Be Led by the Spirit

John 14:26 tells us “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” The Holy Spirit is our direct line to God today. Most of us will more likely not hear God speak to us as he did to Moses and the Saints in the Old Testament, and we don’t have the incredible opportunity to walk the dusty streets of Jerusalem with Jesus as the Apostles did. But what we have today, although different, can be just as incredible, life changing, and powerful as hearing directly from God himself. We have a heart to heart connection with God himself through the Holy Spirit living within us.

Paul tell us in Romans 8:14 (KJV) “because those led by the Spirit of God, are sons of God.” It is not always easy for us to be led by the Spirit. It seems like the distractions in today’s society are far too many, and the schedules too demanding, that they pull us in many directions and distract us and take our focus away from the leading of the Spirit. This is something we must be aware of and remind ourselves to return to our discipline of spending time in God’s word, quiet time with the Lord, and listen to the leading of the Spirit.

I can remember times in my life when the Spirit was trying to communicate to me, and I was either too busy or distracted to listen. But God does tell us when we are heading in the wrong direction and confirms when we are headed in the right direction. One of our greatest challenges as Christians is to focus on the Spirit’s leading and to discern the direction that he wants us to go which, as we know, is not always the direction we want to go. The Spirit challenges us to step out in faith. Although this will not always be the easiest thing for us to do, and often times will put us in an area we are not comfortable with, the rewards are amazing when we are obedient. I have seen people step out in the most unlikely ways, being led by the urging of the Spirit, and have watched the incredible peace, blessings, and maturity of their faith happen as a result being obedient to the leading of the Spirit.

It is not easy, but I urge each one of us to be in prayer for the Spirit’s leading in our lives... Zechariah 4:6... “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.”

Homer A. Foster, District Moderator
District Office News

HOSPITALIZED
- Continue to keep in prayer Isaac Baldeo, retired ordained minister in the Good Samaritan congregation, for ongoing medical issues.
- Dottie H. Grew, associate pastor of the Meyersdale congregation, for carpal tunnel surgery
- A. Harrison Smith, retired ordained minister serving the Mount Pleasant congregation, for surgery
- Earl E. Crissman, associate pastor of the Berkey congregation, for eye surgery
- Dawn A. Fox, member of the District Stewards & Finance Team, for knee surgery

SYMPATHY
- to Linda & Jim Reininger, in the death of their daughter-in-law, Heather Reininger. Linda serves as the Chaplain at the Brethren Home Community Windber. Prayers for their son, Scott, will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to A. Harrison Smith and Virginia Santone on their marriage in June. Their address is listed in the 2014 Directory Update.

LEADERSHIP
- Shelby F. McCoy has been called as FT pastor of the Middlecreek congregation as of June 2, 2014.
- Congratulations to JoAnn Dermer on her licensing in the Christian Ministry of the Church of the Brethren at the Hyndman Church of the Brethren on June 22, 2014.

2014 DIRECTORY UPDATE

Page 19 – Pastor & Parish Ministry – MINISTRY INTERVIEW TEAMS
Myrna P. Baer – NEW ADDRESS – 675 Critchfield Rd, Friedens, 15541

Page 21 – CORRECT EMAIL for Shelby McCoy – shelbymccoy5383@icloud.com


NEW MEMBERS

Arbutus congregation
- Andrew Berkey
- Brittany Custer
- Jay Custer
- Bruce Drenning
- Evette Drenning
- Diane McCombie

Hooversville congregation
- Melissa King
- Debbie James
- Richard James

Locust Grove congregation
- Aaron Fyock
- Alyssa Primel
- Chelsea Primel
- Tyler Rummel

Somerset congregation
- Courtney Latuch
- Justin Latuch
- Heather Phillips
- Jackie St. Clair
- Michael St. Clair
- Ken Sanner
- LaVonne Sanner
- Valerie Woy

Tire Hill congregation
- Royden Airesman
- Linda Airesman
- Ric Blough

September 2014
Highlights Deadline
August 10, 2014
I am a recovering addict.

That’s right, I was born with a natural inclination toward perfectionism.

Addiction to perfection. Dissatisfaction with less-than-ideal. A desire to see every detail fall into place.

It’s aggravating to me that there are situations in which I do everything right, and still the outcome is faulty. Times when I do all that is asked of me, and more, and the results are not what I wanted. I have a hard time accepting the fact that life isn’t fair, people are fallen, the earth is cursed and I am not exemplary.

But like I said, I am recovering. Admitting you have a problem is the first step, right?

There is a Disney movie from 2002 called Lilo & Stitch. It is one of my favorites, and I cry every time I watch it. One line in particular sends me into tears. The tiny, high-strung alien creature, Stitch, is called to account for his time on earth. His experience has been far from perfect; in fact, he has caused a considerable amount of damage in his short stay. When the Grand Councilwoman asks about Lilo and her sister, she is stunned to hear Stitch say: “This is my family. I found it all on my own. It’s little, and broken, but still good. Yeah, still good.”

It is a reminder to me that things don’t have to be perfect to be good. I can still enjoy an apple with a few spots. I can still revel in a day with a few raindrops. I can still appreciate a friend with a few eccentricities.

(I was just about to mention the fact that there are no perfect churches, but I stand corrected. Turns out, “The Perfect Church” meets at 670 McDaniel Street in Atlanta, GA. But, if you don’t attend there, keep reading.)

Church families are great, but not one of them (save the aforementioned) is perfect! The Church is people, and people are messed up, prideful, selfish and ignorant. Be a part of it anyway. Add your imperfection to the fray and contribute to the Kingdom work. Because in spite of our silliness and sinfulness, God still uses us! For those who have submitted their lives to His Lordship, God is working to sanctify and seal so that we may be found blameless at the final scene. Don’t you just long for the day when suffering ceases and perfection takes over?

Many of you know that I work most of my summer hours at Camp Harmony. I get the privilege of teaching Bible study to the kids most every day. It is an incredible joy! Now, you and I both know that our Camp is not perfect. Over the years and still today, decisions have been made that some don’t agree with. From time to time, we wonder what on earth is going on out there. We question the leadership and we bemoan the financial situation. And so we should, out of love and concern for this treasure of ours.

But I talk to a good many people who have washed their hands of Camp. Those who want nothing more to do with it. Will we walk away from this ministry so easily? Of course it’s not perfect! There are days when I want to scream. There are times when I get so frustrated that I’d like to resign. Then I talk about Jesus with a camper. I hear a little girl lead us in prayer and thank God for letting her come to Camp so she could learn more about Him. I engage a counselor in a discussion about faith. And I hear Stitch in my head. “It’s little, and broken, but still good. Yeah, still good.”

Please, I ask you to come alongside me in support for my addiction recovery. Maybe you suffer from the overwhelming burden of perfection, too. Let’s drop it together. Let’s partner with God while we still draw breath on this ancient, haggard earth. Let’s forget about perfect for this life, and let’s be agents of good. He will use us, flaws and all, if we but let Him.

We’re all in this together... © Abby
District Women's Ministries

Summer Tea Party

Place: The Somerset Church of the Brethren

Date: Saturdays, August 2, 2014

Time: 11:00am till 2:00pm

Come and enjoy sipping tea, eating wonderful food and delectable desserts.

Sue Ellen Watt will encourage us with a word about, “The Beauty of Ashes”

Please bring a cup and saucer!

Reservations MUST be sent or called in by July 30, 2014.

The cost is $10.00.

CONGREGATION ________________________________ Attn. # _____

Check enclosed ($10.00 each) $ ________

Make out checks to the “District Women’s Ministries.”

SEND TO: Arbutus Blough or call 814-629-9279

845 Speigle Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935

It’s Tea Time!! We'll get dressed up and have some tea. Oh what fun this party will be!!!!!
Local Church News

**Moses**

A trip to Sight and Sound to see "Moses" is being planned by the folks at Geiger COB. The trip is scheduled for **Saturday, August 16, 2014.**

Bus cost, plus dinner and driver tip is $127.00 per person. Tickets are available for children. If interested, contact Wilma McCoy at 814-445-8606 or 726 Stoystown Road, Somerset, PA 15501. Deadline for purchasing tickets is **July 20, 2014.**

**Holiday Home & Craft Show**

We are looking for crafters for our Holiday Home & Craft Show to be held on **Saturday, November 8** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center. We will have a Silent Auction from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and a Pie Auction at noon. Bake sale and concessions, including homemade soups will be for sale!

This show is open to home party vendors and crafters. We are looking for crafters such as sewing, jewelry, hand painted items, candles, etc. Registration forms and more information is available by contacting Lori Fackler before 9 p.m. at 724-349-2929 or at lorijefffackler@yahoo.com

**Send in your Bible School reports!**

Many congregations sponsored Vacation Bible Schools for the children in their community and extended the blessing through their out reach offerings. We want to know about what your church did this summer!

**Summer Yard Sale**

**Saturday August 9**

from 9 am to 2 pm

At the Roxbury Church Rec Area

Vendors are needed, rental space is 20x20 feet for $10 (bring your own tables).

Refreshments and bake sale items will be available.

Contact the Roxbury Church office (814) 536-6716 to find out more.

There will be a “Church Table” if you would like to make a donation of new or gently used items.

**Brethren Disaster Ministries**

If you are interested in participating in a service project, whether it be one day or a whole week, you don’t have to look far. Contact Herb Ewald at 814/539-8530 if you would like to volunteer.

The next scheduled dates are:

- August 10-16 - Spotswood, NJ
- September 4 and 16 (day trips to New Windsor)
- October 12-18 - Spotswood, NJ
- November 6 and 18 (day trips to New Windsor)
- December 7-13 - Spotswood, NJ

You do not have to be a skilled construction worker, all skill levels can be put to work.

**EYN Compassion Fund**

The EYN Compassion Fund supports Ekklesiayar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), as they work to rebuild homes, communities, and lives in a country devastated by war and violence. The fund is a mechanism for Brethren around the world to fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Nigeria, and to partner with them as they work for healing and peace.

When you give to the EYN Compassion Fund, **100% of donations are sent directly to the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria.**

Thank you for giving to uplift our sister church.

Go to [http://www.brethren.org/](http://www.brethren.org/) and follow the link for the EYN Compassion Fund.
SUMMERTIME CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
GEIGER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Saturday, August 23, 2014
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Geiger Church Grove
FREE TO THE PUBLIC & ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Featuring:
A Live Nativity
Period Decor
Christmas Music by "Clouds of Grace"
Carol Singing
Bonfires
Christmas Punch & Cookies
LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!!
YOU’RE INVITED!

Registrations for the fall 2014 Foundations Course of the Springs of Living Water Academy in Church Renewal are being received.

If you are discerning whether to participate, please review the information provided below, and contact David Young.

The Springs of Living Water Academy for pastors offers courses with learning objectives which participants localize in their setting. The academy has five interactive 2 hour phone conference calls of practical training and discussion over a 12 week period, focused readings, joining in spiritual disciplines, and receiving shepherding calls between sessions. A few persons of the church walk along. A summary paper reflects course content and application. CEU.

Level 1. Foundations for Christ-centered Church Renewal

A spiritually grounded, servant led approach using Springs of Living Water text learn to:

✓ Go deeper in one’s faith journey using a spiritual disciplines folder and devotional
✓ Enlist a congregation in renewal, spiritually discern and train a renewal team
✓ Help a congregation enter a spiritual journey with disciplines folders
✓ Understand servant leadership from scripture to approach the life cycle of a church
✓ Identify and fulfill 5 roles of transforming pastoral leadership for church renewal
✓ Implement a seven fold path for renewal based on a church building on it strengths
✓ Help a church spiritually discern a scripture, vision, and ministry plan

Spiritual Disciplines folder on the Disciplines, resource Celebration of Discipline-Richard Foster

Wednesdays: September 10, October 1 & 22, November 12, December 3 – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  ET

(If interested in a Saturday morning class, please check option on the registration form.)

Instructor is Dr. David S. Young with potential guests. Participants call an 800 number. Along with focused readings, participants practice daily disciplines using folders. For an Academy brochure, please email davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org or call (717) 615-4515. Website: www.churchrenewalservant.org.
Denominational News

go to www.brethren.org for the most complete and up to date news from the Church of the Brethren

The 2014 Conference, by the numbers:
2,524 total registration including 719 delegates and 1,805 non-delegates, 115 units of blood collected by the Conference Blood Drive from 123 presenting donors with the help of 26 volunteers, $5,100 raised for hunger at the Quilt Auction of the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren (AACB), 514 downloads of the new Annual Conference app, and 20,875 diapers collected by the Witness to the Host City service project for a YMCA/YWCA shelter in Columbus. Also received in the offering of goods for the shelter: 1,750 hygiene kits and “more socks than we can count.”

photo by Regina Holmes

The consecration service for the 2015 moderator and moderator-elect blessed David Steele and Andy Murray, respectively, for their leadership of the denomination in the coming year.

Quote of the week:
“To be concerned so absurdly with the interests and needs of others...that’s the incredible wondrous Christ that Paul wanted the Philippians to see.”
-- Annual Conference moderator Nancy S. Heishman, preaching for worship.

Job Openings

- **Truck Driver/Warehouser - Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, MD**
  The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill the position of Truck Driver/Warehouser. This full-time position works directly with the director of Material Resources and is located at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland.

- **Maintenance Mechanic - Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, MD**
  The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill the position of maintenance mechanic. This full-time position works directly with the director of Buildings and Grounds and is located at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland. Applications will be received and reviewed beginning immediately and will continue until the positions are filled. Qualified candidates are invited to request the application packet and complete job description by contacting:

  Office of Human Resources
  Church of the Brethren
  1451 Dundee Avenue
  Elgin, IL 60120
  800-323-8039 ext. 367
  humanresources@brethren.org

- **Timbercrest Senior Living Community** seeks a Director of Development. Experience with fund-raising, donor development, planned giving, and church relations preferred. Send resume to David Lawrenz, Timbercrest, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, IN 46962 or email to dlawrenz@timbercrest.org.

- **Gulf Coast coordinator - Gulf Coast state**
  Disciples Home Missions (DHM), Week of Compassion, and the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are collaborating with the Church of the Brethren Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) to develop a new Gulf Coast coordinator role. This part-time paid contract position will network with potential partners, engage congregations, and help facilitate new volunteer workshops, and must live in a Gulf Coast state. For more information about the regional coordinator position, contact CDS associate director Kathy Fry-Miller at 410-635-8734 or kfry-miller@brethren.org.

For more information about other CoB employment opportunities go to http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html
The Western PA District Church of the Brethren
Invites you to the
31st Annual Brethren Heritage Festival
at
Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936
Saturday, September 20, 2014

Come and fellowship with the folks in the Western PA District!

You are invited to take part in a worship service at 9 a.m. that includes bread and cup communion. Brother Jim Myer from Lititz, PA, and the White Oak congregation, will also be sharing a message.

The schedule for the day of the Festival will be included in the September District HIGHLIGHTS.

Crafts & Food

Entertainment

Quilt & Basket Auction

Red Cross Blood Drive
8:00 am — 2:00 pm
Greetings in the name of our Lord!

District Conference 2014 will again be held at Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936 on Saturday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m. The Program and Arrangements Committee is continuing to strive to improve the atmosphere and program schedule.

Contained in this newsletter you will find preliminary materials regarding District Conference. Please review this information and share the information with your delegates and other leaders of your congregations. Some of them may have received this information already in a special mailing or an email. The following materials are included:

◊ **Registration Form**: The District Conference Registration form must be completed and returned by Friday, October 10 with payment included. Please send ONE CHECK for each congregation’s delegates and non-delegates. **In addition**: If you are traveling to conference from a distance, please be advised that you are invited to stay overnight on Friday, October 17, at no charge. Please contact Camp Harmony at 814 798-5885 by Friday, October 10, to register for lodging.

◊ **Child Care Registration Form**: One form for each child, to be completed and returned by Friday, October 10.

◊ **Church World Service Recovery and Support Kit Information**: This year’s offering will again be received in the form of kits. Enclosed is a list of items to be included in the kits.

All persons must pre-register for District Conference by Friday, October 10. The registration fee for the conference is $25.00 per person. The fee includes your lunch, conference booklet materials, and facility fee.

Should 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.
Child Care Registration ~ District Conference 2014

*One form must be completed for every child that is registered.

Child’s Name ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian’s Name ______________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone ( ) ____________________________________________
Congregation ______________________________________________

Health Care / Permission / Emergency Information

I give permission for my child _______________________________ to receive emergency medical treatment in the event of an injury or illness on Saturday, October 18, until I can be contacted. I understand I will be contacted as soon as possible by the Child Care Provider.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________________________
Emergency Contact: ________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone: ( ) __________________________________________________________________

Insurance Information (Attach a copy of card - front & back)
Insurance: ______________________________________________________________________________________
ID# _____________________________ Group#: _____________________________
Primary Care Physician: _____________________________ Phone ( ) __________
List ALL medications child is currently taking:

List any medical conditions/problems that a doctor needs to know:

List any known allergies:

Other comments:

Complete **one form for every child** you are registering and return by **Friday, October 10** to:
Western PA District, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple PA 15935

Parent/Guardian Please clip and keep this portion

**District Conference 2014 ~ Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**Child Care Information**

Place: **Camp Harmony**
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

Drop Off: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Pick-Up: At the close of the conference

**Items to Bring:** One (1) packed lunch per child
Prepared bottles or baby food, if needed
Diapers, if needed
Snacks

**Note:** No fee required. Costs are included in conference registration.

Child Care Workers have the required clearance/background checks.
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Western PA District Church of the Brethren
Saturday, October 18, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Participants are asked to report to the registration table by 8:30 a.m.

CAMP HARMONY
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

CHURCH

REGISTRATION FEE of $25.00 per person - Due by Friday, October 10, 2014
This covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION [ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS APPLY]
♦ Authorized/appointed non-elected delegates from each congregation include the pastor, board or team chair, commission or team chairs (Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, Witness, or an authorized/appointed representative of corresponding commissions) not to exceed 4 persons, and a youth representative. The total number possible of authorized/appointed non-elected delegates is 7 persons.
♦ 200 members or less - 2 elected delegates
♦ More than 200 members - 2 elected delegates, plus 1 additional delegate for each 200 members over the initial 200 or a major fraction of 200.

NON-DELEGATES
♦ Any person that is not elected or appointed.

Number of Delegates _______ @ $25.00 each $_______
Number of NON-Delegates _______ @ $25.00 each $_______
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS _______ AMOUNT ENCLOSED $_______

Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:
Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014
Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY
Form received: ___________________ Amount enclosed: ___________________
Please list persons attending on the other side of this form:

**CHURCH**

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Church World Service Recovery and Support Kits

CWS Hygiene, School, Baby 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.

**Baby Kit**
- 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 washcloths
- 2 diaper pins

All items must be new and under 12 months in size. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins. Patterns for many of the Baby Care Kit components are available online at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

**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](http://www.churchworldservice.org) or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.
Emergency Clean-up Bucket
• 1 – Five-gallon bucket with resealable 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)

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, number of boxes. **Please DO NOT put the $2 inside the kit.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!**

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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 = $ ______________
SHOE PROJECT: The Home has been collecting gently worn shoes as a fund raiser through funds2org. We are hoping to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes by August 31 to earn approximately $1,000 for the Home Auxiliary. Individuals or congregations are asked to bring pairs of shoes to the Home Activities department to help us reach our goal. Thanks in advance for your help!

CHICKEN BARBECUE HELD: June 7 was a beautiful day for a barbecue, our residents and guests enjoyed delicious dinners, homemade desserts and ice cream sundaes. As usual, the event was made possible by a host of industrious volunteers who worked tirelessly in the dining room, kitchen, takeout and especially at the grill. We would like to recognize Herb Ewald, whose expertise at the grill made the whole event possible.

ADMINISTRATORS ATTEND CONFERENCE: Home Administrator Edie Scaletta; Personal Care Administrator Bob Thompson; and Finance Director Donna Locher attended the LeadingAge PA conference in Hershey on June 18-19. (LeadingAgePA is an association of not-for-profit senior services that replaces PANPHA.) The administrators attended continuing education seminars on topics ranging from the Affordable Care Act, and nursing care, to mandated automated record keeping.

THANKS FOR THE FUN!  
❤️ Thanks to the district stewards and finance team that visited the Home on May 4, and treated our residents to a meaningful worship service followed by delicious ice cream sundaes.
❤️ Thanks to the Young Women’s Encounter of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese for their visit on June 30. The delegates spent a wonderful morning crafting with the residents, who were each able to make a decorative bird house.

HOME BOOK SALE: The Housekeeping Department will be holding a book sale later this summer. Please contact Pam Harkcom at 814.361.6459 if you have magazines, hardback or paperback books to donate.
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN HOME CHARITABLE TRUST
10TH ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

Monday, August 11, 2014

Windber Country Club
1392 Forest Hills Drive
Salix, PA 15952

Registration Begins at 12 p.m.
Shotgun Start at 1 p.m.
Dinner and Awards at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for a fun-filled day of golf and challenging skill competition!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 5, 2014

Sponsorship Opportunities

Tournament Sponsor $1,500
Includes one foursome in Tournament, lunch and dinner, large sponsor sign and program recognition.

Clubhouse Sponsor $1,000
Includes one foursome in tournament, lunch and dinner, medium sponsor sign and program recognition.

Hole Sponsor $500
Includes golf, lunch and dinner for two, sponsor sign and program recognition.

Tee Sponsor $150
Includes sponsor sign at tee and program recognition.

Individual Registration $130*
Includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner and a golfer’s gift.

* $120 per golfer if registration is paid by July 18 2014

For more information, please contact:
Donna Locher (814) 361-6503  Stephanie Negrey (814) 361-6505  Melony Porada (814) 361-6504
Saturday, August 2, 2014
7:00 PM
Family Camp at Camp Harmony presents
“Pictures of Jesus”
By David Weiss, Visual Artist/Speaker/Minister
Open to the Public - $5.00
Check out AmokArts.com for more information
Remember, it is not too late to register for Family Camp and take part in all the activities.

2014 “52 God Bless You Team”
55 families and/or congregations have attached to the 2014 “52 God Bless You Team” for $6,532. They are helping Camp Harmony bless others. Join now for a $1.00 a week for 52 weeks. This support helps the ministry of Camp as it reaches out to others. Thank You. As more and more families are blessed they contribute $1.00 a week or $52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed $52, the mortgage could be eliminated…..

WISH LIST
Often groups or individuals are looking for items and/or projects that they can do for Camp. This list is constantly changing and we thank you for all your help.
--mulch
--vacuum sweepers
--materials for Ga Ga Court and/or construction
--materials for Four Square Vertical and/or construction
  (the last two are great projects for men’s groups or youth groups – contact camp for details)
--don’t forget we are always collecting Labels for Education (Campbells)
--small mesh laundry bags – 15” X 18”
--work gloves --safety glasses
--picnic tables --hot pads, oven gloves
JOB OPENING

Bookkeeper with strong accounting skills. $10/hr. Maximum 15 hours per week.
To apply submit a cover letter, an application (may be obtained from the website or contact the office), a resume’, and a written reference (from someone other than family). Please submit these to the Camp office by August 5th, 2014 to the Attn. of Janice.

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CAMP HARMONY
CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF MINISTRY
1924 – 2014

2009
Campers in our program – 525 and touches of those individuals and/or groups using Camp is 8000+
Donated astroturf is added to the tabernacle
Retreat Centers painted
Metal Roof is added to the Trading Post
Camp is being blessed to be a blessing – canoes, GPS units, new mattresses, picnic tables, fire rings, projectors, screens

2010
Infrastructure (electric, water, sewage) is showing signs of strain
Tabernacle is used for soccer, softball, and other sports
Disciple House is remodeled and is being used as another retreat center
Camp usage increased to 10,000+
Camp Harmony is becoming a year round Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center
Camp hosts its first District Conference for the Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

2011
Over 625 campers are registered for the Summer and 12,000+ persons enter the gates
Staff training increases (over 50 persons)
Cabins are adopted by congregations for remodeling and are aligned to safety codes of American Camping Association standards
Donations of sinks, showers and bathtubs are provided by Seven Springs Ski Resort
Tipis added to Pioneer Camping program
2nd District Conference is held at Camp

Stay tuned for the rest of the story…..
Camp Harmony continues to lift up His Name until the whole world hears…….

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Looking to the future…..

Many of your new cabins are needing built in bunk beds. Think about the project “build a bed” and honor a camper past or present by donating the money to build that bunk and buy a new mattress. A name plate will be placed on your donated bunk in honor of the designated camper. Additional information is coming…..
God's Faithful Servants
and
814-798-5885
Camp Harmony
Church of the Brethren
The Mill
P.O. 814-794-5180
Hooversville, PA 15936
351 Maxwell Rd
New Hope Ministries
Sponsored By:
September 1 and 2, 2013
August 30, 31
Labor Day Weekend
28th annual
Fall Harvest
Festival
Music
Gospel
Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Chickcn 8-0
Other Dinner Specials
12:00 PM Saturday
Camp Harmony
prayers and contributions
who support the Festival with their group's supplies & volunteers
a special thanks to all
in memory of those family
Fall Harvest Gospel Music Festival
The Garden we have steward to make the
more than ever we need to focus on the family.
We believe that in today's society, no
opportunity to ask Him into our hearts.
Through His sacrifice we all have the
favor to our family.
Harmony
Camp
Camp Harmony
Finding
Hollisapple, PA,
Community Restaurant.
Food Party located in
Special Junior Church.
Bring your Bibles and join us.
God's Word and Song.
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Evening.
3 PM to 7 PM
Worship Service at 10:00 AM
for all He has done!
To God be the glory!

Happy & Friends
Sound Provided by:

Glory Guys, Stigstown, PA

in Harmony Vocal Band, Athens, PA

The Songbirds, Magadore, OH

The Scholars, Millersville, PA

Sodo Ministries, Sayon, DE

Lee Estate, Company, AR

Betty Reeder, Jonesboro, PA

Revival, Bel Air, DE

Praise, Tuscaloosa, AL

The Masons, New York, NY

Mike & Rhonda, Fort Wayne, IN

The Victory, Orange, CA

Dusty Airman, Easton, PA

The Pioneers, Altoona, PA

The District, Fairland, PA

The Winner, Martinsburg, WV

K.A. Derby Family, Lehigh PA

Free Spirit, Pen Argyle, PA

Crossroads Ministries, Mannington, PA

for all children & activities

KIDS CORNER

BY: Invitation Only

GROUPS and SCHOOLS

led by: Tom Smith

After singings end

in Dining Hall

JAM SESSIONS NIGHTLY

for these activities

posted and announced

Hours will be

TWO HOURS POSTED

slide

Height restrictions applies to

also water slide

throughout the weekend

inflatable on duty

will be open with

Swimming Pool

CLOWNS FOR CHRIST:

Face Painting & Balloons by:

5 years of age or older:

For elementary children

Crafts & activities

Adult Supervised

KIDS KORNER

their prayers & contributions

who support the Festival with

groups, Sophistles & volunteers

to all the

A Special Thanks:

http://www.campharmonylongisland.org

Please visit our website at:

Camp office open around

should stop at

ALL CAMPERS

to help with insurance costs.

collected by Camp Harmony

for all weekend

fee for parking per car

Voluntary one time

There will be a $5.00

Parking

Park sign at entrance, for more information at: 1-814-798-5859

please call Camp Harmony

applies to all rules & regulations.

“Camp policy” for rent:

Cabins are also available.

will be reusable.

Cabins with or without Campsites

Festival begins Friday at

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Saturday, Sunday & Monday

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast Hours:

Mon. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sat. & Sun. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fri. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Kitchen Hours:

Plenty of food and refreshments

Clean showers & restrooms on camp

Bring lawn chairs for seating

Located next to dining hall

Festival will be held in Tabernacle

Mondays: 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Tuesdays: 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesdays: 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Singing begins Friday at

September 1st and ends at 7:00 PM

WHERE:

Hooversville, PA 15936
P.O. Box 158
144 Park Road
Camp Harmony

General Information
Churches are invited to collect and contribute new or antique items for the auction in support of the ministries of the Western PA District.

TWO Saturday drop-off dates are scheduled to bring items to Camp Harmony. The dates are October 11 and October 25 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon both days. Items can also be brought the afternoon of October 18, following District Conference.

► Breakfast at 7:30 am to 8:45 am
► Lunch served
► Fresh baked pies
► Items can be previewed after 7 am

For more information see your congregation’s Auction Advocate or call the District Office.
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

AUGUST 2014

ORDAINED

BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
DAVIS, KENNETH A. - 301 Walker St, Garrett, 15542-8427 - 814 634-8173
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FOLLY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIRONIMUS, BERTHA - 142 Bent Tree Hill, Ligonier, 15658-3202 - 724 238-3984
HOSLER, WILBUR H. - 525 First St, Clymer, 15728-1417 - 724 254-9764
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 240 Plumcreek Rd, Shelocta, 15774 - 724 599-8690
MARTIN, NOAH S. - 614 Freedom Ave, Johnstown, 15904-2206 - 814 266-6489
ROUSSEL, EDWIN E., JR. - 107 Sabra Court, Uniontown, 15401-9729 - 724 970-2505
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETTERMAN, SANDRA M. - 2288 N Ridge Rd, Shelocta, 15774-7225 - 724 354-3533
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 732 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 255-7793
SHAFFER, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHAVLIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 506 Scandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601 - 724 837-4491
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
THOMAS, RODGER J. - 1700 Veil Ave, Windber 15963 - 814 509-6399
WALKER, JUDY M. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WHILPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILCHER, JOEL A. - 658 R 13th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758

LICENSED

DERCK, JOEY E. - 3089 Dutch Run Rd, Shelocta, 15774-2224 - 724 354-3386
HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 829-2253
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. - 151 Blackner Rd, Johnstown, 15905-7408 - 814 288-4529
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SHAFFER, DANIEL P. - 135 Holly Path, Windber, 15963 - 814 244-5470
SISITKI, KIMBERLY A. - PO Box 204, Bolivar, 15923-0204 - 724 676-4465
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594
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Please note that the new Congregational Outreach Form for 2014/2015 and Form B for 2015, will be coming to congregations and contact persons in October. The next Report Card will appear in the November issue of HIGHLIGHTS.

In addition, the Congregational Outreach Form for 2013/2014 was sent from the COB Stewardship Office last fall. If you cannot locate the form, you will need to contact Mandy Garcia at 800-323-8039, ext. 361, at the Stewardship Office. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at www.brethren.org/stewardship. Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the District Office as of July 15. ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination. The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don’t hesitate to contact Suzie at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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2014 District Events and Meetings

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 2014
7 - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 pm
9 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 am – Somerset Church – (Licensed Minister Interviews)
9 - DISTRICT WOMEN’S MINISTRY SUMMER TEA, 11 am-2 pm, Somerset Church
16 - Disaster Work Trip to Spotswood, New Jersey - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
18 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 pm
23 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 am – Somerset Church
25 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 pm; Board 7 pm

SEPTEMBER 2014
1 - LABOR DAY
4 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
4 - BHCW Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon
4 - Core Leadership Team, 6 pm, District Office
6 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 am – Somerset Church
8 - District Women’s Ministry Cabinet, 1 pm, District Office
10 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
13 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, Purchase Line Church
14 - HAPPY GRANDPARENT’S DAY!!
15 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 pm
15 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., District Office
16 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
16 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
20 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
22 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 pm; Board 7 pm
27 - Ethics Training for ALL Ministers – 9 am-2 pm – Mount Joy Church
28 - Ethics Training for ALL Ministers – 2:30-7:30 pm – Maple Spring Church

OCTOBER 2014
1 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
5 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
7 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
9 - DISTRICT WOMEN’S MINISTRY HOME DAY – more information to come
11 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 am – Pleasant Hill Church
12-18 - Disaster Work trip to…..to be announced
18 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9 am, Camp Harmony
20 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 pm
**OCTOBER 2014 - continued**

22 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
25 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 am – Pleasant Hill Church
25 - AUCTION DROP-OFF DAY – drop off items to be auctioned, 9 am-12 noon – Camp Harmony
27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 pm; Board 7 pm
28 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call

**NOVEMBER 2014**

1 - NINTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
2 - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
2 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
6 - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
6 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
8 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Pleasant Hill Church
11 - District Women’s Ministry Cabinet, 1 p.m., District Office
12 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
13 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
15 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Geiger Church
17 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
18 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
18 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
24 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
25 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
30 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 2014**

3 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
7 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7-13 - Disaster Work trip to…..to be announced
9 - SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER ACADEMY, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, phone conference call
13 - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come
14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
15 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
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!