

District Highlights

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A Christmas Letter from the District Office

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Please send **all**
Highlights information
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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace!" Isaiah 9:6

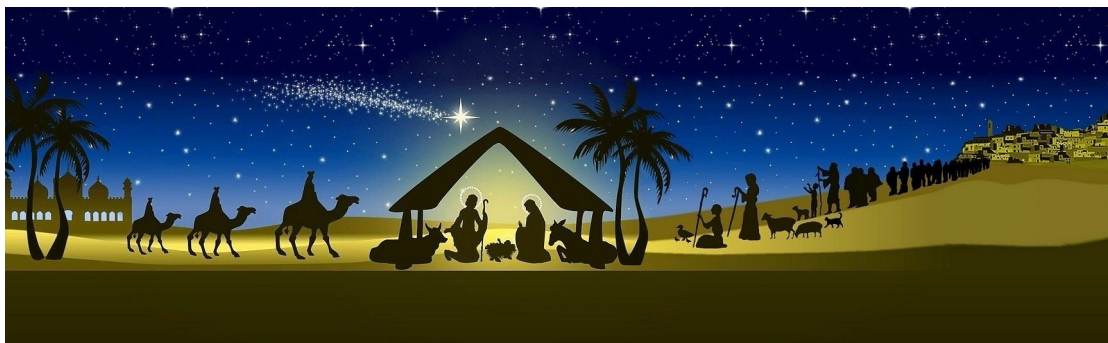
This verse from Isaiah has always fascinated me. It tells of a baby boy born to the people of Israel who will be Mighty God and Everlasting Father. How could a human baby boy also be everlasting God?

Of course, from this side of the Old Testament, we see clearly how this could be the case, for we know Jesus who is fully God and fully man – as the Apostles' Creed says: "he was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary." But I wonder what Isaiah would have thought about all this, or the people of Israel who heard and received his prophecy. Would their response have been "How can this be?" and "What does all this mean?"

For us, as I said, it is clear how God became man and lived among us. But even though we are able to have this reality in view, that does not mean that it is any less a "mysterious" thing. By "mysterious" I do not mean "a deep, dark secret" or something that is so deep and dark that it is unknowable. By "mysterious" I mean something amazing, something that is deeply pondered yet not fully understood. How Jesus could be fully God and fully man is not easy to grasp, but we know it is true. We believe the witnesses who heard him and saw him and touched him (I John 1:1). He was a man among us. And we believe those same witnesses who bore testimony to His divine power, wisdom, grace, and love.

So this is our Christmas faith – Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man! May you find new depth to your faith this Christmas as you ponder how an Israelite baby boy would also be everlasting God. Such a deepened faith will make for a truly "WONDERFUL" Christmas.

From everyone at the Western PA District Office,
Christmas blessings to you!



District Office News

LEADERSHIP

Pastors

Tim Vaughn—Full Time at Joyful Fellowship

Ordained

Irvin Ernst—Hostetler

Licensed

Stephen Parfitt—Greensburg

Leslie Crissman—Oakdale

HOSPITALIZED

- Please pray for **Pastor Homer Marshall** who is recovering after gall bladder surgery
- Please pray for **Pastor Stan Pisarski** who is recovering after a car accident
- Please keep **District Treasurer Carole Homer** and her husband Mearl in your prayers as they are recovering after a car accident
- Please pray for **District Minister Bill Wenger** and his family as his mother is recovering after a fall and broken hip

SYMPATHY

To the family of **Pastor Tim Vaughn** as his brother Tom passed away in the beginning of November.

NEW MEMBERS

Tire Hill Congregation

- LeRoy Kimmell
- Elizabeth Kimmell

Wooddale Congregation

- Jean Clark
- David Francis
- Daniel King
- Charles Whipple
- Linda Whipple
- Everett Christian
- Gage Thomas

2018 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is in progress...

Groups that are listed in the District Directory will be contacted in January to verify the correct information. Please make sure to reply in a timely manner. Digital and published copies should be ready by February 2018.

If you would like a PDF or a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2018**, 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!

February 2018

Highlights Deadline

January 10, 2017

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

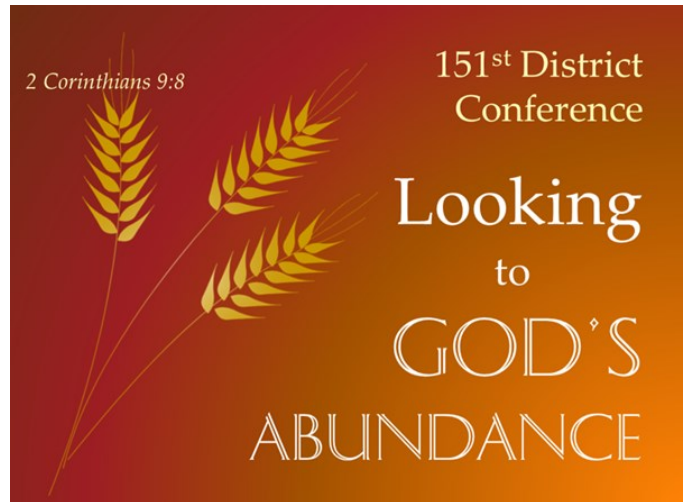


If you are interested in becoming a pastoral mentor in the Western PA District, please contact the Pastor & Parish Leadership Team or the District Office.

151st Western PA District Conference Wrap-Up

The delegates and non-delegates of the Western PA District gathered at Camp Harmony on a beautiful autumn day in October for the 151st annual District Conference. Many thanks to the staff at Camp Harmony for all their help and hard work which made this District Conference a great day for all.

The Conference theme for this year was "Looking to God's Abundance" from 2 Corinthians 9:8. District Moderator Vince Cable reflected on this theme in his Moderator's Challenge. Everyone in attendance was also blessed by the special music from Pastor Dottie Grew, Dana Hetz, Kasie Campbell, and Robyn Broadwater.



The morning insight session was a very encouraging presentation by Abby Shaffer, District Youth and Resource Coordinator about "Creative Worship". She told us that we are all "creative" in one way or another and we should not be afraid to be using our talents in our worship. All conference attendees were encouraged to visit the exhibits area and browse through all the information presented by Springs of Living Water, District Women's Ministries, Bethany Theological Seminary, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home Community Windber, Brethren Volunteer Service, Mission & Ministry Board, Brethren Disaster Ministries and others. They were also invited to review and purchase items from the Brethren Press.

Peter C. Kaltenbaugh from the Meyersdale congregation was installed as Moderator for 2018. Others affirmed on the slate include: Moderator Designate, John Stoner (Geiger); Standing Committee Delegate, Tim Vaughn (Joyful Fellowship); Program & Arrangements, Judy Walker (Greensburg); BHCW Trustees, Susan Ott (Rummel); Camp Harmony Board, David Fisher (Maple Spring), Ted Barkley (Manassas, VA), Mark Berkey (Windber), Mike Swick (Meyersdale), Drew Moser (Tire Hill); Gifts Discernment Team, Lisa Fike (Greensburg), Joe Brown (Windber); O&S Team, Gary Hiler (Meyersdale), Sally Houghton (Pleasant Hill); P&PM Team, Homer Marshall (Fair View); SpF Team, Suzanne Moss (Windber), Diane Bittner (Beachdale), Jessica Webster (Pleasant Hill); S&F Team, Mary Libengood (Meyersdale), Daniel Pyle (Pike Run).

A budget of \$172,897 for 2018 was approved. The total reflects a 3.81% increase. There were officially 224 attendees (185 delegates, 39 non-delegates) and 51 congregations were represented. The District Van was filled to the top and overview with hygiene kits, school kits, and clean up buckets for Church World Service. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously!

Once again, THANK YOU to all the folks at Camp Harmony and all those who helped to make this year's conference a success!

There were an overwhelming amount of comments this year and based on what you all have said there will be some changes to District Conference for 2018. Please be sure to register early and we look forward to seeing you there!

Tina Lehman, District Administrative Assistant

AbbsTract December '17 – January '18

Aren't candles lovely? There's nothing quite like candlelight to make a person feel welcomed and warm. When I think of candles, three specific times come to mind: my birthday, Thursday nights at Camp Harmony, and Christmas Eve.

Birthday candles on a cake is a strange thing, isn't it? Why is such an odd custom so popular and long-lasting? The Internet tells me that the Ancient Greeks celebrated birthdays by taking cakes adorned with lit candles to the Temple of Artemis as a tribute to the glowing "moon goddess." Then the smoke from the extinguished candles would carry the person's wishes and prayers heavenward for the goddess to hear. Others believe the tradition started in Germany, with the candles shining the "Light of Life."

However and wherever it started, it's kind of a nice tradition. Though I have to say, I prefer a strawberry pie for my birthday, and at this point, I'd have too much open flame to be safe.

The candles we light on Thursdays at Camp Harmony are special, too. Maybe you remember that tradition! If not, ask someone in your family or church who's been to summer camp in recent years. Few practices have stood the test of time as Camp has evolved and changed, but this remains constant.

On Thursdays we place an extra focus on worship and prayer, and in the evening, we gather around a fire to praise the Lord. Salvation through Jesus is taught, and an invitation is given to each one present to receive that wonderful gift. As we sing softly, small white candles are passed around, and one by one are lit. The dying fire casts long shadows around the circle, but as each candle springs to flame, each face is illuminated.



We speak about the Light of the World, and how God desires to shine His light through each life. As we continue to sing, and as some brush away tears, each camper and counselor walks to a special cross with holes drilled in it. There is a place in the cross for every candle and we fill it up. We carry this cross to the pond or to the pool, place it carefully on the surface of the water, and "somehow" it travels from one side to the other! We create lasting memories and it's a tradition the kids still ask about when they arrive.

Of all the candles I light through the year (and I really like candles), the very best are lit on Christmas Eve. There's just something so wonderful about that night anyway, and the candles add to it.

At this point in my life, I begin the evening at Rummel Church, singing our cantata and sharing communion with friends. We dim the overhead lights and steadily the flame passes back through the pews until everyone is glowing and beaming. Recently, we started a new tradition – the tiniest children get to crack a colorful glow stick! The beauty of Christ is reflected in every face, young and old.

Afterward, we head west to Morrellville Church; their service runs from 10:45 to midnight. In that massive sanctuary, packed full of members and friends, we light not only our own personal candles, but many more beside. Every other pew has a bracket at each end that holds a three-candle pole. Everywhere you look, flames dance and songs fill the space. It's certainly a night to remember!

In this dark season, why not light a candle to cheer you when you spend time in devotion with the Light of the World?

:) Abby

Local Church/District News

Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

Pasta Buffets - First Saturday of each month
(except during the summer)
from 4 pm - 7 pm

Call the church office at 724-463-0420 for
information.



Salisbury Church of the Brethren

will present

"A Cricket County Cabin Makeover"

by Eddie McPherson on
December 17 at 7:00 pm
at the Faith Factory (across from the church).

If you would like an evening of laughs along
with a heartfelt message about Christmas,
come out and see the Hillbilly clan from Cricket
County and their city cousins. (There will be a
second showing, date will be announced)



Joyful Fellowship commemorated their
acceptance as a Fellowship of the Church of
the Brethren by the Western PA District with a
celebration on October 22nd.

A special worship service was attended by
members, family and friends followed by a
fellowship meal.



Thanks to all who participated in making this a
"joyful" day!



A request from the chaplain at the Brethren Home...

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. the residents
at the home gather for worship.

If you can lead a worship service any
Sunday, please contact Pastor Cecil
Lohr at 814-233-8524 to sign up for a
certain Sunday or to be put on a call as
needed list.

This is an important outreach to the
residents. Music plays an important part
of worship so if someone can play an
instrument and/or lead some group
signing, or if a choir would like to have
special music that is especially enjoyed
by our residents.

Please call Pastor Cecil if you have any
questions

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National Youth Conference

July 21—26, 2018

Colorado State University

Fort Collins, Colorado

For youth who have completed 9th grade through 1 year of college (or the age equivalent)

Registration opens Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 6 pm central time.

The registration fee is \$500. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be paid at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30th, 2018. Youth will receive a drawstring bag, with the logo on it, if they register by 1/21/2018 at midnight. The theme is "Bound Together, Clothed in Christ" based on Colossians 3:12-15.

If you are 22 years of age or older, the NYC Team is looking for volunteers. Applications can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/vya/nyc/>. Applications are due **November 9, 2017**.

Emilie Deffenbaugh from the Somerset COB is a member of the National Youth Cabinet, if you have any questions about the event please contact her at deffn75h@richlandrams.net

The Journey to NYC 2018...

The Western PA District is planning an epic motor-coach tour out to NYC and back. Our NYC Travel Team (Brian, Krista, Dan and Abby) is working with Schrock Travel on the itinerary for next year, and we are pumped to see this journey take shape!

We are *hoping* to include some old favorites on the 2018 tour, like time at Sioux Falls, Wind Cave National Park, Wall Drug, The Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Custer in South Dakota; a trip to the summit at Pike's Peak in Colorado; a day at a working cattle ranch in Wyoming; and The Great Platte River Road Archway in Nebraska.

Who knows what brand-new adventures await us in 2018?

In 2014, National Youth Conference was \$450 and our bus tour was \$1,150 for a total of \$1,600 per person. This included all lodging, food, transportation, fees, admissions, taxes and gratuities for two weeks. Four years later, we expect costs to be higher, so plan on saving up at least that much per person. It looks like a lot of money, but it's really quite reasonable for an experience like this!

Please talk with your youth about NYC soon!

If you haven't already done so, please talk with your eligible youth and their parents about this wonderful trip. So many teenagers and advisers have benefited from this adventure in the past – we'd love to have your group join with us to see the sights and make new friends while growing closer to the LORD!

The trip out and back will *likely* run from July 16-29, 2018 and include professional transportation with Schrock Travel, nice hotel accommodations, all meals, all admissions, all fees, all taxes, all gratuities, and three district advisers.

For 2018, we are *estimating* a cost of \$1,400. per person. (NYC is a separate cost of \$500.)

If you are interested in coming with us, please contact Abby Shaffer as soon as possible at the Western PA District Office – wpadistrictyouth@gmail.com or 814-479-2181.

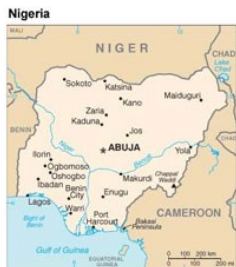
A commitment deposit of \$100 per person will be due by December 1, 2017.

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We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, “I love God,” and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won’t love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can’t see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both. *1 John 4:19-21 The Message*



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 for more information.



Mission Alive 2018

**A gathering of God's people...
a global Church of the Brethren**

April 6-8, 2018

**Frederick Church of the Brethren
Frederick, MD**

“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...” – *Revelation 7:9 (NRSV)*

Full conference –

early registration (through February 15): \$85

Full conference: \$110

Saturday only: \$50

Student -

(high school, college, or seminary): \$50

Family full conference: \$170

**CEU credit will be available for the cost of \$10 per ordained person

Mission Alive serves as an opportunity to:

- Rejoice in the growing presence of the Church of the Brethren across the globe
- Explore what it truly means to be a global church and how each district, congregation, and individual can take part
- Commit to investing in this vision



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>

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Puerto Rico

Pray for the residents of Puerto Rico as they continue to recover from Hurricanes Irma and especially Maria, which caused widespread flooding and damage to homes, infrastructure, and the agriculture industry. The majority of homes remain without power, and most people still do not have cell service. Pray for Church of the Brethren members and congregations in Puerto Rico. Amid their personal recovery, they are seeking to serve their communities in the midst of disaster. Pray for the response effort co-led by [Brethren Disaster Ministries](#) and the Puerto Rico District.



BDM associate executive director Roy Winter (center) recently traveled to Puerto Rico to visit Brethren and evaluate the damage, together with Jose Otero (2nd from left), district executive for Puerto Rico. Joining with them were Jose's wife Kathy (left); Lillian Ramos (2nd from right), pastor of the Bayamón congregation; and Lillian's husband Rafael (right), chair of the Puerto Rico District board.

Honduras

Pray for Global Mission and Service workers Kay and Alan Bennett as they conclude their service in Honduras and return to the United States. Alan has served for more than six years with Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG-Project Global Village), working primarily on a pipeline to provide water for a remote village. For the past three years, Kay has served in various capacities in their resident village of Belen Gualcho, focusing especially on education and health care. They have both received support from the Church of the Brethren, through the office of Global

Mission and Service.



Global Mission workers Alan and Kay Bennett in Honduras. Photo courtesy of the Bennetts.

Give thanks for Kay and Alan's efforts to benefit the people of Honduras. Pray for blessings as they re-settle in the United States and Kay begins her doctoral program in nursing science.

In turn, Kay and Alan "lift up in prayer all those church members that intentionally give to the mission work of the church without knowing exactly where it might end up. We're here to say a big thank you to them because that giving matters to real people in real situations to make a real difference in neighbors' lives."

South Sudan

Pray for the successful delivery of a vehicle to the Brethren Peace Center in Torit. The vehicle, which will greatly improve delivery of humanitarian aid and other supplies, was purchased through Church of the Brethren individual and congregational donations together with a grant from

the [Emergency Disaster Fund](#). The vehicle's delivery has been postponed due to ongoing insecurity in the region and bureaucratic delays. Pray for peace in South Sudan. Pray for Global Mission worker [Athanasus Ungang](#).

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United States

Give thanks for the continued work of the [Death Row Support Project](#) (DRSP), a Church of the Brethren ministry that organizes pen pals for people on death row. These pen pals bring human relationship and glimpses of humanity to people who often spend 23 hours a day in solitary confinement. DRSP lifts up the story of Kate, a pen pal who, because of her years of correspondence and personal visits, was able to serve as a character witness for her pen pal, John, in Nevada at his re-sentencing hearing. Likely through her help, John received a life sentence instead of a renewed death penalty. Pray that our government end its sinful practice of putting people to death.

United States/Nigeria

Pray for Samuel and Rebecca Dali as they take part in several meetings with governmental and advocacy organizations regarding continued needs in Nigeria. The Dalis served on an expert panel for Congressional staff and are participating in meetings with the Council on Foreign Relations and the State Department. Additionally, the Dalis are visiting Manchester University in Indiana, the Brethren Heritage Center in Ohio, and a few Church of the Brethren congregations. Samuel is the former president of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). Rebecca is the founder and president of Centre for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI) aiding victims of the Boko Haram insurgency.



Rebecca and Samuel Dali share their experiences and knowledge with Congressional staff in Washington D.C. Photo by Pat Krabacher.

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Venezuela

Pray for a gathering of leaders from Asociacion Iglesia de los Hermanos Venezuela (ASIGLEH), the Church of the Brethren in Venezuela. Members of ASIGLEH's board of directors and council of elders will meet November 19-21 in Caracas. Their goals include establishing processes for maintaining unity and order, clarifying the goals and vision for the body, and making future plans for agricultural programs, children and youth ministries, and the licensing and ordination of ministers. Pray for the Holy Spirit's rich presence to fill these leaders with wisdom, grace, and energy.

Brazil

Praise God for a new group in the city of Campinas started by Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil (the Church of the Brethren in Brazil). The group of about 15 people gathers for Bible study and prayer, and Igreja da Irmandade leaders hope it will eventually develop into a congregation. Pray that people will feel the love of God's presence through these gatherings of worship and fellowship. Pray for the equipping of leaders to lead the group.



Marcos and Suely Inhauser, national directors for Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil, lead Bible study with the new group in Campinas. Photo by Alexandre Gonçalves.

Iran and Iraq

Pray for everyone affected by a powerful earthquake that struck along the Iran-Iraq border on Sunday, killing at least 530 people and injuring 7,460 more. Aid agencies report that 70,000 people are in need of shelter. Damage to a main hospital in the area has left it difficult to treat the wounded, and landslides have hampered rescuers' efforts to reach rural areas. Pray for healing of bodies, minds, and hearts. Pray for provision for those needing food, water, shelter, and other assistance. Pray for strength.

Palestine and Israel



Roy Winter (third from left) and Nathan Hosler (at right) take part in the CMEP delegation in Jerusalem. Photo courtesy of CMEP.

Pray for a group of leaders from the Church of the Brethren and the Christian Reformed Church taking part in a Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) delegation to the Holy Land. Representing the Church of the Brethren are Nathan Hosler, director of the Office of Public Witness, and Roy Winter, associate executive director of Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries. CMEP executive director Mae Elise Cannon requests prayers "for our travels and our meetings with Israelis and Palestinians as we seek to listen, learn, and better understand how we can be more effective advocates toward a just peace in the midst of this conflict."

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – December 2017

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
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BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
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
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
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
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
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
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
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
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
HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

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

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Events for 2018

The following are just a few events SVMC has planned for 2018. We will be adding to this list, but for now, this is what's being planned. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 9 AM – 4 PM:

Continuing Education Event, "Science, Theology, and the Church Today – Ministry with Youth and Young Adults", led by Dr. Russell Haitch, Professor of Theological Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. Location: Susquehanna Room, Elizabethtown College.

Monday, May 7, 2018, 9 AM – 3 PM:

Continuing Education Event, Elder Care with Jenn Holcomb. Specific topic to be determined. Location: Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA.

Saturday, November 3, 2018:

SVMC's 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. Speaker will be Steven Schweitzer, Academic Dean from Bethany Theological Seminary. Time TBD. Location: Chambersburg Church of the Brethren.

Monday, November 11, 2018, 9 AM – 4 PM:

Continuing Education Event, "Gospel of Peace" with Dan Ulrich from Bethany Theological Seminary. Location: Juniata College.



REGISTRATION FORM

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Online Course

January 29 - March 23, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

Course fee: \$295.00

I will be taking this course for:

- ☐ One TRIM Unit (B/T)
- ☐ One EFSM Learning Unit
- ☐ Two Cont. Ed. Units*
(*ordained pastors)
- ☐ Personal Enrichment

Mail this registration form with payment
by **January 15, 2018** to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown PA 17022

TRIM INFORMATION

This Training in Ministry (TRIM) course is offered in cooperation with Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. It completes one Bible/Theology Unit.

REGISTRATION

To register, clip Registration Form at left and mail with a check payable to SVMC.

Course fee: \$295.00

Refund policy:

- 100% of course fee if class has filled or if student withdraws prior to registration deadline.
- 50% for withdrawal between the registration deadline and the first day of class.
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun. Exceptions for extraordinary circumstances require the approval of the SVMC Executive Director.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact us at:

Susquehanna Valley
Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 361-1450
svmc@etown.edu

www.etown.edu/SVMC



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
presents

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Online TRIM Course

January 29 - March 23, 2018

Taught by
Andrew Hamilton



The Gospel of John

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“Glory is a theme that John uses, very distinctively among the New Testament writers to highlight, by paradox, the extraordinary nature of the love of God for the world in going to the lengths of Jesus’ abject dying in pain and shame of crucifixion.” Richard Bauckham, *Gospel of Glory*, p. 43.

Like the above quotation, this class will involve a close reading of John’s Gospel that includes applying exegetical skills and theological reflection. In light of converging and sometimes contrasting themes throughout its narrative we will explore the signs and parables and their relationship to the revelation of the glorified Christ on the cross. Most importantly we will attentively look at the theological implications and ethical applications for 21st century followers of Jesus.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will explore the signs and parables and their relationship to the revelation of the glorified Christ on the cross.
- Students will practice an interdisciplinary reading of this gospel attentively looking at both the theological implications and ethical applications for 21st century followers of Jesus.
- Students will learn to ask questions of the text that unlock the narrative and theological richness of the gospel.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Swartley, Willard M., *Believers Church Bible Commentary: John*. Harrisonburg: Herald Press, 2013. ISBN 978-0-8361-9667-2.

Bauckham, Richard, *Gospel of Glory: Major Themes in Johannine Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015. ISBN 978-0-8010-9612-9.

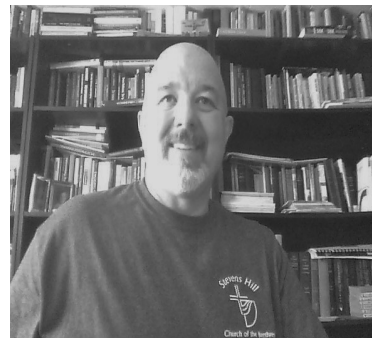
INSTRUCTOR

Andrew Hamilton

Andy serves as pastor at Stevens Hill Community Church of the Brethren and is Co-Founder of Tender Shepherd: A Ministry of Soul Care.

He is an ordained pastor in the Church of the Brethren. He holds a Master of Divinity through Ashland Seminary in Ashland Ohio, and a Master of Philosophy from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Andy taught as an adjunct instructor for 14 years, teaching a variety of theology and church history courses. Andy has been a guest lecturer, and seminar speaker. He has published several articles and is currently a general editor for a Brethren theology series.



TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class. Questions? Contact Fran Massie at Brethren Academy.

Computer Capabilities:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow, but doable. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended for videos).
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome.
- A laptop on a wireless network will work, but will get better performance if plugged into a wired network.

12th Annual Western Pennsylvania Church of the Brethren

DISTRICT AUCTION



Adeline Custer from Brothersvalley placing her bids at the Auction

A special thanks to all who supported the District Auction that was held at Camp Harmony on November 4, 2017 with their prayers, donations and purchases. Another special thanks to all the volunteers who helped in any way before and on the day of the auction. We pray God's richest blessings on each one who helped to make this day a success.

The total receipts received from the District Auction were \$11,559.50.

After expenses, we will honor our commitment to send 10 percent of our profit to the Nigerian Crisis Fund.

Camp Scholarships will be given to first place and second place churches that raised the most funds. Maple Spring took first place raising \$1,637.00. Pleasant Hill took second place raising \$1,428.00.

Camp again provided us with a delicious breakfast and lunch. \$900.00 was raised for camp.

A special thanks to everyone at Camp Harmony for their hospitality in all areas as we prepared for the auction.



Since it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, with the help of the District, I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up the necessary people to make the program work. This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometime go unanswered. Missed calls and unanswered messages requires another time consuming telephone call, sometimes with the same results! After the receipt of an email, and after checking the printed schedule would you **PLEASE** consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedules toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry. Contact your church coordinator to volunteer and if your church does not have one contact Herb Ewald at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP!

New Windsor Day Trips

Mar. 22, 2018
Apr. 24, 2018
Jun. 06, 2018
Jun. 26, 2018
Aug. 09, 2018
Aug. 28, 2018
Oct. 04, 2018
Nov. 08, 2018
Nov. 27, 2018
Dec. 18, 2018

Week Trips

Apr. 08-14, 2018 Missouri
May 13-19, 2018 Project #2
Jul. 22-28, 2018 (w/Mid. Atl)sc
Sept. 02-08, 2018
Oct. 14-20, 2018 (W/Virlina)
Dec. 02-08, 2018

BRETHREN HOME COMMUNITY WINDBER
DECEMBER, 2017,
JANUARY, 2018



SHOUT OUTS: Congratulations to these employees who were nominated for outstanding service in the Shout Out program: Donna Tauber, Kirsten Michaels, Dora Vetter, Jacki Miller, Steve Roth, LeAnn Kearns. Asiah Young-Atwell was recognized for passing the CNA boards.

AUXILIARY PURCHASES: Thanks to our Home Auxiliary for these purchases made at the November 2 general meeting: a refrigerator for use in the Auxiliary Kitchen - \$400, lift slings of various sizes for the nursing department - \$1,072, hot pack replacements for the nursing department - \$225, for a total of \$1,697. Special thanks to Linda Dinan and Romaine Heckler for their work as cashiers at the annual craft and soup sale also held on November 2.

JOSEPHINE VEDOCK CELEBRATES 100 YEARS: Mrs. Josephine Vedock celebrated her 100th birthday on October 23 with a family party in the Home social room. She is the widow of John Vedock, and the mother of two sons who has resided in Windber for almost all of her 100 years. She has been an active member of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church and worked in the kitchen for many church events. She retired from Bali Manufacturing in 1974 with over 22 years of service.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES: The Home staff supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by raising funds for the Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center in Windber. Ice Cream parlor manager Dan Dadura baked and sold over 1,200 pink ribbon shaped cookies, and administrative assistant Teena Petrus organized dress down days to raise additional funds. They visited the Cancer Center on November 6 to deliver the Home's check for \$405 to Center Director Erin Goins.

EAT 'N PARK GIFT CARDS AND SHEETZ BOOKLETS AVAILABLE: Eat 'N Park gift cards and Sheetz coupon books are available in the Home main office for \$10 each. They make excellent stocking stuffers and benefit the work of the Home Auxiliary!

*Be filled with wonder, touched by peace, and blessed by the miracle of
Christmas.*

Happy Holidays and blessed New Year!
Brethren Home Residents, Staff and Administration

Brethren Home Community Windber

Tree of Stars 2017



Please help us decorate the Christmas Tree of Stars in this 34th year of our program. Your donation will not only honor or memorialize a loved one or friend, it will help our Home to provide our residents benevolent care. The names of those persons being remembered will be displayed on the Christmas Tree in the Circle Lounge.

Please return the bottom portion with your contribution to:

**Church of the Brethren Home
277 Hoffman Avenue
Windber, PA 15963
Attn: Tree of Stars**



Christmas Tree of Stars 2017



Please hang a Star in **Memory** of: _____

OR

Please hang an Ornament in **Honor** of: _____

Donated By: _____

Amount: _____

Address: _____





CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY CAMP HARMONY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 9 AM - 3 PM

AGE 5 - 5TH GRADE

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:30 AM CHRISTMAS SONGS
10:00 AM BRICKS 4 KIDZ
& CRAFTS
12:00 PM LUNCH
12:45 PM CAMP STORE OPEN
1:15 PM CHRISTMAS STORY
2:00 PM GAMES IN GYM
3:00 PM PICK-UP



WHAT IS PROVIDED:

SUPERVISED FUN FOR YOUR KIDS
A HEALTHY LUNCH
A TAKE-HOME CRAFT
THE CHRISTMAS STORY
THE LOVE OF JESUS
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TIME FOR PARENTS TO GO SHOPPING

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PRE-REGISTER BY DECEMBER 4, PAY AT THE DOOR

CAMP HARMONY 2017

CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION

Please use a separate form for each individual registering



General Information

Name: _____ Grade/Age: _____ Male _____ Female _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____
Email Address: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____
Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Church Attending (name & town): _____

Emergency Information

Health Concerns: _____
Allergies (food, etc.): _____
Other: _____
Medications: _____
Restrictions: _____
Emergency Contact #1: _____
Emergency Phone #1: _____
Emergency Contact #2: _____
Emergency Phone #2: _____

Payment Options (if you would like to pay in advance)

Cash _____ Check _____
MasterCard _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____
Card # _____
Card Holder Signature _____

Release Information

In signing this application, I grant permission for my child to attend Camp Harmony and for Camp Harmony to use images (photo, video, etc.) of my child and members of my family in camp publicity (print ads, internet, etc.). I waive the right to inspect or approve photos for such purpose.

I understand that although Camp Harmony staff will make every reasonable effort to minimize exposure to known risks, not all dangers and hazards can be foreseen (i.e. cuts, bruises, scrapes, fractures, dislocations, fatalities, etc.). I am aware that certain risks and dangers exist in the activities that are beyond the control of Outdoor Ministry employees.

I understand that I have the right and the responsibility to limit my participation in any activity that I believe will compromise my safety, and agree to notify a Camp Harmony employee if I have safety concerns. Camp Harmony practices the "Choose Your Challenge" philosophy. This means, if I choose to physically participate in any of the activities, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with such participation.

I understand that Camp Harmony staff has the right to deny my participation and that it is my responsibility as a participant to follow the instructions, guidelines and procedures established by the Facilitator(s)/Trainer(s). If, at any time, I do not understand or have not heard specific instructions given by the Facilitator(s)/Trainer(s), I realize that it is my responsibility to ask for clarification and/or assistance before any participation.

In consideration of Camp Harmony allowing me to participate in these activities, I hereby release, discharge, waive, disclaim, and relinquish all claims, actions, or causes of action for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage against Camp Harmony arising as a result of my participation in these activities, my use of Camp Harmony equipment, or any activities incidental to the activity. I also agree to defend and indemnify Camp Harmony and hold it harmless for any personal injury, death, or property damage arising from my conduct.

Parent/Guardian

Printed Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____



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

THANK YOU

A very special thank you is extended to all those who took part in the following fundraisers.

We appreciate your support and thank you for going shopping and going out to eat.

"Friends to Friends" – Boscov's shopping passes – Camp received \$200.00

Hoss's Restaurant - \$454.91 was given to Camp by the restaurant. That means we received 25% of the receipts for Sunday, November 12.

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2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

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 debt could be eliminated. The 2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM" now has 62 families including some congregations for a total of \$4322. Thank you so much for your donations and prayers.

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VOLUNTEERING

Keep in mind that Camp is a wonderful place to volunteer for a variety of tasks. Tuesdays is the planned day for volunteering, but any day of the week would be fantastic. Call Camp for details.

LOOKING AHEAD - * Poster included for information

December 2 – Faith Promise Dinner*

December 9 – Children's Christmas Party*

January 26 -28 – Children's Winter Retreat*

February 2 – 4 – Jr & Sr. High Winter Retreat*

March 3 – Happy Birthday Camp Harmony

March 17 – Spring Fling – Country Western Theme

April 13, 14 – Scrapbooker's Retreat

April 28, 29 – Craft and Flea Market Bazaar – Clean out your closets now and prepare for the Flea Market.

Be on the lookout for the Camp Harmony Newsletter – it will be mailed in December.

The 2018 Camp Harmony Brochure will be available in January 2018. Plan for your summer activities now.

Don't forget to look for Camp Harmony on Facebook.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED 2018 NEW YEAR.....

PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING AT CAMP HARMONY

2017 FAITH PROMISE DINNER SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 5:00 PM

Individual Donation - \$50 or \$93 Challenge Amount
(\$1 FOR EVERY YEAR OF OUR MINISTRY, 1924-2017)

Reserve your space now for the 6th annual Faith Promise Dinner on Saturday December 2nd, at 5:00 pm in Faith Hall. Join with other Camp supporters as we enjoy a delicious dinner, hear about a great summer camp season and spend an evening with other friends of Camp! We will share updates on building projects and events happening at Camp as well as encourage one another with fellowship and entertainment. For more information, contact us at (814) 798-5885 or to reserve a seat, return the registration form on the back of this flyer!



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Faith promise Registration

Please detach and return by
November 30, 2017

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

Guest names: _____

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OR

Help Camp Harmony reach 100 years of ministry
"And they fell heir to what others had toiled for" Psalm 105:44

Faith Promise Challenge 2017

Since I am unable to attend the dinner, I am sending a donation of
\$_____ or pledging \$_____ per month/quarterly.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Your gifts are tax deductible. THANK YOU!

Camp Harmony Inc. is a 501©3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 25-1041249

2 YOUTH WEEKENDS!

CHILDREN'S RETREAT - GRADES 3-6

JANUARY 26-28



JR. & SR. HIGH - GRADES 7-12

FEBRUARY 2-4



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2018

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WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME: _____

GENDER: __M__F BIRTHDATE: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) NAMES: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME @ CAMP HARMONY? ___Yes___No

WHICH RETREAT ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR?

CHILDREN'S (GRADES 3-6)

JR & SR HIGH (GRADES 7-12)

☐ JANUARY 26-28

☐ FEBRUARY 2-4

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR CHURCH IS PAYING A PORTION OF THE FEE:

CHURCH NAME: _____

THE CHURCH WILL BE PAYING \$_____ OF THE REGISTRATION FEE.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (REQUIRED; PASTOR OR CAMP REP)

IN SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND CAMP HARMONY AND FOR CAMP HARMONY TO USE IMAGES (PHOTO, VIDEO, ETC) OF MY CHILD AND MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY IN CAMP PUBLICITY (PRINT ADS, INTERNET INCLUDING SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES, ETC.). I WAIVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT OR APPROVE IMAGES FOR SUCH PURPOSES. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, OUTDOOR AND CAMPING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE SOME RISK OF INJURY. I UNDERSTAND ALSO, THAT ALTHOUGH THE CAMP HAS TAKEN PRECAUTIONS TO PROVIDE PROPER SUPERVISION, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT FOR EACH ACTIVITY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CAMP TO GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SAFETY. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES IS VOLUNTARY AND WAIVE ANY CLAIM THAT MAY ARISE AGAINST THE CAMP AND/OR EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, EXCEPT FOR THOSE THAT ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE CAMP OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

ABOUT THE WEEKEND RETREATS

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER TO COME BACK TO CAMP, THIS IS THE RETREAT FOR YOU! DURING OUR WINTER RETREATS AT CAMP HARMONY, WE DO MANY OF OUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES FROM SUMMER INCLUDING CRAFTS, WORSHIP, GAMES AND BIBLE LESSONS. PLUS WE'LL GET TO GO SLEDDING AND PLAY IN THE SNOW! EACH WEEKEND IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST AND GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH HIM. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT CAMP HARMONY!
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REGISTRATION: FRIDAY EVENING 7-8 PM

PICK UP: SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2 PM

COST: \$100 PER CAMPER

HOW TO REGISTER

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM (ONE PER CAMPER) AND A \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT TO:



CAMP HARMONY WINTER RETREATS
P.O. Box 158
1414 PLANK ROAD
HOOVERVILLE, PA 15936



PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD. WE RECOMMEND FULL PREPAYMENT TO REDUCE TIME IN REGISTRATION LINE. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED LESS THAN ONE WEEK FROM BEGINNING OF RETREAT DATE WILL BE CHARGED A \$15 LATE FEE.

THINGS TO BRING

BEDDING, MONEY FOR STORE & OFFERING, TOWEL & TOILETRIES
SEASONAL CLOTHING INCLUDING EXTRA SHOES AND SOCKS, BIBLE
ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS!!!!

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

814.798.5885

PROGRAM@CAMPHARMONY.ORG

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! The NEW **Form B** that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin and updates contact information about your congregation's board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contact persons will be coming to congregations and contact persons soon. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. **Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated**, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The **Additional Officers**

Form for 2016 will be sent from the District Office soon.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2017/2018 had been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2017. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. 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 October 20. **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 Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-010	Arbutus					
37-015	Beachdale					
37-020	Bear Run					
37-030	Berkey					
37-050	Bethel					•
37-060	Brothersvalley				•	•
37-068	Canaan					
37-070	Center					
37-080	Center Hill				•	
37-090	Conemaugh					
37-100	Connellsville					
37-110	County Line				•	
37-130	Elbethel					
37-140	Erie Community United					
37-150	Fairchance				•	
37-160	Fair View					
37-170	Farmington Bethel					
37-190	Geiger					
37-195	Good Samaritan					
37-200	Greensburg					
37-210	Greenville					
37-220	Hooversville					
37-230	Hostetler					
37-240	Hyndman					
37-250	Indiana					•
37-310	Ligonier First					
37-320	Locust Grove					
37-340	Maple Glen					
37-350	Maple Grove					
37-360	Maple Spring					
37-380	Meyersdale					
37-390	Middlecreek					
37-400	Monroeville					
37-410	Montgomery					

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37-260	Morrellville					
37-420	Mount Joy					
37-430	Mount Pleasant					
37-270	Moxham					
37-440	Nanty Glo				•	•
37-450	Natrona Heights					
37-460	Oakdale					
37-470	Penn Run					
37-475	Pike Run					
37-480	Pleasant Hill					
37-500	Plumcreek				•	•
37-505	Purchase Line					
37-508	Rayman					
37-510	Robinson					
37-520	Rockton					
37-530	Rockwood					
37-280	Roxbury					
37-540	Rummel					
37-550	Salisbury					
37-560	Scalp Level					•
37-570	Shade Creek/Ridge					
37-580	Sipesville					•
37-590	Somerset					•
37-620	Ten Mile					
37-630	Tire Hill					
37-635	Union Chapel					
37-640	Uniontown					
37-290	Walnut Grove					
37-645	Way of Hope					•
37-300	Westmont					
37-650	Windber				•	
37-660	Wooddale					

2017 District Events and Meetings

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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...

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- Each month check this page in District HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep *your* calendar updated.

DECEMBER 2017

- 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 9 - Children's Christmas Party, Camp Harmony 9:00 am
- 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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JANUARY 2018

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 6 - EPIPHANY
- 18-25 - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
- 26-28 - Children's Winter Retreat, 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday at Camp Harmony – Grades 3 - 6

FEBRUARY 2018

- 2-4 - Jr. & Sr. High Winter Retreat, 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday at Camp Harmony – Grades 7 - 12
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2018

- 2 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 11 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks *AHEAD* one hour)**
- 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 11 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 17 - Spring Fling at Camp Harmony, 5 pm (Country Western Theme)
- 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 25 - PALM SUNDAY
- 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2018

- 1 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 9 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13-14 - Spring Scrapbook Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Tithing Sunday
- 28-29 - Craft, Flea Market Bazaar at Camp Harmony

MAY 2018

- 3 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 6 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 10 - ASCENSION DAY
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 13 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18-19 - Pastors' Retreat "Restored Power", Camp Harmony
- 20 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 28 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2018

- 3 - Annual Conference Briefing, Rummel COB, 3 pm
- 17 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 28 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Grand Rapids, Michigan

JULY 2018

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 19 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 21-26 - NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Fort Collins, Colorado
- 27 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2018

- 12 - Stewardship Sunday
- 31 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Begins

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Concludes
- 3 - LABOR DAY
- 13 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 22 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22-23 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony
- 29 - Honduras Mission Dinner, 5 pm, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2018

- 7 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 20 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 - THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 4 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2018

- 2 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY* – Camp Harmony – *more information to come*
- 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
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