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Meet the Four Leaders:



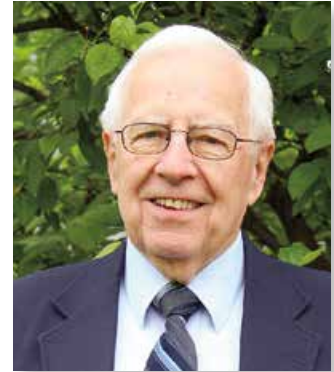
Charles Bieber
Late spouse: Mary Beth
BV Resident since: March 1999
Served as Annual Conference Moderator: 1977



Curtis Dubble
Late spouse: Anna Mary
BV Resident since: April 1993
Served as Annual Conference Moderator: 1990



Guy Wampler
Spouse: Linda
BV Resident since: June 2014
Served as Annual Conference Moderator: 1987



Earl Ziegler
Spouse: Vivian
BV Resident since: January 2003
Served as Annual Conference Moderator: 1994

Four Leaders, One Retirement Community

Brethren Village is definitely not "where old people go to die." Our Residents were once business leaders, teachers, pastors, doctors, nurses, artists, homemakers, military veterans, mothers, fathers, and volunteers. All have had unique experiences before coming to Brethren Village and within the Village exists a depth of intellectual talent that most would be surprised to learn of.

Four of Brethren Village's current Residents held the role of Annual Conference Moderator within the Church of the Brethren. Charlie Bieber, Curtis Dubble, Guy Wampler and Earl Ziegler, all pastors' emeriti, held the highest elected office in the Church of the Brethren. The Annual Conference Moderator serves as the spiritual and official head of the Church of the Brethren and is directly responsible for the yearly national conference. At Annual Conference, delegates representing 23 districts take a stance on behalf of the church on public issues such as: war, the death penalty, abortion, women in the ministry and environmental issues. Plenty of non-delegates also attend, but only delegates can vote. In addition to business sessions, the Annual Conference also consists of worship, fellowship and educational sessions.

Read on as we talk with the four leaders, now BV Residents:

How did you decide to enter into ministry?

CB: I grew up Methodist but later converted to the Church of the Brethren. The church called me to ministry. I knew I wanted to be a missionary and it was my belief that missionaries should also be pastors. When the church tells you to do something, you do it!

CD: When the second World War broke out I was a conscientious objector, so I spent more than three years doing work of National importance. My late wife, Anna Mary, had a strong influence on my becoming a minister. We were engaged when she attended Seminary School in Chicago. She was surrounded by men also studying to do God's work...I suddenly realized they were competitors! Seriously though, I knew I wanted to do something where I was helping people through the church.

GW: When I graduated from high school, I wasn't even thinking of a

career in ministry. I thought I'd go into business, but the church called me to be licensed (that is, a one-year trial to get a feel for ministry and see if it was a good fit.) You could say it was a natural progression since the Brethren faith can be traced within my family back to the 1700s.

EZ: During high school I debated between being a medical doctor and a minister. I felt the call of God on my life to a set-apart ministry and that call was affirmed by a circle of friends in my home church.

How did you come to be Annual Conference Moderator?

CB: I was proud to be Annual Conference Moderator but I wasn't looking for notoriety. A district executive called me and asked if he could put my name on the ballot. I said no, but he was persistent. He assured me I would never get elected, he just needed help filling out the ballot. So I agreed, and I was elected. That happened several times

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Save the Date!

BV Golf Tourney September 11

Brethren Village's 24th Annual Golf Tournament at Foxchase Golf Club, Stevens, PA will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, rain or shine. The tournament will include an AM and PM scramble, with registration beginning at 6:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Registration fee includes greens fees, cart, meal, and door prize ticket.

Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund which supports the current benevolent needs of the Village by providing financial assistance for those Residents who have exhausted their financial resources.

Reservations are currently underway, and sponsorship opportunities at various levels are still available. If you would like additional information on ways to support this event, please contact Joanne Stehr, Director of Development, at (717) 581-4316 or joannes@bv.org.



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Our Vision

Enriching each life touched by our ministry at Brethren Village.

Our Mission

Rooted in the tradition of service within the Church of the Brethren, the mission of Brethren Village is to provide a continuum of services and Christ-like care to support the aging process and to enhance the spiritual, physical, social and emotional wholeness of Residents, Team Members, and community.

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The Courtyards at Brethren Village Receives 5-Star Rating



Brethren Village is delighted to announce that The Courtyards received a 5-star rating through Medicare.

"Of the 31 nursing homes in Lancaster County (21 are part of a CCRC), The Courtyards at Brethren Village is 1 of 9 that enjoy this top rating," notes Nicholas Mahler, The Courtyards Administrator. "This distinction, which comes with a

"Much Above Average" label, is based on three weighted components: survey inspections, staffing, and quality measures. It is a remarkable achievement made possible by the dedication and professionalism of every member of our staff."

Thank you to all who helped achieve this outstanding rating!



Join us Sunday,
August 17 at 9AM
for a Gospel Quartet
Concert!

RSVP to 717.581.3300

Brethren Village Presents The Taylors

The Taylors are a family quartet from the heart of North Carolina who are dedicated to stirring up the faith of the Christian community as well as reaching others with the good news of Jesus Christ through Gospel music. The Taylors currently perform over 200 concerts a year across the United States, including several mission-oriented trips abroad. The Taylor siblings grew up as members of the Fellowship Baptist Church, where their father has been a Southern Baptist minister for over 24 years and their mother the minister of music. With their mother's guidance, it was around the church piano that The Taylors learned their four-part family harmony. Growing up in a Christian home has reinforced their faith and values and has created in each of them a strong desire to proclaim their salvation through the ministry of music. God is at the center of The

Taylor's ministry and at the center of their hearts.

In 2008, The Taylors won First Place in the Talent Showcase of The National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY. They are also the 2008 NC State Singing Convention Grand Champions. Recently, they were nominated Top 10 Horizon Group of the Year for the 2010 and Top 5 Horizon Group of the Year for 2011 by Singing News Fans!

There is no charge for the concert but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit Brethren Village's Good Samaritan Fund. Please give the courtesy of an RSVP to 717.581.3300 so we can gauge attendance.

Parking: Enter Brethren Village from 501 at Fieldcrest Drive and follow event parking signs. A shuttle will take you to the concert location. If you have questions, please contact Teresa Rineer, Development Assistant, at 717.581.4478

BV Congratulates Dawn Connor, Team Member of the Year

In just one year Dawn Connor, Resident Assistant in The Courtyards, received six Servant Heart Awards from Team Members and Residents, including two during March 2013. As a part of the Brethren Village team for the past 17 years, Dawn has been praised for her many wonderful qualities. Dawn exemplifies the core values of Caring, Integrity, Stewardship and Excellence daily as she goes out of her way to provide the best possible care for Residents and helps other Team Members feel welcome and appreciated.

Some of the comments from those who nominated Dawn include:

"I just appreciate that she holds my hand and was trying to help me when I had a hard time falling asleep."

"Dawn develops GREAT relationships with Team Members and Residents."

"Dawn has a great work ethic and is compassionate and trustworthy."

"I would want her to nurse my parents, if needed."

Brethren Village Residents and Team Members are blessed to have Dawn as part of our team!



Dawn (right) is presented the award by Dave Rayha, VP of Health and Residential Services.



Brethren Village Celebrates Nursing Home Week

BV celebrated Nursing Home Week, May 19-23, 2014, with food, fun, games and prizes. The theme was "Celebrating BV Superheroes" and a variety of events were held where Residents and Team Members were treated to goodies including soft pretzels, candy bars, hero sandwiches and Turkey Hill ice cream. Nursing Home Week spotlights the supportive and caring environment a retirement community provides, which

allows for the enrichment of Residents and their families. This atmosphere promotes a philosophy of continued growing, learning and teaching in various ways. Most importantly, the week provides an opportunity to honor the special, synergetic relationship between our Residents and Team Members based on mutual respect, compassion and caring.



Brethren Village Celebrates Passover Seder

For the first time, Brethren Village hosted a traditional Passover Seder meal on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at our Chives restaurant. More than 50 people, most non-Jewish, attended the Seder celebration that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8)

BV's food and dining department prepared traditional Seder foods for the meal and BV Resident Dr. Bernard Jacobsen led the program with his daughter and grandson, explaining the significance of each aspect of the



Seder tradition. Dr. Jacobsen provided a pamphlet at each place setting and everyone was invited to participate by reading from the handout at the appropriate place. BV resident Anna Brenesal said, "I wanted to participate but I was so moved I couldn't speak. I've gone to many Seders in my life and I can't say enough good things about this one. In fact, I didn't fall asleep until the wee hours of morning that night! BV's Seder brought back a great deal of memories for me. Dr. Jacobsen did a wonderful job."

BV hopes to make the Seder an annual celebration.

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throughout my life – I didn't necessarily seek things out, God called me to them.

CD: I was elected Annual Conference Moderator after I retired as pastor, but before I served as interim pastor of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. It was an honor to be elected, and I was invited to churches across the United States because of my role as ACM.

GW: I did not actively seek out becoming Annual Conference Moderator, I would say that most pastors don't, though they may dream of attaining the position. I preached at Annual Conference several times when I was a young pastor and then I served on the National Board. Some of my sermons and articles were published in the denominational magazine so I think my name got "out there," so to speak.

EZ: I served on planning committees and was also a member of the National Board. I was elected by the delegate body and believe that my God-given gifts of leadership, with a good understanding of the mission of the church, as well as a spiritual depth in relating to all of the congregations, were beneficial in holding such an important role.

How did serving in that leadership position affect you? What impact do you feel you left?

CB: I was proud to be Annual Conference Moderator. It was a busy, heavy year as we decided women's place in the ministry. As a District Minister, I helped more than a dozen women attain pastoral positions at a time when women were having a hard time securing leadership roles. Ultimately, God called and I responded and I feel satisfied with the things I've accomplished in doing God's work.

CD: I learned that there are a lot of good people in the organized church. Also, I have gifts to share and God gave me opportunities to use them. I was once a little country boy who was hired by a farmer to pick potatoes and I ended up being elected Annual Conference Moderator. The experience taught me it's not where you come from but who you are and that you can make a difference.

GW: During the year that I served as Annual Conference Moderator, the topics that were on the floor were tough. The church was to take a stance on capital punishment, AIDS and genetic engineering. One delegate raised the question whether I should preside during the session on capital punishment. He wondered whether I would be able to remain neutral as a presiding officer since I had been

working with a gentleman who was on death row. (*side note: Guy worked with the mother of the gentleman on death row and did his own research on the case. He presented enough evidence to get the person a new trial and he was ultimately found not guilty of the crime.) To be a successful ACM, you need to be fair to all delegates and gain their trust.

EZ: The year I served as ACM the issues before the church were homosexuality within the clergy and how to incorporate non-white parishioners. I've been to the Dominican Republic more than 20 times since 1991 helping to build, develop and grow churches as well as plan summer bible schools. I have also served on the National Korean committee, so I had a vested interest in helping these parishioners, particularly those of Korean and Hispanic background, become full members in the church.

Why did you decide to retire at Brethren Village?

CB: Mary Beth and I always knew Brethren Village would be our home one day.

CD: My mother was a Resident at Brethren Village and Anna Mary and I knew we would come to Brethren Village to retire. I was actually courted by two other area retirement communities to live there and serve as their chaplain, but we always knew Brethren Village would be our home.

GW: Linda and I like Lancaster and have lived here a long time. I've visited people at Brethren Village for many years as their pastor. The Village is very attractive, has great staff and values, and is open to all kinds of people. We also know a lot of people from Lancaster Church of the Brethren who live here.

EZ: Brethren Village began as a farmhouse in Manheim in 1897, established through church member offerings. My wife Vivian's great grandfather was part of the original group who felt that the church should provide a house for the poor, aged and infirmed. Additionally, Vivian's mother was a Brethren Village Resident and I guess you could say that we always felt Brethren Village was a good fit for us.

Four Church of the Brethren pastors from different backgrounds and upbringings have two things in common. They all served the church as the highest elected official, and they all came to be Residents of Brethren Village where they continue to engage the community and be enriched by those around them.

Insider Secrets to Effective Wills



Wills are one of those things that you don't like to think about.

Yet, wills are one of our most important personal documents. A well written, updated will assures that our last wishes will be heard and that our earthly assets will be distributed according to our desires.

Where to start:

1. **Make an appointment with your attorney.** If you don't have an attorney, ask a friend or relative to recommend one or contact our office for a list of local attorneys who deal in estate planning.
2. **Prior to your appointment determine your goals.** Who should be your executor? Who will receive your property and how will it be divided? Would you like to remember a favorite charity such as Brethren Village and help them to further their ministry with a charitable bequest?
3. **Follow through with your plans to have a well written will.** Your will can be an expression of your personal goals, beliefs and values.
4. **Store your will in a safe place and review it periodically to assure that it is up-to-date.** If the time comes to make changes to your will, a simple codicil is often all that is needed.

Sometimes, people write their own wills, called holographic wills. Or, they may print out a "fill in the blanks" form off the internet. Unfortunately, such wills can also have problems that render them ineffective. So be careful, if you choose to write your own, ALWAYS have it reviewed by an experienced attorney.

Well written wills make estate settlement go quicker and with less expense. It is worth it to make sure your will is clear and effective and that taxes and fees have been minimized as much as is legally possible. This is also a good time to make sure beneficiary designations in life insurance policies, pension plans, IRAs and annuities are up-to-date as well.

Call me. Let's talk.

Chuck Few
Planned Giving Counselor
717.581.4274 or email cfew@bv.org

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BV Resident
 Sally Bingaman and
 Director of Pastoral Services
 Mark Tedford
 entertain guests with
 "a few of their favorite things"
 at the 2014
 Good Samaritan Banquet.

Good Samaritan Banquet Raises Over \$54,000

Brethren Village's Good Samaritan Banquet raised over \$54,000 for the Good Samaritan Fund, which provides quality care and services for Residents who have exhausted their financial resources. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success! A special thank you to our sponsors **Paul Davis**

Restoration & Remodeling and **Sodexo**, and all those who sponsored a table at the event.

Also, the Development Team's "Plant a Seed & Watch it Grow" video, created for the Good Samaritan Banquet, won the "People's Choice" award for receiving

the most online votes in the Lancaster County Community Foundation's 5-minute Film Fest contest! Thanks to everyone who viewed, voted and came back every day to vote again! The video can be viewed at: <http://www.bv.org/news/video-gallery.asp>

Curious About the Meadowcrest Cottages? Take a Peek!

The Meadowcrest cottages are complete and by the end of June, all of the new Residents will have moved in!

The 400 series cottages have the same floor plan as the 300 series. Each Resident made their cottage their own with upgrades and style choices, but here's a glimpse of what they look like. Each cottage has a similar entrance and features vaulted ceilings. Thirteen new cottages were added to BV's growing campus!



BV Has a Bocce Court

Once winter's frozen ground gave way to a much-welcomed spring, crews were able to install BV's much-anticipated bocce court outside the "N" entrance of Fieldcrest. The court, made possible by a donation from BV Resident Anita F. Hess, will see a lot of enthusiasts in the coming months. A bocce tournament is already planned! BV Residents are quite fond of the sport and BV even sponsors it at the Lancaster Senior Games.





Growing in the Spirit of Caring

Brethren Village Residents Don Zahn and Harold Rupp recently built three raised garden boxes in the BV Workshop after receiving several requests from Residents in The Courtyards who wish to garden and have access to fresh produce during the summer months. The raised boxes, which are built so that they can easily be tended to while seated in a wheelchair, are planted with flowers, tomatoes, peppers, lettuce and squash. The Courtyards' Residents will care for the produce and harvest it throughout the spring and summer. The garden provides an outlet for outdoor exercise and fosters a sense of community and kindness by providing an opportunity where Residents, Team Members and families can reach out and help each other.



Events:

July 11th @ 6:30PM — The Cat's Pajama's (Outside Concert Series, on grass outside Welcome Center/ If raining in Wolfe Auditorium)

August 1st @ 6:30PM — Jacobs Brothers (Outside Concert Series, on grass outside Welcome Center/ If raining in Wolfe Auditorium)

August 17th @ 9:00AM — The Taylor concert in the BV Chapel

August 17th @ 3:00PM — Ben Detrick, violinist from Vienna, Austria in Wolfe Auditorium

August 21st @ 2:00PM — Bonnie Koons, Pianist, "The Magical Music Movie Memories" in Wolfe Auditorium

September 5th @ 6:30PM — The Octagon Band (Outside Concert Series, on grass outside Welcome Center/ If raining in Wolfe Auditorium)

September 11th all day — BV golf tournament at Fox Chase Golf Course

September 18th @ 2:00PM — Travis Wentzel, Fiddle player (WA)

September 28th @ 3:00PM — Silver, Wood & Ivory, in Wolfe Auditorium

February
 Patricia A Shertzer, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster, PA

March
 George & Kathleen Rhyme, Cottage, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Charitie Valentine, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Juanita Lungar, Village Townhouse, formerly of Millersville, PA
 Lynn & June Kemper, Fieldcrest, formerly of Cornwall, PA
 Charles & Gloria Denlinger, Cottage, formerly of Millersville, PA
 Mary Feeman, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Roy & Wilma Gardand, Cottage, formerly of Lancaster, PA

April
 Joseph & Joan Brown, Cottage, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Carol Brandt, Village Garden, formerly of Lantz, PA
 John Grumbine, Cottage, formerly of Hanover, PA
 Wayne & Nancy Stauffer, Cottage, formerly of Leola, PA
 Ruth Wealand, Fieldcrest, formerly of Ephrata, PA
 Donald & Barbara Zook, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 John & Floretta Wilson, Cottage, formerly of East Petersburg, PA
 Mary Labotz, Oakwood House, formerly of Manheim, PA

May
 Mary Martier, Fieldcrest, formerly of Fairless Hills, PA
 Richard & Carol Ferris, Cottage, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Nevin & Marian Snader, Cottage, formerly of Akron, PA
 Stephanie Gallagher, Cottage, formerly of Lantz, PA
 Robert & Linda Jannarone, Cottage, formerly of Manheim, PA
 Marjorie Gertart, Cottage, formerly of Lantz, PA
 Thomas & Anna Mae Kenyon, Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster, PA
 Ann Zimmerman, Oakwood House, formerly of Ephrata, PA
 Don & Joan Eshleman, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lantz, PA
 Charles & Marion Wood, Cottage, formerly of Myerstown, PA

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