

THE HIGHLIGHTS

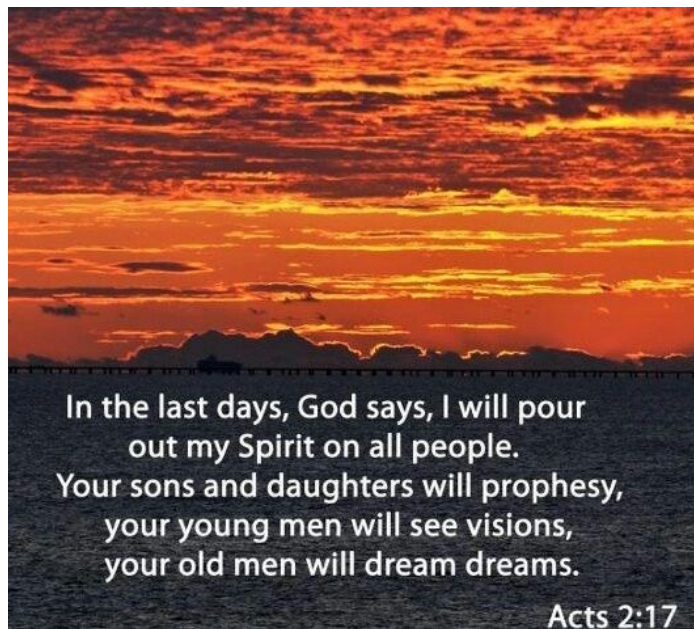
Western PA District Church of the Brethren

June 2021

FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER

By the time you are reading this, the Day of Pentecost for 2021 will have already passed. It was May 23rd. But we can still for a few moments reflect on its meaning. On the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus's resurrection and a few days after His ascension, God the Father through Christ the Son poured out his Holy Spirit upon the early disciples. In doing so, He created the church and empowered his people for living in Christ and for carrying out the mission of Christ. It is in the presence and work of that same Holy Spirit that we Christians today find our cohesion as the Body of Christ. It is in the Holy Spirit that we find inspiration and strength to walk faithfully with Christ. It is in the Holy Spirit that we find power and joy to fulfill the mission Jesus has given us to take the gospel to all peoples.

The Scripture verse quoted above about the outpouring of the Spirit comes from the words of the Prophet Joel in the Old Testament. It is the verse that the Apostle Peter used to speak to the multi-national crowd that had gathered when they heard the apostles speaking in their various languages (see Acts 2:1-17). It is a powerful verse, one that has always fascinated me. It speaks of the life of God being shared, people being filled with the very life of God. It speaks of young and old, male and female, being caught up in the wonderful works of God. They are caught up in his plans, in his vision, in the forthcoming salvation of all things. It is all very exciting!



There is a word of hope for us here. For in these days when so much seems to be going wrong and the American Church seems to be staggering from one blow after another, the outpouring of the Spirit upon us refreshes us, enlivens us, and gives us direction via dreams and visions. We can see things and hear things that are not of this world but are of God. And thus we can experience the hope and joy that comes from the knowledge that God is still at work, that His Spirit is still creating and re-creating the Church, and that we are part of it all!

Let this be our prayer:
**COME, HOLY SPIRIT! RENEW, REVIVE,
RE-INVIGORATE YOUR CHURCH TODAY!**

Peace to you!

Bill Wenger

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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

June 10, 2021

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

William Wenger, District Executive

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

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2021 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2021 District Directory has been sent out via email.

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

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

Former employees that:

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

Skills: Preferable medical background. Sleuth. Patience.

A confidentiality statement will need signed.

Please apply to: District Office:
**115 Spring Road,
Hollsopple, PA 15935-7412
814-479-2181**



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

NEW MEMBERS



Congregation

Canaan — Jeffrey Mastronicola,
Marlene Mastronicola, Heidi Moran

Uniontown—Michael Hyjurick,
Abram Garcia, Charles Franks, Kim Franks,
Jani DiMarco, Bonnie Swetz,

Windber—Alex LaRue, Abbey, LaRue

WITH SYMPATHY

To the family of **Pastor Rick Conrad** who passed away on May 1st, Rick was a member of the Berkey COB.

To the family of **Dee Saylor-Crouse** who passed away on April 23rd. Dee served as secretary at the District Office for many years before she retired. She was also a member of the Tire Hill COB.

To **Atty. Jeffrey Berkey** and his family as his father Irvin Berkey passed away on May 3rd.

VIRTUAL SERVICES

Walnut Grove COB Sunday Services on Facebook at 10:00 am

<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

Geiger COB Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

Salisbury COB Sunday Services on Facebook at 10:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

Scalp Level COB Sunday Services at 10:30 am

[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren - YouTube](#)
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren | Facebook](#)

Windber COB Sunday Services at 10:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/WindberCOB>

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



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

For everyone in the District who has been diagnosed with, is recovering from, or knows someone with COVID-19.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Annual Indoor Yard Sale

Yard Sale Saturday, June 5, 2021

Call 724-463-0420 for event info .

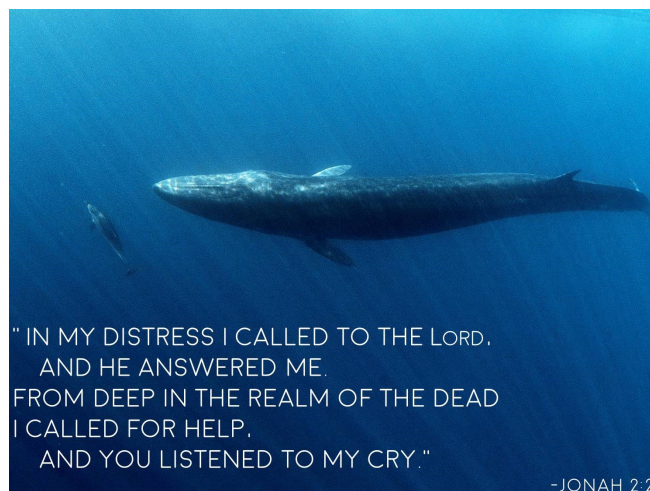


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The **Greensburg COB** is exploring the prospect of creating a new part-time position—Director of Children and Youth Ministry. This would be an excellent opportunity for the person chosen by God.

Anyone who feels called to partner with them to disciple young people should contact Pastor Stephen Parfitt at 724-552-3333 or pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com for more information.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Mark your calendars!

District Conference
October 16, 2021
at Camp Harmony

Registration forms will be posted on the District website in the beginning of July. The forms will also be included in the July 2021 issue of the Highlights.

The conference will be in-person this year, following any safety guidelines that may be in place during that time. The 4 delegate format that was to be going to be used last year will also be used this year.

More information to follow!

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

FUN DAY AT MIDDLECREEK COB

The **Middlecreek COB** will be hosting a “Fun Day” at the church on **June 5, 2021** beginning at 4:00 pm with music by South Penn Crossing.

There will be a hot dog roast and a “Slow Bicycle Drag Race”.

For more information, contact the church at 814-926-2033

CHICKEN BBQ

Shade Creek Ridge COB
1623 Ridge Road, Hooversville

Drive-thru Chicken Barbeque Meal
June 26, 2021
Noon to 2:00 pm
\$9.00 per meal

Contact Dorothy at 814-754-5593 for tickets

TENT MEETING

Hostetler COB
2344 Sand Spring Road
Meyersdale, PA 15552

Friday, June 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10:30 am

Guest Speakers:
Friday & Saturday—Delmas Bard
Sunday—Randy Simpson

PRAISE IN THE PARK

The **Scalp Level COB** will be hosting its 3rd Annual “Praise in the Park” on **August 14, 2021** from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Windber Rec Park in Windber.

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

Mark your calendars!



SOME GOOD NEWS!!

BIG THINGS AT CAMP HARMONY!

Camp Executive Director Jen Vickroy presented a positive report and (per Core Leadership Team request) a list of needs Camp has to the District Leadership Team at their February 20th meeting. The Leadership Team then spent a considerable amount of time discussing ways District funds could be used to help Camp Harmony. A motion was made to direct the assets from the Western PA District's top 3 CD's at 1st Summit Bank to be used to cover the mortgage of Camp Harmony as soon as possible and then the top 8 expenses of Camp Harmony as the projects are completed or as funds are needed.

The motion was unanimously approved and the mortgage was paid off! Camp was also then given the funds to complete and continue with the many projects on their list. They are hard at work getting things ready for summer. Please don't forget to pray for Camp, volunteer if you are able, and continue your financial support of this very important ministry.

You can follow their progress and check out all the great things being done on Camp's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/campharmony>

We are all looking forward to a great summer!
#spreadtheharmony

DISTRICT DONATION TO HONDURAS

At their May 15, 2021 meeting, the District Leadership Team approved a donation of \$25,000.00, to be taken from the proceeds of the sale of the Church of the Brethren Home, to be made to the El Hogar De Ninos Enmanuel Christian Home for Children in Honduras for the many different expenses and needs they have. God is so good!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



BE STRONG *and* COURAGEOUS!

DO NOT *be* AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

~~~~~ Joshua 1:9

## CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

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

Thanks! Tina

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

# SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS

## FUNRAISING DINNER

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

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

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



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

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

Thanks for your support!

For further information, please contact:

Marie Camut, 814-266-3010,

April Mackell, 814-536-1589

Karen Nagyvathy, 814-244-5977



Hogar de Niños  
**ENMANUEL**

CONTACT RONA HEMMINGER TO CHOOSE AN ANIMAL THEME  
for the fundraising dinner at

Hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111

(Already taken: tigers, flamingos giraffes, hummingbirds, doves, sheep)

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Annual Conference June 30, 2021 to July 4, 2021**

As you all know by now, Annual Conference will be held virtually this year.

Registration is open now and you can register by going to:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/registration/>

Here are a few links that may help if you have any questions about registration:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/04/A-Guide-to-Registering-Online-for-Annual-Conference.pdf>

<https://www.brethren.org/ac/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2021/03/FAQ-AC-online.pdf>

Please note that each delegate needs to have a SEPARATE email address so that your vote will be counted. If you share an email address with another delegate, you will need to make sure you have 2 separate email addresses. Yahoo.com, Gmail.com, and Outlook.com all offer free accounts.

Non-delegates can share an email address but they should be registered too. All of the worship services are free with no registration. Children are free as well.

If your congregation's delegates have trouble with this technology or do not have access to a computer, please consider appointing a mentor from within your congregation to help them out.

### **Here are some helpful links for those attending Annual Conference**

The link below will give you the schedule for the entire conference:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/activities/schedule/>

Use the link below to meet Annual Conference Leadership:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/leadership/>

Use the link below to see the Annual Conference Business Items:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/business/>

Use the link below to meet the worship and music leadership and guide to the offerings that will be taken up during Annual Conference:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/worship/>

Use the link below to see a schedule of concerts:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/activities/concerts/>

Use the link below to see what's offered in the Children's Corner:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/activities/concerts/>

Use the link below for information on the Virtual Blood Drive:

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/activities/blood-drive/>



# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)  
**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)  
**BERKEBILE, WES** – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 / 724-901-7058 / [wes2375@comcast.net](mailto:wes2375@comcast.net)  
**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)  
**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)  
**GREEN, GARY** – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 / 814-915-0227 / [pamountainman42@aol.com](mailto:pamountainman42@aol.com)  
**HOUGHTON, SALLY** - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / [smh124@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smh124@atlanticbb.net)  
**KABLER, ERIC**—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / [eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com](mailto:eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com)  
**KENSINGER, JAMES** - 329 Spackman Street, Seward, 15954-3117 / 814-446-1088 / [kensingertj@verizon.net](mailto:kensingertj@verizon.net)  
**MANGES, JOHN** – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / [manges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:manges@atlanticbb.net)  
**MARSHALL, HOMER** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MARSHALL, PATRICIA** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)  
**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)  
**MYERS, GUY** – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / [pgmyers@atlanticbb.net](mailto:pgmyers@atlanticbb.net)  
**PERUSO, RUSSELL** – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / [russperuso@gmail.com](mailto:russperuso@gmail.com)  
**RUMMEL, DALE** - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 16838-9006 / 732-809-9013 / (seasonal)  
**RUPERT, JACK** - 409 State St., Johnstown, 15905 / 814-322-7786 / New Day: 814-535-8202 / [jrupert@new-day.org](mailto:jrupert@new-day.org)  
**SMITH, A. HARRISON**—506 Sciandro Drive, Greensburg, 15601 / 724-837-4491  
**STEIN, ROBERT** - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / [crid@verizon.net](mailto:crid@verizon.net)  
**SWICK, MICHAEL** - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / [preachmike101@comcast.net](mailto:preachmike101@comcast.net)  
**WALKER, JUDY**—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)  
**WALKER, LARRY** - 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)  
**WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN** -436 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning, 16201-4639 / 724 548-4901 / [ejwestlake16@gmail.com](mailto:ejwestlake16@gmail.com)  
**YOUNG, FRANK** – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 / 814-418-5930 / [sfminc@hotmail.com](mailto:sfminc@hotmail.com)

## LICENSED

**PISARSKI, STANLEY** – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / [spisarski1017@gmail.com](mailto:spisarski1017@gmail.com)

## LAY SPEAKER

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

## 2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

|                         |                               |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Youth Camp</b>       | <b>Grades 7-12, overnight</b> | <b>June 4-8</b>         |
| <b>Pre-K Camp</b>       | <b>Ages 3-5, 9 am - noon</b>  | <b>June 7-11</b>        |
| <b>Junior Camp #1</b>   | <b>Grades 2-5, overnight</b>  | <b>June 13-18</b>       |
| <b>Day Camp #1</b>      | <b>Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30</b>   | <b>June 21-25</b>       |
| <b>Jr. High Camp #1</b> | <b>Grades 5-8, overnight</b>  | <b>June 27 - July 2</b> |
| <b>Junior Camp #2</b>   | <b>Grades 2-5, overnight</b>  | <b>July 4-9</b>         |
| <b>Day Camp #2</b>      | <b>Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30</b>   | <b>July 12-16</b>       |
| <b>Day Camp #3</b>      | <b>Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30</b>   | <b>July 19-23</b>       |
| <b>Jr. High Camp #2</b> | <b>Grades 5-8, overnight</b>  | <b>July 25-30</b>       |
| <b>Youth Adv. Camp</b>  | <b>Grades 7-12, overnight</b> | <b>July 25-30</b>       |

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



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

## REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

CREATING AFFORDABLE EXPERIENCES TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

# WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG



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

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

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

You pay ONLY:



Returning  
Camper

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

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



New  
Camper

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

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

**50% off  
for each  
camper!**

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

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



1st Camper

**\$330**

Overnight  
per week



2nd Camper

**\$320** ~~\$330~~

Overnight  
per week



3rd Camper

**\$75** ~~\$85~~

Day Camp  
per week



4th Camper

**\$30** ~~\$40~~

Pre-K Camp  
per week

# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## **JUNE 2021**

- 5 - SVMC, District Office
- 6 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 19 - SVMC, District Office
- 20 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 30 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Virtual Conference

## **JULY 2021**

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

## **AUGUST 2021**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

## **OCTOBER 2021**

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



# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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## **NOVEMBER 2021**

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

## **DECEMBER 2021**

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

# PRAYER CALENDAR

| June 2021 |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| SUNDAY    | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|           |        | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5        |
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|           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 6         | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12       |
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| 13        | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19       |
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| 20        | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
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|           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 27        | 28     | 29      | 30        |          |        |          |
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Let us pray for peace in our world.

Let us pray for peace in our nation.

Let us pray for peace in our churches.

Let us pray for peace in our marriages.

Let us pray for peace in our hearts.

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