

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

February 2024

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW SEASON

There have been lots of positive changes in 2023 and moving into the new year. The most important is the development and adoption of a 3-person District Minister Team. The Team members are Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh, Pastor Ruby Mader, and Pastor Chris Forry.

The duties shared among the DE/M team members are stated below in broad strokes:

- Direction, coordination, management, and leadership of the district ministries, as authorized by the District Conference and implemented by the District Leadership Team/District Board.
- Work with the congregations in calling and credentialing ministers, and in the placement/call and evaluation of pastoral staff. Provide support and counsel for ministers and other church leaders, share, and interpret program resources for congregations.
- Equip congregations for growth and renewal and encourage new church planting, evangelism, and missions in the district.
- Provide an important link between the congregations and the district and denomination by working collaboratively with the Council of District Executives, the Annual Conference, the Agencies, and their staff.

If you need to contact the Team or have any questions, please call the District Office, 814-479-2181, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.



At District Conference in October 2023, newly appointed District Moderator Jeff Fackler introduced his theme “I Chose You” based on John 15:16. He spoke of his calling to Christ’s kingdom and the call on each of our lives. Congregations are challenged this year to show the fruit we bear for Christ in tangible ways and to bring same to District Conference this Fall.

The District Leadership and Staff are looking forward to a new year and a new season here in the Western PA District.

Happy New Year!!

Tina Lehman, District Administrative Assistant

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FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **March 2024** issue is

February 10, 2023

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

District Minister Team

Pete Kaltenbaugh, Ruby Mader, Chris Forry

Financial Clerk: Amy Bowman
wpacob@atlanticbb.net

District Secretary: Tina Lehman
tlehman@brethren.org

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

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

CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road
Hollsopple, PA 15935
814-479-2181

Website: www.westernpacob.org

2024 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2024 District Directory has been sent out in January. Please be sure to send me any updates and/or corrections as soon as possible so I can list them in the Highlights.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2024 District Directory, please contact me at tlehman@brethren.org or 814-479-2181.

Thank you!
Tina

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation will be making a new directory for **2024** please send one to the District Office,

115 Spring Road,
Hollsopple, 15935

Thank you!

TO ALL MINISTERS

Reminder to be sure to update your clearances if you haven't done it already. Once you receive your updated info, please send a copy to the District Office, thanks!

Western PA District COB
115 Spring Road
Hollsopple, PA 15935

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The next **District Leadership Team** meeting will be held on **February 17, 2022** at the District Office and on ZOOM.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation

Somerset—Ian McNeely, Mike Miller,
Shirley Miller, Amy Miller, Mike Race

WITH SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Betsy Statler** and her family as her brother
Rodger Thomas Jr. passed away in December 2023.

To the family of **Pastor Clifford Ott** who passed away
in November 2023.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Pastoral Change

David Stanton—Pike Run

VIRTUAL SERVICES

Arbutus COB Sunday Services are
streamed at 9:00 am <https://arbutuscob.org/>

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

Hostetler COB Sunday Services are on
Facebook at 10:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa>

Meyersdale COB Sunday Services are on
Facebook at 10:30 am
https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69_LKf8aq-ZM8IDlo0J_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py_c&paipv=0

Rummel COB You can listen to podcasts of services
on their church website at
<https://rummelchurch.com/sermons/>

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

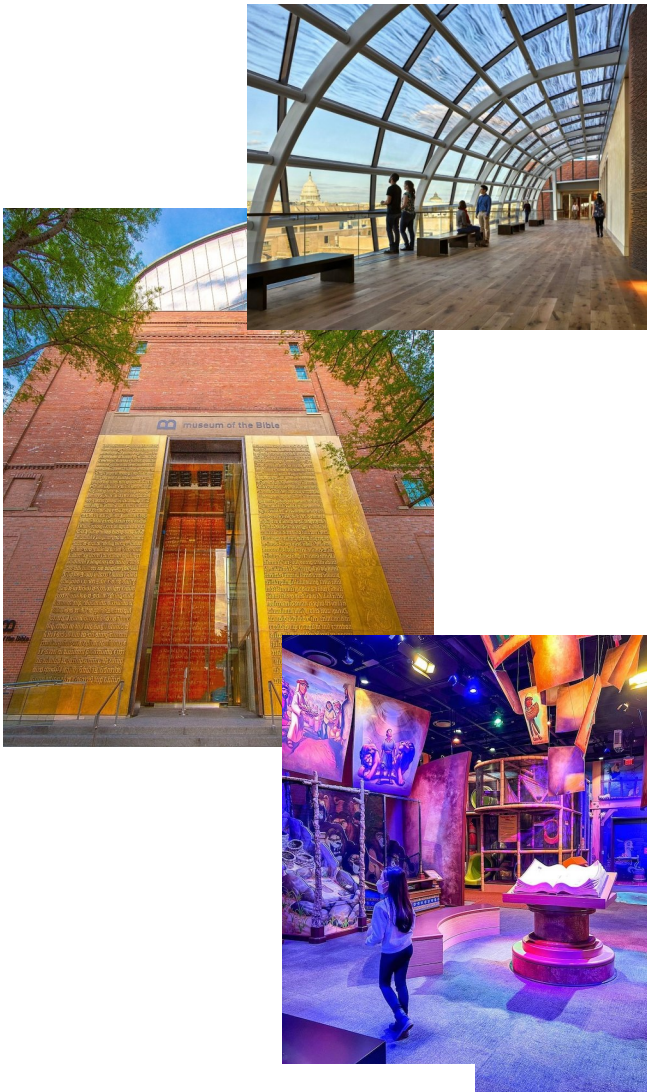
Walnut Grove COB Sunday Services are on
Facebook at 10:00 am
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

The District Outreach and Service Team is planning another bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. on **August 17, 2024**. Mark your calendars and look in upcoming issues of the Highlights for more information.



LAWN SERVICE REQUESTED

We are seeking individuals or a lawn service company to take care of the District Office property Spring through Fall.

Responsibilities will include:

Weekly mowing and trimming the lawn, occasional hedge trimming, mulching, and weeding.

Please contact the District Office, 814-479-2181, if you are interested or have a recommendation of a service.

Thank you!

love

BEARS ALL THINGS
BELIEVES ALL THINGS
HOPES ALL THINGS
ENDURES ALL THINGS
LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

**We can all use some good news now
and again right?**

Milestone birthdays,
milestone anniversaries,
academic achievements, etc.

I look forward to sharing more good news
from the District!

tlehman@brethren.org

SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

FOOD PANTRIES

Walnut Grove Food Pantry

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

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

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

Please consider donating food to these or any other groups in our area.

PET FOOD PANTRY

The Pet Food Pantry is open the **SECOND** Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to Noon at the **Arbutus COB**. The pet pantry is currently accepting donations for any pet item that is no longer needed by your family. Suggestions for donations are: pet collars, beds, bowls, leashes, etc. These items will be offered free to the clients. The items can be dropped off at the church through the first set of glass doors into the entrance to the church. These doors are always open. The pet pantry would gladly accept donations of cat and dog food. The church is blessed to be able to offer this program to the community. For additional information call Cheryl Edmiston at 814-410-3151.

as I have
loved you,
LOVE one
another
John 13:34

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



El Hogar De Ninos Enmanuel Shoe Project

THANKS FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE—
ONE SHOE AT A TIME!

Our November 8 shoe shipment arrived safely in Florida, and when the processing was completed, our total earnings were - - - **\$1,709.20!!**

We'd like to take a minute to say THANK YOU! to everyone who was able to donate to the November shipment. Your generosity means that the Enmanuel Home can continue to improve both their physical plant and their educational programs.

In her thank you note, Rona Hemminger mentioned that since the Home receives no government funding, donations are essential to the Home's progress. Our donation will be used to help complete the Home's new culinary education facilities and purchase baking equipment for use there.

With this shipment, our gifts to the Enmanuel Home total over \$8,300! Let's work together to make our next shipment even larger! Please collect gently worn shoes and bring them to the district office, make arrangements to drop them at the Westmont Church, or contact a committee member for pick up. Together, we can make a difference!

Shoe Committee:

Marie Camut – 814-266-3010

April Mackell – 814-536-1589

Karen Nagyvathy - 814-244-6977

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / sharingpearls@comcast.net

BEACHLEY, LINDA—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / lrbeac@atlanticbb.net

BEACHLEY, RONALD – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / rondbeachley@gmail.com

BROADWATER, KEVIN—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / pastorbroadwater@verizon.net

DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / iamameliaderr@yahoo.com

DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / pastorbutch@gmail.com

HOUGHTON, SALLY - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / smh124@atlanticbb.net

KABLER, ERIC—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com

LONGWELL, ERIC— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / kb3ttx@gmail.com

MANGES, JOHN – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / manges@atlanticbb.net

MARSHALL, HOMER - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net

MARSHALL, PATRICIA - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net

MOSORJAK, GARY – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-659-5853 / wendel05@aol.com

PERUSO, RUSSELL – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / russperuso@gmail.com

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

SMITH, A. HARRISON—506 Sciandro Drive, Greensburg, 15601 / 724-837-4491

STEIN, ROBERT - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / crid@verizon.net

SWICK, MICHAEL - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / preachmike101@comcast.net

WALKER, JUDY—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com

WHITED, JAMES—881 Treasure Lake, DuBois 15801 / 814-592-5714 / jrwhitedsr@gmail.com

LICENSED

BURNEY, OYANGO—137 N. 9th Street, Indiana, 15701/ 724-541-6850 / livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com

COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / shellywithattitude@gmail.com

SHAULIS, TRAVIS—608 Second Street, Meyersdale, 15552 / 814-442-8626 / tanbadaner@gmail.com

LAY SPEAKER

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Growing in knowledge . . . Rooted in Christ



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown PA 17022

svmc@svmcob.org; 717.361.1450; www.etown.edu/svmc

The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Centers offers class on:

Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry

When: Saturdays, March 23 and April 20, 2024 -- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: Bedford Church of the Brethren, 310 Donahue Rd., Bedford, PA 15522 (In person attendance is preferred, but a Zoom connection will be arranged for those who need it.)

Class Description:

You've been called to the ministry, but the job requires more skill in speaking, listening, and writing than you possess. Don't worry! We've got a class for you. This revamped course in *Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry* from the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center will be geared, as much as possible, to the needs of individual students. Together, we will focus on the kinds of written and oral communication most often employed by pastors and other church leaders. We will use a variety of materials in print and online to address the need for concise, accurate language in church communications. Assignments will be in the form of short essays, letters, and reports. To complete the 15 hours required for the class, participants may be asked to join in an individual Zoom session or phone call.

Instructor Information:

Beckie Miller Zeek is a part-time minister at Bedford Church of the Brethren in Middle PA District. A graduate of the TRIM program, her first career was as a reading specialist in the public school system. She received her B.S. from Juniata College and her M.Ed. from Penn State University. She brings to the class 20 years' experience in ministry and 28 years' experience teaching reading and English to reluctant learners.

This course may be:

- counted as a "Ministry Skills" course in the ACTS program (cost = \$270.00)
- audited by anyone for increased communication skills (cost = \$90.00)
- audited and earn CEUs (cost = \$100.00)

TO REGISTER:

Contact Karen Hodges at KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org or 717-361-1450. Upon registration, an invoice and further information will be sent to you.

SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's

2024

Continuing Education Events

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is offering a robust schedule of Continuing Education for clergy and interested laity in 2024. Ranging from Christian ID in the Age of AI, Worship Models, Grief Literacy, Suicide and your Congregation, Luke and ACTS, Autism and the Church, and Why Leadership Matters, everyone will find a topic of interest. While credentialed clergy can receive Continuing Education units which are needed for ordination renewal in 2025, laity will also benefit from these topics. Please be sure that deacons and other interested folks receive information on these topics as everyone is invited to register. The ordination renewal for ordained clergy is coming quickly in 2025, so be sure to register for these excellent sessions and bring other interested persons from your congregation. *To register, click on the event Title for each event and follow the registration links, or email KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org, or call 717-361-1450.*

Worship Models from Genesis to Revelation

Leah Hileman, Leader

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Camp Harmony, Western PA District (In-Person or Zoom)

In-person: \$45.00 for .3 CEUs; \$35.00 for no CEUs

Zoom: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs; \$25.00 for no CEUs

How did churches end up with altar tables, tambourines, separate seating, call-and-response songs, house churches, and hymns? How did the way God's people worship morph through the generations, adapting to culture shifts and changing in style, format, liturgy, and theology? In this workshop, we will survey the scripture to see evidence that, while the Good News never changes, the ways and means by which we approach God in worship have undergone dramatic change. We'll explore the biblical basis for large and small assemblies; varying styles of art, music, and architecture; and the "personality" of worship in high- and low-church traditions.

Christian ID in an Age of AI

Russell Haitch, Leader

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Juniata College (In-Person or Zoom)

In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs

The world is shifting, the foundations shaking, and no innovation seen before—not the printing press or automobile or Internet—will be able to rival the impending impact of Artificial Intelligence, combined with genetic engineering and other advanced technologies. This workshop is designed to help you develop or improve a Christian framework for thinking through all the new issues on the horizon. The world is going to look dramatically different, so too our churches and the lives of our children. We need to be ready to respond. The best, most faithful response will grow out of our identity in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down

Chris Bucher & Bob Neff, Leaders

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Elizabethtown College (In-Person Only -- No Zoom Option for this event)

\$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

This class will draw upon the 2023 book Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down, co-authored by Chris Bucher and Bob Neff. Chris and Bob will discuss Luke's theme of "turning the world upside down" through the gathering of Jesus' followers into communities that practice healing, inclusivity, and sharing. Presentations will assist in the understanding of these two books as a guide for Anabaptists and Radical Pietists and will incorporate visual art that offers new ways to see the Biblical texts.

(More Events on Next Page)

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Suicide and Your Congregation

Julie Guistwite, Leader

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Zoom Only

\$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs.

Suicide is a rising public health concern and faith-based organizations hold a vital role in ministering to survivors. This interactive workshop examines the dual role of clergy in postvention care. Best practices in caring for survivors, the congregation, and oneself forms the basis of a small group role-play focusing on a faith community's response to a member's violent death. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills relevant to engaging suicide issues across congregational settings.

Autism and the Church

Lisa Kruse, Tim Miller, David Crumrine, Stan Dueck, Leaders

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Juniata College (In-Person or Zoom)

In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs

The church is a place where people should feel welcome no matter what challenges they may have. Families with an autistic member need to feel the welcome and acceptance of a church who cares for their special circumstance. This Continuing Education event will provide information to pastors and other church leaders regarding autism, how to support families with an autistic member, and how to make the church a safe and welcoming place for families.

Grief Literacy

Julie Guistwite, Leader

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Zoom Only

\$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs.

Society's grief-avoiding mentality and limited community-based support initiatives affect the well-being of bereaved persons. This interactive case-based workshop examines the grief literacy movement in connection with Christ-Centered Ministry Leadership. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills applicable to enhancing the welfare of grieving congregational members and persons in their community.

The Question of Leadership: Why It Matters

Jeff Carter, Leader

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Elizabethtown College - In-Person or Zoom

In-person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs or \$55.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; or \$35.00 for no CEUs

What does it mean to lead in today's church and world? The American protestant church is in steep decline. The Church of the Brethren is experiencing schism. The pandemic accelerated the already changing patterns of religious life. Resources are scarce. Furthermore, Brethren are naturally suspicious of leaders; called, elected, or self-proclaimed. Values, such as humility, consensus, and the priesthood of all believers, lead to a flat hierarchy and a communal pragmatism. We celebrate leaders such as Dan West, Sarah Major, M.R. Zigler, and Anna Mow, but in their day, they stirred controversy by the manner of their leading. So, what does it mean to lead in today's church and world? I believe leadership begins by asking the first question and having the willingness and curiosity to pursue the second question. It is a way of thinking that results in effective doing. And yes, it is something we do together.

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is a Church of the Brethren ministry partnership that includes the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA, in addition to Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary. SVMC's mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritages and practices of the Church of the Brethren.



Summer 2024

Join FaithX during Summer 2024 to serve, grow in faith, make friends, and experience something new! FaithX experiences are short-term service trips that challenge us to be more aware of ourselves, our communities, and our world so that we may learn to participate in God's vision of justice for all people. Participants will serve in a variety of ministry and non-profit settings, live and worship in community, make friendships, and explore a new place.

Registration for FaithX Summer 2024 opens on January 10, 2024 at 7:00pm (eastern time), and closes on April 1, 2024 www.brethren.org/faithx.

This coming year, FaithX participants will have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry and non-profit settings, live and worship in community, explore a new place, examine their values and beliefs, and have too much fun! A summary of the 2024 trip locations is below, but you can find the dates and more details at www.brethren.org/faithx/schedule.

Junior High – Roanoke, VA; Palmyra, PA

Junior/Senior High – Denton, MD (Camp Mardela);

South Bend, IN; Knoxville, TN; Winston-Salem, NC

Senior High – Cle Elum, WA (Camp Koinonia); North Fort Myers, FL

Adult – Ecuador; Eastern United States (Brethren Disaster Ministries)

Older Adult – Gotha, FL (Camp Ithiel)

Family – Petersburg, PA (Camp Blue Diamond)

We Are Able – Elgin, IL



Annual Conference 2024 DeVos Place Convention Center Grand Rapids, Michigan July 3-7, 2024

More info coming soon



Young Adult Conference May 24-26, 2024

[Shepherd's Spring Camp & Retreat Center](#)
near Sharpsburg, MD

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

Registration is open! Register between 1/12 and 2/14 to get free [Nutter's Ice Cream](#) during YAC!

To Register go to:

<https://www.brethren.org/yva/yac/>



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CAMP

GRADES 4-6
FEB 2-3 7PM-7PM

Get your bags packed ! Our Middle School winter camps are the ultimate way to spend a weekend. With your buddies by your side, you'll chow down on yummy eats, play games, and dive into inspiring Bible lessons. The fun never stops!

CHOSEN
ROMANS
8:28



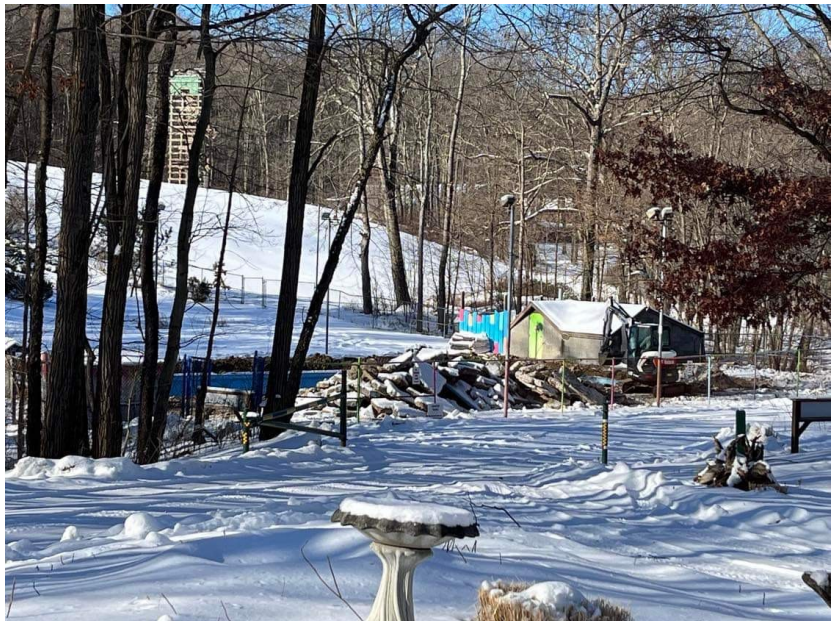
100 years of camp!

Register today! www.campharmony.org

CAMP HARMONY

PICTURE UPDATE: WHATS HAPPENING TODAY IN THESE FRIGID TEMPS? It may be cold outside but we are already thinking about the warmth of summer. And we can't wait any longer to give you an update about the swimming pool!

From our available options, we have chosen to renovate our current pool. There are several reasons for this choice: The swimming pool market has ballooned in cost in a similar way to car prices. When we started this process in 2020, we were told a new pool/shower house would cost around 1 million dollars. That price has now inflated to over 2.5 million dollars.



We have the funding FULLY RAISED to pay for the renovation of the current pool thanks to your generous support and the generosity of the Western PA District Church of the Brethren. We want to use our finances wisely and in renovating the current pool, our campers and guests will have a swimming pool

BY THIS COMING SUMMER, and we won't go into debt. We can't wait to see you again and for you to experience the adventure and fun that Camp Harmony has to offer! Winter retreats are happening now and summer camp registration opens February 1.



WOMEN'S
WINTER
RETREAT

FEB 16-17,
2024

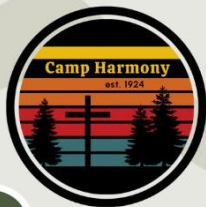
★
LOVED
★

Romans 8:37

register at
www.campharmony.org

COMMUTE OR
STAY OVERNIGHT!





3D ARCHERY SHOOT

APRIL 6TH
REGISTRATION & WARM UP AREA OPEN 7:00 AM
FIRST ARROWS FLY AT 8:15AM

For both novice and Advanced shooters

BENEFITS CAMP HARMONY SUMMER CAMPS

- 20 targets, of varying yardage and difficulty.
- 1 Iron Target Shot Competition.
- 1 Long Range Shot Competition.

Meal, speaker, and awards to follow event!

Shoot as a team, or as an individual!

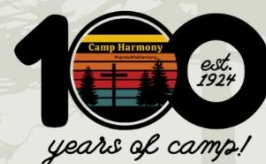
- 2-4 members per team - scores averaged for total, per target.
- Individuals: Best shot score per target.
- Prizes for individuals, and teams!
- Compound, Traditional, and Rangefinder permitted!

\$45 for individuals
Teams of 4: \$125

Prizes for:

- Best overall individual Compound shooter
- Best overall individual Traditional shooter.
- Best overall Team.
- Long Shot Competition.
- Iron Target Competition.

www.campharmony.org



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✉ Austin@campharmony.org

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2024 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 10th of each month. Thanks!

FEBRUARY 2024

- 2—3 - Pre-teen Overnight Camp, Camp Harmony
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 10 - SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, (TBA)
- 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 19 - Camp CRAZE, Camp Harmony
- 24 - SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2024

- 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 3 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 9 - SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 10 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 10 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 17 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 24 - PALM SUNDAY
- 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 29 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 31 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

APRIL 2024

- 6 - SVMC Class
- 27 - SVMC Class

2024 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MAY 2024

- 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 5 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 9 - ASCENSION DAY
- 11 - SVMC Class
- 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 19 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2024

- 16 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2024

- 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Grand Rapids, MI
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Grand Rapids, MI

AUGUST 2024

Bus Trip to Museum of the Bible (TBA)

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 2 - LABOR DAY
- 12 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

OCTOBER 2024

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

2024 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

- 3 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2024

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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THE HIGHLIGHTS

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