

104 People Attend the Annual ANE Older Adult Luncheon

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In conjunction with the Nurture Commission, the ANE Older Adult Committee seeks ways to implement activities for senior citizens which focus on spiritual growth, connecting with others, and enjoying times of Christian fellowship.

In light of this, on May 6, 2026, a very meaningful and successful Older Adult Luncheon was held at the Yoder's Banquet

Facility in New Holland. 104 older brothers and sisters from all over the District gathered to enjoy fellowship, food, and entertainment. By bringing senior citizens from 19 different congregations together, this annual event faithfully encouraged those in attendance to remember and appreciate the joy of connecting with old friends, while also making new ones who come from churches other than their own.

As one of the guests commented as she left to catch her ride home, "I liked the food, banquet hall, and the entertainment. But I loved getting together with my district-wide brothers and sisters and having the time to 'hang out' with old friends, while also making new ones."

In addition to the full course meal, the Luncheon also included **the following features:**

- A very special guest: Pastor Don Fitzkee: Moderator – Annual Conference 2026 and Co-pastor of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Don shared greetings from the Lancaster Church and the Denomination. He also encouraged participation in Annual Conference by attending in person or by streaming the sessions to a TV or computer. Conference takes place in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, June 28 – July 2.
- A concert by Ridgeway Brass took those in attendance on a tour of diverse music, which represented everything from jazz, to pop, to classical.
- A "meet and greet" segment, where older adults from all over the District had time to roam around, shake hands, smile, and tell others about the joys of gathering and relating.





So, with God's blessings and the committee's diligence, more than 100 older adults came together, and a meaningful time was had by all. Blessings and happiness abound when people gather, appreciate each other, and celebrate in the joy of Christian fellowship. The ANE Older Adult Committee happily and faithfully keeps moving forward to find both new and classic ways to bring people together!