PRAYING WITH A “PRAYER PARTNER”

In the March Highlights, I shared a challenge which asked persons to join me in a call to be a more faithful disciple. I wrote, “I realize, if I want to ‘trust and obey’ more fully, more completely, I cannot do it on my own. I not only need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit walking with me, but I need someone walking beside me regularly to ask the question—‘How are your words, actions, whatever—being lived out this day or week in your faith journey?’ Someone who in a loving and caring way, as Jesus did with the disciples, will challenge, encourage and walk beside me to help strengthen my faith, witness and desire to ‘trust and obey’ daily.”

At our District Leadership Team (DLT) meeting on Saturday, May 18, Pastor & Parish Ministry Team Chair Penny Hoffman, challenged us “to begin praying for God to lead two people (unbelievers) into our life over the next year that we can disciple.” This is a positive challenge which needs to be taken seriously by the DLT, and members of every congregation. Many of us have become complacent in reaching out to those who don’t know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Along with the challenge came a great idea for support. “Find a prayer partner on the DLT and/or from your home congregation to be a prayer partner and to keep you accountable.” Again, I share this idea to suggest this is a positive way to join with another believer to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

Will you join the DLT in this call to be a faithful disciple and reach out to someone who does not know Christ as Lord and Savior?” On Sunday, May 19, we celebrated Pentecost and most of us heard a sermon based on the scripture found in Acts 2:1-21. Earlier in Acts 1, Jesus invited the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the gift the Father promised was received.

How many of us are waiting expectantly for God to bless and challenge us in our faith journey? Too many of us are sitting back, not expecting anything to happen and it doesn’t happen. The disciples waited expectantly and the Holy Spirit gave them power, strength and encouragement to move forward in reaching out to others for Christ. Let’s be positive and excited, like the early disciples, that God is blessing us through the Holy Spirit to be faithful disciples. Let’s join a host of others to share this excitement with those we meet every day in our life’s journey.

RDB
District Office News

HOSPITALIZED

- Janice Fackler, mother of Penn Run Pastor Jeffery Fackler, for treatment.
- Willa Mae Weaver, wife of District Stewards & Finance Team member Gary Weaver, for heart surgery.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS

- Baby Jeffrey, infant grandson of David E. Crable, pastor of the Fairchance congregation, continues to do remarkably well.
- Homer H. Marshall, Co-Pastor of the Fairview congregation, recovering from shingles.

SYMPATHY

- to A. Harrison Smith and family in the death of his great grandson. Harrison is currently serving as interim pastor of the Mount Pleasant congregation.
- to Dottie H. Grew and family in the death of her mother, Virginia Herring. Dottie serves as Visitation Pastor of the Meyersdale congregation.

LEADERSHIP

- Congratulations to Joy Derck on her licensing to the Christian ministry of the Church of the Brethren at the Plumcreek COB on April 28, 2013.
- Congratulations to David E. Crable, serving as pastor of the Fairchance congregation, on his transfer of ordination to the Church of the Brethren from Mennonite on April 28, 2013.

FROM THE OFFICE

- Reminder: Annual Conference Briefing, June 2, 2013, Greensburg COB, at 6:00 p.m.
- THANK YOU to those congregations that responded to the reminder about submitting reports. In case you missed it: A number of congregations in Western PA District have not submitted their annual Congregational Outreach Planning Reports to the COB General Offices in Elgin, IL. The information on that form is very important to the folks in the COB Stewardship Office as they plan their year. It is also helpful for the District Office. Even though the deadline has passed, the forms are still being received. The form was sent directly to churches from the COB Stewardship Office. It has four colored parts: White, goes to the COB office in Elgin; Canary, goes to Bethany Seminary; Pink, comes to the District Office; and Gold, stays in your congregational records. If you have questions about the report, contact Mandy Garcia at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. Blank forms are available at www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/congregational-outreachform.pdf. Thanks for your help!

NEW MEMBERS

Tire Hill congregation
- Ashley Armstrong
- Dennis Armstrong
- Don Koch

Geiger congregation
- Joseph Woy

July/August 2013
Highlights Deadline
June 10, 2013
Local Church News

**The Mountain Anthems Mixed Chorus**

an A Cappella singing group

at **Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren**

**Sunday, June 2, 2013**

for the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service.

Mt. Joy Church is located 1 mile east of Mt. Pleasant on Route 31. Bro. Lee Smith is the pastor. For more information, please call 724-547-3670.

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**Spaghetti Supper**

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**

**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Arbutus Church of the Brethren**

1201 Erickson Dr. Johnstown, PA

Pasta with or without meat sauce, salad, rolls, applesauce, dessert and beverage - $7.00-Adults; $4.00-Children age 5-11; Children 4 and under-free. Take-outs will be available.

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**Hearken to the Sound of Leah J**

You are cordially invited to join in a celebration of music on Saturday evening **June 22**. The Middlecreek COB (aka “The Little Church With the Big Heart”) is eagerly awaiting a special performance by singer/songwriter Leah J. The festivities begin at 7:00 P M.

No matter what style of Christian music you prefer, Leah J. will have something to delight you. Mark your calendars now for this grand spiritual experience. Come fall in love with this spirit-filled servant of the Master!!

Note: A free-will love offering will be lifted

Middlecreek COB is located near New Centerville just beyond Posy Corners Campground. Contact Pastors John and Linda Stoner with questions....814-444-8800 or e-mail:jnljaunts@floodcity.net. You can also PM Pastor Linda on Facebook.

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**Reminder:**

There is going to be a seminar about **Alzheimer's Disease** on **July 8th** at 7:00pm at the **Center Hill Church of the Brethren**.

Anyone who is interested in attending please take a minute and call our Church Office at (724) 548-7226. Registration is due June 30th.

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**12th ANNUAL COMMUNITY FOOD AND FUN BY THE FIRESIDE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012**

**MUSIC STARTING AT 5:00 UNTIL ?**

**HOSTETLER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

(SANDS SPRING ROAD NEAR POCAHONTAS)

Everyone is welcome to attend. Everything is Free! You may bring a covered dish or dessert if you wish.

Musical entertainment provided by:

“Dogwood”

Gary Baer

And Others

ENTERTAINMENT THE WHOLE EVENING. . . PLUS FREE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

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**TWO Giant Summer Yard Sales/Bake Sales**

Roxbury Church of the Brethren Grove

Approximately 8 miles south of the Church along Somerset Pike, Rte. 985, Johnstown

**Saturday, June 8**

**and Saturday July 13, 2013**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Refreshments available!

Come see what Great Bargains you can find!

Venders needed!

You can rent a 20 x 20 foot area for $10.00 (Bring Your Own Tables)

Contact the Church Office at 814/536-6716 to reserve your space or for more information.
DISTRICT WOMEN’S MINISTRIES
CAMP DAY

When: Thursday, June 13, 2013

Where: Camp Harmony

Registration: 9:00 AM
Program: 10:00 AM

A.M. - Noel McLeary & Michelle Georgiana
P.M. Craft with Camp Staff

Cost: $10.00 (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.

2013 Theme: Reflecting the Beauty of God

CAMP DAY
Reservations due by JUNE 1, 2013

Church________________________________________

Number _____ Please enclose the names of women attending on back.

Amount $__________ ($10.00 each)

Make checks payable to: Western PA District Ministries

Please send to: Arbutus Blough 845 Speigle Road Hollsopple, PA 15935

I will need child care for _____ children (please include names and ages).
AbbsTract  June 2013

2 Timothy 1 says ... 3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. 4 Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy, 5 clearly recalling your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and that I am convinced is in you also.

6 Therefore, I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

8 So don’t be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me His prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. 10 This has now been made evident through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. --HCSB

Every unique animal makes its own set of tracks. An experienced hunter can tell a lot from tracks (or “spoor”) left behind in mud, sand, snow and leaves. A good set of prints can give away an animal’s weight, sex, speed and gait. In addition to prints, a tracker can learn much from all the parts of an animal’s spoor: scat, feathers, kills, drag marks, sounds, scents, scratchings, and other surrounding clues.

What would someone say about the “tracks” you’re leaving? Are you presently guiding others along right paths? What will people learn from your “tracks” in the future?

Timothy learned the Gospel from his mother, who heard the Good News from her mother. Faith is not automatically transferred from one generation to the next, but the lives we live speak volumes into the hearts and minds of those who follow after us.

For leaders, this is especially important. Where do our tracks lead? Do they go down a path that’s worth traveling? Do our tracks indicate slow and heavy steps or swift and sure ones? Do we change course frequently like a zigzagging rabbit, or are the prints measured and calculated like a stalking coyote? Do we drag our feet into new territory like a wolverine, do we step lightly and cautiously as a deer, or do we bound ahead with excitement like a fisher?

People are tracking us, friends. I’m not paranoid and talking about the FBI doing surveillance outside your house in unmarked vans. I’m talking about real, everyday people. Watching to see if we ‘practice what we preach.’ Watching to see if we’re honest, helpful, forgiving, merciful, loving, fair, gracious, and generous. The spoor we leave in our wake says a lot about us.

So turn in that wad of cash, pull over to change a tire, let go of that bitterness, extend undeserved favor, show love at every opportunity, play by the rules, go out of your way to welcome, and give something up to benefit someone else.

Pass your faith down through your own lineage, and through the people you meet each day. Offer to pray for your waitress. Invite some lonely folks over for dinner and conversation. Drop a current Our Daily Bread on a table in the waiting room. Leave behind an easily-followed spoor that points to Christ and His Kingdom.

It is our sacred responsibility.

© Abby
It is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone to go to Brethren Disaster Ministry work sites. With the help of the district office, I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals in order to line up the necessary people to make the program work. This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometime go unanswered. Missed calls and unanswered messages require another time consuming telephone call, sometimes with the same results! After the receipt of an email from the office, please check the printed schedule. PLEASE consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedule toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry. PLEASE contact your church disaster coordinator to volunteer. If your church does not have one, PLEASE contact Herb Ewald at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530. I will answer any questions you may have and hopefully get you signed up! Thanks very much!

2013 Day Trips
Thursday, June 6
Tuesday, June 18
Thursday, August 8
Tuesday, August 20
Thursday, October 3
Tuesday, October 22
Thursday, December 5
Tuesday, December 17

2013 Week Trips
May 19-25
June 9-15
July 21-27
August 11-17
September 15-21
October 6-12
November 10-16
December 8-14
Opportunities for You

Mission Trip being planned

Volunteers are needed for the District Mission Project in Puerto Rico. There is a lot of work to be done there and many hands make light work. The time you will spend there will be rewarding and meaningful. Please consider a short term mission trip.

If you would be interested send your name, address and phone number to Shirley Baker at 321 Deborah Dr. Latrobe, PA 15650-1015 or call 724-961-2724.

Fifth Brethren World Assembly to take place in Ohio in July

The Fifth Brethren World Assembly for constituents and friends of the Brethren bodies descended from the movement established by Alexander Mack in Germany in the early 1700s will be held July 11-14 at the Brethren Heritage Center in Brookville, near Dayton, Ohio.

The assembly happens only every five years, with the last one celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Brethren movement in Schwarzenau, Germany, in 2008.

The theme of this 2013 gathering will be “Brethren Spirituality: How Brethren Conceive of and Practice the Spiritual Life.” It is sponsored by the Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc., whose board members come from each of the seven main Brethren bodies.

The registration fee is $120, with spouses able to register for $60, and a one-day registration option available for $40. Meals cost extra ($7 for lunches, $10 for dinners). The fee to participate in the bus tour is $20. Continuing education credit is available for ministers. A list of area hotels will be provided upon request, along with homes in the area that are open to housing participants in the assembly.

Registrations are due by July 7. Find a detailed brochure and online registration at www.brethrenheritagecenter.org/#Brethren_World_Assembly. Registrations also will be taken by phone and credit card by calling the Brethren Heritage Center at 937-833-5222. For more information go to www.brethrenheritagecenter.org.

Holy Spirit Conference 2013

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

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

The conference will once again be loving hosted by Columbia Furnace CoB in Woodstock, VA July 15-18th, 2013.

This year’s theme is, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" Ephesians 4:4-6. Keynote speakers include; Melodye Hilton and Eric Smith. Workshop leaders; Lallah Brilhart, Carolyn Cecil, and Sheryl Merritt. Childcare and age appropriate worship and activities are available for all ages. The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will grant .5CEUs for participating in the Conference.

For more information and to register please go to: http://www.holyspiritcelebration.com

Gift of the Heart Kits

Please keep the Church World Service kits coming! The School Kits are in great demand right now, but all of the kits (School, Hygiene, Baby Care, and Emergency Cleanup Buckets) are much appreciated. Kits can be brought to the District Office and will be taken to New Windsor as trips are planned. Please be sure to pack the kits in boxes with only one type of kit in each box. Indicate the type of kit clearly on the outside of the box, and note what congregation donated the kits. Checks or cash for shipping should NOT be put in the box with the kits. Those funds are to be mailed or delivered to the District Office and then the money will be sent to CWS. ($2 per Baby, Hygiene, and School Kits; $3 per Cleanup Bucket) Visit www.cwsglobal.org/kits for complete lists items included in the kits.
If it’s spring: A note from Gather ‘Round.

If it's spring...
...it must be time to think about calling teachers for the fall!

Christian formation programs often depend on more volunteers than any other program of the church. Here is a six-step process to help you call and work with teachers (www.gatherround.org/sixstepprocess.html):

Define the ministry: Clearly articulate areas of responsibility. Provide written descriptions that outline the tasks and expectations for each position.

Discern the gifts of the people: What qualities do you seek in potential teachers? Who in your congregation has those qualities? Seek God’s wisdom and direction. With a church directory in one hand and your list of needs in the other, look for people with gifts of teaching and building relationships. Don’t overlook seniors, recently retired people, young adults, or newcomers.

Gently invite: Be specific when you talk to an individual. Be honest about your expectations. Give them time to pray about a decision. Offer to meet with them to have further conversation about the task to which you are calling them. If a person declines the invitation, thank them for considering it. Don’t pester them. If God is calling them to the position, they’ll get back to you.

Provide training: Treat your volunteers as unpaid staff. Give them the resources they need to be the best teachers they can be.

Support and affirm: With notes, a listening ear, small gifts, and prayer, encourage your teachers in their ministry.

Evaluate: Meet with each teacher to reflect. What is working well? What is frustrating? What changes are needed for the teacher to feel successful? Where was evidence of God’s presence? Give a teacher the opportunity to stop if the experience is unpleasant for the teacher or the class. Regular evaluations and check-ins can ease or prevent the pain that happens when someone leaves in anger or frustration—or when someone has to be let go because it is just not working out.

Here are some do's and don'ts:
DO assure prospective teachers that your call comes after a careful, prayerful process.
DO specifically affirm the gifts you see in them.
DO promise that they will be supported (and DO follow through on that promise).
DON'T persist if a person gives you a definitive no.
DON'T beg (“Please, there just isn't anyone else we can ask”).
DON'T stretch the truth (“There's really nothing to teaching preschoolers”).

What if you can't find enough qualified teachers for the openings on your list? Maybe God is inviting you to consider something new. Could groups be combined in new ways? Would people be more willing to teach if the load was lightened by working in pairs or even triads? Would it help to change the time you meet? Use your challenges to get creative about your programming.

-- From the Gather ’Round e-mail newsletter "RoundAbout." Gather 'Round is the Sunday school curriculum of Brethren Press and MennoMedia. This summer’s quarter for multi age groups of children is on an environmental theme and will familiarize students with Bible texts on care for creation. Order curriculum from Brethren Press at 800-441-3712.
Please feel cordially invited to two equipping workshops  
Joan and David Young, Springs of Living Water! 
And others offering testimonials 

**Session 1**  
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
Developing A Deeper Personal Walk with Christ, 
Quenching Our Personal Spiritual Thirst  

Using the backdrop of the woman at the well in John 4, we will look at the meaning of our spiritual thirst and how to have a daily encounter with Christ using spiritual disciplines folders with scripture readings and prayer. The outcome of this is to be in tune with God’s promptings, make decisions by spiritual discernment, to develop a deeper personal walk with Christ, and be renewed day by day.

**Session 2**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Developing A Deeper Corporate Walk for Congregations, 
Corporate Spiritual Formation for Our Churches  

Using the backdrop of the woman at the well in John 4 and the life cycle of a congregation, participants will discover how churches are transformed as they enter a deeper spiritual walk, discover their strengths and Biblical calling, and develop and implement a plan of ministries. The outcome is for congregations to discover a path to be spiritually vibrant churches with an urgent Christ-centered mission.
Position Openings

- The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is seeking a full-time **Program Coordinator** who will oversee day-to-day management of the SVMC office based at Elizabethtown College. To apply, candidates should send letter of interest, resume, and contact information of three references to:
  
  Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center  
  ATTN: Donna Rhodes, Executive Director  
  1830 Mifflin Street  
  Huntingdon, PA 16652  
  Dmrhodes.svmc@verizon.net

- Atlantic Southeast District **Executive Minister**  
  Part-time position available July 1, 2013. The preferred candidate is a spiritually wise pastoral leader who offers inspiration and works collaboratively to envision the work of the district.

- Southern Pennsylvania District, **District Executive**  
  Full-time position available January 1, 2014. The district's mission is "to create New Testament communities committed to personal transformation through Jesus Christ."

- The Church of the Brethren is seeking an individual to fill a full-time salaried position of **manager, Office of Global Mission and Service (GMS).**

More information about these and other positions can be found at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org).

Personnel

- **Anna Emrick** has resigned as program coordinator for the office of Global Mission and Service. May 1 was her last day at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill.

- **Raymond C. Flagg** has been affirmed as treasurer of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

- **Amy Milligan**, program coordinator for the center, has recently earned her doctorate and has resigned her position with SVMC effective July 31.

Reminder: Annual Conference registration deadline.

*June 4* is the last day to pre-register for the 2013 Annual Conference online at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac). After June 4, registration will take place onsite in Charlotte, and the registration fee increases. The Annual Conference is scheduled for June 29-July 3 in Charlotte, N.C. Go to [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac) for more information.

**Faithful Christian leadership is topic of the Ministers’ Association event.**

The Church of the Brethren Minister’s Association pre-Annual Conference event on **June 28-29** in Charlotte, N.C., will be led by L. Gregory Jones on the theme “Faithful Christian Leadership in the 21st Century.”

Jones will lead three sessions starting Friday evening at 6 p.m., Saturday morning at 9 a.m., and Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., using the books of Numbers, Philippians, and Acts to speak to excellence in ministry as well as the quality of forgiveness. He is a senior strategist for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity and a professor of theology in the Divinity School of Duke University, where he served as dean from 1997-2010. He has written or co-written several books including “Embodying Forgiveness” and “Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry.”

Cost to attend is $85 if registering online in advance, or $125 at the door, with a discounted price for couples in ministry and current seminary or academy students. Ministers who attend may receive continuing education units for an additional fee of $10. Child care is available for an extra fee as well.

For more information or to pre-register for the Ministers’ Association event online by the June 15 deadline go to [www.brethren.org/ministryoffice](http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice) where a printable registration form also is available. The e-mail contact address is MinistersAssociation@brethren.org.
~ Lee Initiatives Grant Received ~
The Lee Initiatives grants for 2013 were awarded in a ceremony held at the Johnstown Holiday Inn on April 30. Our Home was awarded a grant of $8,442 for the purchase of adjustable electric beds to be used in the Home nursing wing. Social Services Director Emily Reckner was responsible for authoring the grant, and Jerry Baxter awarded the check to Home Administrator Edie Scaletta at the ceremony. Lee Initiatives made awards to a total of 43 organizations during this cycle, the highest number ever, and gave the largest amount of money ever in a single award cycle.

~ Maple Spring Quilters ~
Thanks to the Maple Spring Quilters for the beautiful donation of handmade quilts. The excellent needlework and beautiful designs will make for a home-like touch for our residents’ rooms. The ladies thoughtfully made matching sets so that the beds in the rooms will be color coordinated.

~ Emmanuel Baptist Senior Fair ~
The BHCW joined over 30 local public service organizations at a Senior Fair hosted by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Johnstown on April 18. Social Services Director Emily Reckner represented our Community at the event, distributing pens, note pads, and entrance packets.

~ Home Auxiliary Report ~
The Home Auxiliary held its spring meeting on May 2 in the basement chapel. A report was received on the annual Spring Tea, which was well attended and well received by the residents and their families. Products from the Stanley Fuller Brush sale organized by Janet Fisher were distributed. Profits from the sale are deposited in the Auxiliary general fund. Plans were made for volunteer duties at the upcoming Home Barbecue. The members voted to purchase: 8 mattresses for the new beds made possible by the Lee Initiatives and Foundation for the Alleghenies grants; routine maintenance for the sewing room machines; and supplies for the new resident “We Care” gift bags. As always, we thank the Auxiliary for its dedication to the Home mission, and their hours of service!

~ Ice Cream Social ~
Thanks to the members of the District Stewards and Finance commission who brightened the day for Home residents on Sunday, May 5. They presented a moving church service complete with guitar music in the main chapel, and then delighted everyone with delicious ice cream treats. Not only did those who were able to attend enjoy the goodies, the team went room to room to be sure everyone was included in the fun.

~ Getting Connected ~
The “Getting Connected” computer campaign has received great support. Thanks to everyone who has been able to make a donation. To this point, over $3,000 has been received for laptops to be used for charting throughout the Home. Donations may still be made and should be directed to Donna Locher, Finance Director, 277 Hoffman Avenue, Windber, PA 15963.
CAMP HARMONY
1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936-0158
E-mail: harmony@campharmony.org
http://www.campharmony.org
(814) 798-5885
FAX: (814) 798-2225

SUMMER THEME – Isaiah 43:18 – 19 – The Lord says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.”

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

When – June 3, 4, 5, 7 – 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Evening Meal provided. Attendance is required at all classes in order to qualify....

Where – Camp Harmony

Cost - $125

How do I apply – Contact Camp - 814-798-5885

If you receive your training here and you work for Camp for extra events, we will distribute the cost of the training back to you over time.

JOB OPENINGS – Inquire at Camp or go on line www.campharmony.org and obtain a general application with a reference letter and mail to Camp.

--Maintenance – 40 hours a week
--Part Time Cleaning – Flexible hours depending on the need at Camp
--Volunteer - Weekly - EMT or Registered Nurse – Call Janice at Camp
Room and Board provided

CAMP HARMONY PERFORMING ARTS CAMP
presents

Disney’s BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Dinner Theater Performance
June 28, 5:00 PM - $25
Matinee Performance
June 29, 2:00 PM - $5

June 2013
CAMP HARMONY
1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936-0158
E-mail: harmony@campharmony.org
http://www.campharmony.org
(814) 798-5885
FAX: (814) 798-2225

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

CAMP HARMONY OPENING DAY
June 21, 2013

Evening Picnic – 6:00 PM
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the fixings

Traditional Campfire
Dedication of Staff

EVERYONE INVITED
COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CAMP MINISTRY

WISH LIST
THANK YOU SO MUCH to those who have contributed new towels and washcloths, and bed linens for twin and double beds. They have already been used when we had persons renting our facilities. Other items on our list include: 6 double bed sheet sets, 100 cup Coffee Pot, silverware, vacuum sweepers, binoculars (we can get 20 for $3.50/each), kid’s ball gloves, basketballs, volleyballs. It is quite evident that as we grow, our supplies and program needs are increasing.

2013 - 52 GOD BLESS YOU AND CAMP IS BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING...
41 Families/Congregations have attached to Camp Harmony by giving a dollar a week for a total of $4000. Attach yourself to the Lord’s growing ministry. Thank You.

VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK
June 16 – 21
Come Help Us Get Ready for the Summer Camp Season
Room and Board provided – Just let us know you are coming.

Call Camp for the jobs that will be available.
Since the infrastructure is being done - many jobs are open.
814-798-5885

PS – We actually extend a warm welcome to all volunteers anytime – just let us know. Many hands make lighter work.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE – PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP OFFICE IF NEEDED. Thank you. Register early to get your first choice of camp!!!!!

June 2013
Camp Harmony Performing Arts Camp presents:

Disney's
Beauty &
The Beast

Dinner Theater Performance
June 28, 5:00 PM
$25

Matinee Performance
June 29, 2:00 PM
$5

CAMP HARMONY
Western PA District
30th annual
Brethren Heritage Festival
Saturday,
September 21, 2013

Wanted: Items for the Heritage Festival auction are requested. They may include baskets, quilts, new handcrafted items, antiques and collectibles. Thanks for your help!

SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE FOR YOUR PROJECT APPLICATION!

The Heritage Festival Committee is always interested in and in need of volunteers. Congregations need to start planning for their booths. If you need an idea for a booth, please contact Brad Berkey at 724 254-1682.

Plan to come and enjoy a day of fun, food and fellowship!
**30th Annual Brethren Heritage Festival**

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

September 21, 2013
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Camp Harmony

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### 2013 Brethren Heritage Festival Project Application

| **Contact Person:** | ____________________________________________ |
| **Church/Group:** | ____________________________________________ |
| **Address:** | ____________________________________________ |
| **Phone:** | ____________________________________________ |

**Project Type:** (check one)
- [ ] Concession (food/drink)
- [ ] Crafts
- [ ] Display/Demonstration/Activity

**Project Description:** (Details – Items sold – Given out – Displayed – Demonstrated)

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

**BOOTH SETUP:**

| Number of tables needed: __________ |
| Special needs: ____________________________________________ |

Check item you will be bringing and list the wattage:

- [ ] Crock Pot…..Wattage __________
- [ ] Coffee Pot…..Wattage __________
- [ ] Roaster…..Wattage __________

Please limit to one item per booth plugged in at a time.

Approximately how many baskets does your church/group plan to donate to the Basket Auction? ______

Available to assist in clean-up?  ____ Yes  ____ No

If you plan to use Camp equipment, please call Camp at 814 798-5885 and let them know what you need.

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

Camp Harmony-Brethren Heritage Festival
PO Box 158, Hooversville, PA 15936-0158

Or register online at: http://campharmony.org/heritage/project

Subject line, “Heritage Festival”

Applications due by: July 15, 2013
at Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936

The Western PA District Church of the Brethren is hosting the 8th 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 am to 12 noon: October 12 and October 26. Items can also be brought the afternoon of October 19, following District Conference.

► Breakfast at 7:30 am to 8:45 am
► Lunch served
► Fresh baked pies!!
► Items can be previewed after 7 am

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

June 2013

ORDAINED

BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
DAVIS, KENNETH A. - 301 Walker St, Garrett, 15542-8427 - 814 634-8173
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIRONIMUS, BERTHA - 142 Bent Tree Hill, Ligonier, 15658-3202 - 724 238-3984
HOSLER, WILBUR H. - 525 First St, Clymer, 15728-1417 - 724 254-9764
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
ICE, ROGER L., SR. - 48 N Grove St, Scottdale, 15683 - 724 887-4340
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 225 Oak Hill Rd, Shenolcta, 15774-3144 - 724 599-8690
MARTIN, NOAH S. - 614 Freedom Ave, Johnstown, 15904-2206 - 814 266-6489
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. - 2288 N Ridge Rd, Shenolcta, 15774-7225 - 724 354-3533
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenveil Pkve, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 732 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 255-7793
SCHAFFER, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHALIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 22 Hawes Rd, Farmington, 15437 - 724 329-5973
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
THOMAS, RODGER J. - 1700 Veil Ave, Windber 15963 - 814 509-6399
WALKER, JUDY M. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILCHER, JOEL A. - 658 R 13th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S. - 207 Church St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758

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BAUGHMAN, KAREN L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
GREEN, GARY W. - 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 - 814 479-5096
GREE, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 829-2253
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. - 151 Blackner Rd, Johnstown, 15905-7408 - 814 288-4529
SCHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SCHAFFER, DANIEL P. - 135 Holly Path, Windber, 15963 - 814 244-5470
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenter Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594
**Church of the Brethren Home**

**Annual Chicken Barbecue**

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**

**MENU:**

1/2 Barbecued Chicken  
Choice of Baked Beans or Green Beans  
Choice of Apple Sauce or Coleslaw  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Beverage

**PRICES:**

Adult Dinner: $6.75  
Children 12 & Under: $4.75  
Half Barbecued Chicken Only: $3.75

Enjoy our $1.00 Sundae Bar!

**DINE IN:**

3 PM – 6 PM  
ENTERTAINMENT BY AL FINGERHOOT

**TAKE OUT AVAILABLE:**

12 PM – 6 PM

**VISIT GRANDMA’S ATTIC AND PAPPY’S SHED**

Located in the Home Basement Chapel  
Choose from antiques and collectibles, crafts, perennial and houseplants, tools, baked goods and much more!

**Great Food To Support A Great Cause!**
Your help is much appreciated! As you will note, the forms are still coming in. Wonderful! **Form A** updates pastor and moderator contact information, and **Form B** updates contact information about your congregation’s board or leadership chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, a nurture contact, a stewards contact, a witness contact, junior high advisor, youth advisor, and several other contact persons. **If you have not processed your congregation’s forms, please try to do so as soon as possible.** The forms need to be returned to Elgin and they provide a copy for the district office. Again, **please note:** There will **NOT** be an **Additional Officers** form for 2013.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach** form was sent from the COB Stewardship Office — not the Yearbook Office last fall. If you need to contact Elgin with questions about the outreach form, please contact Mandy Garcia at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. The deadline for completing this form has passed, **but the forms are still needed and will still be received.** Blank forms are available at —


The forms listed below were received as of May 17. This information is important to both the district and the denomination. The **2012 Statistical Report** is especially important. Please be sure to review the material provided on Forms A and B and make updates as they are needed. Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The updated forms get sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don’t hesitate to contact Suzie at 814-479-2181 or 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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Since the beginning of the year, five more children have been welcomed into this family. Several watched in horror as their mothers were murdered, another’s sorrowful mother gave away her child because she simply had no means to financially care for him, and a newborn baby was abandoned in the hospital. But because of sponsors like you, they have hope. At Hogar Enmanuel, there is an opportunity to turn each sad story around for a better future. For instance, three of our young men recently spread their wings to join the Honduran Air Force and begin their training in service to their country. Another was hired at a local bank for his computer skills, and two of our ladies have passed their cosmetology exams and are now working at a local beauty shop.

Then there are situations like three-year-old Saide. He came to us with a congenital disorder in the bones in his legs. Although he began to walk with braces on his legs, he is now doing well following surgery at the Ruth Paz Children’s Hospital in Honduras in April that will help correct this misalignment. We praise God for this and each occasion we have to help another child.

Recently, Ann Zeigler from Elizabethtown, PA joined the staff. She will be serving as a volunteer for the next two years through the Brethren Volunteer Service/Global Mission Partnership. Ann studied Elementary and Spanish Education at Juniata College in Pennsylvania, spending the summer after her freshman year in Mexico and the entirety of her junior year studying in Sevilla, Spain that gave her a strong base in the Spanish language. Upon college graduation she worked with kids that are living in abusive/at risk homes for an organization called Samara, which is a family and parenting organization. She is now teaching English to the kinder class at Jardin de Enmanuel, working as a liaison for our sponsorship program, and pitching in to help wherever needed. We pray that God will use her in great and wonderful ways during her time in Honduras. WELCOME, ANN!

MEET OUR CHILDREN

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Six year old Yoseni and her older sister, Maibelin (8) joined the Hogar family a little over a year ago. She is now doing well in the first grade at Escuela Jose Trinidad Cabanas and says she especially likes to draw and paint pictures with the kids in her class. When not in school, you will find her playing dolls with her sister or on the swings with some of the other little girls she lives with. If you stop to listen, you might hear her singing the praise songs she’s learned at church. When asked about her favorites, she says she like the color green and eating hamburgers and pizza as well as watching shows on TV like Hannah Montana and I-Carly.

Please pray for Yoseni and her sister this month.
You are joining to help us when you pray for us.
2 Corinthians 1:11

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Providing for HOGAR de NINOS ENMANUEL
Through Western PA District Church of the Brethren Mission Program - Honduras
115 Spring Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15915

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$ 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

May/June 2013

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2013 District Events and Meetings

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.

**JUNE 2013**

1 - BHCW Chicken BBQ, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Brethren Home Community Windber
2 - Annual Conference Briefing, 6 p.m., Greensburg
6 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
9-15 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp to Binghamton, New York (Tropical Storm Lee recovery) - Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
12 - Gifts Discernment Team, 6:30 p.m., District Office
13 - Women’s Ministries Camp Day, Camp Harmony [SEE ENCLOSED FLYER]
16 - HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!
17 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
18 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
24 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
29-July 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

**JULY 2013**

June 29-3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina
15 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
15 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
21-27 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
22 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
25 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)

**AUGUST 2013**

1 - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
2 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., Arbutus Church (District Conference Business)
8 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
10 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
11 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
17 - Women’s Ministries Summer Program – location and other information to be announced
19 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
19 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
20 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
24 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
26 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 2013
2  - LABOR DAY
5  - BHCW Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon
5  - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
7  - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
8  - HAPPY GRANDPARENT’S DAY!
9  - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Penn Run Church
15-21 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
16 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
21 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
23 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church

OCTOBER 2013
3  - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
6  - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
6-12 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
7  - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
10 - Women’s Ministry Home Day – Brethren Home Community Windber
12 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church
13 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
19 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
21 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
22 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
26 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church
28 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2013
2  - 8TH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
3  - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
3  - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
7  - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m., (BAKE, CRAFT, & SOUP SALE)
7  - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
10-16 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Beachdale Church
18 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
25 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER 2013
1  - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5  - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
8  - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8-14 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
14 - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Camp Harmony
15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
16 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
17 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
31 - NEW YEAR’S EVE

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