

District Highlights

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Please send **all**
Highlights information
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HIGHLIGHTS

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December/January 2011-12

MODERATOR'S CHALLENGE

At our District Conference in October, I gave a challenge to the delegates, which was taken from Revelation 3:8, "I HAVE PLACED BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR." The Lord has placed before us an open door of OPPORTUNITY. He has opened the door for us to enter his heavenly kingdom and become part of his family through faith in Jesus Christ. He opens the door of opportunity for us to minister to others and reach out to them with the love of Christ. He opens the door of opportunity for us to come directly into the presence of God and receive grace and help in our time of need. It's up to us what we do with those opportunities, whether we will take advantage of them or miss them.

In the year leading up to the 2012 District Conference, I would like each of us to pray for and look for those open doors of opportunity that the Lord places before us. It may be an opportunity to befriend someone and help lead them to Christ. Or it might be an opportunity to begin or get involved in some new ministry. Or it could be an opportunity that comes in the form of a challenge or difficulty, which gives you the opportunity to pray and see the Lord's mighty hand at work. Whatever the door of opportunity that the Lord opens, I would like to hear some testimonies at next year's Conference as to how the Lord opened the door and how you saw him work as you stepped out and obeyed. It might be something which has happened recently or something that happens in the coming year. I am planning to have a time for sharing these testimonies during the 2012 Conference. If, at any time during the coming year, you feel that you have such a testimony to share, please let me know PRIOR TO CONFERENCE, so I can allow time for it in the agenda.

"I HAVE PLACED BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR." Pray for and look for those DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY the Lord opens in the coming year. May we see the Lord's mighty hand at work as we step out in faith and obey him.

Grace and peace,
Ron St. Clair, District Moderator

Local Church News

HOSPITALIZED

- **Lori Conn**, wife of County Line pastor **Barry Conn**, for treatment.
- **John Gomola**, retired licensed minister in the Monroeville congregation, for surgery.
- **DeVon Beachley**, son of District Minister **Ron Beachley**, surgery and rehab after a fall.
- **Elva Jean Westlake**, ordained minister in the Center Hill congregation, for surgery.
- **Joanne Berkebile**, wife of Center Hill pastor **Wes Berkebile**, for treatment.

LEADERSHIP

- Congratulations to **Christopher A. Forry** on his ordination in the Christian Ministry of the Church of the Brethren at the Pike Run congregation on November 6, 2011.
- Congratulations to **Robert R. Stein** on his ordination to the Christian Ministry of the Church of the Brethren at the Uniontown congregation on November 13, 2011.
- **Terry K. & Wanda M. Clark** resigned as team pastors of the Beachdale Congregation as of November 30, 2011.

SYMPATHY

- To **Audrey Wenger** and family in the death of her mother, **Betty Bauman**. Audrey is the wife of Moxham pastor **Bill Wenger**.
- To the family and friends of **Irvin P. Walls**, retired ordained minister in the Greenville congregation.

Job Openings:

- ♦ The Gather 'Round curriculum, produced by Brethren Press and MennoMedia, is accepting applications to **write** for Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multiage, Junior Youth, or Youth age groups for 2013-14. Writers produce well-written, age-appropriate, and engaging material for teacher's guides, student books, and resource packs. All writers will attend an orientation March 19-23, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. See Job Opportunities at www.gatherround.org. Application deadline: January 9, 2012.

NEW MEMEBERS

Hooversville Congregation

- Daniel Karashowsky
- Martha Trevarrow

Uniontown Congregation

- Brad Cole
- Amber Cole

Somerset Congregation

- Logan Flick
- Geraldine Harrington
- Shyanne Koval
- Jay Smith
- Lana Smith
- Kelsey Watkins
- Christina Yinkey

Meyersdale Congregation

- Bryia Swick
- Jennifer Murray
- Craig Cavanaugh

District Men's Fellowship Council has two openings on the committee.

If you are interested in serving or want more information, please contact Homer Marshall at 724 583-7073 or Mearl Craig at 814 242-0909.

**February
Highlights Deadline
January 10, 2012**

- ♦ Applications for the **2012 Youth Peace Travel Team** are due Jan. 13. College-age young adults (ages 19-22) are invited to apply. Through the summer, the team travels to camps and conferences talking about the Christian message and the church's tradition of peacemaking. The team is sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Brethren Volunteer Service, On Earth Peace, and Outdoor Ministries Association. Go to www.brethren.org/yya/peaceteam.html.

District News

AN OLD FASHIONED GERMAN CHRISTMAS AND LIVE NATIVITY

Sat., Evening - December 10, 2011

6:30 P M until 8:00 P M
(come and go....stay as long as you choose)

Middlecreek Church of the Brethren

Featuring Live animals and Biblical characters
plus decorations and refreshments like those
enjoyed by our German ancestors.

Special Guests: Singers Larry and Judy Walker

FREE OF CHARGE

Questions?

Phone Pastors John & Linda Stoner
814-444-8800 or email jnljaunts@floodcity.net

The **Hand 2 Hold Ladies League** will be having a **New Year's Eve Party** in the Fellowship Hall at the **Nanty-Glo Church of the Brethren** on Saturday, **December 31, 2011**, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. Food, games and fellowship. Every one is welcome!

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The church is located at 915 Caroline Street, Nanty-Glo. Please call Darlene at 814-749-0548 to reserve your tickets.

Geiger Church Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound to see the show, **"Jonah"** on Saturday, **June 23, 2012**.

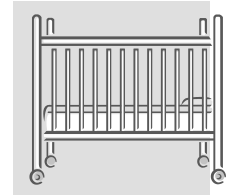
Cost is \$125 which will include bus, show, meal at Shady Maple and tips.

To reserve your seat, please send a deposit of \$64 to Wilma McCoy.

Send your name, address, phone number to 726 Stoystown Rd. Somerset, PA 15501 or call 814/445-8606.

ATTENTION: CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS!!!

I want to pass on to you a piece of news that demands your attention! I received this information from a subscription to Church Safety newsletter:



"Churches and daycare centers that use drop-side cribs are being encouraged to replace them by December 2012, when new federal safety standards take effect. Detaching rails have been associated with at least 32 suffocation and strangulation deaths since 2000. Faulty or defective hardware have led to other deaths and injuries, prompting the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to pass stricter mandatory standards for cribs. After June 28, 2011, all baby cribs manufactured, sold, or resold in the U.S. must have fixed sides, sturdier slats, and stronger hardware and supports."

Now, as I understand it, church nurseries that only have volunteer staff during worship services are not *required* to comply. **HOWEVER** ... should a tragedy occur because of an outdated, noncompliant crib, the church **AND** its administrative board would be open to liability. That could sound like "wrongful death suit" or "child endangerment" or "criminal negligence." Not to mention bearing the weight of a little one's tragic injury or death. So please, take the time, consider the options, and spend the money.

If you'd like to explore other ways to make kid spaces safer and more welcoming, contact me to schedule a fun walk-through of your church building – I'd be more than happy to do this with you!

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District News

An Invitation to Share how God has Worked in Your Life

The Spiritual Formation Team is requesting your help in putting together a devotional of *God Stories of Western PA*.

We are inviting you to think of a time when God touched your life in some way. This does not have to be dramatic. It could be something simple like a time when you were going through a difficult time and the Lord touched you through a friend, a song, nature, etc. Or it might be something that the Holy Spirit directed you to do to impact someone else's life. We are hoping to do a one-year devotional so we would also like some stories for the holidays and other special days including: New Year's, Right to Life, Martin Luther King, Jr., President's, Valentine's, Ash Wednesday, Passion Week, Easter, National Day of Prayer, Ascension, Pentecost, World Day of Prayer, Mother's, Memorial, Children's, Fathers, Independence, Labor, Grandparents, Columbus, Veterans, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve.

Please write a short, uplifting **testimony** or **meditation** (350 words or less) and include a related **Bible verse**, brief **prayer**, and a sentence or two about yourself (including where you go to church). We also invite you to submit photos taken in Western PA. The deadline for submitting your entry and/or photos is **April 1, 2012**. Our goal is to have the devotional published by District Conference of next year. It would make a great Christmas gift!

Thank you for your help with this project. If you would like to be on our prayer team or have questions or entries, you may call Joy Derck at 724-354-3386 or email her at jderck@ymail.com.

With thanksgiving to God for all He has done,
The Spiritual Formation Team

District Women's Ministry

In the coming year we have chosen to use the District Conference theme of based on Revelation 3:8. *"I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."* We liked the whole verse and what it has to say to us as women and followers of Christ.

TAKE NOTE! The **Spring Rally** date is new this year. We will meet on **Thursday, March 29, 2012**. We are waiting confirmation on the location so watch for that information to come in a special mailing to Women's Ministry contact persons and in the February Highlights. On that note, please send your Women's Ministry contact information to the District Office so the right person receives our mailings.

The 6th Annual District Auction **November 5, 2011**

A special thanks to all the churches and individuals who donated items and came in support of the auction held at Camp Harmony on November 5. A special thanks to our Auctioneers, Ernie Holsopple and Wilbur Hosler. They made the day enjoyable by their enthusiasm and professionalism in auctioning the items. Diane and Beth Holsopple added their expertise to the day by making sure purchases were taken care of in a timely manner. Camp did a wonderful job of providing breakfast and lunch for the Auction. The proceeds from the food go to the ministry of Camp. It was truly a day of fun and fellowship. The unofficial total of receipts for the auction is \$9,101.50. Expenses still need to be paid with the balance going to District Ministry. Maple Spring took 1st place with sales of \$2,734.00. Scalp Level took 2nd place with sales of \$1,309.00. They each have earned scholarships for the 2012 camping season. First place receives \$200.00 and second place receives \$100.00. **A great big thanks** to all who helped in any way with the auction!
In His Service, Financial Resource Team

So for a lot of people, it's getting to be "new year's resolution" time. I gave up on those a long time ago. Can I get a witness? ☺ But there's something to be said for starting a new year with a fresh approach – whether in your family life, your career or maybe within your own spirit. As carrot-haired Anne Shirley once remarked, "...tomorrow is a new day, with no mistakes in it yet." That's how a new year feels at the start – new, unsullied.

So I got to thinking about these "resolutions" that people make. And really, most of them are rooted in overcoming some fear. Think about it – if I resolve to get into shape, I'm really saying that I want to overcome my fear of exercise. If I resolve to eat healthier, I'm really saying that I want to master my fear of avoiding fatty (delicious!) foods, or on the flip-side, my fear of eating vegetables. If I resolve to give more money to my church, or to Camp Harmony or to the Brethren Home (or any other worthy cause), then I pledge to turn over my fear of not having enough – in short, I embrace faith-giving over poverty-fearing.

What fears do you need to address in your life? What terror has your Enemy used to subjugate you and keep you captive? From what fears does Jesus long to set you free?

Freedom from fear ... isn't that the sweet, fragrant message of Christmas? "Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace." (Zechariah in Luke 1:78-79)

I want to look at five fears that will surely destroy us. If you suffer under any of these fears, I invite you to have a conversation with the Curse-Breaker about it. Talk with the One who brought light and freedom for us in the gift of Jesus. The One who promises to renew our minds and to give strength to our feeble limbs. He gives us each tomorrow – full of promise and devoid of mistakes.

1. **Ephebiphobia: the fear of teenagers.** Admit it – most of us have a touch of this one. Ask God to help you to see youth in a new way – not as unruly rebels or ignorant nuisances, but as people who need love, too – just like you. Start actively encouraging today!
2. **Geliophobia: the fear of laughter.** Some of us are afraid to enjoy a good belly laugh – it might be improper. But hearty laughter must have been a hallmark of Jesus' life! Think about it – He traveled the countryside with a rough 'n' rowdy crowd – I bet the paycheck that Jesus laughed at a fart joke or two in His time. He was perfect, but He was no stick-in-the-mud! Ask Him to help you laugh more.
3. **Sophophobia: the fear of learning.** This one is especially dangerous! When was the last time you learned a new craft, hobby, poem, or recipe? Do you embrace a lifelong desire to learn, or have you become shriveled in your thinking? Have you approached the Scriptures with *wonder* lately? What new things have you learned about God? Ask Him to help you be a better student.
4. **Neophobia: the fear of new things.** This one cracks me up. I hear people in the church griping all the time about new things, new ideas, new people, new processes. But people really DO like new things! These same people are ecstatic with a new car. And overjoyed with a new grandchild. And boy, do they like a new restaurant to appear in town! Ask God to chip away your fear of the new – and go for it!
5. **Euphobia:** This one baffles me, but it's rampant among Christians. **Euphobia is the fear of good news.** Christmas is all about good news. The Good News of Jesus Christ! So why are we so reluctant to tell others??? Haven't figured that one out, yet. Let's ask God together to give us all a radical love of His VERY Good News!

His love can conquer every fear; ask His help in this New Year! Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2012!

Children's Christmas Party!

December 10, 2011

@ Camp Harmony

From 9:30-3:00

For Ages 4 Years to 5th Grade

1 Child = \$10 ... 2nd Sibling = \$8, 3rd = \$6, etc.

Watch for a sign-up sheet in your church!



District News

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Wrap-Up

A year has almost past since our last trip to Puerto Rico. What a blessing it has been to serve there for the past several years. We were all so excited to see the work that needed done at Maribel's house. Pastor Juan warned us that the conditions were very bad and that we would need to wear proper shoes and clothing while working. This meant no sandals or shorts. As we walked up the path, piled five feet high with garbage, we soon realized the conditions were worse than we had expected. We continued walking through a dilapidated house arriving at what was to become Maribel's house. All we saw was an 18x18 shell, no doors or windows and some rotting wood siding. More garbage was piled at least waist high around the side and back. Everyone in our group was very quiet. I can just imagine what may have been running through the minds of the group. Whatever negative thoughts there may have been, about working in garbage that smelled, along with the chicken coops, dogs, and a broken drainage pipe, didn't interfere, didn't consume us, and didn't win. God's plan prevailed. Praise Him!

The first three days were spent in an assembly line hauling garbage out and hauling buckets of shale in. We could have been down hearted and complained about our work, but that's not at all what happened. While we were working, we were singing praises to God. People came out on their porches and looked though their windows. Maria, a dear and sweet lady, worked alongside us every day. I'll never forget how she laughed when we sang, "He's got the *loco* Americana in His hands." *Loco* means crazy in Spanish. Us crazy? Maybe the people thought we were, but I think it was all part of God's plan.

Maria is in her fifties and she is a widow. Pastor Juan told us she took the death of her husband very hard and became

withdrawn. She came every day and worked hard side by side with us. I truly believe God arranges for people to meet. He created the world so intricately, not by chance. Neither are life's relationships. Maria worked so hard on Maribel's house wanting and expecting nothing in return. Now a year later our group is going to work on Maria's house. This was very exciting news to all who went on the trip last year. God, not only is meeting her physical needs, but also filling her needs to learn. You see, Maria is illiterate. Maribel has been teaching her how to read. God's word says "*My God will meet all your needs...*"—Philippians 4:19 NIV. He doesn't just meet some of our needs, He promises to meet them all. It really touches my heart to see God restoring the lives of these two women in Puerto Rico and to hear how they are helping each other.

You can be involved in helping to meet Maria's needs too. "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*" Acts 20:35. We all have been so blessed by the work in Puerto Rico. Relationships are being built along with the houses. Physical as well as spiritual needs are being met. Please remember to keep our group in your prayers for traveling mercies and safety for our stay and continued service there. Please prayerfully consider a financial contribution towards repairs for Maria's house. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to:

Western PA COB District

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935 by **January 1,**

2012. Be sure to mark your check designated for Maria/Puerto Rico. May God bless you.

In conclusion, thank you for your prayers and help with Maribel's house. The group did see a video of the completed house. Praise God that Maribel's house is complete and furnished, through His leading of the Holy Spirit in us. My prayer is that we will listen for guidance and hope to be able to help Maria in the same way. God is so good.

Denominational News

Personnel Changes

- **J. Colleen Michael** begins a quarter-time position as district executive for Oregon Washington District on Jan. 1, 2012. **Joe and Merry Roy** have been appointed interim district executives in a volunteer capacity through Dec. 31. Carol Mason, Jim Miller, and Debbie Roberts have accepted appointments as area ministers for Oregon and Washington District. When the district reduced its executive position to quarter time it also established the area minister positions. "We recognized that the far-flung geography of the Pacific Northwest would frustrate the attempts of a quarter-time executive to provide needed support to pastors and churches," explained the district newsletter. Area ministers will work closely with new district executive.
- **LethaJoy Martin's position** as secretary and program assistant for **Children's Disaster Services** ended on Sept. 30.
- **Doug Pritchard has stepped down** as a co-director of **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)** and **Merwyn De Mello** has been appointed to the position starting January.
- **Jillian Foerster**, a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) worker from Mill Creek Church of the Brethren in Port Republic, Va., will soon begin as administrative associate at RECONCILE International in Yei, South Sudan. Her placement is sponsored by the Church of the Brethren's Global Mission and Service program. She plans to leave for Sudan near the end of November. She holds a degree in international relations with a minor in economics.
- **Don Knieriem** has begun in a new data analyst and registration specialist position with the Church of the Brethren Information Services.

For Pastors, Treasurers, Stewardship and Finance Committees, Board Chairs:

Registration is now open for the **Best Practices Resource Workshop**, to be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, in Kansas City, Mo. The seminar is co-sponsored by Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust, and is designed for pastors, church treasurers, financial secretaries, stewardship and finance committee members, and others involved with the finances of their church.

This workshop for congregations will empower your church to better understand —

- Best Practices in Financial Management for the Local Congregation
- Health Reform and the Church
- Latest Pastoral Housing Issues

Taxation, Compensation, and Retirement Issues
This event is led by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, a Christian financial educational organization. A group of member denominations affiliated with the Church Benefits Association, including BBT, is sponsoring the event. The CBA is a voluntary membership association of approximately 50 church pension boards, religious orders, and denominational benefit programs for clergy and church professionals.

The **Best Practices Resource Workshop** will be held **Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Kansas City International Airport Marriott, Kansas City, Mo. Registration information is available at www.ecfa.org/events. Scroll down to the "Best Practices Resource Workshop" and click on "Register now." The workshop registration fee is \$50.

Brethren Benefit Trust is an official not-for-profit agency reportable to Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, the denomination's highest elected authority. BBT provides retirement benefits, health and welfare benefits, asset management, and financial advocacy to pastors, employees, and members of the denomination. As the financial agency of the Church of the Brethren, BBT seeks to serve as a financial advocate for its members.

INVITATION

BRUNCH 'N BROWSE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS

For: Anyone Interested in Christian Education,
VBS Directors, Teachers, Pastors, Christian Education Committees,
Nurture Commissions

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Place: District Office
115 Spring Road, Hollsopple 15935

Hosted by: District Spiritual Formation Team



Have You Selected Your *Vacation Bible School* Materials?

You are invited to the annual *Brunch 'n' Browse* to preview VBS materials. The display will be provided by the Christian Bookstore from several publishers such as... *Standard Publishing, Gospel Light, David C. Cook, Augsburg, Veggie Tales, and Group Publishing.*

Visit our curriculum displays in the Christian Education room, as well as the video and book displays in the District Library. Samples of Brethren Press curriculum that include *Gather 'Round and Heart, Soul, and Mind - Becoming a Member of the Church of the Brethren* are available to view. There are also samples of *Good Ground* adult curriculum; *Generation Why* youth curriculum; and the Deacon manual and video.

There will be refreshments and a door prize awarded! The door prize is:

- VBS Kit (\$100.00 toward the kit of your choice) - The name of the congregation selected must have representatives attending.

If you have any questions, please call the District Office 814 479-2181
or toll-free 1-866-279-2181.



“Women on the Move”

April 20—21, 2012

AT: The Antiochian Village Conference Center

6 miles north of Ligonier on Rte.711

Victoria J. Smith will be our leader. Her ministry will truly bring you blessings too numerous to count.



Friday, April 20

4:30-7:00 Registration

6:30 Light Supper

7:30-9:00 “Moving Up in Praise”

9:00 ??? Pajama Party
Free time

Saturday, April 21

8:00-9:00

Breakfast in dining room

Movements for the Body

12:00-1:00 Lunch in dining room

1:15 “Moving Out in Ministry”
(Pampering-All day)

This is only a guideline.

3:20 Closing

The order and times may be changed as the Holy Spirit leads.

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Please send a separate slip for each person.

MAIL BY: Feb. 15, 2012

“Women on the Move”

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Congregation _____

People to room with _____

Down payment (non-refundable \$50.00) _____ or

Paid in full \$ _____ Date _____

4/5 in room \$100.00 ea.

3 in room \$110.00 ea.

2 in room \$120.00 ea.

1 in room \$130.00

Commuters-2 days -\$70.00- includes supper, lunch, snack & retreat

Saturday Only-no breakfast-\$50.00-includes lunch, snacks & retreat

Make check out to: District Women’s Ministry.

Send to: Pastor Judy Walker, 201 E. Washington St., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

For more info call 724-547-3772



CAMP HARMONY

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Hooversville, PA 15936-0158
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(814) 798-5885 or (888) 745-2267
FAX: (814) 798-2225

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

ALL CAMP HARMONY VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

You are cordially invited to an Appreciation Dinner on

Friday, December 30, 2011

at Camp Harmony

Appetizers – 5:00 PM

Dinner – 6:00 PM

For all your hard work and/or monetary contributions,
we would like to express our appreciation.

Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship

RSVP Camp -814-798-5885

by December 21.

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LOOKING AHEAD

December 3 – Dodgeball Tournament – 9:00 AM - \$25/Team – Contact Camp to register

December 10 – Children's Christmas Party – 9:30 – 3:00 – Ages 4 years to 5th Grade
1st child - \$10, 2nd sibling - \$8, 3rd sibling - \$6

Please register with Abby at the District Office

December 10 - Women's Treasured Tour/ Concert – Contact Camp for Details

December 30 – Appreciation Dinner

January 27/28 – Junior Hi Blizzard 6/7/8 grades – Register with Camp

February 11 – Sweetheart Dinner \$25 – Register with Camp

February 24/25 – Senior High Blast 8 – 12 grades - Register with Camp

March 2/3 – Arctic 3/4/5 grades – Register with Camp

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JOB OPENING

Food Service Director at Camp Harmony

Year Round Employment Flexible Hours

Medical Insurance Benefit Available

For information and a copy of the job description please contact

Janice Kaltenbaugh at Camp 1-814-798-5885 or jkaltenbaugh@campharmony.org

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Reminder

Camp Harmony has cookbooks for sale featuring recipes from all over Western Pennsylvania District. Call Camp to reserve yours now - \$10.00. They make wonderful gifts. All proceeds benefit the debt reduction.



Are you Interested in Outdoor Ministry? Want to be more involved in supporting your Church Camp?

Consider membership in the Outdoor Ministries Association (OMA) of the Church of the Brethren. What is OMA? OMA is an association of people committed to the outstanding work of the Church of the Brethren Camps. They support this transformational work through furthering a vision for camping in local congregations, districts and ecumenical groups, as well as promoting stewardship of the environment.

Through your generous support OMA is able to provide:

- ♦ Professional growth experiences such as national conferences and leadership training events
- ♦ Information, resources, expertise on issues related to outdoor ministries
- ♦ Assistance to districts and camps in determining trends, goals and priorities for their programs
- ♦ Youth Peace Travel Teams through a partnership with On Earth Peace, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Brethren Volunteer Service
- ♦ Environmental Grants for special projects at camps and congregations

Annual memberships are available to students (\$25), individuals (\$35), families (\$55), congregations (\$75), and camp professionals (\$175).

For more information about OMA, what's in it for you and how to join go to <http://www.campbethelvirginia.org/OMA.htm>.



RENOVARÉ

ESSENTIALS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Leffler Chapel and Performance Center Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA

Special Children's Study for Children in grades 1-6 with Jean Moyer

Nursery Care for Children in Kindergarten and younger

Children's classes and Nursery Care will be held in Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

RENOVARE ESSENTIALS CONFERENCE TEAM



Christopher Webb



Richard Foster



Mickey Cox

At a Renovaré Essentials Conference attendees learn the basic, essential elements of a vibrant Christian Life – grace, traditions, community disciplines, and covenant. Teaching, conversation, experience and worship create a full day of insight and encouragement for anyone who needs their faith refreshed, their awareness awakened, or their spiritual formation deepened.

To Register see Registration brochure or go to www.ane-cob.org to print the Registration Brochure

Sponsored by Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster



Brethren Home Community Windber

December 2011/January 2012

Auxiliary News

November 2 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Home Auxiliary. During the meeting on November 3 staff surprised the auxiliary with a small celebration. Photos from the past 50 years were displayed, Edie Scaletta, NHA presented a plaque to president Arbutus Blough, and many staff members stopped in to show their appreciation. Staff and auxiliary members enjoyed a cake specially made for the event. The Bake, Craft and Soup sale brought in \$400 for the auxiliary. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the membership drive. The auxiliary has been able to spend \$14,000 so far this year towards the Home and residents.

Harvest Home Contributions

Sincere thank you to all the churches that have made monetary and traditional in-kind donation contributions to the Harvest Home campaign. Congregations still wishing to drop off donations at the Home are asked to contact General Services director, Pam Harkcom or the Home main office at (814) 467-5505

What's Cooking?

To celebrate 90 years of caring, the Church of the Brethren Home is assembling a cookbook of the best recipes from the past 90 years. We encourage everyone to submit their favorite recipe, old or new to the Main Office ASAP.

Annual Christmas Open House

Our annual Christmas Open-House will be held on December 14. It will be an evening filled with good food and fellowship where residents can ring in the holiday season with family and friends.

Seminar

The BHCW Charitable Trust will be holding an estate planning seminar in the spring. More details will be available in the coming months.

Photos Needed

We are making an album of Candy Stripers throughout the years for our 90th Celebration and are missing quite a few years. If you have any Candy Striper class photos please send a copy of them to the Home. Thank You!

Looking Back...

- *1984, the Tree of Stars Campaign originated with donations totaling \$1,102. This past Christmas Tree of Stars we received \$8,100 in donations.*

"A community you can grow with and come to love."

Tree of Stars 2011

As we continue to celebrate our 90th year of service and care please help us decorate the **Christmas Tree of Stars**. Your donation will not only honor or memorialize a loved one or friend, it will help us provide benevolent care for our residents in need.

Thank you for showing your love and concern by supporting the Tree of Stars Campaign in this 28th year of our program.

Names of persons being remembered will be hung on the Christmas tree located in the Home's 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 2011

Please Shine a Light in **Memory of:** _____ **OR**

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

Donated By: _____ Amount: _____

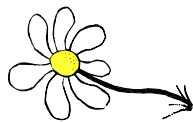
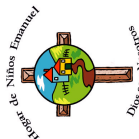
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Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



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El Hogar de Niños Emanuel (The Emanuel Children's Home)

Our Promise to You

By serving on the Board of Directors of El Hogar de Niños Emanuel, it is our responsibility to help oversee the management of the Home and to make sure that your gifts of love are used with integrity, honesty, and for the sole purpose of meeting the needs of the children.

*In His Service as your
Mission Program Coordinators,
Bill & Rona Hemminger*

MAILING LIST UPDATE NEEDED

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, I hope you enjoy it. If you would like to be removed from this mailing or know of someone who should be added, please contact us at hogaremanuel@verizon.net. Thank you.

You are also joining to help us when you pray for us.

2 Corinthians 1:11

CHECK IT OUT!
We're on the web!

www.hogaremanuel.com



Birthdays



THANK YOU for HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

At Hogar Emanuel birthdays are a time to be happy. Here each child is loved and is being taught that he/she was born with a special purpose in life. The children are thankful for the donations to the *GIFT FUND* that allows each one the opportunity to go shopping (which is a treat in itself) for his/her own birthday gift. In addition, birthday fiestas are held periodically throughout the year and a birthday cake is baked with love for the birthday boy or girl. You are encouraged to remember them not only on their birthdays but throughout the year with cards and letters that can be mailed using normal US postage to:

Attn: Name of Person
Hogar de Niños Emanuel
SAP 17Q305N
PO Box 02-5229
Miami, FL 33102

Because special care is taken by the staff during the gift-giving process, each child is acknowledged at appropriate times with suitable gifts. Therefore, specified gifts for an individual child are NOT encouraged and PLEASE **DO NOT** send cash directly to any child! All gifts should be directed through the **GIFT FUND**.

11/2011

What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

A Day in the Life of Our Kids



The children's day at Hogar Emanuel isn't all play and no work. It starts bright and early—waking up around 4 am. They are showered, dressed, have eaten breakfast, and are out the door leaving for school by 6:15 am. School ends at noon and they are on their way back home in time for lunch. After lunch, they begin their chores. The children of all ages are responsible for keeping their home clean. All the children, except for the very youngest ones, do their own laundry on a wash board. They take turns in the kitchen and dining hall helping with dishes and food preparation. Some are responsible for keeping the yard raked, some tend to the garden and others the chickens. Homework time is from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, when the kids break up into groups by grade with the help of one of the educators to get their homework done. After homework, they complete any unfinished chores. Hopefully they will have some free time before their 5 pm dinner. The children also participate in extra-curricular activities such as futbol (soccer), swimming, music classes, and karate. So you can see, they have a busy day. Bedtime comes quickly. The little kids are tucked in by 7:30 and the older kids around 8:30 pm for a good night's sleep. Then begins another day.

This month's STAR employee is Doctor ADRIANA. She began in September 2008 to carefully evaluate



and keep on top of the health status of our children. She not only dispenses each daily dose of vitamins but administers necessary medications for those who are ill. She collaborates with local clinics, medical brigades, and hospitals for all medical and psychiatric care including vaccination campaigns and dental care. For example, this month she will help coordinate a pediatric, dental, or-

thopedic, gynecologic, and surgical Brigadier for all the children who need it, along with general blood typing of the children. She thankfully reports that other than some mild health concerns this past year, only two of the children will be facing surgery. One for an inguinal hernia and the other for a congenital bone problem in his leg.

She has one son of her own and loves the children at Hogar Emanuel. She enjoys making people laugh and is claimed to be quite the comedian around Hogar Emanuel. Please pray for Adriana as she cares well for the health of our children.

"Children Learn What They Live"

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn. If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight. If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy. If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty. If a child lives with impropriety, he learns to feel shame. If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient. If a child lives with encouragement he learns confidence. If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate. If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice. If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith. If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world. With what is your child living?" **Author: Dorothy Law Neite**

For further information contact:

Bill & Rona Hemminger
Hogar de Niños Emanuel Board Members
Ph. (814) 629-9868 or (540) 941-3423
Email: hogaremanuel@verizon.net
Web site: www.hogaremanuel.com

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This is YOUR project!

Sponsorship Coupon
Emanuel Children's

Partnering in the success, I pledge to keep the Emanuel Children's Home in my prayers as well as offer my financial support. Please use my donation for the following fund:

☐ **"Child Sponsorship"** — providing the basic needs for the children living at the Home. (If you desire to be assigned a specific child or infant contact Rona.)
 ☐ **"Staff Sponsorship"** providing for the on-site care of children
 ☐ **"Maintenance & Development"** providing for maintenance and improvements to the facilities. Projects will be scheduled as funding is available.
 ☐ **"New Bridge Program"** - providing the transitional tools of independent living for those who are "aging out".
 ☐ **"Gift Fund"** \$ _____ -- birthday/Christmas gifts
 ☐ **General fund** -- use where needed
 ☐ **Nursery Fund**
☐ **Special Fund** for [_____](specify)

Pledged donation \$ _____
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TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

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 Name of organization _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Signature _____

Please return this coupon with your tax deductible contribution made payable and sent to:

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 115 Spring Rd., Hollsopple, PA 15935
 or visit the website and click **DONATE**

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As you will note on the chart below copies of **Form B**, the **Additional Officers Form**, and the **Congregational Outreach Report 2011/2012** are coming in to our office. These reports were received at the District Office as of November 14, 2011. As mentioned in the memo to your congregation some of the deadlines have been changed. **Form B** and the **Additional Officers Form** are due by **December 31, 2011**, or as soon as possible. The **Congregational Outreach Report 2011/2012** is due by **December 7, 2011**.

The **Form E – Statistical Form for 2011** will be mailed in January and is due by **March 15, 2012**.

EVERY REPORT FORM IS IMPORTANT IN UPDATING INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT AND THE DENOMINATION.

Please be careful to include **complete addresses and phone numbers** where requested. Email addresses are helpful also, if available. If you have a question about any of the report forms, please don't hesitate to call the District Office (814 479-2181 or 1-866-279-2181) and ask.

The 2011 Yearbook from the Church of the Brethren will be available this fall in the form of a CD. The Yearbook contains contact information for congregations, districts, ministers, moderators, and denominational agencies as well as the 2010 statistical report. You can order one by contacting Brethren Press or the District Office. Again, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2011 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	Fairview					
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					
37-305	Journey's Way Ministries					
37-310	Ligonier First					
37-320	Locust Grove					•
37-340	Maple Glen					
37-350	Maple Grove		•			
37-360	Maple Spring					
37-373	Markleysburg					
37-380	Meyersdale		•			
37-390	Middlecreek					
37-400	Monroeville					

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37-410	Montgomery					
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	Pittsburgh					
37-490	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					•
7-590	Somerset					•
37-600	Sugar Grove					
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					

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JANUARY 2012

- 1 - **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**
- 16 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee , 6:30 p.m.
- 18-25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 23 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2012

- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - BRUNCH 'N' BROWSE, 9:30-11:30 a.m., District Office **[SEE ENCLOSED FLYER]**
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Scalp Level Church
- 20 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6 :30 p.m.
- 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

MARCH 2012

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
- 3 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., District Office
- 10 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 10-12 - Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin, IL
- 17 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., District Office
- 19 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - "Springs of Living Water" Renewal Teams, *location to be announced*
- 26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
- 31 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., District Office

APRIL 2012

- 1 - PALM SUNDAY
- 6 - GOO FRIDAY
- 8 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
- 14 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Rummel Church
- 14-16 - *CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR*
- 16 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 19-22 - INTERCULTURAL CONSULTATION & CELEBRATION
- 20-21 - WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT, "Women on the Move," Antiochian Village Retreat Center
[SEE ENCLOSED FLYER]
- 22 - SPRING TEA, 2-4 p.m., Brethren Home
- 23 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
- 28 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Rummel Church

MAY 2012

- 3 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
- 6 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 10 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 12 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Rummel Church
- 13 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 19 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Greensburg Church
- 21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost)
- 28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

JUNE 2012

- 2 - BHCW CHICKEN BARBEQUE, Brethren Home
- 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING, *location to be announced*
- 17 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 18-22 - NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 18 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

JULY 2012

- 7-11 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, America's Center, St. Louis, MO
- 16 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
- 26 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m. (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2012

- 2 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
- 3 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m. (District Conference Business)
- 20 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
- 30 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 3 - LABOR DAY
- 6 - Key Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon
- 8 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Plumcreek Church
- 9 - HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!
- 15 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
- 17 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 2012

- 7 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 15 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Fred M. Rogers Center, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
- 20-23 - Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin, IL
- 22 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2012

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
- 3 - 7th ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, Camp Harmony
- 3 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 4 - *NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY*
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Salisbury Church
- 21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 2012

- 2 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 9 - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
- 16 - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT
- 17 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

December 2011/January 2012

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
BROWN, JOSEPH E. - 150 River Rd, Fairhope, 15538-2509 - 814 267-3211
DAVIS, KENNETH A. - 301 Walker St, Garrett, 15542-8427 - 814 634-8173
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORRY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GOVEY, MICHAEL D. - 180 Golf Course Rd, Stoystown, 15563 - 814 629-1312
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
ICE, ROGER L., SR. - 19 Foreman Ave, Uniontown, 15401 - 724 430-8093
JOHNSON, WOODY - 2900 Fourth Ave, Beaver Falls, 15010 - 724 624-4471
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 225 Oak Hill Rd, Shelocta, 15774-3144 - 724 599-8690
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
MARTIN, NOAH S. - 614 Freedom Ave, Johnstown, 15904-2206 - 814 266-6489
MOSORJAK, GARY N. - 1337 Roxbury Ave, Johnstown, 15905-4528 - 814 619-4238
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETERMAN, 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
SHAULIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SIMONSICK, ROBERT - PO Box 32, 201 S Main St, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 442-0897
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 22 Hawes Rd, Farmington, 15437 - 724 329-5973
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. - 191 Mount Hope Rd, South Fork, 15956 - 814 536-7352
WALKER, JUDY M. - 201 E Washington St, Mount Pleasant, 15666-1959 - 724 547-3772
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6339
WHITACRE, DANIEL J. - 118 Chipmunk Ln, Meyersdale, 15552-7245 - 814 634-5037
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. - 416 Kenneth Ave, Johnstown, 15904-3510 - 814 266-9758

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BAUGHMAN, KAREN L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BEACHLEY, LINDA E. - 200 Conemach Trl, PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 - 814 479-4802
CRABLE, DAVID E. - 23 S Water St, Masontown, 15461 - 724 583-7464
GREEN, GARY W. - 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 - 814 479-5096
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAMILTON, PAUL B. - 124 Friedhoff Ln, Johnstown, 15902-1401 - 814 536-4465
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. - (office) PO Box 158, Hooversville, 15936-0158 - 814 798-5885
YINKEY, CHRISTINA - 382 Cannery Rd, Somerset, 15501-2806 - 814 233-4832

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

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- 10 - *DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY*, Camp Harmony
- 11 - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT
- 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
- 19 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
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angel voices,
let us join their happy
song.
All of heaven and earth
rejoices,
for the Lamb of God has
come!

He has come to rescue
sinners,
come to meet our
desperate need.
He was born to bring
forgiveness;
born for Calvary.

Alleluia, hope has come!
Alleluia, Christ has come!
We once were slaves in misery,
'til You appeared to set us free.
Alleluia, hope has come!

-Sovereign Grace Ministries

A very Merry Christmas & Blessed 2012 to you all - with love
from Ron, Suzie, Carole, Abby (and Jane!)