The title above was the theme for a Leadership Conference sponsored by the Council of District Executives at the Frederick COB last week. The focus for the event was leadership development in the local faith community. I was pleased to see twenty-one persons from Western PA in attendance. While listening to three plenary presenters and going to several workshops on the theme, one idea I kept hearing centered on relationships. How important building relationships, trust, and integrity are if one was going to be a successful leader in the life of a faith community.

So, where does one begin to build trust and integrity in a relationship? In the \textit{NIV Busy Dad’s Bible} there is a note about integrity. It is a short conversation between Jeremiah and King Zedekiah (Jer. 38:20). Zedekiah was encouraged to surrender to the Babylonians and abandon their homeland without a fight. The conversation was to be kept secret and both Jeremiah and Zedekiah were faithful in keeping their promise. To build trust and integrity, one must keep their word. Confidentiality is a must if a relationship is going to grow and become valuable in working in a congregational setting.

It also takes time and effort to build a strong and positive relationship. When time is of an essence, how do we find time to develop a relationship with integrity and trust? Again, I believe we find time to do those things which we believe are important. So, one begins to set priorities and then focus on those items which are most significant. For a pastor, it might mean meeting individually with members in the congregation to learn to know their view for ministry in the faith community. One certainly would want to include the board chair, deacon chair, and others in leadership to develop support and trust for the ministry of that particular congregation.

Another valuable way to build trust and positive relationships is to be present when there is a need in a family or individual’s life. Many times it requires a personal presence, but at other times a phone call, hand-written note, or email to let that person know they are in our prayers builds trust and meaningful relationships. When people know we care for them trust develops and you can count on them to give support to your leadership. In \textit{The Message}, Peterson paraphrases words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:2, \textit{“The requirements for a good guide are reliability and accurate knowledge.”} The requirements for positive leadership are basically the same. As I stated earlier, trust and integrity are vital if our leadership is going to help build a strong faith community serving the Lord and “Continuing the Work of Jesus: Peacefully, Simply, Together.”
HOSPITALIZED

- Brian Simmons, pastor at the Roxbury church, for gall bladder surgery
- Shelby McCoy, pastor at the Middlecreek church, recovering after short hospital stay

NEW MEMBERS

Somerset Congregation
- Penny Hamer

Conemaugh Congregation
- Amanda Zabala

Brothersvalley Congregation
- Nancy Bechtal
- Molly Coughenour

Pleasant Hill Congregation
- Kristin Gokey
- Janice Kuchinka
- Grant Horner
- David Taylor
- Marilyn Stiffler

Scalp Level Congregation
- Chuck Kelley

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

The NEWLY UPDATED 2015 District Directory has been emailed to congregations and contact persons in beginning of March. If you would like a paper copy or a CD, please contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

Corrections and additions will be noted in the District HIGHLIGHTS as they are received. Please note the following updates:

Pages 11, 14, 44 - Joy Derck - EMAIL CHANGE - joyderck2@gmail.com

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation has or will produce a new directory in 2015, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935. It is very helpful to the District Office staff to have updated information from all the churches we serve.

Thank you!

JULY/AUGUST 2015 Highlights Deadline

June 10, 2015

This will be a DOUBLE issue.

Please send all Highlights information to the District Office for the June issue.
I am amazed at how endlessly creative our God is, aren’t you?

Every spring, we watch as stunning flowers grow out of bulbs that are basically little brown onions. Every autumn, we see splashes of brilliant color all across the land. Each winter snowflake is unique and beautiful. Each summer bumblebee is a marvel of biophysics. Scientists are still discovering plant and animal species that were previously unknown. We’re still finding new stars and planets and galaxies.

Look at the people you know – each with a unique set of fingerprints, a one-of-a-kind personality, a voice that nobody else has ever had, and a pattern of retinal blood vessels all their own. God creates people in every shape, size, shade and temperament; He puts a different soul into each different body. Every individual is born with the same creative tendencies as the Father – because God is creative, we image-bearers are creative, too.

So all of this begs the question: If God is creative, and we are creative, then why does our worship of God so often lack creativity?

Actually, it’s a trick question. I already know the answers. Our worship lacks creativity because that could take more time, more money, more effort. Someone might criticize or be offended if we do something different. People might not participate. We might upset the wrong person. Someone might like it too much and come to expect it every Sunday. Someone might get carried away and it could get out of hand.

All semi-valid points. But here’s another question: Do you think God ever gets bored with our worship? I mean, if He is the ultimate Source of creative power – if He dreamed up platypuses and horseshoe crabs and weeping willows and volcanoes; if God invented thunderstorms and pomegranates and you and me – isn’t it possible that we can bore Him with our liturgy?

If we worship God for His vast originality, shouldn’t some of that worship be original itself?

That was another trick question. The answer is: of course it should. Of course it should. Now before you get defensive and say, “Well, we are certainly NOT going to finger-paint in the sanctuary for Love Feast,” let me say, “That’s fine!” There are many ways to worship creatively that don’t make a mess, don’t cost a lot and aren’t wacky. (I abhor mess. I don’t have buckets of money. I’m not a fan of wacky.)

Some of you already experience creative worship in your churches – that’s great! One church printed out a psalm of praise on the left half of a page and invited folks to rewrite that psalm in their own words, as an act of worship. One pastor preached about “spring cleaning” and invited worshipers to list some garbage items in their lives that need to go – then they could go up front to a paper shredder and get rid of it before God. Some churches get creative with their offering, collecting different items to donate instead of money. Another church displays inspirational art done by a teenager.

Skits and dramas aren’t just for youth – even having different voices in the Scripture reading can add meaning. Pass out mirrors for people to use in a time of self-examination. Have an actual love feast some year, with a potluck meal, cake and ice cream. Do a sermon series on growth and plant something in a pot up front – watch it grow from week to week. Encourage people to make prayer doodles and hang them up. Have an actual love feast some year, with a potluck meal, cake and ice cream. Do a sermon series on growth and plant something in a pot up front – watch it grow from week to week. Encourage people to make prayer doodles and hang them up. Provide a tub of sand – people write their sins in the sand, then as they seek forgiveness, the words are wiped away.

When you talk about the fruit of the Spirit, peel an orange and let the fragrance travel through the sanctuary. Have someone with an eye for design arrange artful, seasonal displays on your communion table. If you have a projector, make sure the person doing it is creative! If an image is worth a thousand words, and a good image accompanies each sermon, we’ll get out earlier, right? (See, humor is good, too.)

Bottom line – we cheat ourselves and our God when our worship is stale and boring. Go ye therefore and worship the Creator with new ideas!

Isaiah 43:19,

:) Abby
Local Church/District News

A Concert of Prayer

The Johnstown Area Sub-District churches are invited to a prayer gathering at the Moxham Church of the Brethren on Sunday June 28, at 7 p.m.

This event is being hosted by the Western PA District Outreach & Service Team. The focus will be upon praying for the Holy Spirit’s empowerment of our churches for evangelistic outreach.

The format will be a “Concert of Prayer” where we will be led through times of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

Pastors, Church Board leaders, and all church members are encouraged to attend.

For questions, please contact Bill Wenger, Outreach & Service Team Leader at 814-539-7807.

From the District Library...

I’m not a parent, but I work with a lot of kids through Camp Harmony’s programming. And I see evidence of a lot of different parenting styles through the behavior and worldviews of those kids. You can always tell which children are raised with grace.

There’s a helpful book here at the library that will illuminate ways to practice grace in your family. Dr. Tim Kimmel is a father of four who grew up in Western PA, and I love how he shares personal stories of success and failure from his own experience as a dad.


I guess if I were pressed for a statement, Tim Kimmel wants parents to know that they can do life with their kids, on the same team – they don’t need to be against their kids or ever looking for ways to restrict them. Godly parents should always look to implant hope in their children, always build them up and always provide wise counsel and support.

Grace Based Parenting is honest, covers a wide range of parenting issues, and (best of all), this book oozes grace.

:) Abby
Local Church/District News

Nigerian Women’s Choir
June 24, 2015 - 7 p.m.
Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

The Lancaster COB is sponsoring the Nigerian Women’s Choir to be able to come to the United States for an “Appreciation Tour”.

A challenging journey lies ahead for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, they are encouraged by our prayers and generosity.

149th Annual Western Pennsylvania District Conference

Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9 a.m.
Camp Harmony, Hooversville, PA

Mark the date, more information to come.

Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center
(located directly across the street from the church)

June 6, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Indoor Yard Sale
Individual 10' x 10' spaces are available to rent where you sell your own items and you keep the profits! There will also be a bake sale, soup sale, pie auction, silent auction, and lunch will be served.

Call 724-349-2929 prior to 9 p.m. or the church office at 724-463-0420 for more information.

District Women’s Ministries 2015
Loved Beyond Measure
“For God so loved the world....” John 3:16

Coming Events

June 11 - Camp Day at Camp Harmony with Sisters in Christ from Maple Spring COB

August 15 - The Summer Tea at Greensburg COB
Come join us for a vintage clothing fashion show!

October 8 - Home Day at the Pettikoffer House at the Church of the Brethren Home

The DWM Cabinet hopes to provide programs that will interest all of the women in the district. Please contact one of our cabinet members with any suggestions you may have.

Congratulations to all the graduates in the Western PA District and beyond. God bless you as you begin an exciting new chapter in your lives!
Local Church/District News

Roxbury Church of the Brethren Recreation Area

Are you looking for a nice level area to have a Family Reunion, Birthday Party, Graduation Party, Anniversary Party, etc.??

The Roxbury Church of the Brethren Grove is located along Route 985 (Somerset Pike), approximately 8 miles south of the Roxbury section of Johnstown or 9 miles north of Jennerstown.

We offer facilities which include; a pavilion, full kitchen, softball field, volleyball area, horseshoe pits, indoor restrooms, charcoal pits, and swings. The grounds sit beside a small stream where children at picnics often like to entertain themselves.

Reservations are taken for individuals outside the church family starting March 1st on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A complete set of guidelines may be obtained and any questions answered through the church office at 814-536-6716.

Events at the Roxbury Church Grove:

Giant Summer Yard Sales: June 13, July 11, August 1
9 am to 2 pm
Vendors needed!! Rental Space: 20’ x 20’ $10 (bring your own tables!)

Come See What Great Bargains you Can Find!!

From the Nanty Glo COB:

Second Annual Bake/Craft/Yard Sale and Car Wash Saturday, June 20, 10 am to 4 pm.

Tables can be rented for $10. Contact Darlene Rankin 814-525-8926.

Proceeds will be used to help with the replacement of kitchen cabinets, etc. due to water and mold damage.

The church is also looking for a used filing cabinet for the office and stainless steel shelves for the kitchen.

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

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

THANK YOU

Day Trips
July 09, 2015
July 21, 2015
Sept. 03, 2015
Sept. 15, 2015
Nov. 05, 2015
Nov. 17, 2015

Week Trips
Aug. 09-15, 2015
Oct. 04-10, 2015
Dec. 06-12, 2015
CHRISTMAS EXCITEMENT ALL YEAR 'ROUND!

Isaiah 11:6 - "......and a little child will lead them."

I will always remember the Christmas that our daughter, Tina, was 2½ years old. In the Moss family back then, we had a tradition of putting the Christmas tree up and decorating it on Christmas Eve. That year we finally got Tina to sleep and the rest of the family (mom, dad, aunts, uncles, and grandparents) got the tree up and decorated and all the gifts put under it. This, of course, took several hours. But when it was done, it was beautiful.

On Christmas morning, my husband Ken hurried out to the living room and lit the tree, and then we got Tina and a camera. We have a wonderful photo of her catching her first look at that tree....eyes wide open with wonder and excitement and a finger pointing to the beautiful tree and all the presents. We heard squeals of delight!

Oh, that we all could be that excited about Jesus Christ and all that he has done for us! I’d like to challenge each of us to make time for a closer walk with Him each day during Advent, and all through the next year.

Oh, precious Lord, help us to come to you as little children.

Fill us with your love and an excitement to share that love with everyone around us.

Thank you, God, for sharing your Son with us! Amen.

Suzie Moss attends Windber COB and is also the part-time secretary at the Windber church.
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FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL CONGREGATIONS:

Several months ago a form from the District Review & Evaluation Team was sent to all Church Boards. This form was to be reproduced by churches and made available to all members.

This was done so all members could respond with any compliments/concerns they had about the Brethren Home, Camp Harmony, and/or the District leadership. This opportunity to hear comments from members was reported at District Conference last October. Delegates were asked to encourage members to use this opportunity.

As of April 15, 2015, the Review & Evaluation Team has not received a single response. Please be sure that this form is made available to your congregation as soon as possible. The deadline to submit your comments is June 30, 2015.

There is a copy of the form in this month’s District Highlights.

National Older Adult Conference is September 7-11 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

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

Register for the conference online at www.brethren.org/NOAC or by mail or fax. Registration forms are available online and in the registration brochure, which has been mailed to past NOAC participants and to the Church of the Brethren congregations.

For a brochure contact 800-323-8039 ext. 305 or NOAC2015@brethren.org .

From the Pennsylvania Council of Churches:

$5,000 Mini-Grants Available to Schools for Farm to School Activities—Deadline June 15

The National Farm to School Network is now accepting applications from eligible schools or school districts in Pennsylvania for these $5,000 mini grants to help jump start new farm to school activities or ramp up existing programs. Grants can be used for local food for tastings, new processing equipment, hosting events, building school gardens and more!

All non-profit schools and school districts in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply.

Deadline for applications is Monday, June 15 at midnight ET.

Find information about these grants at http://www.farmtoschool.org/our-work/seedchange.

Job Openings

If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html.
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### Annual Conference Briefing
**June 14, 2015, 3 pm at the Geiger COB**

If you are attending this year’s Conference, please plan to attend. There will be lots of information about the events in Tampa.

Contact the church at 814-443-3780 with any questions

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### What is Annual Conference? A gathering of the Church of the Brethren...

... where All Ages are Welcome!

... in which you’ll meet new friends, renew earlier relationships, and expand your sense of being a part of a community of deep faith

... where you will be inspired by 2,500 Brethren singing together in four-part harmonies

... in which you’ll participate in moments of moving worship with brothers and sisters from all over the United States and countries beyond

..where delegates elected from their congregations come together to discern the mind of Christ and vote on items of business of the church, non-delegates are also encouraged to participate in these discussions

... where you can attend any of 63 Insight Sessions to learn more about the work of the church, how to strengthen and equip your local church, and how to grow in your own faith

... where you will be invited to grow in your faith, deepen your discipleship to Jesus Church and reflect God’s love in a world that needs it so much!

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### 2015 Annual Conference
**July 11-15, 2015**
**Tampa, Florida**

Register online at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

#### Conference Registration info:
**Delegate registration - until June 10**
- $310

**Non-delegate registration - until June 10**
- $105 for full conference
- $35 per day

Congregations may pay by credit card or by check.

*After June 10 all registrations are made on-site with higher fees.*

More information about the Conference, hotels, airport transportation, directions, and conference theme and worship leadership can be found at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

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### At the District Office:
We have a copy of the DVD produced by Dave Sollenberger containing information about the business of Annual Conference this summer in Tampa, Florida.

On this DVD is a conversation between Moderator David Steele and Annual Conference Secretary Jim Beckwith as they share about the items of business coming to the 2015 Annual Conference.

It is a very helpful resource to share with all the delegates from our district.

There is also a link to this DVD on the Annual Conference homepage at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

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**ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?**
The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Tampa is looking for DR.’s, RN’s, LPN’s and EMT’s who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Kathi Horrell is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Tampa and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers!

Please contact her at: neonpalmtree@gmail.com

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42nd Annual
Brethren Bible Institute
Summer Term
July 27 - 31, 2015
Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA

BBI is intended to provide systematic instruction in the Bible for any person 16 years of age or older. CEU credits available.

For application forms, write to:
Brethren Bible Institute
155 Denver Road
Denver, PA 17517

Please send for an application form early. Your application process must be completed by June 29, 2015.

The cost for students staying in the dormitory is $250.00. The cost for commuting students is $100.00.

Workcamps 2015
Side by Side: Imitating Christ’s Humility
Philippians 2:1-8

The spirit of Christ is in us. Let us be humble - as he was, living together in deep-spirited friendships. Let us encourage, comfort, love and share, looking to the interests of others. Let us pray and serve in faith, renewing our hearts and minds. Let us live in the light of Christ and carry it, hand in hand, side by side.

Registration is now open! Some work camps are already closed and some only have a few slots available. Make your plans now!
http://www.brethren.org/workcamps/

National Junior High Conference 2015
Elizabethtown College - Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
June 19 – 21, 2015

Living the Change: Our Offering to God
“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”
-Romans 12: 1-2, The Message

Sing, laugh, worship, make friends from all over the country, and spend time with God!
Registration is now open! The cost is $185 per person.

National Junior High Conference is for youth who have completed 6-8 grades and their advisors.
Questions? Contact Kristen Hoffman, NJHC

Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.

Both Christians and Muslims have been driven from their homes or killed. This includes many members of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN).

Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region. Visit www.brethren.org for more information.

Western Pennsylvania District Highlights
Let Us Hear From You

Feel free to submit this form anytime you have any comments or concerns regarding the ministry and programming of any of the following:

Brethren Home Community in Windber, Camp Harmony, District Leadership Team

Thank you from the Review and Evaluation Team: Arbutus Blough - Chairperson, Roger Forry, Ruby Mader, Patricia Marshall, and Elva Jean Westlake (Use additional paper if necessary)

I had a positive experience regarding: (circle those that apply)

The Brethren Home  Camp Harmony  District Leadership Team

Following are my comments:

I have a concern I feel should be addressed regarding (circle those that apply)

The Brethren Home  Camp Harmony  District Leadership Team

Following are my comments:

Deadline to submit is June 30, 2015

Please send your forms to:
Review and Evaluation Team, c/o Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935-7412
LEE INITIATIVES GRANT RECEIVED: On May 7, Home Administrator Robert Thompson and Social Services Director Emily Reckner represented the Home at the spring Lee Initiatives grant presentations. There our Home received a $6,600 grant for the purchase of low air pressure mattresses. These mattresses are used to prevent and treat pressure ulcers by molding to the body to maximize contact, redistribute weight as uniformly as possible and reduce pressure. The mattresses are especially beneficial for residents with a diagnosis of obesity. The Lee Initiatives grant program has been generous to the Home with several past awards that made possible the purchase of a wall lift system, heart defibrillators, rehabilitation equipment, and a urinary retention scanner.

HOME AUXILIARY MEETING: The Home Auxiliary met on May 7 in the Home basement chapel. Meeting devotions were provided by Pastor Phil King. The Auxiliary was glad to have the opportunity to thank him for his generous support of its programs before his upcoming retirement. There were many requests to be considered by the group since the regular March meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Expenditures of approximately $5,000 were approved for these purchases:

- $3,400 Two bariatric beds
- $500 Therapy supplies – gel cushions, reachers, heel wedges
- $300 Sewing machine maintenance
- $280 Bedspreads
- $240 Sidewalk edging
- $885 Dietary cooler shelving

AUXILIARY SHOE PROJECT: The Auxiliary hopes to meet its goal of 2,500 pairs of used shoes for the spring shoe project. Contact Susan Haluska at 814-361-6646 to schedule shoe a shoe drop off to help push the project over the top!

HOME RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED:
The next Home rummage sale has been scheduled for July 30, 31, and August 1 in the Home basement chapel. Be sure to mark the date on your calendars, and remember to contact Chris Knepper at 814-467-5505 to make donations. All proceeds from Home rummage sales are used to fund resident-centered projects.
Church of the Brethren Home
277 Hoffman Avenue
Saturday, June 6, 2015
ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE
TAKE OUT OR DINE IN:
11:30 AM – 4:30 PM

DINNER PRICES:

Adults: $8.00
Children 12 & Under: $6.00
Half Chicken: $4.00

MENU:

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

BAKE SALE AND $1.00 SUNDAE BAR
“The Church of the Brethren should be absolutely fearless, absurdly happy, and always getting into trouble for Jesus”  Quote from Dan West…..

2015 “52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM”
As more and more families are blessed they contribute $1.00 a week or $52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. Join the 2015 team. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed $52, the mortgage could be eliminated…..At this time 30 families have already joined in 2015 for $1,800 Thank you for your support.  Come to camp and see the orginal quilt.

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.  If you want to touch the present, touch a flower.  If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

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2015 CAMP DEDICATION DAY
EVERYONE INVITED

Friday, June 19, 2015
Picnic Supper – 6:00 PM
Dedication of Finished Cabins
Campfire
Consecration of 2015 Summer Camp Staff
COME SUPPORT YOUR CAMP MINISTRY

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WISH LIST

Often groups or individuals are looking for items and/or projects that they can do for Camp. This list is constantly changing and we thank you for all your help.
--mulch
--vacuum sweepers
--materials for Four Square Vertical and/ or construction
--don’t forget we are always collecting Labels for Education (Campbells). These now can be converted into debit cards.
--small mesh laundry bags – 15”X18”
--work gloves
--picnic tables
--non stick griddles for retreat centers
--tubes for river tubing
--pocket knives for Pioneer Camp – please contact us for specifics
--hand mixers
--PVC pipes – 1.5 – 2 inch
--Post It Notes / Manila Folders
--toaster ovens for cabins
--safety glasses
--hot pads, oven gloves
--toasters for retreat centers
--2 X 4 X 8’ lumber
“The Church of the Brethren should be absolutely fearless, absurdly happy, and always getting into trouble for Jesus.” Quote from Dan West…

MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED

Each year for our camps, we are mandated to have medical personnel on site to provide care for the campers. If you have this certificate and would like to volunteer your services for any of our camps, please be in contact with Camp. There are provisions to comfortably house you and/or your family for the week. If applicable, children and grandchildren may also attend the camp that is taking place. For more information contact camp. It is a perfect way to use your talents to spread the message of our Lord. The weeks which are available include June 28 through July 10. Thank you for giving this your consideration and also spreading the word to others. We now only have 2 weeks available.

TRAININGS AVAILABLE

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training – 26 hour course - June 8 and 9: 5 PM - 9 PM
June 10 and 12: 8 AM – 5 PM
Lifeguard Recertification – June 11 & 12 from 8 AM – 5 PM
Lifeguard Management – June 13 from 8 AM – 5 PM
Standard First Aid with CPR/AED – 6 hour course - June 17 or 18: 9 AM – 5 PM
Wilderness First Aid – 16 hour course – June 20 & 23: 8 AM-5 PM

These trainings are done in partnership with Benincosa & Geisweidt Inc.

Please call Camp for a brochure or to register for a course

FUTURE DATES

Call Camp to register and/or for information

June 7 – 13 – Volunteer Work Week
June 14-19 – Staff and Leaders in Training Week
June 19 – 2015 Camp Dedication Day – See information on other side
June 26 and 27 – Performing Arts Shows – “Mary Poppins”
    June 26 – 6:00 PM - $10/ person
    June 27 – 2:00 PM - $10/person
Concessions available at both performances
WEEKEND SCHEDULE
September 4-7, 2015

FRIDAY
4:00 PM- Concessions Open
6:00 PM- Music Begins (Groups, Soloists, and Duets)
8:00 PM- Evening Adventure Activity

SATURDAY
7:00 AM- Concessions Open
11:00 AM- Open Mic
1:00 PM- Music (Groups, Soloists, and Duets)
1:00 PM- Swimming, Adventure Activities, Kids Korner
8:00 PM- Night Swim

SUNDAY
7:00 AM- Concessions Open
10:00 AM- Worship Service
1:00 PM- Music Begins (Groups, Soloist, and Duets)
1:00 PM- Swimming, Adventure Activities, Kids Korner
8:00 PM- Night Swim

MONDAY
7:00 AM- Concessions Open
11:00 AM- Music Begins (Groups, Soloist, Duets)
1:00 PM- Swimming, Adventure Activities, Kids Korner
5:00 PM- Festival Closes
CAMP HARMONY
FALL GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2015

FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING, LODGING AVAILABLE

A weekend for the whole family to be blessed with great music, fun, and food! Stay for the whole weekend or come for just a day.

Hear great talent from Gospel performers like:

Heaven 4 Shore  
The Choraliers & Pearl  
Good News  
United
...AND MORE!
(Groups subject to change)

Enjoy activities for all ages throughout the weekend:

Climbing Tower  
High Ropes Course  
Bounce House  
Clowns For Christ  
Swimming  
...And More!

Other features of the weekend:

Concessions All Weekend  
Open Mic Times & Jam Sessions  
Lodging & Campsites Available
(cabins, tent & RV sites)
CAMP HARMONY
Performing Arts Camp Production of:
Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s
MARY POPPINS
A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers
and the Walt Disney Film
Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Book by
Julian Fellowes
New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh

TICKETS $10

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EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
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HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
KABLE, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 240 Plumcreek Rd, Shelocota, 15774 - 724 599-8690
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
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ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
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THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094

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RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594
Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! ►**Form A** which lists your pastor and moderator, is now due. **Form B** is also due. It was sent from the Yearbook Office in Elgin last fall and updates contact information about your congregation’s board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contact persons. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. **Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated**, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The **Additional Officers Form** for 2015 was sent from the District Office and is also due.

Congregations should have received the **Statistical Information for 2014 Form** in December of 2014. The information from any Statistical Forms submitted now will not be included in the denominational yearbook.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2014/2015 has been sent from the COB Stewardship Office last fall. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at [www.brethren.org/stewardship](http://www.brethren.org/stewardship). Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the **District Office** as of May 20. **ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.** The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!
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# 2015 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.

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<td>Nigerian Women’s Choir, Maple Spring COB - 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Concert of Prayer, Moxham COB - 7 p.m.</td>
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OCTOBER 2015
4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
8 - District Women's Ministries Home Day at Pettikoffer House at the Brethren Home
10 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
17 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
19 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
24 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2015
1 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
1 - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
5 - BHCW Auxiliary 1p.m.
7 - TENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
12 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
14 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
21 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Geiger Church
23 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
30 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 2015
6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12 - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come
13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
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!