



Western PA

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

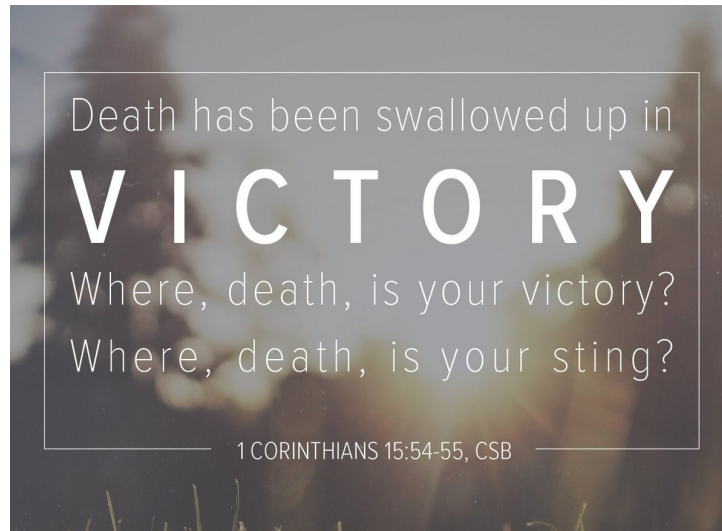
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As Easter draws near, we once again ponder the fact that, in His resurrection, Christ Jesus has conquered death. He has taken on our final enemy and won! For us Jesus has won the victory of victories. *“Where, O Death, is your victory?” “Where, O Death, is your sting?”*

We may not think much about Jesus’ victory over death unless we have recently lost a loved one or if we ourselves are facing the possibility our own death due to severe illness. But to know that Jesus has devastated sting of To know that Jesus has who trust him to live “mind-blowing”!

In our time and seems that few people personal sin and guilt may not immediately news that Jesus has punishment of their might be keener to

conquered death. The reality of death may cause people to ask themselves “if I am going to die, what is the meaning of my life? What is the purpose of my life? What is going to happen to me?” There may be a greater openness to listening to someone who speaks of the Lord as the One who brings victory over death and eternal purpose to one’s life.



really taken away the death is astounding! made it possible for all forever in glory is

current culture, it have a sense of before God. Thus they connect with the good died to take away the sins. But perhaps they hear that Jesus has

Over the Easter Season, pray for opportunities to share the message of Christ’s victory over death. See where God may give you opportunity to share a word about how the Resurrection of Christ makes it possible for our lives to not simply be “swallowed up by death” but rather be raised unto eternal hope and purpose.

May the Lord bless your Easter witness and that of your congregation. May we find many opportunities to say “My friend, Christ is risen, and therefore there is hope and there is life!”

Easter blessings to you all! *Bill Wenger*

District Office Notes



May 2019 Highlights Deadline

April 10, 2019

Please send ALL Highlights information to the District Office for this next issue.

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DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make these changes in your directory copies, thanks!

Page 15—**EMAIL CHANGE:** Daniel Pyle,
danielpyle71@gmail.com

Page 15—**CHANGE:** Ex Officio, Carol Walker

Page 15—**ADD** to Auditing Committee: Marilyn Manotti, 3015 Graham Avenue, Windber, 15963, 814-467-4064

Page 15—**ADD** to Auditing Committee: Richard Critchfield, 212 Laurel Crest Road, Somerset, 15501, 814-442-2656,
richardcritchfield24@yahoo.com

Page 22—**EMAIL CHANGE:** Center Hill COB,
centerhillchurchpa@gmail.com

Page 38—**PHONE CHANGE:** Robert Thacker,
724-254-2521

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2019**, 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 to have updated information from all the churches we serve.

Thank you!

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WEBSITE:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday

8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Secretary is in

Monday ~ Thursday

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Friday's until Noon

*Voicemail and Email
checked daily*



District Church News

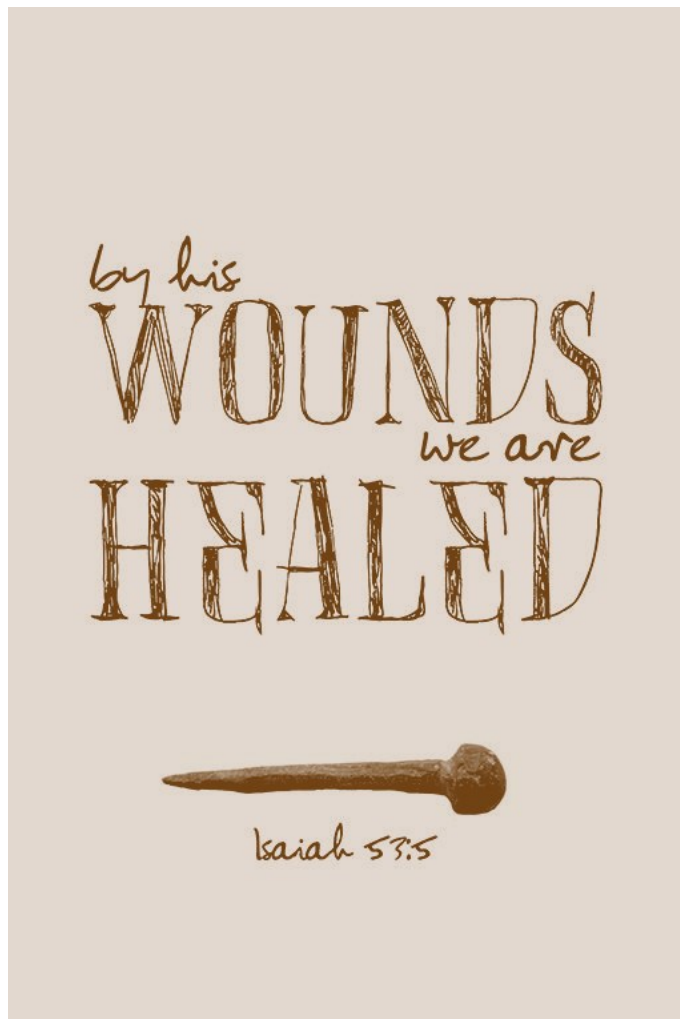
LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Change

Eric Yost—resigned, Walnut Grove

HOSPITALIZED

- Continue to pray for **Carole Horner** and her ongoing recovery.



From The Yearbook Office in Elgin...

Yearbook forms collecting directory updates and statistical data have been mailed to all Church of the Brethren congregations. The last of them left Elgin by February 22nd so they should have arrived at your congregations by now. The deadline listed on the forms is April 15th.

We hope to simplify the process in upcoming years and offer the option of submitting forms online—something many congregations have asked for. There will still be a paper option for those who prefer that.

An announcement about an online survey has been included in the packet of forms. We'd like to get as much feedback as possible from congregations, as we prepare to make changes to the form submission process in 2020. We're inviting congregations to take a few minutes to complete the online survey:

www.brethren.org/yearbooksurvey.

The deadline for completing the survey is April 30.

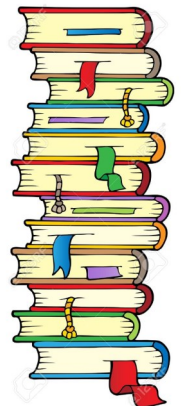
Free Books at Rummel COB

Greek for the Rest of Us,
by William D. Mounce -
Zondervan, 2003

A Reader's Greek New Testament, 2nd Edition -
Zondervan, 2007

Basics of Biblical Greek,
3rd Edition, by William D.
Mounce - Zondervan, 2009

Contact Rummel COB (467-5050)
or Abby Shaffer (abramash10408@gmail.com)



District Church News

SPRING REVIVAL/ENRICHMENT SERVICES

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren

"A Christ-Centered Church"

April 7–10, 2019

Bro. Lee Smith, Pastor

Bro. Craig Alan Myers -Guest Evangelist

Church is located 1 mile east of Mt. Pleasant, PA
on Route 31

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*Morning Worship Service:*

**10:45 a.m.**

*Evening Worship Services: 7:00 p.m.*

*Special Music*  
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Sermon Topics and Scripture for Devotions:

Sunday (4/7) a.m.

"The Only Book" 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sunday (4/7) p.m.

"The Only Saviour" John 14:1-16

Monday (4/8)

"When You're Serious About Jesus" Acts 4:1-22

Tuesday (4/9)

"How the Gospel Transforms a Person"

Acts 7:54-60

Wednesday (4/10)

"From Glory into Glory" ~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

~~~~~**COME, AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS**~~~~~

**Love Feast and Communion Service will be held on  
Palm Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m.**

***For more information, please call 724-547-3670***



## Free Resources available at the Locust Grove COB



30 Day Church Challenge Kit—  
4 DVDs with Daily Guide +13  
Daily Guidebooks

Kyle Idleman "Not A Fan" -  
DVD small group study for adults

Rick Warren studies:

"God's Answers to Life's Questions" -

4 DVDs + 12 study guides

"40 Days of Purpose" - 16 VHS tapes

"The Purpose Driven Life" - 16 hardcover books

"40 Days in the Word" - 3 DVDs + 11 workbooks

John Ortberg "Soul Keeping" -

3 DVDs + 9 books + 32 study guides

Louie Giglio "Goliath Must Fall" -

4 books + 16 workbooks

Ron Luce "Re:Create" - 6 workbooks + 4 books

Mark Batterson "The Grave Robber" (1 kit) - 12  
books + 19 study guides + 9 student edition study  
guides

Max Lucado "Fearless" -

12 books + 7 kits (DVDs, small group leader guide)  
+ 13 study guides

Todd Phillips "Keep Climbing" -

1 DVD + 16 workbooks

Chris Seay "Prodigal Perspectives"-

1 kit + 15 workbooks

Jim Cymbala "When God's People Pray" - 5 DVDs

Please Contact Roxanne Penrod 814-539-2258 or  
the Locust Grove church 814-539-6826 if you are  
interested in any of these studies.



# District Church News

## Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

### PA Dutch Buffet (chicken and waffles)

April 6, 2019—4 pm to 7 pm

### Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat

April 27, 2019- 8 am to 8 pm

Cost of the Buffets is \$9 for adults, \$6 for  
kids age 3– 11, kids under 3 are free.  
Call the church office at 724-463-0420  
for more information on any of these  
events.

### Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 8 am to 2 pm  
If you're interested in having your own yard  
sale with us, individual spaces will be sold  
for \$10. Please contact Lori Fackler for more  
information at 724-349-2929 or e-mail her  
at [lorijeffackler@yahoo.com](mailto:lorijeffackler@yahoo.com).



Locust Grove Choir has numerous older  
Easter & Christmas cantata's, some with  
cassette's, FREE to anyone interested.  
Also FREE, several books with CD's & one  
with cassette for Sunday morning music.

Contact Elaine Fyock, 467-9725 or 410-9776,  
for more information.

## *District Women's Ministries:*

### Calendar of Events 2019:

**April 4, 2019** Spring Brunch @ Conemaugh COB

**June 6, 2019** Camp Day

**August 10, 2019** Tea @ Walnut Grove COB

**September 13 & 14, 2019**, Fall Retreat @ Camp

**October 3, 2019** Fall Rally TBA

*Mark your calendars,  
more information to follow!*



The **Beachdale COB** is seeking a motivated spiritual  
leader(s) to coordinate and implement children's  
activities that foster and nurture Christian faith in  
visible and fruitful ways in children.

The primary focus of this position is to educate  
followers of Jesus according to God's Holy Word  
and foster relationships with children, parents, and  
caregivers by His will and direction.

Must be 18 years of age or older and able to  
provide/obtain required clearances. Paid part-time  
position of approximately 10 hours per week.  
Interested individuals may contact Beth Hoover  
at 814-279-7857.



# District Church News

## **ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS!!** **2019 Ministerial Ethics Training**

Facilitator—Nancy Sollenberger Heishman,  
Director, Office of Ministry for the Church of  
the Brethren

This training session will cover the material  
in the 2019 publication, “Ethics for the  
Set-Apart Minister” and also the 2008  
Annual Conference document “Ethics in  
Ministry”.

There will be 2 sessions available:

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00 am to  
2:30 pm at the Maple Spring Church of the  
Brethren and Sunday, April 7, 2019 from  
2:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Greensburg  
Church of the Brethren.**

Both sessions are the same, but offered in 2  
locations for your convenience. A light meal  
will be provided at each session. There is no  
cost for the training or the meal unless you  
would like to receive continuing education  
credit, 0.5 CEU credit will be given at a cost  
of \$10.00 per person.

Ethics Training is a requirement for ALL  
ordained ministers—active and retired.  
It is not required for licensed ministers but  
recommended for those anticipating being  
ordained by December 2020.

Please call the District Office at  
814-479-2181 and give your name  
and which session you would like to attend.

## **In need of your prayers and help:**

Georgianne Foust, who is a member of the  
Walnut Grove congregation, is currently  
waiting for a kidney transplant. She was  
recommended to have a live kidney donor  
which makes the wait a lot shorter than  
waiting on the donor list which could take  
up to 5 years or more.

So far, she hasn't been able to find a live  
donor, even within her own family.  
Georgianne is in need of a B + blood type  
donor.

If you feel that you might be a match or  
someone you know may be and are willing  
to share this very special gift of life please go  
to the website below to register.

<https://livingdonorreg.upmc.com/>

Please use Georgianne's name when  
completing the form so the match can be  
made if possible.

In the meantime, please keep Georgianne  
and her family in your prayers. Pray for  
healing and the Lord's will be done in her  
life. Thank you!

The green ribbon is associated  
with organ and tissue donation  
in North America and most  
European countries.



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Rummel COB is in want of another set of children's hand bells (the small, brightly colored ones). If your church has a set they don't plan to use again, maybe we could talk. Please call Rummel at 814-467-5050 and leave a message with your name, church and phone number. Thank you!

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS  
GOD BREATHED**

2 Timothy 3:16 & 17

**Mark your calendars!**  
**2019 District Conference**  
**October 19, 2019**  
**Camp Harmony**  
**Please be sure your church is represented!**



## **B-D-M** **Needs Your** **Help!**

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or [hjeward@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net)

Other than the day trips to New Windsor all weeklong trips will be announced as the information becomes available.

### **2019 Schedule**

THANK YOU

#### **Day Trips**

April 4  
April 23  
June 6  
June 25  
August 8  
August 20  
October 10  
October 15  
December 5

#### **Week Trips**

May 5—11  
Project #2  
  
July 14—20  
w/Mid. Project #1  
  
September 15—21  
w/Mid. Project #2  
  
Oct. 27—Nov. 2  
Project #1  
  
December 8—14  
w/ANE Project #1

# Denominational News

Go to [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) for the most complete and up-to-date news from the Church of the Brethren



## National Older Adult Conference

**September 2—6, 2019**

**Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina**

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

[www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC)

**Job Openings:** If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html>



**Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.**

Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region.

Visit [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) for more information.



## Annual Conference 2019

**July 3—7, 2019**

**Greensboro, NC  
Sheraton/Koury Convention Center**

**Registration is now open!**



## Workcamps 2019

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.  
*2 Peter 1:5-8 The Message*



# Global Mission Updates

## Global Mission Prayer Guide



### Burundi and Rwanda

Pray for [Global Food Initiative](#) manager Jeff Boshart and volunteer Chris Elliott as they travel to meet with partners and visit agricultural projects in the African Great Lakes region. Their first stop is in Burundi to meet with Church of the Brethren partner organization Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS) and its founder David Niyonzima. They will then visit projects and members of the Brethren Church of Rwanda, led by Etienne Nsanzimana. Jeff and Chris also will meet with leaders of Eglise de Freres au Congo (the Church of the Brethren in Congo). Pray for good health and safety for all involved. Pray for fruitful exchanges and meaningful fellowship.

### United States

Pray for Steve Van Houten as he begins work as interim coordinator of [Brethren workcamps](#) this week. He coordinated the workcamp ministry in 2005-2007, and he retired as pastor of Pine Creek (Ind.) Church of the Brethren in 2018. Pray for blessings of strength and energy as Steve steps in to lead volunteers, participants, and advisors in this summer's season of service opportunities throughout the country.

### Dominican Republic

Pray for the leaders and members of Iglesia de los Hermanos, the Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic, as they navigate differences between their Spanish-speaking communities of Dominican origin and their Creole-speaking communities of Haitian origin. Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom as they discern a path forward together

# Global Mission Updates

## Global Mission Prayer Guide

### Ethiopia

Pray for all those who mourn the deaths of 157 people killed in the airplane crash in March. The victims were from 35 nations, with the greatest share (32) from Kenya. Nineteen of the victims were staff members of various United Nations agencies. One was working with the World Council of Churches. The cause of the crash is under investigation and more details are coming to light daily. Pray for God's comfort for those who grieve.

### Nigeria

Praise God for the work of volunteers from Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) who gathered in Kwarhi to mold 21,000 cement blocks for use in fencing the EYN Headquarters and Kulp Theological Seminary. More than 100 people from LCC (local congregations) Mararaba, Lumba, Kwagwang, and Kwarhi participated in the effort.



Pray for members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and others in northeastern Nigeria who are facing an increase in violent attacks from Boko Haram insurgents. EYN officials report that people are living in fear and that many are relocating or sleeping in caves. EYN has requested specific prayers for church members who lost loved ones in an insurgent attack on the town of Madagali on March 1, when a suicide bomber entered the house of a church member and killed the family, and a rocket attack killed seven people. Pray for the congregation of EYN Bwaguma and the church members in the community of Gatamwarwa, which were attacked in February. The Bwaguma community's food stores were looted, and a seven-year-old was abducted from an EYN family, among other losses. Pray for strength for those living in grief or fear. Pray that the ways of peace may prevail.

## AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – April 2019

### ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067  
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802  
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058  
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  
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227  
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534  
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448  
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  
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549  
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  
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  
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

### LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722  
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457  
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-798-4801

### LAY SPEAKER

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

***VENDORS WANTED***

**JOYFUL CHURCH**



# **Spring Bazaar**

**June 8th—8am to 4pm**

**2524 Garrett Shortcut Road**

**(former Piney Run Golf Course)**

**YARD SALE**

**ITEMS**

**VENDORS**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**10am—4 pm**

**CRAFTS**

**FOOD**

**For general information  
and prices/sizes of spaces**

**call 814-521-3917**

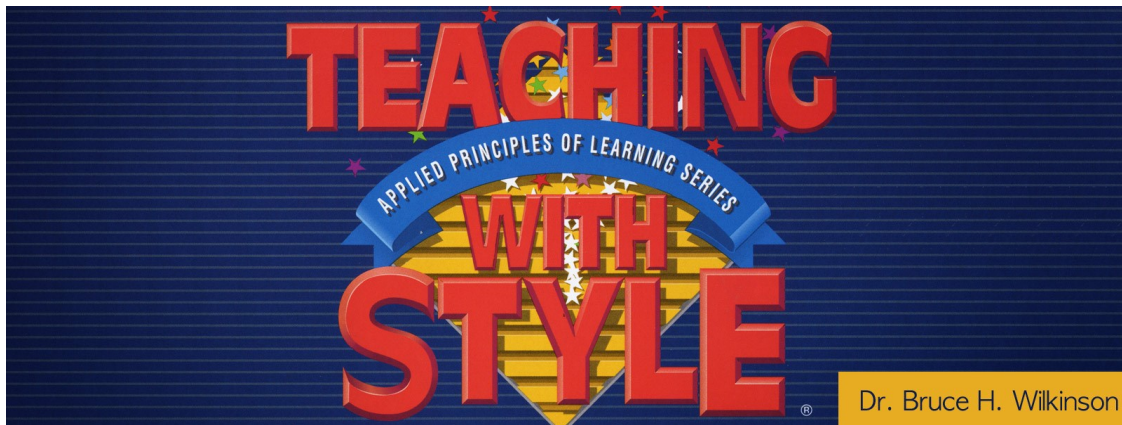


# Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies

Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team

**April 13, 2019 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Indiana COB**

Please register by **April 8, 2019**. This event is open to everyone.



Resource leader **Dottie Kunselman** from the Oakdale COB will be using Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson's curriculum "*Teaching with Style*" to lead this session.

Discover what your students want you to know—but are afraid to tell you!

**Bring a notebook and your Bible**

**\$15.00 per person – 0.5 CEU credit is offered**

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**Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check if you are requesting CEU credit.

Make checks payable to **Western PA District** and mail to: **115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935**

# 2019 PRAYER RETREAT

**Saturday, May 4, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Camp Harmony**

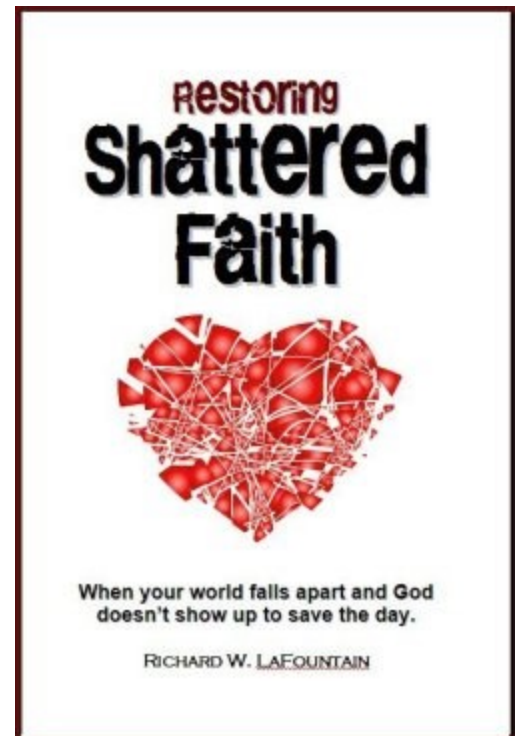
*Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team*

## **Restoring Shattered Faith:**

### *Believing God Again*

Resource Leader: **Richard W. LaFountain**, retired senior pastor of the Grove City Alliance Church in Grove City, PA. He has served God in many capacities over his 40+ years of ministry. He has been a church planter, missionary, pastor, strategist, conference speaker, college professor, evangelist, puppeteer, artist, and author.

Pastor LaFountain came to the Western PA District in 2017 to share. His passion is to help pastors, church leaders, and local congregations experience the presence of God through an intimate walk with Him through a disciplines prayer life. His calling is to motivate a renewed love for prayer and the presence of God in our churches. Come and be refreshed through a time of prayer and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.



This retreat is open to anyone. **Please register by Friday, April 26.**

Cost is \$15.00 per person – 0.5 CEU credit is offered

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### **2019 Prayer Retreat—Restoring Shattered Faith: Believing God Again**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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MARCH 2019

# EL HOGAR DE NINOS ENMANUEL

## SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

A Christian Home for homeless, abused, and severely neglected children



Hogar de Niños  
ENMANUEL

[www.hogarenmanuel.com](http://www.hogarenmanuel.com)

[Facebook.com/hogarenmanuel](https://Facebook.com/hogarenmanuel)

### Witnessing the Faithfulness of God Firsthand

This very special work team (including members from Plum Creek CoB and Bear Creek CoB) were able to see God at work from start to finish!



Not only did they help to raise the necessary funds at our tri-annual fundraiser but they were also able to celebrate the inauguration of our newly remodeled bedrooms and nursery. A special thank you to all who helped make this possible and to International Christian Aid who contributed matching funds.



"..being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 1:6

### SPONSORSHIP COUPON

Providing for the children at Hogar de Niños Enmanuel

Make check payable and mail to:

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

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Hollisopple, PA 15935

Or donate through PAYPAL at [www.hogarenmanuel.com](http://www.hogarenmanuel.com)

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Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel

**A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR  
HOMELESS, ABUSED, AND  
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For more information contact:  
Rona Hemminger  
Mission Program Coordinator  
Mobile: 540-649-3111  
Email: [hemminger@verizon.net](mailto:hemminger@verizon.net)

Carrie Antesberger, Editor

**We welcome our newest member:**

**Santiago**



## **Making a Difference**

You may not think that your participation or contribution amounts to much, but because of **YOU**, children like Santiago have a safe and beautiful place to sleep and play. Because of **YOU**, they are clean and fed and cared for and loved. Because of **YOU**, they have an opportunity to learn and thrive. Because of **YOU**, they have a chance! God is using **YOU** to help change the world!



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## CAMP HARMONY

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Hooversville, PA 15936-0158  
e-mail: [harmony@campharmony.org](mailto:harmony@campharmony.org)  
<http://www.campharmony.org>  
Phone: (814) 798-5885  
FAX: (814) 798-2225

*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of  
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and  
with one another"*

Greetings from Camp Harmony!

\*Warm weather has brought opportunities to continue to restore camp facilities. Thank you for those who have financially and physically supported the ministry of camp. Our volunteers are crucial to the ongoing growth of programs and projects. The University of Pittsburgh of Johnstown campus ministries brought college students on spring break to do various building/cleaning tasks around the property. It was fun to have them join us.

\*We also had a great turn out for the camp rep brunch. Camp representatives were served a fabulous breakfast by our amazing kitchen staff, and our program director filled them in on what is happening at camp. We are thankful for those representing us to the district churches.

**\*Early bird deadline for camp is April 15.** Register online at [campharmony.org](http://campharmony.org), or call the camp office for a paper copy. Our website is always being updated with events so please refer to that or call the camp office if you have any questions. 814-798-5885.

### APRIL/MAY HAPPENINGS AT CAMP...

#### \*Fish Fry & Community Lenten Service

Sunday, April 7, 2019

4:30pm 8:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fellowship beginning with the fish fry and ending with the community Lenten service and ice cream sundaes.

Pastor Abby Shaffer will be leading the service titled "Victory & Hope"

#### \*Spring Scrapbook Retreat

Friday, April 12, 2019 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:00 PM

\*Nut & Apricot Roll Sale

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

9:00 AM 1:00 PM

Put your orders in for a traditional and delicious spring treat that will also benefit Camp! The sale of each roll will go directly to support the ministry of Camp Harmony. \$10 each

Please place all orders by April 10 by calling 814-798-5885

\*Summer Camp Open House

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 AM 5:00 PM

An opportunity for new campers (or seasoned campers) to meet our staff, tour the facilities and ask questions. You are also welcome to visit our Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar. Concessions will be available.

\*Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 AM 5:00 PM

Explore Local Crafters, Shop Popular Vendors, Discover Used Treasures--FREE ADMISSION

For vendor inquiries, call 814-798-5885 or email [harmony@campharmony.org](mailto:harmony@campharmony.org)

\*Firewood Days

Friday, May 3, 2019 8:00 AM

Saturday, May 4, 2019 5:00 PM

8 am to 5 pm each day!

Grab your tools and a couple of friends and head to Camp for the Spring 2019 Paul Bunyan Firewood Days on Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4. The wood boxes at camp are getting empty, so we are in need of lots of help! We also have many trees down from the wind this past winter blocking paths. Meals and lodging will be provided if you would like to stay. If you have your own equipment and you would be willing to bring them, we would appreciate it. Camp has 2 chain saws and a log splitter. After cutting all day if you stay we will enjoy sitting around the fire telling stories and fellowship. There will be jobs for all ages on this work day, the more the merrier. Please contact the camp office and let us know you're coming!

\*Volunteer Thank You Banquet

Sunday, May 5, 2019

1:00 PM 3:00 PM

IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED AT CAMP IN THE PAST YEAR, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS TIME SO WE CAN THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME AND HARD WORK YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH! PLEASE CONTACT CAMP SO WE KNOW TO EXPECT YOU!

\*All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, May 10, 2019

4:30 PM 7:00 PM

Help us raise funds so more children and youth can come to summer Camp! All proceeds from the event go directly to our fundraising effort through the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on May 18th.

Invite your friends for this worthy cause!

\*Highmark Walk Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships & Programming

Saturday, May 18, 2019

7:30 AM 11:30 AM

People Natural Gas Field

We are raising funds again for our camp scholarships and programming by participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Donations can be accepted starting February 1 and our goal this year is \$10,000!

If you would like to walk, lead a team, donate or just need more information, please contact the office. We hope you will be able to join us as we provide more opportunities for kids to come to Camp!



CAMP HARMONY



COMMUNITY  
*Lenten*  
SERVICE

April 7



Proceeds benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony

**Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:30 pm - \$10**

(purchase ticket in advance thru Camp Harmony)

**Lenten Service 6:45 - 8:00 pm - Free**

Menu includes:

Baked/Fried Fish

Haluski/Mac 'N Cheese

Cole Slaw/Applesauce

Vegetable

Dessert

Ice cream sundaes  
to follow Service

Come to one or  
both events!

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## #spreadtheHarmony

# 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 12 & 13, 2019

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 your vehicle in the lot.

- Registration Deadline is April 7, 2019
- No refunds will be given for cancellations after April 7, 2019
- No refunds for no-shows
- \$20 fee for returned checks



Camp Harmony &  
Camp Harmony Croppers

# Scrapbook Retreat



Friday April 12, 2019

4:00pm - Midnight

&

Saturday April 13, 2019

9:00am - 9:00pm



CAMP HARMONY

Hooversville, PA



# Registration

Register online at  
campharmony.org

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(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)

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| \$95 | \$70 | \$30 | \$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 7, 2018**



## What to Bring

- ✓ Cropping Supplies
- ✓ Spill proof cup or bottle
- ✓ Sweater or light jacket
- ✓ Small desk lamp

We do our best to provide electric to all who need it. Please bring a small extension cord if you plan on using electric.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FALL CROP**  
**NOVEMBER 8-9**  
**2019**

## Pricing

Package #1 \$95  
Friday & Saturday with Lodging

Package #2 \$70  
Friday & Saturday Local

Package #3 \$30  
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!

**campharmony.org**

**BRING A NEW FRIEND!**





# CAMP HARMONY



## Fifth Annual

# Indoor Craft & Flea Market

## 2019 Bazaar 2019

# Saturday, April 27 9am - 5pm

## Concessions Available



**Reserve a table!**  
(registration on back)

**\$50 Craft/Vendor**  
**\$25 Flea Market**

Explore Local Crafters  
Shop Popular Vendors  
Discover Treasures



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## **Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar Registration Form**

**April 27, 2019 9 am - 5 pm**

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by April 12, 2019

Section you are registering for:      Craft/Vendor \_\_\_\_ Flea Market \_\_\_\_

Individual/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Type (circle):      Craft/Vendor Table/Direct Sales (\$50 per event)      Flea Market (\$25)

**Each registrant is provided with a 10'x10' area, one table, and two chairs.**

Table Description (Items sold/offered, display requirements, etc.):

Will you need electricity?      Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Special requests/needs:

I understand that this registration reserves my space and I commit to attending the event and providing the goods or services listed. I understand that limited Wi-Fi may be available for checkout purposes only.

I agree to abide by all terms and conditions (listed in the confirmation letter you will receive) set forth by the venue in regards to conduct, set-up, tear-down, and payment. Camp Harmony is not responsible for any lost, broken, damaged, or stolen items.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



CAMP HARMONY



# PAUL BUNYAN FIREWOOD DAYS



## May 3-4, 2019

Grab your tools and a couple of friends and head to Camp for the Spring 2019 Paul Bunyan Firewood Days on Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4. The wood boxes at camp are getting empty, so we are in need of lots of help! Meals and lodging will be provided if you would like to stay. If you have your own equipment and you would be willing to bring them, we would appreciate it. Camp has 2 chain saws and a log splitter. After cutting all day if you stay we will enjoy sitting around the fire telling stories and fellowship. There will be jobs for all ages on this work day, the more the merrier.

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# **ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER**

**FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

**MAY 10, 2019**

**4:30 - 7 PM**



**MENU INCLUDES:**

**PASTA**

**4 TYPES OF SAUCES**

**SALAD & GARLIC BREAD**

**DESSERT**

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

**\$10 ADULTS**

**\$4 KIDS (4-10)**

**KIDS 3 & UNDER FREE**

**IN 2018, 48 CAMPERS WERE GIVEN OVER \$8,500 IN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**WE ARE HOPING TO BLESS EVEN MORE CAMPERS IN 2019. CONTACT CAMP  
FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP US SERVE MORE CAMPERS IN 2019.**

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**814.798.5885**

**WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG**





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"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of creation and find harmony with God, with nature and with one another."

Dear Friend,

**Kids today have limitless opportunities – but they also face significant challenges.** Life is complicated and expectations are huge. How do we help them rise to the occasion and discover all God has created them to be?

**At Camp Harmony, we provide opportunities for children to experience nature and adventure, meaningful relationships, significant memories and spiritual transformation.** Our campers have an adventurous time in creation, stretching their heart, minds and legs and have a new sense of purpose. They are able to discover peace, hope and acceptance and build confidence for whatever the world brings to them.

**Every summer, kids of all ages come to Camp for community, friendships, mentoring, self-discovery and outdoor experiences.** Time spent at Camp is a tremendous benefit not just on the lives of the campers that come, but their families as well. We often hear from parents about the changes in their children's lives when they return after a week of Camp.

**Through summer camp we are serving people in our community and beyond.** Many families that come to Camp rely on scholarships for a number of reasons. And no matter what the reason is, we want to give them all the opportunity to experience everything that Camp has to offer: change of pace, friends, leadership-growth, safety, role models, spiritual input, recognition, aspiration, fun and so much more!

**Every year we raise funds for our scholarship and programming.** And as more and more campers come to Camp each year, our funds are depleted and need to be built back up. This is where you can help change lives! **We are participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on May 18 in Altoona.** We are raising funds to get our scholarship fund back where it needs to be so we can provide more opportunities for kids to come to Camp.

**Through a gift to Camp Harmony, you will help provide the necessary funds for us to make an impact on the lives of kids in our camping community.** The importance of your generous donation cannot be understated. It will give us the opportunity to provide meals, trained staff, creative activities, outdoor adventure, spiritual guidance and more to so many kids who wouldn't otherwise have this chance.

**Any amount that you can give is greatly appreciated! Whether \$10, \$25 or \$100 it will be a blessing!** If you are a business or organization and would like to make an impact, for a donation of \$250 we will list you as a sponsor of our team and you will be recognized on our website and social media posts about the walk.

**To make a donation please visit [hcf.convio.net/campharmony](http://hcf.convio.net/campharmony) (the Highmark Walk website) or you can send a check directly to Camp Harmony with Highmark Walk in the memo line. 100% of your donation comes directly to Camp and benefits our campers and community!**

**Thank you from the Camp Harmony staff, board of directors and all our campers!**

"Camp Harmony feels like family. They knew each kids name and made them feel special"  
-quote from the parent of a 2018 camper





# You're Invited!

After many years of faithful service to Camp Harmony, **Janice Kaltenbaugh** is retiring this year. All are welcome to join us for an informal celebration, a family picnic of sorts, on **Sunday, May 19, 2019** from **3:00-5:00 pm**.

Please come to Camp with a dessert or snack to share - drinks and plates will be provided.

Come and share your appreciation for all Janice has allowed the Lord to do through her in these past 12+ years!

*This is NOT a surprise party, because she would not have wanted that!  
Please share this information with all.*

# 2019 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 2019

- 4 - DWM Spring Brunch at Conemaugh COB
- 6 - Ethics Training, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Maple Spring COB
- 7 - Ethics Training, 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Greensburg COB
- 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 7 - Tithing Sunday
- 8 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13 - SVMC class, District Office
- 14 - PALM SUNDAY
- 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 19 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 21 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 22 - Earth Day
- 27 - SVMC Class District Office

## MAY 2019

- 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 - Pastors Prayer Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 5 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 27 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 30 - ASCENSION DAY

## JUNE 2019

- 1 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3 pm, Joyful Fellowship
- 6 - DWM Camp Day at Camp Harmony
- 9 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 16 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

### **JULY 2019**

- 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Greensboro, NC
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Greensboro, NC
- 15 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 18 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 26 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., TBA (District Conference Business)

### **AUGUST 2019**

- 10 - DWM Tea at Walnut Grove
- 10 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 18 - Stewardship Sunday
- 19 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 24 - SVMC Class, District Office

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

- 2 - LABOR DAY
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 13 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 21 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 20-21 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

### **OCTOBER 2019**

- 3 - DWM Fall Rally, TBA
- 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 12 - Blood Screening, 7:00 am to 9:00 am, Way of Hope Fellowship
- 12 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 19 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 26 - SVMC Class, District Office

### **NOVEMBER 2019**

- 2 - FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 3 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 11 am, District Office
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

### **DECEMBER 2019**

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 14 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come*
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 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!**