

District Highlights

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Please send **all**
Highlights information
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"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." -The Apostle Paul, I Corinth. 3:10 -11

For many of us, our church congregation is central to our lives, and in our hearts we hold many hopes and dreams for it. We also hold many beliefs about what our church is and what it ought to be and do, even if they are not conscious beliefs. For example, we may have an aversion to saying the LORD's Prayer each week in worship because we believe that "rote" prayers are not spiritual. Or we may believe that a church ought to say the LORD's Prayer every week because it is the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Which is right? Where did our understanding of this come from?

A lot of what we believe about our congregation is colored by its history and our past personal experiences within the life of the congregation. The accuracy or rightness of any certain practice in the church is not evaluated consciously. We believe something is to be a particular way even though we cannot articulate why. But this unconscious adhering to certain beliefs about the church can go beyond having to do with a particular practice. It can touch on foundational perceptions of what the church is by its very nature. Again, for example, we may think that only other Church of the Brethren folk are truly following the Lord. Lutherans or Orthodox Christians, not so much. But is this accurate? Is what we believe about our church true in God's eyes? What ideas influence what we believe the church to be? Are those ideas biblical? What is a biblical church?

One thing that moves us away from being a biblical church is when we define our churches as being first and foremost "Brethren" rather than being first and foremost "Christian." When we do that, what we are really doing is claiming our Brethren heritage as the foundation of our churches rather than seeing Jesus Christ Himself as our foundation. As the Apostle Paul said in the scripture quoted above, *"no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."* It is neither good nor right to elevate church heritage above Jesus who is Lord of all.

When we place our Brethren heritage or the particular heritage of our congregation above Christ as the defining foundation of our church, we are in trouble. We cut ourselves off from the lifeblood of the Church which is found only in Jesus. Spiritual energy wains, and we are more open to conflict because we are standing on the sand of human history and heritage rather than the Rock of our salvation. It is much easier to come into conflict over what we understand our heritage to be than it is to come into disagreement over who Jesus Christ is. If we would test issues in the life of the church using the person of Jesus as our yardstick, we would be a lot better off.

Is your church evaluating its life and practices in terms of who Jesus Christ is? Are you concerned to make sure that you are standing on Him as the sure foundation rather than upon human heritage or history? Our Brethren heritage can help guide us in our faith experiences. But heritage is not Lord. Jesus Christ is Lord.

I invite you to reflect upon this: As you worship, fellowship, and work together within your congregation, do you perceive yourselves as being Christian first and Brethren second? If we put Christ first, if we stand on Him as our sure foundation, our churches will be stronger and healthier.

As the hymn says: *"On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand!"*

God bless you!

- Bill Wenger

District Office/Local Church News

LEADERSHIP

Ordained

Rob Wolf— Pleasant Hill
Chris Garretson —Morrellville

HOSPITALIZED

- Please pray for **Pastor Homer Marshall** who is recovering after back surgery.
- Please pray for former **District Executive Minister Ron Beachley** who is recovering after hip surgery.

SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Charles Whipple** and his family as his brother went to be with the Lord in June.

To **Pastor Chris Garretson** and his family as his mother passed away on June 13, 2018

To **District Leadership Team Chair Ed Houghton** and his family as his daughter-in-law passed away in June.

Note of Thanks:

A Special Thank You from Pastor Charles Whipple and his family for all the cards, prayers, and well-wishes during their time of sorrow. They are very thankful for all the caring people in the Western PA District.

NEW MEMBERS

Scalp Level Congregation

- Lori Kiser
- Dagny Kiser
- Grace Hoffman
- Ashley Floyd
- Andrew Floyd
- Tia McKee
- Anne Murchie
- Lori McKee

2018 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is now available.

Digital and published copies have been mailed and emailed. Please let me know if there are changes or additions. Corrections and additions are posted below and in future Highlights.

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

NEED YOUR HELP

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

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

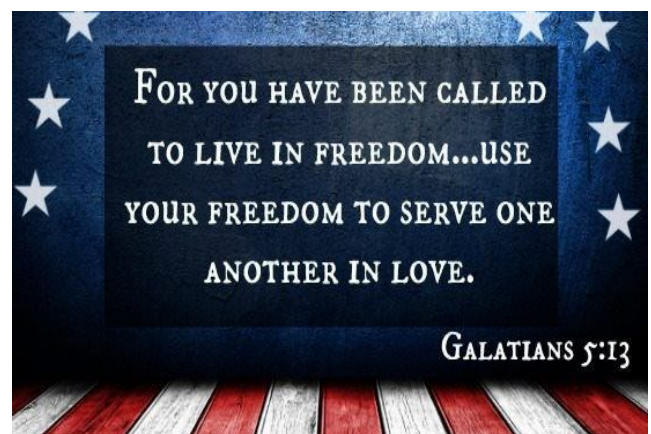
August/September 2018

Double Issue!

Highlights Deadline

July 10, 2018

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



AbbsTract

July 2018

Moses said it first, in Deuteronomy 29. He reminds Israel of all they've gone through together over the past 40 years since Yahweh freed them from Egypt. And still, they don't get what He's doing. *"Yet to this day, the Lord has not given you a mind to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear."*

The phrase also appears in Ezekiel 12. The Word of the Lord came to Ezekiel and this is what he heard: *"Son of man, you are living among a rebellious house. They have eyes to see but do not see, and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious house."* Once again, a prophet is talking about Israel's behavior toward God. They just don't get it. He wants to give them new hearts and new life, and they keep rejecting a relationship with Him.

Depending on the version, you can find this idea elsewhere – like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Romans and Revelation.

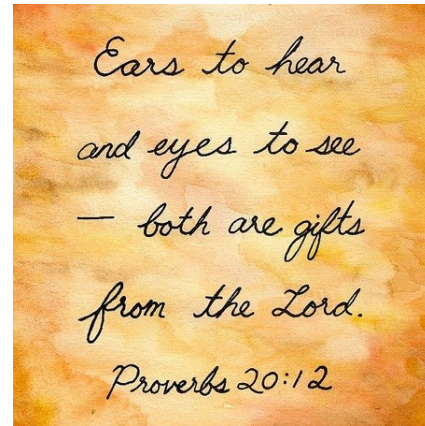
It should sound familiar, because Jesus repeated these words often. Always one to quote Scripture, Jesus used this concept frequently when talking with the people who gathered to take in His message.

"Anyone who has ears to hear should listen!" In other words, "Pay attention! Don't let My words go in one ear and out the other! This means something – did you get it? Will you let My words change the way you live?" It's repeated throughout the gospels.

I recently had the chance to see "JESUS" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster.

If you're able to go, do yourself a favor and go. It was worth the drive.

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I'd never really put them together before, but seeing them onstage brought their stories into focus for me. They were both members of the Great Sanhedrin, which was the high council and supreme court of Israel in Jerusalem. They both spoke up against the unfair trial, torture and crucifixion of Jesus. They were both instrumental in the preparation and burial of Jesus' body. And they were both seeking the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy and looking for God to do something new.

They recognized Jesus for Who He was because they had eyes to see. They were looking for Him. How many times did Jesus share the Truth of the Kingdom with the rest of the Pharisees, only to have them mock Him and conspire against Him? They didn't see; they refused to hear. What about us? Are we looking for Him? Do we listen to Him? Are we in relationship with Jesus, by the Spirit's power? Do His words come to life in our living? Are we receptive to the new things God is doing? Or do we cling to the familiar institution of "church" with its rules and traditions? Have you a heart of stone or a heart of flesh?

Friends, we are living in a rebellious house. May we have enough sense to possess eyes that see and ears that hear.

Amen. :) Abby

Local Church/District News

From the Pastor & Parish Ministry Team:

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention II – PCCII

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Moxham Church of the Brethren
Johnstown, PA

Monday, September 10, 2018

Ligonier First Church of the Brethren
Ligonier, PA

This course is being offered twice to accommodate anyone who may be working or otherwise unable to attend.

The course is designed to aid the pastor, chaplain, laity, and the congregation in offering spiritual care within the congregation when crises occur that are now affecting the family or a smaller group within the congregation. It will begin where PCCII left off and will build upon it.

The course will also examine the role(s) that the pastor as well as the congregation may assume in reaching out to small groups and how the trauma of one affects many within their immediate "circles".

The first half of the course will be spent learning the spiritual and psychological dynamics surrounding trauma within the family as well as proven methodologies of effective intervention. The second half of the course will be spent in small group practicums mastering these techniques.

A hot lunch will be provided.

Deadline for Registration:

Monday, August 27, 2018

Please send check or money order made payable to SVMC in the amount of \$10.00 to:

Dale Leverknight
c/o Montgomery Church of the Brethren
5227 Purchase Line Road
Commodore, PA 15729-8331



Roxbury COB will be hosting their **Summer Yard Sales** at the Roxbury Church Grove on the Somerset Pike.

July 14, 2018
August 4, 2018

Contact Claire Montoya at 814-536-0515 for more information.

Shade Creek Ridge COB

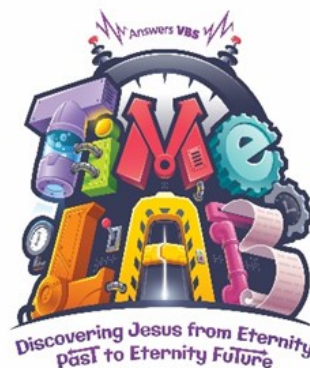
1623 Ridge Road
Hooversville



July 8 - 12, 2018

6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Children ages 3 to 13

To pre register call
Dorothy
at (814)754-5593
Thank You!



Bible School at the Mt. Joy COB
please join them for

Time Lab – Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future

July 23 – 27, 2018

6:15 – 8:30 pm

(1 mile East of Mt. Pleasant on Route 31)

Register your child by
calling the church office
at 724-547-3670

or emailing at mt.joycob@gmail.com

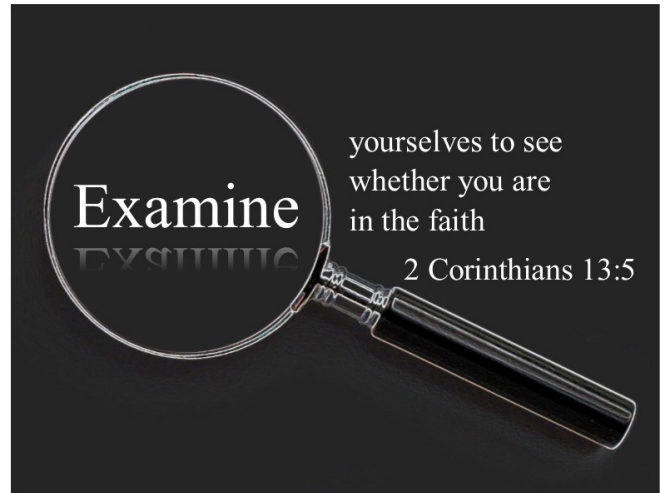
Local Church/District News

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2018:

August 11 Summer Tea @
Beachdale
October 4 Home Day

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*



2018 District Conference October 20, 2018 Camp Harmony

Mark your calendars, more
information will be coming
to your churches soon!

**Please note: District Conference
registration form, Child Care form, CWS
kits information are included in this issue
of the District Highlights.**

Your congregation will receive these forms via
mail in **August**—please be sure to fill everything
out completely and return it to the District
Office in a timely manner. Thanks!!

Church and School Safety Seminar

**Salisbury Faith Factory—Salisbury COB
153 Union Street, Salisbury**

**July 28, 2018
8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

Violent crime at church has increased every
year since the late 90's. Setting a Watch
Ministries is dedicated to informing churches
and schools about the current trends and
teaching them how to respond legally and
effectively.

The Church and School Safety for Today
Seminar is a day long event that will:

- Examine practical security solutions
- Present crime prevention strategies
- Discuss Active Shooter threats
- Explain typical police response
- Prepare attendees for the mental and physical aftermath of a violent encounter

Register at settingawatch.com/salisbury

Online Registration
\$55*

Group Rate—Groups of 12+
\$35

At The Door—Day of Event
\$65

* Taxes and fees not included



**District Conference
Booklets will be ready
to distribute to your
churches by the week
of August 13th.**

Once your church receives
their booklets—please be
sure that they are given to
your delegates and non-delegates so that
everyone can review the information **BEFORE**
District Conference.
This will give everyone ample chance to review,
pray about, and get any questions ready for the
day of District Conference.

We are working hard to bring you the most
complete and updated information, thank you
from the District Staff and Program &
Arrangements Committee.

Denominational News

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



Goings On at Annual Conference... July 4—8, Cincinnati, OH

Coffeehouse

Come to the Coffeehouse area of the Exhibits in Hall B, where you can purchase a cup of coffee from a Coffee Kiosk and then enjoy visiting with friends or listening to one of the mini concerts listed below.

Mini Concerts in the Exhibit Hall

Thursday, July 5

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **David Weiss**
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Thomas Dowdy**
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Scott Duffey, Andy Duffey, Tim Hollenberg-Duffey, and Gilbert Romero**

Friday, July 6

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **"Brethren Got Talent"**
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Dennis Webb**
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. **The Hollenberg Family**

Saturday, July 7

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Bob Kettering/Hymn Sing**
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Praise Band, Naomi Tayse**
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Andrew Wright and grandson, Guitar**

Get free ice cream treats by visiting the Exhibits!

Each registered attendee will get a "Passport" to receive a free ice cream treat by visiting the various booths in the Exhibit Hall. Each exhibitor will stamp your passport and you can turn in completed passports for ice cream treats.

The times to redeem your passports will be:
Saturday, July 7, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 7, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



National Youth Conference

July 21—26, 2018

Colorado State University

Fort Collins, Colorado

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

From the NYC Office:

All Church of the Brethren congregations are invited to participate in three NYC Offerings, even if they are not sending youth. Offering should be sent to the NYC Office (1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL, 60120) prior to NYC, July 21-26, 2018

Here are some suggestions:

Clean-up buckets:
NYC hopes to give 600 clean-up buckets to victims of natural disasters. Please send financial gifts or kit supplies (excluding buckets, laundry detergent, and liquid household cleaner—all of which will be provided on site).

Sending new or gently used sewing scissors:
NYC will hopefully cut 2,400 t-shirts into diaper pieces for Diapers for Haiti. After being sewn, those 2,400 diapers would provide Midwives for Haiti with a one year's supply.

NYC Scholarship Fund:
Congregations may send financial gifts to The NYC Team as they are hoping to welcome up to 20 international Brethren youth from around the world. The NYC Scholarship Fund makes this possible, by helping with the cost of travel and registration for youth from a number of places, including Brazil, Spain, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria, India.

Thank you all for your generous support!

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Global Mission Updates

Global Mission Prayer Guide

Burundi

Pray for the nine participants of the young adult workcamp in Gitega, Burundi. The group is working with staff and volunteers of THARS (Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services) to make progress on the kitchen and library of the THARS center. Through programs such as trauma healing, conflict transformation training, and sexual violence rehabilitation, THARS serves thousands of people from Burundi and surrounding countries who have been affected by the region's genocide and violence. Pray for health and safety for the American and Burundian volunteers. Pray for a time of mutual learning and service.

Vietnam

Pray for the continued work of the Global Mission volunteers as they, along with medical staff, provide care for Vietnamese babies with ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity), an eye disorder that can lead to total blindness if not promptly treated. Grace provides case management for the poor families from rural areas who have difficulty getting adequate treatment for their babies. Pray for traveling mercies for [Global Mission worker Grace Mishler](#) as she travels to the United States for two months of home leave. Pray for a time of restoration and reconnection.



Grace Mishler (r) presenting about infant blindness at a school in Saigon. Photo courtesy of Grace Mishler.

Guatemala

Pray for victims of Sunday's Mount Fuego eruption, which occurred within 30 miles of Guatemala City. The volcano killed at least 65 people, and with many people still missing, authorities expect the death toll will increase. The eruption was especially deadly due to its release of a fast-moving mix of ash, rock, and volcanic gases. May God comfort those who mourn. Pray for people suffering injuries and for the more than 3,000 people who have been evacuated.

Dominican Republic

Pray for a workcamp of Brethren Revival Fellowship (BRF) members in the Dominican Republic. The group of 18 senior high youth and 4 advisors will work together with members of Iglesia de los Hermanos (the Dominican Church of the Brethren) to repair and paint the church building in the community of Las Yayas. Workcamp participants also will lead children's vacation Bible school activities. Pray for health and safety for all volunteers and for a time of relationship-building and mutual service.

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Global Mission Updates

Global Mission Prayer Guide

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ron Lubungo, pastor with Eglise des Freres au Congo (the Congolese Church of the Brethren), requests prayer for the political situation in the DRC. Tensions remain high as clergy and opposition leaders accuse President Joseph Kabila of seeking an illegal third term in office. Elections that should have replaced Kabila, who reached his constitutional two-term limit at the end of 2016, have been postponed twice. Since then, violent crackdowns against protesters have resulted in dozens of deaths. July 25 is seen as a key date, as it marks the period for candidates to file their applications for the December election. Pray for peace and stability in this country scarred by years of civil war. Pray for a government built on justice and equality.

Nigeria

Praise God for the interfaith peace conference organized by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and held on May 19 in Yola, the capital city of Adamawa state. The event, which brought together Christian and Muslim scholars, was titled "Religion as Resources for Peace: Towards Improved Interfaith Relations and Peaceful Co-existence." Among the approximately 120 participants were representatives from Adamawa State government, the Christian Association of Nigeria, the Muslim Council of Nigeria, Mission 21, and EYN leadership, with most of these groups represented among the conference's presenters. Mission 21 sponsored the conference.

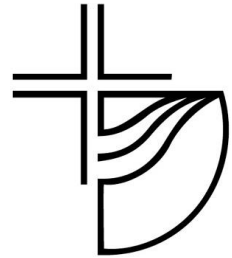


Peace conference leadership. Photo provided by Zakariya Musa.

Praise for Roxane Hill, coordinator of the Nigeria Crisis Response, and Carl Hill, pastor of Potsdam (Ohio) Church of the Brethren and former co-director of the Nigeria Crisis Response, as they continue their visit with response partners in Nigeria. The Hills have met with various leaders from Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) to continue evaluation and planning of the recovery effort.

2018 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM



Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

CAMP HARMONY - 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

*Participants are asked to report to the registration table by **8:30 a.m.***

CHURCH _____

REGISTRATION FEE - \$25.00 per person

[Covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee]

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

HOW DOES MY CHURCH SELECT DELEGATES AND NON-DELEGATES?

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION *[all of the following points apply]*

- ◆ **2 Elected Delegates** for congregations with 200 members or less
- ◆ **2 Elected Delegates**, plus **1 Additional Delegate** for congregations with more than 200 members (*1 Additional Delegate would be for each 200 or a major fraction of 200 members, OVER the initial 200*)
- ◆ **Appointed Non-Elected Delegates** from each congregation include:
 - Pastor
 - Board or Church Leadership Team Chair
 - Commission or Team Chairs
(Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, and Witness **OR** an authorized/appointed representative of those commissions - not to exceed 4 people)
 - Youth Representative

The total number possible of **Appointed Non-Elected Delegates is 7.**

NON-DELEGATE REPRESENTATION

- ◆ Any person that is **not** Elected or Appointed.

Number of <i>DELEGATES</i>	_____	@ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
Number of <i>NON-Delegates</i>	_____	@ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	_____	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:

Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

Please list all who are attending on the other side of this form → → → → →

CHURCH

List DELEGATES

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Office/Position _____

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List NON-DELEGATES

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Child Care Registration ~ District Conference 2018

*One form must be completed for every child that is registered.

Child's Name _____
Parent/Guardian's Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone (____) _____
Congregation _____

Health Care / Permission / Emergency Information

I give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment in the event of an injury or illness on Saturday, October 20, 2018 until I can be contacted. I understand I will be contacted as soon as possible by the Child Care Provider.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Emergency Contact Phone: ____ (____) _____

Insurance Information (Attach a copy of card - front & back)

Insurance: _____

ID# Group#: _____

Primary Care Physician Phone: ____ (____) _____

List ALL medications child is currently taking:

List any medical conditions/problems that a doctor needs to know:

List any known allergies:

Other comments:

Complete **one form for every child** you are registering and return by **Monday, October 1, 2018** to:
Western PA District, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple PA 15935

Parent/Guardian Please clip and **keep this portion**
District Conference 2018 ~ Saturday, October 20, 2018
Child Care Information

Place: **Camp Harmony**
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936
Drop Off: **7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**
Pick-Up: **At the close of the conference**
Items to Bring: One (1) packed lunch per child
Prepared bottles or baby food, if needed
Diapers, if needed
Snacks

**Child Care Workers have the required
clearance/background checks.**

**Note: No fee required. Costs are included in
District Conference registration**

Church World Service Recovery and Support Kits

CWS Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets are projects your church group can complete to make a difference for hurting people in the United States and around the world. These basic supplies are so common in the US, but so vital if you have lost everything in a disaster or live in poverty. Cash donations in lieu of assembled Kits or Buckets also help provide much-needed supplies. If you have questions, please call the CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Wrap your love and prayers in every Kit or Bucket you put together. But, please, include only the items listed. **Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits.** And, please, do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you for helping CWS be ready to respond!

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel – 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 band-aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

School Kit

- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 – 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. **(No loose-leaf or filler paper.)**
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 – 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 – Five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 – 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- 1 – 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- 1 – 24-28 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, 2 – 50 ft. or 1 – 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 – 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags (may be removed from carton)
- 1 – 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, note aerosol)

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. **Be sure to send only new materials.** Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

Don't forget to send a check for \$2 per Kit or \$3 per Bucket to help cover the shipping costs.

Kits should be ***securely boxed and taped***. Boxes should be packed with only one type of Kit (Hygiene, School, or Baby) inside each box. The boxes should be labeled, noting the type of Kit, number of Kits, congregation/group, contact person, address, and number of boxes. **Please DO NOT put the \$2 inside the kit.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Fill out and attach this form to the box with the kits or the buckets, and send a check for \$2.00 per Kit or \$3.00 per Bucket to help cover shipping costs. Make check payable to and send to **Western PA District COB.**

Congregation/Group

Contact Person

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Indicate amount enclosed: Number of Kits x \$2 = \$

Number of Buckets x \$3 = \$

SELF-ALLOCATION GIVING 2018 GIVING						
DATE: MAY 31, 2018	DISTRICT		CAMP		HOME	
CONGREGATION	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving
ARBUTUS	300.00	100.00	400.00	100.00	200.00	0.00
BEACHDALE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,200.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00
BEAR RUN	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
BERKEY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHEL	100.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BROTHERSVALLEY	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CANAAN	420.00	420.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTER HILL	0.00	1,950.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
CONEMAUGH	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
CONNELLVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY LINE	500.00	125.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00
ELBETHEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ERIE COMMUNITY UNITED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAIRCHANCE	600.00	250.00	600.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
FAIRVIEW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FARMINGTON BETHEL	1,260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GEIGER	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	393.75	0.00	0.00
GOOD SAMARITAN	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GREENSBURG	3,000.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GREENVILLE	2,300.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
HOOVERSVILLE	850.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOSTETLER	850.00	1,650.00	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00
HYNDMAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIANA	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIGONIER	800.00	200.00	770.00	192.50	0.00	0.00
LOCUST GROVE	1,800.00	450.00	1,352.00	338.00	0.00	0.00
MAPLE GLEN	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAPLE GROVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAPLE SPRING	10,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	0.00
MEYERSDALE	2,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
MIDDLECREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MONROEVILLE	1,200.00	362.00	340.00	87.00	0.00	0.00
MONTGOMERY	0.00	756.00	0.00	590.40	0.00	0.00
MORRELLVILLE	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT JOY	3,000.00	750.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT PLEASANT	300.00	150.00	200.00	175.00	0.00	0.00
MOXHAM	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
NANTY GLO	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
NATRONA HEIGHTS	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OAKDALE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENN RUN	1,500.00	0.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PIKE RUN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLEASANT HILL	16,000.00	12,021.00	6,500.00	3,250.00	0.00	1,558.00
PLUMCREEK	2,800.00	1,400.00	700.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
PURCHASE LINE	4,728.00	2,097.00	5,076.00	2,115.00	1,524.00	254.00
RAYMAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SELF-ALLOCATION GIVING 2018 GIVING						
DATE: MAY 31, 2018	DISTRICT		CAMP		HOME	
CONGREGATION	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving	Allocation	Giving
ROBINSON	500.00	750.00	500.00	750.00	500.00	0.00
ROCKTON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROCKWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROXBURY	750.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RUMMEL	3,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	0.00	645.00
SALISBURY	3,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCALP LEVEL	2,700.00	1,350.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	0.00	625.00
SHADE CREEK/RIDGE	200.00	375.00	350.00	525.00	0.00	0.00
SIPESVILLE	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SOMERSET	3,357.00	1,814.50	2,310.00	1,175.34	0.00	414.70
TEN MILE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TIRE HILL	2,500.00	1,250.00	2,400.00	1,486.00	0.00	825.00
UNION CHAPEL	1,065.00	1,065.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
UNIONTOWN	3,800.00	1,903.35	2,185.00	1,357.04	2,300.00	191.66
WALNUT GROVE	250.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WAY OF HOPE	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WESTMONT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WINDBER	0.00	437.50	0.00	1,412.50	0.00	0.00
WOODDALE	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	83,380.00	43,026.35	54,683.00	25,812.53	10,524.00	5,688.36

Thank you to all congregations for your 2018 support of Western PA District Ministries.

Carole J. Horner, District Treasurer

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – July 2018

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 152928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

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



Since it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, with the help of the District, I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up the necessary people to make the program work. This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometime go unanswered. Missed calls and unanswered messages requires another time consuming telephone call, sometimes with the same results! After the receipt of an email, and after checking the printed schedule would you **PLEASE** consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedules toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry. PLEASE contact your church coordinator to volunteer. If your church does not have one PLEASE contact Herb Ewald at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530.

THANK YOU!

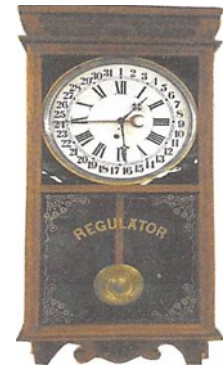
New Windsor Day Trips

Aug. 09, 2018
Aug. 28, 2018
Oct. 04, 2018
Nov. 08, 2018
Nov. 27, 2018
Dec. 18, 2018

Week Trips

July 22-28, 2018 (w/Mid. Atl)
September 02-08, 2018
October 14-20, 2018 (w/Virlina)
December 02-08, 2018

A Century of Time Worshipping Together: Sipesville Church of the Brethren



First, a little history:



In the 1800's, a white board church was built on the Bakersville Edie Road where the church cemetery is located. In 1918, a new brick church was built in Sipesville PA at 711 Sipesville Road. The pastor at that time was Pastor C. A. McDowell. Unfortunately, he never got to see his dream become a reality as he passed away months before the congregation moved into their new building. There have been a total of 21 pastors in the long history of the church.

**To celebrate that history, the congregation of the Sipesville COB
will be hosting a "Celebration Weekend".**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 28, 2018 5:00 pm

Corn roast, hot dogs, mountain pies, s'mores around a campfire at the church pavilion.

July 29, 2018 10:00 am

Church service followed by a celebration meal in the church basement

July 29, 2018 2:00 pm

Singspiration with special music from Danny Connor and others from our area.

Light refreshments will be served.

A special Thank You,

To Pastor Cecil Lohr and his wife Ruth who have been such a blessing to the Sipesville church family. With their continued faithfulness, the Sipesville church family has grown and continues to grow!



The members of the Sipesville Church of the Brethren are excited about achieving this wonderful milestone of 100 years and hope that you will join them during this special time. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey toward another 100 years or when our Lord Jesus Christ returns to take us to our eternal home in Heaven!



CAMP HARMONY

A ministry of the Church of the Brethren
1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936-0158
E-mail: harmony@campharmony.org
<http://www.campharmony.org>
(814) 798-5885 FAX: (814) 798-2225

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

DISHTOWELS NEEDED

Camps and retreats are in full swing and we are finding that Camp is need of dishtowels again. A donation of dishtowels would be very welcomed so that we can keep distributing them to the various retreat centers. Thank you....

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2018 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

As more and more families are blessed they contribute \$1.00 a week or \$52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed \$52, the debt could be eliminated. At the present the 2018 team totals 35 families and groups donating \$3,900.

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LOOKING AHEAD -* Poster included in Highlights for information

Summer Camping Season

Performing Arts Camp – "Alice in Wonderland" – June 29 – 6PM & June 30 – 2PM

\$10/adult, \$5/Children – Concessions Available

Fall Gospel Music Festival – August 31 – Sept. 1*

Harmony Fest – September 22-23*

Congregations, we need your help to make this a successful Fall Festival. The information has been sent out to all the Churches – It just may not be reaching the correct individual. Please call Camp if you are the person reading this and need this information. Camp Harmony is your ministry and this is a perfect time to advertise your church. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, just call Camp.

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HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Many of you have been asking about the final monetary amount from the Highmark Walk. Over \$9,000.00 was raised for the scholarship fund. Usually the majority of the scholarships come out of the general budget and we feel very blessed that this year that doesn't have to happen. It is wonderful how the Lord blesses when we all work together.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are presently preparing for our Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) where we provide meals to children in the community who are on free and reduced lunches during school. In order for us to provide this service and a very worthwhile ministry, we are in need of volunteers to drive to nearby sites and deliver the food. One day a week for an hour is all that is needed. If you are interested and willing to help please contact Camp.



CAMP HARMONY



Harmony Fest

Bringing People Together in Harmony!



September 22-23, 2018

Kids Activities

Vendors

**Food
&
Music**

**FREE
Admission!**

**Campfire &
Movie Under
the Stars**



There's something for everyone!
www.campharmony.org

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936
814-798-5885 harmony@campharmony.org



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

2018 District Events and Meetings

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

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

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

JULY 2018

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

AUGUST 2018

- 11 - DWM Summer Tea, Beachdale COB (alternate day Aug. 18)
- 12 - Stewardship Sunday
- 31 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Begins

SEPTEMBER 2018

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

OCTOBER 2018

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

NOVEMBER 2018

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

DECEMBER 2018

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

PLEASE NOTE

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