

Spring 2019 Edition

# Love Notes

Newsletter of Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter

## SAVE THE DATE!!

2019

### Marriage Encounters

April 26-28  
Southern Ontario

June 7-9  
Penn York Camp  
Ulysses, PA

November 1-3  
Southern Ontario

November 8-10  
Christian Retreat Center  
East Waterford, PA

### Engaged Encounters

Held at Kenbrook Bible  
Camp, Lebanon, PA

May 17-19  
August 2-4  
September 20-22



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## Why attend a Marriage Encounter?

*"This weekend has helped us to become open, transparent, and honest with our feelings and each other."*

*"It was good to stop and focus on our relationship. As we learned to share feelings, I think it will have a freeing affect on our relationship and on each of us individually."*

*"Very rewarding, challenging, encouraging and, I believe, it will be impacting our journey ahead."*

Consider making an impact on your marriage by attending one of the following weekends:



June 7-9  
Penn York Camp  
Ulysses, PA

November 8-10  
Christian Retreat Center  
East Waterford, PA



Signing up is easy! To register online simply go to [www.marriageencounter.org](http://www.marriageencounter.org), or call 717-569-5676.



## Romantic Night Out 2019



Marriage Encounter's 36th annual RNO banquet was held on February 2nd at Yoder's Banquet Facility, New Holland. Our speakers this year were Brad and Heidi Mitchell, founders of *Build Your Marriage*. They challenged us to be purposeful as couples in building a legacy through our marriages and presented four ideas to get us started:



1. Talk together about the values you share.
2. Ask: What are our dreams?
3. Who do we want to influence?
4. How do we want to impact them?



What legacy are you leaving for those following behind you? As the Mitchells reminded us, "Live today the way you want to be remembered tomorrow."



**Thank you!!** Because of your generosity through sponsorships and the offering, Marriage Encounter raised \$5,986. We thank God for those of you who gave so that this ministry can continue helping to enrich marriages!



### *Misconceptions about Marriage Encounter*

**Only couples who are struggling or have bad marriages attend Marriage Encounter Weekends.**

While some couples with struggling marriages do attend, Marriage Encounter focuses on making good marriages GREAT. Our goal is to enable couples to strengthen their relationship with God and their spouse.

**Marriage Encounter is geared toward women and their feelings.**

This weekend is mutually beneficial to both spouses. Many men are amazed by how much they learned and grow from experiences on the weekend. One husband said, "I realized that it is ok to be vulnerable and open with my wife and my confidence in our relationship grew much stronger."

**You will have to participate in group sharing on the Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

This weekend is about you and your spouse. It is a time to focus on your marriage without daily distractions. While the couples presenting the weekend share personal stories with you, your journey will remain private between you and your spouse. Any sharing is completely voluntary.

Marriage Encounter isn't about fixing spouses or pointing fingers. It is a personal and positive experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn tools that they will use for the rest of their lives. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing marriages. We hope you will join us on the next Marriage Encounter weekend!