and the University Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. There is no cost or formal program. The purpose is simply to build community among young adults in our community. Dates for the 2012-2013 meals are listed below.

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| November 20 | 5-6:30 pm |
| January 15 | 5-6:30 pm |
| February 19 | 5-6:30 pm |
| March 26 | 5-6:30 pm |
| April 16 | 5-6:30 pm |
| May 21 | 5-6:30 pm |



Shared Ministries

October 24, 1:30 p.m.

Fireside Room

The Shared Ministries team will meet on Wednesday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room to determine assignments for the next few months. Shared Ministries people visit hospital patients and others in serious situations. Please call Pastors Susan or Janet – 909-593-1364, Chaplain Tom – 909-392-4354, or Visitation Coordinator Julie – 909-593-2793, if you know of someone who would like to be visited by these caring folks.

The Ministry of Encouragement

October 7, 9:15-10:20 a.m.

Conference Room

The ministry of encouragement is available October 7, in the conference room, from 9:15-10:20 a.m. This month we'll begin by talking about the art of trust. Where is trust in your life? Where do you need to build it? What resources are available to equalize power and develop strength? Our goal is to create a safe space to listen to our boldest, most sensitive, and most eccentric voices. For more information contact Reba Herder at (951) 204-3574 .

Hospitality Greeters

Be sure to say hello to the greeters at the east and west side entrances to our church campus on Sunday mornings. They can help with directions or information about the church, and they will definitely give you a warm welcome. Our greeters are great, and if you would like to be one of them, please let Julie Kurtz know - 909-593-2793.

Spiritual Cinema Circle

October 30, 6:30 p.m.

Fireside Room

Join us in the **Spiritual Cinema Circle**, Tuesday evening, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The feature film this month is the compelling documentary, *I Am*, which begins by asking two questions: What's wrong with the world? And what can we do about it? This acclaimed movie includes thought-provoking interviews with Desmond Tutu, Lynne McTaggart, Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, David Suzuki, Coleman Banks and others. And posits that humans and most other animals are not naturally aggressive as so often claimed, but imbued with a natural tendency to cooperate and commit acts of altruism. The program will also include selected, entertaining short subjects. This is a film evening you should not miss.



Older Adult Luncheon at Hillcrest

October 5, 12:00 p.m.

All La Verne Church of the Brethren Older Adults are invited to the first, annual Luncheon at Hillcrest on Friday, October 5, at 12:00 noon. The luncheon will be free (provided by Hillcrest) and is simply for the purpose of getting all of our older adults – both those who live at Hillcrest and those who don't – together. There will be some entertainment, a brief welcome from our church staff, and an update on what is happening at Hillcrest by their marketing department. If you are interested in taking a tour of the grounds, one will be offered after the luncheon. RSVP by calling (909) 392-4375.



UNICEF Pumpkin Pie Silent Auction

October 14, 9:00 a.m.

Working with Kris Whyte and Kristi Hines, the 1-5th grade Sunday school class will learn how to take a pumpkin from the garden and turn it into fresh pumpkin pie for your table! Pies will be prepared by the elementary kids and auctioned off to raise money for UNICEF. The silent auction on October 14 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:35 a.m. The lucky winners can collect their pie that same morning!

All Church Council Meeting

October 21, after worship

Come and be part of the Church Council Meeting held after worship on Sunday, October 21. We will be discussing a significant recommendation by Church Board in regard to our 2012 giving to the Mission and Ministry Board (see pgs 14-16), looking at a wording change in our Mission Statement, and reviewing a first-read of the 2013 budget. A baked potato and salad bar lunch will be served by our youth!

Decisions are made at Council that affect each of us as LVCOB members and participants. Your input is valued and needed!



Fall Fun Variety Show at Hillcrest!

October 28, after worship at Hillcrest

On October 28 the 1st through 5th grade kids and any interested middle school youth will gather after worship for pizza lunch before we travel to Hillcrest to entertain residents with song, dance, readings and creative costumes. Any change collected at this event will be added to the Pie auction proceeds and donated to UNICEF.

Kids and youth wanting to share a song, dance, poem or other interest at the variety show should sign up by contacting Kris Whyte at: kriswhytekris@gmail.com

***Permission slips mandatory for children NOT traveling with a parent! Forms available in office or by contacting Dawna Welch at 909-593-1364.

2012 District Conference

November 9-11

At Hillcrest

Moderator Jack Storne

Theme:

"People Serving With Devotion."

Matthew 25:35-40



It is time to register for District Conference. Friday night's worship takes place at the Meeting House at Hillcrest at 7:00 p.m. with Moderator Jack Storne preaching. The General Secretary of our denomination, Stan Noffsinger, will be the Saturday night speaker at Hillcrest at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship will happen in our sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. with speaker Dr. Richard Ward, who is an Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is particularly interested in the arts of storytelling and oral interpretation of scripture as they inform and enrich the ministry of preaching. Dr. Ward will also be leading a workshop on Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on *Meeting the Bible Again—for a Second Time!* This workshop is designed for preachers, wanna-be preachers, and those who listen to preachers. Registration for District Conference is available at: <http://www.pswdcob.org/>. Please register by October 19. Registration for non-delegate adults is \$60 and \$30 for youth.

August Giving and Attendance Report

Giving Report

YTD Giving 2012	\$395,269
YTD Giving 2011	\$391,298
YTD Expenses 2012	\$407,016

Average Worship Attendance

August 2012	195
August 2011	200

Progressive Brethren Gathering

October 26-28

La Verne Church of the Brethren

Holy Work: *Becoming a Beloved Community* is the theme of the 2012 Progressive Brethren Gathering on October 26-28, here at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. This marks the fifth year for the Gathering, which draws individuals from across the country. The theme reflects the Gathering's commitment to a more just and welcoming church and society.

A full range of events and experiences are planned, beginning on Friday evening with dinner, followed by a celebratory worship with Susan Boyer as the preacher. On Saturday, professors Abigail Fuller and Katy Gray Brown from Manchester University will help participants deepen their understanding about the dynamics and characteristics of social justice movements. The ways that Brethren have responded to, and helped shape, the Civil Rights, anti-war, feminism, LGBT rights, and environmental movements will be topics of conversation and reflection.

Saturday afternoon will offer a screening of the award winning film *Two Spirits*. We are pleased to announce that Lydia Nibley, who directed and co-wrote the film, will be present for a talk-back following the screening. On Saturday evening, participants will gather for a concert that will explore songs that inspired and strengthened various justice movements throughout history. Shawn Kirchner is leading the service, which will feature several artists from our congregation.

The Gathering will conclude on Sunday morning with reports from the sponsoring groups and general conversation about progressive goals, followed by worship. We are pleased to welcome Father Gregory Boyle, who founded Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, as the morning's preacher. Homeboy Industries' mission is "to provide hope, training and support to formerly gang-involved and recently incarcerated men and women." Father Boyle will be available to sign his newest book, *Tattoos on the Heart*, following the worship service.

The Gathering is sponsored by Womaen's Caucus, Open Table Cooperative, and the Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests. Registration for the event may be done by stopping by the church office or on-line at www.progressivebrethrengathering.eventbrite.com Registration is \$125 for adults, \$60 for students and \$35 for children under 10. There are also reduced rates for those who are not attending the entire weekend. Registration costs go up after October 10. There are some scholarships available for youth and young adults. Contact Janet Ober (janet@lavernecob.org) for more information on these scholarships.





Sunday School

Sunday School

Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade:

Ages 3 - 6: Sara Davis leads this age group to explore concepts of God's love through singing, story telling, arts & crafts. Class meets upstairs above the nursery.

Ages 7 - 11: Jen & Chuck Duffie, Kris Whyte, and Kristi Hines creatively approach the Bible and worship themes with this group of kids through story telling, cooking, performing, gardening, and outdoor exploration. They meet in room 26, upstairs off the patio hallway.

Nursery: Downstairs, adjacent to library from 9 am until 12 noon.



Youth Sunday School: World Religions

Both the Middle School and High School Youth will be exploring world religions in Sunday School this fall. Starting with Christianity, Judaism and Islam, this topic will include a Friday night Shabbat service at Temple Beth Israel and meeting with a Muslim youth group at the Islamic Center of the Inland Empire.

HeadStart News

Our HeadStart Reading Program begins this month. Once a month the HeadStart classes come in to our library, and volunteers read stories to them. The students may then check out a book, which they bring back the next reading time. If you would like to read to the children, or be on the Children's Library Committee, contact Chair Rennie Boardman at 909-593-2660.

There is a need for picture books in good condition to supplement the library's Head Start reading collection. These should be books at the three or four year-old level, with good illustrations and minimal text, for the non-reader. Bring them to the library on Sunday morning, if you can. Many thanks!



"It Takes A Village"

Conversation and Discussion for Parents with Children of ALL Ages

Looking for a space to explore questions surrounding parenting with other parents? This is your group! Meet in the office across from the library at 9:15 for informal conversation, fun and encouragement!

Library News



New in the Church Library is the August edition of *Brethren Voices*, a monthly CD that features Church of the Brethren denominational topics and leaders. For August the person being interviewed is Wendy McFadden, publisher of the denomination's monthly periodical, *Messenger*. You will enjoy getting to know Wendy. The *Brethren Voices* CDs are available for check-out. Past issues have featured Chuck Boyer, Shawn Kirchner, Mary Smeltzer, and Randy Miller from our own congregation.

Another recent acquisition for check-out is the new Spiritual Cinema Circle DVD, which contains several short films, each with fascinating subject matter and perspectives, that give much food for thought, as well as very enjoyable, entertaining conversational stimuli.

If you wish to donate books to the adult or children's Church Library collection, please bring them with a note indicating the donor. We cannot necessarily use every book given to the library, but we try to accommodate interests and needs as much as possible. Thank you for thinking of the Church Library when you have read something that you feel would be appropriate and valuable for our church readership.

The Church Library is open on Sundays one half hour before, and after, worship. (Other times can be arranged with Librarian Jeanne or the Church Office.) You will find much there to enrich your faith, challenge your thinking and share with your family and friends. Come check it out!!

Fireside Conversations Focus on Election Issues

9:15 – 10:20 a.m.

Fireside room

Come join us to discuss issues swirling around our nation's elections. Topics include the following:

- October 7 – Mormonism with Ryan Harrison
- October 14 – Social and Cultural Issues
- October 21 – Economic Issues
- October 28 – Can't we all Just Get Along – why must everything be so divisive?



Friendship Class: From Ramayana to Genesis

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Social Hall

The Friendship Class will continue its study of Hinduism and the contemporary world in October. It will then begin its study of Genesis, following Pastor Susan's call to "Read the Bible."

Youth Calendar

Sunday, October 7

5:30-7 pm Youth Steering Committee
7- 8 pm Broom Hockey

Sunday, October 14

9:15 am – TBA Youth at Islamic Center of the Inland Empire

Sunday, October 21

9 am – 2 pm Senior High Fundraiser:
Church Council Lunch

Sunday, October 28

10:30 am Fr. Greg Boyle preaching at LVCOB
12 noon Fall Fun Variety Show (see p. 13)

Sunday, November 4

9 am – 2 pm Alternative Gift Faire: Youth Lunch & Fair Trade Sales

Fri-Sun, Nov. 9-11

District Youth Conference in La Verne

Youth Visit to Homeboy Industries

On August 9, 13 members of the La Verne Church of the Brethren visited Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. After taking a tour of the facilities, the group enjoyed lunch at Homegirl Café and shopped at the Homeboy Bakery and Gift Shop. Representing the LVCOB Youth were Nicole Bennett, Lauren Ober Miller, Ethan Strogen, Rayna Harrison, Digby Strogen, and Aimee Butzlaff. Paige Butzlaff represented the Young Adults. Adult chaperones were Janet Ober, Corlan Harrison, Jeanne and Marshall Marmalejo, and Joe and Karen Cahill. (The Cahills are pictured bathed in holy light.) A highlight of the day was catching up with Homeboy alumni, Dunia Flores, who visited our church last spring to share her very moving story.

This month, the La Verne Church of the Brethren will be hosting Father Greg Boyle, founder and director of Homeboy Industries, when he serves as guest preacher on Sunday, October 28.

Senior High Youth:

Got Ideas?

Have Energy to Help them Grow?

Come out October 7, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



If you want to help create the youth program for the coming year, consider being part of the LVCOB Youth Steering Committee, now forming. There is no need to apply, just show up for dinner on Sunday, October 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We'll talk about all kinds of social, service and creative opportunities, as well as fundraisers for things like CCS and NYC. Make this year yours! Questions? Contact Janet Ober at Janet@LaVerneCOB.org or 909-593-1364. (The Steering Committee meeting will be followed by Broom Hockey. See below.)



All Youth Broom Hockey

Sunday, October 7

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Come One, Come All! Let's have a ball . . . and a broom! Sunday night, October 7, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a favorite hockey broom, bring it. And wear closed-toe shoes, please. Brooms will be provided for those who don't have one.





Calling ALL Middle and High School Youth!!!
Pacific Southwest District Conference is right around the corner!
November 9-11, 2012
at Hillcrest in La Verne, California
You do NOT want to miss out on the fun!

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Worship
- Youth-a-Palooza in the Youth Lounge
- Good food!
- Business Session and Introduction of Youth Cabinet
- Fun, Off Campus Activity (planned by Youth Cabinet!)
- Chill Time
- Senior High Sleepover and Showers @ Hillcrest
- Youth-Led Sunday School

Register before October 19, 2012: To register for conference: www.pswdcob.org/distconf/ (\$30), with an additional \$30 for the Youth Activities. Snacks and meals for Saturday and Sunday are included in your fees.

Sleeping accommodations are only provided for Senior High Youth (sorry ☹).

Junior High/Middle School Youth will have to stay with a designated adult.

Youth to Visit Islamic Center

Sunday, October 14

Departing at 9:15 a.m.



On Sunday, October 14, the youth of the La Verne Church of the Brethren will be the guests of the youth of the Islamic Center of the Inland Empire (ICIE), 9212 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. The time will be spent getting to know each other and sharing from our cultures and faith traditions. The ICIE youth are under the guidance of Dr. Taif Kaissi who, along with his family, was our guest during Peace Camp this summer. LVCOB Youth will depart from the church at the usual Sunday School time of 9:15 a.m. Return time is yet to be determined, but will be, at the latest, 2:00 p.m. More details will be shared with the youth and their families as plans take shape.

All-Church Lunch:

A Senior High Fundraiser

Sunday, October 21

Prior to the October 21 Church Council Meeting, the older youth will serve their famous baked potato and salad bar lunch! You have never tasted baked potatoes quite like these! This lunch will be a fundraiser for upcoming youth events, such as Christian Citizenship Seminar 2013 and National Youth Conference 2014. Please plan to stay for lunch and support the youth! Your donations are appreciated!





Exploring Your Call (EYC)

June 14-24, 2013

Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN

Exploring Your Call provides hands-on ministry experience in a variety of settings, college-level classroom learning with Bethany professors, and fun and great friendships with other young people asking questions about life, faith and ministry. This grant-funded program is free for all participants. Students only pay for travel expenses to and from the event.

EYC is designed for rising juniors and seniors in high school and held in a small group setting. No more than 25 applicants are accepted. Applications are being accepted now at www.bethanyseminary.edu/eyc.

EYC Alumni include Dylan Haro, Maya Davis, and Tuesday Thornton. For more information, contact one of these or Janet Ober.

Christian Citizenship Seminar

March 23-28, 2013

New York City and Washington, D.C.

The 2013 theme is "Childhood Poverty: Nutrition, Housing and Education". Cost is \$375 plus travel and meal expenses. Registration opens December 1, 2012 at www.brethren.org/ccs.

All high school youth and their adult advisors are eligible to attend. LVCOB will send an advisor. Please contact Janet Ober for more information: Janet@LaVerneCOB.org or 909-593-1364

National Junior High Conference

June 14-16, 2013

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Junior High Youth from Churches of the Brethren across the country gather for worship, recreation, and making new friends. Cost is \$155 plus travel expenses. Registration opens January 2012 at www.brethren.org/njhc.

NJHC is for Junior High Youth, grades 6-8, and their advisors. Adults interested in serving as an advisor, please contact Janet Ober.

IT'S COMING . . . National Youth Conference! July 19-24, 2014, Fort Collins, CO

We Need Volunteers! **Progressive Gathering** **October 26-28, 2012**



In order to house, feed, and welcome the people who will be traveling to La Verne to attend the Progressive Brethren Gathering, we need your help. If you have an extra bedroom or two you are willing to share for a couple of nights, please email Sara Davis (saraedavis3@gmail.com). If you can help serve or clean up after the five meals that will nourish our guests, please contact Corlan Harrison (corathome@verizon.net or 909-981-7739). If you can help with hospitality, registration, ushering, transportation, children's activities, moving chairs, etc. please contact Jacki Gingrich (jsgingrich@gmail.com or 909-621-3711). After worship during the month of October we will have a list of needed jobs for which you can volunteer. Be thinking of how you might help us make this gathering a success.

Fellowship Visitors

October 17, 9:00 a.m.

Library

Visits by Fellowship Visitors will be conducted October 17, starting from the library at 9:00 a.m., where we get assignments, followed by trips to Hillcrest, Woods, or into the La Verne/Claremont area to visit with folks who are unable to be in worship on Sunday mornings. This program enables the church community to stay connected and vital. If you know of someone who might like a visit, please let Julie Kurtz know at 909-593-2793. Also, if you would like to be a visitor and share a smile and time with others, again, please call Julie.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Walk

October 6

In Memory of Vern Jahnke

You are invited to join NAMI Walk (5K) at the 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica on October 6, to help erase stigma, celebrate recovery, promote awareness, raise funds for important NAMI programs, but especially to honor the memory of our beloved Vern Jahnke.

Mental illness, such as major depression, is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, and daily functioning. People with these illnesses need a community that supports them, their families and their recovery. Mental illness affects everyone, but it directly impacts one in four adults and one in 10 children in the US annually.

Contact Doris Beery for walk details at 909-593-5014 or at dorisbeery@gmail.com. You can sign up for the walk at www.namiwalks.org and choose the L.A. County and the Pomona Valley Chapter. You can either join Doris' team, "Mindful Walkers" or form your own team or someone else's team.

Housewarming for Beta Center

As previously announced in this publication, the Beta Center food pantry has been looking for a new home. That home has now been found! Beta Center has relocated to 209 W. Pearl Street, Pomona. As a housewarming gift, let us consider stocking their shelves with lots of good, healthy food. Please bring staples like rice, beans, pasta, and peanut butter, as well as canned meat, fruits and vegetables and dried cereal to the church this month. Let's fill the pink bin in the narthex and send lots of good food from our home to their new one!



Inland Valley Hope Partners

Walk for the Hungry

October 21

The Walk for the Hungry has a new date and a new location this year. The annual 5K walk will follow a course through the Claremont Colleges, beginning and ending at Claremont University Consortium (101 S Mills Ave.). Onsite registration begins at noon, followed by a 1:00 p.m. start.

Proceeds from this effort go to support local food centers (90%) and global food programs (10%). Although this year's walk coincides with Church Council and the Youth fundraiser here at our church, you can still support these good causes by logging onto www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org. Donations are always accepted.

For those who do plan to walk this year, all the details you need are also located at the IVHP website. Downloadable sponsor sheets can be found there as well.

Remember, each \$1 donated to IVHP can be leveraged into approximately 5 pounds of food for those who are hungry. Every bit helps!



The Alternative Gift Faire is Coming!

Sunday, November 4, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A favorite annual holiday shopping tradition returns to La Verne Church of the Brethren. It is held for only one day so be sure to tell all your friends. They won't want to miss it!

The Alternative Gift Faire offers a rare opportunity to purchase unique and thoughtful gifts for family and friends while helping those struggling to survive. Through Church World Service, blankets and/or school supplies may be provided for a refugee child. A door, a brick, or some nails can be donated to build a house for the homeless through Habitat for Humanity. Heifer International can provide a cow to give milk, chickens to lay eggs, trees, seeds or bees to give families the opportunity to feed themselves and to become independent. A shopper can honor family members and friends by giving gifts in their names. Holiday cards are provided to announce the gift to the person in whose name it has been given. A shopping list is included in the Intercom to help you plan.

Local merchants specializing in fairly traded goods will provide all sorts of gift ideas. Local artisans will also be selling photographs, handmade cards, jewelry, pottery, linens, quilts and more, with the majority of the proceeds going to charity. The youth will be selling Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate. There will even be a bake sale!

To add to the festivities, lunch will be served on the courtyard. Diners' donations enable the youth of the church to sponsor families at Christmastime through Inland Valley Hope Partners. The money is used to buy gifts, household goods and food for families in need.

Shopping *and* dining at the Alternative Gift Faire – what a wonderful way to send a message of love and compassion during the holidays!

All are welcome!

See the next page for your
Alternative Gift Faire Shopping List
for the world.



**La Verne Church of the Brethren
Alternative Gift Faire, November 4, 2012**

MY SHOPPING LIST FOR THE WORLD – NAME _____

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Chickens	\$20 per flock - \$1 each		
Rabbits	\$60 per trio - \$10 per share		
Goats	\$120 each - \$10 per share		
Sheep	\$120 each - \$10 per share		
Pigs	\$120 each - \$10 per share		
Heifers	\$500 each - \$50 per share		
Bees*	\$30 per package - \$5 per share		
Gardener's Gift Basket* (Trees, Bees, Chickens to eat pests)	\$170 each - \$20 per share		
Trees*	\$60 each - \$10 seedlings		
		Heifer Sub-Total	

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Blankets	\$10 each - \$1 per share		
Seeds and Tools	\$15 each - \$1 per share		
School Kit	\$30 each - \$3 per share		
Emerg. Clean-up Bucket	\$50 each - \$5 per share		
		CWS Sub-Total	

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Box of Nails - local	\$10 per box - \$1 per share		
Front doors - local	\$150 per door - \$5 per share		
Bricks - abroad	\$6 for 10 bricks - \$1 per share		
Roofs - abroad	\$500 each - \$10 per share		
		Habitat Sub-Total	

MEALS ON WHEELS – La Verne/San Dimas

One week of meals	\$20 each - \$5 per share		
		Meals Sub-total	

Inland Valley Hope Partners hunger and shelter projects

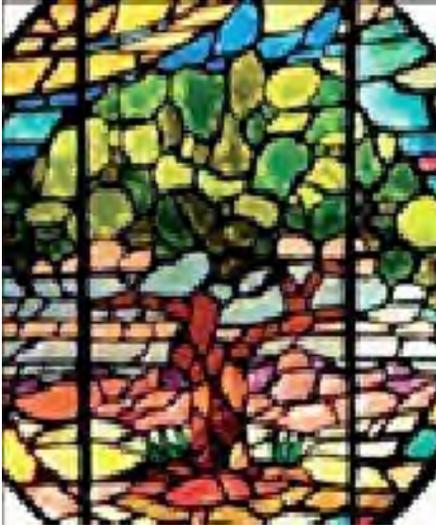
Shelter & Services – fam. of 4	\$896 /wk - \$32 /person /day		
Food - family of 4	\$20 for 5 days - \$4 /day		
		IVHP Sub-total	

Make check payable to La Verne Church of the Brethren for the total amount.

* If you wish to specify your gift to Heifer International, please write the item's name in check's memo line (ie, Gift of Bees)

NOTE: If designations are made in excess of demand, funds will be used for the most urgent needs.

GRAND TOTAL	
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A Retreat: Giving Our Hearts to God

October 18, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Chapel at Hillcrest

By spending a day retreating with others seeking God, we hope to enhance our spiritual lives by applying five spiritual disciplines: Praise, A Yearning for God, Confession and Forgiveness, Serving Others, and Transformation. Our retreat leaders will be Julie Kurtz and Tom Hostetler. There is no cost for the retreat. (Lunch is not included.)

Register with Pastor Tom at thostetler@livingathillcrest.org or by calling 909-392-4354.

Church Women United

October 5, 10:00 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

The October meeting of Church Women United of the Foothills will take place on Friday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The church address is 676 N. Gibbs Avenue, Pomona.

This will be an open board and forum meeting with the presentation of "Project Angel" from Angel InterFaith Network.

Following the meeting will be a potluck salad luncheon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Millie Davis at 909-593-3807.

Conscientious Projector

The Life of David Gale

October 17, 7:00 p.m.

Claremont Forum

566 W. First St., Claremont

A Texas professor who is an advocate for the elimination of the death penalty is falsely accused and convicted of rape and murder of another activist and ends up on death row. He tells his story to a journalist who fights against time to get to the truth. Kevin Spacey and Kate Winslet star in this two-hour, R-rated movie.

