

Western PA

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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Some Thoughts and Reflections on the Upcoming 2019 Annual Conference

from District Minister Bill Wenger

Next week the 2019 Annual Conference will begin in Greensboro, North Carolina. The main task of this conference is for the delegates to contribute their thoughts and perspective on the content of a “Compelling Vision” for our Church of the Brethren denomination. The Compelling Vision process is aimed at helping our denomination formulate a vision statement that will enable us to understand how we can best strengthen the mission of Christ in our congregations, in our communities, and in the world. The hope is “to find pathways to increased effectiveness in our ministry together as a denomination, in the midst of our diversity, and in some cases, division” (*a quote from the Compelling Vision Process Team.*)

The Compelling Vision Process Team wants it to be clear that the goal of this year’s compelling vision work is not to make statements or decisions about the theological and ethical issues that divide us as a denomination. The thoughts gathered from the delegates this year will be given to a writing team who will then craft a vision statement from the data they have. Numbers of conservative Brethren people have expressed discouragement at the length of this process and doubt whether it will produce a vision that will truly call the COB to biblical faithfulness and renewed power in the Lord. At the same time, conservative Brethren are also hopeful that God might move mightily through this process and that the COB might truly be reformed spiritually.

**For as the body is one,
and has many members,
and all the members of
that one body, being
many, are one body: so
also is Christ.**

—1 Corinthians 12:12

Some Thoughts and Reflections on the Upcoming 2019 Annual Conference continued...
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To be honest, no one knows how this all will play out. It may lead to a renewed faithfulness in the COB, one in which conservative Brethren find their place with joy. It may lead to disappointment on the part of conservative Brethren if the compelling vision process produces little to help the COB spiritually. No matter what may come, our hope is that the churches of the Western PA District will remain together in a spirit of unity as we see how all this does play out. If a new biblical faithfulness arises in the COB, then we will be together as a district sharing in that wonderful blessing.

If a new biblical clarity and faithfulness does not seem to be developing, then we will be together as discussions perhaps would begin at the denominational level as to how conservative and progressives can part ways peacefully.

Again, it is not clear at all what may happen. But if our district churches stay together and work together, we will be in a position to share together in the life of a renewed COB that may arise. Or we will be able to share together in new blessings that come as God would lead us into an arrangement with other conservative churches in other districts as a new denominational body.

I ask you to not attribute any conclusive power to my words above, for no one knows what may come of all this, and I do not want anyone to think that I am predicting or promising anything about any future course for the churches of our district. My goal in writing this to you is simply to encourage us to remain together, so that in the future we can still be in fellowship with one another, find strength in one another's faith, and work together on mission projects for Christ's glory.



May God grant us grace to be faithful
to His will and purposes. He will lead us aright.

Peace to you!

District Office Notes

DOUBLE ISSUE

August/September 2019 Highlights Deadline

July 10, 2019

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

tlehman@brethren.org

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2019**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

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

Thank you!



The **District Library and Resource Room** at the District Office is open and available during District Office hours. Please feel free to stop in and check out, Sunday School resources, group Bible studies, church history, and many others. The District Spiritual Formation Team is currently working on updating the book list and will have more to share in the near future.

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Monday ~ Friday

8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Secretary is in

Monday ~ Thursday

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Friday's until Noon

*Voicemail and Email
checked daily*

District Office Notes

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ!

To: All Pastors, Board Chairs, and Church Leadership

From: District Office

Re: DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS

We would like to do something different this year for District Conference registrations. Each year, a copy of the registration information is placed in the District Highlights and each church is mailed multiple paper copies of the registration information. The paper copies are sent to the pastor, board, chair, treasurer, commission chairs or to a variation of those in leadership.

We try hard to keep the most current database of church leadership, but as you know, changes happen often. Because of this, we are sending out extra mail that is not always seen or making it to the correct people. Since there needs to be only ONE registration form for each church, we are looking to eliminate the waste of paper and the expense of postage.

This year, the registration information for the 2019 District Conference will be posted on the District Website at <http://www.westernpacob.org/conference.html> It will also be placed in this issue of the District Highlights (July 2019) and sent via email in late July.

We do realize that there are some churches that do not have internet or email capability, so they will receive one paper copy of the registration information via postal mail sometime in July.

Once the registration form is completed, please send it to the District Office along with the payment to be processed. **The registration deadline is October 1, 2019.**

Thank you and please share this information with your congregations.

District Church News

LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Changes

Keith Simmons—called as pastor, Plumcreek

HOSPITALIZED

- Continue to pray for **Carole Horner** and her ongoing recovery.
- **Pastor Chuck Mahon** who is recovering after knee surgery.

SYMPATHY

To **Assistant District Treasurer Mike Seganos** and his family as his mother passed away in May.

To **Pastor Russ Peruso** and his family as his mother passed away in June.

NEW MEMBERS

Indiana Congregation welcomed 5 new members.

Meyersdale Congregation

- Clara Ellen Miller

Middlecreek Congregation

- John Knoll
- Vicki Centi

Coffeehouse at Indiana COB

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



Everyone welcome!

Brethren Bible Institute—Summer Term Sponsored by the Brethren Revival Fellowship

July 22—26, 2019

On the Campus of Elizabethtown College,
Elizabethtown PA

Cost for dormitory students—\$300.00 for the week. Cost for commuting students is \$125.00.

For Application Forms, write to: Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517

**Applications must be completed
by June 25, 2019**



Life Rocks Festival at Indiana COB

Saturday, August 3, 2019
11:00 am -7:00 pm

7 worship teams, 7 pastors speaking.
Volleyball, basketball, bouncy house;
games, prizes, and food vendors.

All proceeds go to the
Lifeway Pregnancy Center.
All welcome!

District Church News

Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

10' X 10' spaces available to rent

Please contact Lori Fackler for more
information at 724-349-2929 or e-mail her
at lorijeffackler@yahoo.com.

Annual Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

There will be numerous silent auction
baskets to bid on, homemade soup,
Sandwiches, and other goodies as well as
a pie auction at noon.

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2019:

August 17, 2019 Tea @ Walnut Grove COB

September 13 & 14, 2019, Fall Retreat @ Camp

October 3, 2019 Fall Rally TBA

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*

SAVE THE DATE - Geiger COB

"Heavenly Harvest Hoedown" There
are some new surprises in store for those
attending our annual hoedown for
2019. This fun evening will take place on
September 21. More details will be
furnished as the date draws near.



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

July 13, 2019

August 3, 2019

Contact the church for more information
814-536-6716

The **Beachdale COB** is seeking a motivated spiritual
leader(s) to coordinate and implement children's
activities that foster and
nurture Christian faith
in visible and fruitful
ways in children. The
primary focus of this
position is to educate
followers of



Jesus according to God's Holy Word and foster
relationships with children, parents, and caregivers
by His will and direction.

Must be 18 years of age or older and able to
provide/obtain required clearances. Paid part-time
position of approximately 10 hours per week.
Interested individuals may contact Beth Hoover
at 814-279-7857.

District Church News

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS
GOD BREATHED**

2 Timothy 3:16 & 17

Mark your calendars!
2019 District Conference
October 19, 2019
Camp Harmony
Please be sure your church is
represented!



Traveling to Annual Conference?

District Disaster
Coordinator Herb Ewald is willing to drive
the District Disaster Van to Greensboro, NC
for this year's Annual Conference.

If you are interested, please contact Herb
at 814-539-8530. There are only 11 spaces
available so let him know soon!



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

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

or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

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

THANK YOU

2019 Schedule

Day Trips

August 8
August 20
October 10
October 15
December 5

Week Trips

July 14—20
w/Mid. Project #1

September 15—21
w/Mid. Project #2

Oct. 27—Nov. 2
Project #1

December 8—14
w/ANE Project #1

**Happy
Independence Day!**
God Bless America!



Free Resources in the District

Free Resources available at the Locust Grove COB

30 Day Church Challenge Kit—
4 DVDs with Daily Guide +13
Daily Guidebooks



Kyle Idleman “Not A Fan” -
DVD small group study for adults

Rick Warren studies:
“God’s Answers to Life’s Questions” -
4 DVDs + 12 study guides
“40 Days of Purpose” - 16 VHS tapes
“The Purpose Driven Life” - 16 hardcover books
“40 Days in the Word” - 3 DVDs + 11 workbooks

John Ortberg “Soul Keeping” -
3 DVDs + 9 books + 32 study guides

Louie Giglio “Goliath Must Fall” -
4 books + 16 workbooks

Ron Luce “Re:Create” - 6 workbooks + 4 books

Mark Batterson “The Grave Robber” (1 kit) - 12
books + 19 study guides + 9 student edition study
guides

Max Lucado “Fearless” -
12 books + 7 kits (DVDs, small group leader guide)
+ 13 study guides

Todd Phillips “Keep Climbing” -
1 DVD + 16 workbooks

Chris Seay “Prodigal Perspectives”-
1 kit + 15 workbooks

Jim Cymbala “When God’s People Pray” - 5 DVDs

Please Contact Roxanne Penrod 814-539-2258 or
the Locust Grove church 814-539-6826 if you are
interested in any of these studies.

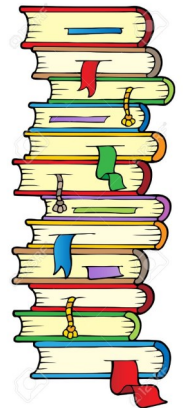
Free Books at Rummel COB

Greek for the Rest of Us,
by William D. Mounce - Zondervan,
2003

A Reader’s Greek New
Testament, 2nd Edition - Zondervan,
2007

Basics of Biblical Greek, 3rd Edition,
by William D. Mounce - Zondervan,
2009

Contact Rummel COB (467-5050)
or Abby Shaffer (abramash10408@gmail.com)



Locust Grove Choir has numerous older
Easter & Christmas cantata's, some with
cassette's, FREE to anyone interested.
Also FREE, several books with CD's & one
with cassette for Sunday morning music.

Contact Elaine Fyock, 467-9725 or 410-9776,
for more information.



Denominational News

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



Annual Conference 2019

July 3–7, 2019

Greensboro, NC

Sheraton/Koury Convention Center

***Please pray for everyone attending
Annual Conference***



National Older Adult Conference

September 2–6, 2019

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

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

ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Greensboro is looking for DR.'s, RN's, LPN's and EMT's who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Jane Laprade is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Greensboro and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at: d.laprade@b2xonline.com



**Please continue to pray
for the situation in Nigeria.**

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

Visit www.brethren.org
for more information.



Workcamps 2019

<http://www.brethren.org/workcamps/>

Global Mission Updates

Global Mission Prayer Guide

Rwanda

Give thanks for the ministry of Christine and Josiah Ludwick as they complete their year of service as Global Mission workers with the Church of the Brethren in Rwanda. Pray for wisdom and grace as they express their gratitude and say their goodbyes to the Rwandan Brethren. Pray for safe travel and a smooth transition for Christine and Josiah and their children Rachel and Asher as they return to life in Harrisburg, Pa.

Pray for Christine's job search as she seeks opportunities to provide health care services to the underserved communities of Harrisburg. Pray for Josiah as he resumes his work at Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren.



The Ludwick family recently celebrated daughter Rachel's baptism alongside Rwandan Brethren. Photo courtesy of Christine Ludwick.

United States

The 2019 workcamp season is now in full swing with the start of service experiences throughout the United States. Pray for the two workcamps happening this week:

The **We Are Able workcamp**, for youth and young adults with intellectual disabilities, begins today in Elgin, Ill. Participants will help fight hunger by sorting, repackaging, and distributing food through several food banks and distribution centers. Pray that the workcampers will come together as a community of believers to grow in faith and in confidence of their abilities to serve the world around them. Pray for the assistants who will serve alongside these participants, helping to care for their needs and providing models of service.

Pray for the junior high youth and advisors who will get a taste of camp life as they work at **Camp Brethren Heights** in Rodney, Mich. The group is helping prepare the camp grounds for the summer season by building a footbridge, painting cabins, and cleaning up the woods and lake shoreline. Pray that these participants will worship and work together as they grow closer to God while exploring the wonders and serenity of nature.

Global Mission Updates

Global Mission Prayer Guide



"That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." —2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Haiti

Pray for the state of violent unrest and instability that has continued in Haiti for months. In cities across the country, thousands of protestors have been demonstrating against extreme government corruption and pushing for the president and other leaders to resign. Some protests have resulted in clashes with police. Pray for members of Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (the Church of the Brethren in Haiti), including Haiti Medical Project staff, whose lives and work are disrupted by the demonstrations, roadblocks, and other unrest.

Pray for the Haitian people's quest for transparency in their government and for accountability and fairness at all levels of society. Pray that the leaders of Haiti choose honesty over greed so they can work for peace, justice and greater prosperity for all Haitians.

Dominican Republic

Pray for members of Lancaster (PA) Church of the Brethren as they serve this week with Iglesia de los Hermanos, the Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic. Volunteers are helping the Cerros de Chalona congregation to add a kitchen and cafeteria and to construct a new building for worship and community outreach ministries. Pray for health and safety in the construction work. Pray for a time of rich fellowship between Dominican and United States Brethren.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – July 2019

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

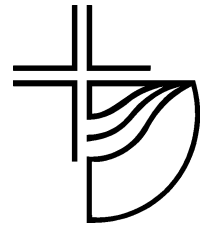
LAY SPEAKER

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

Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, Pennsylvania 15935-7412

814 479-7058 814 479-2181



Church of the Brethren

MEMO

TO: Western PA District Churches

FROM: Program and Arrangements Committee

DATE: August 2019

RE: 2019 District Conference Information

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Western PA District Annual District Conference will be held at **Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936**, on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. The Program and Arrangements Committee is working hard to insure a productive and uplifting experience for all those in attendance.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR DELEGATES AND NON-DELEGATES
FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019.**

The registration fee for the conference is \$25.00 per person, which includes lunch, conference booklet materials, and facility fee.

Enclosed you will find the following forms and information regarding District Conference:

- **REGISTRATION FORM:** Please send **ONE** check and **ONE** completed registration form for your church's delegates and non-delegates
- **CHILD CARE REGISTRATION FORM:** Send one form for **EACH** child, include proof of health insurance
- **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT KIT INFORMATION:**
The offering this year will again be received in the form of kits or buckets.

(Again, please note the deadline for registration is October 1, 2019)

Please share this information with your delegates and other leaders of your congregations, some of whom may also receive this mailing.

Individuals attending the conference should report to Registration by 8:30 am on October 19th in order for the conference to begin on time. If you have any questions regarding District Conference, please feel free to contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or toll free at 1-866 279-2181.

Enclosures – 3



2019 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – 9:00 am

CAMP HARMONY - 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

Participants are asked to report to the registration table by **8:30 am*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH _____

Number of **DELEGATES** _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Number of **NON-Delegates** _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

[\$25.00 registration covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee]

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2019

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.

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.

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

Delegates

Name	Address	Email	Office/ Position	Food Allergies or requests

Non Delegates

Name	Address	Email	Office/ Position	Food Allergies or requests



Child Care Registration ~ District Conference 2019

*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 19, 2019 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 **Tuesday, October 1, 2019** to:
Western PA District, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple PA 15935

Parent/Guardian Please clip and **keep this portion**
District Conference 2019 ~ Saturday, October 19, 2019
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 = \$



1414 Plank Road, PO Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936
www.campharmony.org
Phone: (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"*

Hello from Camp Harmony!

Counselors and Support Staff (Lifeguards, Adventure, Maintenance, Cooks) have arrived and are being trained in each of their roles for the summer. We have an amazing summer staff and look forward for campers to arrive!

Please pray for...

1. Staff to fall in love with Jesus, and continue to grow in their knowledge and love for Him.
2. Campers to meet Jesus as their Savior for the first time, and if they already have a relationship with Him that they would grow in their Faith.
3. Safety of everyone involved with camp.
4. Wisdom for Directors to lead as God would direct them.

Looking Ahead: Events to put on your calendar!

Gospel Festival

Friday, Aug 30 at 6pm - Monday, Sept 2 until 3pm

*A weekend for the whole family to be blessed with great music, fun and food! Stay for the whole weekend or come for just a day. Hear great talent from Gospel performers like Heaven4Shore, Good News, United, The Choraliers & Pearl and more!

FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE, LODGING AVAILABLE

Harmony Festival

Saturday, Sept 28 at 10am - Sunday, Sept 29 ending at 5pm

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

FREE ADMISSION, KIDS ACTIVITIES, VENDORS, FOOD & MUSIC
CAMPFIRE & MOVIE UNDER THE STARS



The District Women's Ministry

Invites you to the

Annual District Women's Tea Party

Mothers, Daughters, Relatives, Friends,, and Neighbors.

At: Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren

On: August 17, 2019

Gather around 12:30 Starts at 1:00

A time to honor and refresh women.

*Enjoy sipping tea, eating wonderful food and
delectable desserts.*

*Our entertainment will be
"Meat and Potato" (great male trio)*

It's Tea Time.

We'll get dressed-up and have some tea

(Wear a hat if you please)

Oh what fun this party will be!!!

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All reservations for the TEA, **MUST** be mailed in no later than July 30th, 2019. Please include the payment for each reservation. We would like the name of each person coming on the back of this paper.

Congregation _____ #Att. _____ \$15.00 each _____

Please write checks to the District Women's Ministries.

Send to : Arbutus Blough, 845 Speigle Road, Hollsopple, PA ,

Phone : 818-629-9279

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SATURDAY

AUGUST

10

SCALP LEVEL COB

PRESENTS

PRAISE IN THE PARK 2019

WINDBER RECREATIONAL PARK



ALLAN SCOTT BAND
6:30 PM

FREE ENTRY
12 PM



THE BALL BROTHERS
8:00 PM

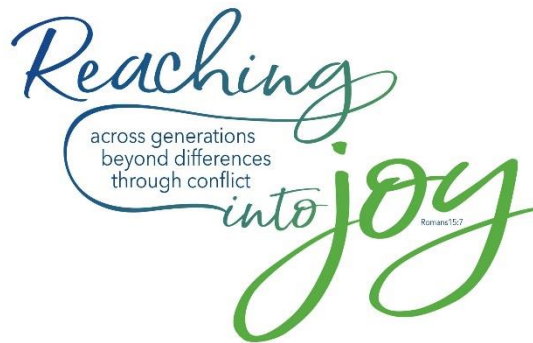
FREE LUNCH & DINNER
WINDBER AREA COMMUNITY KITCHEN

FREE BOUNCY, GAMES, PRIZES, COTTON CANDY,
SNOW CONES, POPCORN & FIREWORKS



@Windberpraiseinthepark

Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference
September 2-6, 2019
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina



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

**** Registration Information:**

- General Registration will open May 1.
- Please register online if you are able to do so. You can find the link at brethren.org/NOAC.
- If you need a paper registration form, please call 1-800-323-8039, ext. 302 and leave a message.
- Early registration for those who need to reserve a room in Terrace (handicap accessible, close to events) will be open April 22-30.
- Registration fee before July 15 is \$195. \$20 off for first time attendees.

**** Worship Services** every day with Church of the Brethren preachers: Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm, Jennifer Keeney Scarr, Jeanne Davies, Walt Wiltschek, Dennis Webb.

**** Keynote Speakers** Sister Joan Chittister, Professor Drew Hart, Musician Ken Medema and Actor Ted Swartz.

**** NOAC News Team**, Dave, Larry, and Chris will once again provide informative and humorous "news" reports each day.

**** Interest groups** every afternoon on a variety of topics.

**** Arts and Crafts** opportunities.

**** Day Trips** to the Biltmore Estate, Basilica of St. Lawrence and Asheville Botanical Gardens, Carl Sandburg Home and Farm, Arboretum of North Carolina, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, and a Hike on the Blue Ridge Parkway. You can sign up for day trips when you register.

**** Service Projects** include **reading with students at the Lake Junaluska Elementary School.**

We will be collecting books to donate to the school. Please bring your favorite children's books to donate. We will also assemble **1000 Hygiene Kits.**

**** Afternoon Programs** will include the J Creek Cloggers, Birds of Prey, and an organ recital/hymn sing led by Jonathan Emmons and Bev Anspaugh.

**** Welcome Festival** Monday afternoon (9/2) with games, music, tie dying, and fellowship.

**** Fundraising Walk** around the lake.

**** Talent Nights** on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**** Exhibit Hall** with information about Church of the Brethren and related agencies and organizations.

**** Brethren Press Bookstore** with book signings by our Keynote Speakers.

**** Recreational Activities** include garden walks, boat rides on the lake, walking trails, tennis, swimming pool, Fitness Center, golf.

**** Early Morning Bible Studies** led by Nancy Sollenberger Heishman and Fred Bernhard.

**** Morning Bible Study** led by Paula Bowser.

**** Lodging at Lake Junaluska** must be reserved through the Lake Junaluska rental office at 800-222-4930 ext. 1.

**** District Buses** are coming from several districts. Contact your District Office for more information.

**** NOAC Planning Team** includes: Glenn Bollinger, Karen Dillon, Rex Miller, Pat Roberts, Paula Ziegler Ulrich, Christy Waltersdorff (Coordinator), Josh Brockway (Discipleship Ministries staff), and Stan Dueck (Discipleship Ministries staff).

PASTORAL CARE & CRISIS INTERVENTION IV
ATTENTION DISASTER COORDINATORS,
PASTORS, BOARD CHAIRS, DEACONS,
AND CONCERNED PERSONS:

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, IV is coming! This is the final installment in the initial Pastoral Care series and will combine the first three classes by assisting the local congregation, congregational leadership and the community at joining together to be a force for the Kingdom during times of severe crises that now are affecting the entire community.

The class will cover the spiritual impacts of large-scale disasters, large-scale disaster response for the local congregation, response preparedness and planning, and coordination with civilian and government agencies.

The class will again be held twice for your convenience:

Thursday, September 5, 2019 at Scalp Level COB

Saturday, September 7 at Monroeville COB

Classes begin with a continental breakfast and registration at 8:30 am
with class to follow from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

The registration fee is again \$10.00 and includes breakfast, lunch, the class and the 0.5 CEU certificate from the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Please detach and mail the registration form below including a check or money order for \$10.00 made payable to SVMC, having checked which class you would like to attend, for arrival *no later than* **Monday, August 19, 2019** to:

Dale Leverknight

220 West Dubois Avenue, Dubois, PA 15801

Contact Dale @ 814-541-3684 with any questions

Name: _____ Check one: _____ 09/05/2019

Address: _____ 09/07/2019

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Continuing
EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

Preaching: Basic Steps, Story, and Money

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Brethren Village (The Great Room in Fieldcrest)

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

Presenter: Mark Wenger

Mark currently serves as the Pastoral Team Leader and Pastor of Administration at the Franconia Mennonite Church. Previously, Mark directed pastoral studies at Eastern Mennonite University for 12 years and pastored for 18 years. He holds a Ph.D. in Practical Theology: Preaching and Worship, as well as a M.Div., and a B.A.

This seminar, during the morning, will explore a simple method for preparing to preach expository messages drawn from a Bible text. The afternoon will shift into the topics of preaching and story, and preaching about money.

Please ☒ check your option:

Registration due by August 30, 2019: ☐ \$60 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and .55 CEUs)
☐ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

REGISTRATION FORM – Please register by August 30, 2019. Thank you.

<p><u>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</u></p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "Preaching: Basic Steps, Story and Money" to: Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center One Alpha Drive Elizabethtown, PA 17022 Questions: Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or svmc@etown.edu. Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p>Amount Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 for 0.55 CEUs <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 for NO CEUs</p> <p>Where did you hear about this event? _____</p>
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2019 District Events and Meetings

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

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

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

JULY 2019

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

AUGUST 2019

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2 - LABOR DAY
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 13 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 21 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 28-29 - Harmony Fest, Campy Harmony

OCTOBER 2019

- 3 - DWM Fall Rally, TBA
- 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 12 - Blood Screening, 7:00 am to 9:00 am, Way of Hope Fellowship
- 12 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 19 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 26 - SVMC Class, District Office

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!

NOVEMBER 2019

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

DECEMBER 2019

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 14 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY* – Camp Harmony – *more information to come*
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE