



Western PA

# DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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## BIBLICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” II Tim. 4: 1 & 2**

The above words were penned by the Apostle Paul to his beloved Timothy.....one he considered as close as a son. The persecution of the Christian church was very heated and, as time progressed, it seemed to get worse. This situation, coupled with the threat of pagan influences, found the followers of the Risen Christ in a state of turmoil.

At this particular time, in light of the circumstances being faced by our denomination, it's important that we look a bit further at the words of Paul's heart-felt letter:

**“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”  
II Tim. 4: 3 & 4.**

Those of us who participated in the 2019 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in Greensboro, NC can attest to the fact that the importance of adhering to biblical authority is (in a large part) being ignored by those in positions of national administration in our denomination. Our brothers and sisters are hugely divided. In the instance of submission to God's Word there is no room for compromise. His Word is the only way of advancing His kingdom and it holds true yesterday, today and forever.

We, the members of His church in the Western Pennsylvania District, must bind together in our determination to hold fast to the truth so that we can continue in His service in the manner that He desires. Your attendance at our District Conference is expected and appreciated. I hope to see you there.

In His Service,  
Pastor John W. Stoner, 2019 District Moderator

# District Office Notes

**October 2019**

**Highlights Deadline**

**September 10, 2019**

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

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Tuesday & Thursday

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Monday ~ Thursday

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Friday's until Noon

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## **NEED YOUR HELP**

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2020**, 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!



The **District Library and Resource Room** at the District Office is open and available during District Office hours. Please feel free to stop in and check out, Sunday School resources, group Bible studies, church history, and many others. The District Spiritual Formation Team is currently working on updating the book list and will have more to share in the near future.

# District Office Notes

## **ATTENTION: PLEASE READ!**

**To: All Pastors, Board Chairs, and Church Leadership**

**From: District Office**

**Re: DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS**

We would like to do something different this year for District Conference registrations. Each year, a copy of the registration information is placed in the District Highlights and each church is mailed multiple paper copies of the registration information. The paper copies are sent to the pastor, board, chair, treasurer, commission chairs or to a variation of those in leadership.

We try hard to keep the most current database of church leadership, but as you know, changes happen often. Because of this, we are sending out extra mail that is not always seen or making it to the correct people. Since there needs to be only ONE registration form for each church, we are looking to eliminate the waste of paper and the expense of postage.

This year, the registration information for the 2019 District Conference will be posted on the District Website at <http://www.westernpacob.org/conference.html> It will also be placed in this issue of the District Highlights (July 2019) and sent via email in late July.

We do realize that there are some churches that do not have internet or email capability, so they will receive one paper copy of the registration information via postal mail sometime in July.

Once the registration form is completed, please send it to the District Office along with the payment to be processed. **The registration deadline is October 1, 2019.**

Thank you and please share this information with your congregations.

# District Church News

## LEADERSHIP

### Licensed

John Knoll—Middlecreek

### Pastoral Changes

Stephen Parfitt—called as pastor,  
Greensburg

John Knoll—called as pastor, Middlecreek

## HOSPITALIZED

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

## DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make this change in your directory copies, thanks!

Page 12—**ADDRESS CHANGE:** Shirley Baker, 267  
Wyoming Street, Greensburg, 15601

Page 23— **MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE:** Fair View  
COB, PO Box 449, Masontown, PA 15461



## **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” -

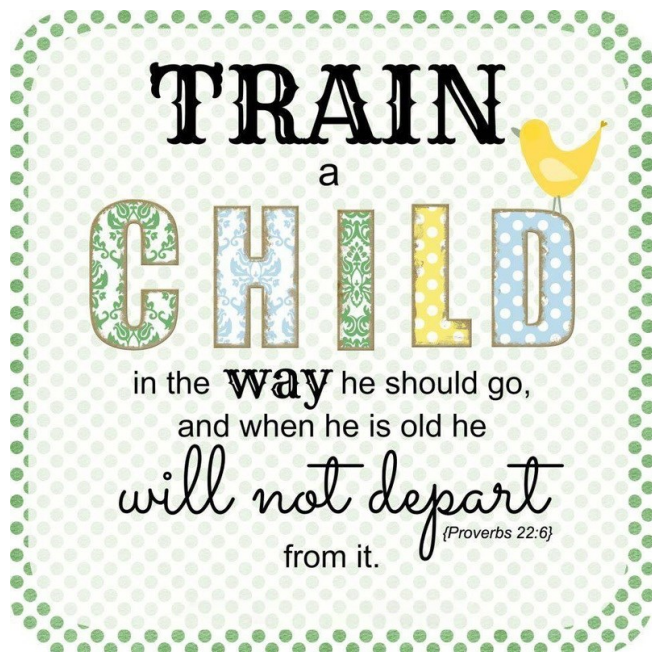
1 DVD + 16 workbooks

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)

### Annual Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, November 9, 2019  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

There will be numerous vendors, silent  
auction baskets to bid on, homemade soup,  
Sandwiches, and other goodies as well as  
a pie auction at noon.

## Coffeehouse at Indiana COB

First Friday of every month from 6:30 pm—  
9:00 pm. Open mic. Great music, food, and  
fellowship.

Everyone welcome!



## *District Women's Ministries:*

### Calendar of Events 2019:

**August 17, 2019** Tea @ Walnut Grove COB

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

**October 5, 2019** Fall Rally @ Purchase Line COB

*Mark your calendars,  
more information to follow!*



## Blood Screening

Way of Hope Fellowship

October 12, 2019  
7:00 am to 9:00 am



Roxbury COB will be  
hosting their  
**Summer Yard Sales**  
at the  
Roxbury Church  
Grove on the  
Somerset Pike

August 3, 2019

Contact the church for more information  
814-536-6716



# District Church News

**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!**

**IMPORTANT**

## **DISTRICT** **CONFERENCE** **REMINDERS:**

\* Be sure to read page 3 of this issue of the Highlights for instructions on registration for District Conference.

\*Registration deadline is OCTOBER 1, 2019

\* District Conference booklets will be available in the beginning of September.

\* If you have any questions please contact Tina at the District Office.



## **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 [hjewald@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.

THANK YOU

## **2019 Schedule**

### **Day Trips**

August 8  
August 20  
October 10  
October 15  
December 5

### **Week Trips**

September 15—21  
w/Mid. Project #2  
  
Oct. 27—Nov. 2  
Project #1  
  
December 8—14  
w/ANE Project #1



Please be in prayer for our District Conference and District Leadership

# 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

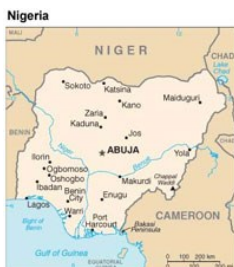
**September 2—6, 2019**

**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.

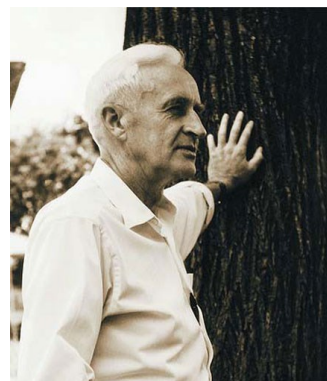


## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS of working with communities to end world hunger and poverty and care for the Earth.

Seventy-five years ago, Dan West began outlining a simple but groundbreaking plan to help the hungry. West, a Midwestern farmer and Church of the Brethren member, had recently returned from volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War where his job was to provide weary refugees with a single cup of milk. He knew American farmers had resources many others did not: cows and the steady supply of nutrition from their milk.

This “not a cup, but a cow” thought was the driving force behind West founding Heifer International.

Now, 75 years later, the “teach a man to fish” philosophy still inspires our work to end world hunger and poverty once and for all and has transformed the lives of millions.



Dan West,  
founder of Heifer  
International.  
Photo by Kermon  
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of the Brethren



# Global Mission Updates

## Global Mission Prayer Guide

### United States/Nigeria

Give thanks for the safe travels of numerous leaders and members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) who attended [Annual Conference](#) and other activities in the United States. Joel Billi, EYN president, and Markus Gamache, EYN staff liaison, were hosted as the official guests of Global Mission and Service. After Annual Conference, Billi and Gamache traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend meetings with the State Department, Council on Foreign Relations, and Commission on International Religious Freedom.



*EYN president Joel Billi, Nathan Hosler of the Office of Peace building and Policy, EYN staff liaison Markus Gamache, and Global Mission and Service executive Jay Wittmeyer at the State Department.*

### Haiti

Pray for the 34 Church of the Brethren members traveling to Haiti this week to learn about and celebrate the Church of the Brethren's presence in the country. They will visit congregations of Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti) and hear from pastors about the church's growth. The event includes presentations on Church of the Brethren relief and development work in Haiti, especially celebrating the progress of projects providing clean water in 24 communities. Dale Minnich and staff of the [Haiti Medical Project](#) have organized the trip.

### United States

Pray for [Brethren Volunteer Service](#) (BVS) volunteer Nikifor Sosna as he joins the BVS team as orientation assistant. He has spent a year in BVS serving with [Brethren Disaster Ministries](#) in the Carolinas rebuilding projects. Pray for wisdom and energy as Nikifor helps new volunteers find their paths of service.





## AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – August 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  
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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  
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404  
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  
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

### LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722  
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

### LAY SPEAKER

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



# *Annual District Women's Tea Party*

*At Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren  
On August 17, Starts at 1:00 pm*

*Bring your favorite cup and saucer  
Please bring items for the church's food bank*

*Paid reservations (\$15) due August 4  
Mail to Arbutus Blough  
845 Speigle Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-6735*

**Are you or your loved ones living frenzied, shattered, or anxious lives?**

**Do you feel at time like no ones sees or values you? Not even God?**

**Do you long or your loved one long to have joy?**



## **“Designer Love”**

**“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Psalm 34:8**

**. . . will be presented by Joy Thacker at the District Women's Ministries Fall Rally**

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**Purchase Line Church of the Brethren**

*In the chaos of cyberbullying, school shootings, escalating suicide rates, and disintegrating families, we need answers. In a broken society where the idea of marriage is irrelevant, and relationships are disposable, we desperately need a new way to be present with one another.*

**What if you experienced deep within your being a love greater than you ever imagined?**

**What if you experienced the truth that you matter more than you ever knew?**

**Join us for this event!**

**More information will follow.**



*Please join us as we learn and grow in  
our understanding of God's grace in our lives.*

**Event:** District Women's Ministries Retreat, Theme: Abundant Grace

**Place:** Camp Harmony

**Date:** September 13-14, 2019

**Time:** Registration: Friday, 4-6 pm, through Saturday, 3 pm

**For more information:** Watch for more information coming soon!!!

*Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2*

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# Hello from Camp Harmony!

Verse of the month:



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” **Hebrews 12:1-2**

## EVENTS

### Harmony Fest

September 28&29

Saturday Food: 9:30am-6pm

Sunday Food: 11am-5pm

Saturday Vendors: 10am-6pm

Sunday Vendors: 11am-5pm

Tractor Dancing Saturday @ 5pm

Church Service 10am Sunday, Continental

Breakfast 7:30-9am

Petting Zoo, Hayrides, Crafts, Bounce House,

Chain Saw Carving, Welding Demonstrations,

Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Scavenger

Hunt, Basket Raffle & Games

Vendors

Food

### GOSPEL FESTIVAL

August 30 – September 2

A weekend for the whole family to be blessed with great music, fun and food! Stay for the whole weekend or come for just a day.

Hear great talent from Gospel performers like Heaven4Shore, Good News, United, The Choraliers & Pearl and more!

**FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE,  
LODGING AVAILABLE**

### Summer RECAP...

Our theme for the summer was “The Peace of Christ.” Colossians 3:15, says “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” We had a little over 300 campers hear the message of being made alive in Christ, and that His peace gives us freedom in Him. We continue to pray that God uses this place for His glory and that students surrender their lives to Him completely. Thank you to those who gave to the scholarship fund as most students and families are blessed by this.



JUNE 2019

# EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL

## SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

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

### 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Some things are worth repeating..... and every once in awhile we believe it is good to reiterate just what and who El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel is.

El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel is a nonprofit institution that has been in operation since 1974 in response to the needs of homeless children caused by the hurricane FIFI.

Hogar Emanuel is maintained solely by donations of funds and goods. The child sponsorship program that is run through the Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren's Mission Program contributed \$188,000, 45% of the Home's income in 2018, and remains the backbone to its operating budget. In addition work teams travel to the Home each year to complete various projects on site. The home has been blessed with on-site volunteers from the Brethren Volunteer Service and Mennonite Central Committee programs as well the constant flow of other numerous corporate and individual volunteers.

Each child received here is given opportunities to receive an academic education as well as vocational training, life skills, and most importantly, guidance, discipline, love and a Christian upbringing. The Home maintains an average population of eighty children.

Hogar Enmanuel falls under the direction of the Honduran government's child ser-

vices agency (DINAF), that looks to existing non-governmental, privately-run Christian homes such as ours for help in caring for at risk children. To date, we are provided very little financial support from the government. Therefore, sadly, we are limited as to how many children we are able to provide comprehensive protection by the amount of donations received.

As you can expect, the children in our care face some major medical conditions and nearly all need psychological therapy. However, regardless of the fact that this kind of care is not free, donations seem to arrive just when we need them! Praise God!

Hogar Enmanuel remains a giving partner with the TOMS SHOE One-for-One giving program™. The older youth at the Home along with the help of volunteer work teams have been responsible for **distributing 78,453 pairs of TOMS** this past year alone. The program is still going strong.

Individual fund raising events both in the States and in Honduras raise money for special projects. Last year, the TOYLAND event in Pennsylvania brought in over \$13,000 towards the renovation and expansion of the nursery and boy's dormitories.

Other programs for the children at el Hogar include a chicken farm where they produce their own eggs as

well as poultry for consumption. They also grow some of their own vegetables, bananas, and other fruits. The kids also make their own tortillas (a main staple food). These ventures not only help to make the home self-sufficient, but are used as a method to teach business skills.

Soccer (of course) is their number ONE activity. They also have a band/chorus music program, dance classes, swimming lessons, and educational field trips to name a few.

Hogar Enmanuel has its own on-site kindergarten school. Jardin de Enmanuel, also offers classes to the children of the poor neighboring community. It has had an average **yearly enrollment of 43.** The older children attend various schools throughout the city and we are proud that several have gone on to university.

We do everything possible to lower costs – such as eating from our gardens, the installation of solar panels, and obtaining donations of in-kind supplies. Our greatest need is meeting those expenses for which we must pay cash. In 2018, salaries made up approximately 45% of our annual spending. Educational expenses took up about 6%, and the remaining 49% of the \$379,341 was used for all other operational expenses such as food, clothing, medical, vehicles, etc. **That translates to a**



Hogar de Niños  
ENMANUEL

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

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"..He will not forget  
your work and the  
love you have shown  
Him as you have  
helped His people  
and continue to help  
them..."

Hebrews 6:30 NIV

**cost of about \$4741 per child per year.** However, despite the problems and many issues facing Honduras, this Home continues to move forward and is making an enormous positive impact for many.

In summary, you can see that our work here is far from done, but because of **YOU**, our faithful supporters, much progress is taking place to care for the homeless, severely disadvantaged, and abused children of this third world country. Thank you and may God bless you.

*Rona Hemminger.*

*Hogar Enmanuel board of  
directors and Child Sponsorship  
Coordinator*

# Hogar de Niños Emmanuel

## A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR HOMELESS, ABUSED, AND SEVERELY NEGLECTED CHILDREN

For more information contact:  
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Mission Program Coordinator  
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Carrie Antesberger, Editor



### Rewards and consequences

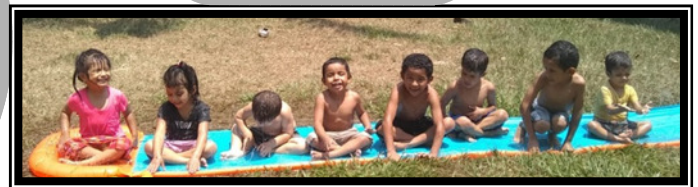
Here the children are redeeming their "fichas" (chips they earn for displaying good behavior.)

## WORK AND PLAY

Everyone gets involved with the slaughter of chickens with the help of Cargill Corp. and harvest of the gardens with the help of Cepudo. But all the hard work does not come without rewards.

A group from TOMS SHOES™ enjoys an afternoon of fun with them.

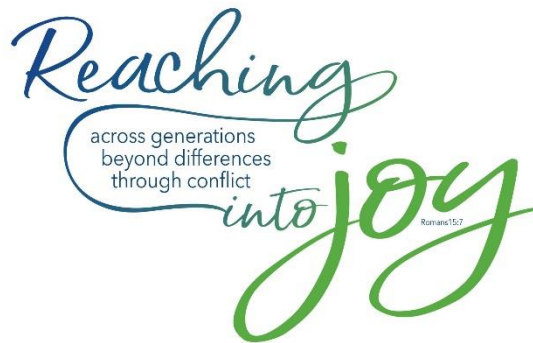
Thanks be to God for the wonderful family of friends who help and support this Home.



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Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference  
September 2-6, 2019  
Lake Junaluska, 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.***

**\*\* Registration Information:**

- General Registration will open May 1.
- Please register online if you are able to do so. You can find the link at [brethren.org/NOAC](http://brethren.org/NOAC).
- If you need a paper registration form, please call 1-800-323-8039, ext. 302 and leave a message.
- Early registration for those who need to reserve a room in Terrace (handicap accessible, close to events) will be open April 22-30.
- Registration fee before July 15 is \$195. \$20 off for first time attendees.

**\*\* Worship Services** every day with Church of the Brethren preachers: Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm, Jennifer Keeney Scarr, Jeanne Davies, Walt Wiltschek, Dennis Webb.

**\*\* Keynote Speakers** Sister Joan Chittister, Professor Drew Hart, Musician Ken Medema and Actor Ted Swartz.

**\*\* NOAC News Team**, Dave, Larry, and Chris will once again provide informative and humorous "news" reports each day.

**\*\* Interest groups** every afternoon on a variety of topics.

**\*\* Arts and Crafts** opportunities.

**\*\* Day Trips** to the Biltmore Estate, Basilica of St. Lawrence and Asheville Botanical Gardens, Carl Sandburg Home and Farm, Arboretum of North Carolina, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, and a Hike on the Blue Ridge Parkway. You can sign up for day trips when you register.

**\*\* Service Projects** include **reading with students at the Lake Junaluska Elementary School.**

We will be collecting books to donate to the school. Please bring your favorite children's books to donate. We will also assemble **1000 Hygiene Kits.**

**\*\* Afternoon Programs** will include the J Creek Cloggers, Birds of Prey, and an organ recital/hymn sing led by Jonathan Emmons and Bev Anspaugh.

**\*\* Welcome Festival** Monday afternoon (9/2) with games, music, tie dying, and fellowship.

**\*\* Fundraising Walk** around the lake.

**\*\* Talent Nights** on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**\*\* Exhibit Hall** with information about Church of the Brethren and related agencies and organizations.

**\*\* Brethren Press Bookstore** with book signings by our Keynote Speakers.

**\*\* Recreational Activities** include garden walks, boat rides on the lake, walking trails, tennis, swimming pool, Fitness Center, golf.

**\*\* Early Morning Bible Studies** led by Nancy Sollenberger Heishman and Fred Bernhard.

**\*\* Morning Bible Study** led by Paula Bowser.

**\*\* Lodging at Lake Junaluska** must be reserved through the Lake Junaluska rental office at 800-222-4930 ext. 1.

**\*\* District Buses** are coming from several districts. Contact your District Office for more information.

**\*\* NOAC Planning Team** includes: Glenn Bollinger, Karen Dillon, Rex Miller, Pat Roberts, Paula Ziegler Ulrich, Christy Waltersdorff (Coordinator), Josh Brockway (Discipleship Ministries staff), and Stan Dueck (Discipleship Ministries staff).



Put on your Western Duds and Hurry On Down

We're havin' our annual

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EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

## Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part II

### Family and Small Group Care

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA 17241

Presenter: Dale Leverknight

Dale Leverknight currently serves as pastor of the Montgomery Church of the Brethren in Western PA. He draws on years of experience in pastoral care, counseling, and emergency services. He has a BS degree in Biblical Studies/Theology and an MA in Christian Counseling, both from Eastern Mennonite University.

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention is a series of four sessions (March 30 and October 26, 2019, and two TBA in 2020), which will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. The sessions will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors. While the sessions build upon one another, you will gain valuable information even if you can attend only one session. **NOTE: This registration form is ONLY for Part II on October 26, 2019. The remaining sessions will require separate registration at a later time. The cost, below, is for one session on October 26.**

#### Topics to Be Covered:

- Vocabulary and Family/Group Dynamics during Crises
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Understanding "What affects one...affects all!"
- Group Practice

Please check ☒ your option.

☐ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and .5 CEUs)

☐ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

REGISTRATION FORM – Please register by October 11, 2019. Thank you.

**Please make checks payable to "SVMC".**

Mail completed registration form and payment for "Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention Part 2" Oct. 26  
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center  
One Alpha Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Questions:  
Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or  
[svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).  
Thank you!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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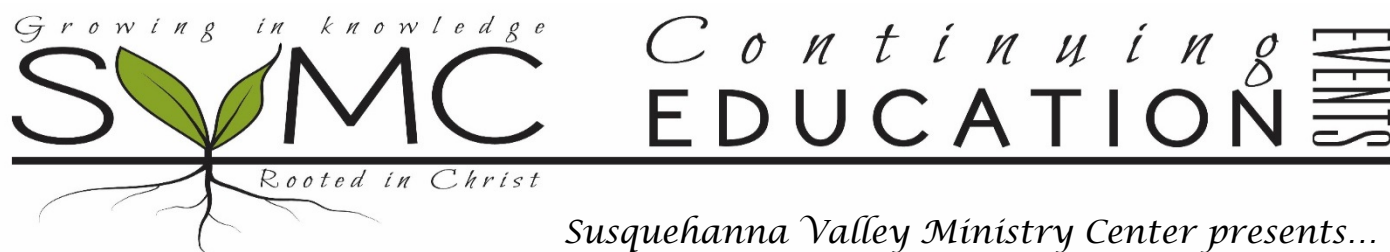
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## Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Juniata College (The Sill Board Room in von Liebig Center for Science)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

### Presenter: Steven Schweitzer

Steve Schweitzer (PhD, Notre Dame) is Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Theological Seminary. He regularly teaches a graduate seminar on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah and a course on Science Fiction and Theology. Steve has preached, taught, and led workshops for several congregations and districts. Steve and his wife, Jill, have 3 children. They attend Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

Science Fiction is extremely popular in our wider culture. This genre is filled with theological themes: who is God, what does it mean to be human, what is the nature of evil, how is it overcome, is war or violence necessary, to name only a few. Based on a course Steve teaches at Bethany Seminary, examples from widely popular SciFi series – Star Wars, Star Trek, and Doctor Who – that allow connections between theology and culture - will be explored.

**Registration due by October 25, 2019:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.55 CEUs)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

### REGISTRATION FORM

<p><b><u>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</u></b></p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "SciFi &amp; Theology" to:</p> <p>Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center        One Alpha Drive        Elizabethtown, PA 17022</p> <p>Questions:        Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or <a href="mailto:svmc@etown.edu">svmc@etown.edu</a>.        Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p>Amount Enclosed _____ \$60 for 0.55 CEUs        _____ \$50 for NO CEUs</p> <p>Where did you hear about this event? _____</p>
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# 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.

## AUGUST 2019

- 10 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 17 - DWM Tea at Walnut Grove
- 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
- 28-29 - Harmony Fest, Campy Harmony

## OCTOBER 2019

- 5 - 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 CHIRSTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

**PLEASE NOTE**

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