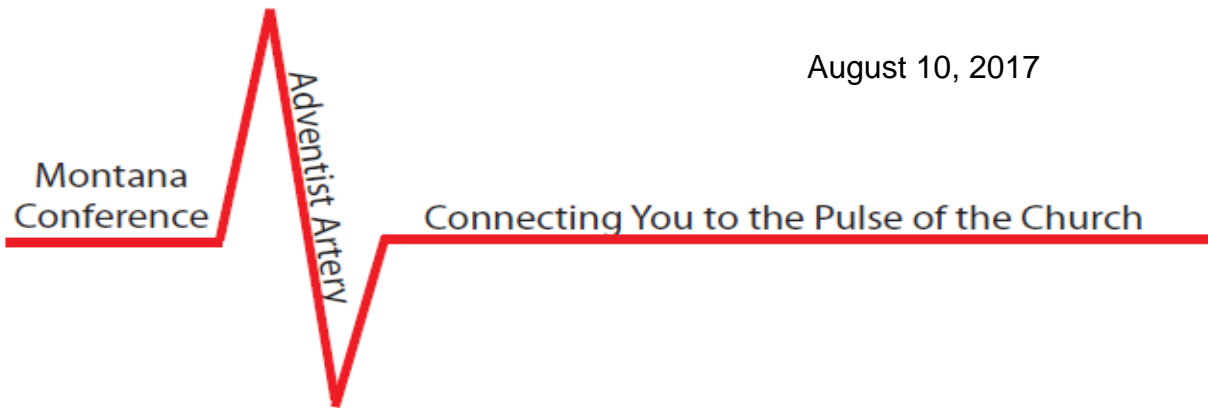


August 10, 2017



MONTANA

DEAR FRIENDS: We have called a Montana Board of Directors meeting for Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the Montana Conference Office. Once again our main agenda item is to review several resumes of qualified, potential candidates for the position of president in the Montana Conference. Please pray for the Lord to continue to lead us, as the search process continues. Sincerely, Elder John C Freedman, President, North Pacific Union Conference

MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY AND OUTDOOR SCHOOL: Mount Ellis Academy is still accepting applications for enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are not sure about enrolling, but would like a trial run to see if MEA is the right place for you or your student, contact us about being a part of our Outdoor School program in **Glacier National Park**. We will be studying mountain formation and glacial erosion, population mathematics, story writing, and much more. You will see bears, mountain goats, rugged peaks, snow fields, and wildflowers. You will experience classic hiking trails, swimming in glacial water, campfire stories, and most of all new friendships. The dates are August 21-25, and the cost is only \$99 for those not enrolled as full time students. **We are inviting all grade 9-11 students, enrolled or not, to join us on this adventure.** Registration for both those enrolling for the school year and for those just planning on attending Outdoor School begins on Sunday, August 20 at 10 am. For more information, visit our website at mtellis.org/outdoor-school or call [406-587-5178](tel:406-587-5178)

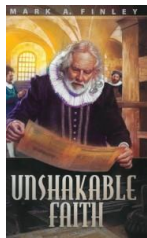
BEAR CANYON FARM: There is a small scale farm/market garden in the formation stage called Bear Canyon Farm, a non-profit entity. It is leasing land around the Mount Ellis Academy campus and will be led by a small board of directors. Currently, the board members are: Eric and Katie Harris, Brian Nystrom, Jerry Wernick, and Alix Harris. The ultimate goal of this organization is to help provide educational and job opportunities for the students at Mount Ellis Academy and educational opportunities for Mount Ellis Elementary. It will also provide a way for community outreach through direct to consumer goods. We are hoping to have this farm functioning next year, 2018. Please keep this project in your prayers as it is being established. We are still looking for a farm manager and anyone else willing to share their skills and expertise. **UPDATE:** We are applying for a 1-1 matching grant up to \$50,000 called the Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Grant, and are hoping for support to get this project up and going. We have been informed that if we have pledges of financial support on the condition of receiving the GTA grant, in the form of letters of commitment, it can increase the chances of receiving the grant money. Since it can take up to a year to receive our IRS tax exempt status, we have arranged with Mount Ellis Academy to take donations so it is tax deductible while our application is still pending. If you are able to pledge or donate, please send your pledge letter or check to Mount Ellis Academy and note on the check that this donation is for the Bear Canyon Farm Project. If you have questions or would like to know more about this project, call Eric Harris at (406) 750-1367 or email bearcanyonfarm@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED: Carpenters are needed to help do some structural repairs on the Fort Belknap Church starting August 13-through the week until finished. They could also use a couple fellows with a good strong back. If you are able to help any time during this week on this volunteer project please call Leigh Van Asperen at (208) 610-3004.

EASTERN MONTANA YOUTH CONVOCATION: The Eastern Montana Youth Convocation, sponsored by the Miles City/Glendive districts, will be August 31-September 3 at the Eastern Montana Bible Camp in Bloomfield, Montana. Jonathan Zita, the executive director of Lifestyle Canada will be the speaker. All youth, young adults, families and young at heart are invited. The cost is \$15.00 per person per day, with 6 and under free. Meals are included in this price. There will be a freewill/faith offering, and gifts will be received to cover the cost of food and other expenses. There is on-campus housing on a first-come basis. There are motels in Glendive and Sidney Montana for off-campus housing which you will need to personally arrange. There will be a special program for the children with Linda Schaffner leading out. For more information, contact Melissa Silva at 540-729-0818 or angel.lilac@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: "From Broken to Beautiful." The 2017 Women's Retreat will be at the Stage Stop in Choteau, Montana September 8-10. Registration deadline – August 15. Call Lanette Brown for more info at 1(406) 662-3406. See attached registration form.

MEN'S SUMMIT: This year's Men's Summit will be September 29-October 1, 2017. Registration form is attached. Deadline for discount is September 15.



A GREAT NEW SHARING BOOK FOR 2017. This is the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. If you've ever wondered how the martyrs of the Middle Ages were able to sing while burning at the stake, you can now discover the secret of their unshakeable faith. Be inspired by the courage of Huss and Jerome, the conviction of Wycliffe and Wesley, the compelling faith of Tyndale and Luther as they faced prison, trial, persecution, and death - but ultimately - victory!

STEWARDSHIP: It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. Mother Teresa (1910-97), Catholic missionary to India.

*Taken from <http://www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/stewardship-Quotes.pdf>.

MONTANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

August

20: MEA Registration

September

8-10: Women's Retreat

22-24: Prayer Conference – Hamilton Church

29-Oct 1: Men's Summit



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