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**An Invitation from our Annual Conference Moderator, Shawn Flory Replegle**

Annual Conference this year will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from Saturday, July 3 through Wednesday, July 7. Shawn writes, "I hope you had a chance to see or hear the 2010 Annual Conference theme, *Taking Jesus Seriously*, based on John 14:15 . . . "If you love me, you will obey what I command." . . . Please come to the 224<sup>th</sup> recorded Annual Conference! *This is the only gathering within the Church of the Brethren where everyone is invited to the table regardless of age, theology, and geography.* This is the place that members of the Church of the Brethren come to be the body of Christ, to be a part of the community of faith that is more powerful than we could be on our own. That body will not be the same without you. *Regardless of whether you will be able to attend this year, please hold the "big meeting" in your prayers. Please pray for the delegates who will gather to discern the Spirit's movement*

*in our midst.* Please pray for the safety, creativity, and wisdom of Annual Conference officers. Please pray for the volunteers and attendees who will gather to sense the Spirit, glorify God, and catch a glimpse, again, of the way the Church of the Brethren have taken Jesus seriously for over 300 years. . . and counting. Blessing in Jesus' name, Shawn Flory Repleton

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Dec. 4 – Heather Owens
- Dec. 10 – Bill Stout
- Dec. 11 – Darrel Briar
- Dec. 14 – Gary Stout
- Dec. 19 – Beverly Andrew
- Dec. 20 – Barry Nicholson
- Dec. 21 – Donna King
- Dec. 22 – Betsy Longnecker, Daniel Potter
- Dec. 30 – Joel Stout
- Jan. 2 – Jean Gable (3642 N. Brick Church Rd., Hagerstown)
- Jan. 6 – Laura Nicholson
- Jan. 8 – Regan Klein
- Jan. 10 – Marcia Stout
- Jan. 13 – Dee Reneau
- Jan. 15 – John Andrew
- Jan. 17 – Beth Stone
- Jan. 19 – Jeff Bach
- Jan. 21 – Teresa Renaker, Steven Stout
- Jan. 24 – Todd Stout

**If you see that we have missed someone on the birthday list, please let Paula know.**

Also, there will be occasions when you see the name of a member who may not be attending worship anywhere but still lives nearby. Please send them a card, letting them know how much you miss seeing them on Sundays!