District Highlights

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"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then the Twelve."

I Corinthians 15:3-5

As you read this it is most likely a day or two before Easter or a few days after Easter. The scripture above, taken from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians, captures in a few words the essence of our Holy Week.



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As I reflect on Paul's words, I am

reminded of the years when I was a chaplain at Peter Becker Community, a Church of the Brethren nursing home and retirement community in eastern Pennsylvania. One of my duties there was to attend the funerals of all of the residents who had passed away. Many of the residents were Roman Catholic folk, and so I attended many funeral masses.

One of the parts of the funeral liturgy that caught my attention was a sung response that had these words: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!" When I heard this response I thought "What a wonderful, beautiful, and simple way to sum up the essence of our faith!" This liturgical response, like Paul's words to the Corinthians, sets forth much of the substance of our faith in a brief way.

I have always believed that we need concise statements of our faith to help us understand it and to help us to teach it to others. In the Church of the Brethren, we do not subscribe to any of the historic creeds of the Church. But that does not mean that we do not need simple and clear ways to understand and teach our faith. If an unbeliever asked you "what do Christians believe?" you could certainly start out with "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!" There's a lot to work with right there.

And maybe those brief words can lift up your own heart as you seek to live your faith day by day. It is good to remind ourselves often of what we believe.

So may these words be an aid to faith for your own heart today:

"CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!"

Peace to you!

Bill Wenger

District Office/Local Church News

HOSPITALIZED

- Please pray for Pastor Gary Mosorjak who is recovering after surgery.
- Please pray for Pastor Homer Marshall who is recovering after surgery.

SYMPATHY

To the family of **Pastor Gerald Deffenbaugh** as he went to be with the Lord on March 13th.

NEW MEMBERS

Somerset Congregation

- Eugene Balog
- Michael Saylor
- Trudy Saylor
- Craig Smith
- Regine Smith
- Loretta Tannehill
- Joel Zelenske

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2018**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

It is very helpful to the District Office staff

It is very helpful to the District Office staff to have <u>updated</u> information from all the churches we serve.

Thank you!

May 2018

Highlights Deadline

April 10, 2017

Please send <u>all</u> Highlights information to the District Office for this next issue.

2018 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is now available.

Digital and published copies have been mailed and emailed. Please let me know if there are changes or additions. Corrections and additions are posted below and in future Highlights.

If you would like a PDF or a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

Most of these changes were made in the Directory PDF file that was emailed at the end of February. If you received a paper copy, please note these changes, thank you!

Page 13 - ADD: Ministry Interview Teams— Indiana Area—Jeffery Fackler, 724-349-2929

Page 23, 38— **EMAIL CHANGE:** Donald Peters, donaldpetersjr1211@gmail.com

Page 24, 37 - **EMAIL CHANGE**: Homer & Pat Marshall – hom.run2007@verizon.net

Page 32: **EMAIL CHANGE:** Westmont COB, <u>westmontcob@gmail.com</u>. Also **delete** the 814-254-0267 phone number.

Page 34— **ADD:** Michael Christine mc153@atlanticbb.net

Page 38— **CHANGE:** Sandra Peterman should come before Donald Peters in alphabetical order

Page 39—**PHONE NUMBER:** Robert Thacker, 724-254-2521



If you are a pastor and are interested in becoming a pastoral mentor in the Western PA District, please contact the Pastor & Parish Leadership Team or the District Office.

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Pray.

From the rising to the setting sun, pray.

When everything works just right and it all makes sense, pray.

When Murphy's Law seems to overpower God's Law, pray.

When the rains and waters rage; when the ground dries up and cracks, pray.

If you see someone who has a need you cannot meet, pray.

If you receive a diagnosis you'd rather not deal with, pray.

If you find yourself in the middle of a great celebration, pray.

When you hear rumors of wars and disasters, shootings and drug busts, pray.

When you're not sure how to pay your bills with what you have, pray.

When you see a sight so beautiful it steals your breath, pray.

If you drive past a school full of children and youth, pray.

If you see people on TV, struggling in a distant land, pray.

If you have a struggle in your own home, pray.

When you don't know what to say at the funeral home or hospital, pray.

When you feel God's Spirit moving inside you, pray.

When you aren't quite sure of your next step, pray.

If people make you feel like you're not good enough, pray.

If your family doesn't look anything like the family you once knew, pray.

If you're alone and lonely, pray.

When a song on the radio lifts your heart to worship, pray.

When you travel the highways and back roads around here, pray.

When it's all said and done, pray.

Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. —Ephesians 6:18 _{HCSB}

:) Abby

Local Church/District News

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2018:

April 19 Spring Brunch—Greensburg COB

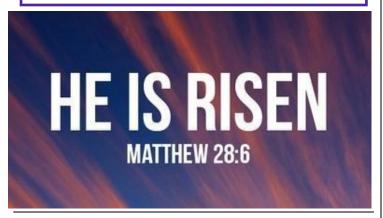
May 4—5 Spring Retreat—TBA

June 7 Camp Day—Camp Harmony

August 11 Summer Tea—TBA

October 4 Home Day

> Mark your calendars, more information to follow!



SINGSPIRATION!

"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD...

You are invited to join with the Roxbury Church of the Brethren for a special musical service on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Choirs from several area churches will be participating. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in the social room.

The Offering received will benefit the Women's Help Center.



Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

(located directly across the street from the Penn Run Church of the Brethren)

PA Dutch Buffet

April 7, 2018 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Pasta Buffets

March 3, 2018 and May 5, 2018 From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Quilt Retreat - 8 am to 8 pm April 13 and 14, 2018

*Call the church office at 724-463-0420 for more information.

Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat

April 28, 2018- 8 am to 8 pm Call Julie at 724-840-2704 for more information.

Shade Creek Ridge COB 1623 Ridge Road Hooversville

April 22- 25 2018 7pm



Sunday-Todd Brenneman- Music: Mangus Sisters

Monday-Rick Smith- Music: United

Tuesday-Chuck Manon- Music: Glory Guys

Wednesday- Dennis Godin- Music: Shelly Singer

A request from the chaplain at the Brethren Home ...

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. the residents at the home gather for worship.

If you can lead a worship service any Sunday, please contact Pastor Cecil Lohr at 814-233-8524 to sign up for a certain Sunday or to be put on a call as needed list. This is an important outreach to the

residents. Music plays an important part of worship so if someone can play an instrument and/or lead some group signing, or if a choir would like to have special music that is especially enjoyed by our residents.

Please call Pastor Cecil if you have any questions

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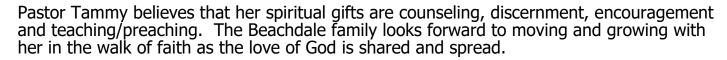
Local Church/District News

Beachdale COB Holds Pastoral Installation of Pastor Tammy Horner

The Beachdale Church of the Brethren at 803 Owl Hollow Road Berlin, Pennsylvania, is extremely pleased to welcome Pastor Tammy Horner as the minister at Beachdale. Bill Wenger, District Executive for the Western PA Church of the Brethren, presided over the Pastoral Installation at Beachdale on Sunday, February 18, 2018. A Reception of New Members service was also held to welcome Pastor Tammy, her husband Jeff, and children Katelynn and Grant as members of the Beachdale congregation. The service was followed by a fellowship meal to celebrate the day.

The Horner family has been a residing in Johnstown, PA and will be moving to the church parsonage. Pastor Tammy is a licensed minister, with a certificate in Biblical Counseling through Light University.

She is currently enrolled in the ACTS program through Susquehanna Ministry Center, with an anticipated spring, 2018 completion.



All are invited to worship at the Beachdale Church of the Brethren. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am, followed by Worship Service at 10:30 am. A children's junior church is offered during the morning worship service. Pastor Tammy can be contacted at 814-267-5780 or 814-244-0958.



The **Sipesville COB** is celebrating it's 100th anniversary this year!

All are welcome to attend the festivities during the weekend of July 28 and 29, 2018.

There will be a campfire, worship, fellowship meal and hymn sing.

More information will be coming soon!





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"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'" (Matthew 9:35-38)

Annual Conference 2018

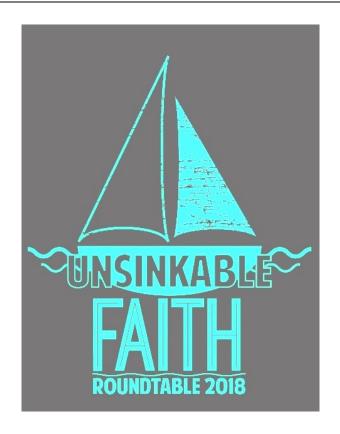
July 4-8, 2018

Duke Energy Convention Center Cincinnati, OH

Registration opens March 1, 2018

http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/registration/

More information to follow, please watch the upcoming issues of the District Highlights!



Southeast Regional Youth Conference

Bridgewater College Bridgewater, VA

April 6-8, 2018

Featuring: Marcus Harden

Roundtable is open to 9th—12th graders and advisors.

Register online: iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc

Registrations received after March 23, 2018 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

For more information contact the Interdistrict Youth Council at iyyroundtable@gmail.com

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National Youth Conference July 21-26, 2018 Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado

For youth who have completed 9th grade through 1 year of college (or the age equivalent)

Registration opens Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 6 pm central time.

The registration fee is \$500. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be paid at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30th, 2018. Youth will receive a drawstring bag, with the logo on it, if they register by 1/21/2018 at midnight. The theme is "Bound Together, Clothed in Christ" based on Colossians 3:12-15.



If you are 22 years of age or older, the NYC Team is looking for volunteers. Applications can be found at http://www.brethren.org/yya/nyc/. Applications are due November 9, 2017.

Emilie Deffenbaugh from the Somerset COB is a member of the National Youth Cabinet, if you have any questions about the event please contact her at deffn75h@richlandrams.net



Mission Alive 2018 A gathering of God's people... a global Church of the Brethren

April 6-8, 2018 Frederick Church of the Brethren Frederick, MD

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..." – Revelation 7:9 (NRSV)

Early registration (through February 15): \$85 **Registration (after February 15)** \$110 Saturday only: \$50 **Student Registration:** (high school, college, or seminary): \$50

Family full conference: \$170

**CEU credit will be available for the cost of \$10 per ordained person

- Rejoice in the growing presence of the Church of the Brethren across the globe
- Explore what it truly means to be a global church and how each district, congregation, and individual can take part
- Commit to investing in this vision



We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both. 1 John 4:19-21 The Message

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Democratic Republic of Congo

Pray for increasing tensions in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as more protests have been violently shut down by government security forces. Throughout the country, many Catholic and evangelical churchgoers planned to demonstrate against President Joseph Kabila and his illegally extended term in power. Police and military forces blocked the protests and fired live ammunition at protesters in some cities. Two people were killed, at least 47 injured, and more than 100 arrested. Protests earlier this year also have resulted in deaths and injuries at the hands of government forces. The crackdowns and increasing tension are leading to fears that the DRC may slide back into civil war, which previously resulted in millions of deaths. Pray for peace, stability, and justice.

Papua New Guinea

Pray for all those affected by a 7.5-magnitude earthquake. Ongoing aftershocks have increased the death toll to at least 67. Red Cross officials estimate that 500 people are injured and 127,000 are in need of immediate assistance. A major obstacle is that landslides have blocked vital roads and made the hardest-hit areas unreachable by vehicle, leaving thousands of victims trapped without needed food, water, and shelter. Pray for an end to the aftershocks and landslides so that aid can be delivered. Pray for immediate relief and long-term recovery.

Venezuela

Pray for traveling mercies for Joel Peña and Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission and Service, as they travel for a series of meetings with approximately 85 leaders and members of Asociacion Iglesia de los Hermanos Venezuela (ASIGLEH), the Church of the Brethren in Venezuela. As part of Jay's first visit to Venezuela, church leaders are presenting a strategic plan and proposals for organizational development. The gathering also will include times of worship and a love feast.

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Nigeria

Pray for the 105 girls and young women missing after a mass abduction from a government-run girls' secondary school in Dapchi, a northeastern town near the border with Niger. Pray for strength. Pray that the victims be saved from harm and that they are rescued and returned to their families. Pray for their loved ones, who may be in despair at their disappearance. This abduction by Boko Haram militants has drawn

comparisons to the group's 2014 kidnapping of schoolgirls from Chibok, and has drawn attention to Boko Haram's ongoing control and violence in Yobe State. EYN staff liaison, Markus Gamache, reports that pastors from Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) narrowly escaped a Boko Haram attack in a February incident. "We still live in fear in some towns, villages, and federal roads," Gamache reports. Pray for a just and lasting peace in northeastern Nigeria.



"The church and our communities need prayers without ceasing," requests Markus Gamache, staff liaison for Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). "EYN and other churches in Nigeria are still undergoing different levels of threats. The southern Borno and northern Adamawa and part of Yobe States are still under threat of daily killings, kidnappings, and bombing." In a recent Boko Haram attack, humanitarian staff were killed and two female health workers, one with family ties to EYN, were abducted. Pray for an end to the raging violence in northeastern Nigeria. Pray for paths of peace and reconciliation.

United States

Pray for the <u>Brethren Volunteer Service</u> midyear retreat this week, where 25 volunteers have gathered for reflection, reconnection, and rejuvenation. These volunteers are in the midst of a year or more of service in places like Virginia, Oregon, and Arkansas, helping to meet needs in fields like education, shelter for the homeless, and care for those with disabilities. Pray that they may be strengthened for the continued journey of serving others.

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Honduras

Give thanks for the success of two trips to visit with Honduran partners last week

Praise God that eight representatives from the Haiti Medical Project and Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti) were able to travel to Honduras and meet with staff from Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG). The Haitian delegation included Romy Telfort, general secretary of Eglise des Freres, community health nurses, and agricultural and clean water project staff. Through visits to PAG community health projects, PAG staff provided hands-on training in topics such as nutrition education



Members of the Haitian community health delegation together with Chet Thomas, director of Proyecto Aldea Global and a Church of the Brethren member. Photo courtesy of Proyecto Aldea Global.

and monitoring, home pediatric care, and community pharmacies. The goal is to implement similar programs in Haiti.



Feetwashing service at Iglesia Cristiana Viviendo en Armor y Fe.Photo by Jeff Boshart

This successful trip represents the third attempt to secure Honduran visas for the Haitian delegation. Due to anti-Haitian prejudice in Honduras and the Dominican Republic, where the group applied for their visas, previous applications were denied.

We give thanks also for Jeff Boshart's visit with Iglesia Cristiana Viviendo en Amor y Fe. The congregation has received grants from the Global Food Initiative and from Global Mission and Service for its projects with

livelihood training and peace education. The congregation's work is centered in Flor del Campo, an urban slum in the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa, known for its high rate of violence.

Boshart, manager of the Global Food Initiative and the Emerging Global Mission Fund, was evaluating the grant-funded programs as well as discussing future partnerships with the congregation.

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AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – April 2018

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL - 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 - 412-979-0067 BEACHLEY, RONALD D. - PO Box 723, Davidsville, 152928-0723 - 814-479-4802 BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058 DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758 DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489 DERR, AMELIA - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 - 814-749-0262 DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 - 814-749-0262 EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206 HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431 HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431 KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734 KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088 MANGES, JOHN W. - 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332 MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073 MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073 MOSORJAK, GARY N. - 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 - 814-619-4238 RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal) RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day - 814 535-8202 SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181 SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601-724837-4491 STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226 SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158 WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260 **WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260** WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901 WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758 **YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251, Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930**

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722 HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958 PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457 YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. -102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305-724 836-0594



Since it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, with the help of the District, I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up the necessary people to make the program work. This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometime go unanswered. Missed calls and unanswered messages requires another time consuming telephone call, sometimes with the same results! After the receipt of an email, and after checking the printed schedule would you *PLEASE* consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedules toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry. PLEASE contact your church coordinator to volunteer. If your church does not have one PLEASE contact Herb Ewald at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530.

THANK YOU!

New Windsor Day Trips	Week Trips
Apr. 24, 2018 Jun. 06, 2018 Jun. 26, 2018 Aug. 09, 2018 Aug. 28, 2018 Oct. 04, 2018 Nov. 08, 2018	Neek Trips April 08-14, 2018 Missouri May 13-19, 2018 Project #2 July 22-28, 2018 (w/Mid. Atl) September 02-08, 2018 October 14-20, 2018 (w/Virlina) December 02-08, 2018
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Luella Krieger As

MARY OF MAGDALA

Her life was given to her by the man who commanded the seven demons that tormented her to "be gone" so what could she do but dedicate herself to serving Him? You will walk the dusty road of Israel with them and hear her remembering some of the wondrous things she saw. You will hear of the love that she saw in His eyes no matter who He looked at. Finally you will walk with her through His last week on earth and experience the agony of His death through her vivid description of the torture and crucifixion of her beloved Teacher, the one she knew was Messiah! You will also be with her at the garden tomb when she became the first one to see Him ALIVE!! Hear the teaching He left them with and the challenge to you to receive the gift of eternal life through His death and resurrection.

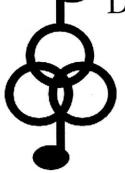
> THURSDAY APRIL 12TH 6:45 P.M.

Maple Spring Church of the Brethren 106 Spring Road Hollsopple, PA 15935 814-479-7062 Brought to you by:

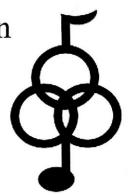




District Youth Choir Reunion







When: July 8th 12:30-4:30 (We can hang out after if we want.)

Where: Camp Harmony- Pavilion by the pool

(In case of bad weather or too many people, we can use the old dining hall.)

Who: All choir members, advisors, directors, and their families

(One tour or 18, first ever tour or last tour so far or somewhere in between. You can even come if you went to camp with choir people and wanted to come to choir but couldn't.)

What to Bring:

-Covered Dish

-Swim stuff (pool open 2-4)

-\$2 per person who is swimming

- -Donation for Camp for letting us meet there and for being awesome!
- -Choir photos and memorabilia for everyone to look at (Be sure your name is on it so it doesn't get lost.)
 - -Music or instruments if you want to "jam" with old friends

Please pass this on to all of your friends via facebook, e-mail, telephone, snail mail, carrier pigeon, pony express, or whatever you need to do. Don't let anyone get left out! That's what choir's all about!





The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalms 37:23

Well Sisters, it is time to gather for another exciting retreat. Grab your Bible and your High Heels, Gym Shoes, Flats, and Slippers!

It is time to start living the life God has designed for us by

Steppin' Out in Faith!

The retreat will be held again in the rolling hills of beautiful Camp Harmony
Beginning - Friday May 4th
thru Saturday, May 5th—Ending at 3:30
Registration will begin on Friday from 4 till 6
Dinner is at 6:30

Come share God's love for us through prayers, inspiration, good music, good food, new friends and well deserved rest.

There will be time for pampering. We are planning to have a Message Therapist, an Essential Oil Therapist and a station for nails and toes.

Ladies - Pack your bags prepare for a relaxing getaway.

When packing, don't forget your BIBLE, full bedding plus your pillow, PJ's, and all the other goodies we girls NEED.

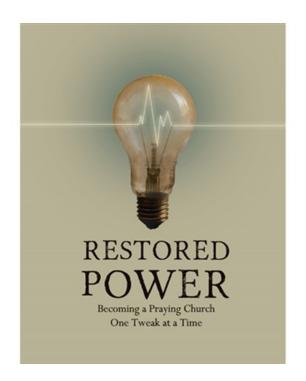
Our Service Project: This year our project will be to bring gently worn shoes to be donated to a group that will see that the shoes get to people in need of them. Maybe you can ask people in your churches to help collect.

Friday Night, we will have a 50's Sock Hop and Root Beer Float Party. Some of you probably have never heard of this - BUT you'll like it. We would like you to decorate a pair of socks and wear them to the bash. You may even win a prize!!!!!

With all this being said, the most important part of our retreat is our closeness to God and His Glory. We will be sharing His love with our Sisters. We will be praising Him with our hearts and voices.

NOW - Send in your registrations as soon as possible. Love ya.

STILL ONLY \$95.00 Registration deposit.......\$50.00 Check to: District Women's Ministiries Send to: Pastor Judy Walker, 425 Morningside Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644.



2018 Pastor's Retreat

Friday, May 18, 7:00 PM to Saturday, May 19, 3:00 PM

Camp Harmony, Hooversville PA

This years theme is "Restored Power" and will be lead by Jonathan Graf from Harvest Prayer Ministries

Each pastor is encouraged to invite one to three people from their congregation to attend. **Pastors will receive .5 CEUs.**

Mr. Graf has been involved in prayer ministry both in the local church and in the international prayer movement since 1995, serving in a number of capacities including serving as the President of the Church Prayer Leaders Network and the Vice President of Harvest Prayer Ministries.

Jon's passion beats for prayer and raising up more praying people in the local church. His speaking ministry primarily targets the average believer in the pews. He has a winsome style that seeks to motivate through encouragement rather than through guilt.



The cost for the retreat is \$60.00 per person, which includes, lodging, breakfast, lunch, use of facility, and speaker. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 11, 2018.**

Please fill in the form below, make checks payable to **Western PA District**, and mail to: **115 Spring Road**, **Hollsopple**, **PA 15935**.

Name	
Address	
Do you want CE credit?	
Amount enclosed for the Restored Power Praver Retreat	



SVMC Continuing Education Events

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's continuing education events are designed for ordained Church of the Brethren ministers, but non-Brethren clergy and interested laypersons are also welcome to attend. For more information, and to register for any of the events listed below, please click on the title link, or go to: https://www.etown.edu/programs/svmc/continuing-education.aspx. Print registration form and mail to SVMC. Thank you.

Current 2018 offerings:

The Imaginative Church: Embracing and Empowering Creativity and the Arts

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9 AM - 3:30 PM Location: Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren

Presenter: Dave Weiss

Memory Care: Igniting the Inner Light

Date: Monday, May 7, 2018, 9 AM - 3 PM

Location: Cross Keys -- The Brethren Community, New Oxford

Presenter: Jennifer Holcomb, Director of Memory Care, The Brethren Home Community, New Oxford

The Body of Christ in Corinth and America

Date: November 12, 2018, 9 AM - 4 PM

Location: Juniata College

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary

Cost: \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEUs). Description of event and registration form are forthcoming.



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2018 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

As more and more families are blessed they contribute \$1.00 a week or \$52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed \$52, the debt could be eliminated. At the present the 2018 team totals 21 families and 2 total congregations.

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STAFFING NEEDS

Camp is in the process of hiring for the summer – kitchen, adventure staff, lifeguards, maintenance, and counselors. If interested please contact Camp as soon as possible.

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LOOKING AHEAD -* Poster included for information

March 24 – Western PA District Church of the Brethren Discussion Nut Roll Sales – Holy Week – Come and help us and/or order your nut roll

April 7 – Maple Spring Couples Retreat

April 13, 14 – Scrapbooker's Retreat*

April 28, 29 - Craft and Flea Market Bazaar - Clean out your closets now.*

 $May\ 6-Hoss \hbox{'s Fund Raiser - Richland Restaurant*}$

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NON-PROFIT SERV-SAFE CLASS

We had 45 persons in attendance and 14 congregations or non profits were represented. All who attended will receive a certificate.

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HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Join us on May 19, 2018 in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community as we participate to raise funds for our camp scholarship program. Hundreds of children and youth visit Camp Harmony every summer to experience nature and adventure, meaningful relationships, significant memories and spiritual transformation. Each summer camp provides scholarships for those needing financial assistance. Please consider helping us as a walker raising funds or a donor so more kids can come to Camp Harmony. Contact a Camp Board Member or Staff Member to donate or walk on a team. Our goal is \$5,000 for scholarships.

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<u>WHAT A DEAL</u> – On May 6 if you go out to eat at Hoss's Restaurant in Richland you can make money for Camp. Our last fundraiser was such a success we are doing it again at a different restaurant. Just use the attached poster when you enter. Thank you for your endorsement – have fun.

Registration Includes

Meals

Friday Night Pizza Party

Saturday

Brunch - 10:30am Supper - 4:30pm

Snacks and Beverages

Lots of FUN!

Make and Takes

Generous Table Space Door Prizes

> Games Goody Bag

On Site Shopping

with your favorite Scrapbook Stores & Stamping Companies

Crop Room will be open Friday - 4:00 - Midnight

Saturday - 9:00am - 9:00pm

Lodging will be at Harmony Lodge Please bring your own bedding and towels
Beds are full and twin size

General Information

April 13 & 14, 2018

Friday 4:00pm - Midnight Saturday 9:00am- 9:00pm

Directions

Camp Harmony 1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936

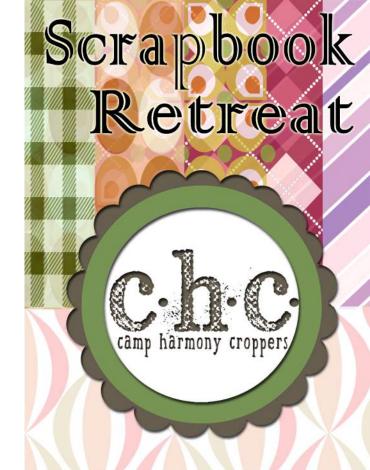
From Route 219

Take the PA 403 exit. Turn toward Hollsopple, Follow 403 South for approx. one-half mile. Merge RIGHT onto Route 601 South for approx. 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT onto Plank Road. Follow Plank Road for 3.2 miles winding around the dam to the Camp Harmony entrance on the RIGHT.

Once on the camp property, follow the road up to FAITH HALL. Pull up to the marked doors to unload before parking vour vehicle in the lot.

- Registration Deadline is April 6, 2018
- No refunds will be given for cancellations after April 6, 2018
- No refunds for no-shows
- \$20 fee for returned checks

Camp Harmony & Camp Harmony Croppers



Friday April 13, 2018 4:00pm - Midnight

Saturday April 14, 2018 9:00am - 9:00pm



Registration

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Fmail·		

(Please list email for registration confirmation and updates on vendors and activities. We will not share it with anyone.)

Seat/Room me with:

Package Choice (circle one)

\$70 \$30 \$95 \$55

Total Enclosed: \$

Make checks and Send Registration to: Dorothy Gindlesperger 330 Miller Run Road Hooversville, PA 15936

> For questions, call or email: 814-701-1681 MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 6, 2018



small extension cord if you plan on using electric.

Pricing Package #1 \$95 Friday & Saturday with Lodging

Package #2 \$70 Friday & Saturday Local

\$30 Package #3 Friday Only

Package #4 \$55 Saturday Only

All registrations must be paid in advance.

No registrations will be accepted by phone.

Proceeds from this Crop are donated to Camp Harmony for program and facility needs. Thank you for your continued support of this Crop!

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BRING A NEW FRIEND!







2018

Explore Local Crafters
Shop Popular Vendors
Discover Used Treasures



Saturday, April 28 10am - 5pm Sunday, April 29 I - 5 pm

Concessions Available

Proceeds benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony

Call to reserve a table! \$50 Craft/Vendor \$25 Flea Market



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Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar Registration Form

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by April 13, 2018

Section you are registering for:	Craft/Vendor	Flea Market	
Individual/Business Name:			
Contact Person(s):			
Address:			
Phone Number:	Ema	il:	
Table Type (circle): Cra	aft/Vendor Table/Dir	ect Sales (\$50 per event)	Flea Market (\$25)
Each registrant is	provided with a 10'	د10' area, one table, and ا	two chairs.
Table Description (Items sol	d/offered, display re	quirements, etc.):	
Will you need electricity?	Yes No_		
Special requests/needs:			
I understand that this regis and providing the goods or		space and I commit to	attending the event
I agree to abide by all terms set forth by the venue in Harmony is not responsible	regards to condu	ct, set-up, tear-down, a	ind payment. Camp
Name (please print)		Signature	 Date

Sunday May 6, 2018 – All Day Fundraiser Hoss's in Richland Township



Dear Friend of Camp Harmony:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 5/6/2018 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Harmony.

Print and present this flyer on 5/6/2018 at Hoss's in Richland Township and they will donate 20%* or 25%** of your total check paid to Camp Harmony.

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Group #95963

Please print and present this email when ordering.







CAMP HARMONY

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2018 HARMONY FEST — VENDOR INFORMATION

We are already getting excited for our Second Annual **Harmony Fest** at beautiful Camp Harmony! If you are interested in taking part in our festival, here are some things you need to know:

- Returning vendors will have first option to return if registrations are received by May 1, 2018.
- All vendors/churches who want a booth MUST complete the registration form and submit the appropriate fee to Camp Harmony by August 15th in order to secure their spot.
- Please read carefully and select the vendor options that are right for you!
- We are going to do our best to have everyone **indoors or under-roof** who wants to be.
- If your group had a favorite spot at the Heritage Festival in years past, we make no guarantees.
- All **food vendors** must sell food that was prepared in a state-licensed kitchen. Please send a copy of your license with your registration form. If you want to prepare food in Camp's kitchen, please call ahead to schedule.
- In case of **duplicate** direct-sales booths, (like two vendors selling Tupperware), we will accept the vendor whose registration/payment we received first.
- Camp Harmony also reserves the right to decline space to any vendor whose goods or services do not align with our **family-friendly** atmosphere.
- Upon receipt of registration, payment and acceptance, you will receive a confirmation letter.
- The festival will provide parking, shuttle service, indoor restrooms and brochures.
- Two-day vendors have the option of renting one of our **spacious new cabins** on a first come, first served basis; for \$150, you can both stay in and sell from a cabin. Reserve a space soon (limited cabins available)!
- All **licenses**, taxes and permits are the sole responsibility of each vendor.
- After August 15th, all registration fees are non-refundable. If you need to **cancel**, please call us.
- Basic Harmony Fest schedule:
 - Vendor set-up is on <u>Friday</u>, September 21 from noon to 6 pm. If other arrangements are necessary, please give us a call. We'll provide you with a list of local eateries for meals on Friday.
 - o <u>Saturday</u> morning breakfast will be served. Saturday vendor times: 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday evening food will be available for purchase plus a FREE campfire, outdoor movie and snacks!
 - o Sunday morning Christian worship service at 10 am with children's church. All are welcome. Food available at 11 am with vendor times 11 am to 5 pm. Tear-down to follow.
 - Free children's area from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and 12 to 5 pm on Sunday. Camp will also have some adventure options available, like our climbing tower and zip-line!
 - A silent auction will be held spanning both Saturday and Sunday. We are asking each vendor to donate one item/basket.

Our team is looking forward to another successful event this September – thank you for your consideration and desire to partner with us for a great day that benefits the ministry at Camp Harmony. If you have any questions, please call the Camp office at 814.798.5885, and be sure to check out www.campharmony.org for more details.

Thanks!

The Harmony Fest Team



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HARMONY FEST VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 22 –23, 2018

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by August 15, 2018. Thank you!

Individual / Business Name:			
Contact Person:		Phone:	
Address:			_
Email:			
Vendor Options: (Ple	ase Check)		
☐ Two-day with electricity	- \$70.00	☐ One-day with electri	city - \$40.00
☐ Two-day without electric	city - \$50.00	□ One-day without ele Saturday or Sur	
Saturday or Sunday? Two-day with cabin lodging - \$150.00 (If you are a non-profit -OR- a one-day vendor, you have the option to waive the registration fee, with promise that at least 50% of your festival earnings will go to Camp Harmony.)			
		•	istration fee, with the
Please tell us what you sell and I	et us know if you have	any special requests:	
Each registered vendor will be pr		•	_
I understand that this reservati goods or services listed. I agre by the venue in regard to condu lost, broken, damaged or stolen	e to abide by all tern uct, set-up, tear-down	ns and conditions (listed in the	attached letter) set forth
Printed Name	Sigr	nature	Date

Please remember to include your registration fee!

Once we receive your registration we will send out a confirmation letter.



Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! The NEW Form B that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin and updates contact information about your congregation's board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contact persons will be coming to congregations and contact persons soon. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated, as well as email addresses, if they are available.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2017/2018 had been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by <u>December 1, 2017.</u> If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at <u>www.brethren.org/stewardship</u>. Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the *District Office* as of October 20. *ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.* The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don't hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-010	Arbutus		•	•	•	•
37-015	Beachdale	1				•
37-020	Bear Run		•			
37-030	Berkey		•			
37-050	Bethel		•	•		•
37-060	Brothersvalley				•	•
37-068	Canaan		•			•
37-070	Center					
37-080	Center Hill				•	
37-090	Conemaugh		•			•
37-100	Connellsville		•		•	•
37-110	County Line		•	•	•	•
37-130	Elbethel					
37-140	Erie Community United					
37-150	Fairchance		•	•	•	•
37-160	Fair View				•	
37-170	Farmington Bethel		•			•
37-190	Geiger		•			
37-195	Good Samaritan					
37-200	Greensburg					•
37-210	Greenville					
37-220	Hooversville		•			•
37-230	Hostetler		•	•	•	•
37-240	Hyndman					
37-250	Indiana		•		•	•
37-310	Ligonier First		•		•	•
37-320	Locust Grove		•		•	•
37-340	Maple Glen					
37-350	Maple Grove					
37-360	Maple Spring					
37-380	Meyersdale		•		•	•
37-390	Middlecreek					
37-400	Monroeville					
37-410	Montgomery		•			

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-260	Morrellville					
37-420	Mount Joy		•		•	•
37-430	Mount Pleasant					
37-270	Moxham			•		•
37-440	Nanty Glo		•		•	•
37-450	Natrona Heights					•
37-460	Oakdale					
37-470	Penn Run					•
37-475	Pike Run					
37-480	Pleasant Hill		•			
37-500	Plumcreek		•		•	•
37-505	Purchase Line					•
37-508	Rayman					
37-510	Robinson		•		•	•
37-520	Rockton					
37-530	Rockwood		•			
37-280	Roxbury		•		•	•
37-540	Rummel		•		•	•
37-550	Salisbury				•	•
37-560	Scalp Level		•	•	•	•
37-570	Shade Creek/Ridge					•
37-580	Sipesville		•	•	•	•
37-590	Somerset		•	•	•	•
37-620	Ten Mile					
37-630	Tire Hill	1	•		•	•
37-635	Union Chapel					
37-640	Uniontown	i	•		•	•
37-290	Walnut Grove	1				•
37-645	Way of Hope	i	•		•	•
37-300	Westmont		•			
37-650	Windber				•	
37-660	Wooddale					•

2018 District Events and Meetings

This calendar will be updated as we receive dates from your groups, please send your important dates to the District Office ASAP to insure they will be on the District Calendar. Thank you.

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

- District Events open for anyone in the District to attend CAPS
- Meetings such as District Leadership Team, Camp Board, Home Trustees, and events beyond the District small print
- Youth and Children's Activities ITALICS & CAPS

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

- KEEP FOR REFERENCE WHEN SETTING LOCAL CHURCH DATES.
- Each month check this page in *District* HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep *your* calendar updated.

APRIL 2018

- 1 ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 7 District Disaster Pancake Breakfast, Maple Spring COB
- 9 Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13-14 Spring Scrapbook Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 19 DWM Spring Brunch, Greensburg COB
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Brethren Home Auxiliary Spring Tea
- 22 Tithing Sunday
- 28-29 Craft, Flea Market Bazaar at Camp Harmony

MAY 2018

- 3 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 3 Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 4-5 DWM Spring Retreat, TBA
- 6 NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 10 ASCENSION DAY
- 12 District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18-19 Pastors' Retreat "Restored Power", Camp Harmony
- 20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2018

- Annual Conference Briefing, Rummel COB, 3 pm
- 7 DWM Camp Day, Camp Harmony
- 17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2018

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Cincinnati, Ohio
- District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 21-26 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Fort Collins, Colorado
- 27 District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2018

- 1 Brethren Home Auxiliary
- DWM Summer Tea, TBA (alternate day Aug. 18)
- 12 Stewardship Sunday
- 31 Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Begins

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Concludes
- 3 LABOR DAY
- 6 Brethren Home Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon
- District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 21 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 22 District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22-23 Harmony Fest, Campy Harmony
- Honduras Mission Dinner, 5 pm, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2018

- 4 DWM Brethren Home Day
- 7 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 20 District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)
- 8 Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 17 District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2018

- 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Camp Harmony more information to come
- 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

PLEASE NOTE

Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. Your help is much appreciated!