

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

July 2021

## FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER

On a “You Tube” video that I was watching recently, a teacher was challenging a Baptist church regarding their lack of growth in numbers. He asked: *“Do you have any evangelistic outreach programs? Are you personally sharing your faith with any one? Do you have any ministries to the poor? Any ministries to help people with addictions?”* It seemed that the congregation was not actively doing these things.

As I listened to this teacher, it made me wonder if one of the reasons our congregations struggle with decline and smaller numbers is because we too are not doing these things. Are we stuck in a mindset that still expects new people just to show up at our churches on Sunday mornings?

The current statistics are that only 18% of Americans are actively engaged in the life of a local church. That means that there are a lot of our fellow Americans who need the good news of Jesus Christ. But it takes purposefulness and courage to take action to reach them with the good news.

Perhaps we feel tired or discouraged. Perhaps we are frightened by the negative attitude that so many people have towards “organized religion” and this makes us nervous about sharing our faith with anyone.

The good news for us is that the Holy Spirit can lift us beyond weariness and discouragement. He can help us conquer our fears and enable us to take steps to offer a loving witness to folks who need Christ.

In the Book of Acts we read over and over how the power of the Holy Spirit moved the early church to effectively proclaim Christ and see new people added to their numbers.

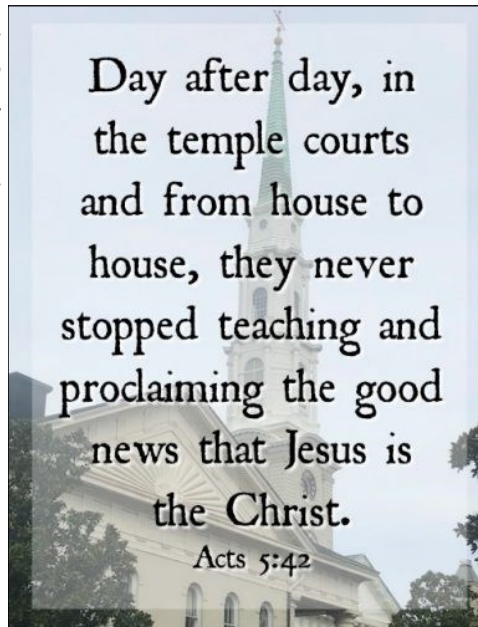
This points us to the wisdom of our beginning to call upon the Holy Spirit for power for evangelism.

And then we must be willing to obey the Spirit as He would move us toward openly sharing our faith with those who do not believe. And it also means that our congregations need to evaluate whether we together are seeking the Spirit’s guidance as to evangelistic programs that He would have us do.

It is indeed true that we need the Holy Spirit’s empowerment in our time. Let us lift our hearts to the LORD and pray “Come, Holy Spirit!” Let us ask the LORD to fill us with faith and the Spirit’s power for the necessary work of evangelism and caring for the poor in our neighborhoods. ***“Lead us, LORD!”***

Peace to you.

*Bill Wenger*



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# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **August 2021** issue is

**July 10, 2021**

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

## DISTRICT STAFF:

William Wenger, District Executive

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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## 2021 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2021 District Directory has been sent out via email.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2021 District Directory, please contact Tina at [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org) or 814-479-2181

## REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation has a new directory for **2021** please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935  
Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The District is looking for someone who can help with the former Church of the Brethren Home files. After the sale of the Brethren Home, the District inherited 2 storage lockers near the District Office full of records. There were 3 volunteers working with these records but it has been difficult as some of them live in the Pittsburgh area and some also have full time jobs. Volunteers would be needed to help with requests for the following:

Former employees that:

- a) are seeking new employment
- b) are applying for retirement benefits

Skills: Preferable medical background. Sleuth. Patience.

A confidentiality statement will need to be signed.

Please apply to: District Office:

**115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, PA 15935-7412  
814-479-2181**



# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## LEADERSHIP

### Licensed

Jeff Yeckley—Berkey COB

## NEW MEMBERS

### Congregation

**Greensburg**—Edward G. Halferty,  
Mindy Halferty

**Plumcreek** — Ed Kunselman,  
Dottie Kunselman

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The next **District Leadership Team**  
meeting will be held on  
**July 31, 2021** at the Arbutus COB

## PRAY

For our district,  
for our churches,  
for our leadership,  
for our pastors,  
for the denomination.

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

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

**Geiger COB** Sunday Services are on  
Facebook at 10:30 am  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/1709517105945633](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633)

**Salisbury COB** Sunday Services on Facebook  
at 10:30 am  
[https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church  
-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314](https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314)

**Scalp Level COB** Sunday Services at  
10:30 am  
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren - YouTube](#)  
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren | Face-  
book](#)

**Tire Hill** Sunday Services at 10:30 am  
[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tire%  
20Hill%20Brethren/1002178363177827/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tire%20Hill%20Brethren/1002178363177827/)

**\*\*If your congregation is sharing services  
online, please contact the District Office and  
Tina will list the information in upcoming  
Highlights.**



# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

### Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Call 724-463-0420 for event info .

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The **Greensburg COB** is exploring the prospect of creating a new part-time position—Director of Children and Youth Ministry. This would be an excellent opportunity for the person chosen by God. Anyone who feels called to partner with them to disciple young people should contact Pastor Stephen Parfitt at 724-552-3333 or [pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com) for more information.

## PRAISE IN THE PARK

The **Scalp Level COB** will be hosting its 3rd Annual "Praise in the Park" on  
**August 14, 2021**

from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

at Windber Rec Park in Windber.

The evening will include Christian singing groups, activities for young and old, a free dinner, and fireworks to cap the night off!

Mark your calendars!



July Scripture Writing Plan  
Topic: Patience & Perseverance

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- Psalm 40: 1-3  
Day 2- Psalm 62: 5-8  
Day 3- Psalm 37: 5-9  
Day 4- Psalm 37: 10-11  
Day 5- John 13: 1-7  
Day 6- Lamentations 3: 22-26  
Day 7- Psalm 130: 5-6

Day 8- Hebrews 10: 35-36  
Day 9- Psalm 25: 1-5  
Day 10- Ecclesiastes 3: 11-14  
Day 11- Isaiah 40: 28-31  
Day 12- Romans 5: 1-5  
Day 13- Hebrews 12: 1-3  
Day 14- 1 Peter 2: 19-23

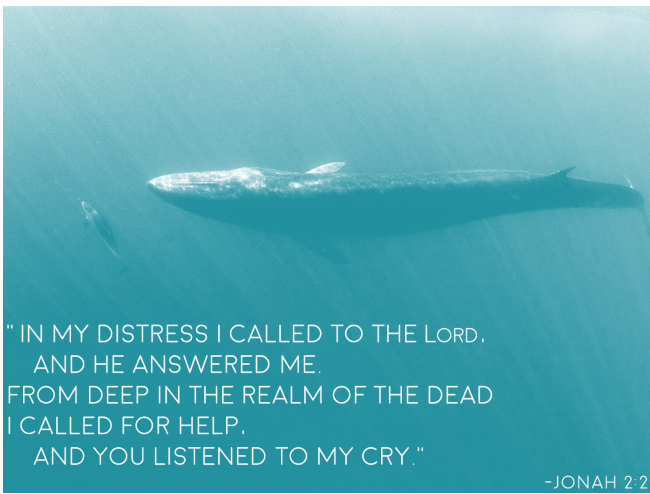
Day 15- Deuteronomy 31: 6  
Day 16- 1 Timothy 6: 11-16  
Day 17- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-14  
Day 18- 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-18  
Day 19- Colossians 1: 9-11  
Day 20- James 5: 7-9  
Day 21- James 5: 10-11

Day 22- 2 Peter 1: 5-9  
Day 23- Hebrews 6: 10-12  
Day 24- Hebrews 6: 13-15  
Day 25- Hebrews 6: 16-18  
Day 26- Hebrews 6: 19-20  
Day 27- 2 Corinthians 6: 3-5  
Day 28- 2 Corinthians 6: 6-10

Day 29- Galatians 6: 7-10  
Day 30- 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-5  
Day 31- 2 Thessalonians 1: 6-10



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021



## District Conference October 16, 2021 at Camp Harmony

The following five pages contain the registration form and important information for District Conference.

The conference will be in-person this year, following any safety guidelines that may be in place during that time.

The 4-delegate format that was to be going to be used last year will also be used this year.

Please contact the District Office if you have any questions.

### CONFERENCE NOTES

- Registration forms will also be sent out via email to the District Office contact list at the beginning of August.
- Smaller churches who are not on the email contact list will receive a registration packet via mail in the middle of August.
- Please be sure to fill out the registration form completely, front and back, remembering that there are only **4 delegates** per congregation. This helps the District Office staff process your congregation's information more efficiently.
- Child care will not be offered this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience as we move forward.
- The Program and Arrangements Committee is hoping to return to a larger capacity conference event in 2022.

Thank you!



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021

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## Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren

115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, Pennsylvania 15935-7412

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Church of the Brethren

## MEMO

TO: Western PA District Churches  
FROM: Program and Arrangements Committee  
DATE: Summer 2021  
RE: 2021 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 16, 2021.** The Conference this year is going to be somewhat different due to the CDC's social distancing guidelines in the wake of COVID-19. The Program and Arrangements Committee is working hard to insure a productive and uplifting experience for all those in attendance. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we go forward during this time.

Thank you!

**There will be NO on-site registrations this year. Please Pre-Register by completing the included form and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2021.**

**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 form and information regarding District Conference:

- **REGISTRATION FORM:** Please send ONE check and ONE registration form for your church
- **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT KIT INFORMATION:** kits and/or buckets

**Please share this information with your delegates and other leaders of your congregations. REMEMBER, ALL registrations must be done BEFORE District Conference.**

Individuals attending the conference should report to Registration by 8:30 am on October 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021

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## 2021 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 16, 2021 – 9:00 am

CAMP HARMONY - 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

*\*Participants recommended arrival time is 8:30*

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**There will be NO on site registrations this year. Please complete this form and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2021.**

***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.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO BE MEETING AGAIN IN PERSON THIS YEAR! THE PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE COMFORTABLE AND SAFE.**  
**PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.**

Each Church may have **NO MORE THAN 4 DELEGATES** represented.

There will be no non-delegates in attendance this year.

◆ **Delegate Representation (Select 4 individuals from the list below)**

- Elected Delegates for 2021
- Pastor
- Board or Church Leadership Team Chair
- Commission or Team Chairs  
(Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, and Witness **OR** an authorized/appointed representative of those commissions)
- Youth Representative

**Registration form on the other side** → → → → →

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021

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THERE WILL BE RESERVED SEATING AREAS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN HALL  
FOR THOSE THAT REQUEST IT ON THIS FORM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or requests \_\_\_\_\_ Special seating request: YES NO  
*(A special seating section nearer to the doors in the main hall will be available)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or requests \_\_\_\_\_ Special seating request: YES NO  
*(A special seating section nearer to the doors in the main hall will be available)*

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## **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](http://www.churchworldservice.org) or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

## Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 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.

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.**

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**.

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# SOME GOOD NEWS!!

## RITA'S CLOSET

Rita's Closet is a free clothing and small items ministry located at the **First Church of the Brethren—Ligonier** and is open every Monday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm—now with extended hours.

This ministry has been well received in the surrounding community and they have collected many generous donations from the kind-hearted members of the First Church and the community. On a normal Monday, Rita's Closet sees anywhere from 5 to 13 people. They recently helped to clothe an entire family from the community.

Currently, volunteers including; Connie McCoy, Lori Derk, and Jerry Hooper help set-up the racks and tables of clothes in the First Church Fellowship Hall.

The congregation is truly thankful for their time and willing spirit. Their help touches those in need and as Darlene, another volunteer, says, "it touches her heart as well, every week". You are welcome to stop by and visit on Mondays from 10 to 6 and if you would like to make a donation, please see Darlene.

When you stop in, stay and have a cup of coffee too!



## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

From Rona Hemminger, Project Coordinator,  
**EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL**

"I am truly blown away with all the generous donations coming in. We just had a meeting this morning to discuss how we can serve Him and respect the people's giving the best. We see a great need to expand our ability to take in infants – There are so many due to the events of the past year.

So that is the direction we plan to go. It is exciting to be part of His plan. He certainly is sending us the provisions to do His work – Now to get it done! We're on it!"

*Rona*



## CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

**We can all use some good news now and again right?** I'm going to start sharing a page like this in every issue of the Highlights. So please send me good news to share; milestone birthdays, milestone anniversaries, academic achievements, etc. I look forward to hearing and sharing more good news from the District!

Thanks! *Tina*

[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

# SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS

## FUNRAISING DINNER

Help the Children of  
Hogar Enmanuel by  
hosting a table for the  
Tri-annual Fund Raising Event  
at Camp Harmony  
This year's theme: **NOAH'S ARK**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

HOSTS CAN BE Family, group of friends,  
Sunday School Class, Church, or Organization  
and will decorate a table for the theme by  
choosing an animal of your choice and sell  
tickets to the event for your table.



Hogar de Niños  
**ENMANUEL**

CONTACT RONA HEMMINGER TO CHOOSE AN ANIMAL  
THEME for the fundraising dinner at  
Hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111  
(Already taken: tigers, flamingos giraffes, hummingbirds,  
doves, sheep)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Animal choice: \_\_\_\_\_

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



**4,125 pairs!!**

A large shipment left from the ICA building in June  
which will greatly benefit the orphanage and all the  
needs there. Thank you to all who so generously  
donated!

You can still donate shoes, another shipment will be  
sent later this year.

Its easy to participate. Simply collect gently worn  
pairs of shoes, boots, slippers or sandals at your  
church and place a rubber band around each pair.

You can deliver your shoes to the ICA building at  
1929 Penn Avenue in Jerome on the packing day,  
OR to the District Office during business hours.  
Thanks for your support!

For further information, please contact:

Marie Camut, 814-266-3010,

April Mackell, 814-536-1589

Karen Nagyvathy, 814-244-5977

Whatever you do,  
work at it with  
**ALL YOUR HEART,**  
as working for the Lord,  
**NOT** for men.  
*Colossians 3:23*



## GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE



### Haiti

Nurses and Agronomists working with the Church of the Brethren's Haiti Medical Project (HMP) are teaching women and youth to grow vegetables. In rural villages, mothers of children two years old and under meet monthly with community health nurses.



*Photo by Jean Billy Telfort*

### South Sudan

A grant of \$5,000 from the Global Food Initiative (GFI) was added to a \$24,500 allocation from the Emergency Disaster Fund to support agricultural development, trauma healing workshops, and emergency food distributions in South Sudan. GFI funds will go specifically to establish a demonstration orchard with fruit species including avocados, mangos, citrus, pineapples, bananas, pears, apples, and plums.

### Uganda

The Church of the Brethren in Uganda is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant for the purchase of a grain mill and a structure to house the unit. Ugandan Brethren leaders plan to train 500 participants in the production of maize flour products, offer micro-financing, seed, fertilizer, and marketing support.

### Nigeria

The agriculture department of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria's Integrated Community Based Development Program (ICBDP) is now into its fourth year of promoting soybean as both a cash crop and protein-rich source for home consumption.

Their goal for 2021 is to reach over 4,000 new farmers.

*Photo by  
Dennis  
Thompson*



Find out more about these projects and read a review of the book *Dirt to Soil* in the latest [Global Food Initiative E-news](#) (PDF). Click the link to download a copy of the newsletter to read and share with your church family or friends. Keep this work going: share this email, pray for projects, [make a donation](#).

**Your support changes lives! Thank you!**



# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)  
**BEACHLEY, LINDA**—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [lrbeac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lrbeac@atlanticbb.net)  
**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)  
**BERKEBILE, WES** – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 / 724-901-7058 / [wes2375@comcast.net](mailto:wes2375@comcast.net)  
**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)  
**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)  
**GREEN, GARY** – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 / 814-915-0227 / [pamountainman42@aol.com](mailto:pamountainman42@aol.com)  
**HOUGHTON, SALLY** - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / [smh124@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smh124@atlanticbb.net)  
**KABLER, ERIC**—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / [eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com](mailto:eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com)  
**KENSINGER, JAMES** - 329 Spackman Street, Seward, 15954-3117 / 814-446-1088 / [kensingertj@verizon.net](mailto:kensingertj@verizon.net)  
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**MANGES, JOHN** – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / [manges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:manges@atlanticbb.net)  
**MARSHALL, HOMER** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MARSHALL, PATRICIA** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)  
**MYERS, GUY** – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / [pgmyers@atlanticbb.net](mailto:pgmyers@atlanticbb.net)  
**PERUSO, RUSSELL** – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / [russperuso@gmail.com](mailto:russperuso@gmail.com)  
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**YOUNG, FRANK** – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 / 814-418-5930 / [sfminc@hotmail.com](mailto:sfminc@hotmail.com)

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## LAY SPEAKER

**HIMES, PATRICK**—219 Wild Cat Road, Windber, 15963 / 814-418-2352  
**RAMER, DONNA**—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594

# CAMP HARMONY

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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 Friends,

Last week as my sons and I were driving to church, my sons were being very hateful towards one another. I did not respond well either as a mom. I cried out to God because we were all just ugly. We needed His help. Anyone relate?

In that moment of ugliness, I felt such conviction. I started crying. Crying for my sin, crying for the sin sick world. Ugly is happening all around us. What a year it has been to be revealing that. I need to turn to Jesus. The world needs to turn to Jesus. He is the Prince of Peace and Light in the Darkness.

As a mom, I can see the confusion, the anger, the lack of purpose in this young generation. In part because my generation is confused and angry with lack of purpose themselves. The world needs revival. This younger generation needs hope in Jesus. They need a fun place to grow, to find and cultivate friendships, to find purpose.

Camp provides just that. We are here to proclaim hope in Jesus' name. We are here to offer kids a place to find meaning, find peace. Camp is a place to belong. As we as a nation try to get back to "normal" camp is more necessary than ever before. Kids and teens have been on devices, isolated.

As I reflect on what God has done the past year at Camp Harmony I am in awe. We are thankful for His provision through staff, volunteers, and financial donors like you. We are expectant that God will continue to do His work here at Camp Harmony. As of now, we have over 300 kids signed up for camp this summer and we expect that number to increase! We also have multiple church groups hosting their summer camps at camp this summer. We are super excited to be a part of this ministry.

Please be in prayer with us. Thank you once again for supporting Camp Harmony. If you feel led to give, donations can be placed online at [www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org). We can provide affordable summer camp/retreats because of gracious donors like you. We have slashed our summer camp prices in half trying to meet the needs of people. We praise God that we have been able to financially do so.

Thankful,

  
Jen Vickroy, Executive Director





# CAMP HARMONY

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Inviting all people  
to experience the  
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## EXCITING NEWS!!!

### Meet our Co-Program Directors



Kendall Swick

**Age:** 23  
**College attended:** Frostburg State  
**Church attending:** West Hills Community Church  
**Favorite activity at camp:** Campfire Worship  
**Favorite things to do:** kayaking, walking, playing guitar, and spending time with friends



Kylee Doyle

**Age:** 23  
**College attended:** Lockhaven  
**Church attending:** Emmanuel Church  
**Favorite activity at camp:** campfire worship and big group games  
**Favorite things to do:** photography, traveling, chasing waterfalls (has visited 123 so far)

Phil Regetta is transitioning into the role of Associate Director.  
He will be working closely with our retreat groups.



#spreadtheHarmony

# CAMP HARMONY

## 2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

|                  |                        |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Jr. High Camp #1 | Grades 5-8, overnight  | June 27 - July 2 |
| Junior Camp #2   | Grades 2-5, overnight  | July 4-9         |
| Day Camp #2      | Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30   | July 12-16       |
| Day Camp #3      | Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30   | July 19-23       |
| Jr. High Camp #2 | Grades 5-8, overnight  | July 25-30       |
| Youth Adv. Camp  | Grades 7-12, overnight | July 25-30       |

**BRING A FRIEND**  
Save 50% for  
you AND a  
friend!!!



**SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
Save \$10 for  
each add'l child  
in family

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

CREATING AFFORDABLE EXPERIENCES TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG

## New Summer Camp Discounts for 2021 including lower prices for all camps!

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

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



Returning  
Camper

~~\$330~~  
**\$85**  
~~\$40~~

**You pay ONLY:**

~~\$165~~ /week overnight camp  
~~\$42.50~~ /week day camp  
~~\$20~~ /week pre-K camp

**50% off  
for each  
camper!**



New  
Camper

~~\$330~~  
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~~\$40~~

~~\$165~~ /week overnight camp  
~~\$42.50~~ /week day camp  
~~\$20~~ /week pre-K camp

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

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1st Camper  
**\$330**  
Overnight  
per week

2nd Camper  
~~\$330~~ **\$320**  
Overnight  
per week

3rd Camper  
~~\$330~~ ~~\$85~~ **\$75**  
Day Camp  
per week

4th Camper  
~~\$330~~ ~~\$40~~ **\$30**  
Pre-K Camp  
per week






# HOPE ~N~ HARMONY

# Youth CHOIR

CHRIST-CENTERED GROUP OF YOUTH JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE TO GOD,  
THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH OTHER BY PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNFAILING  
LOVE AND SPREADING HOPE THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND PRAISE

**SUNDAYS**  
**2-4:30PM**  
**FALL 2021**  
BEGINNING  
SEPT. 19TH



**AT CAMP HARMONY**  
**1414 PLANK ROAD**  
**HOOVERVILLE PA 15936**  
PRAISE & WORSHIP - FELLOWSHIP -  
BIBLE STUDY - SNACKS - GAMES  
INVITE A FRIEND

MORE INFORMATION

[WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG/HOPECHOIR](http://WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG/HOPECHOIR)

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# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## **JULY 2021**

- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Virtual Conference
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 22 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 31 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, TBA (District Conference Business)

## **AUGUST 2021**

- 14 - SVMC, District Office
- 28 - SVMC, District Office

## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 6 - LABOR DAY
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 11 - SVMC, District Office
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- TBA - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

## **OCTOBER 2021**

- 3 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 9 - SVMC, District Office
- 16 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 23 - SVMC, District Office

## **NOVEMBER 2021**

- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 7 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 13 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 20 - SVMC, District Office
- 25 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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## **DECEMBER 2021**

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 5  | - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 12 | - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  |
| 19 | - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 24 | - Christmas Eve           |
| 25 | - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!       |
| 31 | - NEW YEAR'S EVE          |

# PRAYER CALENDAR

## JULY 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        |   |         |           | 1        | 2      | 3        |
|        | Let us pray for grace, patience, and love to fill our relationships with one another in the church.       |         |           |          |        |          |
| 4      | 5   | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10       |
|        | Let us pray against Satan's tactics to divide and hurt the church.  |         |           |          |        |          |
| 11     | 12  | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
|        | Let us pray for our District churches to be powerful in evangelism.                                       |         |           |          |        |          |
| 18     | 19  | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
|        | Let us pray for District churches to be skilled in passing on the Faith to teenagers and children.        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 25     | 26  | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31       |
|        | Let us pray for our Pastors, that their hearts would be encouraged and minds strengthened for their work. |         |           |          |        |          |

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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## July 2021