

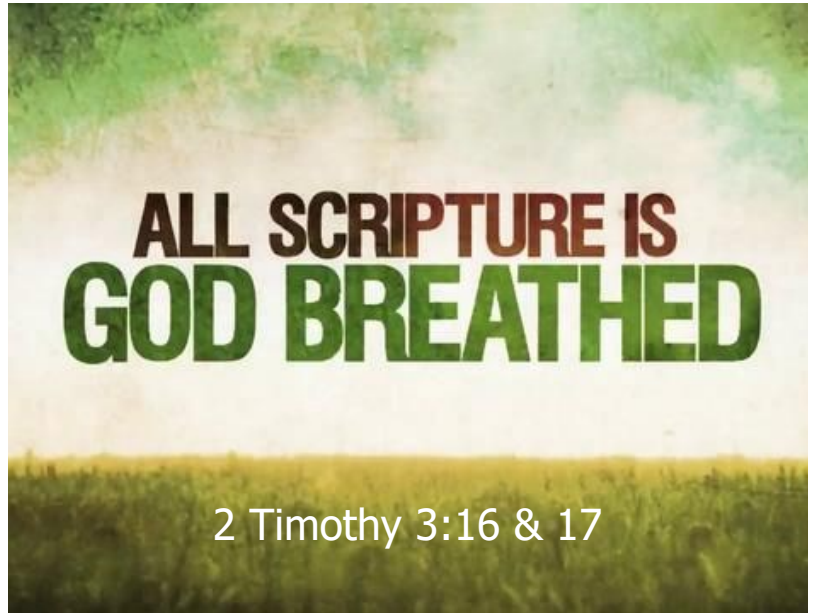
Western PA

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

February 2019 Vol. 19 No. 1

2019 Moderator's Message

As we come to the start of a new year and all of the Christmas decorations and trappings have been put away, we begin the hurried tasks of getting together information for our taxes, planning for bible studies and events in our churches, and making plans for what the remainder of the year may bring. It's also (and perhaps more importantly) a time for self-examination.



Sometimes, when things are going along so well, we tend to forget how much we really need and depend upon God. The prophet Elijah experienced something very similar to this. We read in I Kings 19 how, immediately following the defeat of the prophets of Baal, Queen Jezebel ordered Elijah's death. He immediately fled into the wilderness for fear of his life. His victory all of a sudden seemed hollow and he was really up against it. All of his life he had sought God and so now he was perplexed. We recall how God appeared to him in the form of a great wind that shattered the rocks and the mountains but God was not in that wind. Then a great earthquake came but God was not the earthquake. After that came fire but God was not in the fire. Immediately following that Elisha heard a very quiet wind and he found the voice of God in that wind.

So often, when we find ourselves in a bind we try to work things out ourselves. Instead we need to stop and take time to silence ourselves, to separate ourselves from the noise of this world and find ourselves. We must immerse ourselves in prayer and in God's Word. By evoking the power of the Holy Spirit into our lives we enhance our closeness with God and our faith-walk becomes even more complete.

May you all be blessed with a happy Christ-filled 2019!

Pastor John Stoner, District Moderator

District Office Notes

March 2019 Highlights Deadline

February 10, 2019

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

tlehman@brethren.org



2019 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2019 District Directory is in production at this time. **If your group or congregation has any changes or updates please send them to the District Office as soon as possible.**

Digital copies will be emailed as soon as the Directory is completed. Published copies will be mailed upon request. Corrections and additions will be posted in future Highlights.

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 **2019**, 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!



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www.westernpacob.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday
8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Secretary is in

Monday ~ Thursday
8:15 am to 3:15 pm
Friday's until Noon

*Voicemail and Email
checked daily*

District Church News

LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Calls

Martha Beach — Full Time Ligonier First
Abby Shaffer—Associate Pastor Rummel
Paul Hamilton—Part Time Westmont
Eric Yost—Interim Walnut Grove

HOSPITALIZED

- Continue to pray for **Carole Horner** and her ongoing recovery.
- Pray for **Pastor John Eash** as he was hospitalized in December and is home recovering.

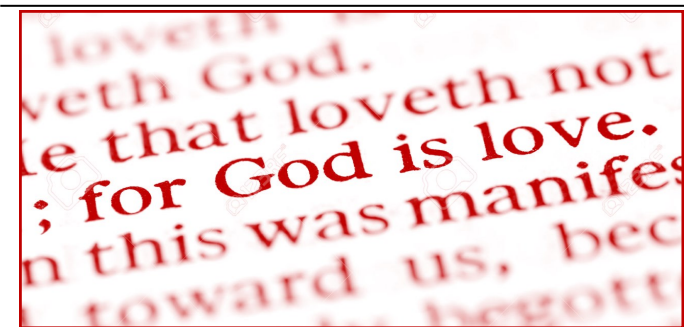
SYMPATHY

To **Pastor John Eash** and his family as they lost his brother Larry Eash in December.

NEW MEMBERS

Uniontown Congregation

- Jeffery Diamond



Blood Screening



Way of Hope Fellowship
Hollsopple Auction Barn

March 30, 2019
7:00 am to 9:00 am

Maple Spring COB

March 30, 2019
7:00 am to 10:00 am

Benefits the District
Disaster Team



Events at the Penn Run

Christian Outreach Center

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

PA Dutch Buffet

February 2, 2019
from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Quilt Retreat - 8 am to 8 pm

March 29 and 30, 2019
*Call the church office at 724-463-0420
for more information.

Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat

April 27, 2019- 8 am to 8 pm
Call Julie at 724-840-2704
for more information.

District Church News

A District Seminar:

**“The Effect of Pornography in the Church,
and How to Help Those Who Struggle with It”**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Camp Harmony
Registration 9:00 am
Learning Sessions 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

The Pastor and Parish Ministry Team of our District invites pastors and church members to share in this seminar as we seek to strengthen our understanding of the current epidemic of pornography as it effects the lives of Christians. Christians who use pornography can develop unbiblical and self –destructive ways of relating to others. They often withdraw from active involvement in marriage, family, and the life of the Church.

The Seminar will be led by Harvest USA. Harvest USA is a Christian ministry devoted to teaching a Biblical perspective on human sexuality and to counseling those who struggle in various ways with sexual sin and troubles. The goal of the seminar is to explain how the Church might take steps to help those who struggle with pornography use.

This seminar is open to all members of the church, not only pastors. Friends from other denominations are invited as well. Pastors and Ministers can receive CEU credits for sharing in this event. This seminar is completely free of charge. A lunch will be served and this too will be free of charge.

If you would like to attend, please call the District Office at 814-479-2181 by Monday, March 18, 2019 with a count of how many people will be coming from your church. This will help us give a count to Camp Harmony as to the number of lunches needed. For more information, please feel welcome to call District Minister Bill Wenger at the District Office.

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2019:

April 4, 2019 Spring Brunch @ Conemaugh COB
June 6, 2019 Camp Day
August 10, 2019 Tea @ Walnut Grove COB
September 13 & 14, 2019, Fall Retreat @ Camp
October 3, 2019 Fall Rally TBA

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*

Form A and Form B from Elgin

I have been getting a lot of questions about the Form A's and B's that come from Elgin each year. In November, I sent an email out with an attached letter from Jim Miner in the Yearbook Office. In it he said that they are changing the way that they collect this data.

They would like to reduce the number of forms and mailings down to one that is sent out early each year.

I haven't received any instructions as of the beginning of January but as this newsletter reaches you things may change. There will **not** be a Report Card listed in the Highlights until we figure this all out. And as always, I will email updates and mail information accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I will try to answer them as best as I can. Thanks for your patience!

Tina Lehman
District Office Secretary

District Church News



Rummel COB is in want of another set of children's hand bells (the small, brightly colored ones). If your church has a set they don't plan to use again, maybe we could talk. Please call Rummel at 814-467-5050 and leave a message with your name, church and phone number. Thank you!

LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL AND
WITH ALL YOUR
MIND AND WITH
ALL YOUR
STRENGTH.'

MARK 12:30



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

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

Other than the day trips to New Windsor all weeklong trips will be announced as the information becomes available.

2019 Schedule

THANK YOU

<u>Day Trips</u>	<u>Week Trips</u>
February 7	March 3—9
February 19	Carolina Project #1
April 4	
April 23	Mary 5—11
June 6	Project #2
June 25	
August 8	July 14—20
August 20	w/Mid. Project #1
October 10	
October 15	September 15—21
December 5	w/Mid. Project #2
	Oct. 27—Nov. 2
	Project #1
	December 8—14
	w/ANE Project #1

Denominational News

Go to www.brethren.org for the most complete and up-to-date news from the Church of the Brethren



National Older Adult Conference

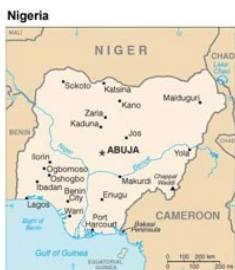
September 2—6, 2019

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

www.brethren.org/NOAC

Job Openings: If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html>



Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.

Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region.

Visit www.brethren.org for more information.



Annual Conference 2019

July 3—7, 2019

**Greensboro, NC
Sheraton/Koury Convention Center**

**Registration and Housing
open March 4, 2019**



Workcamps 2019

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.
2 Peter 1:5-8 The Message

Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention III

Congregational Care

Hello Pastors...

Enclosed here is information on a new series of continuing education opportunities that the Western PA District Pastor and Parish Team will be offering over the coming year. Let me tell you about them. But first, let's discuss a few things. It is all too common that what affects one person will usually affect a number of others, usually their families and close friends. How could it not? However, what do we do when the crisis now is so monumental that it is having a large impact upon the entire congregation, not just one or two people or even a family?

That is why I am sending this to you and trust that you will take a moment to read this carefully. I have found over the last 27 years that many pastors, deacons and counselors truly struggle with what to say or do for people they are helping when the disaster strikes. This is why I urge you to read further and why we are offering this series of continuing education opportunities.

Over the course of this year, we will offer parts three and four of our four-part series on Pastoral Crisis Intervention. These one-day courses will begin with the most basic of skills needed by pastors to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in their care and will build upon the previous trainings as we make our way through the series.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention III

This course will begin immediately where **Intervention II** ends and will be building upon those basic skills. This training will now move the pastor into utilizing those skills within the larger context of the Congregational and Large Group setting. This course will explore:

- Vocabulary and Congregational/Group Dynamics during Crises
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Understanding Large Group Dynamics
- Congregational/Group Interventional Practice

Whether you are new to Pastoral Care or would enjoy refreshing those skills with new methods and skills, please consider attending these events. We will be offering these events on two dates to accommodate persons working. **Pastoral Crisis Intervention I and II** are not prerequisites.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention III

March 09, 2019

Dale Leverknight, Instructor

Rummel Church of the Brethren, Windber, Penna.

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is February 25, 2019

Course will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 **and includes your** 0.5 ceu's from SVMC, workbook, a continental breakfast and a hot lunch

and again on...

March 21, 2019

Greensburg Church of the Brethren, Greensburg, PA

(all other information is the same)

For further information or to ask any questions, please feel free to call Dale Leverknight at the Montgomery Church of the Brethren at 724-254-9720, 814-541-3684 or email us at pastor@montgomerycob.com.

Detach and mail your \$10.00 check or money order made out to "SVMC"

To: Dale Leverknight
Montgomery Church of the Brethren
5227 Purchase Line Road
Commodore, Penna. 15729

Pastoral Crisis Intervention III

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Continuing EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part I

Saturday, March 30, 2019

9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA 17241

Presenter: Dale Leverknight

Dale Leverknight currently serves as pastor of the Montgomery Church of the Brethren in Western PA. He draws on years of experience in pastoral care, counseling, and emergency services. He has a BS degree in Biblical Studies/Theology and an MA in Christian Counseling, both from Eastern Mennonite University.

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention is a series of four sessions (March 30 and October 26, 2019, and two TBA in 2020), which will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. The sessions will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors. While the sessions build upon one another, you will gain valuable information even if you can attend only one session. **NOTE: This registration form is ONLY for Part I on March 30, 2019. The remaining 3 sessions will require separate registration at a later time. The cost, below, is for one session on March 30.**

- Topics to Be Covered:
- Vocabulary and Concept of Crisis
 - Listening Skills
 - Biblical Foundations of Emotional/Spiritual Care
 - Human Reactions to Crises
 - What is Trauma
 - What Do I Do and Not Do
 - Understanding the Effects of Crises on Individuals and the Family System

Please check ☒ your option:

Registration due by March 15, 2019: ☐ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and .5 CEUs)
☐ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

REGISTRATION FORM – Please register by March 15, 2019. Thank you.

<p>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention-March 30" Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center</p> <p>One Alpha Drive Elizabethtown, PA 17022</p> <p>Questions: Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or svmc@etown.edu. Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p>
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Brethren Prayer & Worship Summit "PRAYING FOR THE VISION"

*A special prayer gathering to undergird the
COMPELLING VISION process
in the Church of the Brethren*

It has been determined that the Church of the Brethren shall turn its attention to the framing of a COMPELLING VISION. To undergird this multiyear process, a special prayer gathering has been planned for March 29 & 30, 2019 in Harrisonburg, Va., at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. This event follows the Prayer and Worship Summit held earlier in 2018 at the same place that called us to prayer for the future of the denomination and attended by about 400 Brethren.

The 2019 Prayer and Worship Summit "PRAYING FOR THE VISION" is an opportunity for Brethren to unite, to earnestly seek God's direction and for the Holy Spirit to guide us in becoming the church we are meant to be for this age and into the future. This Prayer Summit is not for doing any business. We will not be putting any pieces of the COMPELLING VISION together. We will be addressing the spiritual dynamics that are necessary in seeking the mind of God for this process.

The speakers and prayer time will focus on "Vision Lost," "Vision Recaptured" and "Vision Launched." The answer in getting all this right is to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! We need the praying hearts and praying hands of many Brethren from all across our land to open up our lives in a new way to hear from Heaven and be guided by God's Word.

When the New Testament church was born on the Day of Pentecost, the prophecy of Joel was proclaimed that in the last days your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. Now is the time to claim this challenge anew. So, come one, come all! Come young, come old! Come to pray. Come to see visions! Come to dream dreams! Let's experience a fresh touch of Pentecost among us for the Glory of God!

*"Where there is no vision,
the people perish." Proverbs 29:18a*

Schedule of Events

Friday:

4 p.m. Registration Opens

6 p.m. Friday Evening Session

Saturday:

8 a.m. Late Registration

9 a.m. Saturday Morning Session

11:30 - 1 p.m. Lunch Break (provided)

1 p.m. Afternoon Session

Donations

The Brethren Revival Fellowship has agreed to be the channel by which contributions can be given to support the BRETHREN PRAYER SUMMIT. Please write checks to BRF and put PRAYER SUMMIT on the memo line in order to receive a charitable receipt. These monies will be kept separate from other BRF monies and be used to cover the PRAYER SUMMIT expenses.

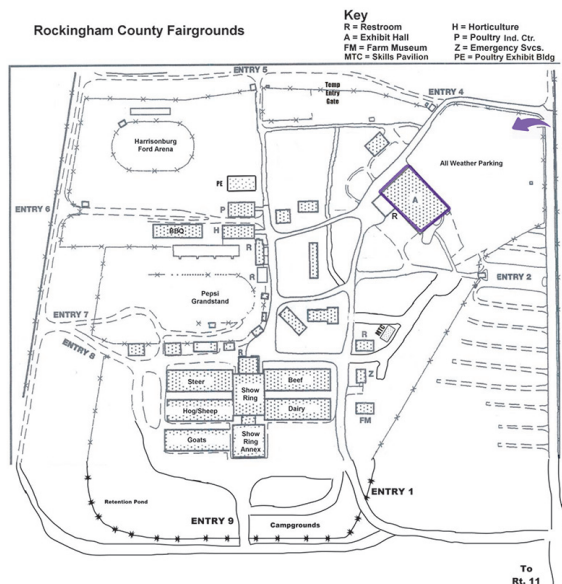
Mail checks to BRF's Treasurer

Carl Brubaker

1425 Furnace Hills Pike

Lititz, PA 17543

All activities will be held in the Exhibit Hall
at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds
4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801



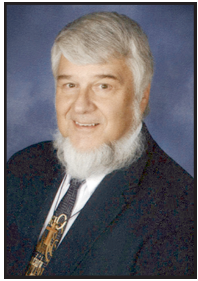
2019

Brethren Prayer & Worship Summit

"Praying for the Vision"

March 29-30, 2019
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
Harrisonburg, Va.
brethrenprayersummit.com

Keynote Speakers



Larry M. Dentler

Larry has been a Church of the Brethren minister for 46 years, currently serving the Bermudian congregation near York, Pa. His ministry experience also includes hospital chaplaincy, new church development projects in three states, Brethren heritage and Christian education ministry. He has authored several books and has served on the district and national levels for the Church of the Brethren for many years. He is an instructor in the ACTS training program for licensed ministers administered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. He has preached revival services through his ministry, Cross & Foot Tub Ministries, in over 50 congregations in 11 different states. He and his wife Cathy have two sons and five grandchildren.

Michaela Alphonse

Michaela is a member and pastor at Miami First Church of the Brethren in Miami, Florida. She was a Global Missions volunteer serving in Haiti. She and her husband, Ilexene Alphonse, work together to support New Covenant School of St. Louis Du Nord (Haiti). She loves to sing, dance and work with children. Michaela is a happy mother to her daughter Julie and a proud big sister to her three brothers, Michael, Matthew and Marcus.



Program Sessions

Friday Evening

Registration opens at 4:00 p.m. with light refreshments. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Gathering music will start at 5:45 provided by the Locust Grove COB Praise Team (Mid Atlantic). They will also provide special music for the evening.

John Jantzi, District Executive for Shenandoah District, will have a welcome and opening devotion.

The theme for this session will be "Vision Lost" with Larry Dentler giving the message. Following the message there will be time for worship and prayer — lots of prayer.

Robert Kettering will be the song leader for the entire event leading the congregational singing.

Saturday Morning

Late registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. A light continental breakfast will be available.

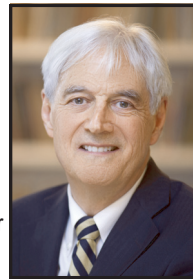


Donita Keister

Donita is a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, having grown up in the Chiques COB near Manheim, Pa. and Mt. Olivet COB near Newport, Pa. She spent a year with BVS, serving in Jackson, Miss. with Voice of Calvary Ministries and later received degrees from Harrisburg Area Community College. She is married to Brian Keister and they farm full-time near Mifflinburg, Pa. They have five daughters, four sons-in-law and three grandsons. They serve the Buffalo Valley COB in various capacities. Donita was ordained in 2016 and currently serves full-time as Associate Pastor for Children and Pastoral Care. Donita is the 2019 Annual Conference Moderator.

Paul Munday

Paul has been a pastor, church administrator, writer, speaker, workshop leader, consultant and teacher for more than 40 years. He is the current Moderator-Elect of the Church of the Brethren. In June 2016, he completed a 20-year tenure at the Frederick (Md.) Church of the Brethren. He was previously a staff member for the national ministry of the COB, serving as director of evangelism and congregational growth and staff for Korean ministry. Paul earned an M.Div. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and a D.Min. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is married to Robin Risser and they have two children, Peter and Sarah, and one grandson, John Dorsey. Paul is the 2020 Annual Conference Moderator-elect.



The special music and gathering music for the day will be provided by the Mill Creek COB Praise Team (Shenandoah). They will begin at 8:45 a.m.

The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. The theme for this session is "Vision Recaptured" led by Donita Keister, Moderator and Michaela Alphonse. Again, there will be time for worship and prayer during their message.

Lunch will be provided at no cost from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon

Gathering music will begin at 12:45 p.m. provided again by the Mill Creek Praise Team.

The theme for the afternoon session is "Vision Launched" with the message provided by our Moderator Elect, Paul Munday. Following his message there will be more time for worship and prayer.

In addition to all this, devotions during the sessions will be provided by Libia Gutierrez (Southeast), Craig Alan Myers (Northern Indiana), and Jim Myer (Atlantic Northeast)

Brethren Prayer and Worship Summit REGISTRATION

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Church _____

District _____

Session(s): ☐ Friday Only
☐ Saturday Only
☐ Friday & Saturday

There is no registration fee, but space is limited so please register early.

If registering by mail, send to:
Scott Kinnick
P.O. Box 252
Johnson City, TN 37605
For info call him at 423-557-9965

***Register online at
brethrenprayersummit.com***

GROUP RATE ACCOMMODATIONS:
Hampton Inn South 540-437-0090
The Village Inn 540-434-7355
Microtel Harrisonburg 540-437-3777
RV camping available at the fairgrounds
540-434-0005

Be sure to reference the event
to receive the group rate.



GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

E-news of the Global Food Initiative

www.brethren.org/gfi

WINTER 2018



Ohio: Potsdam Community Garden Celebration

In August, the Potsdam (Ohio) Church of the Brethren held its second annual Corn Fest. Pastor Carl Hill reports that over 100 people attended, many who were not church members. The festival included live music. Fresh produce from the church's community garden was served. The GFI has provided two \$1,000 grants to support this effort.

Church of
the Brethren
1451 Dundee Ave.
Elgin, IL 60120

800 323-8039,
ext. 332.

Jeff Boshart,
Editor

Haiti: Beans, Fish and Coffee

A collaboration between Eglise des Freres d' Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti), Foods Resource Bank and the GFI is only in its first year but beginning to bear fruit. Staff for Eglise des Freres are busy installing fish ponds, tree nurseries, distributing goats for a "passing on the gift" style animal project, and much more. This program is underway in 10 communities, with 25 farmers in each community. The focus is on soil conservation and income generation.



Burundi: Farming God's Way

A grant totaling \$8,944 was given to Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS) for its work teaching farming to members of the Batwa tribe in Burundi. The GFI has provided grants for the past 3 years to this project. THARS director, Dr. David Niyonzima, reports impressive yields using a technique called Farming God's Way (FGW). Using mulch, compost, and proper spacing of seeds at planting, farmers are reporting harvests of up to 10 times the harvest using traditional farming methods. FGW encourages care for creation through Bible-based teachings on stewardship. To date, THARS has trained approximately 100 farmers in its Farmer Field School for Sustainable Development activities. Each farmer is encouraged to share knowledge with neighbors, so when family members and neighbors are included, THARS estimates that over 3,000 people have been positively impacted through this project to date.

Ecuador: New Grant

The GFI recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to Fundacion Brethren y Unida (FBU) in Ecuador. Funds will be used to support FBU's Indigenous Food Crops project, and will go for the purchase of seed, vegetable seedlings, and organic fertilizer. Community trainings, and "ferrias" or farmers' markets, will be organized in 5 communities. The project will seek to engage young adults ages 25-35 to encourage them to remain on family farms. FBU is part of a national alliance in Ecuador to promote healthy food and is actively involved in the Slow Food movement.



This follows a grant of \$3,000 given to FBU in 2017. A report from FBU shows that they were able to exceed their expectations for the year. FBU staff organized 8 workshops for 400 participants in 4 communities. Together, staff and participants established 9 demonstration gardens and planted 1850 trees.

The Church of the Brethren was involved in the founding of FBU in 1953, and works in the Tabacundo section, about 41 kilometers from Quito. GFI manager, Jeff Boshart, has been invited to serve as a member of FBU's board of directors as a way of reestablishing ties between the Church of the Brethren and FBU.



Virginia: World Hunger Auction

On August 11, 2018, over 100 people gathered at the Antioch (Va.) Church of the Brethren to open their hearts and wallets to assist people in need both locally and internationally. This year marked the 35th anniversary of the event. Along with the auction, other activities are held throughout the year. The total raised this year was more than \$31,000. Funds are shared with Heifer International, the Global Food Initiative (GFI) as well as local organizations.

Nigeria Soy Consultation or U of IL SIL update

In September, GFI manager Jeff Boshart traveled to Nigeria accompanied by Dr. Dennis Thompson of the University of Illinois, and Dr. Steven Petcher of Petcher Seed Company, Fruitdale, Alabama. The delegation was hosted by the Soybean Value Chain Team, that is made up of agricultural professionals who are all members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria. This team is made up primarily of volunteers who have been working with farmers in the promotion of soybeans as a cash crop, as well as for household consumption. The project is funded primarily through a \$25,000 allocation from the Nigeria Crisis Fund of the Church of the Brethren with staff support from the GFI. During this week-long consultation, the team was able to visit farmers to hear testimonies of the value of this project. Rains have been good this year and the harvest looks to be exceptional. One farmer from the town of Golantabal sold his crop from last season and exclaimed, "I enjoyed the money I received from the sale of my soybeans very much!" The president of a women's cooperative near Abuja shared that the cooperative has added both members and acreage this year as growing soybeans is profitable. The cooperative is planning to start a business selling processed soy foods.





CAMP HARMONY

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

E-mail: harmony@campharmony.org
<http://www.campharmony.org>
(814) 798-5885 FAX: (814) 798-2225

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

2019 "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 2018 team totals 45 families and groups donating \$4,500. The 2019 team is now open. Thank you for your contributions

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LOOKING AHEAD - see attached flyers

Junior Winter Retreat (Grades 2 – 6) – January 25-27

Teen Winter Retreat (Grades 7 – 12) – February 1 – 3

Indoor Climbing Wall – January – 25, February - 8, 15, March - 8, 15, 22, 29

Winter Jam – February 15

Hoss's Fundraiser – Richland Township, March 10

Indoor Craft and Flea Market – Saturday, April 27

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VOLUNTEERS

A very special thank you is extended to our many volunteers who have been working at Camp. They have been very busy working in the programming, on construction, in the kitchen, during our festivals and banquets, and with our summer feeding program. Camp couldn't operate without your help. Thank you so much. If you are sitting at home wondering what to do worthwhile with your life – contact Camp. We have a place for you.....

Keep Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 1:00 PM open. At that time Camp will be honoring all your hard work at a volunteer Thank You Luncheon. See you then.

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Information from Camp....

I felt that everyone needs to know the following information. The Camp Board is hard at work interviewing for the Executive Director position. It takes time and the Lord is at work in this whole process. In the meantime, I am volunteering 20 hours a week and the staff is very competent at their positions. My day off is Wednesday and the other four days of the week I try to keep to 5 hours each day. Please don't hesitate to drop by Camp and visit or volunteer.

Since Camp has grown so much and there have been so many changes, the Camp Board has decided to turn the entire accounting over to Wessel and Company. You won't notice any changes, but this will make the bookkeeping easier. Remember your Camp always has an open door policy. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Janice Kaltenbaugh

OPEN INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING **at Camp Harmony**



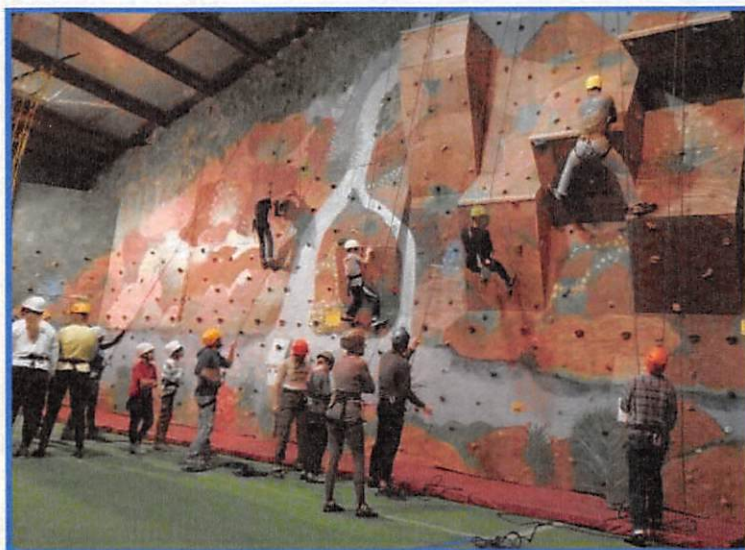
DECEMBER 28

JANUARY 11, 25

FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29

5-8 PM EACH NIGHT



**\$10 PER PERSON
PER NIGHT**

**HELMET & HARNESS REQUIRED
RENTALS AVAILABLE - \$2 EACH**

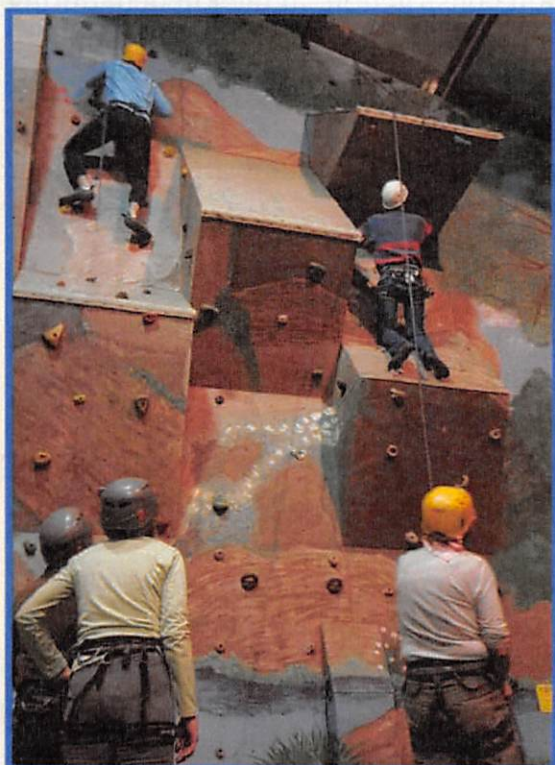
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

**TRAINED STAFF AVAILABLE TO
HELP WITH BELAYING & CLIMBING**



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JUNIOR WINTER CAMP - GRADES 2-6

JANUARY 25-27



TEEN WINTER CAMP - GRADES 7-12

FEBRUARY 1-3



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**CAMP HARMONY
WINTER
CAMPS**



2019

WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME: _____

GENDER: __M__F BIRTHDATE: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) NAMES: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME @ CAMP HARMONY? ___Yes___No

WHICH RETREAT ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR?

JUNIOR (GRADES 2-6)

TEEN (GRADES 7-12)

☐ JANUARY 25-27

☐ FEBRUARY 1-3

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

CHURCH NAME: _____

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

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (REQUIRED; PASTOR OR CAMP REP)

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

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

ABOUT THE WEEKEND RETREATS

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



REGISTRATION: FRIDAY EVENING 7-8 PM

PICK UP: SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2 PM

COST: \$100 PER CAMPER

HOW TO REGISTER

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



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



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

THINGS TO BRING

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

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?
814.798.5885

PROGRAM@CAMPHARMONY.ORG



CAMP HARMONY

invites you to

WINTER JAM



Pittsburgh, February 15th

Cost: \$30

(\$15 for Transportation, Supervision & Bag Lunch; \$15 for the Show)

Grades 7 thru Adult

Departing at noon and returning around midnight from
Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Road Hollsopple, PA 15935

Limited Seating Available

Individuals are encouraged to register; Groups with 5 or more youth must provide at least 1 advisor with clean background clearances

School release permission slip template available at our website

Registration and payment must be received by February 11

Register online at

www.campharmony.org/winterjam

Sunday March 10, 2019 – All Day Fundraiser Hoss's in Richland Township



Dear Friend of Camp Harmony:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 3/10/2019 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Harmony.

Print and present this flyer on 3/10/2019 at Hoss's in Richland Township and they will donate 20%* or 25% of your total check paid to Camp Harmony.**

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

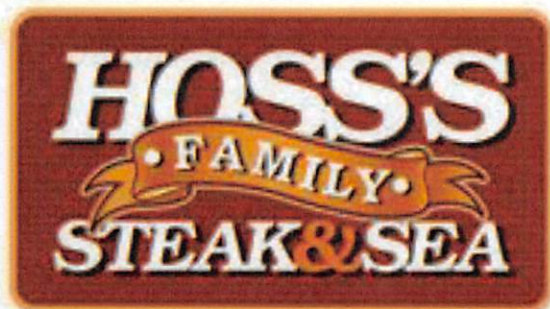
This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Group #109050

Please print and present this email when ordering.





CAMP HARMONY



Fifth Annual

Indoor Craft & Flea Market

2019 Bazaar 2019

Saturday, April 27 9am - 5pm

Concessions Available



Reserve a table!
(registration on back)

\$50 Craft/Vendor
\$25 Flea Market

Explore Local Crafters
Shop Popular Vendors
Discover Treasures



Proceeds benefit the ministry
of Camp Harmony

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Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar Registration Form

April 27, 2019 9 am – 5 pm

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by April 12, 2019

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 understand that limited Wi-Fi may be available for checkout purposes only.

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

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – February 2019

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
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
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 -814 243-0534
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448
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
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. – 110 Windy Ridge Lane, Apt. 3., Shelocta, 15774 – 724-354-6026
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
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
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549

LAY SPEAKER

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

2019 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 2019

- 1-3 - Teen Winter Camp, 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday at Camp Harmony – Grades 7 - 12
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 8 - Pastors Tax Seminar, District Office
- 11 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office (Alternate date Feb. 18)
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA

MARCH 2019

- 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 10 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** (Turn clocks *AHEAD* one hour)
- 10 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 10 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 17 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 24 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 30 - Pancake breakfast benefiting District Disaster Team, 7 am – 10 am, Maple Spring
- 31 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2019

- 4 - DWM Spring Brunch at Conemaugh COB
- 6 - Ethics Training, Maple Spring COB
- 7 - Ethics Training, Greensburg COB
- 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 7 - Tithing Sunday
- 8 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13 - SVMC class, District Office
- 14 - PALM SUNDAY
- 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 19 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 21 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 22 - Earth Day
- 27 - SVMC Class District Office

MAY 2019

- 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 - Pastors Prayer Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 5 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 27 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 30 - ASCENSION DAY

JUNE 2019

- 1 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3 pm, Joyful Fellowship
- 6 - DWM Camp Day at Camp Harmony
- 9 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 16 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2019

- 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Greensboro, NC
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Greensboro, NC
- 15 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 18 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 26 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., TBA (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2019

- 10 - DWM Tea at Walnut Grove
- 18 - Stewardship Sunday
- 19 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2 - LABOR DAY
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 13 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 20-21 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2019

- 3 - DWM Fall Rally, TBA
- 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 19 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2019

- 2 - FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 3 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 11 am, District Office
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2019

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 14 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY* – Camp Harmony – *more information to come*
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 22 - 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!