



**Bridgewater College**

**Winter 2024**

Hello, everyone! As we enter the new year, let's anchor our hearts in the promises of our God. In Isaiah 43:19, God declares, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Take a moment to reflect on the past year, acknowledging both joys and challenges. Philippians 3:13-14 encourages us to "forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."



Surrender the experiences of the past year at the feet of Jesus. Through prayer and humility, find strength to face the unknown, trusting in the transformative power of God's grace.

As we embrace this new year, envision it as a chapter waiting to be written with hope, resilience, and unwavering faith. God's promises are the guiding light, even in seemingly challenging times.

So, let's press on, understanding that God's plans are filled with purpose. Fix your gaze on the prize – the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. As we step into this new year, may our hearts be anchored in faith, our minds renewed with hope, and our spirits resilient in the face of uncertainties. May God's promises illuminate our path, transforming every step we take.

~~ Maya Michael-Lee



**Keep reading for info about Roundtable 2024 & more!**

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# Roundtable 2024



## Roundtable Offering

The offering at Roundtable 2024 will be for the Global Food Initiative. This organization is the primary way that the Church of the Brethren assists the hungry both locally and globally. Since 1983 they have raised over \$8,000,000 for community projects in numerous countries. Like last summer in Indiana, due to distressing weather conditions, the prospect for the 30 acres of corn that make up the Polo Growing Project appeared bleak. But with help of GFI at harvest in mid-October, the results were no less than astonishing, the crop yielding an average of 247.5 bushels per acre. Net proceeds for the project stand at \$45,500, a notch above last year's near-record earnings of \$45,000. "Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship." - Proverbs 14:31.



## ← our adorable speakers:

those creative siblings Chelsea & Tyler have been hard at work for decades, all to bring you the most fascinating and inspiring messages, full of creativity. They are really looking forward to seeing you at Roundtable – you wouldn't disappoint those 2 cuties would you?

Roundtable 2024 is right around the corner! It will be held February 23-25 on the campus of Bridgewater College and will be a weekend full of fun and fellowship for youth and advisors up and down the east coast. The theme is "Who is my Neighbor?" based on Luke 10:25-29, and the sister and brother duo of Chelsea Skillen and Tyler Goss will be there as our speakers to share the message in some exciting, creative ways!

Roundtable is a Regional Youth Conference and a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, worship, games, workshops, vespers, Bible studies, small groups, a variety show, amazing speakers, and an all-around great time for everyone! We hope to see everyone there, and we can't wait to meet all of you! Registration is open now, so don't wait to reserve your spot for Roundtable 2024!



Chelsea & Tyler, circa 1990-something

## Retreats

Hey you! Yes, you! Do you enjoy spending time with other people in your church community? Do you like meeting new people in your district? Do you like Roundtable and Interdistrict Youth Cabinet so much that you wish you could hang out with them throughout the year? Or perhaps you're an advisor looking to have more events in your district for your youth groups? Well, do I have just the thing for you! Consider... retreats!



Throughout the year, IYC spends some of our time thinking about ways to get you all excited about Roundtable or connected to your district, and so we come to you! A retreat is typically a weekend get-together of youth in a district, or from a travelable distance away, where IYC leads some spiritual sessions; we all eat together; and we play plenty of games and other interesting activities. You may make new friends; you may strengthen your bonds with old ones; but it is always among good company. It's also a good way to get excited for Roundtable, whether it's before an upcoming one or just after a great one. Regardless of the distance, we will work with your advisor or church leaders to figure out how to get to you and how to make the weekend its most memorable!

If you would like to work with IYC to host a retreat, let us know! All good things come from working together. We hope to see you soon, where you are, as you are!

## FaithX Workcamps

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in this world, but haven't been sure where to start? Well, here is an idea! For years, the Church of the Brethren has created mission trips through an organization now known as Faith X (Faith Outreach Expeditions). This organization helps people (like YOU) who are wanting to serve communities and spread the love of Christ through serving all around the world! When I was a youth, I was able to serve in Pennsylvania at different summer camps helping prep them before they opened up for the season. Both camps I went to allowed me to experience new things while also building relationships with amazing people that I still talk to today. Different workcamps through FaithX have different responsibilities, from working outside to providing for the needs of others. These 7-day camps will bring you closer to our Creator and Christ in ways that will surprise you and are completely indescribable. The workcamps directly place you into positions that make you the hands and feet of Christ; and let you see the different ways that God can move and heal people. (Maya Michael-Lee)



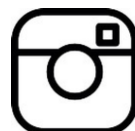
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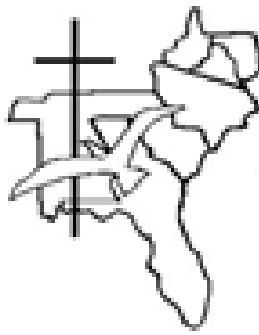
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<b>2</b>	TRUST	THY	OUR	GIFT	KINGDOM
<b>3</b>	LIKE	BE	HELP	JUSTIFY	WORLD
<b>4</b>	WHO	GOD	DISCOVER	SOUL	NEIGHBOR
<b>5</b>	LOVE	ARE	YOU	ETERNAL	BLESSED

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2. Cross out all the words in the table that ends with the letter D.
3. Cross out all the words in Row 3 and Column D that have more than one vowel.
4. Cross out all the words in Row 5 that contain any of the letters in the word GOD.
5. Cross out all 4-letter words.
6. Cross out all the words in Rows 2, 3, and 4 that end in a vowel (including Y).
7. Cross out all the words in Columns C and D with the letter E.
8. Cross out the words in Column E that have 2 or less vowels.

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