

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

April 2023

## BE PREPARED

Housesitting with teenagers was a wonderful acceptable assignment for Janice and I to experience, to have, and how enjoyable it truly was! Being there over a weekend gave us even more hours to spend with our grandchildren. The question was raised: if we would attend worship (go to church) on Sunday with them? Sunday morning found us up and going to a Church, one of the grandchildren attended regularly. We were greeted in the parking lot by others getting out of their cars.

We were welcomed at the door, by a greeter, who held the door for us to enter. We were also greeted and welcomed inside the door by at least three others waiting for the sanctuary doors to open. Once inside we chose seats and had at least six different people come and welcomed us and talked with us in a friendly way. The service was different than some services we have attended but the Word was lifted up in music and in an excellent message by a young Pastor. The congregation numbered over a hundred and was a mix of all ages. I have reflected on that service since Sunday morning. I have asked myself if the congregations I have been attending and worshipping in have that friendliness and welcoming spirit, and seriously asking "Why Not?"

If you are reading this, I am asking you! If you even attend worship anymore, do YOU welcome others? Not just saying hi to your friends of 40 years, but moving yourself to go say hi, welcome the individual or individuals to the service and be friendly? Does the congregation have greeters, someone who hands out the bulletin, or individuals that make it their joyful opportunity to say, "Good Morning, glad you could be here this morning"? I watched worshippers who opened their Bibles, opened their phones to their downloaded Bibles or in this particular congregation looked up at the screen to read the scripture.

They were engaged with the service and the message being shared with them. I am sure there was someone, tired from the night before that fell asleep or at least closed their eyes for a moment. But I saw worshippers of all ages taking notes or sitting expectantly for the next point of the message.

Parishioners or Pastors - are you engaged in worship, or taking up space? What do you bring to the time of worship? I have heard individuals express: "I didn't get anything from worship on Sunday, I didn't like the message or the music, or the children were noisy or the scripture was from the Old Testament and so on and so on." You get the drift of their noise! I want to ask you and them; what did you take to worship? What was your attitude, how did you approach the morning, how did you express your love for Jesus as you arrived, entered into the sanctuary, and readied yourself to worship? Did you have your Bible, a pen to take notes or a heart ready to hear and share what God (Yes I mean God) was delivering to you! Where was your mind, your heart and your soul that morning at that moment? Were you even there or off somewhere thinking about; Yes, only God knows what!

Easter worship that brings that occasional visitor or the semi-annual member is right around the corner. Will you be ready to welcome, share with them and make them discover that Jesus indeed is alive and well in this congregation! Or will you go expecting to get something. It is not like an Egg Hunt, where you have to find the hidden treasure.

It is for you to come prepared, accepting, sharing and finding what God is offering! Do not miss this worship experience; who knows how many experiences' one will have before you/they are called to be ready to go! What will your next worship be like, are you prepared?

Pete Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for the **May 2023** issue is

**April 10, 2023**

Please send your information to [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org).

## DISTRICT STAFF:

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

[www.westernpacob.org](http://www.westernpacob.org)

## REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation will be making a new directory for **2023** please send one to the District Office,  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935  
Thank you!

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the Interim District Minister as well as District Leadership Team in your prayers as they continue to work in the district during this time of transition.

Please also be in prayer for the District Search Committee in their search for a permanent District Minister.

## 2023 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2023 District Directory has been sent out via email and postal mail.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2023 District Directory, please contact, [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org) or 814-479-2181

Thank you!

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

If your information appears in the District Directory, please be sure to send me any updates that may happen (when they happen) during this year.

I plan to finalize the 2024 District Directory by December 31, 2023 in order to send out the new directory early in January 2024.

I need your help to keep the information current and appreciate it greatly. Thanks!

Tina

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

### Pastoral Changes

M. Ross Glotfelty—part-time, Maple Glen

## WITH SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Linda Goodwin** as her mother Lois Wingard passed away on February 22nd.

To the family of Dorothy Maust, who passed away on March 6th. Dorothy was a member of the Canaan church and a long-time donor to the Western PA District.

## CONGREGATIONAL PROFILES

The following congregations looking for part-time pastors:

Plumcreek, Robinson, and Pike Run

Interested pastors please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181.

## HELP WANTED

### THE DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER

SUMMARY and ACCOUNTABILITY:  
The Treasurer is the custodian of all the funds administered by the District Board and reports to the Stewards Commission and to the District Board. The Treasurer instructs the Financial Clerk on any necessary functions that need to be handled and will also have close contact with the Financial Clerk. There are no set hours for this position, only as needed. The treasurer will attend CORE Team meetings along with the Stewards & Finance Team Chair. The Treasurer will be an authorized signee on all banking and saving accounts.

If you are interested or feeling God calling you to this Treasurer's position, please contact Donna Smith at (814) 535-1102.

## TO ALL MINISTERS

Reminder to be sure to update your clearances if you haven't done it already. Once you receive your updated info, please send a copy to the District Office, thanks!

Western PA District COB  
115 Spring Road  
Hollsopple, PA 15935

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## PRE-EASTER CELEBRATION

The **Pleasant Hill COB** is providing an opportunity for folks to prepare for Easter with a time of meditation from the cross. Seven stations will be provided and each one will focus on one of the sayings from the cross. Participants may spend as much or as little time as they wish at each station.

The church will be open at the following times:

March 28, 29 and 30 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

April 1 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

April 2 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

You are invited to come and spend some time at the foot of the cross as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

### PA Dutch Buffet

Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 pm—7:00 pm

### Pasta Buffet

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:00 pm—7:00 pm

### Spring Craft Show

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 am—2:00 pm

### Yard Sale

Saturday, June 3, 2023

8:00 am—2:00 pm

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Arbutus COB** Sunday Services are streamed at 9:00 am <https://arbutuscob.org/>

**Geiger COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

**Hostetler COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa>

**Meyersdale COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am  
[https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ\\_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69\\_LKf8aq-ZM8lDlo0J\\_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py\\_c&paipv=0](https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69_LKf8aq-ZM8lDlo0J_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py_c&paipv=0)

**Salisbury COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

**Walnut Grove COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:00 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

## CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

**We can all use some good news now and again right?**

Milestone birthdays, milestone anniversaries, academic achievements, etc.

I look forward to sharing more good news from the District!

[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## REVIVAL SERVICES

The **Shade Creek/ Ridge COB** is going to be hosting revival Services on May 9, 10 and 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The speakers are as follows:

May 9- Dan Rhodes

May 10- Dan Shaffer

May 11- Bernie Fuska

All are welcome to attend.

## HYMNALS NEEDED

The **Penn Run COB** is looking for copies of the Hymnal: A Worship Book.

If you have any extra copies you or your congregation would be willing to donate, please contact Pastor Jeff Fackler at 724-463-0420



## DISTRICT LIBRARY

### Did you know the District Office has a Library and Resource Room?

During these winter months you are probably preparing for the upcoming events at your church. Have you ever checked out the District Library and Resource Rooms? They are packed full of useful information.

The district resource room can be a place to look for small group bible studies, teaching books for helping kids make friends or facing fears and helping to grow in their faith in the Lord. There is also a curriculum books for teaching kids and adults with developmental disabilities.

A short walk down the hall you walk into our district library. Are you in charge of teaching the youth and need some creative bible studies ideas. Do you need some literature on how to recruit some help? Books are available for you to read. You teenagers that have to do book reports maybe you can find an interesting book here.

We have books on minsters who were influential in the world like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Billy Graham. If you want to know the history of Christianity or the history of our Church of the Brethren denomination. You can find that in our library too! There are also multiple pastoral resources available on these shelves as well.

I have only touched on the list of books and teaching resources available to borrow. Be sure to check our district resources!

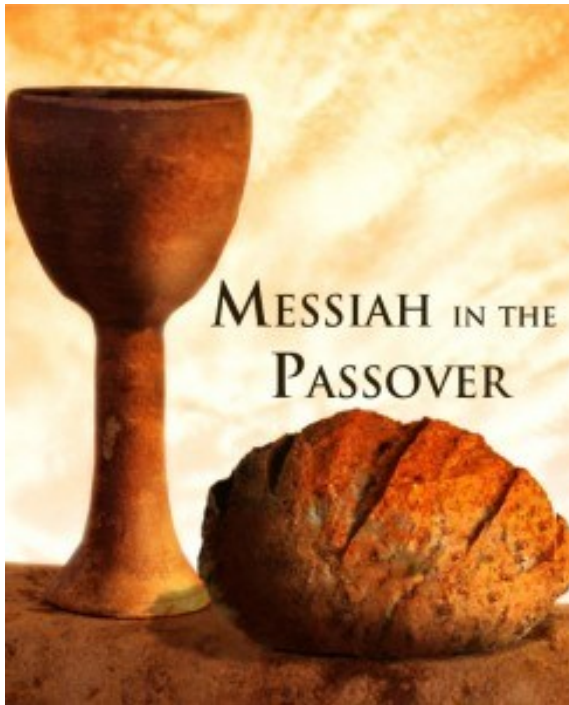
Respectfully submitted by Kaitie Coughenour,  
Western PA District Spiritual Formation Team  
Member





# PASSOVER SEDER

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**Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm  
at Camp Harmony**

The Messiah in the Passover Banquet is a wonderful presentation that opens up the Old Testament and gives Christians new insights into communion. The Banquet will be approximately 2 and a half hours featuring a full Jewish Seder meal and explanations of the traditions presented. The presenter is **Jeff Kipp** from Chosen People Ministries.

Jeff was born Brooklyn, New York. In the Fall of 1973, Jeff left college, friends, and everything behind to find America and find himself. He landed in a little New Mexican town called Taos and the second day there, he was led to a Jesus People coffee house and met Dr. Michael Silverburg, a fellow Jew and fellow New Yorker. That night was the first time Jeff was told that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah and he prayed to

receive Him into his heart and life. The Lord began to speak to Jeff of his destiny and the call of God upon his life in regards to reaching his Jewish people with the gospel. It was also in Northern California that he met his wife-to-be, Kathy. The Lord had led her to Santa Cruz to be a part of Youth with a Mission. They were called by the Lord to move back to Kathy's hometown of Minneapolis to begin their new life together. It was there they were introduced to the Messianic Movement and became part of a Messianic Jewish Congregation.



After many years of ministry, the Lord called the Kipps to relocate to Pittsburgh in 1993 where they have successfully pioneered and planted two Messianic Congregations and have seen many Jewish people come to faith in their Messiah. They lead Congregation Yeshua Ben David, started in 2005 and meet in the heart of Pittsburgh's Jewish community, in Squirrel Hill.

This event is open to people of all ages and families are encouraged to attend and be part of this experience.

**Cost is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children ages 6 - 18, children age 6 and under are free.**  
**Please RSVP by April 3, 2023** to the District Office at 814-479-2181 or [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org).  
Make checks payable to the Western PA District.



**CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES**

# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

From Herb Ewald, District Disaster Coordinator

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, so I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up enough people to make this program work.

This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometimes go unanswered. Once you receive an email from me, please check the printed schedule and consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedule toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry.

Contact your church coordinator to volunteer and, if your church does not have one, please contact me at [hjewald@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net) or (814) 539-8530, (C) 814-691-5718

### New Windsor Trips

No Trips Scheduled Yet

### Week-long Trips

5/7/23 to 5/13/23	½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY
7/9/23 to 7/15/23	½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY
10/1/23 to 10/7/23	½ group needed, A.N.E.
10/29/23 to 11/0/23	½ group needed, location TBA
12/10/23 to 12/16/23	½ group needed, S. PA

## FOOD PANTRIES

Walnut Grove Food Pantry  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob/>

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank  
<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/>

Please consider donating food to these or any other groups in our area.

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



### DISTRICT SHOE PROJECT

The profit check from our last shoe collection has been delivered to the El Hogar De Ninos Enmanuel Christian Home. This deposit brings the total earned for the Home by our project to \$6,609!! The children and staff wish to express their thanks to all of the district churches that continue to be involved in the project.

Currently, the Home is in the midst of a building project that will include a chapel with auxiliary multi-function rooms. Post high school courses will be held in these auxiliary rooms with a concentration in culinary studies. The specialized training made possible by the new facilities will make the graduates good candidates for jobs in the food industry. Your donations help make the building and these courses possible.

We have already started to collect shoes for our next shipment. As always, we are asking for new or gently worn shoes, boots, slippers and sandals. Please place a rubber band around each pair, and deliver them to the District Office during office hours, or call the Westmont Church at 814-255-2154 to arrange a drop off. Our next open collection day will be held at the Westmont Church on:

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:00-11:00 AM.**

For further information on the project,  
please contact:

Marie Camut, 814-266-3010  
April Mackell, 814-536-1589  
Karen Nagavathy, 814-244-5977

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)

**BEACHLEY, LINDA**—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [lrbeac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lrbeac@atlanticbb.net)

**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)

**BROADWATER, KEVIN**—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / [pastorbroadwater@verizon.net](mailto:pastorbroadwater@verizon.net)

**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)

**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)

**HOUGHTON, SALLY** - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / [smh124@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smh124@atlanticbb.net)

**KABLER, ERIC**—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / [eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com](mailto:eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com)

**LONGWELL, ERIC**— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / [kb3ttx@gmail.com](mailto:kb3ttx@gmail.com)

**MADER, RUBY**—2101 Cambria Avenue, Windber, 15963 / 814-467-5262 / [redhatvicar@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatvicar@yahoo.com) (June, July and August only)

**MANGES, JOHN** – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / [manges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:manges@atlanticbb.net)

**MARSHALL, HOMER** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)

**MARSHALL, PATRICIA** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)

**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-659-5853 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)

**PERUSO, RUSSELL** – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / [russperuso@gmail.com](mailto:russperuso@gmail.com)

**PISARSKI, STANLEY** – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / [spisarski1017@gmail.com](mailto:spisarski1017@gmail.com)

**STEIN, ROBERT** - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / [crid@verizon.net](mailto:crid@verizon.net)

**SWICK, MICHAEL** - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / [preachmike101@comcast.net](mailto:preachmike101@comcast.net)

**WALKER, JUDY**—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)

## LICENSED

**BURNEY, OYANGO**—111 Hillcrest Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 / 724-541-6850 / [livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com](mailto:livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com)

**COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN**— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / [shellywithattitude@gmail.com](mailto:shellywithattitude@gmail.com)

**GEORGE, ROBERT**—850 Pine Street, Indiana, 15701 / 724-762-0773 / [rjghemlock@gmail.com](mailto:rjghemlock@gmail.com)

**SHAULIS, TRAVIS**—608 Second Street, Meyersdale, 15552 / 814-442-8626 / [tanbadaner@gmail.com](mailto:tanbadaner@gmail.com)

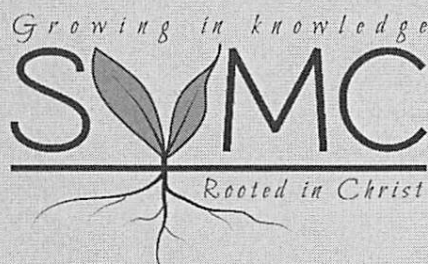
## LAY SPEAKER

**RAMER, DONNA**—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594




# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events



Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, click on the event title and follow the registration links for each event, or contact SVMC. If fees are involved, check or credit card payments are accepted. (Credit card processing fees are paid by the registrant).

<u>Ministering to Those with Addictions and Their Families</u> Blaine Minor, Leader March 6, 13, 20, 2023 7 PM – 8:30 PM, Zoom	Addiction is a major problem in our society, and the church is not immune to this heartache. We may feel unknowledgeable and helpless as the church ministers to families affected by addiction. Through this 3-part ONLINE series, we will take an in-depth look at addictions and how to minister to both the addict and the family of the addict. Sign up for one, two, or all three sessions. <b>Registration for this series is free but required.</b> <b>CEUs (.15) are available for \$10.00 per session.</b>
<u>Theology of the Holy Spirit</u> Joelle Hathaway, Leader March 29, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM Juniata College	This course explores the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, through the lens of God as Triune Creator. Though in recent centuries the Holy Spirit has often been the neglected member of the Godhead, much contemporary theological reflection has sought to remedy this situation. In this session, we will consider scriptural, Patristic, and contemporary theological voices from both East and West, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in animating, sanctifying, beautifying, and perfecting the created world as well as the relationship between the Spirit and the Son. <b>\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.</b>
<u>Julian of Norwich, Catharine Hummer, and Universal Restoration</u> Frank Ramirez, Leader April 25, 2023 7 PM – 8:30 PM, Zoom	Universal Restoration (not Universalism) was one of the core doctrines of the Pietist movement in general and the Brethren in particular. Grounded in scripture, it is not the belief that everyone will be saved. It only suggests that there is no limit to what God <i>can</i> do. This session will explore both Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416) who was the first woman to write a book in English, and Catharine Hummer (fl.1762) of White Oak, PA, who was the first woman to preach among the Brethren. (Click on the title link to read more). <b>Registration for this series is free but required.</b> <b>CEUs (.15) are available for \$10.00 per session.</b>
<u>Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners</u> Kimberly Korge, Leader May 9, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM Cross Keys Village	Event objectives: Understand what dementia is and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease; discuss tips to manage difficult situations and conversations with parishioners; describe the significance of trauma and how it might present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder; identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma. <b>\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.</b>
<b>Future Events</b> 	The following events are in the planning stages for 2023. Please stay tuned for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Schweitzer, Academic Dean, Bethany Theological Seminary</li> <li>• Bob Neff, former Bethany Theological Seminary professor, Church of the Brethren General Secretary, Juniata College President</li> <li>• Chris Bucher, retired Elizabethtown College professor</li> </ul>

SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, as well as Bethany Theological Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ-centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.

717-361-1450 – [www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc](http://www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc) - [SVMC@SVMCcob.org](mailto:SVMC@SVMCcob.org)



## FaithX announces its summer theme and service trips

"Have you heard? FaithX registration opens on Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. (central time)!" said an invitation from FaithX staff Marissa

Witkovsky-Eldred. "The FaithX Office invites you to join them this summer to put your faith into action!"

FaithX Summer 2023 registration is open! A total of 12 service trips are planned for junior high, senior high, adult, and we are able participants. Join a FaithX trip to put your faith into action, examine your beliefs, build friendships, and explore a new place! View the full schedule and complete your registration at [www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx).

. Spain is the destination for this year's international trip for the adult age group. The theme for FaithX 2023 is "Voices for Peace" (Romans 15:1-6, *The Message*). Find a theme statement at [www.brethren.org/faithx/theme](http://www.brethren.org/faithx/theme). Read more at [www.brethren.org/news/2023/faithx-summer-theme-and-service-trips](http://www.brethren.org/news/2023/faithx-summer-theme-and-service-trips)

## Viviendo el amor de Dios Viv Lanmou Bondye A Rayuwan Kaunar Allah Living God's Love

Ephesians 5:1-2  
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

**Annual Conference 2023**  
Duke Energy Convention Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 4-8  
(Tuesday-Saturday)

**Registration is open now!**

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2023/registration/>

Additional information is available at:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac/>



## National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 4-8, 2023 Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older 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.

**"God is Doing A New Thing"**

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." —Isaiah 43:19

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1st.**  
**PAST PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL**  
**SOON WITH UPDATED INFORMATION.**

# CAMP HARMONY

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**Sunday, April 23, 2023 – All Day Fundraiser**

**Hoss's in Johnstown**



**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 listed below on 4/23/23 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Harmony.

**Print this email and present it on 04/23/23 at Hoss's in Richland Township, Johnstown and Hoss's 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.

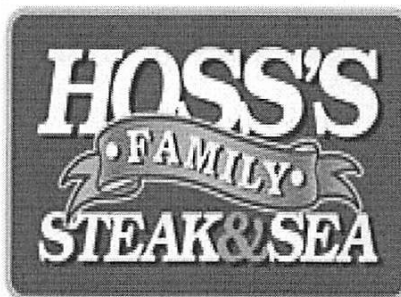
This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Group #127822**

Please print and present this paper when ordering.





# CAMP HARMONY

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**WE NEED YOU TO HELP GET CAMP READY FOR SUMMER!!**

Grab your gloves and tools because we have some work to do to get the grounds ready for campers and guests.



### **Grounds work**

Clean up branches and leaves, pull weeds, cut firewood, prepare flower beds, repair roads, etc.



### **Spring Cleaning**

Our cabins and lodges need a deep cleaning after winter. Help prepare them for a busy season.



### **Fun & Fellowship**

Included with the fun & satisfaction of helping, we'll repay you with lunch and friends and worship!

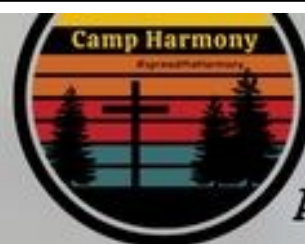
**YOUR HARD WORK HELPS US SAVE  
HUNDREDS OF WORK HOURS AND  
THOUSANDS OF \$\$\$!!!**

**Can your group help?**

Let us know your coming, contact us at [harmony@campharmony.org](mailto:harmony@campharmony.org) or 814-798-5885



# CAMP HARMONY



## 2023 SUMMER CAMP

ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

### DAY CAMPS

Grades K-8, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Portage Day Camp, June 19-23

Day Camp #1, June 19-23

Day Camp #2, June 26-30

Day Camp #3, July 10-14

Day Camp #4, July 17-21

Day Camp #5, July 24-28

Day Camp #6, July 31 - Aug. 4

Meyersdale Day Camp, July 31-Aug. 4

More for  
2023!



### PRE-K CAMPS

Ages 3-5, 9 am - 12 pm

Pre-K #1, June 26-30

Pre-K #2, July 24-28



### OVERNIGHT CAMPS

**Junior, Grades 2-5**

Junior #1, June 11-16

Junior #2, July 2-7

Jr. Extreme, July 16-21

**Junior High, Grades 5-8**

Jr. High #1, June 11-16

Jr. High #2, July 2-7

Jr. Hi Extreme #1, July 9-14

Jr. Hi Extreme #2, July 16-21

**Youth, Grades 7-12**

Youth #1, June 11-16

Youth #2, July 2-7

Youth Extreme, July 9-14

Youth Adventure, July 23-28

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AND A FRIEND**

WHEN A RETURNING CAMPER BRINGS  
A NEW-TO-CAMP-HARMONY-FRIEND!!



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CAMP HARMONY

# LEND A HAND AS A THURSDAY VOLUNTEER

Help us make a difference by volunteering  
to complete projects around Camp.



What we need:

carpentry, electrical,  
plumbing, mechanical,  
gardening, cleaning, etc.  
(If you are willing to help,  
we can find a place for you!)

Our Mission:

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

**EVERY THURSDAY | 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**1414 PLANK ROAD, HOOVERVILLE**

**As a thank you:**

**Coffee and pastries at 8:45 am; lunch at noon**

Contact us at 814.798.5885 or [harmony@campharmony.org](mailto:harmony@campharmony.org)

[www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)  
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# 2023 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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If your congregation, committee, or group would like to have information listed on the District Calendar, please send it in to the District Office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

## **APRIL 2023**

- 1 - SVMC Class
- 2 - PALM SUNDAY
- 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 9 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 16 - Seder Dinner, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC Class

## **MAY 2023**

- 4 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - SVMC Class
- 7 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 11 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 14 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - ASCENSION DAY
- 20 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 22 - SVMC Class
- 28 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

## **JUNE 2023**

- 7 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 18 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## **JULY 2023**

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Cincinnati, OH
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Cincinnati, OH

## **AUGUST 2023**

- 12 - SVMC Class
- 26 - SVMC Class

# 2023 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 4 - LABOR DAY
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 9 - SVMC Class
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

## **OCTOBER 2023**

- 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 14 - SVMC Class
- 21 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 28 - SVMC Class

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

- 5 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

## **DECEMBER 2023**

- 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## April 2023