

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

February 2020

Cheryl Marszalek  
2020 District Moderator

## MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Happy New Year!!

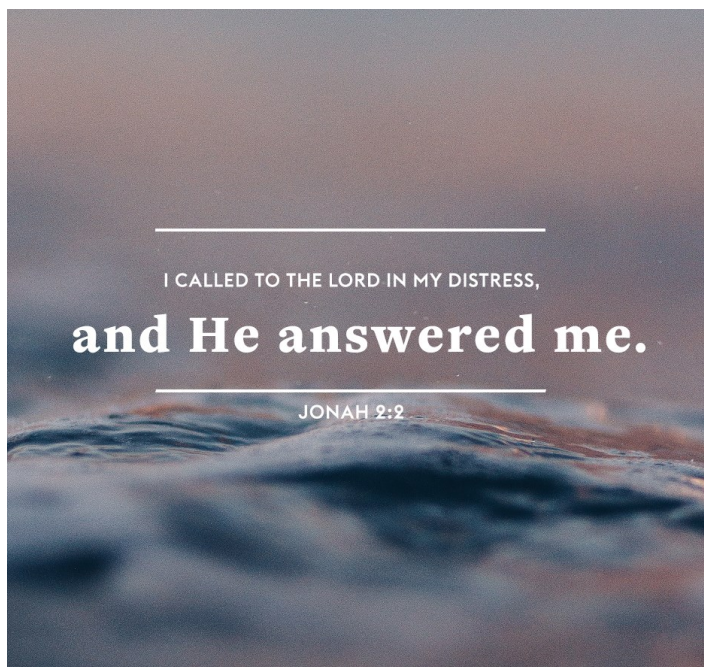
As the hustle and bustle of the holidays has come to end. The long days of winter are upon us.

Isaiah 66:22-23 "For as new heavens and the new earth, which I will make shall remain before me, says the Lord; so shall your descendants and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord."

New, wow!! How can I imagine such a thing? All shall worship. An active and a participation involved process. How active are you? I don't mean are you working on that exercise program. I mean are you actively seeking God and Jesus? Do you call on the Holy Spirit into your life?

Actively working on renewal and revitalization in your life is like exercise. If you don't have a workout routine to keep you focused, you can lose sight of your goals. Our goal should always be striving to part of the kingdom of God. This is what I have been praying for. I had asked for help and it is being provided between an intentional call of pastors out of our congregations. How can we renew if we do not raise up new leaders for the growth in our congregations?

As much as that piece of chocolate cake is tempting, it's okay to eat that, just not the entire cake. But when we get lazy about our prayer life. "Oh, God knows what is in my heart. Why do I have to take time to pray?" Prayer is that deliberate time to be with the one who gave you the ultimate sacrifice, his son.



So, when we come together to worship as a congregation, we are doing what we were instructed. Just as Jesus told us we needed to pray and thank the Father.

Winter-tide Blessings to the Western PA District!

*Cheryl Marszalek is the Associate Pastor at the Uniontown COB.*

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for the **MARCH 2020** issue is

**February 10, 2020**

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

## DISTRICT STAFF:

William Wenger, District Executive

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

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Hollsopple, PA 15935

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## 2020 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The **2020** District Directory will be completed by the middle of February. At that time, PDF copies will be emailed to the church contacts.

Corrections and additions will be posted on this page in future issues.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

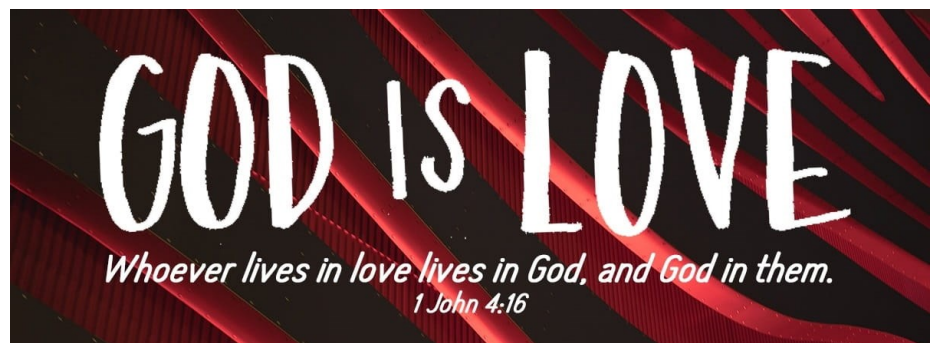
## REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation has a new directory for **2020**, or even a 2019 copy, please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935

Thank you!

The next **District Leadership Team** meeting will be held on **February 15, 2020** at the Tire Hill COB



# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## LEADERSHIP

### Pastors

Brad Griesheimer—Walnut Grove

### Ordained

Paul Hamilton

## GET WELL SOON

To **Pastor Chuck Mahon**, who is recovering from knee surgery

To **Pastor Royden Airesman**, who is recovering from a mild stroke and surgery

## NEW MEMBERS

### Roxbury Congregation

John Geisel  
Judy Geisel  
David Hoyman

### Tire Hill Congregation

Gary Green  
Megan Armstrong  
David Robert Micik  
Michael Peifer

## DEACON TRAINING

Pastor and Parish Ministry Team will be presenting a **Deacon Training** at the Tire Hill COB on **February 23, 2020** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There are two books available for deacons, the first is called Calling the second is called Caring. They are \$16.99 each or \$33.98 for the set. The Internet price is \$28.00 for the set. Please contact Cheryl Marszalek if you would like to purchase these books.

The training will cover not only the Ordinances such as Communion, but also things such as visitation, and being present. Each church is unique in their heritage, so there will also be an open conversation regarding how deacons in their churches do various ministries. Some deacons are new and need a guide.

It is important for deacons to attend this training to uplift the caring and nurturing of our congregations. Please RSVP by February 17, 2020 to Cheryl Marszalek at 412-551-6422 if you would like to attend.

## DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

**February 17, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**March 16, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**April 16, 2020** Spring Brunch @ Mount Joy COB

**May 18, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**July 20, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**September 21, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**November 16, 2020** meeting @ District Office

*Mark your calendars,  
more information to follow!*

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## PRAYER GATHERING

The Spiritual Formation Team will be hosting a Johnstown Area Sub-District Prayer Gathering on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the Pleasant Hill COB.

Please join us for an time of prayer and reflection for our churches, our District, and our world.

This gathering is open to everyone in the District, not just the Johnstown area.



Join the Rummel COB as we experience the wonder and sweeping drama of the biblical account of Queen Esther at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania!

**Friday, March 20, 2020**  
**Adults: \$137 / Kids 3-12: \$95**

**Call Michele Bauer @ 814-341-2696**

**Includes: Motor Coach Transport, Sight & Sound Ticket, Bird-in-Hand Buffet Lunch.**

*(Also a cushion – if all goes well, you'll receive a rebate.)*

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

### PA Dutch Buffet

Saturday, February 1, 2020

From 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

Call the church office at 724-463-0420 for Information.

## COFFEEHOUSE AT INDIANA COB

First Friday of every month from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm. Open mic. Great music, food, and fellowship. Everyone welcome!



It's not too early to be thinking about baseball!

The **Altoona Curve** will be hosting 2 Faith Nights this summer

**June 21, 2020 and August 16, 2020**

If your church is interested, please visit [www.altoonacurve.com](http://www.altoonacurve.com) for more information.

If your church has an AWANA Club program or is interested in starting one,

the **Locust Grove COB** has various new AWANA Club Items for free. Please call 814-539-6826.



They also have an AWANA Mat for sale, \$500.00 or negotiable.



# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

### We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or [hjewald@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net)

#### 2020 Schedule

##### Day Trips

2/14/2020  
2/25/2020  
4/16/2020  
4/28/2020  
5/28/2020  
6/9/2020  
8/13/2020  
10/6/2020  
10/29/2020  
11/17/2020  
12/3/2020

##### Week Trips

3/8—14/2020  
half Project #2 M/At.  
5/10—16/2020 full Project #2  
7/12—18/2020 full Project #1  
9/13—19/2020  
half Project #1 M/At.  
11/8—14/2020 full Project #2  
12/13—19/2020 full Project #2

## EL NINO DE HOGAR SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

**Please note**, the shoes collected **DO NOT** go directly to the Honduras Orphanage. The shoes go to Funds2orgs, which turns collected shoes into cash. This money is then given to the Orphanage for their needs. The shoes you collect also serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity, rather than just a hand-out. Micro-entrepreneurs set up small businesses. They sell the shoes you gather in their communities, which creates business and commerce opportunities leading to sustainability.

To participate, simply collect gently worn shoes, boots, slippers, or sandals at your church.

Bring them to the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue, Jerome PA, 15937 on **Monday, March 16, 2020**

We will sort, count, and pack them for the next shipment.

*(Anyone unable to deliver shoes on those dates, may still drop shoes off at the district office.)*

**There were 1,725 pairs of shoes bundled in January 2020. Keep up the great work!**

Questions may be directed to:  
Marie Camut at 814-266-3010,  
Brianna Baker, or the District Office.

When collecting all of the school and health kits, please put them into boxes and **not** bags. This makes it so much easier for shipping.  
Thanks from the District Disaster Team

**please note**



## FROM "NEWSLINE" JANUARY 8, 2020

### Faith Statement on Escalating Violence with Iran

The Church of the Brethren is one of the denominations that have signed a statement on escalating tensions with Iran. The statement was issued January 3, 2020. It says, in part:

"As people of faith, we condemn the United States' dangerous aggression towards Iran, including the assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani and the deployment of additional troops to the region. We urge the Administration to step back from the brink of war. Our faith communities see the futility of war, and its power to dehumanize. We know that human flourishing entails breaking cycles of violence, being courageous peacemakers, and focusing on the root causes of conflict. Violent conflict is a path of mutual destruction. Instead, all actors must move forward in a way that upholds our shared, sacred human dignity."

Find the full statement at [www.brethren.org/news/2020/church-signs-faith-statement.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2020/church-signs-faith-statement.html).

### Global Mission and Service is calling for prayer for

**Pastor Lawan Andimi**, a district leader in Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) who has been abducted by a faction of Boko Haram. "Please pray for our brother in Nigeria," said the request. Andimi was abducted from the town of Michika in Adamawa State in northeast Nigeria. A release from Christian Solidarity Worldwide, published by "The Nigerian Voice" reported that Andimi also chairs the Christian Association of Nigeria in Adamawa State, and that he was declared missing following a raid on Michika on January 3, 2020. A video of Andimi speaking in English and Hausa has been released by his captors, in which he expresses his faith in God. Find the article at [www.thenigerianvoice.com/news/284166/nigeria-abducted-chairman-of-christian-association-of-niger.html](http://www.thenigerianvoice.com/news/284166/nigeria-abducted-chairman-of-christian-association-of-niger.html).

### Brethren Disaster Ministries and district leaders report from Puerto Rico following earthquakes

Brethren Disaster Ministries staff and church leaders in Puerto Rico have reported in following a series of large earthquakes. The denomination's disaster ministry is working in Puerto Rico doing hurricane repair and rebuilding, in collaboration with Puerto Rico District of the Church of the Brethren.

Jenn Dorsch-Messler, director of Brethren Disaster Ministries, reported following telephone calls and email exchanges with district executive José Calleja and district disaster coordinator José Acevedo as well as Brethren Disaster Ministries long-term volunteer Carrie Miller.

"We are ok, so far. Keep praying for us," said Calleja. "Our churches are good and our pastors are okay. I have activated a district fasting and prayer chain for our island starting on January 13 thru February the 2nd.

At this time, no serious damage to buildings and no injuries or deaths are reported among Church of the Brethren members and congregations in Puerto Rico. Despite communication difficulties, the district is working to get status updates from all of the churches and members.

The main effect of the earthquakes was in the southwest and west of the island although the earthquakes were felt strongly throughout Puerto Rico, reported Dorsch-Messler. In the northern areas, houses that were old and not well made were affected. People living on the coast were worried about the possibility of a tsunami although authorities said there was no risk of one.

"We are getting many reports from other denominations of churches that are damaged and specifically more widespread is the PTSD that losing power and water and being in shelters has brought on for so many Hurricane Maria survivors," said Dorsch-Messler.

Brethren Disaster Ministries is calling for prayer for all affected by the earthquakes, those who are nervous to go back into buildings for fear of further shocks, with special concern for those living in some of the poorer areas that were affected.



## Workcamp locations for summer 2020 include Rwanda

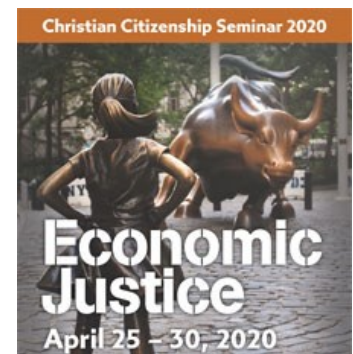
"We are so excited to bring you the locations for workcamps summer 2020!" said an announcement from the Church of the Brethren Workcamp Ministry. The announcement urged Brethren of all ages to "explore the possibilities of service." "Voices for Peace" (Romans 15:1-6) is the theme. In a new venture, Rwanda is the location for a workcamp for ages 18-plus on May 28-June 8.

Read more at [www.brethren.org/news/2019/workcamp-locations-include-rwanda.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2019/workcamp-locations-include-rwanda.html)

## Christian Citizenship Seminar

**April 25-30, 2020, New York City and Washington DC**

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue. This year's Christian Citizenship Seminar will focus on pursuing economic justice.



## National Young Adult Conference 2020

**May 22-25, 2020**

**Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina**

National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults!

**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](http://www.brethren.org) for more information.

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067  
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 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  
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227  
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  
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404  
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549  
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  
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  
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

## LAY SPEAKER

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



Press Release – Corrected

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kelleyrachelj@gmail.com

## MODERATOR'S FORUM SLATED FOR APRIL 18, 2020

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ELGIN, IL – Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday has announced that he will be hosting a Moderator's Forum this spring. The event will take place at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA. The date is April 18, 2020 from 1-9 p.m.

The forum's focus is "Historical Themes Impacting Today's Church." It will feature leading Brethren historians who will address a variety of historical themes impacting present-day congregations, districts, and national structures. Particular attention will be given to Brethren history and themes relevant to the current reality of Brethren communions, with special emphasis on the Church of the Brethren.

Themes to be addressed include accountability, compelling vision, division, forbearance, and nationalism.

Historians participating include Jeff Bach, Director, Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Elizabethtown College; William Kostlevy, Director, Brethren Historical Library and Archives; Stephen Longenecker, Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of History, Bridgewater College; Carol Scheppard, Professor of the College, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Bridgewater College; and Dale Stoffer, Emeritus Professor of Historical Theology, Ashland Theological Seminary.

The forum will conclude with an evening worship service and a message from Dennis Webb, a leading Church of the Brethren preacher and pastor of Naperville (Illinois) Church of the Brethren.

The forum is open to both clergy and laity. Registration cost, which includes dinner, is \$30.00. For those attending the entire event, point six (0.6) CEU's (Continuing Education Units) are also available for an additional cost of \$10.00. The evening worship, beginning with hymn singing at 7 p.m., is open to the public without cost or registration and will be held in the Gible Auditorium on the Elizabethtown College campus. This event will also be available via live stream for a registration fee of \$15. To register or secure a forum brochure, please visit: [tinyurl.com/modforum2020](http://tinyurl.com/modforum2020). The registration deadline is April 9, 2020. Space for the main sessions (other than worship) is limited to 150 participants, thus you are encouraged to register early.

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## CAMP HARMONY

### SUMMER 2020

#### PRE-K HALF DAY CAMPS, AGES 3-5

Our youngest campers can enjoy the fun of Camp in a half-day suited just for them. Enjoy crafts, Bible lessons, nature, games and swimming in small parts preparing them for Day Camp. Pre-K camp is for ages 3-5 and begins at 9 am and runs until 12 pm Monday through Friday.

Pre-K Camp, June 29 - July 3, **theme coming soon**

Pre-K Camp, July 13-17, **theme coming soon**

**ONLY \$40 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

Price includes daily snack

#### DAY CAMPS, GRADES K-5

Fill each day with new and exciting adventures at Camp then head home each evening. Crafts, nature, swimming and games are some of the highlights of this fun experience. We'll have worship, learn about the Bible and make new friends as you get to know Camp Harmony. Each week will have activities, games and Bible lessons based on the theme. Bring a friend and explore the outdoors!

Day camp is for grades K-5 and begins at 8:30 am and runs until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday on the dates listed below.

Day Camp, June 22-26, **theme coming soon**

Day Camp, July 6-10, **theme coming soon**

Day Camp, July 20-24, **theme coming soon**

**ONLY \$85 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

#### FAMILY CAMP JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

Bring the whole family and spend a great weekend together in nature. Swim, play, craft and worship with other families as we offer activities for all ages and learn more about the Bible together. It is a great getaway for every kind of family.

**ONLY \$85 PER PERSON!**

(AGE 3 & UNDER FREE)

#### LEADERS IN TRAINING EXPERIENCE GRADES 8-12, JUNE 14-19

The Leaders in Training Experience is a leadership camp which will challenge you to develop leadership skills that will benefit you throughout your life. You will step into the role of a servant-leader as you seek the characteristics of Biblical leaders; learn through study, discussion & hands-on activities; and begin to lead on your own in the camp setting. Taking part in a portion of counselor training will allow you to learn with our summer staff and join with them to create an engaging camp community and culture. We'll also do all the fun Camp activities you know and love along with the great learning experiences this camp provides. You may have the opportunity to return and serve as a volunteer with our summer program and put your new skills into practice. After the \$50 registration fee, this program will generously be funded by churches in the Western PA District.

#### PERFORMING ARTS CAMP GRADES 6-12, JUNE 27 - JULY 4

Join us for "Into the Woods" the musical in our only 8 day camp! This is the perfect opportunity to keep your creative talents fresh over the summer. Not only are we seeking actors but set artists and sound technicians as well. There is plenty to experience for any level of talent. The hard work will pay off with two great performances at the end of the week! **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**





## JUNIOR OVERNIGHT CAMP - GRADES 2-6, JULY 5-10

## TEEN OVERNIGHT CAMP - GRADES 7-12, JUNE 28 - JULY 3

At our classic overnight camps, campers will explore all the great activities that camp has to offer. The morning will consist of electives such as adventure activities, craft, swimming, sports and games, hiking and much more. Afternoon and evening group activities and free time will round out the day as we spend time learning and exploring together. As always, worship and Bible lessons will be an important part of the weeks. Each week campers will be split into age appropriate cabins and groups and we get outside and discover more about ourselves, God and nature! **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

## JUNIOR WILDERNESS GRADES 2-6, JULY 12-17

Wilderness camp is designed to teach campers about living outdoors in God's beautiful creation. We'll spend our days learning and developing skills such as campfire and shelter building while learning how to survive in the wilderness. Campers will learn about outdoor cooking, fishing and hiking. We'll spend our nights enjoying nature as we sleep in rustic cabins, watch the stars around a campfire and make new friendships. **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

## TEEN ADVENTURE GRADES 7-12, JULY 19-24

Travel together to North Carolina and enjoy beautiful scenery and exciting adventure in rivers, on mountaintops and in fellowship around the campfire. Explore natural wonders on this expedition that joins with other Church of the Brethren camps to have fun and enjoy creation. **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

### 2020 CAMP HARMONY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Leaders in Training (grades 8-12)	June 14-19
Performing Arts (grades 6-12)	June 27 - July 4
Teen Overnight (grades 7-12)	June 28 - July 3
Junior Overnight (grades 2-6)	July 5-10
Junior Wilderness (grades 2-6)	July 12-17
Teen Adventure (grades 7-12)	July 19-24
Family Camp	July 31 - Aug. 2

### LOWER PRICES FOR ALL CAMPS!!!

Day Camp (grades K-5)	June 22-26
Pre-K (ages 3-5)	June 29 - July 3
Day Camp (grades K-5)	July 6-10
Pre-K (ages 3-5)	July 13-17
Day Camp (grades K-5)	July 20-24

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JANUARY 1**  
**WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG**

### New Summer Camp Discounts for 2020 including lower prices for all camps!

#### Bring a Friend Discount - Earn HALF OFF Camp!

Example only - terms & conditions apply, see website for details

You pay ONLY:

Returning Camper	\$330	\$165 /week overnight camp
	\$85	\$42.50 /week day camp
	\$40	\$20 /week pre-K camp
New Camper	\$330	\$165 /week overnight camp
	\$85	\$42.50 /week day camp
	\$40	\$20 /week pre-K camp

**50% off for each camper!**

#### Sibling Discount - \$10 off each additional child

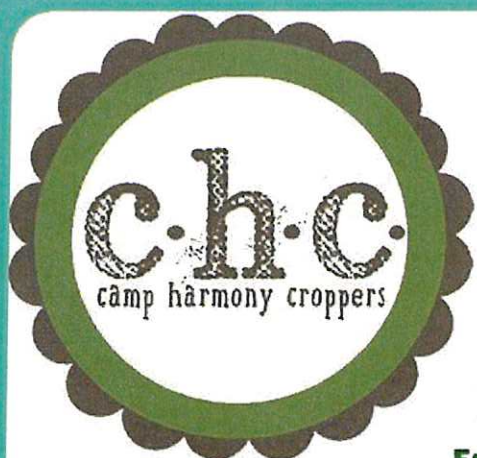
Example only - terms & conditions apply, see website for details

1st Camper	2nd Camper	3rd Camper	4th Camper
\$330	\$320	\$75	\$30
Overnight per week	Overnight per week	Day Camp per week	Pre-K Camp per week

### Terms & Conditions:

- only one offer per camper (sibling and bring a friend discounts cannot be combined)
- sibling discount is for any summer camp program except for Family Camp
- bring a friend - new camper must have never attended any Camp Harmony summer camp program
- bring a friend - both campers must be registered for the same week and list each other on their respective registration forms





# Scrapbook Retreat

**MARCH 13, 4 PM - MARCH 14, 9 PM**

**FAITH HALL & HARMONY LODGE, CAMP HARMONY - HOOVERVILLE, PA**

## Retreat includes:

- **Meals** - Friday night pasta party, Saturday brunch & supper, snacks
- **On-Site Shopping** - with your favorite stores & stamping companies
- **Lots of Fun!** - door prizes, games, goody bags, make & takes

## What to bring:

- Cropping supplies
- Small desk lamp
- Spill proof cup/bottle
- sweater or light jacket

PROCEEDS FROM THIS CROP ARE DONATED TO CAMP HARMONY FOR PROGRAM AND FACILITY NEEDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS CROP!

## Pricing Packages:

- **#1** - \$95 Fri. and Sat. w/ lodging
- **#2** - \$70 Fri. and Sat. commute
- **#3** - \$30 Friday only
- **#4** - \$55 Saturday only

## General Information:

Registration Deadline is March 6, 2020 (must be paid in advance)

Registrations will not be accepted over the phone

No refunds for cancellations after March 6 or no-shows

\$30 fee for returned checks

Bring a small extension cord if you plan on using electric

Lodging will be at Harmony Lodge - please bring your own bedding (full and/or twin) and towels

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Fall Crop**

**November 13-14, 2020**

**BRING A NEW FRIEND!**

**Register online at [www.campharmony.org/scrapbook](http://www.campharmony.org/scrapbook)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Package Choice: 1 2 3 4 (circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat/Room me with: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks and registration to:

Dorothy Gindlesperger  
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Hooverville, PA 15936



Questions about the retreat?

Liz Holbrook  
814-701-1681

[MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com](mailto:MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com)

**Register online at [www.campharmony.org/scrapbook](http://www.campharmony.org/scrapbook)**







# **GUY'S BREAKFAST**

**You're Invited to Share with Us!**

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**Saturday February 8, 2020 @ 9AM  
Moxham CoB  
536 Grove Ave**

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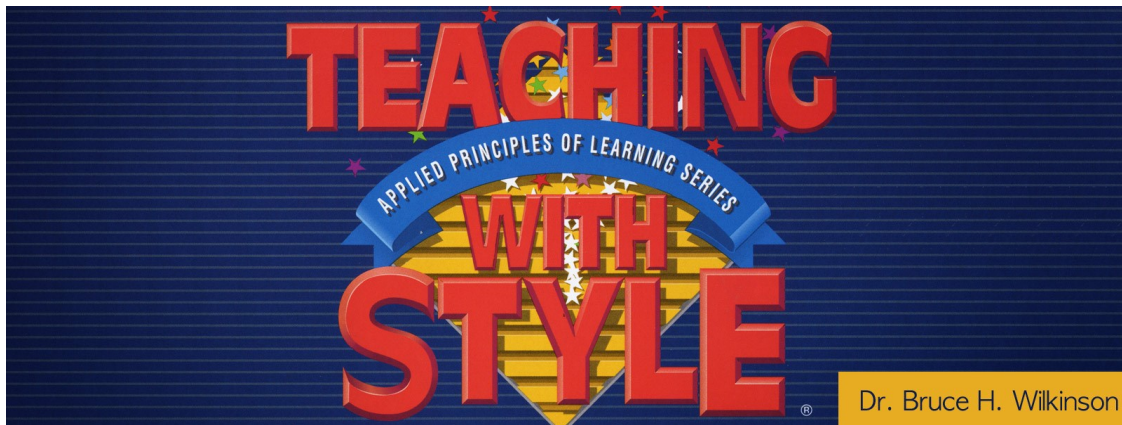


# Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies

Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team

**March 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Plumcreek COB**

Please register by **March 6, 2020**. This event is open to everyone.



Resource leader **Dottie Kunselman** from the Oakdale COB will be using Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson's curriculum "*Teaching with Style*" to lead this session.

Discover what your students want you to know—but are afraid to tell you!

**Bring a notebook and your Bible**

**\$15.00 per person – 0.5 CEU credit is offered**

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**Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to **Western PA District** and mail to: **115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935**

## 2020 PRAYER RETREAT

# Lord, Increase Our Faith!

**Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

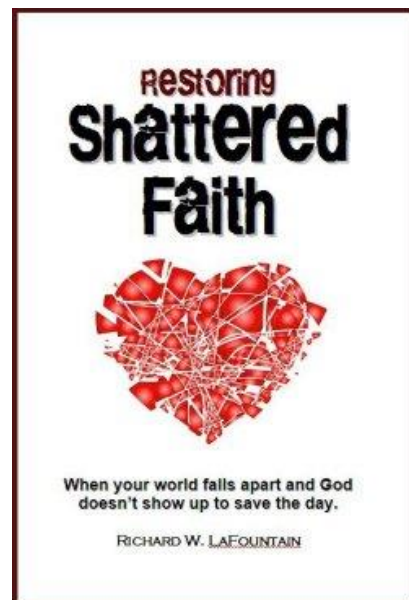
**Camp Harmony**

*Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team*

Join us for a stirring message on faith, followed by practical teachings and resources for restoring joy and faith in your life or in the life of a loved one whose faith has been shattered.

Pastor Dick LaFountain will share his life story, the tragic death of his twelve year old daughter when she was hit by a speeding car, and his subsequent loss of faith in a God who hears, cares, and answers prayer. He will share his road to restoration through God's infinite mercy and grace, and the long road back being restored to "*Believing God Again*."

Resource Leader: Richard W. LaFountain, retired senior pastor of the Grove City Alliance Church in Grove City, PA. He has served God in many capacities over his 40+ years of ministry. He has been a church planter, missionary, pastor, strategist, conference speaker, college professor, evangelist, puppeteer, artist, and author. Dick's teaching and resources are also available online at [www.PrayerToday.org](http://www.PrayerToday.org).



### MORNING SESSIONS

#### ***Restoring Shattered Faith***

- Believing God Again – “Lord, help my unbelief”
- Praying God's Promises – They are 'yes' and 'amen' forever
- Praying God's Names – Who He is never changes

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

#### ***Renewing Your Prayer Life***

- Your Private Prayer Room
- A Personal Prayer Retreat Strategy
- A Concert of Prayer

**This retreat is open to anyone. Please register by Friday, May 1.**

**The first 40 registrants will receive a free copy of Pastor Dick's book, Restoring Shattered Faith.**

**Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch included) – 0.5 CEU credit is offered**

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### **2020 Prayer Retreat—Lord, Increase Our Faith**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Men's Spiritual Leadership Summit & Breakfast*

## ***The Matthew 18 Mandate***

**Guest Speaker: Paul Munday**

2020 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2020**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Registration  
8:10 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. – Welcome & Session 1  
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Session 2

*LOCATION:*

**Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren**  
301 Gale St. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**\$16.00 Registration Fee**

(Send check payable to SOPA District COB & mail to 6035 York Rd, New Oxford, PA 17350)

*Ordained Ministers desiring .30 CEU credit should also indicate by placing a checkmark  
in the appropriate box on the registration form.*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

*SPONSORED BY:*

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## Binocular Vision: Seeing Through Eyes of Faith and Science

**Presenter: Russell Haitch**  
**Professor of Theology and Human Science, Bethany Theological Seminary**

Thursday, March 19, 2020  
 Juniata College (The Sill Board Room in von Liebig Center for Science)  
 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

We live in an age of science and also a time of aching spiritual need. There is no turning back from science, nor would we want to; we rely on its fruits of amazing technology every day. But the knowledge of science has not prevented the all-consuming crises we currently face. Here the Christian message is as timely now as ever. And here, too, is where the church needs help—in bringing together the Sunday world of faith with the Monday world of science and technology.

This one-day seminar is designed for people who want to do integrative thinking for the sake of a church that is fully grounded in Scripture and wholly receptive to science.

Topics include:

- A model for relating faith and science, based on the person of Jesus
- A human science (sociological) look at the American church landscape: trends of decline and growth
- How theology and psychology can complement and correct each other
- Sensing wonder and mystery, from the big infinity to the little infinity

**Registration due by March 5, 2020:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.55 CEUs)**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)**

### REGISTRATION FORM: “Binocular Vision: Seeing Through Eyes of Faith and Science”

**Please make checks payable to “SMC”** and mail completed registration form and payment to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Questions, contact us at: 717-361-1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu). Thank you!!

Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 for 0.55 CEUs; or \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 for NO CEUs

Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_





# Continuing EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

## Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part III

### Congregational Care

Saturday, March 28, 2020

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 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 (Parts I and II were in 2019; Part III on March 28, 2020, and Part IV on October 24, 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 III on March 28. The last session, Part 4, will require separate registration at a later time. The cost, below, is for one session on March 28.**

#### Topics to Be Covered:

- Understanding Large Group Dynamics during Crisis
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Group Interventional Practice

#### Registration due by March 13, 2020:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

#### REGISTRATION FORM: "Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention" Part III

**Please make checks payable to "SVMC"** and mail completed registration form and payment to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_



Susquehanna Valley  
Ministry Center  
presents...

## Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners through the Journey

Monday, May 11, 2020, Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA  
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Presenters:** Jennifer Holcomb, M.S., NHA, CDP, CDCM, CADDCT, CDSGF  
Director of Memory Support, Cross Keys Village

Kimberly Korge, BSEd., CDP, CDSGF  
Memory Care Coach

### Course Objectives:

- Recognize the differences and similarities of the top four neurocognitive disorders
- Discuss tips to manage conversations with parishioners impacted by a neurocognitive disorder
- Describe the significance of trauma and how it may be present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder
- Identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma

**Registration due by April 27, 2020:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Please make checks payable to "SVMC"** and mail completed registration form and payment for "Neurocognitive Disorders" to:  
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.  
Questions, contact us at: 717-361-1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu). Thank you!!

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Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 for 0.5 CEUs  
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Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## JANUARY 2020

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6 - Epiphany
- 18 - 25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 24 - 26 - Junior Winter Camp (Grades 2 – 6), Camp Harmony
- 31 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 -12) begins, Camp Harmony

## FEBRUARY 2020

- 2 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 – 12) ends, Camp Harmony
- 6 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 8 - SVMC Class
- 9 - Johnstown Area Sub-District Prayer Gathering, 3:00 pm, Pleasant Hill COB
- 15 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Tire Hill COB
- 17 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 22 - SVMC Class
- 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

## MARCH 2020

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 6 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 8 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 14 - Teaching Seminar, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Plumcreek COB
- 14 - SVMC Class
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 22 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 28 - Pancake breakfast benefiting District Disaster Team, 7:00 am – 10:00 am,  
Maple Spring COB
- 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## APRIL 2020

- 5 - PALM SUNDAY
- 9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 10 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 13 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 16 - DWM Spring Brunch, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mount Joy COB
- 18 - SVMC Class
- 19 - Tithing Sunday

## MAY 2020

- 2 - SVMC Class
- 3 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 9 - Prayer Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 10 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Uniontown COB
- 16 - SVMC Class
- 18 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - ASCENSION DAY
- 25 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 31 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)

## JUNE 2020

- 7 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 21 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## JULY 2020

- 1 - 5 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Grand Rapids, MI
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 16 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 20 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 25 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, Windber COB (District Conference Business)

# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## AUGUST 2020

16 - Stewardship Sunday

## SEPTEMBER 2020

3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office

7 - LABOR DAY

12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

21 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office

21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

TBA - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

## OCTOBER 2020

4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

17 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

## NOVEMBER 2020

1 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**

5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office

7 - FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

14 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 11:00 am, District Office

26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 2020

6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony

13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24 - Christmas Eve

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE