



The Scroll

*Notes and News
from the
Brethren Academy for
Ministerial Leadership*

June 2010

Our course on "Rituals, Ordinances, and Worship" not only explored the history, biblical bases, and theological meanings of the church's ordinances; we also practiced immersion baptism and shared with one another in services of anointing and Love Feast. This wonderful group of students was eager to learn what it means to participate in these beloved practices and to explore creative ways of sharing them with others. It is amazing and encouraging to realize that these ancient gifts of Christ come alive in new ways for each generation and every congregation.

Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm
Associate Professor of
Preaching and Worship



Back Row: Robert Webb, Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm, David Flumerfelt, Terry Link, Randy Short, Tim Yoder. Middle Row: Chris Campbell, Barbara Wise Lewczak, Sharon Heien. Front Row: Karen Eis (and Katie), Betty Kelsey, Vicki Ehret, and Janice Shull

I was excited about this class. I wanted to learn more about the rituals of the church, especially about weddings and funerals. When Dawn announced that time would not be adequate to cover these two items, I was really disappointed. But it is always amazing to experience again that God sees things in a different way. Dawn's focus on anointing, baptism, and communion added a wealth of knowledge and practical experience that would have taken a lifetime to accumulate. I participated in a communion, was a baptismal "guinea pig" and anointed all in the course of one week. As a result, I received what I needed, not what I expected. That is the way God often works.

Tim Yoder
Northern Indiana District

Rituals, Ordinances and Worship
On site course
held at Bethany Theological Seminary
May 10-14, 2010



Recent Academy level courses

Rituals, Ordinances and Worship



To earn two CEUs, I committed myself to reading three textbooks and participating in five days of intensive study. A wealth of helpful information from a Brethren point of view as well as from other denominations and other religions was gleaned. A bonus was being able to meet with others in pursuit of knowledge to help them in their own ministries and share experiences together. As a relatively new pastor, I especially appreciated the hands-on experience in practicing baptism where I was able to view it from the perspective of one being baptized. Courses such as these highlight the need for ongoing study for pastors as we continue to grow in our faith walk so that we can serve both God and the church.

Vicki Ehret
St. Petersburg
First Church of the Brethren
Atlantic Southeast District

Planting, Partnering, Producing, and Persevering

*On site course in conjunction with
the Church Planting Conference
held at Bethany Theological Seminary
May 19-23, 2010*

Back row: David Shumate, Instructor,
Terry Link, Tim Sheaffer, Sharon Heien,

Front row: Karen Eis and Katie. Not
pictured: Jon Keller





Upcoming Academy Level Courses:

****“Exploring the Book of Acts”** Bedford CoB, Bedford PA, Instructor Rick Gardner,
October 21-24, 2010. (BT) *Registration Deadline: September 24, 2010*

****“The Theology of Advent and Christmas through Arts”** *online*, Instructor Malinda Berry, Bethany
faculty, October 25 - December 17, 2010 (BT) (Thanksgiving Break November 25-28)
Registration Deadline: September 24, 2010

“Administration as Pastoral Care”, Elizabethtown College, Instructor Julie M. Hostetter,
November 18-21, 2010 (SVMC) (MS) *Registration Deadline: October 18, 2010*

****“Introduction to Pastoral Care”**, Bethany Theological Seminary, Instructor Anna Lee Hisey Pierson,
January 10-14, 2011 (MS) *Registration Deadline: December 10, 2010*

“Introduction to the New Testament”, *on line*, Instructor Susan Jeffers, January 17, 2011 – March 11,
2011 (BT) *Registration Deadline: December 17, 2010*

****“The Historic Peace Churches Seeking Cultures of Peace”**, Bethany Seminary, Instructor Scott
Holland, Bethany faculty, June 13-17, 2011 (BT) *Registration Deadline: May 9, 2011*

“Teaching and Learning in the Church”, *on line*, Instructor Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, Spring 2011 (MS)

****“Study tour to Germany”** Instructor Ken Rogers, late spring or early summer, 2011. Due to the nature of this course, planning and registration will be different than our other courses. This course will be in the area of church history (BT) and qualify as both a Bethany and intercultural experience for TRIM students. Should you be interested in the possibility of taking this course, be in touch with our Academy office so that we can begin to keep you up to date as details are arranged.

***A course in Bible and Theology**, *on site*, Instructor Rick Gardner, Spring 2011 (BT)

“Introduction to Old Testament” *on line*, Instructor: Craig Gandy, Fall, 2011 (BT)

Check our website for class brochures and registration information at:

<http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy>

**Bethany Experience*

***Brethren College Experience*

Courses noted as “SVMC” need to be registered for through the
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center at SVMC@etown.edu, 717-361-1450

Courses are open to TRIM students, pastors (earn 2 CEUs) and all interested persons

TRIM designations: BT (Bible/Theology credit) MS (Ministry Skills credit)

*Please note the Registration Deadlines. While we continue to accept students beyond the
deadline, on the advertised Registration Deadline date
we determine whether we have enough students to offer the course.*

Registration brochures for these and other training opportunities are available through the
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership at their website:

<http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy>

or by calling 1-800-287-8822, ext 1824.

***EFSM/TRIM Orientation
March 25-28, 2010***

Students participated in an orientation session that was held in conjunction with the spring meeting of the Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Back Row: Ellis Boughton (IL/WI), Kent Rice (ANE), Jeramy Jones (ANE).

Front Row: Mary Etta Reinhart (ANE), Katie Carlin (Southern Plains)



***EFSM Graduation
Knight's Chapel Church of the Brethren
Shenandoah District
May 30, 2010***

Julie M. Hostetter, Director of the Brethren Academy, recognizes Terry Jewel upon his completion of the EFSM program. Charles Simmons (back row far right) served as supervisor for the program. Congregational training group members included: Mildred Dunnivan, Gayle Schmidt Lam, Suzanne Jewell, Al Schmidt, Carolyn Shifflett and Debbie Thomas



Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

Life-long learning continues with the second phase of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. While some “tweaking” has been done, the basic educational models remain the same. Recruitment began this April with announcements, mailings and personal contacts. The initial retreat for the Advanced Foundations for Congregational Leaders will be August 24-27. The first retreat/workshop for Vital Pastor cohorts will be September 13-16.

Recruitment will continue through the summer while there is time for the pastors entering this fall’s cohorts to complete their pre-retreat reflections or until each educational track is filled. Pastors interested and wishing more information can contact the coordinators, Linda and Glenn Timmons, at timmog1@bethanyseminary.edu or timmoli@bethanyseminary.edu or call (800) 287-8822, ext. 1810.

For those who are considering participating, we would encourage you to visit the Brethren Academy web site and click on the denominational survey icon. The survey indicates that the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence impact has been deep and wide.

Please check out the following photo montage to see where Alexander Mack traveled as part of one Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Vital Pastor cohort...



Upcoming Continuing Education Experiences

Money Leadership: From "OH-MY" to "A-MEN"

Webinars for pastors and steward leaders

Like it or not, congregational leaders and pastors lead in money matters! These three sessions will equip pastors and leaders to show the way at the intersection of faith and money. Each session will conclude with discussion and action steps for congregational working teams.

CEU: 0.1 per live session only — offered by Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

Link: <http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/webcasts> for further information and to log-on for sessions. (Note webinar start time by time zone and connect 10 minutes before start of webcast)

Session 1: Get centered (Know yourself—Know your setting)

- ☐ June 22: 4-5 pm EDT; 3-4pm CDT; 2-3pm MDT; 1-2pm PDT
- ☐ June 24: 8:30-9:30pm EDT; 7:30pm CDT; 6:30pm MDT; 5:30pm PDT

Session 2: Get savvy (Lead with knowledge and wisdom: manage from income; spending facts and plans; missional budgets)

- ☐ July 15: 4-5 pm EDT; 3-4pm CDT; 2-3pm MDT; 1-2pm PDT
- ☐ July 19: 8:30-9:30pm EDT; 7:30pm CDT; 6:30pm MDT; 5:30pm PDT

Session 3: Get conspiratorial (Inspire and involve others to grow in generous living)

- ☐ Aug. 4: 4-5 pm EDT; 3-4pm CDT; 2-3pm MDT; 1-2pm PDT
- ☐ Aug. 5: 8:30-9:30pm EDT; 7:30pm CDT; 6:30pm MDT; 5:30pm PDT

Presenter: Mark L. Vincent is CEO of Design Group International, a set of consulting networks concerned with organizational development. Mark has been the keynote speaker at Annual Conference stewardship events. Author and editor of numerous books and articles, he is known for his custom-crafted material for specific venues.

More information prior to events

Carol Bowman, Coordinator of Stewardship Formation
Church of the Brethren
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This webinar series is a collaborative resource from the offices of Stewardship Formation (Carol Bowman, Coordinator) and Transforming Practices (Stan Dueck, Director) of the Church of the Brethren, Bethany Theological Seminary, and the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

Upcoming Webinars

Leadership That Transforms

Dates: Tuesday, August 24: 1:00-2:00 pm Pacific; 4:00-5:00 pm Eastern;
Thursday, August 26: 5:30-6:30 pm Pacific; 8:30-9:30 pm Eastern

Jackson Carroll has observed - "excellent ministry involves change and life transformation." In this webinar we explore very practical applications of transformational, pastoral leadership: the pastor/leader as visionary and change agent; the pastor/leader as facilitator of boards/committees/ministry teams; the pastor/leader as advocate of stewardship and enlarged giving. The heart of the webinar examines leadership that empowers a congregation to move forward.

Presenter: Paul Munday, Senior Pastor Frederick Church of the Brethren

Beyond the Church Door: Healthy Strategies for Serving, Sharing, and Inviting

Dates: Tuesday, September 14: 12:30-1:30 pm Pacific; 3:30-4:30 pm Eastern;
Thursday, September 16: 5:30-6:30 pm Pacific; 8:30-9:30 pm Eastern

This webinar provides an introduction to the book and DVD of the same title by Steve Clapp and Fred Bernhard. Participants will learn how to engage the whole congregation in new practices of servant evangelism, inviting and faith-sharing.

Presenters: Fred Bernhard & Steve Clapp

From the Director's Desk

“Learning takes persistence and hard work. Those who practice excellent pastoral leadership...are not so much a ‘learned’ clergy as a ‘learning’ clergy. The willingness to be a learner, formally and informally, is, I believe a sine qua non of excellent pastoral leadership and will only grow in importance.”

Jackson Carroll, sociologist of religion at Duke Divinity School; author of *God's Potters: Pastoral Leadership and the Shaping of Congregations*

Quoted in *A Lifelong Call to Learn, Continuing Education for Religious Leaders*, edited by Robert E. Reber and D. Bruce Roberts.



The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is a ministry training partnership of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary. The Academy provides experiences and resources for equipping men and women for ministry through Education for A Shared Ministry (EFSM), Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Academy Certified Training Systems (ACTS) programs. The Academy also partners with others to provide continuing education opportunities for all ministers in the denomination.

In 1999, the Annual Conference paper on *Ministerial Leadership* stated that in addition to completing an approved educational track, “Each District Ministry Commission is expected to promote continuing education expectations for every ministerial leader under its jurisdiction.” The 2002 Annual Conference *Guidelines for Continuing Education* clearly outline requirements and how ministerial leaders “need to pay special attention to their ‘spiritual health’ and continue to improve their professional skills.”

In this edition of *The Scroll*, you have

- a picture montage from a Sustaining Pastoral Excellence-Vital Pastor cohort,
- an invitation to participate in an upcoming cohort of the SPE program,
- an announcement for an upcoming webinar series on stewardship education, and
- a listing of future webcasts on transformational leadership.

At the 2010 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, there are several opportunities to receive continuing education units and hear more information about continuing education opportunities in the Church of the Brethren

- The Church of the Brethren **Ministers’ Association Pre-Conference Continuing Education event**, *Faith Forming Outside the Box*, will take place July 2-3 in Pittsburgh, PA. the Rev. Nancy Ferguson, Presbyterian minister, certified Christian educator, curriculum developer, adjunct faculty at Union-PSCE (Richmond, VA), camp director, and outdoor ministry consultant will provide leadership. Nancy is an articulate advocate for experiential faith formation and experiences beyond the walls of the church. On-line registration is available through the Annual Conference website; on-site registration is available as well.

- **The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will provide a continuing education card** located in the back of the Annual Conference booklet. It lists all sessions that are available for CEUs. Participants can attend a variety of experiences, get the card stamped, and turn it in to their district office.
- **Insight Session: Sustaining Pastoral Excellence! Monday, July 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.** This session will celebrate the Vital Pastor and Advanced Foundations of Church Leadership tracks of the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. Brethren Academy staff will also provide information for those interested in participating in this continuing education program in the future.
- **Bethany Luncheon: Links to Lifelong Learning, Tuesday, July 6, Noon** Expand your knowledge about opportunities for dialog and lifelong learning provided by Bethany! Steven Schweitzer, Bethany's academic dean, and I will introduce a new Web site portal that includes access to the ATLAS database, and present additional continuing education possibilities and resources. Dean Schweitzer also will give an imaginative presentation about his work on Chronicles and its biblical model for doing theology together.

Hope to see you in Pittsburgh at these Annual Conference continuing education experiences!



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