

Night of Music February 9, 2018 7:30 pm

Needmore Bible Church
6939 Great Cove Rd,
Needmore, PA 17238

Directions: From I-70- Warfordsburg exit, take
US 522 North 7 miles and church will be on the left.
From McConnellsburg, PA, take US 522 South
14 miles and church will be on the right.

Local eating and hotel suggestions are
Breezewood, PA and Hancock, MD.
When registering at hotels, mention that you are with
Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute.

Ministers' Week February 19-23, 2018

Registration: Monday, February 19, 10 am - 12 noon

Dismissal: Friday, February 23, 1:00 pm

Missions ~ Collier Berkshire

Stewardship & Finances for the Family ~

Anabaptist Financial Speakers

Romans - A Life Empowered by Grace (Ch. 9-16) ~

Wayne Schrock

Preaching With Excellence ~ Nathan Bange

I Timothy ~ Philip Beiler

...and more.

Costs: Institute rooms - \$9.00/night, meals - \$3.00/meal.

An offering will be taken to help cover costs.

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact the office for a brochure and/or registration.

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Anabaptist History Tour Switzerland, Germany & Holland By Ashley Ruhl (First Term Student)

First Term Enhanced 2017 was an occasion anticipated by students and staff alike for many, many days. For those that are unfamiliar with the workings of an SMBI First Term Enhanced, this is a fast paced term with four weeks of study and then two weeks of post term activity outside of the school walls. First Term also offers other activities that a typical term does not, including discipleship groups which meet every week. But, this term was a new venture with SMBI's decision to add an Anabaptist History tour to the music and urban ministry tracks already offered. So, with some excitement and trepidation and much anticipation, thirty students filtered through the school's doors on Saturday, September 26, 2017 to begin a new journey of their lives. We spent much of that first weekend in awkward conversations and smiles but it wasn't long until jovial laughter and meaningful conversations could be distinguished in all corners of the building. Classes began on Monday morning and in a short amount of time, bonds were formed over classes, discipleship groups and other commonalities. All of the students took classes that corresponded to the post term activity that they chose to do. For example, the urban ministry groups took the class Gospel and Culture and the music ministry group took a music theology class.

It felt as if the term had just begun by the time mid-term tests snuck up on us, so we resolutely decided to make the most of the time we had together. There was diversity and character in this group of students unlike any other. God has the most miraculous way of bringing just the right people into our lives to make us more refined people by allowing them to challenge us and push us in new directions. We will never be the same because of the connections that were created during this term.

But alas, despite our best efforts to slow time, Saturday, October 21 arrived and it was time for our departure. Out of the twenty six students and four deans, there were three different urban ministry groups which went to Wilkes-Barre and York, PA and Baltimore, MD, one music ministry team, and the European tour. This excursion had been a dream for many months. It was created as an Anabaptist history



tour that was designed to take us back to our roots to experience and learn from the places where our forefathers originated. While we were at SMBI, Larry Bergey instructed us in our Anabaptist History and Theology class which laid a firm basis for what we would be experiencing in Europe. We spent the first two weeks of study learning about the lives and decisions of the men that became known as the originators of Anabaptism. The second half of the term was spent grappling with the real life issues that are core to our foundations. We discussed things like how our nonresistance would be expressed if an attacker came into our homes with the intention of harming our loved ones and other things such as soteriology, ecclesiology and epistemology.

After a few unaccounted for excursions and exploits, the entire group of 48 travelers departed from JFK airport, expecting grand adventures ahead. This group consisted of 13 SMBI students, our teacher, Larry Bergey and his wife Linda, as well as three of his children, our tour guide, Dwight Martin and his wife Joanne, seven couples and 14 singles. We had a seven hour overnight flight and arrived in Zurich, Switzerland at 7:45am, local time. After we landed, we boarded a bus and met our tour guide Elizabeth and our bus driver, TJ. They would be spending the entire trip with us. They proved themselves well and always added life to the group! TJ is not a Christian and we had the very unique .





Europe Tour Group Picture

tour continued... experience of being a witness to him. He became very special to us but it was disturbing to think about the state of his soul. It was a very meaningful experience for all of us to have the opportunity of relating to him and interceding for him. We prayed for him often.

Our trip quickly became a memory as we toured cities, sang in cathedrals and met people. It was awe-inspiring for us to be in a place that included such a vast amount of history and stories. But even though there were many moments of sobriety as we processed and learned about the men and women that lived and breathed truth and the Scripture, there were many joyous moments that consisted of paragliding, sightseeing and shopping. Most of our evenings were not planned so we often spent them roaming the town or building relationships with others and often both! There was rarely a dull moment!

I hardly know where to begin as I process everything that this trip meant to me. I was challenged and pushed to places that I didn't know existed. It is hard to express the emotions as you gaze into the river in which Felix Manz was drowned or sing in the Catholic churches where biblical truth and the Anabaptist faith were denounced a mere 500 years ago. I thought a lot about the people that began this radical reformation. They were people who discovered that truth was not what the church had been teaching, but they also took a step beyond knowing and made decisions that brought us to the place that we are today. They made sacrifices beyond any kind that I can ever imagine. So, now I ask myself how I can apply these thought processes to my present day life. I am now able to more fully comprehend the ripple effect of my decisions today. I now realize that sometimes, God requires more than humanly possible but will not allow His Word to return void, but it will accomplish that which HE pleases!

As I look back on the tour, as well as the rest of First Term Enhanced, it has truly been a gift from God. May His work continue in our lives and His Kingdom be advanced!



**Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute
Financial Report
July 2016 through June 2017**

Income	
CD SALES & MUSIC INCOME	15,223.75
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	79,595.25
FACILITIES RENTAL	15,643.50
INTEREST	3,042.45
LAUNDRY	2,930.30
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS	134,026.17
RESALE ITEMS	2,253.15
ROOM & BOARD	114,827.72
SNACK BAR	3,708.71
STUDENT AID	520.70
TELEPHONE	562.30
TOUR INCOME	138,872.67
TUITION	117,242.30
VIDEO INCOME	4,591.00
WATER	77,790.00
YEARBOOK	1,786.00
Total Income	712,615.97
Expense	
AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	779.90
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	167,618.43
ELECTRIC	26,638.71
FOOD	64,764.32
FUEL	4,940.38
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	4,196.35
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,203.63
GIFTS & REMU	9,426.35
INSURANCE	6,310.98
MAINTENANCE & BUILDING REPAIR	9,997.67
MUSIC	19,219.69
OFFICE & PRINTING	15,806.61
PAYROLL	180,558.46
PAYROLL TAX	13,582.41
POSTAGE	2,265.02
PUBLICATIONS	230.37
REAL ESTATE TAX	7,610.43
RENT	19,917.84
RESALE	2,209.53
SANITATION	2,133.85
SNACKBAR	2,745.32
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	2,247.61
SUPPLIES	8,141.82
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	7,831.29
TOUR EXPENSE	123,141.25
TRAVEL	1,532.80
TUITION WAVERS	9,572.25
VEHICLE EXPENSE	2,788.21
WATER PROG	72,328.79
YEARBOOK EXPENSE	1,564.16
Total Expense	792,304.43
Net Income	-79,688.46

We praise God for His provision and are grateful to all who contributed financially this past year. The deficit indicated was a result of the staff housing project. While the apartments are complete and all expenses paid, reserves used have not been replenished.

Did you hear...

Births . . . Duane & Crissy (Beiler) Fisher
~Grant Lucas
Anthony & Abigail (Hochstetler) Hurst
~Brooklyn Dawn
Jonathan & Kristin (Breneman) Keller
~Gabrian Robert
Anthony & Annie (Heatwole) Landis
~Josephine Louise
Marvin & Jennifer (Schrock) Lapp
~Aden Taylor

Daryl & Kendra (Oberholzer) Miller
~Kenosha Grace
Jared & Charlene (Stoltzfoos) Miller
~Bronson Elliot
Zach & Shanna (Yoder) Schrock
~Clarita Delight
Sheldon & Veronica (Petersheim) Stoltzfus
~Miguel John
Elvin & Melanie (Slabach) Yoder
~Kendrick Mark

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Registration is open for the summer missions program which runs June 25 – Aug. 3. Come spend a week on campus in intense orientation and then spend almost five weeks at one of 31 locations of your choice in North, South, or Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, or Asia.

Several new locations are being offered this year—158 in Greece working with refugees, Jungle Breezes Youth Ministries in Guatemala which will give opportunity to work in their clinic, school or boy's ranch in the jungle and a new location in Thailand under GTO.

Contact the office or visit smbi.org for more information.



Calendar of Events

Third Term **Jan. 8 - Feb. 16**
Missions Involvement Jan. 20 - 21
Annual Night of Music Feb. 9
Choir Tour Feb. 16 - 23
Ministers' Week **Feb. 19 - 23**
Fourth Term **Feb. 26 - April 6**
Missions Conference March 16 - 18
Graduation March 30
Choir Tour April 7 - 27
Fifth Term **April 16 - May 25**
We have openings for ladies, men and families in fifth term.

Tour Itinerary

3rd Term

Feb. 16 7:00 pm Bethel Mennonite Church – Gladys, VA
Feb. 17 Travel
Feb. 18 am Washington D.C.
7:00 pm Lichty's Mennonite Church – East Earl, PA
Feb. 19 Recording
7:00 pm Gap View Mennonite Church – Gap, PA
Feb. 20 7:00 pm Maranatha Fellowship – Sugarcreek, OH
Feb. 21 7:00 pm Sharon Conservative Mennonite – Sugarcreek, OH
Feb. 22 7:00 pm Shalom Mennonite Church – Milton, PA
Feb. 23 11:00 am SMBI – Ministers Week

4th Term

Upper Mid-west & Canada
Minnesota, Ontario, Manitoba, Montana, Wyoming etc.

Marriages

David Bennett III & Beth Zucconi ~ 7.22.17
Julian Stoltzfus & Ruth Ann Hostetler ~ 8.26.17
Rylie Weaver & Katharina Stoltzfus ~ 9.29.17
Joshua Nolt & Elyse Yoder ~ 9.30.17
Jonathan Smith & Kayla Boss ~ 11.1.17

Derek Long & Hannah Martin ~ 11.4.17
Douglas Nolt & Tanika Peachey ~ 11.4.17
Bruce Peachey & Elaine King ~ 11.4.17
Timothy Bergen & Janice Miller ~ 11.11.17
Brendon Miller & Marilyn Yoder ~ 12.2.17