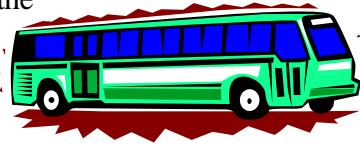


## Orientation Meeting at Timbercrest Home at North Manchester for Brethren History Tour

**May 18**, there will be an **orientation meeting in the Assembly Room of the Timbercrest Home at 7:00 p.m.** Nettle Creek congregation has been invited to attend. The meeting will present the details and information for the upcoming **“Brethren History Tour.”** This tour will be **hosted by Glen and Ruth Landes, and Lloyd and Opal Fullmer** of the Miami Valley area, near Dayton. Brother Glen has done extensive work in Brethren History, and has conducted several of these trips in the past, including one which is coming up July 13-17. The July trip is sold out.



But there is another upcoming tour. Lyle Gish will be the tour coach driver. This will be a 49-passenger tour coach, clean, comfortable, air conditioned with a restroom. The trip is planned for **Monday, September 17 – October 2**. The fall color should add much charm to this interesting tour.

Places of Brethren Heritage, old meetinghouses, the Goods Store in Ephrata Pennsylvania are scheduled points of interest as well as others. The cost of the tour, not yet determined, will include all lodging, and two meals a day. There will be no night driving.

The Landes' and the Fullmer's will be at the Timbercrest meeting with pictures and the itinerary, and complete details. Questions will be addressed then. Reservations will be accepted at the meeting, on a "first come, first served" basis, until the coach is full. No reservations are needed to attend the orientation meeting. The tour is not limited to Brethren people. If you have other questions, contact Lyle Gish at 1-800-982-4691 or e-mail him at [travelwithlyle@kconline.com](mailto:travelwithlyle@kconline.com)

## 5 Finger Prayer

1. Your **thumb** is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the **pointing finger**. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the **tallest finger**. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our **ring finger**. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our **little finger**; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Submitted by Marjorie Briar

## Denominational News

**Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing God's Good News**, was chosen as the name for a new Brethren and Mennonite Sunday school curriculum by an advisory group that met April 14-17 in Elgin, Ill. The group discussed goals for the curriculum as well as theological and educational foundations, a theme scripture, Bible outlines, print pieces, printing technology, electronic media, and marketing. The name implies "wholeness and heart," said Gwen Gustafson-Zook, a representative of Mennonite Church USA. The group envisioned the

