

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

June 2025

## DISTRICT MINISTER TEAM NOTES

It was Palm Sunday morning. The children of the congregation were ready to present their program. Pastor Abby prepared those in the pews: “Take your right hand and reach up, actually do this, and take hold of your seat buckle. Now pull it down and across and latch it into place. Now, hold on, because the kids are coming in with lots of energy, so get ready for their joy!”

And they did have lots of energy and joy! They came into the sanctuary dancing to “Church Clap” and the next twenty or so minutes were filled with jumping, clapping, singing children! Nearly twenty of them proclaimed the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ! What a wonderful celebration of life it was! Such beautiful words of hope had been planted into their young minds during the preceding weeks of practice and learning! Their enthusiasm was contagious and those sitting in the pews could hardly sit still!

It reminded me of another Palm Sunday, 2000 years ago. Matthew (21) tells us that the children were shouting in the temple complex “Hosanna to the Son of David!” No doubt these were jumping, clapping and singing children. While temple leaders criticized the noisy children, Jesus accepted their exuberant praises!

We are entering the months of summer when children are out of school and Bible School often takes place in our churches. I encourage you to get involved in this great ministry to children. Help in whatever way you can. No children in your church? Invite the children of the community in. Use the time to get to know them and their parents as they get to know Jesus. Not enough people to host a Bible School? Partner with another church in the community, work together to have a dynamic time.



Or you can contact Child Evangelism Fellowship: you provide the space and they provide the volunteers. Five times in one week too much? Spread your events out to once a week, once a month or even once a summer. Do whatever works to minister to children and teach them about Jesus!

The challenge is to not look at what we cannot do but instead, let’s look for what we **can** do!!! Especially when it comes to proclaiming our faith and passing on that faith to the next generation, let’s look at what we **can** do – together!!!

Ruby Mader, District Minister Team

Send me an email in August ([redhatvicar@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatvicar@yahoo.com)) and let me know how your congregation ministered to children this summer. I’d love to hear about it! Perhaps we can share ideas and encourage our congregations in this vital ministry.

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# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the  
**July 2025** issue is

**June 10, 2025**

Please send your information  
to [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org).

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## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday\*\*

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

\*\*Closed every other Friday

### Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

Website: [www.westernpacob.org](http://www.westernpacob.org)

## 2025 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

If you would like a paper copy  
of the 2025 District Directory,  
please contact me at  
[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)  
or 814-479-2181.

Thank you!  
Tina

## 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 **2025** please send  
one to the District Office,  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935  
Thank you!

## DOUBLE ISSUE

The August/September  
Highlights will be a  
**DOUBLE ISSUE**.  
Please be sure to send your info  
for August and September to me  
at [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)  
by July 10, 2025. Thanks!

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Phone number change:

Ron Barto— remove 814-485-2967  
and add 814-521-2159



## BACK-UP FINANCIAL CLERK NEEDED

Volunteer Backup to Financial Clerk  
Position—requires a 6—12 hour per  
week depending on the incoming  
mail and month end obligations. The  
current schedule is Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
or to 3:00 pm if needed. Volunteer  
may set their own schedule.

Position duties include: Process  
incoming checks make bank  
deposits. Pay incoming invoices and  
payroll. Prepare month end financial  
reports. Type up thank you letters  
and other written correspondence.  
Occasionally, prepare excel reports  
on spending. Report to the Stewards  
& Finance Team and District  
Treasurer. Work with Honduras  
Orphanage as needed. Work with  
Action Accounting Knowledge of  
Microsoft Excel and other accounting  
software.

The Financial Clerk will train the  
volunteer. Please call the District  
Office if you are interested,  
814-479-2181.

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## NEW MEMBERS

**Rummel**— Jordan Verostick, Landon Richards, Payten Lucas, Jayden Lucas, Jenna Lloyd, Todd Shaffer, Jenni Shaffer, Adam Shuster, Kayla Shuster

**Shade Creek/Ridge**—Jeff Yeckley, Michelle Yeckley, Earl Spangler, Renee Moore

**Uniontown**—Gabriel Gross, Brent Nichols, Mason Toth

## WITH SYMPATHY

To **Pastor A. Harrison Smith** and his family as his son passed away on April 14, 2025.



Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid; do not be  
discouraged, for the Lord  
your God will be with you  
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Arbutus COB** Sunday Services are streamed at 9:00 am <https://arbutuscob.org/>

**Freedom Church (Indiana COB)** services are on Facebook (Freedom Church Facebook page) and on YouTube (@FreedomChurch-cd9xj)

**Geiger COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

**Hostetler COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am <https://www.facebook.com/HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa>

**Meyersdale COB** Sunday Services are on Facebook at 10:30 am [https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ\\_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69\\_LKf8aq-ZM8IDloOJ\\_v6FfXuzfhRjN8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py\\_c&paipv=0](https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69_LKf8aq-ZM8IDloOJ_v6FfXuzfhRjN8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py_c&paipv=0)

**Rummel COB** You can listen to podcasts of services on their church website at <https://rummelchurch.com/sermons/>

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



# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## Blood Drive

**June 13, 2025**

**12PM – 5PM**

Monroeville Church of the Brethren  
481 Center Rd. Monroeville, PA. 15146

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

We are looking for volunteers to help with the blood drive.  
Community service letters will be available.

Please email [monroeville.brethren@gmail.com](mailto:monroeville.brethren@gmail.com) with your  
Contact information and interest in volunteering. Thank you!

[redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## INDOOR YARD SALE

Penn Run COB Event Center

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Individual Yard Sale spaces

are available for \$15 per space

There will also be a bake sale and food trucks.

## CONCERT AT HOSTETLER COB

### ROD HORNER in CONCERT

On Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, Rod Horner will be having a hymn sing and concert at the Hostetler Church of the Brethren located at 2344 Spring Road, Meyersdale, near Pocahontas.

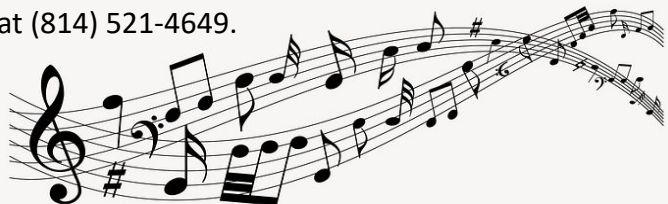
If you haven't heard of Rod Horner by now, here are some of his accomplishments:

\*Worship Leader and Accompanist for the Brooklyn Tabernacle and Bill Gaither's Homecoming series.

\*\*Pianist for White House and Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

\*\*\*Vocalist at both Sight-and-Sound Theaters and Kennedy Center's Premier Ensemble.

We are overjoyed to be able to invite you to another wonderful evening of praising the Lord! For more information, contact Reverend Kaitlyn Coughenour at (814) 521-4649.



## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY



### **Monroeville COB**

**August 11—15, 2025**

8:00 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$275 for the entire week

Visit the website above or contact the church at 412-372-4165 for more information.

## YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

The County Line COB will be having a Yard Sale & Bake Sale on June 7, 2025 in the church fellowship hall. The sale will be from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit the work and outreach of the Witness Commission of the church. There will be a half off sale on June 9th. Contact the church at 724-593-2680 for more information.



# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## DISTRICT DISASTER MINISTRIES

**B-D-M  
NEEDS  
Your Help!**

The ministry is great, still alive and well and with your help, we will be able to make it even greater. With all the severe weather events we have had, the need becomes greater each passing day. We need you to help with this ever increasing work load. We have a core of dedicated volunteers who give of their time and participate on just about every trip that is scheduled. For this we are very, very thankful. We are looking to have a full crew of volunteers each trip, which would be 14 people. Think about being a volunteer, where else can you go for an all-expenses paid trip where you work hard, but eat well, have great fellowship, and have tons of fun! Contact your church coordinator to volunteer and, if your church does not have one, please contact me at [hjeward@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net) or (814) 539-8530, (C) 814-691-5718

### 2025 Schedule

June 1—7, 2025  
August 3 —9, 2025  
October 5—11, 2025  
December 7—13, 2025

There are no New Windsor day trips scheduled, the program may be discontinued. Maximum of 7 Volunteers on each trip except if noted OPEN, then 15 Volunteers would be needed. Locations of all week long trips to be announced as info is available.

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



### WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Thanks to everyone who has been donating to the Enmanuel Home Shoe Project this winter. We are currently well over 2,000 pairs of shoes packed and stored at the Westmont Church! Our minimum shipment number is 2,500 pairs, and we hope to reach that number by early summer. It is always helpful to make our shipments during good weather, our local volunteers and the drivers from Florida appreciate not having to consider snowy roads in their travel schedules. Please remember the project this spring, and help us help the Home!

To donate, simply place a rubber band around each pair of shoes and bring them to the District Office during regular business hours, or contact the office at the Westmont church to schedule a drop off appointment. The shoe committee members are also available to help arrange a pick up.

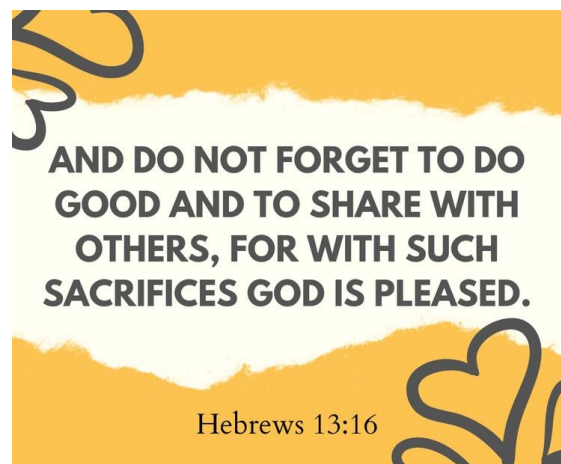
Committee members include:  
Marie Camut, 814-266-3010  
April Mackell, 914-536-1589  
Karen Nagavathy, 814-244-6977

## FOOD PANTRIES

Walnut Grove Food Pantry  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob/>

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank  
<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/>

Please consider donating food to these or any other groups in our area.



# 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, LINDA**—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [lrbeac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lrbeac@atlanticbb.net)

**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)

**BROADWATER, KEVIN**—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / [pastorbroadwater@verizon.net](mailto:pastorbroadwater@verizon.net)

**COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN**— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / [shellywithattitude@gmail.com](mailto:shellywithattitude@gmail.com)

**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)

**KABLER, ERIC**—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-242-0920 / [eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com](mailto:eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com)

**LONGWELL, ERIC**— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / [kb3ttx@gmail.com](mailto:kb3ttx@gmail.com)

**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-659-5853 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)

**SIMONSICK, ROBERT**—1131 Apple Jack Lane, Greensburg, 15601 / 814-493-1795 / [bprabsimon@aol.com](mailto:bprabsimon@aol.com)

**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)

**WHITED, JAMES**—14 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brookville 15825 / 814-592-5714 / [jrwhitedsr@gmail.com](mailto:jrwhitedsr@gmail.com)

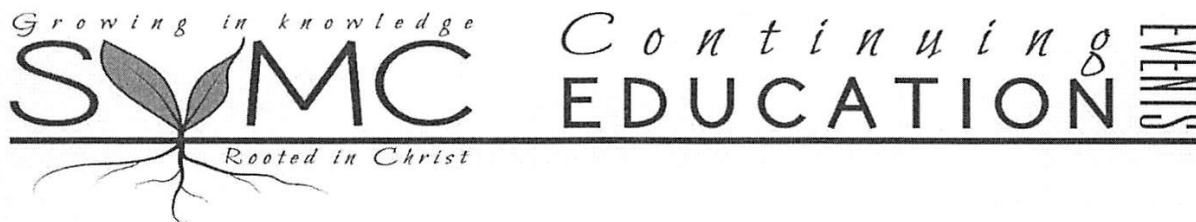
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## LICENSED

**SHAULIS, TRAVIS**—608 Second Street, Meyersdale, 15552 / 814-442-8626 / [tanbadaner@gmail.com](mailto:tanbadaner@gmail.com)

# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Continuing Education Offerings

**Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center** has curated a series of timely and engaging continuing education events for clergy and interested laity on themes ranging from caring for congregants going through difficult times to faithful use of technology to ministering out of our weaknesses. While credentialed clergy can receive continuing education units, laity will also benefit from these topics, so please share these events with others, as everyone is invited to register. To register, you may either: 1) click on the event title and follow the registration link; 2) visit [www.etown.edu/svmc](http://www.etown.edu/svmc) and select "Continuing Education"; 3) email [KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org); or 4) call 717-361-1450.

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### Supporting Congregational Members Following Divorce

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Zoom Only**

**Leader: Julie Guistwite**

**Fee: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs**

*Divorce is a life-altering loss experience that a rising number of congregational members confront. The encounter profoundly affects their biopsychosocial-spiritual well-being and often leads to disenfranchised grief. This interactive workshop examines three types of spiritual struggles that often occur in connection with three spiritual coping methods that can facilitate healthy adjustment. Attendees will gain skills in applying the methods to supporting congregational members navigating loss and grief using a case study.*

### The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World

**Monday, September 15, 2025 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM • Elizabethtown College & Zoom**

**Leader: Dan Poole**

**Fee for In Person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs; \$55.00 for no CEUs**

**Fee for Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; \$35.00 for no CEUs**

*From the barrage of social media platforms to website presence to electronic communications enabled by computers and smartphones to a 24/7 cultural expectation of availability, the shape and landscape of ministerial leadership have needed to shift to thoughtfully incorporate these tools into one's ministry practices. In this daylong workshop, we will address several key concepts and questions related to the use of tech tools in one's ministry. For instance, in this new digital age, how can one ensure that the practices of ministry remain grounded in the core principles of pastoral care and discipleship? How does the ministerial leader carefully live into a high-touch ministry that utilizes high-tech gadgets? What is the role of the ministerial leader in reminding communities of faith about healthy boundaries in the building of community that furthers the life of discipleship through electronic platforms and social media? How does the ministerial leader maintain healthy Sabbath practices in a 24/7 connected world? Addressing these and other participant-generated questions, we will focus on appropriate and theologically grounded responses as we examine the responsible engagement of digital tools in the work of serving God's people as ministers of the Gospel.*

*(more events continued)*



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## Caring for Congregational Members at the End-of-Life

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Zoom Only

Leader: Julie Guistwite

Fee: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs

*Nearing death is as much a part of life as living. Drawing on a trifold model of terminally-ill ministry, this interactive workshop explores strategies for empowering adult congregational members at the end-of-life. Consideration of best practices in managing core ethical dilemmas persons navigate during this final lifespan stage will interweave across the discussion. A small group role-play activity provides the opportunity to apply the methods to assisting dying persons from the home to healthcare setting.*

## Weakness Transformed in the Gospel of Matthew

Saturday, November 1, 2025 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM • Stone Church of the Brethren & Zoom

Leader: Dan Ulrich

Fee for In Person: \$65.00 for .5 CEUs; \$55.00 for no CEUs

Fee for Zoom: \$45.00 for .5 CEUs; \$35.00 for no CEUs

*Paul was the apostle who heard Christ say, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9); Paul was not alone, however, in teaching that God works through human weakness in powerful ways. In this continuing-education workshop, we will find inspiration from the Gospel of Matthew to minister faithfully in situations where we or our congregations feel weak. Visual and performative arts will help us engage imaginatively with selected scriptures to deepen and strengthen discipleship. Since the Revised Common Lectionary features Matthew in 2025-26, preachers may encounter ideas they can develop into sermons for the coming year.*

### Events Sponsored by Other Organizations

*SVMC will provide CEUs for the following events sponsored by organizations other than SVMC for \$10.00 per event. **Please note that registration for these events is NOT handled through SVMC.** To request CEUs please complete a separate form for each event ([click here for request form](#) or contact SVMC) and submit the form along with a payment of \$10.00 per event. Send to:*

*Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center  
One Alpha Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022*

#### Sponsored by the Young Center, Elizabethtown College

For registration information, please visit: [The Young Center](#) or call them at 717-361-1470.

- July 22-24, 2025: Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective -- Past, Present, and Future at 500 Years

#### Sponsored by Mt. Gretna Bible Festival

For registration information, please visit: [Mount Gretna Bible Festival - Events](#)

- Friday, June 20, 2025: Demonstrating Jesus' Kingdom in Friendship with Muslim People
- Friday, June 27, 2025: Putting on our Blue Jeans: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance

# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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## Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry

**To: COUNCIL OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVES and administrative staff**

**From: Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, Director, Office of Ministry**

**Re: Ministerial Ethics Training, Advanced level, offered at Annual Conference 2025**

**Presenter: Del Keeney, retired Brethren pastor from Mechanicsburg, PA.**

**Date: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC  
From 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (Room location, TBD)**

**Cost for the Event: Cost per person is determined by your district, payable to your district office.**

**Registration – Please gather the names of ministers in your district who wish to register, collect any fees from each, and then turn in the names to Mishael Nouveau by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Booklets will be provided at the training.**

**Time frame for the Session**

**Presentation (minimum 5 hours)** using the materials entitled “Ethics for the Set-Apart Minister” authored by James Benedict published by the Office of Ministry along with new addendum compiled by additional Brethren authors.

Instruction, Bible study, and small group activities will focus on the skills of ethical analysis and practice applying these to both biblical narratives and contemporary “cases” and identifying factors that contribute to ethical vulnerability and ethical resilience. The Addendum explores the themes of artificial intelligence, use of social media, and intercultural competency related to ministerial ethics.

**Meal on their own (1 ½ hours)**

**Presentation (minimum 1 hour) of the 2008 Annual Conference document, *Ethics in Ministry Relations*; to be led by a district executive.**

**Resource booklet: *Ethics for the Set-Apart Minister, with Addendum***

**CEUs will be granted free of charge by the Brethren Academy based on the 5-hour instructional time expected, resulting in .5 CEUs.**

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at Grove City College

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This is a Friday evening - Saturday event, and lunch on Saturday is included in the price.

IT'S ONLY \$30 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL  
AND \$50 FOR A MARRIED COUPLE!

(lodging is on your own to secure)

THIS IS GEARED ESPECIALLY FOR MINISTRY LEADERS IN RURAL AREAS, AND LAST YEAR'S EVENT WAS GREAT!

Register today at: <https://ruralministry.org/conference>

## **Message from the Moderator**

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We will soon gather for the Church of the Brethren 238<sup>th</sup> recorded Annual Conference from July 2-6, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. As we approach every aspect of Annual Conference, may we be mindful that we as followers of Jesus are called to live out His teachings and embody His love to share with all God's creation. I wonder how different the Annual Conference would be if we come ready to intentionally share compassion, seek justice, love neighbors as ourselves, forgive others as we have been forgiven, practice being instruments of peace, and extend the same grace to all that we all have received?

The theme that guides us this year is faith working through love—an invitation to live out the Gospel and embody Christ's agape love. Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:6 that what truly matters is not outward appearance or rituals, but the transformative power of faith expressing itself through love. As we approach this Annual Conference, let us prepare not only by reading all the materials and planning our schedule of activities, but most of all prepare our hearts and minds, reflecting on how our faith inspires us to serve, how love strengthens our community, and how both unite us in Christ's mission. May our time together at Annual conference be a time of renewal of purpose, a rekindling of passion, and a deepening of our love for God and for one another.

I invite each of you to take these weeks to pray, meditate on our theme, and come ready to be both humble learners and active participants. To help us all prepare, I have created a "love calendar" to prompt reflection and action. Together, let us create holy moments where faith is alive and love abounds. My prayer for this Annual Conference is it be more than a traditional event, but a time of healing and moving forward: strengthened, equipped, and united to continue to share the gospel and allow God's glory to shine in all we say and do.

**Annual Conference 2025**  
**Greensboro, North Carolina**  
**July 2-6, 2025**  
**Koury Convention Center**  
**Registration is now open!**

**<https://www.brethren.org/ac2025/registration/>**

Blessings to each of you as we prepare for what promises to be a powerful and Holy Spirit filled time together. Amen.

***Dava Hensley***  
2025 Annual Conference Moderator





# Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

July 2-6, 2025 | Greensboro, North Carolina



## Exciting opportunities in the Exhibit Area

**A wide variety of exhibitors are ready to welcome you to Annual Conference!** Learn about Brethren history, visit institutions of higher education, learn about new Sunday School curriculum and peace programs, gather information about financial support and so much more!

### **Virtual Walk-through – Wednesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m. ET**

Join us virtually on the Eventsquid App as we meet all the exhibitors in the exhibit area and learn more about what they are showcasing! This is a great opportunity for our virtual attendees or in-person attendees who have sensory sensitivities that may make it difficult or uncomfortable to visit the exhibit area. As you are taken around the exhibit area, learn who will be present in Greensboro and what they represent. For those who join the live stream, have your questions ready to be answered by the exhibitors!



### **Scavenger Hunt**

**Looking for a fun way to explore the exhibit area? Join in on our scavenger hunt!** There are two ways to participate, pick up a paper scavenger hunt from the onsite office in Sawgrass or follow along on Instagram at @cobannualconference. For those participating in the paper scavenger hunt, follow the clues to meet exhibitors and explore the booths in the exhibit area. Your completed paper scavenger hunt can be turned into the onsite office--the first five will receive a special prize. Those who are joining on Instagram, follow @cobannualconference for a photo scavenger hunt! **Follow along to find new items in the exhibit hall and enjoy interacting with our exhibitors!**

### **Author Book Signings at Brethren Press**

Come to the Brethren Press bookstore in Colony A, near the exhibit area to visit with these authors and have them sign your book(s). **Audri Svay:** Thursday, July 3 from 1:30-2:30, **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove:** Friday, July 4 from 1:45-2:45, **Terry Barkley:** Saturday, July 5 from 1:30-2:30, **Gennifer Brooks:** Saturday, July 5 from 1:30-2:30



## Don't miss the Silent Auction

**Visit the auction and bid over and over again.** Attendees are encouraged to visit the silent auction to bid on your favorite items--the art pieces, gift baskets, experiences, and so much more (and browse through the exhibits while you are there). Make sure to return throughout the week to see if you have the winning bid or if you need to enter a higher bid. Bidding will open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 2, and end at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 5. Winners will be announced by 4:30 p.m. that day and will have until 7:00 to return to the Exhibit Area to pay for and pick up their items. Proceeds will benefit Annual Conference as we seek to expand our welcome.





# SUMMER CAMP 2025

PROVIDING ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

## DAY CAMPS

\$110

GRADES K-8, 9AM -4:30PM

DAY CAMP #1: JUNE 16-20

DAY CAMP #2: JUNE 23-27

DAY CAMP #3: JULY 7-11

DAY CAMP #4: JULY 14-18

DAY CAMP #5: JULY 21-25

DAY CAMP #6: JULY 28-AUG. 1

## KICK-OFF CAMPS

\$55

GRADES K-6, 10AM -3PM

MEYERSDALE : DATES TBD

BENSHOFF HILL: DATES TBD

PENN RUN/INDIANA: DATES TBD

PORTAGE: DATES TBD

LOCATION #5: TBD

## OVERNIGHT CAMPS

\$390

JUNIOR: GRADES 2-5

JUNIOR #1: JUNE 8-12 \$315

JUNIOR WILDERNESS: JUNE 15-20

JUNIOR #2: JUNE 29-JULY 4



JR HIGH: GRADES 5-8

\$315 JR. HI. #1: JUNE 8-12

JR. HI. WILDERNESS #1 JUNE 15-20

JR. HI. #2: JUNE 29-JULY 4

JR. HI. WILDERNESS #2: JULY 20-25

YOUTH: GRADE 7-12

YOUTH #1: JUNE 8-12 \$315

YOUTH #2: JUNE 29-JULY 4

YOUTH WILDERNESS: JULY 20-25

YOUTH ADVENTURE: JULY 20-25

PRE-K CAMPS \$65

AGES 3-5, 9AM -12PM

PRE-K #1: JUNE 2-6

PRE-K #2: JUNE 30-JULY 4

SIBLING  
DISCOUNTS

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST  
**WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG**

# CAMP HARMONY

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A promotional poster for the 1st Annual Camp Harmony Golf Outing. The background is a photograph of a golf course with a driver and a golf ball in the foreground. The text is overlaid in various colors and fonts. At the top left is a circular logo for Camp Harmony. The main title is in large green and white letters. A starburst shape contains the text '4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE'. Below that, a small text block states the fundraiser's purpose. To the right, pricing information is given. A white box lists prizes. The date and start time are on the bottom left, and registration information is on the bottom right. The location is in the center bottom. At the very bottom, a line of text mentions a meal and awards, and sponsor opportunities.

**1ST ANNUAL**

**CAMP HARMONY GOLF OUTING**

**4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE**

THIS FUNDRAISER  
BENEFITS THE MINISTRY  
OF CAMP HARMONY!

**\$100 PER INDIVIDUAL OR  
\$350 FOR A TEAM OF 4**

**PRIZES FOR TOP TEAMS, LONGEST  
DRIVE, AND CLOSEST TO PIN!**

**AUGUST 2**  
1:30PM SHOTGUN START

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS APRIL 1**

 **OAKBROOK GOLF CLUB**  
251 GOLF COURSE ROAD  
STOYSTOWN, PA 15563

MEAL & AWARDS TO FOLLOW AT CAMP HARMONY  
SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

WPA DISTRICT CALENDAR     JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Office Closed	14
15 Happy Father's Day!	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

# 2025 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 2025**

No meetings or events scheduled

## **JULY 2025**

2—6 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE,  
Greensboro NC

## **AUGUST 2025**

9—SVMC  
23—SVMC

## **SEPTEMBER 2025**

11 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, Zoom  
20 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA  
27—SVMC

## **OCTOBER 2025**

11—SVMC  
18 - District Conference, 9:00 am,  
Somerset COB  
25—SVMC

## **NOVEMBER 2025**

6 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, Zoom  
15 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

## **DECEMBER 2025**

No meetings or events scheduled

Western PA District  
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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## June 2025