

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

December 2021/January 2022

SOME GOOD NEWS!!

Over the last year and half, I have been sharing stories of good news from the Western PA District and beyond.

It was so refreshing to see good news in a time of such uncertainty. I hope you will all keep sending me your stories in the new year!

I didn't have a lot to share this time but it seems only right that the good news in this Highlights is that Jesus Christ was born!

I wish you all the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year! *Tina*



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Christmas Prayer

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Dear loving Lord,  
You didn't come,  
To a perfect world.  
You came to a people,  
Full of complexity,  
And confusion.  
Your birth itself,  
Surrounded by conflict,  
Doubt and fear.  
You came humbly, oh Lord,  
Born of a virgin,  
To a simple family,  
To walk a journey of tears,  
And glory.  
Now come again, dear Jesus,  
Come to my fragile heart.  
Let my heart be,  
Your manger.  
Prepare that quiet place,  
Where Peace and Joy,  
Are born again.  
O Lord, let me be humble,  
Receiving and giving,  
Your ever-loving mercy.  
May my soul sing praises,  
To only you.  
For you alone are holy,  
You alone are the Lord,  
The Most High,  
Jesus Christ!  
In your sacred name,  
Amen.

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for  
the **December 2021/  
January 2002**  
issue is

**November 10, 2021**

Please send your information  
to [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org).

## DISTRICT STAFF:

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

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 3:00 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](http://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 will  
be making a new directory  
for **2022** please send one  
to the District Office,  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935

Thank you!

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep the District  
Office Staff and the District  
Core Leadership Team in your  
prayers as the search  
continues for an Interim  
District Minister.

Please also be in prayer  
for the District Search  
Committee in their search  
for a permanent District  
Minister.

## THANK YOU!

From: Amy Bowman – District Financial Clerk

At this time, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone  
for their continued support of the Western PA District Church  
of the Brethren.

Any funds that are received in the District Office  
by **December 23rd** will be processed in this current year  
of “2021”. To insure that your donation is received on a timely  
basis, you might want to have it postmarked  
by Friday, **December 17th**.

**Our Christmas blessing to you. . .**

**Wishing you Joy within your home, Love within your hearts  
and Happiness now and always!**

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## LEADERSHIP

### Licensed

**Brian Swick**—Pleasant Hill

## NEW MEMBERS

### Congregation

**County Line**— Krystal Kramer, Bobbette James, Gary James

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The **Greensburg COB** has a job opening for a part-time Director of Children and Youth Ministries. This position could grow into full-time in the future. This is a newly created position and they are seeking a capable, energetic, passionate, servant-hearted, individual to take the lead in developing, implementing, and evaluating ministries, programs, and activities that encourage all children to grow in faith as Christian disciples.

Specific responsibilities include organization, recruitment, implementation, and evaluation of a Sunday morning program, vacation Bible school, and children's programming and outreach. If you would like to be considered for this position, or need more information, please contact

Pastor Stephen Parfitt at  
[pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com)  
or 724-834-2130.

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Walnut Grove COB** Sunday Services on Facebook at 10:00 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

**Geiger COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

**Salisbury COB** Sunday Services on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

**Tire Hill** Sunday Services on Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tire%20Hill%20Brethren/1002178363177827/>

**\*\*If your congregation is sharing services online, please contact Tina to add to the Highlights.**



## ACROSS THE DISTRICT

### HELP WANTED

The Roxbury COB is planning on hiring a custodian for their church. It could be a single individual or a couple to do both the indoor and outdoor tasks.

The rate of pay is \$9.00 per hour. Indoor duties would be general cleaning and minor maintenance of the building. Outdoor duties would consist of grass cutting, trimming, shoveling snow, salting, etc.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Claire Montoya at (814) 536-0515 for further information.

### AWANA CLUB

Maple Spring COB's Awana Club meets every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, beginning November 7, 2021, and continuing through May 29, 2022. We have planned a fun-packed, spiritually-enriching year for the children.

Registration is open all year long!

Our Awana Club has the following age-specific groups:

Awana Cubbies – Pre-K children, ages 3-4

Awana Sparks – children in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Awana Truth and Training (TNT) – children in 3rd through 5th Grade.

If you would like to register your child for the Maple Spring COB's Awana Club, please call our Awana Coordinator, Karen Nagyvathy, at 814-244-6977.





# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



Fall collection day for the Shoe Project was held on November 9th at the ICA building in Jerome. Along with beautiful weather, the committee was blessed with the presence of extra volunteers, and several churches that took the time to deliver their donations directly to the site.

After a few hours of hard work, we're glad to report that 1,525 pairs of shoes are currently packed for shipment! Our goal of 2,500 pairs is in sight, and we will continue to collect and pack shoes through the winter months. Shoes may be dropped off at the district office during office hours, or by contacting committee members by phone.

The next district wide packing day is Tuesday, **March 15, 2022, 9:00 AM** at the ICA building. We hope reach our goal and schedule our shoe shipment day with funds2orgs that day. Your help is needed. Please keep saving shoes to support the work of the El Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel orphanage!

ICA BUILDING  
1929 PENN AVENUE  
JEROME, PA 15937

We're looking forward to the next shipment, and hope you are too!!

Contact Marie Camut – 814-266-3010;  
April Mackell - 814-526-1589,  
or Karen Nagavathy – 814-244-6977; for details.

## FOOD PANTRIES

During this Thanksgiving season, remember those who might not have a warm meal. There are many ways you can help, here are a couple:

Walnut Grove Food Pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob/>

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/>

Please consider donating food to these or any other groups in our area as well as possibly your time as you feel comfortable. Anything you can do would be appreciated.





**B-D-M**  
**NEEDS**  
**Your Help!**



2022

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 church's 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. PLEASE contact your church coordinator to volunteer. If your church does not have one PLEASE contact Herb Ewald at [hjewald@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net) or (814) 539-8530.

**PLEASE SAVE ME A PHONE CALL!!**

New Windsor Day Trips

No  
Trips  
Scheduled  
Yet

Week Trips

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Mar 20~26~22     | Coastal NC. full |
| May 15~21~22     | TBA 6 vols.      |
| July 10~16~22    | TBA full         |
| Sept 25-Oct.1,22 | TBA full         |
| Oct 30-Nov~5~22  | TBA full         |
| Dec. 11~17~22    | TBA full         |

15 Volunteers constitute a full group    7 volunteers constitute ½ group



*Join us for this informational and instructive seminar!*

## Clergy Tax Seminar

January 29, 2022

**Students, clergy, and anyone who deals with clergy finances are invited to participate in this online Zoom seminar.**

- Learn how to prepare clergy taxes correctly and legally.
- Comply with regulations while maximizing tax deductions.
- Earn 0.3 CEUs – for the morning session only.

A thumbnail image of a 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return form. The form is titled "1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return" and includes fields for "Your first name and last name", "If a joint return, spouse's first name and last name", "Home address (number and street)", "City, state or paid office state, and ZIP code", "Filing Status", "Check only one", "Exemptions", and "Foreign country name".

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

- Morning Session, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST, 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 I only. According to the new [webinar policy](#), CEUs may also be earned by viewing the recording and filling out the [report form](#). (Registration is required to receive the recording.)
- Afternoon Session, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. EST, 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 clergy and anyone who deals with clergy finances who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, steward commission chairs, and church board chairs.

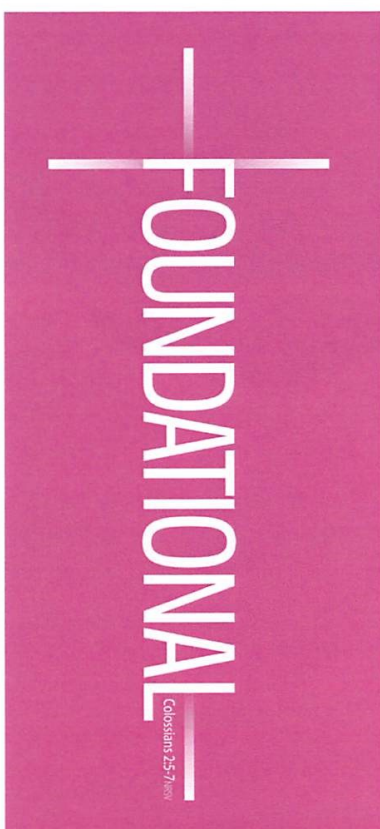
Sponsors: The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary

### Seminar Schedule

- 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. EST: Morning session
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. EST: Lunch on your own
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. EST: Afternoon session

### Registration and Cost

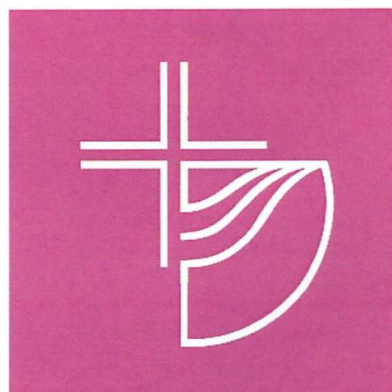
Registration is \$40 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Brethren Academy, Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to allow us to provide you with web access 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. *Prompt registration is advised - registration deadline is January 19, 2022.* A Zoom link will be sent prior to the seminar.



**NATIONAL  
YOUTH  
CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
DECEMBER 1,  
2021!**

**Register in December  
to receive a FREE  
T-SHIRT!**

Registration costs \$550 for all meals, lodging, and programming. A deposit of \$225 is due within two weeks of registration.



REGISTER AT [WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/NYC](http://WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/NYC).





## GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

E-news of the Global Food Initiative

[www.brethren.org/gfi](http://www.brethren.org/gfi)

Fall 2021



### Pennsylvania Harrisburg First Community Garden

by Marianne Fitzkee

**T**he Harrisburg (Pa) First congregation has been tending to their community garden for about five years now, thanks to the original initiative of former pastor Belita Mitchell and a grant from the Global Food Initiative (GFI). The current garden coordinator, Waneta Benson, cites this year as the best year yet! She came to Harrisburg First as the church's second Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) worker and served faithfully ever since through developing the children's ministry, playing organ for worship, and now spearheading the gardening effort along with her son—a role she's very qualified for, having lived around gardens for 80-plus years.

The garden, which can be found tucked behind a garage in the church's back parking lot, is home to six raised beds growing tomatoes, greens, cauliflower, peppers, herbs, berries, and more. This year, the gardeners—mostly church members who live in the surrounding Allison Hill community—will enjoy their harvest with their families. Pre-COVID, the church hosted a baked potato dinner using their own potatoes to share the bounty.

In addition to the raised beds, there also is a bench with some decorative flower boxes located in the garden, where people can relax and soak up the scenery. "Grandma Waneta," as she is called by

some of this year's gardeners, loves to see children get involved with the garden and notes how community gardens are a great way to utilize vacant lots to create green space in the city.

In future years, she hopes to relinquish some responsibility for the garden but looks forward to seeing how it continues to evolve. Future projects may include painting a mural on a wall adjacent to the garden or growing vines and flowers on the surrounding fence to add beauty and attract pollinators. Along with fruits and vegetables, this garden cultivates relationships, peace, and love in Allison Hill—that will surely continue to grow.



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Jeff Boshart,  
Editor



### Louisiana Capstone 118 Grant

**H**urricane Ida damaged fences used for livestock at Capstone 118's urban farm in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward. The storm also made it impossible to find hay to feed Capstone's small goat herd. Capstone's executive director, David Young, explained that portable fencing would be helpful as grass was plentiful on several vacant lots in the neighborhood. The GFI was glad to provide a \$1,000 grant to procure the fencing.



## Dominican Republic GFI Exploratory Visit

**L**eaders of *Iglesia de los Hermanos* (IDLH, the Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic) invited GFI's manager, Jeff Boshart, to visit the Caribbean nation to help with the design of a farm credit program. Boshart, along with GFI volunteers Eric Ramirez and Linda and David Dows-Byers, traveled to the Dominican Republic in May to better understand the needs of farmers and how a GFI-supported project might be useful.

During the week-long visit, the GFI team visited with farmers in nine communities where IDLH has a church presence. Farmers expressed the difficulty in receiving credit for inputs and especially labor costs for farm activities such as weeding and harvesting, and in some cases land rent, leading to loss of productivity and farm income. Modes of travel during the week included pickup truck, horse, and homemade ferry.

Dominican church leaders see a farm credit program for farmers in their communities playing an essential role leading to self-sufficiency for congregations and ultimately the national church. Although the program shows promise and farmers are enthusiastic about the possibility, several legal and institutional hurdles need to be cleared before the program is ready for funding. Follow-up conversations between the GFI and IDLH are ongoing.



Artel Rosario



Carolyn Fickner

## Pennsylvania Alpha and Omega Community Center Grant

**T**he Alpha and Omega Community Center in Lancaster, Pa., provides food to between 500 and 600 families each month. A GFI grant of \$2,000 led to the purchase of a new refrigerator and freezer. This will allow the organization to receive more fresh and frozen food donations from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and local churches.

## Pennsylvania and Maryland Community Garden Exchange

**I**n July of this summer, youth and advisors from the Lancaster (Pa.) congregation spent a day serving together with members of the Graceway International Community Church (Dundalk, Md.). Utilizing funds from the GFI, raised beds were constructed and planted with fall season vegetables. Graceway's pastor and church planter, Yakubu Bakfawash, expressed he was grateful to God for the visit.

As of 2020, the Lancaster congregation also has a community garden. Both congregations are slowly turning church lawns into productive gardens. Lancaster youth pastor and GFI review panel member Linda Dows-Byers reported that a young apple tree in the center of the garden showed promise with its first two apples. All involved are hoping that like the apple tree, the relationships and the gardens will continue to grow and bear much fruit in future years.



Linda Dows-Byers

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)  
**BEACHLEY, LINDA**—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [lrbeac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lrbeac@atlanticbb.net)  
**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)  
**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)  
**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)  
**GREEN, GARY** – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 / 814-915-0227 / [pamountainman42@aol.com](mailto:pamountainman42@aol.com)  
**HOUGHTON, SALLY** - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / [smh124@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smh124@atlanticbb.net)  
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**LONGWELL, ERIC**— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / [kb3ttx@gmail.com](mailto:kb3ttx@gmail.com)  
**MANGES, JOHN** – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / [manges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:manges@atlanticbb.net)  
**MARSHALL, HOMER** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MARSHALL, PATRICIA** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)  
**MYERS, GUY** – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / [pgmyers@atlanticbb.net](mailto:pgmyers@atlanticbb.net)  
**PERUSO, RUSSELL** – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / [russperuso@gmail.com](mailto:russperuso@gmail.com)  
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**WALKER, JUDY**—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)  
**WALKER, LARRY** - 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)  
**YOUNG, FRANK** – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 / 814-418-5930 / [sfminc@hotmail.com](mailto:sfminc@hotmail.com)

## LICENSED

**PISARSKI, STANLEY** – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / [spisarski1017@gmail.com](mailto:spisarski1017@gmail.com)  
**COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN**— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-662-2525 / [shellywithattitude@gmail.com](mailto:shellywithattitude@gmail.com)

## LAY SPEAKER

**RAMER, DONNA**—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594



CAMP HARMONY'S  
**CELEBRATION  
DINNER**



**DEC. 12, 5-7 PM**



**ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA BAR**

\$10/adult (12+) - \$5/child

**Celebrate the awesome things God has  
done at Camp in 2021 and hear the vision  
moving forward, including a NEW POOL!**

→ Kids activities available during camp presentation ←

**FAITH HALL  
1414 PLANK ROAD  
HOOVERVILLE, PA 15936**

**RSVP BY DEC. 6  
814-798-5885  
HARMONY@CAMPHARMONY.ORG**





# CAMP HARMONY CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Order by  4 dozen cookies  
December 15 per platter = \$25

Each platter will contain a mixture  
of the following cookies:

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chocolate Chip               | Snicker Doodle          |
| M&M                          | Peanut Butter Meltaways |
| Sugar                        | Peanut Butter Blossom   |
| Oatmeal                      | Thumbprint              |
| Chocolate w/ Peppermint Kiss |                         |

Cookie pick up at Camp on  
December 20 & 21, 9-4 each day.

Cookies can be delivered to churches with prior arrangements

SPREAD  
THE  
HARMONY 

To order:  
**814-798-5885**  
[harmony@campharmony.org](mailto:harmony@campharmony.org)

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936

**[www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)**





**2021 -  
2022**

# **Winter EVENTS**

**DEC**

## **Harmony LightFest**

A drivethrough celebration of Christmas  
Dec 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th. \$10/car

**JAN 14-16**

## **Young Adult Retreat - \$15**

We invite you to relax with us for a weekend, meet new friends and explore fellowship in the Word of God!

**JAN 21-22**

## **Jr. High Retreat - \$40**

Students in grades 5-8, join us for a fun-filled 24 hours of games, friends, food and Jesus!

**JAN 27-28**

## **Sr High Retreat - \$40**

Students in grades 9-12, join us for a fun-filled 24 hours of games, friends, food and Jesus!

**FEB 26**

## **Elementary Winter Day - \$15**

Students in grades 1-4 are invited to join us for a fun-filled day of camp activities, friends and Jesus!



FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

[WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG)



# YOUNG ADULTS & CAMP HARMONY RETREAT

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January 14-16, 2022

Camp Harmony, PA

\$15 or FREE with attendance to Passion

(Jan 2-3, see other flyer)

Ages 18-26

Sign up by December 31st!

Messy Twister

Worship

Speakers

Fellowship



Movie Nights

Sledriding

Hot Chocolate  
Charcuterie Board

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A weekend to **GET AWAY**, meet other  
**YOUNG ADULTS**, and grow in your **FAITH**

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Sign up at [campharmony.org](http://campharmony.org)

[kylee@campharmony.org](mailto:kylee@campharmony.org)





## CAMP HARMONY

# LEND A HAND AS A TUESDAY VOLUNTEER

Help us make a difference by volunteering  
to complete projects around Camp.



What we need:

carpentry, electrical,  
plumbing, mechanical,  
gardening, cleaning, etc.  
(If you are willing to help,  
we can find a place for you!)

Our Mission:

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

**EVERY TUESDAY | 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**1414 PLANK ROAD, HOOVERVILLE**

As a thank you:

Coffee and pastries at 8:45 am; lunch at noon

Contact Kayla at 814.798.5885 or [kayla@campharmony.org](mailto:kayla@campharmony.org)

[www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)  
#spreadtheHarmony

# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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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!

## **DECEMBER 2021**

- |    |                                            |
|----|--------------------------------------------|
| 3  | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 4  | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 5  | - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT                  |
| 10 | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 11 | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 12 | - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT                   |
| 12 | - Celebration Dinner, Camp Harmony 5 –7 pm |
| 17 | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 18 | - Harmony LightFest, Camp Harmony          |
| 19 | - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT                  |
| 24 | - Christmas Eve                            |
| 25 | - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!                        |
| 31 | - NEW YEAR'S EVE                           |



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## **JANUARY 2022**

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6 - Epiphany
- 14—16 - Young Adult Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 18 - 25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21—22 - Junior High Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 27—28 - Senior High Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 29 - Clergy Tax Seminar, Zoom Seminar

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

- 10 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 12 - SVMC Class
- 19 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 26 - Elementary Winter Day, Camp Harmony
- 26 - SVMC Class

## **MARCH 2022**

- 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 4 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 12 - SVMC Class
- 13 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 13 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 15 - Shoe Packing Day, ICA Building, Jerome
- 20 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 27 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# 2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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## **APRIL 2022**

- 2 - SVMC Class
- 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 9 - Honduras Fundraiser Dinner, Camp Harmony
- 10 - PALM SUNDAY
- 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 15 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 17 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 23 - SVMC Class

## **MAY 2022**

- 1 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 5 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 7 - SVMC Class
- 8 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 26 - ASCENSION DAY
- 27—30 - National Young Adult Conference, Montreat, NC
- 31 - MEMORIAL DAY

## **JUNE 2022**

- 5 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 5 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 19 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## **JULY 2022**

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 10 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Omaha, NE
- 14 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Omaha, NE
- 21 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 23—28 - Nation Youth Conference, Fort Collins, CO
- 30 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, TBA (District Conference Business)

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## **AUGUST 2022**

No Events Scheduled

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

- 5 - LABOR DAY
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

## **OCTOBER 2022**

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

## **NOVEMBER 2022**

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **DECEMBER 2022**

- 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE



# December 2021

| SUNDAY                                                                                        | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|                                                                                               |        |         | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5                                                                                             | 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| Let us pray for deep and abiding peace for our families through Jesus Christ.                 |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 12                                                                                            | 13     | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| Let us pray this week for international conflict to be healed by the Prince of Peace.         |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 19                                                                                            | 20     | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| Let us pray for unbelievers to find peace with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior! |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 26                                                                                            | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       | 31     |          |
| Let us ask God for great wisdom from the Holy Spirit as we enter the New Year of 2022.        |        |         |           |          |        |          |

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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## December 2021/January 2022