Persons of the Western PA District are Invited to a District Renewal Weekend September 28 and 29, 2012 at the Somerset Church of the Brethren
606 Berlin Plank Road, Somerset, PA 15501

We are thrilled to announce a combined district event with Annual Conference Moderator Elect Robert Krouse and Springs of Living Water Coordinators David and Joan Young. This weekend is for all persons in the Western PA District. It will include preaching and worship, singing with Bob Krouse, a day of practical training, Saturday lunch and dinner, and a Concert of Prayer like in Nigeria. All this will take us to the heart of God and the renewal of our faith and renewal of our churches.

The theme for the weekend is

The Path to God is Paved with Prayer

The schedule includes:

**Friday, 7 p.m.:** Preaching Service with Bob Krouse,
Former Missionary to Nigeria and Pastor of the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

**Saturday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:** for all churches with Bob Krouse & Springs of Living Water
♦ Singing from the heart and soul with Bob Krouse leading us
♦ Next Steps in developing the Power of Prayer for all congregations
♦ Training in Visitation/Reaching out with the Gospel in servant led manner in home,
♦ coffee house, community, place of employment
♦ Sharing testimonies of new life happening in churches
♦ Churches considering Springs of Living Water will receive overview

**Saturday, 4:00 p.m.:** [This session is in the planning stage.]

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.:** Dinner at the Somerset Church for everyone

**Saturday, 6:30 p.m.:** Concert of Prayer like in Nigeria

Please spread the word to your entire congregation so they can establish this on their calendar and begin making plans to attend. Congregations feeling led to participate in the Springs of Living Water initiative are encouraged to send at least 5 or 6 people or more who are seeking to answer where God is leading your congregation. A very positive, challenging, and inspirational experience is in store.
District Office News

**HOSPITALIZED**
- Farrel Abraham, pastor of the Robinson congregation, for continued treatment.

**SYMPATHY**
- to Brian N. Simmons and family in the death of his mother, Mildred. Brian is serving as pastor of the Roxbury congregation.

**2012 Western PA District Directory Update** – from the District Office Staff

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Eric J. Fether – PHONE NUMBER
CORRECTION – R-724/238-4880

**CAREING FOR HIS CREATURES**
A team from the *Middlecreek Church of the Brethren* will be sponsoring a “Caring For His Creatures” day on Saturday, **June 16**. They will be spending the day at the Somerset County Humane Society cuddling kitties, walking dogs and sprucing up the facility for the society’s upcoming open house celebration. They are seeking sponsors for this event. If you are an animal lover and would like to help send your checks (Made payable to: Somerset County Humane Society) to interim pastors John and Linda Stoner – 2540 Stutzmantown Road – Somerset, PA 15501. Questions: Call 814-444-8800 or email jnljaunts@floodcity.net

**District Choir Practice**
is **June 17** from 3-5pm at Rummel Church.

A Note from the District Office:
Abby Shaffer (our District Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator) will be spending a lot of time working with children, youth and young adults at Camp Harmony this summer.

E-mail will be a sure way to reach her, especially if you would like to set up a time to talk over the phone. There’s also a voicemail option. She will do her best to respond to you as soon as possible. Thanks!

**Youth Sunday**
The Robinson Church of the Brethren Youth Group celebrated Youth Sunday by leading the morning worship service on Sunday, May 6th. The Youth handled all aspects of the service including introductory praise and worship, and special music. They offered prayers, served as worship leaders, and even presented several mini-sermons. The Lord has lit a fire in our Youth and they are shining their light for all to see.

**Reminders:**
(see April and May Highlights for more details)
- Penn Run Out Reach Center, Yard Sale, June 2, 8 AM - 3 PM.
- Plumcreek Church of the Brethren, 150th anniversary celebration and home coming, June 3, 2012, 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Roxbury Church Grove, Summer Yard/Bake Sale, June 9, 9 AM - 2 PM.
- Penn Run Congregation, Vender Show, November 10
DISTRICT WOMEN’S MINISTRIES
Camp Day

When:       Thursday, June 14, 2012
Where:      Camp Harmony
Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Program:    9:45 a.m.

A.M.: The Speakers will be from Habitat for Humanity.
P.M.:      Fun Craft
Cost:      $9.00   (Offering will go for the Camp Scholarship fund)

We will also be having a Country Store. Please bring food and craft items, that are pre-priced for sale.

2012 Theme: “... I have placed before you an open door...”

Rev. 3:8

Camp Day 2012
Reservations due by June 8.

Church__________________________________________
Number ______ Please enclose the names of women attending on back.
Amount  $_________  ($9.00 each)

Make checks payable to: Western PA District Women’s Ministries
Please send to: Mildred Gnegy, 619 W. Race St., Somerset, PA 15501-1849
I will need child care for ______ children (please include names and ages).
Hiya! This month I’d like to talk openly to families. Specifically to two kinds – the families that are raising children now and the families that consist of grown, on-their-own children.

First, let me say that I am an only child and I do not yet have children of my own. I simply observe families and try to process what I see. I also read a lot – about family ministry, child psychology, youth culture and the like. So, I’d like to look at some general truths that may apply to your family, with the hope that both kinds of families would look at each other differently and with more love. This isn’t a comprehensive list, just a compilation of things I’ve observed.

To the families who have already raised their kids:

- Consider that most young parents are doing their best. They need encouragement, not judgment.
- Consider that young parents are keenly aware of whichever attitude you exhibit toward them. They know who they can trust and who is just looking to criticize.
- Consider that raising children in 2012 is vastly different than it was in 1952 or 1972 or even 1992.
- Consider that because things (the world, life’s pace, family structures) are radically different, changes in how the church ministers to young families must be made.
- Consider that young families are busier than ever – sometimes they don’t come to a church program because they just need an evening at home, together. And sometimes that is best.
- Consider that in many cases, both parents work out of necessity. Maybe that isn’t the best thing, but sometimes there’s no other way.
- Consider that lots of young parents would love to have a more experienced parent come alongside them and be their friend. Think about the good things you learned from older adults when you were young!
- Consider that Christ unapologetically loves all sorts of families and people – let His be your model for loving. A present-day family isn’t always “Dad, Mother, Son, Daughter, Scruffy & Fluffy.”
- Consider that you can be vulnerable with a young family – share the things you struggled with, overcame, wish you hadn’t done, wish you had done. Let Jesus’ redemption shine through your life’s stories.

To the families who are currently raising kids:

- Consider that most older families have a deep desire to see you succeed. They care a great deal about your family and may need only an invitation to support you more actively.
- Consider that older families raised children in a different time, too. There weren’t so many distractions and temptations to pull families apart. At least consider advice you may receive from them.
- Consider that there is a place in the church for you, even if you have to work at settling in. It’s difficult for time-honored traditions to bow to new methods, ideas and even people.
- Consider that families that are done raising their kids are still families – they still experience joy, sorrow, confusion, anger, regret, forgiveness, learning, triumph, etc. Share in that with them!
- Consider that many in the 40-60 crowd are right in the middle of both sides of their families. On one side, they may be helping their adult children to navigate life and their own little ones; on the other side they’re often making critical decisions for elderly parents. Try to show compassion and care to those in this stressful situation.
- Consider that the spiritual development and well-being of your children/family is your responsibility. The church and older families should be exemplary in their efforts to help you, but ultimately, the duty falls to you.
- Consider that while society’s standards for good parenting have changed, there are some biblical principles that God expects you to uphold. Let discerning Christians guide you as you seek to raise Christ-like children.

Questions? Gimme a call and we can struggle through together. Oh, and have a wonderful summer!!! ☺️ Abby
Local Church News

Summer Concert Series

The Robinson Church of the Brethren will host their annual Summer Concert Series began in May. Following is the scheduled list of performers:

- June 17 - One Voice and Abraham's Promise
- July 15 - Crimson Stream
- August 19 - Byron & Suzy

All concerts begin at 6:00 PM

There will be a free will offering.

Plenty of food and fellowship follow in the church social hall.

Everyone is invited to join us for entertaining evenings of worship and praise!

FOOD AND FUN BY THE FIRESIDE

Saturday, June 16th starting at 5:00.

The Hostetler Church is having their 12th annual community event.

Free music, food and fun will be available

Musical group "Dogwood" from the Meyersdale Church will perform. Come join in the fellowship. You may bring a covered dish or dessert.

Party on the Patio

One Voice, a contemporary Christian group, will kick off Memorial Day weekend with a "Party on the Patio" from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 27th.

Kelly Hicks, Monica Friday, Traci Henry and Ryan Stewart invite you to bring your family and friends, lawn chairs and blankets and join them at the Robinson Community Center on Caroline Street, Robinson, PA.

Light refreshments will be available to benefit community service projects of the Robinson Church of the Brethren Youth Group. The concert will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather, so come on down - rain or shine!

July/August 2012

Highlights Deadline

June 10, 2012

2013 MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO.

As I sit here at my desk thinking about what I need to do next for the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, it is again cold and snowy outside. Just thinking about San Juan makes me warm inside, Imagine yourself in sunny San Juan, PR, serving the members of the community of Caimito. It is always nice weather there in January, whereas here it can be as nasty as anything. BRING ON THE SUN!!!

I have been looking at the calendar and it looks like we will be traveling on January 19 – 26, 2013. As you ponder the thought of going on a mission trip, keep in mind that going to Puerto Rico does not require a passport. Think about joining us as we prepare and make arrangements for the trip.

The need there is great and will be appreciated by everyone. When a project is completed, there are always signs of joy all around. You can see it in their faces even if you do not know how to speak the language.

Caimito offers everyone that goes there an opportunity to serve by sharing time, skills and knowledge to get a project completed. There is time to work and tie to just enjoy the scenery and the people.

Please let me know if you are interested in going to Puerto Rico as soon as possible as I need to begin making flight reservations soon.

Puerto Rico Mission Coordinator,

Shirley Baker

321 Deborah Drive
Latrobe, PA  15650
724-961-2724
Western PA District
Women’s Ministries Presents:

CELEBRATE LIFE!

Saturday, August 11, 2012 / 9:00-2:30
@ Scalp Level Church of the Brethren in Windber

All are welcome - details are coming!

Special guest Michael Ciccocioppo has been the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation for more than ten years. He helps Pennsylvanians understand the truth behind abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. He energizes pro-lifers at the grassroots to work for a society that respects human life from conception to natural death. He will have an appropriate, faith-based program for us which will include a non-political presentation, testimony and group interaction. Registration forms are forth-coming!
Wider Church News

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Looking for a time of spiritual renewal? Need to get away? Want the whole family to grow and be blessed in their faith? Why not check out the Holy Spirit Celebration?

The Holy Spirit Conference 2012 is a family conference held in Virginia promoting and strengthening renewal within the church through the Holy Spirit. It is an outstanding opportunity for an intensive time of spiritual nurture, encouragement, praise, worship and ministry in and with the larger segment of the Body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit Conference 2012 will be held July 16–19 in Woodstock, VA. It will once again be hosted by the Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren.

This year’s main speakers are: Reverend Marie Brown and Pastor Doug McGhee. Workshops will be held on the topics; Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Carolyn Cecil, The Power of Praise with Ricardo White, and Now More than Ever the Church Matters with Pastor Amos Dodge.

Continuing education units are available for anyone interested; If anyone is interested in attending feel free to gather more information from the web site http://www.holyspiritcelebration.com.

Manchester Trustees approve name change to “University”

Manchester College will change its name to Manchester University on July 1, 2012, to reflect the growing complexity of the institution, the Board of Trustees decided at its spring meeting on April 21.

The timing is optimal as Manchester grows in complexity beyond its 123-year-old undergraduate, residential liberal arts core with:

- a new professional doctoral program in pharmacy, with faculty engaged in research agendas
- a new non-residential campus in Fort Wayne
- graduate programs in athletic training and education, with more possibilities

A name change to University is strategic, said President Jo Young Switzer, a Manchester graduate. “A new name will help us communicate our expanding academic competencies and goals.”

“What we will not change is our mission to graduate persons of ability and conviction who will work to improve the human condition,” Switzer said. Manchester’s reputation for exciting learning and service opportunities supported by faculty mentoring will continue in the undergraduate, graduate and School of Pharmacy programs.”

Manchester currently offers more than 55 areas of academic study, including master’s degrees in athletic training and education. A total of 1,320 undergraduate and graduate students study on its North Manchester campus.

In August, the first 70 students in Manchester’s new doctoral pharmacy program begin classes in a new facility in north Fort Wayne. When that first class graduates in four years, 280 students will be enrolled in the Pharm.D. program.

Brethren Academy updates its list of courses for 2012-13

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership has updated its list of courses for 2012 and extending into 2013. Courses are open to Training in Ministry (TRIM) or Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) students, pastors, and other interested persons. Ordained and licensed ministers earn continuing education credit for most courses. Courses noted as “SVMC” are offered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, register by contacting SVMC@etown.edu or 717-361-1450.

Contact the District Office for information or follow the links from the District website.
Denominational News

Conference ‘Witness to Host City’ will be school collection
The Annual Conference witness to the city of St. Louis, Mo., will involve the collection of school supplies for the St. Louis Public School system. During the 2012-13 school year, the St. Louis Public Schools will serve approximately 28,000 students in 72 different schools. Several Church of the Brethren congregations around the denomination have learned recently that a significant part of urban revitalization involves a strong public school support system. Churches are providing leadership in their local communities through their involvement with the local school system. Through these ministries, the churches are finding renewed life in Christ as well.

The list of school supplies was provided by the St. Louis Public Schools, and includes the following: 2 pocket letter size portfolios, glue sticks, ball point pens--medium tip, highlighters, washable markers--10 pack, rulers--12-inch plastic, colored pencils--12 pack, protractors--6-inch plastic, pencils #2, crayons--16 pack, paper filler--3 hole college rule, erasers, primary writing paper, backpacks (black only). (This list also is posted online at www.cobannualconference.org/StLouis/ConferenceWitnessToTheHostCity.pdf.)

Annual Conference moderator Tim Harvey recently went to a local store and purchased the entire list of supplies--not including the backpack--for under $18. The color of the backpacks was requested by the St. Louis school staff.

Conference attendees who participate in this outreach are invited to bring their donations of supplies to the Sunday morning worship service at Annual Conference on July 8, where they will be received during the offering. Representatives from the St. Louis Public Schools will receive the supplies during the afternoon business session on Tuesday, July 10.

‘Joshua’ is newest Believers Church Bible Commentary
"Joshua" by Gordon Matties has been released as the newest volume in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series. The series is a cooperative project of the Church of the Brethren, Brethren in Christ Church, Brethren Church, Mennonite Brethren Church, Mennonite Church USA, and Mennonite Church Canada. The series is published by Herald Press and MennoMedia, and is available to purchase through Brethren Press.

“Joshua” is the 25th volume in the commentary series. In it, Matties calls for “an openness to the unexpected” in the book, and suggests that reading Joshua carefully will open windows into how and why we read scripture at all.

Position Openings

- The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill a full-time position of facility janitor on the Brethren Service Center New Windsor campus.
- The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill a fulltime salaried position of director of Donor Relations.
- The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill the role of director for Intercultural Ministries.
- Brethren Village Retirement Community is seeking an individual to fill the role of President and CEO.
- Fahrney-Keedy retirement community is seeking an individual to fill the role of Director of Pastoral Care.
- Brethren Mutual Aid Agency is seeking a licensed agent to work with our Church Accounts.

More information about these and other positions is available at www.brethren.org
Annual Spring Tea:
The Home Auxiliary hosted its Annual Spring Tea in April. Residents and family members enjoyed the refreshments and time of visiting. Decorated tables were set up in 2nd, 5th and 6th station dining rooms. We thank all the churches and volunteers who helped to make this day so wonderful for all who attended.

Honoring Volunteers:
The Home is incredibly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. The Annual Volunteer Banquet was held on May 17th to show our appreciation. From March 2011 to February 2012 we had a total of 145 volunteers graciously giving 5,075 hours of service. Praise God for all our volunteers do!

New Salad Bar
The dietary department has implemented a mobile salad cart for lunch Monday through Friday in the main dining room. Residents are able to choose what they want from their seats and are very pleased with this new addition to their meals. Many of them compare it to being at Hoss’s!

Auxiliary News
Our wonderful Auxiliary has been doing a fantastic job supporting the Home and helping to make the residents’ stay as comfortable as possible. Most recently the Auxiliary was able to pay for the sewing machines to get serviced, purchase a serger sewing machine, hot pad covers and 3 gel pads for the physical therapy department, and purchase another section of addressable fire alarm pull boxes for the Home. We sincerely thank all the churches who participate in the Eat N’ Park, Dime a Week, Winter Project and Stanley-Fuller fundraisers. Without your support all of this would not be possible!

Annual Chicken Barbecue:
Bring a friend and join us Saturday, June 2nd for a delicious chicken meal, home-made kettle corn, entertainment and shop at Grandma’s Attic. Dine in from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm and take outs are available from noon until 6:00 pm. All proceeds benefit benevolent care. Hope to see you there!

Independent Living Apartment Available
There is a one-bedroom apartment available in the Retirement Community. Please call (814) 467-5505 Monday-Friday for more information.
You are invited to the Rededication Service celebrating the past, present, and future of our service to care for the aged in a Christian atmosphere.

Sunday, June 24, 2012
2:00 p.m.
Scalp Level Church of the Brethren
270 Hoffman Avenue, Windber

From our beginnings as an “Old Folks Home,” we have grown into a Continuing Care Retirement Community while maintaining the highest standards of care.

Refreshments and tours to follow.
25th ANNIVERSARY
PERFORMING ARTS CAMP (PAC)
PERFORMANCE / DINNER THEATER
“GODSPELL”
Friday, June 29, 2012
5:00 PM
$25 – Proceeds will finish the inside climbing wall…. Call Camp to make your reservation
Space is limited
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REUNION PICNIC AND CAMPFIRE
DEDICATION OF OUR SUMMER STAFF
FRIDAY, JUNE 22
6:00PM
EVERYONE WELCOME
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VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK
June 17 – 22, 2012
Come work for 1 – 7 days and receive complimentary lodging and meals
Please let Camp know if you are coming.
PS. – Actually, volunteers are welcome anytime. Just let Camp know.
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52 GOD BLESS YOU – 2012 TEAM
As of this date 64 families have joined the 2012 “52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM” with total contributions of $5000. The more persons who are attached to God’s ministry, the stronger God’s Camp becomes. Give a donation to Camp for $52 ($1.00 a week) and help with the debt reduction. We are helping to reach out to God’s children. Thank You.
The Western PA District Church of the Brethren is hosting the 7th Annual District Auction! Churches are invited to collect and contribute items for the auction in support of the ministries of the Western PA District.

There are TWO Saturday drop-off dates scheduled at Camp Harmony from 9 a.m to 12 noon: October 13 and October 27 ONLY!

The ONLINE AUCTION begins October 1 and continues through November 2. Go to www.westernpacob.org and follow the links.

For more information, see your congregation’s Auction Advocate or call the District Office at 814 479-2181 or 814 479-7058

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”
Galatians 6:10

Saturday, November 3, 2012

7th Annual District Auction
at Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Rd,
Hooversville, PA 15936

♦ Breakfast at 7:30 am to 8:45 am
♦ Lunch served
♦ Fresh baked pies!!
♦ Items can be previewed after 7 am
...all of you helpful people for getting this information reported! We’re receiving copies of Form A, Form B and the Form E – Statistical Form for 2011 approximately every 2 weeks from the denominational offices in Elgin, IL. Copies of the Congregational Outreach Report 2011/2012 and the Additional Officers Form are also welcome. All of the above forms are now due. The reports listed below were received at the District Office as of May 17, 2012.

EVERY REPORT FORM IS IMPORTANT IN UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT AND THE DENOMINATION. We’re grateful for the responses noted below.

Please be careful to read the instructions for each report and include complete addresses and phone numbers where requested. Email addresses are helpful also, if available. If you have a question about any of the report forms, please don’t hesitate to call the District Office (814 479-2181 or toll-free 1-866-279-2181) and ask. Again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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A day in June

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it,
We are happy now because God wills it;
No matter how barren the past may have been,
’Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green;
We sit in the warm shade and feel right well
How the sap creeps up and the blossoms swell;
We may shut our eyes but we cannot help knowing
That skies are clear and grass is growing.

— James Russell Lowell,
from The Vision of Sir Launfal
FYI – For Your Information

1. **Has the ministry at Camp Harmony been growing?**
   Within the last 5 years Camp has increased in size considerably – from 7,000 total users to 15,000 total users. Camp is now a year round facility used almost every day of the year.

2. **Does Camp Harmony still have a debt?**
   Yes, Camp has a manageable monetary debt. There is a mortgage of $139,000 along with a big ministry in the Lord’s service. That is a big change from the $250,000 ready to shut down debt and Camp being the best kept secret in 2007.

3. **How many cabins remain to be adopted and what will the cost be to adopt a cabin?**
   Since we looked farther into the future because of material gifts (showers, toilets, sinks, cabinets), there was an increase in the cost of the cabins. Good stewardship of resources was to do the building now rather than start and have to remodel in a couple of years. As a result some of the congregations are sharing their resources and 16 cabins are adopted with 5 remaining. The cost of a cabin is $16,300. If there is any additional money needed on each cabin, Camp will absorb the amount.

4. **Is it true that there is a need for new infrastructure at Camp?**
   Camp Harmony is 88 years old. We are putting a big new ministry into old wineskins. Yes, there is a definite need for new infrastructure. We did not plan that all of this would be needed at the same time. In order for the Lord’s ministry to continue at Camp Harmony, we need to address the growth and the age of the facilities.

5. **How is the increased demand on the electricity being handled?**
   Camp Harmony is under the guidance of East Hills Engineering contracted to provide electrical engineering services for new electrical services to feed existing buildings, possible future buildings and trailer hookups. They are donating 40% of their time. These plans will bring us into code and provide plans to adequately service the entire Camp. It is definitely a work in progress. After the initial plans, we will then put them into effect.

6. **What is being done about a bigger and more efficient sanitation system?**
   Again because of the increased use of Camp, the need for waste water treatment and also a better distribution of water from our wells has become imperative. We are located next to the Quemahoning Reservoir (which is a drinking water source). Our streams feed that water. We are now connected with the EADS Group Inc. and they are working on the proper permits in connection with DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). DEP is going to do a clear stream analysis which determines what we need to do to protect water supplies. At this time we do not have a definite answer as to what is needed.

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7. Is it true that Camp now needs to have permits for the building that is happening?
   When we started the cabin project 1 ½ years ago we asked the proper authorities (SCBI) numerous times if building permits were needed and the answer was “no”. However about 6 months ago that complete company was let go and now IBTS (Institute for Building Technology and Safety) is in control. We are taking part in friendly conversations with this company and because we had already been following codes initially, structural changes do not need to be made. At this writing we do not yet know about future permits, but they have said we may continue with the building with their blessings and very few changes.

8. Financially how will all of the electric and sanitation be accomplished?
   In April the Camp Board recommended some people to be part of a fund raising committee to work towards some events specifically to raise money for this purpose. These persons will be contacted in the near future. Or we can hope and pray for a miracle.

9. Does Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren have the faith and the calling to endorse Camp Harmony as the Lord’s ministry unto all generations and all the world?
   That answer depends upon each one of us. The Lord is in control - it is our decision if we let the Holy Spirit work. Needless to say if all the congregations and persons in the District did their part as Christians spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, there would not be a problem.

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**Year Round Full Time Employment Available**

**Associate Camp Director**

- Position Purpose – To further the mission of the camp through the planning and delivery of program activities and events; which includes the spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of all participants. Design and ensure program activities are implemented that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers’ age and abilities. Assist in the management of the overall camp operation at the direction of the Executive Director.

**Program Coordinator**

- Position Purpose – To further the mission of the camp through the delivery of program activities and events; which includes the spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of all participants. Deliver program activities that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers’ age and abilities. Assist in the management of the overall camp operation at the direction of the Associate Camp Director and Executive Director.

Job Descriptions are available through the Camp Office. To apply - a cover letter, general application (on the website) and a resume is needed. All applications for the Program Coordinator position must be in the Camp Office by June16. The Associate Camp Director applications are due July 16.

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**REMINDE PRAYER PARTNERS** – Once again we are asking persons to come to Camp especially during the summer to pray for the campers, volunteers, and staff as they go through their events of each unique day. We believe that our Mighty God answers his people. If you can’t travel to Camp, we still need your prayers from home. Please call Abby at the District Office at 866-279-2181 for more information and to schedule your time. Halleluiah – Days are filling up fast.

This is a joint project of Camp Harmony and the Children, Youth and Outdoor Ministries Team (CYOM) of the Western PA District Leadership Team. Always keep Camp and the persons who enter the gates in your prayers!!!!!
In an effort to educate our teens and help them to realize the impact of the choices they make for their own lives, an abstinence-based, comprehensive curriculum focusing on teen pregnancy prevention was presented by the Municipal Program for Children and Youth COMVIDA (Communication for Life). The program began with sixteen hours of talks on relationships, self-esteem, communication, refusal skills, adolescent health, and reproductive issues, among other topics. Then each of the teens became the parent of a “virtual baby” for approximately three days. Using RealCare baby simulators, they were able to track, record, and then produce a report showing the type of care the babies received during that period. This 24/7 type of hands-on simulation made it possible for them to see what it is really like to be responsible for a newborn child. The teens at Hogar Emanuel learned that receiving God’s gift of a child is a precious thing, but with it comes a tremendous responsibility. They also learned that for everything there is season —— and having a baby as an unmarried teen is not the right time in life for that to happen. And to all of you who are already mothers out there, the children at Hogar de Ninos Emanuel want to send their best wishes for a HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Joseline, age 17, says, “I learned a lot about the consequences of having a baby at a young age. It is bad. You better get ready and then have a baby, but at age 27.”

To become a parent is not hard, but to be a good parent is....

**CHILD-OF-THE-MONTH**

Fifteen year old Kimberly arrived at Hogar Emanuel as a very sad, aggressive and insecure little girl in August 2007 along with her older sister, Libby. Her lack of proper care up to that point contributed to the fact that she hadn’t learned to walk until the age of six. Thank God that today, she is able to run and laugh. Kimberly is now a hard working, responsible young lady who is doing well in her seventh grade studies at the Santo Tomas school. She takes karate classes, loves to play futbol (soccer), and is learning business skills through the APORTE program at el hogar. Although still working on her social skills, you will find that she is always eager to lend a helping hand where needed. Kimberly received a score of 73% in the care of her “virtual baby” that she named Neymar. Kimberly and her sister want to thank those who make it possible for them to live and learn at Hogar Emanuel where they feel happy and safe. Please pray for Kimberly and her sister this month.
Evelyn has worked as our administrative assistant for the last two years. It is her job to manage well the donations received at the Home. She also helps organize activities and because she has a good grasp on the English language, serves as our source of communication between the Home and the Sponsorship program here in the States. She is a married mother of four that enjoys watching children grow up and be happy. That is why she was excited to be hired at Hogar Emanuel — because it was not just a place to provide the material things such as food, clothing, and shelter, but a place where she would have the opportunity to help other children live a normal life. She feels her job is to help provide an environment of harmony that is natural and familiar. Evelyn feels it is important to be fair in the amount of time that is given to each of the children. She loves planning special outings for them and especially likes seeing how happy they are when they receive extra attention and gifts on their birthday.

When asked to tell us about herself she says, “I’m very positive. I believe in God and the blessings He gives to people who love Him. I think a person is not perfect, but you can search for excellence and learn from mistakes. I admire the nature and beauty of our country.”

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PARTNERING IN THE SUCCESS, I PLEDGE TO KEEP THE EMANUEL CHILDREN’S HOME IN MY PRAYERS AS WELL AS OFFER MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE USE MY DONATION FOR THE FOLLOWING FUND:

| $ | General Fund — use where needed most |
| Child Sponsorship — providing for the basic needs of the children. |
| If you desire to be assigned to a specific child, contact Rona. |
| Staff Sponsorship — providing for the on-site care of the children. |
| Maintenance & Development — providing for the maintenance and improvement of the facilities |
| Nursery Fund — providing for infant care. |
| Gift Fund — providing for birthday/Christmas gifts |
| New Bridge Program — helping our adolescents prepare for independent living |
| Special Fund ____________________________ (specify) |

$ TOTAL ENCLOSED 05/12

CONGRATULATIONS, VIVIAN!

We are excited to share with you that the Executive Director of El Hogar de Ninos Emanuel, our very own Vivian Chahin, was recognized for her outstanding work as El Premio Mujer Avon Honduras. The AVON Women Award is part of the outreach program of the cosmetics company, Avon Central America, that recognizes the work of women in the areas of social-humanitarian development with nonprofit organizations. Vivian was deservedly chosen as the first place winner this past year for her selfless commitment to Hogar de Ninos Emmanuel in caring for the children of Honduras who are at social risk and victims of abuse. The children are blessed to have her on their side! God bless you, Vivian!

The children and staff of Hogar Emanuel share in the excitement at the award ceremony.

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
I Thessalonians 1:3