

District Highlights

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Examine Yourself!

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Please send **all**
Highlights information
to the District Office by
the **10th**.



Just last week I had my semi-annual doctor's examination. I did not just stand in the doorway and say, "How do I look?", nor did I just sit in the waiting room, read a magazine, hum a tune and then go home happy that I attended.

Paul writes in a letter to the church at Corinth and to us today to; **"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test?"** 2Cor. 13:5. NIV

I believe church attendance, participation and membership is tied together with those attending and/or claiming to be Christians and the way they (you) live every day.

The way you scream from the sidelines at referees, youth, and other parents and then serve on the church board, or as an usher or even as a deacon. The onlooker says in their mind if that is a Christian, *"I want no part of that!"*

You stand in line at the store while gossiping on the phone, overheard by all and during the week attend bible study, women's prayer meeting and teach the children on Sunday mornings. The observer says, *"No Thanks, I don't want her teaching my children; why I might be next under her tongue."*

Observe yourself when it comes to worship, day to day actions, and listen to what you say and how you say it. **Is this person, (Am I), reflecting or living out Jesus?**

Do we demand to have our way in everything in church? Do we threaten, connive, harass and maybe even pressure everyone to get our way? The observer and/or child remarks, *"Enough of that! I have had it all my life and, I am not going to church and suffering the same thing!"* And we wonder why we cannot attract or keep visitors to our churches!

Take a moment to **examine yourself**, maybe even compare yourself to the scripture teaching of how we are to be with Jesus dwelling within us. Then open yourself to the indwelling of the Spirit. We Cannot follow Jesus and remain unchanged! **Examine Yourselves!**

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Senior Pastor, Meyersdale COB
District Moderator 2018

District Office News

LEADERSHIP

Pastors

Tammy Horner—Part Time at Beachdale

Randy Derck—resigned at Plumcreek

Ronald St. Clair—retired at Scalp Level

Eric Kabler—interim at Scalp Level

Ruby Mader—Part Time at Rummel

Licensed

Steve Parfitt—Greensburg

Leslie Crissman—Oakdale

Mark Murchie—Scalp Level

HOSPITALIZED

- Please pray for **Pastor Kimberly Sisitki** who is recovering after a stroke in November.
- Please pray for **Pastor Homer Painter** who is recovering after having some heart issues in December.

SYMPATHY

To the family of **Pastor Edwin Moore** as his wife Fran passed away in December.

To the family of **Pastor Roger Forry**, Roger passed away on January 8, 2018.

NEW MEMBERS

Plumcreek Congregation

- Toni Parsley

Somerset Congregation

- Brittany Saylor
- Emily Saylor

2018 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is in progress...

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

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

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2018**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

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

Thank you!

March 2018

Highlights Deadline

February 10, 2017

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



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

LOVE is patient,
is kind.

It always **protects**, always **trusts**,
always **hopes**, always **perseveres**.

LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 Corinthians 13:4,7-8



Isn't a fresh start wonderful? At the dawn of a new year, it feels like we get a new beginning in life. I know it's just how the calendar works, but somehow a new year brings with it the promise of a chance to do things better. When I think of fresh starts in the Bible, I have to think of Peter.

Oh, Peter. Dear Peter. Always the first to speak. Always the first to apologize for what he said. Sometimes I read about Peter and laugh, and other times he makes me cry, because I see my own faults in him.

In Mark 14 we see Jesus telling the group that Peter would deny knowing Him on the night of His arrest, and we are told that Peter kept insisting, "I will NEVER!" What a fool. Peter *in that very moment* tries to deny what Jesus is saying. Well, you know how the story goes. The group is camped out on the Mount of Olives, Jesus is engaged in arduous prayer, His friends are dozing off. The soldiers come with the Jewish authorities, Judas delivers with a kiss, Peter reacts with a sword, and Jesus is taken into custody. All four Gospels record what happens next.

Peter is standing in the courtyard of the High Priest, and the doorkeeper asks him if he's one of Jesus' followers. He denies it. Then some people standing around ask him the same thing. And he denies it. Then one of the guys who was actually there at Jesus' arrest insists that he saw Peter there with Jesus. And Peter denies it a third time. The rooster crows, the realization sinks in, Peter runs away and weeps bitterly.

We've all been there. That thing you swore you'd NEVER do is the very thing you've just done. That thing you promised not to do again has reappeared in your life. And that sinking, creeping, heavy, sickly feeling comes over you. The guilt, the shame, the regret. The cold fear.

What. Have. I. Done.

If I know Peter like I think I do, he spent the next few days beating himself up. Asking himself, "How could I have done it?" Wishing he could change the fact that the last thing he did for his best friend and Lord before His crucifixion was to deny ever knowing Him.

Boy, the enemy of our souls sure likes to kick us when we're down. I'm betting Satan was working overtime to poison Peter's heart and mind in those days. If he could convince Peter that his service to God was over, there would be one less believer to carry the Good News to the waiting world. The enemy loves to convince us of our failure, strip us of our value, remind us of our sins. But that wasn't the end of the story for Peter.

In John 21 we get to watch a scene so utterly perfect that it makes me chuckle. It's just such a great picture of who Jesus is. This is after the resurrection, after Jesus has appeared to a bunch of people. The disciples have just met the risen Jesus on the beach for breakfast. After they've eaten, Jesus and Peter have a chat.

"Peter, do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord, I do."
 "Feed My lambs." Again. "Peter, do you love Me?"
 "You know I do." "Shepherd My sheep."
 Again. "Peter, do you love Me?" There it was. The third time. Peter was grieved. It cut him to the heart. "Lord, You know all things. You know I love You." "So, feed My sheep."

Three denials. Three affirmations. An opportunity for repentance to cover each failure. What grace! Peter in the courtyard was a pathetic coward. Peter on the beach was forgiven and empowered for service! Jesus set Peter on a trajectory that pointed directly toward Pentecost when his bold preaching would bring 3,000 people to salvation and set the world ablaze.

Do you need a fresh start today? Does your church need a fresh start this year? Are you hiding somewhere between the courtyard and Pentecost, wondering if God can still use you? He can and He will. Come before Him humbly and repent. Seek His face and He will give you His grace. Worship Him and wonder at His Word. How God longs for us to embrace a fresh start! Amen, may it happen here.

:) Abby

Local Church/District News

*Thank you so
much for giving!*

An Update from the District Auction...

District Auction Totals as of January, 15, 2018, after everything was officially tallied and counted.

Auction total Profit:	\$8,109.66
10% given to Nigerian Crisis Fund:	\$811.00
Available for District Ministry:	\$7,298.66

A Wonderful Offering for Puerto Rico!

When Hurricane Maria caused so much devastation on the island of Puerto Rico, our District initiated a special offering for Disaster Relief for the island. A special offering was taken at our District Conference on October 21, 2017 and we continued to receive offerings up through Christmastime.

The total amount given by churches and individuals in our District for Puerto Rico was \$22,419! This was a wonderful response, and it will go a long way to helping with the needs of our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters.

This money will be sent to the Disaster Relief Fund administered by the Church of the Brethren denominational offices. Roy Winter, the Disaster Relief Coordinator for our denomination, will be overseeing the distribution of these funds in conjunction with offerings made by other Districts of the Church of the Brethren. We are glad for Roy's work in that he will know best how to use this money to meet the most crucial needs.

A big THANK YOU to all of our churches and folks in the Western PA District who gave to this effort. May the LORD continue to send His aid to Puerto Rico through His people and their prayers.

Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

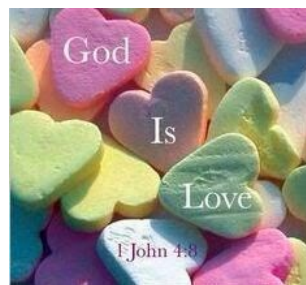
PA Dutch Buffets - Saturdays
February 3, 2018 and April 7, 2018
from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Pasta Buffets—Saturdays
March 3, 2018 and May 5, 2018
From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Quilt Retreat - 8 am to 8 pm
April 13 and 14, 2018

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

Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat
April 28, 2018- 8 am to 8 pm
Call Julie at 724-840-2704 for more information.



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

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

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

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

Please call Pastor Cecil if you have any questions

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National Youth Conference July 21—26, 2018 Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado

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

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

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

FREE backpack!



NYC ONLINE REGISTRATION

Thursday January 18, 2018

6pm central time

brethren.org/nyc
#cobnyc18

plan your registration parties & registration lock-ins today!

Register by 1/21/18 at midnight and receive this exclusive NYC drawstring backpack!

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

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



Mission Alive 2018 A gathering of God's people... a global Church of the Brethren

**April 6-8, 2018
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Frederick, MD**

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

Early registration (through February 15):	\$85
Registration (after February 15)	\$110
Saturday only:	\$50
Student Registration:	
(high school, college, or seminary):	\$50
Family full conference:	\$170

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

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



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

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Haiti

Pray for Church of the Brethren volunteers with the [Global Food Initiative](#) (GFI) and agricultural staff of Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti) as they install a new aquaponics system at the Brethren Guesthouse and Ministry Center in Croix-des-Bouquets. An aquaponics system grows fish and plants, such as vegetables, together in water. The fish waste provides fertilizer for the plants, and the plants naturally filter the water for the fish. This system will serve as a teaching and learning model that eventually will be replicated in other locations if successful. Pray that this project can lead to greater food production and self-sustainability for Haitian communities.

Pakistan

Pray for the victims of a church bombing in the city of Quetta, where 9 people were killed and at least 50 injured. Pakistan's Islamic State group affiliate has claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing. Pray for strength and healing for the wounded. Pray for miraculous comfort for those who have lost loved ones.

Venezuela

Pray for all those affected by the severe economic crisis in Venezuela. Hyperinflation and food shortages have led to a massive hunger crisis. Infants and children have been especially victimized, with hundreds dying from severe malnutrition. Overrun hospitals have lacked the space and resources to treat the record number of malnourished children brought in, especially as the hospitals have not been able to access the needed medications.

Dominican Republic

Pray for the pastoral retreat of Iglesia de los Hermanos, the Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic, being held December 8-10 in San Cristobol. Approximately 150 participants will gather for times of worship, fellowship, Bible study, and discussion of Brethren beliefs and practices. Pray for Church of the Brethren pastors Marla Bieber Abe and Galen Hackman as they travel to the Dominican Republic to lead the Brethren beliefs and practices sessions during the retreat. Galen's book on this topic will be a basis for the sessions. The two also will visit Iglesia de los Hermanos congregations and attend an inauguration ceremony for a new theological training space.

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Vietnam

Pray for a new medical social work initiative organized by Global Mission worker [Grace Mishler](#), working with the eye care unit of Children's Hospital 1 in Ho Chi Minh City. The initiative focuses especially on babies with Retinopathy of Prematurity, an eye disease that can cause blindness. Grace and volunteers with the initiative gather data on hundreds of families, facilitate a parent support group, organize training for early intervention, raise funds, and investigate potential environmental issues for the high rates of premature births within a certain rural area in Vietnam. Pray that this initiative can continue to build up the capacity of the hospital and find ways to preserve the eyesight of the children.



Grace Mishler (r) meeting with a mother and baby with Retinopathy of Prematurity. Photo courtesy of Grace Mishler.

Honduras

Chet Thomas, Church of the Brethren member and executive director of Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG), requests prayer for the people of Honduras, as the country is divided over the contested results of the November 26 presidential election. The confrontations have led to protests, riots, and destruction of public buildings, and many vital transportation services across the country are on hold. Amnesty International reports that at least 14 people have been killed and dozens injured when gunfire has erupted at demonstrations. According to Thomas, the crisis threatens the stability of a country that has experienced relative peace and achieved significant economic and social improvements in recent years. Pray for mediation and a peaceful resolution to the conflict, with understanding and compromise from the various parties. Pray for the development work of PAG, which has reduced its activities until the conflict is resolved.

United States

Continue to pray for Church of the Brethren workers overseas.



Todd Bauer in Guatemala



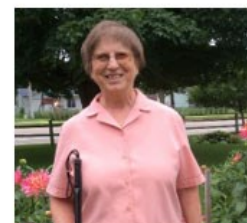
Kristin Flory in Switzerland, who was recently recognized for 30 years of service as coordinator of BVS Europe



Athanasius Ungang in South Sudan



Nicole and Jason Hoover, with their children Ethan and Miriam, in the Dominican Republic



Grace Mishler in Vietnam

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Palestine and Israel

Pray for the people of Jerusalem, where tensions are high following US President Donald Trump's recognition of the city as the capital of Israel. The Church of the Brethren's [Office of Public Witness](#) has issued the following statement: *The Trump Administration announced the decision to relocate the United States embassy to Jerusalem, and to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This development is disappointing, as it sets the peace process back and ignites the potential for violent reactions from impacted communities. The unilateral decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital is not conducive to a successful peace process in the region.*

The Church of the Brethren addressed the possibility of such a relocation in a [1996 Statement on Jerusalem](#), which said: "We also urge the United States government to maintain an active and balanced role in the peace process, recognizing its unique relationship with the government of Israel, the legitimate claims of the Palestinian people, and the importance of a just and equitable resolution of the status of Jerusalem. Toward this aim, the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv should not be relocated until the permanent status negotiations on Jerusalem are concluded." The [1980 Threats to Peace statement](#) addressed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict more broadly, saying: "Furthermore, we commend efforts of our government to achieve a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which include a termination of the violence and counter-violence, a mutual recognition of sovereign entities, and a just solution and compensation for those persons uprooted by the conflict since 1948."

Pray for political leaders in the United States to be infused with courage and wisdom so that they may act for the good of global peace. Pray for all of us as United States citizens to hold our elected officials accountable. Pray for an end to the illegal and unjust Israeli occupation of Palestine, which threatens the welfare of both Palestinians and Israelis.



United States

Pray for everyone affected by the wildfires in southern California. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection reports that 98,000 people have been evacuated with 25,000 homes affected by five different wildfires. The biggest, the Thomas fire, spans 230,000 acres. Pray for provision for those who have fled their homes. Pray for safety for the 9,000 firefighters working to contain the blazes. Pray for relief. Pray for the team of [Children's Disaster Services](#) volunteers serving children and families affected by this natural disaster. Pray that they may bring some comfort in a time of fear and uncertainty.

A CDS volunteer reads with a child at a shelter at the Port Hueneme Navy Base. Photo courtesy of CDS.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – January 2018

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BAKER, DAVID – 110 Windy Ridge Lane, Apt 3, Shelocta, 15774-7225 – 724-902-0830
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 152928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251, Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

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

DISTRICT DISASTER TEAM

January 10, 2018

Herb Ewald, Volunteer Coordinator

"Serve one another in love" Galatians 5:13

Thank You to all those individuals who helped make our busy schedule for 2017 a success! If it would not have been for each of you I would not have been able to compile this impressive year end recap! Thanks to Rev. Tim Vaughn for the use of his van to make four trips to transport volunteers to New Windsor, MD. And thanks also to Tom Watson for the use of his trailer to transport the large amount of kits supplied by the district to New Windsor. Thank you to the District Staff for all of your help and support, without which we could not have accomplished all that has been done!

Having said all of that there is still an **urgent need** for volunteers, since our volunteer base is shrinking due to an aging population, health concerns, deaths, etc. The district van will accommodate up to eleven volunteers and we can rarely, except for trips to New Windsor, fill those seats. Based upon the four week long trips we made in 2017 there were only 24 seat used out of a possible 44. I **challenge** each of to consider setting in one of those empty seats. Just think of how much more could have been done and how much pain and suffering could have been eliminated if we could have doubled the amount of volunteers who participated!! The feeling you will get by serving, is unexplainable!

In 2018 would you **Please Consider** a one day trip to New Windsor, or a week long trip with us, I am sure you will not regret either, and the beauty part of it all it is that the trips are virtually expense free.

It is hard, for me, to believe that with the number of churches in the Western District we cannot, without a lot of effort, get a crew on every trip. In fact wouldn't it be GREAT if we had a waiting list wanting to serve! **PLEASE HELP.**

Contact your congregational coordinator! Don't have one call me Herb 814-539-8530!!

New Windsor, MD.

132 volunteers
2,363 relief boxes
440 gallons gas consumed
\$1,117.46 gas purchases

One Week Trips

5 volunteers Clay WV.
6 volunteers Columbia, SC
7 volunteers Eureka, MO
6 volunteers Marion, SC

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

Herb Ewald
335 Southmont Blvd.
Johnstown, Pa. 15905
(814) 539-8530
hjeward@atlanticbb.net



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 or (814) 539-8530.

PLEASE SAVE ME A PHONE CALL!!

New Windsor Day Trips

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

Week Trips

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

Johnstown Sub-District
Lenten Services 2018

Sunday evenings
6:45–8:00 pm

DATE	PLACE	SPEAKER	NOTES
<i>Feb 18</i>	Rummel <i>3432 Graham Ave, Windber</i>	Frank Young	The Altar
<i>Feb 25</i>	Way of Hope <i>Hollsopple Auction Barn</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Praise
<i>March 4</i>	Morrellville <i>408 Chandler Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Prayer
<i>March 11</i>	Moxham <i>536 Grove Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Peace
<i>March 18</i>	Camp Harmony <i>1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Provision

Come and join us for worship and fellowship as Brother Frank leads us through an inspiring new series,

“Our Foundation in the Cross of Christ, the Altar.”

The singing starts at 6:45, the main service at 7:00. Come and bring a friend – share in refreshments afterward.

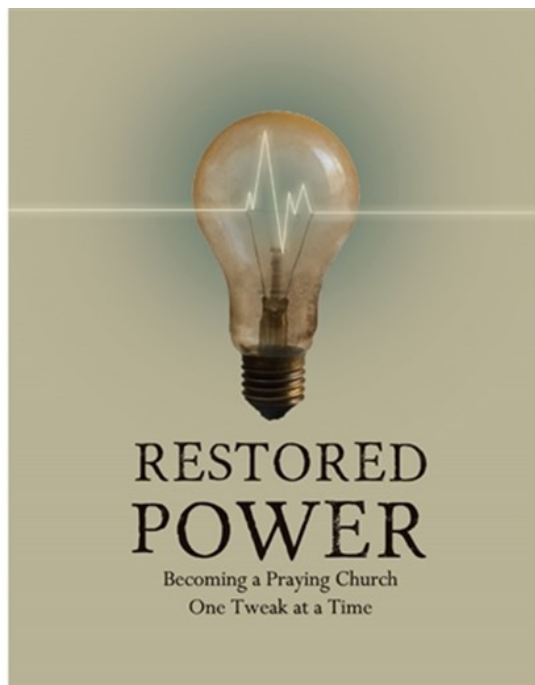
All offerings will benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony.

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<i>March 11</i>	Moxham	Frank Young	The Altar of Peace Genesis 13:14-18
<i>March 18</i>	Camp Harmony	Frank Young	The Altar of Provision Genesis 22:9-14

Thank you for opening your facility for a Lenten Service this year! We so appreciate your willingness to host these meaningful times of worship. Please begin with singing at 6:45, and plan to wrap up around 8:00, with light refreshments to follow. Please feel free to include special music, drama, art, however the Lord leads you. (Also, please have someone ready to put slides up on the wall/screen/TV.) The worship service is yours to plan and print! Thank you again, and let's be in prayer for these evenings!



2018 Pastor's Retreat

**Friday, May 18, 7:00 PM
to Saturday, May 19, 3:00 PM**

Camp Harmony, Hooversville PA

This years theme is "Restored Power"
and will be lead by Jonathan Graf
from Harvest Prayer Ministries

Each pastor is encouraged to invite one
to three people from their congregation
to attend. **Pastors will receive .5 CEUs.**

Mr. Graf has been involved in prayer ministry both
in the local church and in the international prayer
movement since 1995, serving in a number of
capacities including serving as the President of the
Church Prayer Leaders Network and the Vice
President of Harvest Prayer Ministries.

Jon's passion beats for prayer and raising up more
praying people in the local church. His speaking
ministry primarily targets the average believer in the
pews. He has a winsome style that seeks to motivate
through encouragement rather than through guilt.



The cost for the retreat is \$60.00 per person, which includes, lodging, breakfast, lunch,
use of facility, and speaker. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 11, 2018.**

Please fill in the form below, make checks payable to **Western PA District**, and mail to:
115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you want CE credit? _____

Amount enclosed for the Restored Power Prayer Retreat _____

Youth MARCH TO REVIVAL



Saturday March 24th 5pm - 8 pm

Featuring
guest speakers:
**Jefferson &
Jerry Monroe**
(original members
of the
Guardian Angels)



Live music by:
**Finding
The
Lost**

Joyful Church
2524 Garrett Shortcut Road
Garrett PA 15542
(former Piney Run Golf Course)

**Food
Fellowship
Fun!!!**

*For more information contact
Pastor Tim at 814-521-3917*

**All
YOUTH
Welcome**

Brethren Home

Community Windber

February, 2018



BE MY VALENTINE: Its February again, time to spread the spirit of love to everyone around us. If you, your Sunday school class, women's fellowship, or youth group, is looking for a Valentine's Day project, please consider sending valentines to the Home. Our residents love to receive mail, and either homemade or "store bought" valentines bring joy to all who receive them. Cards may be sent directly to a resident, or to the activities department and they will be distributed throughout the Home.

A NOTE FOR VISITORS: We have been essentially flu-free for the first months of the winter season, and are anxious to continue our community good health. We hope that Home visitors will have received the 2017-18 flu vaccine, and for our residents' sake, those who are experiencing cold or flu symptoms should delay their visits to the Home until they are feeling well.



CHRISTMAS, 2017: Sincere thanks to everyone who was able to help celebrate the Christmas season at the Home. The family open house, entertainment, decorations, visits, presents, and cards helped make our season merry. The annual Christmas Tree of Stars was decorated with love, and brought to mind many of our former residents and friends. Best of all, the spirit of Christmas was spread through the beautiful religious services held throughout the month by volunteers of all faiths. They kept Christ in Christmas and in our hearts as well; we were all blessed!



MATILDA (TILLY) PAVLIK CELEBRATES HER HERITAGE: Tilly

Pavlik has always been proud of her Slovenian heritage. Her parents immigrated to the United States by 1920, settled in Johnstown, and tried to keep the lore of their homeland alive for their five children. One of Mrs. Pavlik's earliest memories of her Slovenian heritage was learning a song about horses that she sang on WJAC radio at age 5.

Over the years Mrs. Pavlik kept the tune of the song in her heart, and with the help of her daughter-in-law Maureen, it was eventually written as sheet music. Children from the Windber Elementary School learned the "Jingle Bell Horses" song, and sang it as a part of their holiday performance at the Brethren Home last year and again this season. Mrs. Pavlik hopes that the song will become a link that keeps their rich Slovenian heritage alive for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is pictured above with her son David, and daughter-in-law, Maureen.



SNAPSHOTS: (top left) The Windber High School Chorus visited to help fill the Home with the spirit of the season. (bottom left) The Scalp Level COB Choir gave the gift of their music to the annual Christmas open house. (right) The Christmas Tree of Stars was decorated with stars and ornaments placed in honor of our residents, and in memory of family loved ones.





CAMP HARMONY

A ministry of the Church of the Brethren
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Hooversville, PA 15936-0158

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<http://www.campharmony.org>
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*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and
with one another"*

2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

As more and more families are blessed they contribute \$1.00 a week or \$52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed \$52, the debt could be eliminated. The 2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM" completed the year with over 65 families and/or churches involved who donated over \$4,000.

Thank You for your prayers and generosity. At this printing the 2018 Team has started.

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VOLUNTEERING

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

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LOOKING AHEAD - * Poster included for information

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

March 3 – Happy Birthday Camp Harmony

March 17 – Spring Fling – Country Western Theme*

March 18 – Fish Fry*

Nut Roll Sales – Holy Week – Come and help us and/or order your nut roll.*

April 13, 14 – Scrapbooker's Retreat*

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

* * * * *

NON-PROFIT SERV-SAFE CLASS – ATTENTION ALL CHURCHES

Attention all churches with a kitchen who serve the public. Camp is sponsoring a non-profit serv-safe class on Friday, March 9, 2018 from 9:00 – Noon. This class will enable you to serve your dinners and fundraisers and stay compliant with government regulations and safe food preparation practices. Dean Rogers, Food Sanitarian from the Department of Agriculture, will be presenting the class. The class, being held in the Dining Hall, is free to the public. If you have any questions please contact Camp.

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HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY (This will take the place of Run the Plank)

Join us on May 19, 2018 in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community as we participate to raise funds for our camp scholarship program. Hundreds of children and youth visit Camp Harmony every summer to experience nature and adventure, meaningful relationships, significant memories and spiritual transformation. Each summer camp provides scholarships for those needing financial assistance. Please consider helping us as a walker raising funds or a donor so more kids can come to Camp Harmony. More information will be coming.

CAMP HARMONY



SPRING FLING



COUNTRY WESTERN

MARCH 17, 2018



**HOWDY, PARTNER! MOSEY ON DOWN
TO CAMP HARMONY FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**

CHOW SERVED AT 5 PM

ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

\$15 PER PERSON



WEEKEND LODGING AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE YOUR STAY

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT
BY MARCH 12TH
814.798.5885**

**CAMP HARMONY.ORG
1414 PLANK ROAD
HOOVERSVILLE, PA 15936**



CAMP HARMONY



COMMUNITY
Lenten
SERVICE

March 18



Proceeds benefit the
ministry of Camp Harmony



Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:30 pm - \$10

(purchase ticket in advance thru Camp Harmony)

Lenten Service 6:45 - 8:00 pm - Free

Menu includes:

Baked/Fried Fish

Haluski/Mac 'N Cheese

Cole Slaw/Applesauce

Vegetable

Dessert

Ice cream sundaes
to follow Service

Come to one or
both events!

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CAMP HARMONY



Nut Roll Sale

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

Each 1-foot roll is \$10.00

Nut rolls will be made by camp staff and volunteers on March 26 & 27 (call to volunteer to help).
Camp staff will deliver to your church or you may pick them up at Camp on March 27 after 2 pm.

Nut rolls will be delivered to churches March 28 & 29, just in time for Easter!

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	# OF NUT ROLLS	Delivery or Pick-up

814-798-5885

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#spreadtheHarmony

Registration Includes

Meals

Friday Night

Pizza Party

Saturday

Brunch - 10:30am

Supper - 4:30pm

Snacks and Beverages

Lots of FUN!

Make and Takes

Generous Table Space

Door Prizes

Games

Goody Bag

On Site Shopping

with your favorite

Scrapbook Stores &

Stamping Companies

Crop Room will be open

Friday - 4:00 - Midnight

Saturday - 9:00am - 9:00pm

Lodging will be at Harmony Lodge

Please bring your own bedding and towels

Beds are full and twin size

General Information

April 13 & 14, 2018

Friday 4:00pm - Midnight

Saturday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Directions

Camp Harmony

1414 Plank Road

Hooversville, PA 15936

From Route 219

Take the PA 403 exit. Turn toward Hollsopple. Follow 403 South for approx. one-half mile. Merge RIGHT onto Route 601 South for approx. 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT onto Plank Road. Follow Plank Road for 3.2 miles winding around the dam to the Camp Harmony entrance on the RIGHT.

Once on the camp property, follow the road up to FAITH HALL. Pull up to the marked doors to unload before parking your vehicle in the lot.

- Registration Deadline is April 6, 2018
- No refunds will be given for cancellations after April 6, 2018
- No refunds for no-shows
- \$20 fee for returned checks



Camp Harmony &
Camp Harmony Croppers

Scrapbook Retreat



Friday April 13, 2018

4:00pm - Midnight

&

Saturday April 14, 2018

9:00am - 9:00pm



CAMP HARMONY

Hooversville, PA

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please list email for registration confirmation and updates on vendors and activities. We will not share it with anyone.)

Seat/Room me with: _____

Package Choice (circle one)

1	2	3	4
\$95	\$70	\$30	\$55

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks and Send Registration to:
Dorothy Gindlesperger
330 Miller Run Road
Hooversville, PA 15936

For questions, call or email:
814-701-1681

MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 6, 2018



What to Bring

- ✓ Cropping Supplies
- ✓ Spill proof cup or bottle
- ✓ Sweater or light jacket
- ✓ Small desk lamp

We do our best to provide electric to all who need it. Please bring a small extension cord if you plan on using electric.



Pricing

Package #1 \$95
Friday & Saturday with Lodging

Package #2 \$70
Friday & Saturday Local

Package #3 \$30
Friday Only

Package #4 \$55
Saturday Only

All registrations must be paid in advance.

No registrations will be accepted by phone.

Proceeds from this Crop are donated to Camp Harmony for program and facility needs. Thank you for your continued support of this Crop!

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BRING A NEW FRIEND!



CAMP HARMONY

Fourth Annual



**Indoor Craft
& Flea Market
Bazaar**

2018

Explore Local Crafters
Shop Popular Vendors
Discover Used Treasures

2018

Saturday, April 28 10am - 5pm

Sunday, April 29 1 - 5 pm

Concessions Available

**Proceeds benefit the
ministry of
Camp Harmony**



Call to reserve a table!

**\$50 Craft/Vendor
\$25 Flea Market**



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Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar Registration Form

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by April 13, 2018

Section you are registering for: Craft/Vendor____ Flea Market ____

Individual/Business Name: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Table Type (circle): Craft/Vendor Table/Direct Sales (\$50 per event) Flea Market (\$25)

Each registrant is provided with a 10'x10' area, one table, and two chairs.

Table Description (Items sold/offered, display requirements, etc.):

Will you need electricity? Yes____ No____

Special requests/needs:

I understand that this registration reserves my space and I commit to attending the event and providing the goods or services listed.

I agree to abide by all terms and conditions (listed in the confirmation letter you will receive) set forth by the venue in regards to conduct, set-up, tear-down, and payment. Camp Harmony is not responsible for any lost, broken, damaged, or stolen items.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

SELF-ALLOCATION GIVING						
2017 GIVING						
DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2017	DISTRICT		CAMP		HOME	
CONGREGATION	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving
ARBUTUS	0.00	310.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	200.00
BEACHDALE	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,515.00	0.00	200.00
BEAR RUN	0.00	400.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	50.00
BERKEY	3,300.00	3,300.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
BETHEL	100.00	100.00	400.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
BROTHERSVALLEY	250.00	350.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
CANAAN	420.00	420.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
CENTER	300.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
CENTER HILL	0.00	1,350.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
CONEMAUGH	500.00	125.00	300.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
CONNELLSVILLE	800.00	800.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
COUNTY LINE	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
ELBETHEL	10.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
ERIE COMMUNITY UNITED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAIRCHANCE	600.00	550.00	600.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
FAIRVIEW	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
FARMINGTON BETHEL	0.00	400.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
GEIGER	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	1,575.00	0.00	525.00
GOOD SAMARITAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GREENSBURG	3,000.00	7,500.00	800.00	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00
GREENVILLE	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,045.00
HOOVERSVILLE	600.00	600.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,230.00
HOSTETLER	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00
HYNDMAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIANA	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
LIGONIER	800.00	800.00	770.00	770.00	300.00	350.00
LOCUST GROVE	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,352.00	1,352.00	1,652.00	1,652.00
MAPLE GLEN	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAPLE GROVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAPLE SPRING	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,140.00
MEYERSDALE	2,500.00	1,875.00	3,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
MIDDLECREEK	0.00	504.00	0.00	578.00	0.00	0.00
MONROEVILLE	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	343.00	0.00	258.00
MONTGOMERY	0.00	755.99	0.00	590.38	0.00	498.58
MORRELLVILLE	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT JOY	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
MOUNT PLEASANT	0.00	1,050.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	320.00
MOXHAM	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	3,650.00	2,000.00	3,700.00
NANTY GLO	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	460.00
NATRONA HEIGHTS	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OAKDALE	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
PENN RUN	1,500.00	1,500.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
PIKE RUN	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLEASANT HILL	0.00	11,000.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	15,192.00
PLUMCREEK	2,800.00	2,800.00	700.00	650.00	500.00	1,360.23
PURCHASE LINE	4,728.00	4,728.00	5,076.00	5,076.00	1,524.00	1,524.00
RAYMAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SELF-ALLOCATION GIVING 2017 GIVING						
DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2017	DISTRICT		CAMP		HOME	
CONGREGATION	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving
ROBINSON	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
ROCKTON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROCKWOOD	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
ROXBURY	750.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
RUMMEL	3,000.00	2,250.00	2,500.00	1,875.00	2,500.00	1,935.00
SALISBURY	3,000.00	4,050.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
SCALP LEVEL	1,700.00	4,200.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
SHADE CREEK/RIDGE	200.00	200.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
SIPEVILLE	500.00	650.00	500.00	550.00	0.00	0.00
SOMERSET	3,357.00	4,201.27	2,310.00	2,891.68	2,310.00	2,891.70
TEN MILE	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TIRE HILL	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
UNION CHAPEL	0.00	1,005.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
UNIONTOWN	3,800.00	4,135.04	2,185.00	2,184.96	2,300.00	2,299.92
WALNUT GROVE	0.00	250.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
WAY OF HOPE	300.00	600.00	300.00	600.00	100.00	100.00
WESTMONT	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WINDBER	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	12,505.00	0.00	1,450.00
WOODDALE	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
TOTAL	61,240.00	100,984.30	43,293.00	71,331.02	30,671.00	60,596.43

Thank you to all congregations for your 2017 support of Western PA District Ministries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Any checks for 2017 received after January 5, 2018, will be posted in 2018.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

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

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2017/2018 had been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2017. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at www.brethren.org/stewardship. Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the *District Office* as of October 20. ***ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.*** The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don't hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-260	Morrellville					
37-420	Mount Joy				•	
37-430	Mount Pleasant					
37-270	Moxham					
37-440	Nanty Glo				•	•
37-450	Natrona Heights					•
37-460	Oakdale					
37-470	Penn Run					
37-475	Pike Run					
37-480	Pleasant Hill					
37-500	Plumcreek				•	•
37-505	Purchase Line					
37-508	Rayman					
37-510	Robinson				•	
37-520	Rockton					
37-530	Rockwood					
37-280	Roxbury				•	•
37-540	Rummel				•	•
37-550	Salisbury					•
37-560	Scalp Level					•
37-570	Shade Creek/Ridge					•
37-580	Sipesville				•	•
37-590	Somerset				•	•
37-620	Ten Mile					
37-630	Tire Hill				•	•
37-635	Union Chapel					
37-640	Uniontown					•
37-290	Walnut Grove					•
37-645	Way of Hope				•	•
37-300	Westmont					
37-650	Windber				•	
37-660	Wooddale					•

2018 District Events and Meetings

This calendar will be updated as we receive dates from your groups, please send your important dates to the District Office ASAP to insure they will be on the District Calendar. Thank you.

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

- District Events open for anyone in the District to attend - CAPS
- Meetings such as District Leadership Team, Camp Board, Home Trustees, and events beyond the District - small print
- Youth and Children's Activities - *ITALICS & CAPS*

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

- **KEEP FOR REFERENCE WHEN SETTING LOCAL CHURCH DATES.**
- Each month check this page in District HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep *your* calendar updated.

FEBRUARY 2018

- 2-4 - Jr & Sr. High Winter Retreat, 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday at Camp Harmony – Grades 7 - 12
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 12 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office (snow day Feb. 19)
- 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2018

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

APRIL 2018

- 1 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 7 - District Disaster Pancake Breakfast, Maple Spring COB
- 9 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13-14 - Spring Scrapbook Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 19 - DWM Spring Brunch, Greensburg COB
- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Spring Tea
- 22 - Tithing Sunday
- 28-29 - Craft, Flea Market Bazaar at Camp Harmony

MAY 2018

- 3 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 3 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 4-5 - DWM Spring Retreat, TBA
- 6 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 10 - ASCENSION DAY
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 14 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 13 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18-19 - Pastors' Retreat "Restored Power", Camp Harmony
- 20 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 28 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2018

- 3 - Annual Conference Briefing, Rummel COB, 3 pm
- 7 - DWM Camp Day, Camp Harmony
- 17 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2018

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 19 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 21-26 - NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Fort Collins, Colorado
- 27 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2018

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary
- 11 - DWM Summer Tea, TBA (alternate day Aug. 18)
- 12 - Stewardship Sunday
- 31 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Begins

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Concludes
- 3 - LABOR DAY
- 6 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon
- 10 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 13 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 22 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22-23 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony
- 29 - Honduras Mission Dinner, 5 pm, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2018

- 4 - DWM Brethren Home Day
- 7 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 20 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 - THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 4 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 12 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2018

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

PLEASE NOTE

Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. Your help is much appreciated!