

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

February 2023

FROM THE DISTRICT MODERATOR

I made a few comments, at District Conference (DC), after a very meaningful installation service. Knowing that I had to select a theme for the year, I began thinking about that a number of months before DC. I spent time in praying, pondering and thinking about a challenging theme for this year. I had numerous ideas, but finally settled on, "Bound Together by Prayer." I could have selected a number of scriptures which highlighted what I wanted to focus on but finally settled on Romans 15:5-6. The phrase which caught my attention was, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus."

So, the question for us and for our faith communities in the Western PA District is, "What will or can give us a spirit of **'unity among ourselves, and our faith communities, as you follow Christ Jesus.'**" How do you or I answer this question? For me it begins with prayer, which I stated in my remarks at DC. I believe unity can be achieved when we pray with an open heart, mind, and spirit. We need to focus on the positive, rather than on the negative and that which we may not agree on.

Would you be willing to join me in praying regularly for each of the congregations in the district? Pray for four or five congregations a day and in ten days to two weeks you will be able to start over. I would suggest praying for the faithful members of that faith community, the pastor, leaders, and any special needs you may be aware of in that congregation. For me that will help in fulfilling verse 6. "... so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let's begin by putting that verse into practice. Seeking through our prayer time to focus on what is positive in the ministry happening in our faith communities. "Bound Together by Prayer," happens when we allow the Holy Spirit to guide, challenge and encourage us each day.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Romans 15:5-6 -



Worship as a faith community is valuable and allows us to praise God together. I feel it allows me then to go forth to put my faith into practice each day of the week. To focus on the positive and seek unity as we serve our risen Lord and Savior. So, what are the positives you can identify in your spiritual journey? What inspires and encourages you each day in your walk with the Lord? You may have one or a number which are positives for you.

I would encourage you write them down, so you can see them on a regular basis. You may start out with one or two and you can continue to add to the list as you experience positive areas of ministry as an individual and/or as a faith community. It would be encouraging to have you share these positive experiences with me. I might like to share them with others with your permission. I'm sure many of them may be the same, but what you share, might inspire and encourage someone else in their faith commitment and journey. My email address is: rondbeachley@gmail.com

I pray you will take a few minutes of time to think about the positive ministries happening in your life and congregation and write them down and then share them with me.

Paul talked about unity in Colossians 3:14, "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." He suggests that unity can be achieved when we forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. Being "Bound Together by Prayer," will help us make at least a first step in seeking unity in our faith communities and in the Western PA District. It may not happen overnight, but I believe if we are faithful in focusing in our prayer time on the positive, God will bless, encourage and help us achieve unity.

As pastors and leaders in local faith communities I would invite you to begin by naming a positive in your spiritual journey? Put it in the bulletin or at least mention in your worship time. Then invite others to share in the same way. I'm looking forward to hearing from many of you how individuals are responding to this challenge.

Ronald Beachley, 2023 District Moderator

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **March 2023** issue is

February 10, 2023

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

www.westernpacob.org

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation will be making a new directory for **2023** please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935
Thank you!

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the Interim District Minister as well as District Leadership Team in your prayers as they continue to work in the district during this time of transition.

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

2023 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2023 District Directory is in progress in the hopes it will be ready for publication in January 2023.

There are still many changes and updates to be made in this edition of the directory. Please let me know if you have any changes or updates as soon as possible so I can add them in.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2023 District Directory, please contact me at tlehman@brethren.org or 814-479-2181

Thank you!

What is Love?

Love is patient

Love is kind

Love doesn't envy

Love doesn't brag

Love is not proud

Love doesn't dishonor others

Love doesn't seek its own way

Love is not easily angered

Love takes no account of evil

Love doesn't rejoice in
unrighteousness

Love rejoices with the truth

Love bears all things

Love believes all things

Love hopes all things

Love endures all things

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

HELP WANTED

THE DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER

SUMMARY and ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Treasurer is the custodian of all the funds administered by the District Board and reports to the Stewards Commission and to the District Board. The Treasurer instructs the Financial Clerk on any necessary functions that need to be handled and will also have close contact with the Financial Clerk. There are no set hours for this position, only as needed. The treasurer will attend CORE Team meetings along with the Stewards & Finance Team Chair. The Treasurer will be an authorized signee on all banking and saving accounts.

If you are interested or feeling God calling you to this Treasurer's position, please contact Donna Smith at (814) 535-1102.

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

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>

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>

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

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

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

100th YEAR CELEBRATION

There was a 100-year Anniversary Service for the Wooddale COB held on November 19, 2022.

Pastor Charles Whipple shared that the sermon shared that Sunday was from the 100th Psalm.

Congratulations on 100 years!!



EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Pasta Buffet

Saturday, January 7, 2023
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Quilt Retreat

Saturday, January 21, 2023
9:00 am—5:00 pm

PA Dutch Buffet

Saturday, February 4, 2023
4:00 pm—7:00 pm

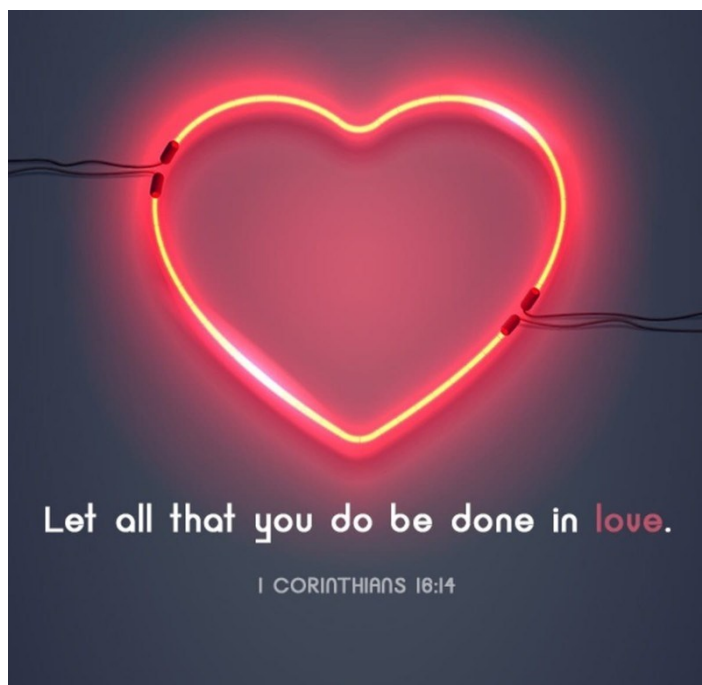
Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



The Locust Grove COB will be starting a weekly youth group meeting at their church Wednesday evenings at 6:30. They do not have many youth at their church currently but would like to invite any district youth that would like to join their youth for this fun opportunity.

Contact the church at 814-539-6826
or locustgrove@atlanticbb.net
for more information.



SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

From Herb Ewald, District Disaster Coordinator

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, so I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up enough people to make this program work.

This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometimes go unanswered. Once you receive an email from me, please check the printed schedule and consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedule toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry.

Contact your church coordinator to volunteer and, if your church does not have one, please contact me at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530, (C) 814-691-5718

New Windsor Trips

No Trips Scheduled Yet

Week-long Trips

2/19/23 to 2/25/23	½ group needed, location TBA
5/7/23 to 5/13/23	½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY
7/9/23 to 7/15/23	½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY
10/1/23 to 10/7/23	½ group needed, A.N.E.
10/29/23 to 11/0/23	½ group needed, location TBA
12/10/23 to 12/16/23	½ group needed, S. PA

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



Thanks to all of the generous donations received from both individuals and churches in 2022 and we will be continuing to collect shoes in 2023!

Anyone who has shoes to add to the total should drop them at the district office during regular business hours, call the Westmont church to schedule a drop off, or contact any member of the shoe committee:

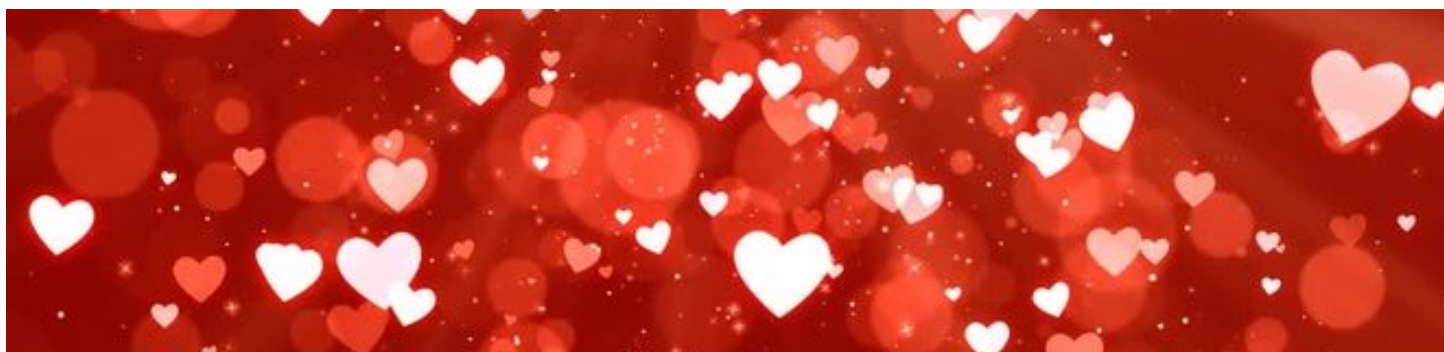
Marie Camut – 814-266-3010,
April Mackell – 814-536-1589,
Karen Nagyvathy – 814-244-6977

Current projects at the orphanage that will be supported by our donations include construction of a chapel, which will also be the site of post-secondary education programs. Culinary arts will be one of the featured areas of study.

Thanks again to everyone who supports both the orphanage and our shoe project!

We are so pleased to think our used shoes are helping fund such an outreach.

Thank you for being involved!



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

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

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

LICENSED

BURNEY, OYANGO—111 Hillcrest Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 / 724-541-6850 / livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com

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

GEORGE, ROBERT—850 Pine Street, Indiana, 15701 / 724-762-0773 / rjghemlock@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

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events



Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, click on the event title and follow the registration links for each event, or contact SVMC. If fees are involved, check or credit card payments are accepted. (Credit card processing fees are paid by the registrant).

Ministering to Those with Addictions and Their Families

Blaine Minor, Leader

March 6, 13, 20, 2023
7 PM – 8:30 PM
Online Via Zoom

Addiction is a major problem in our society, and the church is not immune to this heartache. We may feel unknowledgeable and helpless as the church ministers to families affected by addiction. Through this 3-part ONLINE series, we will take an in-depth look at addictions and how to minister to both the addict and the family of the addict. Sign up for one, two, or all three sessions.

Registration for this series is free, but required.
CEUs (.15) are available for \$10.00 per session.

Theology of the Holy Spirit

Joell Hathaway, Leader

March 29, 2023
9 AM – 3 PM
Juniata College

This course explores the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, through the lens of God as Triune Creator. Though in recent centuries the Holy Spirit has often been the neglected member of the Godhead, much contemporary theological reflection has sought to remedy this situation. In this session we will consider scriptural, Patristic, and contemporary theological voices from both East and West, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in animating, sanctifying, beautifying, and perfecting the created world as well as the relationship between the Spirit and the Son.

\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners

Kimberly Korge, Leader

May 9, 2023
9 AM – 3 PM
Cross Keys Village

Event objectives: Understand what dementia is and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease; discuss tips to manage difficult situations and conversations with parishioners; describe the significance of trauma and how it might present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder; identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma.

\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Future Events



The following events are in the planning stages for 2023. Please stay tuned for more information:

- Frank Ramirez, Church of the Brethren pastor and writer
- Steve Schweitzer, Academic Dean, Bethany Theological Seminary
- Bob Neff, former Bethany Theological Seminary professor, Church of the Brethren General Secretary, Juniata College President
- Chris Bucher, retired Elizabethtown College professor

SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, as well as Bethany Theological Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.

717-361-1450 – www.etown.edu/svmc – SVMC@SVMCcob.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

BRETHREN ACADEMY

The Brethren Academy will offer this online course, ***What Brethren Believe***, from April 19 - June 13, 2023. Denise Kettering-Lane, assistant professor of Brethren Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, will be the instructor and TRIM students will receive one credit in Bible/Theology upon completion, and the BTS experience after writing the required report. EFSM students may create a Learning Unit for the course.

This course will explore Brethren beliefs related to a variety of issues, including Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the nature of the church, original sin, and the end times. It will also examine how these beliefs and practices have changed over time and consider the diversity of beliefs found among Brethren today.

The deadline to register for this course is **March 15, 2023**

Online TRIM classes are particularly accessible for busy pastors. If you know anyone who may be interested in these courses, please forward this email to them.

These online classes "meet" for 8 weeks in Moodle, a virtual classroom platform. New lessons are posted once a week, once the course begins, and students are given a week to complete their assignments. Students can log on at any time, day or night, to read lectures, watch videos, work on group projects and/or engage in forums (email-style conversations) with their classmates. In this way, online courses are fairly flexible.

Brethren Academy students will use their Moodle account information. Passwords can be reset if need be. Non-Academy students will be provided with Moodle account information. Pastors completing this course will earn 2 continuing education units or persons may take it for personal enrichment.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are awarded after the instructor has notified the Brethren Academy of successful completion of the course.

Successful completion is defined by the following:

- Meeting the attendance requirement
- Completing the assigned reading
- Engaging in the course through participation
- Completing reduced assignments that may be required by the instructor and outlined in the syllabus.

Persons interested in taking an Academy course for CEUs or Personal Enrichment may register in one of two ways:

1) Mail the attached registration form with payment to Brethren Academy, 615 National Rd. W., Richmond, IN 47374.

2) Register and pay online at <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment/> There is a 3% service charge when registering online.

Questions may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1820.

ISRAEL STUDY TOUR

In July of 2023, Bridgewater College chaplain Dr. Robbie Miller will again lead a study tour of Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The tour, conducted by the University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem <https://uhl.ac/>, will visit sites of biblical and religious importance including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Capernaum, Caesarea, Masada, Qumran, Petra and many more.

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will provide 4.0 CEUs for the study tour. For an itinerary and more information, contact Dr. Miller at rmiller@bridgewater.edu or at 540-421-2720.

Survey gathers information for work of Annual Conference committee

From the Breaking Down Barriers Study Committee

The Breaking Down Barriers Study Committee was asked by the delegates of the 2022 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren to explore how we gather and how we might create greater equity in access, so that we can include as many people as possible in Annual Conference and other church gatherings. We are studying existing theological, technological, and practical barriers. We are also gathering information about creative and helpful solutions to help us overcome those barriers.

We want to hear from as many corners of our denomination as possible to help us in this study. We would appreciate your participation in this short survey to help us in that effort: www.surveymonkey.com/r/breaking-down-barriers.

Read more at www.brethren.org/news/2023/survey-gathers-information-for-study

Brethren Disaster Ministries monitors needs as California experiences extreme weather

By Roy Winter and Jenn Dorsch-Messler

Brethren Disaster Ministries staff are monitoring the re-occurring storms and flooding in California and their damage, and sending prayers for those who are affected. The staff have reached out to leadership of Pacific Southwest District and received word that they have not heard from any Church of the Brethren congregations experiencing issues.

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been staying in communication with the Red Cross and is expecting to deploy volunteer teams to care for children over the weekend.

Read more at www.brethren.org/news/2023/bdm-monitors-needs-in-california



FaithX announces its summer theme and service trips

"Have you heard? FaithX registration opens on Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. (central time)!" said an invitation from FaithX staff Marissa

Witkovsky-Eldred. "The FaithX Office invites you to join them this summer to put your faith into action!"

A total of 12 service trips are planned for junior high, senior high, and adult groups. The We Are Able experience is for youth and young adults with intellectual disabilities and adults who participate alongside them. Spain is the destination for this year's international trip for the adult age group. The theme for FaithX 2023 is "Voices for Peace" (Romans 15:1-6, *The Message*). Find a theme statement at www.brethren.org/faithx/theme. Read more at www.brethren.org/news/2023/faithx-summer-theme-and-service-trips

Seventh Brethren World Assembly will celebrate 300 years of the Brethren in America

By Jeff Bach

The seventh Brethren World Assembly will take place July 26-29, 2023, at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College and at Germantown Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia, Pa., on the final day, July 29.

The theme is "Brethren Faithfulness: Priorities in Perspective." The gathering marks 300 years of the Brethren in America and the 300th anniversary of the Germantown Church. The event also will celebrate the centennial of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria).

The scheduled sessions relate to the history and developments of the Brethren in America from 1723 up to the Civil War, with an additional session about EYN.

Read more at www.brethren.org/news/2023/seventh-brethren-world-assembly

The 2023 New & Renew Conference is Hybrid !

Join us for the New & Renew Conference, **May 17-19, 2023:**

- Onsite at Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, IL
- Virtually via online links



New and Renew is an opportunity for pastors and leaders of new church plants and established churches to come together for worship, learning, and networking.

Our conference theme is **"Disciples: Called, Equipped and in the Neighborhood!"**, based on Matthew 28: 16-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; and John 20:19-20.

Often in our conversations around church planting and church renewal, we talk about the possibility of nurturing faith and practice within our own church bodies. An outgrowth of this could be the building of relationships as we learn to navigate life in our communities.

This three-day hybrid conference has more than 20 sessions to broaden your knowledge of church planting and congregational renewal. Besides the workshops, inspirational worship, keynotes and storytelling will invigorate your calling and passion for ministry.

Unable to attend the conference? No problem! Registration means you can access the recorded sermons, keynotes, and workshops recordings for six months after the event. That means you can watch recorded presentations that are helpful for your ministry context and earn CEUs.

If you are looking for new and practical ways to engage your community and congregation, look no further than the New & Renew Conference 2023. You don't want to miss out on this great experience!

New & Renew Conference Pricing

\$109 per person if you register by February 28

\$149 per person, March 1-April 17th

\$189 per person, April 18-May 18

+\$10 additional for individuals wanting CEUs

Registration includes the new book by our keynote speaker, Jessie Cruickshank, **"Ordinary Discipleship"** to be released on May 9.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Dueck".

Stan Dueck
Leadership/Personal Coach
Director, Organizational Leadership
Church of the Brethren
sdueck@brethren.org

For conference updates, pricing, schedule and more, go to: www.brethren.org/newandrenew

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/14242426869>

For questions please contact: Randi Rowan, churchplanting@brethren.org

Phone: 800-323-8039 ext. 303 or 847-429-4303



CAMP HARMONY



2023 SUMMER CAMP

ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

DAY CAMPS

Grades K-8, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Portage Day Camp, June 19-23

Day Camp #1, June 19-23

Day Camp #2, June 26-30

Day Camp #3, July 10-14

Day Camp #4, July 17-21

Day Camp #5, July 24-28

Day Camp #6, July 31 - Aug. 4

Meyersdale Day Camp, July 31-Aug. 4

More for
2023!



PRE-K CAMPS

Ages 3-5, 9 am - 12 pm

Pre-K #1, June 26-30

Pre-K #2, July 24-28



OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Junior, Grades 2-5

Junior #1, June 11-16

Junior #2, July 2-7

Jr. Extreme, July 16-21

Junior High, Grades 5-8

Jr. High #1, June 11-16

Jr. High #2, July 2-7

Jr. Hi Extreme #1, July 9-14

Jr. Hi Extreme #2, July 16-21

Youth, Grades 7-12

Youth #1, June 11-16

Youth #2, July 2-7

Youth Extreme, July 9-14

Youth Adventure, July 23-28

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What we need:

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plumbing, mechanical,
gardening, cleaning, etc.
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Our Mission:

Inviting all people to
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creation and find harmony
with God, with nature and
with one another.

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

Contact us at 814.798.5885 or harmony@campharmony.org

www.campharmony.org
[#spreadtheHarmony](https://twitter.com/spreadtheHarmony)

2023 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 2023

- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, (TBA)
- 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 25 - SVMC Class
- 26 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2023

- 3 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 11 - SVMC Class
- 12 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 26 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2023

- 1 - SVMC Class
- 2 - PALM SUNDAY
- 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 9 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 16 - Seder Dinner, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC Class

MAY 2023

- 4 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - SVMC Class
- 7 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 11 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 14 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - ASCENSION DAY
- 20 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 22 - SVMC Class
- 28 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

2023 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

JUNE 2023

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

JULY 2023

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Cincinnati, OH
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Cincinnati, OH

AUGUST 2023

Events TBA

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 - LABOR DAY
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

OCTOBER 2023

- 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 21 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2023

- 5 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2023

- 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - 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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