

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

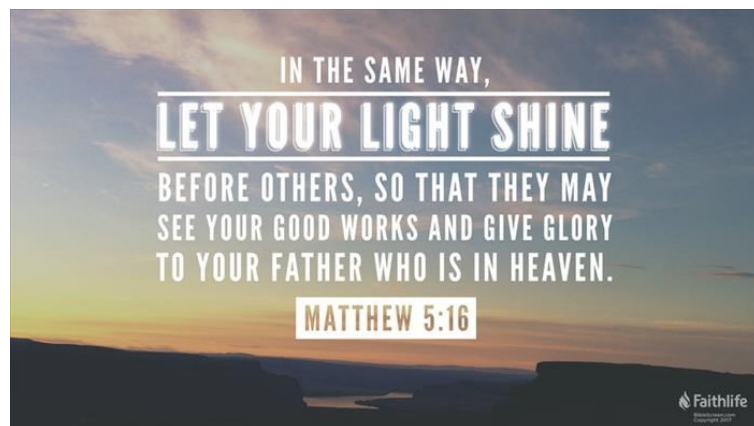
June 2022

SHINING A LIGHT IN THE DISTRICT

Longer days, well let's say more daylight as we move into the summer months. The other evening I was watching the distant shore line and as evening shadows moved across the lawns the solar lights would blink on. It reminded me of an old story I read about a profession that was needed long ago in England.

As evening descended on towns and hamlets a lamplighter would go from streetlamp to streetlamp and ignite the lamp. As he moved through town doing his nightly task he would leave a glow behind. When his journey took him over the hill and down into the next dale he left a light behind and if you looked careful as he did his task over the knoll his work continued to glow and grow as he continued. That is what we Christians, followers of Jesus Christ are to do...leave a glowing report of the light we shared as we move on our journey. How have you been doing? Do you have Glowing actions of love or are you Burning God's house down around you?

I share some glowing reports about the last few months: One congregation baptized 9 new members on Palm Sunday; another congregation has received 17 new members since January, another congregation took time during an Easter service to share JOYS instead of concerns and it went on for over ten minutes; WOW was that uplifting! Congregations are growing, people are coming back to worship and love is being shared.



The District Leadership team has almost filled all its opportunities for service, the ministry track (SVMC) has many working and studying and please keep calling others to the ministry. Camp Harmony is gearing up for a huge summer and the FOOD Ministry that shared over 20,000 meals through Somerset Country last year is gearing up to even do more. This is a great ministry out of Camp Harmony, with workers, volunteers and drivers sharing food with children all over the county.

Alleluia! If that doesn't get you excited about the love of Christ all around you; check your pulse maybe your dying or maybe your rooting for the wrong team. Jesus tells us to share the light in Matthew 5:16.

Doing anything for which our Father in Heaven will be praised? Why not? What family do you belong to, or are you cheering for? Figure it out before the Lord Jesus comes back to claim His "Light Sharers"!

Peter Kaltenbaugh,
District Executive Team Chair

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **July 2022** issue is

June 10, 2022

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 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

814 479-2506 fax

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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 will be making a new directory for **2022** please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935
Thank you!

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the District Core Leadership Team in your prayers as the search continues for an Interim District Minister.

Please also be in prayer for the District Search Committee in their search for a permanent District Minister.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Changes

David Crable—retired as Pastor, Connellsville

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation

County Line— Gary James, Bobette James, Dick Davis, Bonnie Davis

Somerset—Mary Lynn Verne

TO ALL MINISTERS

Are your clearances up to date? Do you have clearances? Have you sent them into the District Office?

Ok, let us have a little chat, you need clearances, and they need to be sent into the District Office. So check to see if they are up to date and send a copy to Tina. Please do not make this a game of tag, where we have to chase you around and around to get the clearances. I understand it is the law, you must have them. Help us out in the District Office and get them in soon. I am not interested in publishing a list of “Here are the ones we need!” Be responsible and faithful and thank you for your help.

Peter Kaltenbaugh, District Executive Rep.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

*“For I know the plans
I have for you,”*

DECLARES
THE LORD.

JEREMIAH 29:11

PENTECOST

**Pentecost
Sunday
is June 5th**



“Pentecost” by Angie Andriot

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

Saturday, June 4, 2022
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bake Sale and Food Trucks
Individual Spaces Available for \$10

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission
trips, please contact Herb Ewald
for more information
at 814-539-8530

or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

*****Please Note:**

15 Volunteers constitute a full group

7 volunteers constitute 1/2 group

2022 Schedule

Day Trips

No Trips
Scheduled
Yet

Week Trips

7/10—7/16 TBA (15 people)
9/25—10/1 TBA (15 people)
10/30—11/5 TBA (15 people)
12/11—12/17 TBA (15 people)

VIRTUAL SERVICES

Arbutus COB Sunday Services are
streamed at 9:00 am

<https://arbutuscob.org/>

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

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/1709517105945633](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633)

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

[https://www.facebook.com/
HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa](https://www.facebook.com/HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa)

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

[https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-
the-Brethren-211422968870314](https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314)

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

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

****If your congregation is sharing services online,
please contact Tina to add to the Highlights.**



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Western PA District CoB

District Women's Ministries

Let us take a look at some of the women groups of the Church of the Brethren in the Western PA District.

One of the first known organized Women's group was started at the Walnut Grove CoB in Johnstown, PA, January 24, 1895. It was organized as the Ladies Aid Society. This was the beginning of the women's organized group in the churches. Other Aid Society groups were started in the district and it expanded as far as the Brotherhood program. The Annual Conference first received and recognized the women's groups in 1906. The women of the District would meet together and would discuss their projects and share ideas of expanding projects to further our Christian outreach.

In the 1920's there were 22 active Aid Society groups.....by 1948 there were 49 groups. Eventually, all the different women's groups changed their name to the Women's Work or the Women's Fellowship.

In 2008, the Western PA COB women's groups changed their name to the District Women's Ministries.

The organized women in the District have been alive for over 127 year!!!

We would like to know what you see in the future for this important ministry. Please pray about it. We would like to hear from women of all ages.

Please contact: Rev. Judy M. Walker (724)522-5260

425 Morningside Avenue

Jeannette, PA 15644

HONDURAS SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

SHOE PROJECT NEWS



Our spring shoe shipment took place on Monday, May 2nd at the ICA building in Jerome. Thanks to everyone involved, especially our packing team: Adrienne Punako, Arbutus Blough, Bill Cuppett, Pastor Ron Beachley, Pastor Brad Griesheimer, and Pastor Rob Wolf. A total of **3,225** pairs for shoes were loaded up for the trip to Florida.

Total project earnings for this shipment totaled **\$1,261.20**, thanks again to everyone who continues to support the shoe drive!

Please remember the shoe project through the summer months and we have already started to collect shoes for the next shipment. Shoes may be dropped off at the District Office during office hours or by contacting the office at the Westmont Church of the Brethren, 814-255-2154, to schedule a drop off there.



We have appreciated your support of the orphanage and want to see it continue!
Any questions should be directed to Marie Camut - 814-266-3010,
April Mackell -814-536-1589,
or Karen Nagavathy -814-244-6977.

Thank you for giving so generously to the orphanage through this project!



I had the great opportunity to attend the annual gathering of District Administrative Assistants which was held in-person at Bethany Seminary and via Zoom (I'm in the upper right corner) on April 25 and 26, 2022.

Each year the DAA's plan meetings to get together to share what's going on in the Districts, learn about new technology, and hear from various COB agencies. It's nice to share with this group as we all do the same job all over the country. We also wished our friend Joe Vecchio from the Pacific Southwest District a very happy retirement.

Thanks to you all in our District for allowing me to participate in this event.

Tina Lehman,
Western PA District Administrative Assistant



Shipment from Brethren Service Center sends relief to Ukraine

"This shipment has been in the works for quite a while but FINALLY is on its way," reported Loretta Wolf, director of Material Resources for the Church of the Brethren.

The Material Resources staff work out of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., to collect, warehouse, and ship relief goods for a number of ecumenical and humanitarian partner organizations.

The Material Resources staff most recently have been working on a Lutheran World Relief shipment to respond to the Ukraine situation, Wolf said. "We loaded five trailers with donated items...to fly from Dulles Airport to Poland and to Ukraine."

The shipment consisted of approximately 9,600 quilts, 4,160 school kits, 18,500 personal care kits, 4,080 baby care kits, and 21,330 pounds of soap. It is to arrive this week.

Find out more about the work and ministry of Material Resources at www.brethren.org/brethrenservicecenter.



Job Openings: <http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html>

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Annual Conference 2022 July 10-14

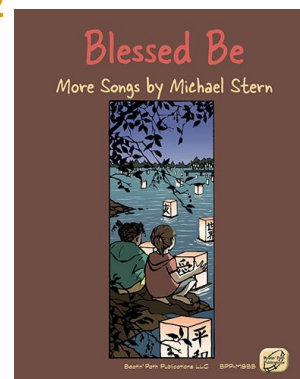
Delegate registration is open please go to:
<https://www.brethren.org/ac2022/registration/delegate-registration/> to register.

Non-delegates go to:
<https://www.brethren.org/ac2022/registration/non-delegate-registration/> to register.

Note: The CHI Convention Center in Omaha is a cashless venue. That means they only accept credit cards or their own venue card that can be purchased with cash in a vending machine. You will not be able to pay for concessions with cash

'Blessed Be': Michael Stern shares new music for the 2022 Annual Conference

Michael Stern will be sharing original music during one of the evening concerts planned for the 2022 Annual Conference, taking place in Omaha, Neb., on July 10-14. His presentations at Conference—in addition to the evening concert on July 13—include leading the children's choir and with his wife, Carol, keynoting the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) luncheon.



A Church of the Brethren member, composer, folksinger, peace activist, and nurse practitioner in Pacific Northwest District, Stern recently published a new songbook of 22 songs of faith and action under the title "Blessed Be." It is available both as a songbook and on CD (find links and sample songs at: www.beatingpathpublications.com/MS/home.html).

For everything you need to know about Omaha, NE and the events of Annual Conference please visit the site below:

<https://www.visitomaha.com/brethren/>



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

National Youth Conference 2022 July 23 – 28, 2022 Fort Collins, Colorado

National Youth Conference (NYC) provides high school aged students and their advisors the chance to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation and more!



Who is eligible to attend?

Youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent) and their adult advisors are invited to attend. All youth must be accompanied by an adult advisor. Please send at least one advisor for every five youth. If sending female youth, please send a female advisor and if sending male youth, please send a male advisor. All adult advisors must be a minimum of 22 years of age.

What is the cost?

The \$550 registration fee, for youth and advisors, includes lodging, food, and event programming.

When can I register?

NYC registration is open now! Register before April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee.

How can I find out more?

Visit this page often! Connect on social media. Attend the insight session at Annual Conference this summer. Connect with a member of the National Youth Cabinet, the group planning this event.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions, contact Erika Clary, 2022 National Youth Conference Coordinator, at eclary@brethren.org or 847-429-4376

This year, the National Youth Conference (NYC) 2022 Office has partnered with Brethren Disaster Ministries and the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction in Pennsylvania to collect



certain school supplies to assemble Church World Service (CWS) school kits. We are trying to make at least 3,000 kits. The auction already has contributed \$20,000 to this project.

The school kits will be given to children who are going to school in difficult settings. We have asked NYC participants to commit to bringing school supplies for the kits, using an online signup sheet at www.slottr.com/sheets/18267897.

If you are not attending NYC but would like to support this offering, you can commit to purchasing supplies and then send them with youth from your congregation. If you are not attending NYC and there are no youth from your congregation attending, please contact me at elclary@brethren.org to find out how you can support this project.

To learn more about the school kits we are assembling, please visit <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/school-kits>.



National Youth Conference T-shirts are available on the NYC webpage.

The cost is \$25 each. Go to: <https://national-youth-conference-2022.square.site/> to order yours.

Sizes XS—4XL.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / sharingpearls@comcast.net
BEACHLEY, LINDA—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / lrbeac@atlanticbb.net
BEACHLEY, RONALD – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / rondbeachley@gmail.com
BROADWATER, KEVIN—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / pastorbroadwater@verizon.net
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / iamameliaderr@yahoo.com
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / pastorbutch@gmail.com
HOUGHTON, SALLY - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / smh124@atlanticbb.net
KABLER, ERIC—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com
LONGWELL, ERIC— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / kb3ttx@gmail.com
MANGES, JOHN – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / manges@atlanticbb.net
MARSHALL, HOMER - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net
MARSHALL, PATRICIA - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net
MOSORJAK, GARY – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / wendel05@aol.com
MYERS, GUY – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / pgmyers@atlanticbb.net
PERUSO, RUSSELL – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / russperuso@gmail.com
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / spisarski1017@gmail.com
STEIN, ROBERT - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / crid@verizon.net
SWICK, MICHAEL - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / preachmike101@comcast.net
WALKER, JUDY—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com
WALKER, LARRY - 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com

LICENSED

BURNEY, OYANGO—111 Hillcrest Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 / 724-541-6850 / livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com
COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / shellywithattitude@gmail.com
GEORGE, ROBERT—850 Pine Street, Indiana, 15701 / 724-762-0773 / righemlock@gmail.com

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594

CAMP HARMONY

2022 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

→ DAY CAMPS

Pre-K Camp #1	Ages 3-5, 9 am - noon	June 13-17
Day Camp #1	Grades K-8, 9 - 4:30	June 20-24
Day Camp #2	Grades K-8, 9 - 4:30	June 27-July 1
Day Camp #3	Grades K-8, 9 - 4:30	July 11-15
Day Camp #4	Grades K-8, 9 - 4:30	July 25-29
Pre-K Camp #2	Ages 3-5, 9 am - noon	Aug. 8-12

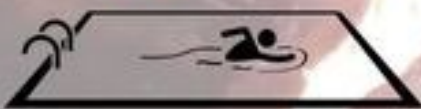
→ OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Jr. High #1	Grades 5-8, overnight	July 3-8
Youth Camp	Grades 7-12, overnight	July 3-8
Junior #1	Grades 2-5, overnight	July 17-22
Mission Camp	Grades 7-12, overnight	July 24-29
Junior #2	Grades 2-5, overnight	July 31-Aug. 5
Jr. High #2	Grades 5-8, overnight	July 31-Aug. 5
Youth Adventure	Grades 7-12, overnight	July 31-Aug. 5

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CAMP HARMONY

LEND A HAND AS A TUESDAY VOLUNTEER

Help us make a difference by volunteering
to complete projects around Camp.



What we need:

carpentry, electrical,
plumbing, mechanical,
gardening, cleaning, etc.
(If you are willing to help,
we can find a place for you!)

Our Mission:

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

EVERY TUESDAY | 9 AM - 4 PM
1414 PLANK ROAD, HOOVERVILLE

As a thank you:

Coffee and pastries at 8:45 am; lunch at noon

Contact Kayla at 814.798.5885 or kayla@campharmony.org

www.campharmony.org
#spreadtheHarmony

2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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 10th of each month. Thanks!

JUNE 2022

- 5 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 19 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2022

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 10 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Omaha, NE
- 14 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Omaha, NE
- 21 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 23—28 - National Youth Conference, Fort Collins, CO
- 30 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, TBA (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2022

- 13 - SVMC class
- 27 - SVMC class

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 5 - LABOR DAY
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 10 - SVMC class
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 15 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2022

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2022

- 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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