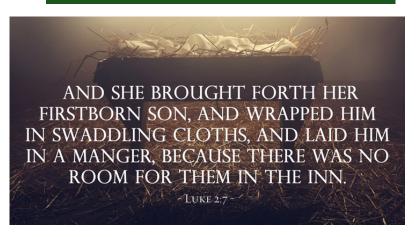
## THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

December 2020/January 2021

FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER



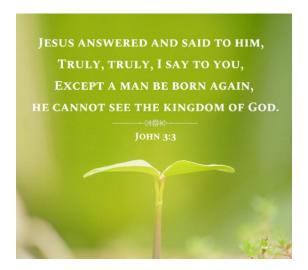
Miracles abound in the Christian faith, the miracles of God of old and the miracles of God in our own day. One of the greatest miracles of old, of course, is the virgin birth of Jesus our Savior. Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb through the coming of the Holy Spirit upon her, through the power of the Most High overshadowing her. The perfect Son of God came into the world to save sinners.

Among the greatest miracles today is the new birth of a sinner into the kingdom of God. Just as Jesus' conception was a work of the Holy Spirit, so a sinner's being born again is a work of the Holy Spirit in the heart. Through the Spirit, we who have been born again experience the life and salvation that Jesus the Savior brought.

As Christmas and the New Year draw near, let us ponder these two miracles, Jesus' birth and the new birth. Both are astounding! And we are the beneficiaries of both! We cling to Jesus our Savior who is "God with us!" We rejoice in the freedom and hope that we have as participants in the kingdom of God through our new birth!

As at Easter this year and so now at Christmas and New Year's, we will enter into holiday celebrations feeling anxious and restrained by questions about health and safety. Nevertheless, let us rise up in a spirit of joy and give praise to the Lord for His gifts – the gift of His Son and the gift of new life in His Son! We exalt in the wonder of the virgin birth of the Holy Child of God, and we rejoice that each of us is a child of God, born of the Spirit!

May the joy of the LORD be yours! **Bill Wenger** 



#### FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **FEBRUARY 2021** issue is

#### **January 10, 2021**

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

#### **DISTRICT STAFF:**

William Wenger, District Executive Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

#### **DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### **CONTACT US:**

115 Spring Road Hollsopple, PA 15935 814-479-2181 866-279-2181 toll free

814 479-2506 fax

www.westernpacob.org

#### REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

It is very helpful to the District Office staff to have updated information from all the churches we serve.

If your congregation has a new directory for **2021** please send one to the District Office, **115** Spring Road, Hollsopple, **15935** Thank you!

#### **AVAILABLE SPEAKER**

District Executive Bill Wenger is available to the District congregations to fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings, to meet with Church Boards for discussions about the mission of the congregation, and to provide teaching seminars on overviews of the Old Testament and/or the New Testament.

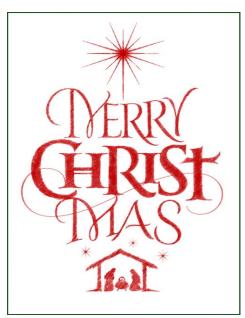
If your congregation is interested any of these things, please feel free to call Bill at the District Office,

814-479-2181.

Thank you.



December 1 John 1:1-5 December 2 Isaiah 9:2-7 December 3 Isaiah 11:1-10 December 4 Jeremiah 33:14-16 December 5 Luke 1:5-10 December 6 Luke 1:11-17 December 7 Luke 1:18-25 December 8 Luke 1:26-38 December 9 Matthew 1:18-21 December 10 Matthew 1:22-26 December Il Luke 1:39-45 December 12 Luke 1:46-56 December 13 Luke 2:1-5 December 14 Luke 2:6-7 December 15 Luke 2:8-12 December 16 Luke 2:13-14 December 17 Luke 2:15-18 December 18 Luke 2:19-20 December 19 Micah 5:2-5 December 20 Matthew 2:1-2 December 21 Matthew 2:3-6 December 22 Matthew 2:7-8 December 23 Matthew 2:9-12 December 24 John 1:14



#### ACROSS THE DISTRICT

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### Congregation

Montgomery— Joseph Mock, Paul Mock Moxham—Gale Harrity, Roni Griffiths Rummel—Linda Goodwin, Carol Kyler

#### **LEADERSHIP**

#### **Ordained**

Jessica Webster—Pleasant Hill

#### **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS**

For **Pastor Kirt Anderson** and the Indiana COB as Pastor Kirt suffered several blood clots in his leg resulting in an amputation.

For everyone in the District who has been diagnosed with, recovering from, or knows someone with COVID-19.

#### **DISTRICT AUCTION**

A future date for the Auction and information will be given in upcoming Highlights issues. In the meantime, be sure to choose an Auction representative for your congregation so that person can receive updates and share info with your church.

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN <u>OUTREACH CENTER</u>

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

Drive-thru Chicken Meal Saturday, December 5th from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Menu includes: baked chicken, baked potato, corn, roll & dessert for \$10.

To order your meal please call the church office the Monday prior to the meal, November 30th.



#### **FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

The Scalp Level Church of the Brethren has switched over to a different hymnal and are giving away their previous hymnals to anyone that could use them.

They also have a plaque from Windber Woods (formerly Church of the Brethren

Home) but they don't have a spot where they can use it. It is a heavy (it could be bronze or possibly copper) sculpture of Jesus with lambs. They are also giving this away to

anyone that could use it.

Please contact Scalp Level COB if you are interested in any of these items.
814-467-8450 or scalplevelcob@gmail.com



#### ACROSS THE DISTRICT

#### FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Churches, Church Treasurers and Individuals,

What a year "2020" has been. We were unable to celebrate Easter in the church so I am looking forward to celebrating Jesus' birthday.

Here are two items pertaining to monthend cut off dates and year ending statements:

• The First National bank end our monthly statements on the last Friday of the month which usually occurs around the 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. Any allocations or donations being sent to the District office for December need to be in the office by December 22nd. Any money received after this date will be credited to "2021".

(Keep in mind that the mail delivery is very slow during this time of the year)

 For those of you needing a letter stating your contribution giving for "2020", please supply your name and dollar figure to Tina Lehman or myself and a statement letter will be provided.

I am usually in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Amy Bowman

#### **CHRISTMAS EVENT**

#### Saturday, December 5, 2020 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Indiana Church of the Brethren

(905 McKnight Road, Indiana, across from Rustic Lodge)

Shop local artist and crafters for your Christmas gifts. There will be live Christmas music performed by local talent.

Enjoy lunch of BBQ from the PIG RIG in our kitchen also Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

Church proceeds will benefit our pastor
Kirt Anderson who has had his right leg partially
amputated.

#### SHARING WITH YOUR COMMUNITIES

Looking for an easy way to bless your community? Why not partner with your local elementary school to provide boxes of tissues in the classrooms this winter? Kids are always dripping, and the burden often falls to teachers to buy tissues. Rummel COB does this as an ongoing outreach project - it's easy, inexpensive, lightweight, and anyone can contribute. The teachers appreciate the gesture and it's one less thing for them to think about.



#### SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



#### **GREAT NEWS!**

Thanks to everyone who has been able to donate shoes for our next shipment. We already have over 1,700 of the 2,500 pairs of shoes required for a shipment packed and stored at the ICA building. Please continue to save shoes during the winter months and store them at your church, or deliver them to the district office during regular business hours. Remember, its easy to participate. Simply collect gently worn pairs of shoes, boots, slippers or sandals at your church and place a rubber band around each pair. Deliver the shoes to the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue, in Jerome on the next collection date:

#### Tuesday, December 8, 2020,

between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. We will hold another packing day on **Monday, April 12, 2021**, mark your calendars. We hope to reach our goal on that day. Thanks for your support!

If these dates don't suit your schedule, shoes may also be dropped off at the District Office during office hours.

For further information, please contact:

Marie Camut, 814-266-3010, April Mackell, 814-536-1589, or Karen Nagyvathy,814-244-5977.

#### **BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES**

#### We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530

or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

#### 2020 Schedule

Day Trips

**Week Trips** 

12/3/2020

**12/13—19/2020** full Project #2

Note: Due to the current situation with COVID-19, BDM trips are being postponed and canceled. Please visit

http://www.brethren.org/bdm/

for more information.



When collecting all of the school and health kits, please put them into boxes and <u>not</u> bags. This makes it so much easier for shipping.

Thanks from the District Disaster Team



#### MISSIONS UPDATE-HONDURAS



#### The Rains Came Down!

AND THE FLOODS CAME UP! Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse...Hurricane Eta hit Central America on November 4th! By the time it reached the northwestern portion of Honduras, the strong winds had diminished, but the amount of rain it dumped flooded the Sula Valley. This area is home to over two million people and the country's second largest city, San Pedro Sula, considered the industrial/economic capital of Honduras. It is also

where El Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel is located. Although located right

next to a river, the grounds of Hogar Enmanuel itself was high enough to not be destroyed by water and everyone there is safe. Of course, like everyone else, they have no electricity and drinking water is very limited. Thankfully, Vivian (director of the Home), had enough foresight to stock up on meats and basic groceries BEFORE the storm actually hit the area.

However, from just on the other side of the river into the surrounding low-lying areas, nearly 400,000 persons have been displaced from their homes due to runoff from the surrounding mountains, according the CARE International.

The SPS airport found itself underwater, bridges were washed away, and landslides closed major roads basically paralyzing the area. The Honduran government doesn't have the means to help the economic crisis caused by the Co-Vid pandemic let alone to deal with the devastation caused by this hurricane! Flood insurance is not even a thing in Honduras so right now it is pretty much each person for themselves.

The shelters are full of hungry people not knowing where they will go and what they will do next. The food distribution chains are completely severed and it's getting nearly impossible to find food and water. Five of our Hogar employees are among those displaced and we still do not have a count of how many of the

"egressados" (graduates of the Home) have lost everything, as well.



Almost immediately, our staff and kids mobilized to help those less fortunate than themselves. The kids ramped up to making over 500 tortillas a day — enough to share with the shelters and people wandering the streets. They also made and packaged baleadas (breakfast tortillas), sandwiches, and spaghetti to give to the hungry people of their city. Several children who have been separated from their families have been brought to us to care for in hopes of reuniting them after the flood waters recede. Currently our Hogar Enmanuel kids have teamed up with the World Central Kitchen working from the Hotel Copantl to prepare and distribute

food. The WCK is using helicopters, boats, and trucks to get to those who are displaced and still trapped by flood waters. The most effective means to help is simply cash. We will transfer 100% of your donation to Hogar Enmanuel who will use your gifts to continue to reach out in support of those affected by this terrible storm

CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO: WESTERN PA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 115 SPRING ROAD, HOLLSOPPLE, PA 15935

MARKED: FLOOD RELIEF

#### SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS (SAVE THE DATE)



# HELP THE CHILDREN OF Hogar Enmanuel by HOSTING A TABLE\* for the



Tri-annual Fund Raising Event at Camp Harmony
This year's theme: **NOAH'S ARK** 

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

\*HOSTS CAN BE Family, group of friends, Sunday School Class, Church, or Organization and will decorate a table for the theme by choosing an animal of your choice and sell tickets to the event for your table.





## CONTACT RONA HEMMINGER TO CHOOSE AN ANIMAL. Hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111

(Already taken: tigers, flamingos giraffes, hummingbirds, doves, sheep)

CONTACT NAME:	
Phone	Email
Animal choice:	

#### CLERGY TAX SEMINAR

Students, pastors, and other church leaders are invited to participate in this online seminar on January 16, 2021

Attendees will learn how to prepare clergy taxes correctly and legally; comply with regulations while maximizing tax deductions; earn 0.3 CEUs (requires attendance in the first session).



### The annual Clergy Tax Seminar will consist of two sessions:

- Session 1 will focus on the rules surrounding Clergy Tax Returns, including who is subject to these rules, what income is subject to tax, and how to reduce total tax liability using various methods, including housing allowance, business expenses, and medical reimbursement plans. Credit for 0.3 CEUs will be available for attending Session 1 only.
- Session 2 participants will complete a clergy tax return using H&R Block's highest tier (Premium and Business) downloadable software.

This seminar is highly recommended for all pastors and other church leaders who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, steward commission chairs, and church board chairs.

#### Seminar Schedule

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST: Morning session
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. EST: Lunch on your own
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. EST: Afternoon session

#### **Registration and Cost**

Registration is \$40 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Bethany, TRIM/EFSM/SeBAH, and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to reserve space and will allow us to provide you with web access to the seminar.

Instructions and handouts will be sent a few days prior to the event. Registrations are not complete until payment is received. For quality reasons, registrations may be capped at eighty-five persons online. *Prompt registration is advised - registration deadline is January 6, 2021.* 

#### Leadership

Deb Oskin has been doing clergy tax returns since 1989, when her husband left



seminary to pastor a small rural Church of the Brethren congregation. As a pastor's wife and later as a tax professional, she learned the tax problems and pitfalls associated with the IRS's identification of clergy as "hybrid employees." In 2011, after twelve years with H&R Block, Deb left to start her own tax practice, specializing in clergy taxes. Clergy clients now make up 75 percent of her client base. Deb was ordained in 2004 when she was called by the Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Columbus, Ohio, to be their peace minister to the wider community. She served as Southern Ohio District's board chair from 2007-11 and served as Southern Ohio-Kentucky 2018 District Moderator. She is currently serving on the denomination's Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Advisory Committee.

She has been teaching and presenting nationally on clergy taxation to clergy, treasurers and administrators, and tax pros since 2004. Other than the fact that she really likes to talk, Deb does this because of her deep belief that clergy can devote more of their energy to ministry if they aren't stressed by tax debt. Deb is an experienced presenter, and despite the complexity of the material, you'll find yourself laughing. Learn and enjoy!

## Register now! https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/clergy-tax-seminar

**Sponsors:** The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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#### **Global Mission Prayer Guide**

#### Venezuela

Pastor Robert Anzoategui and several other leaders have been traveling for about two weeks to some of the churches that are farther afield. They are providing COVID-19 relief to these church groups. Food was served to people at a dialysis center, several hospitals, members and neighbors of the Mi Refugio Church of the Brethren, and a children's ministry. **Pray for the leaders of the church in Venezuela as they continue to minister and share the gospel.** 



These photos were taken in the communities of Naguanagua and Valencia (neighboring towns to the west of Caracas) in Venezuela.

#### **Ethiopia**

Shared on the website: **Brethren please pray for Ethiopia**; a huge migration of locusts is damaging the harvest and the farmers are on the verge of giving up.

#### **Nigeria**

Continue to pray for the country in the aftermath of #EndSARS protests. It is harvest time, which is challenging in normal years but in these past years includes the threat of Boko Haram destroying the crop or attacking people as they harvest. On Sunday morning, Nov. 1, the village of Takulashe, 15 kilometers away from Chibok, was attacked. Nine members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), two vigilantes, and the pastor of a COCIN Church were reported killed and the village burnt. The Christians thank God that they finished their Sunday worship early and most had time to flee to the bush, which reduced the massacre. Many are still missing as access to the communication network is difficult in the area. Pray for many vulnerable villages in southern Borno State and other areas far from military bases.

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#### **Honduras**

(From Chet Thomas) Hurricane Eta caused catastrophic damage from heavy and non-stop rains, winds, and flooding throughout Honduras. The storm is now downgraded to a tropical depression as it heads back across the Caribbean to Cuba and Florida. In Honduras earlier this week, the storm affected tens of thousands of families who were evacuated, and many have lost their homes. Rural farmers have lost their corn and bean crops that were ready for harvest, rural communities also have lost their water systems, and hundreds more have lost access to other communities because rivers overflowed roads and damaged bridges. Pray for the people of Honduras and Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG) as they try to respond to the needs.

#### Guatemala

Pray for those affected by mudslides resulting from Hurricane Eta.

#### **Ecuador**

(From Jeff Boshart) The Brethren and United Foundation (La Fundacion Brethren y Unida) is facing multiple challenges. There has been a lengthy drought in the northern part of Ecuador where the FBU farm/campus is located. This has impacted the pastures that are needed to support FBU's dairy herd. This comes on top of the pandemic, which has crippled the foundation through loss of revenue from schools and universities (both domestic and international) that utilize the facilities for courses and retreats. The FBU director and board request prayer for discernment on the survival of the nearly 50-year-old institution that grew out of the work of the Church of the Brethren mission in Ecuador. FBU is looking into the viability of selling assets, including animals and land, to maintain staffing levels





From the NOAC 2021 Planning Team

The planning team for National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) 2021, scheduled for Sept. 6-10 next year, met online via Zoom in October. After much discussion, it was decided that the 2021 conference will be held online only, based upon ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The team did not make this decision lightly. We believe that it is the most responsible decision that can be made at this time.

More details will be coming soon!

#### **AVAILABLE SPEAKERS**

#### **ORDAINED**

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / sharingpearls@comcast.net BEACHLEY, RONALD - PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / rondbeachley@gmail.com BERKEBILE, WES - 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 / 724-901-7058 / wes2375@comcast.net DERR, AMELIA - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / iamameliaderr@yahoo.com DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / pastorbutch@gmail.com GREEN, GARY - 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 / 814-915-0227 / pamountainman42@aol.com HOUGHTON, JAMES "Ed"- 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-0534 / jeh\_124@atlanticbb.net HOUGHTON, SALLY - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / smh124@atlanticbb.net KABLER, ERIC—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com KENSINGER, JAMES - 329 Spackman Street, Seward, 15954-3117 / 814-446-1088 / kensingertj@verizon.net MANGES, JOHN - 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / manges@atlanticbb.net MARSHALL, HOMER - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net MARSHALL, PATRICIA - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net MOSORJAK, GARY - 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / wendel05@aol.com MYERS, GUY - 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / pgmyers@atlanticbb.net PERUSO, RUSSELL – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / russperuso@gmail.com **RUMMEL, DALE** - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 16838-9006 / 732-809-9013 / (seasonal) RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St., Johnstown, 15905 / 814-322-7786 / New Day: 814-535-8202 / jrupert@new-day.org **SMITH, A. HARRISON**—506 Sciandro Drive, Greensburg, 15601 / 724-837-4491 STEIN, ROBERT - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / crid@verizon.net SWICK, MICHAEL - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / preachmike101@comcast.net WALKER, JUDY—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com WALKER, LARRY - 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning, 16201-4639 / 724 548-4901 / ejwestlake16@gmail.com **YOST, ERIC** – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 / 814-241-7753 / ewy10099@gmail.com YOUNG, FRANK - PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 / 814-418-5930 / sfminc@hotmail.com

#### **LICENSED**

PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / spisarski1017@gmail.com

#### **LAY SPEAKER**

**HIMES, PATRICK**—219 Wild Cat Road, Windber, 15963 / 814-418-2352 **RAMER, DONNA**—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594





## CAMP HARMONY NUT & APRICOT ROLL SALE

Put your orders in for a traditional and delicious treat that will also benefit Camp! The sale of each nut & apricot roll will directly go to support the ministry of Camp Harmony.

## Each 1-foot roll is \$10 Deadline to order is December 14

You may pick them up at Camp on December 21 & 22 from 9-4 each day.

Rolls can be delivered to churches December 21 & 22 (with prior arrangements), just in time for Christmas!

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Name & Phone	# Nut Rolls	# Apricot Rolls	Pick-up/Delivery



814-798-5885 www.campharmony.org





## CAMP HARMONY CHIRSTMAS COOKIE SALE

Thumbprint Chocolate Chip Snickerdoodle

Snowball

Oatmeal

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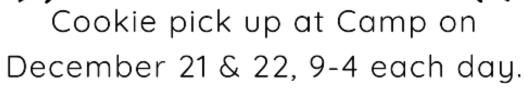
Order by December 16

1 dozen = \$7

2 dozen = \$13

 $3 \, dozen = $18$ 

Peanut Butter Blossoms



Cookies can be delivered to churches with prior arrangements



SPREAD To order: HARMONY 814-798-5885

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936 www.campharmony.org

#### **DECEMBER 2020**

4	- Christmas Light Fest, Camp Harmony
6	- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11	- Christmas Light Fest, Camp Harmony
13	- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18	- Christmas Light Fest, Camp Harmony
20	- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24	- Christmas Eve
25	- MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
31	- NFW YFAR'S FVF

If your congregation, committee, or group would like to have information listed on the District Calendar, please send it in to the District Office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

#### **JANUARY 2021**

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6 Epiphany
- 18 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

- Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 20 District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 27 SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **MARCH 2021**

- 5 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)
- 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 28 PALM SUNDAY

#### **APRIL 2021**

- 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 2 GOOD FRIDAY
- 4 ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 10 SVMC Class, District Office
- 24 SVMC Class, District Office

<b>MAY 2021</b>	
2	- NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
6	- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
8	- SVMC Class, District Office
9	- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
13	- Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
13	- ASCENSION DAY
22	- District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
22	- SVMC Class, District Office
23	- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
28	- National Young Adult Conference begins
31	- National Young Adult Conference ends
31	- MEMORIAL DAY
<u>JUNE 2021</u>	
5	- SVMC, District Office
6	- Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
19	- SVMC, District Office
20	- HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
30	- ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Greensboro, NC
JULY 2021	
4	- ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Greensboro, NC
4	- INDEPENDENCE DAY
22	- Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
31	- District Leadership Team, 9 am, TBA (District Conference
	Business)

#### **AUGUST 2021**

No Events Scheduled

#### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 6 LABOR DAY
- 9 Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 18 District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- TBA Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

#### **OCTOBER 2021**

- 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

#### **NOVEMBER 2021**

- 5 Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
- District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

- 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Western PA District
Church of the Brethren
115 Spring Road
Hollsopple, PA 15935

## THE HIGHLIGHTS December 2020/January 2021