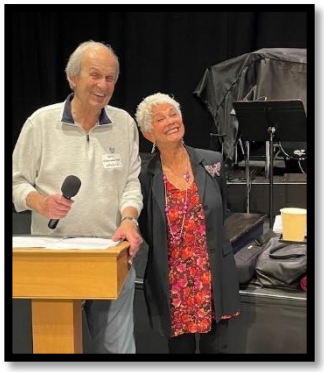
ANE Older Adults Gather for Annual Coffee House Event

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"The more we get together, the happier we will be!"



On October 20, 2026, seventy-five older adults from all over the ANE District gathered at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren for a special Coffee House. The event featured fellowship, entertainment, coffee, cookies, and a lot of fun!

The Coffee House format helps the ANE Older Adult Committee meet one of its goals: to provide events which seek to connect District brothers and sisters in ways which usually do not happen. Therefore, this unique Coffee House event offered attendees an opportunity to make new friends with people from various ANE congregations. The joy of being together often results with the blessing of finding new friends! The Older Adult Committee, in conjunction with the Nurture Commission, is dedicated to providing fellowship opportunities which encourage folks to spend more time together as the "larger family of God" that resides in the ANE District.



This year's Coffee House again featured a "meet and greet" as part of the program. After a few announcements and nurturing prayer, those in attendance were asked to utilize the next 15 minutes to get to know at least two or more folks from other congregations. As one person from Ephrata commented, "By spending most of our time with our own congregations, it is easy to forget that we should also be faithfully connected to those in the wider district church community!"

After the "meet and greet," the program then focused on entertainment. Peggy Keller, a professional older adult singer and song stylist from Ephrata, provided the audience with a concert of selected songs that were not only well known, but also reflective of several styles and types. The appreciative audience provided Peggy with a standing ovation!

Yes, the joy of being together does provide happiness that connects people in special ways. Just ask the older adults who attended the special Coffee House on October 20 at the Lancaster Church of Brethren!

