LEADERSHIP

Thinking about something to share this month took some time and energy. Almost all pastors in their congregational newsletters wrote something about love. The articles were interesting to read and certainly I could have been inspired by a number of them to reflect on “love.” Any number of scriptures could be found which emphasize God’s love for us and how that needs to be lived out in our faith journey daily. I chose to go another direction this month.

On Wednesday this past week letters were sent to all ordained pastors who are credentialed in the Western PA District. This ordination review takes place every five (5) years. I received a number of calls from pastors about CEU credit and how it is reported on the form. Simple answer—if you have shared your CEU information with me to put in your permanent file then mark the box indicating your CEU information is on file in the district office. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to call or send an email.

The ordination review leads me to reflect on calling persons to the “set apart” ministry. Recently, the “Ministry Interview Teams” were busy doing interviews with perspective pastoral candidates. A number of congregations have called persons to consider the “set apart” ministry. You and I, as members of local congregations, need to look for gifted and dedicated persons who may consider a call to the “set apart” ministry if they are invited, challenged and encouraged. My challenge, for each of us, is to begin praying for someone you have observed who has gifts and ability to become a pastor.

Begin praying for them, and then after some time, tap them on the shoulder and mention you have been praying for them. I know the reaction you receive will be varied and often met with a comment like, “You’ve got to be kidding.” Assure them that is not the case and you will continue to pray that they might seriously begin to pray and seek God’s will and direction in considering a call to ministry.

God has blessed us with His presence through the Holy Spirit and this is a powerful force when we put it into use. A simple illustration: Prayer is like a car battery, if it’s not hooked up all the power in the battery is just there. When it is hooked up it has the power to turn a huge engine over and get it running. If we are not giving some time and energy to prayer—all the potential is there, but it is not giving strength to our faith and witness. However, when we begin to pray, we tap into the power and presence of God’s love and presence in a powerful way. My challenge—let’s get hooked on prayer and allow the power and presence of the Holy Spirit guide and bless us in our faith journey.

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District Office News

SYMPATHY

• To the family of AnnaBelle Coleman Bockes who passed away February 15. AnnaBelle is the sister of District Minister Ronald Beachley. She served on the District Leadership Team and was an advisor for the District Youth Choir for a number of years.

• To the family of Betty Stein who passed away after complications from a fall and stroke. Betty is the mother of Bob Stein, who is currently serving as pastor at Bear Run COB.

• To the family of Wendell Bohrer Sr., Wendell passed away on 1/15/15. He was pastor of the Walnut Grove congregation during the 1977 Johnstown Flood and many in the district met and knew Wendell because of his ministry at that time. He also coordinated some of the work projects for the denomination after that disaster.

HOSPITALIZED

• John Gomola, retired pastor, recovering at home after a hospital stay while being treated for an infection.

ENGAGED

• Congratulations to Lee Smith and Laura Keslar on their recent engagement. Lee is pastor of the Mount Joy Church of the Brethren. Let us surround them with prayer and joy as they plan their August wedding celebration.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The 2015 District Directory has been emailed it to congregations and contact persons in February. 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.

REMININDER for paper copy subscribers to the District HIGHLIGHTS, you will receive a renewal notice approximately one month before your subscription expires. For anyone that has not subscribed for a paper copy that is sent by postal mail, please send a $15 check for a one-year subscription made out to Western PA District COB and noted in the memo line “HIGHLIGHTS subscription.” Make sure you have included your full mailing address. Thank you!

Please note:

The front page article, titled “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” in the February issue of the District HIGHLIGHTS was written by our District Moderator, Vince Cable.

Please be in prayer and reflection as this is our District Conference theme for 2015.

ATTENTION!

Please send all Highlights information to the District Office for the April issue.

April 2015
Highlights Deadline
March 10, 2015
**Abstract March 2015**

I just love to see how God redeems our messes and weaves them into His masterpieces, don’t you? In recent years, I’ve become fascinated with studying my family history.

I adore old family photos, journals, letters – anything that adds a piece to the puzzle. My cousin and I have recently become aware of a genealogy book that should help us to unlock some more mysteries. When the weather breaks, we plan to pack a lunch and poke around a cemetery or two, camera and iPad in hand. Incidentally, the graveyard is not the only place to find old family skeletons. As I dig into the past, I find that sin is not a new thing. People like to tell me that immorality began in the late 1960’s, but I have proof of earlier dates. Have cultural perceptions of sin changed? Absolutely. Has the human soul’s need for a Savior changed? Definitely not.

I’ve only just begun my research, and already I’ve found two couples who were expecting their first child when they got married. Those simple weddings at the local parsonage happened in 1912 and 1925. Scandalous! Further back, there’s a man in my family tree who had a dalliance – and a child – with a woman other than his wife. (I had to figure out how to add that branch correctly.) We even have an ancestor who “mysteriously disappeared.”

That’s all it says. His children were sent to live with other families after his departure. Did he have a girlfriend in another town? Was he murdered and never found? Did he have gambling debts and an impatient bookie? Was he abducted by aliens? And what about his wife? If anyone ever knew, they’re certainly not alive to tell me. Most of the secrets and truths to our family’s past are as irretrievable as those who created them.

I happen to know someone else with a sketchy family history. It’s Jesus. His genealogy is teeming with sinners. Everyday sinners like you and I, and notorious ones like Adam, the forbidden-fruit-eater; Abraham, the doubter; Jacob, the deceiver; Tamar, the father-in-law-seducer; Judah, said father-in-law; Rahab, the prostitute; David, the adulterer; and a string of hopelessly evil kings.

Jesus’ line also includes gentiles – His was not purely Jewish blood. But His blood was pure.

Jesus is the Curse-Breaker – the perfect Lamb of God who redeems the world from its shortcomings, failures, atrocities. His human life was divinely sinless and so His life’s blood was perfect, a fitting sacrifice. God could have supernaturally appeared on earth in a frightening and fantastic display of deity, but He chose to come in the very visceral form of a newborn, within the confines of a family. A family of sinners. Rogues and charlatans, harlots and idolaters.

Jesus really was “one of us.” His conception was embarrassing, His birth was disgraceful, His childhood was marked by ridicule. As a man He had no home, very little income, and was believed to be crazy. His friends abandoned Him. His neighbors demanded His execution. He died the humiliating death of a criminal. One could say that from a human perspective, Jesus’ life was a mess. He was *that* relative.

But as God often does, He wrote more to the story. Because Jesus subjected Himself to humanity, lived righteously, humbled Himself even unto death - God exalted Him high above any other. And now He acts as our High Priest, the go-between for us and Almighty God. You and I are sinners, yes, but because of Christ, we are called out of sin and into sainthood. In this season of Lent, remember how God turns shame into victory, tears into joy, darkness into light.

Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future,* :) *Abby

*Oscar Wilde

**National Young Adult Conference**

May 22-24, 2015

Camp Swatara, Pennsylvania

This 3-day event is full of worship, fun, and fellowship. Come to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones! We’ll explore God’s Word and learn about what it means to be a young adult in the Church of the Brethren.

You can register online now at [www.brethren.org/yaa/yac](http://www.brethren.org/yaa/yac).
Dinner!

A Pasta Buffet will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 2015 featuring various pastas and sauces, and much more.

The buffet will be held at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center, located directly across the street from the church. Cost is $8/adult and $6/children. There will be no buffet in April.

There will be 2 Quilt Retreats at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center, located directly across the street from the church. Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18, 2015

Each retreat runs from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The cost for each retreat is $35/whole day (3 meals) and $28/half day (2 meals).

Please call the church office regarding attending one of the quilt retreats at 724-463-0420.

Please call Lori Fackler before 9 p.m. at 724-349-2929 regarding the Scrapbook Retreat.

LENTEN EVENING SERVICES 2015

The Johnstown Area Churches of the Brethren Theme: John 3:16

Ash Wednesday: 6:00 – 6:45

Feb. 18 Pleasant Hill Terry Gindlesperger “For God’s Shekinah Glory to Return...” Ezekiel 43:1-12, Revelation 1:17-18

Sunday Evenings: Hymn sing begins each evening at 6:45 and worship service at 7:00 p.m.

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The offerings will be divided evenly between two important ministries: New Day, Inc. and the Nigerian Crisis Fund of the Church of the Brethren. Persons representing these ministries will be present at each evening worship event to give a short “call to giving” before each evening offering. An offering plate will be present in the back of the meeting room during the Ash Wednesday service. Each church should deposit the offering into her own account and write a check for the same amount to be sent to Eric Kabler, 126 Clermont Street, Johnstown, PA 15904. Checks should be made out to: Johnstown Area Brethren Ministers.

The host church plans the worship service, prints worship folders, provides a fellowship time with light snack, and supplies child care staff and facilities. The host church supplies musicians, ushers, and a worship leader. Worship service should finish by 8:00 if possible because our children need to get to bed and up for school in the morning. Every effort should be made to include all age groups. If your church has projection technology, please coordinate with the speaker to include this in the evening worship.
CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday, February 14, 2015, Jacob Boyd was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in the Fayette/Westmoreland Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Jacob is the son of Jim and Joanne Boyd, and brother of Jim Jr. and Samantha Boyd. He attends the Fairchance Church of the Brethren, where he is active as an usher. He also takes part in the Community Vacation Bible School as a security guard. He is a senior at Albert Gallatin High School.

Congratulations Jacob!

Pike Run Church of the Brethren is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, April 19, 2015.

We are inviting friends of the District and community to share in the afternoon service at 3 p.m.

A meal will be served following the service. The church is located at 2582 Glades Pike, Rt. 31 West, Somerset, PA.

Maple Spring COB will be hosting a pancake breakfast Saturday, March 28th from 7 am to 10 am

Free will offering to benefit the District Disaster Fund
A Note from PUERTO RICO...

This was my fourth trip to the Christian Community Center at Caimito, San Juan. Ten from Western Pennsylvania went to serve God. There were so many blessings that I couldn’t begin to count them.

The group I worked with worked on a house that had termite and cockroach damage. The whole floor was patched with plywood. Work was done on the gutter at the center and a room underneath was cleaned which had lots of damage. A group came in to patch the floor with mud to keep termites and roaches out and then new shelving was put up. Two plywood doors were put on and walls were hosed down that had mold on them.

Some of the social things we did; we went to a church in Carolena where we met people who loved the Lord and we passed out clothes for babies and children who were poor. Pastor Pedro welcomed us. On the day we went to sightsee, we went to the mountains to see the first the COB in Castehar. There is school, a church, and a hospital. That was a very blessed time. One day, we had a picnic for the people in Caimito. The most memorable time I had, was the worship time on Sunday. Pastor Juan taught us during Sunday school. In church, we had Pastor Cheryl Ann Marsalek preach. After the sermon we had an anointing service, feet washing and then we had communion ministered by Pastor Randy Derck. What a wonderful day Sunday was! If anyone is interested in going to serve at Caimito, contact the District Office. It was such a great week.

In Christ,
Bryan Mahler

Global Mission and Service trip to South Sudan, April 21-May 2

The experience will include construction work as well as opportunities to meet Sudanese church and community leaders. Living conditions will be basic, and meals will be prepared and shared in local fashion. The trip will cost approximately $2,500 per participant, including travel, meals, and accommodations. For more information, contact Kendra Harbeck at kharbeck@brethren.org or 847-429-4388.
Western Pennsylvania District Highlights

Denominational News

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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.

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking an MCC Nigeria representative to serve in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, starting June 15. The MCC Nigeria representative oversees all aspects of Mennonite Central Committee’s program in Nigeria including program planning, financial management, supervising personnel, maintaining partner relationships, and program evaluating and reporting. In Nigeria, MCC currently works in the areas of HIV/AIDS, income generation, literacy, water, peace building, trauma healing, and interfaith bridge building.

For more information see http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-nigeria-representative. Please send inquiries to ing@mcc.org by Feb. 15.

Delegate registration for the 2015 Annual Conference on July 11-15 in Tampa, Fla., is now open online at www.brethren.org/ac.

Delegate registration fee is $310. Congregations may pay by credit card or by check. Registration for non-delegates and housing reservations for delegates and non-delegates will begin on Feb.25.

More information about the Conference including hotels, airport transportation, directions, and conference theme and worship leadership can be found at www.brethren.org/ac.

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! Early bird registration cost is $160 per person (participants and advisors) from January 9 through March 31. On and after April 1, registration is $185 per person.

National Junior High Conference is for youth who have completed 6-8 grades and their advisors.

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/
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Junior High

June 19-21: National Junior High Conference.
   Registration opens January 9 at www.brethren.org/njhc
November 1: National Junior High Sunday. Worship planning resources will be posted later.

Senior High

April 18-23 Christian Citizenship Seminar.
   Registration is OPEN at www.brethren.org/ccs
May 3: National Youth Sunday.
   Worship planning resources will be posted online at www.brethren.org/yya/resources

Young Adult

February: Young Adult Conference registration opens. www.brethren.org/yac
May 22-24: Young Adult Conference 2015 at Camp Swatara. www.brethren.org/yac

Advisors

The following four events are one hour webinars. CEU credit (.1) is available for live participation in each, and each begins at 7 p.m. central time.
   For more information, visit www.brethren.org/webcasts.
March 3: Way to Live: Life and Time
May 5: Way to Live: Forgiveness and Justice

March 2015
WITH SYMPATHY: Our entire community was saddened to learn of the death of our long-time board member, Charles Allison. Mr. Allison served as chairman the board for more than 25 years, and was instrumental in developing policies that improved care at the Home, as well as overseeing the improvements that allowed our campus to become a certified continuing care community. We realize that he was a positive asset to many community service organizations and his home church at Roxbury, but we will long remember and appreciate his contributions to the BHCW. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family.

HARVEST HOME UPDATE: Thanks to the thirty-five district churches that supported the 2014 Harvest Home campaign. The many in kind gifts were imaginative and useful, and put to immediate use in the facility. The monetary gifts were applied to the specific projects listed; gel cushions for the therapy department, and dining furniture for the 3rd station dining room. Unspecified monetary gifts will be applied to a project to update the 3rd and 4th station living areas. The opportunity to undertake projects that are outside the normal operating budget is always an exciting part of the Harvest Home campaign, we thank everyone who makes these projects possible.

AUXILIARY SHOE PROJECT: Last fall the Home Auxiliary was able to send 4,600 pairs of used shoes to funds2orgs and received a check for almost $1,800 that was used for the repair of the Home bus. The Auxiliary has not been actively collecting used shoes for the past few months. During that time the ABLE group from the Emmanuel Baptist Church began collecting shoes as a service project for our Auxiliary. We now have approximately 1,000 shoes stored at the Home, and are asking our churches to help collect the additional 1,500 we will need for another pick up. As before, all types of shoes will be accepted, just rubber-band them into pairs, and drop them off at the Home. Thanks in advance for your help, call Susan at 361-6466 with any questions.
THANK YOU!  Thanks to everyone who was able to send valentines to our Be My Valentine project. All of the pretty, funny, loving, and sentimental cards were enjoyed by our residents. We hope your Valentine’s Day was full of love too!

SECURITY UPDATES:  Our Home maintenance department has been busy installing a video security system throughout our facility. Although we would hope that all persons would respect our mission, we understand that there may be those who do not, and it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. The changeover to a secure building will necessitate some adjustments on the part of both families and staff, but we will do our best to make visitors and family members welcome as we adapt to the new system.

POINTCLICKCARE:  The transition to the PointClickCare system continues to spread throughout the Home. Since the beginning of February, nursing activities have been recorded from computer kiosks at each station. This eliminates much of the paper charting previously done, and eases the inclusion of necessary details, as the information is recorded immediately as the services are rendered. Staff training has helped ease the transition, and employees are adjusting to the new system.

REMEMBER YOUR RESIDENT:  Thanks to the many churches who sponsor residents through the Auxiliary’s Remember Your Resident program. Some of our residents do not have family members close, or often are among the last living members of their families. Therefore the birthday remembrances and holiday greetings they receive from their RYR church may be their only contacts on these special occasions, and are deeply appreciated. This program is one that seems simple, but it brings great joy to our residents. Thank you for demonstrating God’s love with each act of kindness! Contact Marie Camut at 814.266.3010 with questions about the program.
**District Women’s Ministries News 2015**

**2015 Theme: “Loved Beyond Measure”**

**Scripture: “For God so loved the world…….” John 3:16**

The DWM Cabinet would like to wish you a Blessed Happy New Year. We have been working on some exciting programs for you to enjoy. Please mark them on your calendar. You won’t want to miss any of the Gatherings and Events.

**APRIL 16 (Thursday) “Spring Gathering Brunch” at Maple Spring COB**

Special speaker: Melissa Pearce  Back by your request.

**May 1 & 2 “The Spring Event” at the Antiochian Village Convention Center**

Located 7 miles north of Ligonier

Be renewed, refreshed, revived and restored in your walk with Jesus.

There will be time for pampering, for fellowship and

**June 11 (Thursday) “Camp Day” A wonderful time is being planned. Watch for all the details.**

**August 15 (Saturday) “The Summer Tea” at the Greensburg COB**

It will be a beautiful event with a Vintage Clothing Fashion Show.

**October 8 (Thursday) “Home Day” at the Pettikoffer House/the Brethren Home**

We will have a “Christmas Celebration” with Heavenly guests.

We, the DWM Cabinet, hope that we can provide programs that will interest all of the women in the district. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of your cabinet members.

**Layettes for Honduras**

On behalf of the women of Honduras, we convey our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated items, money and help toward the completion of 57 layettes, valued at nearly $1,700. Through the courtesy of International Christian Aid, Jerome, PA, the layettes were included in a shipment sent to Project Global Village for distribution to mothers in the Belen Gualcho area in the mountains of Honduras. (This was the service project for Home Day 2014)
District Women’s Ministries

Annual Membership Dues

One of the responsibilities of the elected and appointed officers of the DWM is to schedule annual events, available to all the women of the district, with the hope that these opportunities for worship and fellowship will provide inspiration and encouragement to those who attend. These occasions include a Spring Brunch, Camp Day, a Summer Tea and Brethren Home Day.

We are all aware of the fact that monetary resources are necessary in order to provide appropriate programs that will not simply entertain but provide leadership. This can be done through the financial support of the women of the district. The operational expenses of the District Women’s Ministries are dependent upon the annual dues paid by each Local Fellowship within the district into the DWM treasury. (Your church does not need to have an active Women’s Ministry to participate.)

The assessments are based on total church membership as follows:

- Congregations having 100 total members or less…………..$20.00
- Congregations having 100 to 200 total members…………..$25.00
- Congregations having more than 200 total members………. $30.00

We are grateful for your financial support in the past, we begin this calendar year with enthusiasm, envisioning a new year of sharing through the District Women’s Ministries.

Checks should be made payable to: District Women’s Ministries

Send to:  Arbutus Blough, treasurer

845 Speigle Road

Hollsopple, PA  15935

Any contribution over and above would be truly appreciated and would be a blessing.
“Loved Beyond Measure”

2015 Church of the Brethren
DISTRICT WOMEN’S SPRING EVENT

Registration Information

WHEN
May 1-2, 2015

WHERE
Antiochian Village Conference Center
Rte. 711
7 miles north of Ligonier
Resort style accommodations

ARRIVAL
Check in 4:00-6:00 pm
Dinner will be served in the Dining Room at 6:15

THEME
“Loved Beyond Measure”
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His
only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in
Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 KJV

COST
$135 per person, two per room
$125 per person, three per room
$115 per person, four/five per room
$100 per person, single room
$75 Commuters 2 days – includes everything except breakfast
$35 Friday Only
$55 Saturday Only – no breakfast

Prices include the following: meals, lodging, and retreat.

* Special Dietary needs – Please let us know two weeks before the event or sooner.

BLESS OTHERS:
Scholarships – Please prayerfully consider contributing any size donation for
scholarships. Every woman needs the opportunity to participate in this wonderful, spirit-
enriching weekend. Our hope is to be able to provide many scholarships. Thank You.

WHAT TO BRING
Bible, clothes and personal items  A smile and an open heart

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TO REGISTER: Please mail in your registration card with a $50.00 non-refundable deposit to:
Pastor Judy Walker, 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644
*No registration accepted without a deposit*

Registration/Cancellation cut-off date is March 10, 2015.
Total amount must be paid by April 10, 2015.

If you are unable to make full payment by this date please call Pastor Judy 724-522-5260.

Cancellation Policy:
If cancellation is made by April 20, 2015 all monies will be refunded except for the $50.00 deposit.
The Western PA District Women’s Ministries Presents:

Melissa Pearce, founder and President of

“Enduring Hope Ministries”

We are so excited to have Rev. Melissa Pearce as our speaker at our first gathering this year. (Yes, she has been ordained since she was with us.) We are so happy to have her share with us once again. So many people that heard her last time wanted her to come back. What better time than at our “SPRING BRUNCH.” Melissa is a dynamic speaker and has the Spirit of God in her heart. Her primary desire is for women to know their identity in Jesus Christ and to see their self-worth through His eyes. After hearing her, you will know that you are loved beyond measure by your Heavenly Father. This would be the perfect time to invite your special friends and family. You will be so blessed!!!!

When: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Where: Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

Registration: 9:30       Praise: 9:50       Brunch: 10:00 – 1:30

Cost: $10.00 each

2015 Theme: “Loved Beyond Measure” “For God so loved the world.....” John 3:16

Please send your reservations by April 3rd. Need child care?______

Congregation__________________________ # Attending______

Check enclosed $____________________ $10.00 each to the District Women’s Ministries

Please list the names of your group on the back of this paper. Thank you.

Please send to: Arbutus Blough, 845 Speigle Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935-9505 1-814-629-9279
Church Name and Location

**Women’s Retreat Registration Card**

Please Print

Last Name: ____________________________, First Name: ____________________________
Address:____________________________, Email Address: ____________________________
City: ________________________________, State: __________________, Zip: ________________
Home Phone: (___) ____________

* Deposit of $40.00 **must accompany each registration.** Please return by **March 10, 2015**

- □ 2 persons in a room $135.00 each
- □ 3 persons in a room $125.00 each
- □ 4/5 persons in a room $115.00 each
- □ 1 person in a room $150.00
- Commuters $75.00 2 days $35 Friday Only $55 Sat. Only

Price includes retreat, lodging and meals.

Date Rec’d By Ck No./Amt. Cash Amt. Balance Due PAID in full by **April 10, 2015**

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Room with:

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Church Name and Location

**“Loved Beyond Measure” Reg. Card**

Please Print

Last Name: ____________________________, First Name: ____________________________
Address:____________________________, Email Address: ____________________________
City: ________________________________, State: __________________, Zip: ________________
Home Phone: (___) ____________

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Room with
**VOLUNTEERS**

Our volunteers have been busy working in Heritage Lodge and the cabins. We are progressing slow but sure. Also we had persons volunteer to put out our latest mailing. THANK YOU.

Camp Harmony always welcomes volunteers. Any day is suitable, however at this time, Tuesday is the day when most of our volunteers are present. Come and join the group any time. Thank you.

We are continuing our Feeding America program where we are providing meals to the Learning Lamp day program and afterschool program in Boswell. If you would like to help deliver meals during the school year, please contact Camp for more information. Delivering one day a week would be extremely helpful. Thank you.

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**2015 “52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM”**

85 families and/or congregations attached to the 2014 “52 God Bless You Team” for $9,000. They are helping Camp Harmony bless others. Join the 2015 team for a $1.00 a week for 52 weeks. This support helps the ministry of Camp as it reaches out to others. Thank You. 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. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed $52, the mortgage could be eliminated…..At this time 12 families have already joined in 2015 for $700. Thank you for your support.

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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)
--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

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**SLEDRIDING AT CAMP**

During one of the snow days, a group of youth came to Camp to go sledriding. This is very acceptable as long as we have permission slips from the parents. They must also be accompanied by an adult or one of our staff members. It is always better to call first. If they plan to use the tabernacle and dining hall, $5 for each person is requested. By the way they had a fantastic time.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION OPENING

In August 2015, Cortney Tyger, Program Director at Camp, will be leaving her position at Camp to enter back into the teaching field. We will be sorry to see her go, but we wish her well in her new endeavors.

Applications are now being accepted for this position. To apply for the job opening please submit a job application, resume, and a letter of recommendation from a person other than family. Forms may be found on the website or contact Camp. A job description and any additional information may be obtained by contacting Janice at Camp. Deadline for applying is the end of March.

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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 7 through August 2. Thank you for giving this your consideration and also spreading the word to others.

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CAMP HARMONY CRAFT AND FLEA MARKET BAZAAR

April 23, 24, 25, 2015 -- Thursday 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Friday 8 AM – 8 PM.
Saturday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Booths will be available to all Crafters, Direct Sales (ie. Pampered Chef) and Flea Market items – individual and/or groups. More information will be coming. Plan now to be a part of this bazaar to help the ministry of Camp. Also if there are any congregations that would like to help in Camp’s kitchen, it would be a wonderful opportunity for an outreach project. Keep this open on your calendar.

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FUTURE DATES

Call Camp to register and/or for information
March 20 – 22 – Family Spring Retreat
March – April - Selling Homemade Nut Rolls – Flyer attached
April 4 – Geocache Egg Hunt
April 10 – 11 – Spring Crop Scrapbooker’s Retreat
April 18 – Volunteer Breakfast
April 23-25 – Craft and Flea Market Bazaar – Flyer attached
April 30-May 2 – Quilt Camp
CAMP HARMONY

Craft & Flea Market Bazaar

First Annual Event
- Explore local crafters
- Shop popular vendors
- Discover used treasures

Thursday, April 23   1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday, April 24    8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 25  8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

- Concessions Available
- To benefit the year-round ministry of Camp Harmony
- Call to reserve a crafter, vendor, or flea market table today!

1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA   814-798-5885   www.campharmacy.org
CAMP HARMONY

Wellness Fair
May 16, 2015
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Run The Plank
5K & 10K
Run/Walk
Exhibitors & Vendors
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Youth Mud Run
Fun For All Ages!

For More Information or To Get Involved, Contact Camp Harmony:
814-798-5885  program@campharmony.org  campharmony.org
PO Box 158, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936
Put your orders in for a traditional and delicious spring treat that will also benefit camp! The sale of each nut roll will go directly to support the year-round ministry of Camp Harmony.

**Each 1-foot roll is $10.00**

Nut rolls will be made by camp staff and volunteers. Camp staff will then deliver the rolls directly to your church or they will be available for pick-up at camp. Money will be collected when delivered, so please pay in advance by cash or check.

**Nut rolls will be delivered to the churches April 1 or 2; just in time for Easter. Please call Camp Harmony with any questions. Order yours today!**

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Thanks for your help! The NEW Form B that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin 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 will be coming to congregations and contact persons soon. You should have received the Additional Officers Form for 2015 from the District Office. Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated, as well as email addresses, if they are available.

The next Report Card will appear in the April 2015 issue of HIGHLIGHTS.

In addition, the Congregational Outreach Form for 2014/2015 has been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2014. 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. 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 February 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.

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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.

MARCH 2015
1 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
5 - BHCW Auxiliary 1p.m.
6 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
8 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)
8 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
14 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
15 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
15 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
22 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
23 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
24 - Johnstown Area Pastors, 12 noon, Scalp Level Church
28 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
29 - PALM SUNDAY
30 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

APRIL 2015
2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
3 - GOOD FRIDAY
5 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
11 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
16 - District Women’s Ministries Spring Gathering Brunch
20 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
25 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
26 - Annual Resident & Family Spring Tea, Brethren Home, 2:00 p.m.
27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - Johnstown Area Pastors, 12 noon, Morrellville Church

MAY 2015
1 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
1-2 - District Women’s Ministries The Spring Event at Antiochian Village
3 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
3 - Ice Cream Social at the Brethren Home
7 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
7 - BHCW Auxiliary 1p.m.
9 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
10 - HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
14 - ASCENSION DAY
MAY 2015 - cont’d
16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Uniontown Church
18 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
24 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
25 - MEMORIAL DAY
25 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
26 - Johnstown Area Pastors, 12 noon, Way of Hope

JUNE 2015
6 - Brethren Home, Chicken Barbecue, 12:00 p.m.
11 - District Women’s Ministries Camp Day
15 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
19-21 - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
21 - HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!
22 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

JULY 2015
4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
11-15 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Tampa Bay, Florida
20 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
31 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., Arbutus Church (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2015
6 - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
15 - District Women’s Ministries The Summer Tea at Greensburg COB
15 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
17 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
24 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
29 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2015
3 - BHCW Key Ladies Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
3 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
7 - LABOR DAY
12 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
19 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL
21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
26 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
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!
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

January 2015

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homedoor Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BERKEBILE, WES J. - 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORRY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIRONIMUS, BERTHA - 142 Bent Tree Hill, Ligonier, 15658-3202 - 724 238-3984
HOSLER, WILBUR H. - 525 First St, Clymer, 15728-1417 - 724 254-9764
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
KUBLER, 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, Schlocta, 15774 - 724 599-8690
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MOORE, EDWIN E., JR. - 107 Sabra Court, Uniontown, 15401-9729 - 724 970-2505
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. - 110 windy Ridge Ln, Apt 3, Schlocta, 15774 - 724 599-2145
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 724 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SHAFFER, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHAULIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 506 Scandaro Dr, Greensburg, 15601 - 724 837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 - 814 634-8158
THOMAS, RODGER J. - 1700 Veil Ave, Windber 15963 - 814 509-6399
WALKER, JUDY M. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILCHER, JOEL A. - 658 R 13th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOORGHY, CAROLYN S. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758

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DERCK, JOY E. - 3089 Dutch Run Rd, Schlocta, 15774-2224 - 724 354-3386
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SHAFFER, DANIEL P. - 135 Holly Path, Windber, 15963 - 814 244-5470
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594