

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

August 2022

END OF SUMMER THOUGHTS

For the younger generation, summer is coming to a close. School supplies, school clothing, and that new pair of shoes they just must have to go back to school. Football, cross country, and band practices are all soon starting. College students are packing up and getting ready to move in; and school will soon be in full swing with classes, games, and the dreaded homework.

Campers will soon need to be moved back home and gardens will soon bring forth the rewards for all that hard work. Halloween candies will soon be replaced by Christmas treats and the world rushes by.

Whoa...the world is moving so fast it seems like I cannot ever get caught up. We arrive back home after a vacation and talk how we need a vacation to rest from our vacation.

Where, in all this rushing, planning, and having it all fall into place, is God? The scripture story is one continual story about how God hears the cries of His people. Trouble again and He answers; they are thankful and rush off - back into the same "chasing their tail". Around and around we go and where is God in your daily life?

Yes! God is always there; the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. But do you have a connection? The sun and moon are always there but you do not have relationship with them; they just keep on shining and hanging in space. Not a relationship!



In all that you do, all that you plan, and in all that you want; where, is God?

Did you pick up on the theme? Not that you are busy or that your day, week, and life are full, but to ask yourself, where is God in all of it. In this one life you have, one path you walk, one time you pass this way; WHERE IS GOD?

The answer given by the lawyer in Matthew 22, Mark 12 and Luke 10:27 is this " Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." NIV

Where are YOU with GOD?

Pete Kaltenbaugh
District Executive Representative

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **September 2022** issue is

August 10, 2022

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

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

814 479-2506 fax

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 **2022** please send one to the District Office,
115 Spring Road,
Hollsopple, 15935
Thank you!

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the District Core Leadership Team in your prayers as the search continues for an Interim District Minister.

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

AUGUST

YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD

Scripture Reading & Writing Plan

Take 10 minutes each day to read that day's Bible verse, write it in your journal and pray over it. Ask God to reveal to you what He wants to show you through His Word.

1 Romans 8:16	17 Galatians 4:7
2 Galatians 4:6	18 Hebrews 12:5
3 Romans 8:14	19 1 John 3:10
4 John 1:12	20 Romans 8:17
5 2 Corinthians 6:18	21 Matthew 19:14
6 Hosea 1:10	22 Galatians 3:26
7 Romans 9:26	23 1 Peter 2:9-10
8 Luke 6:35	24 Galatians 3:28
9 1 John 3:2	25 Psalm 45:13
10 1 John 3:1	26 Matthew 5:9
11 Luke 20:36	27 Ephesians 5:1
12 Revelation 21:7	28 Proverbs 6:20
13 Isaiah 53:10	29 Philippians 2:15
14 Hebrews 2:10	30 Proverbs 3:12
15 John 11:52	31 Mark 5:34
16 Romans 9:8	

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP

Licensed

Travis Shaulis, Meyersdale

WITH SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Eric Longwell** and his family as his father Jerry Longwell passed away July 9th.

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation

Connellsville — Joyce and Robert Koballa

County Line—Collin Steiner, Brookes Steiner, Blake Barnhart, Paige Wisniewski, and Dan Wisniewski

Middlecreek— Jim Pryal, Kelly Hargrove, Julie Schmuck, Kathy Knoll

Rummel—Dan Shaffer, Brenda Gindlesperger



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 one 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

Are your clearances up to date? Do you have clearances? Have you sent them into the District Office?

Ok, let us have a little chat, you need clearances, and they need to be sent into the District Office. So check to see if they are up to date and send a copy to Tina. Please do not make this a game of tag, where we have to chase you around and around to get the clearances. I understand it is the law, you must have them. Help us out in the District Office and get them in soon. I am not interested in publishing a list of "Here are the ones we need!" Be responsible and faithful and thank you for your help.

Peter Kaltenbaugh, District Executive Rep.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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>

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>

****If your congregation is sharing services online, please contact Tina to add to the Highlights.**

EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Crafters Wanted

Theme Basket Silent Auction

Breakfast Foods/Lunch Served

Bake Sale

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.



Surely your goodness and love
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Psalms 23:6

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, Pennsylvania 15935-7412

814 479-7058 814 479-2181



Church of the Brethren

MEMO

TO: Western PA District Churches

FROM: Program and Arrangements Committee

DATE: Summer 2022

RE: 2022 District Conference Information

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Western PA District Annual District Conference will be held at **Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936**, on **Saturday, October 15, 2022**. The Program and Arrangements Committee is working hard to insure a productive and uplifting experience for all those in attendance. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we go forward during this time. Thank you!

There will be NO on-site registrations this year. Please Pre-Register by completing the included form and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2022.

The registration fee for the conference is \$25.00 per person, which includes lunch, conference booklet materials, and facility fee.

Enclosed you will find the following form and information regarding District Conference:

- **REGISTRATION FORM:** Please send **ONE** check and **ONE** registration form for your church
- **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT KIT INFORMATION:** kits and/or buckets

Please share this information with your delegates and non-delegates of your congregations. REMEMBER, ALL registrations must be done BEFORE District Conference.

Individuals attending the conference should report to Registration by **8:30 am** on **October 15th** in order for the conference to begin on time. If you have any questions regarding District Conference, please feel free to contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or toll free at 1-866 279-2181.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



2022 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 15, 2022 – 9:00 am

CAMP HARMONY - 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

**Participants recommended arrival time is 8:30*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH _____

Number of **DELEGATES** _____ **NON-DELEGATES** _____ @ \$25.00 each

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE \$ _____

[\$25.00 registration covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee]

There will be NO on site registrations this year. Please complete this form and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2022.

Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:

Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE MEETING AGAIN IN PERSON THIS YEAR! THE PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IN

ATTENDANCE WILL BE COMFORTABLE AND SAFE.

PLEASE BE CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.

Each Church may have NO MORE THAN 4 DELEGATES represented.

♦ **Delegate Representation (Select 4 individuals from the list below)**

- Elected Delegates for 2021
- Pastor
- Board or Church Leadership Team Chair
- Commission or Team Chairs
(Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, and Witness **OR** an authorized/appointed representative of those commissions)
- Youth Representative

♦ **Non-delegate Representation (Each congregation is allowed 2)**

Registration form on the other side → → → → →

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THERE WILL BE RESERVED SEATING AREAS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN HALL
FOR THOSE THAT REQUEST IT ON THIS FORM.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

_____ I will require a box lunch

_____ I will not require a box lunch

Food Allergies or requests: _____

Special seating request: YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Church World Service Recovery and Support Kits

CWS Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets are projects your church group can complete to make a difference for hurting people in the United States and around the world. These basic supplies are so common in the US, but so vital if you have lost everything in a disaster or live in poverty. Cash donations in lieu of assembled Kits or Buckets also help provide much-needed supplies. If you have questions, please call the CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Wrap your love and prayers in every Kit or Bucket you put together. But, please, include only the items listed.

Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits. And, please, do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you for helping CWS be ready to respond!

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel – 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 band-aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

School Kit

- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 – 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. **(No loose-leaf or filler paper.)**
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 – 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 – Five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 – 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- 1 – 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- 1 – 24-28 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, 2 – 50 ft. or 1 – 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 – 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags (may be removed from carton)
- 1 – 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, note aerosol)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. **Be sure to send only new materials.** Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

Don't forget to send a check for \$2 per Kit or \$3 per Bucket to help cover the shipping costs.

Kits should be ***securely boxed and taped***. Boxes should be packed with only one type of Kit (Hygiene, School, or Baby) inside each box. The boxes should be labeled, noting the type of Kit, number of Kits, congregation/group, contact person, address, and number of boxes. **Please DO NOT put the \$2 inside the kit.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Fill out and attach this form to the box with the kits or the buckets, and send a check for \$2.00 per Kit or \$3.00 per Bucket to help cover shipping costs. Make check payable to and send to **Western PA District COB**.

Congregation/Group

Contact Person

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Indicate amount enclosed:

Number of Kits x \$2 =	\$
Number of Buckets x \$3 =	\$

SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information

at 814-539-8530

or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

*****Please Note:**

15 Volunteers constitute a full group

7 volunteers constitute 1/2 group

2022 Schedule

9/25—10/1 TBA (15 people)

10/30—11/5 TBA (15 people)

12/11—12/17 TBA (15 people)

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT

Please remember the shoe project through the summer months and we have already started to collect shoes for the next shipment. Shoes may be dropped off at the District Office during office hours or by contacting the office at the Westmont Church of the Brethren, 814-255-2154, to schedule a drop off there.

We have appreciated your support of the orphanage and want to see it continue!

Any questions should be directed to Marie Camut - 814-266-3010, April Mackell -814-536-1589, or Karen Nagavathy -814-244-6977.

Thank you for giving so generously to the orphanage through this project!



FOOD PANTRIES

Don't forget those who are less fortunate, There are many ways you can help, here are a couple:

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 as well as possibly your time as you feel comfortable. Anything you can do would be appreciated.

**DO NOT NEGLECT TO
DO GOOD AND TO
SHARE WHAT YOU
HAVE, FOR SUCH
SACRIFICES ARE
PLEASING TO GOD.
HEBREWS 13:16**



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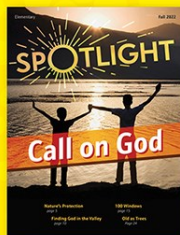


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LAY SPEAKER

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

CAMP HARMONY

FALL 2022

SUNDAYS

1:30-4:30PM

JUL 17 & AUG 21

SEPT 11-NOV 20



SERVICES:

SEPT 18

GEIGER CHURCH

FRIEDENS

NOV 20

CAMP HARMONY

DEC 11

CAMP HARMONY

YOUTH CHOIR



**CHRIST-CENTERED GROUP OF YOUTH JOINING TOGETHER IN
SERVICE TO GOD, THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH OTHER BY
PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE AND SPREADING HOPE
THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND PRAISE**

**PRACTICES ARE AT
CAMP HARMONY
EXCEPT SEPT 18 IS AT
GEIGER CHURCH
IN FRIEDENS**



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BIBLE STUDY
SNACKS & GAMES**

ALL YOUTH 7TH - 12TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

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CAMP HARMONY

LEND A HAND AS A TUESDAY 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.

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As a thank you:

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

Contact Kayla at 814.798.5885 or kayla@campharmony.org

www.campharmony.org
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2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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 10th of each month. Thanks!

AUGUST 2022

- 13 - SVMC class
- 27 - SVMC class

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 5 - LABOR DAY
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 10 - SVMC class
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 8 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 15 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office

NOVEMBER 2022

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 12 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2022

- 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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