

District Highlights

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Please send **all**
Highlights information
to the District Office by
the **10th**.

"Devote yourselves to prayer And pray for us, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ Pray that I may be able to proclaim it clearly as I should." - Colossians 4:2-14

One of the things that I have noticed during many years of pastoral ministry is that when congregations have a time of "Joys and Concerns" in worship the vast majority of the requests are for the physical healing of someone who is ill. That is quite understandable, given that Jesus was and is a Healer and that we want to turn to Him for His divine blessings and cure in times of sickness.

But I have always been concerned that very few, if any, of the requests made in worship are for the salvation of souls, for a particular individual or for a group of people in general. In the scripture quoted above we see the Apostle Paul asking for prayer for the effectiveness of his own sharing of the gospel unto the salvation of souls. This is instructive to us, showing us that we need to pray for the effectiveness of our own faith sharing with persons who do not know the Lord.

I believe that if we prayed as congregations for persons to be saved we might see new blessings on our churches. It might be that we would become congregations where new people come to Christ on a regular basis and where we were able to disciple them in a solid way.

Perhaps in worship we do not lift up the names of unsaved persons about whom we are concerned because we don't want to name them publicly. That is understandable to some degree. But then we could instead say "please pray for a relative of mine . . . , please pray that a friend of mine might be saved." God would know about whom we are speaking.

I want to challenge us to make prayer for the salvation of souls a regular part of our "Joys and Concerns" and our morning prayers in Sunday worship. We do so that we might share in the ministry of the One who said: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Blessings to you as you serve Jesus Christ, the One who saves!

Bill Wenger



District Office/Local Church News

LEADERSHIP

Ordained

Daniel Ishman—Center Hill

Jason Crissman—Berkey



District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2018:

April 19 Spring Brunch—Greensburg COB

May 4—5 Spring Retreat—TBA

June 7 Camp Day—Camp Harmony

August 11 Summer Tea—TBA

October 4 Home Day

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*

2018 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2018 District Directory is on its way...

Digital and published copies are ready and have been mailed and emailed to the District. Please let me know if there are changes or additions. Updates will be posted in future Highlights.

If you would like a PDF or a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2018**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

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

Thank you!

April 2018

Highlights Deadline

March 10, 2017

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



If you are a pastor and are interested in becoming a pastoral mentor in the Western PA District, please contact the Pastor & Parish Leadership Team or the District Office.

AbbsTract March 2018

Recently, I've been working to organize the "archive room" here at the District Office. Among the fun surprises in old boxes and binders, I found a leather-bound record book, begun in 1945. It records the minutes of the District Youth Cabinet meetings from days gone by. Most pages are written in flowing, even script. Everything is worded in a very serious and professional manner.

On page 112 you can read the minutes from September 6-7, 1953. The District Youth Cabinet met at their annual Labor Day retreat and the book records the main points of their meeting. Particularly interesting to me was this paragraph:

"...The remainder of Sunday was spent in discussing the Church of the Brethren Youth Organization from the national level through the region, district, and circuit levels, to the local church and individual young person. An attempt was made to discover the 'State of the District.'

This was done by evaluating the work of the district cabinet during the last year and by discussing the needs, strong points and conditions of each circuit individually and of each local church in the circuits. Out of this study came the realization that: Although Western Pennsylvania is the largest district in the nation and has a great potential, it has not developed itself nearly so well as many of the smaller districts. Much of our failure to advance stems from our inability to hold youth long enough to make their experience worthwhile ... Our youth – both locally and at the district level need more interest and leadership from adults, including the pastors."

These words were penned 65 years ago by acting youth secretary, Richard Livingston. Aside from the fact that all of these minute-taking teenagers were dazzlingly articulate, I am amazed at these words from so long ago. They say the same things we say today: Our district has great potential, but we fail to advance. Our churches don't retain their young people. Youth need better leadership from spiritual elders. Second verse, same as the first.

Aren't you tired of singing this song? Apparently we've been stuck on these words for sixty-five years.



Why? What is holding us back? Why do we not enjoy the full blessing and favor of the Lord in our churches? Why are we as a district fading, dissolving, shrinking, crumbling, dying?

Well, I'm sure we could type up a list from Uniontown to Grampian with answers to those questions. The real question is this: What is God calling us to do about it?

At the risk of sounding simple, I call your attention to Acts 2:41-47.

⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. ⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

What if ... now stay with me ... what if we devoted ourselves to sound Bible teaching? What if we devoted ourselves to fellowship with other believers? What if we devoted ourselves to sharing our meals with local Christians? What if we devoted ourselves to prayer? What if we sold (even just) our extra stuff so we could better bless the needy in our communities? What if we met together to worship God more often than just once a week? What if we had joyful and humble attitudes, living life in a spirit of praise to God? Would the Lord begin to add to our number those who are being saved? Would youth find a good reason to stick around?

:) Abby

Local Church/District News



THE ANGEL PROJECT

The Angel Project is a mission ministry of the Nanty Glo Church of the Brethren. The congregation is rather small in number, but rich in spirit and giving. They were looking for a project which would allow them to reach out into the community and beyond. One way of doing this was collecting change each Sunday. Pastor Linda Beachley wanting to get others involved beyond congregational life decided to share an activity which would involve those who wanted to be included, to share in a craft idea. Persons were asked to stay after worship and see what was being presented.

Pastor Linda brought along that Sunday, an "angel" made from an old hymnal. That "angel" was purchased, at a District Conference Auction in the Northern Plains District a number of years ago. When the "angel" was seen by those present they decided to meet and begin making angels just for themselves. However, the Holy Spirit had other plans and after the first meeting, one of the members posted a picture of a completed "angel" on face book, and that's when something amazing happened. Individuals began calling wanting to order an "angel" for a Christmas gift. As Pastor Linda stated, "it had to be the Spirit moving to get such a positive response to this project."

Thirty angels were made and a few for those involved in the project, but those sold provided \$575 which was used to help with furniture, household items, and gift cards for two community families at Christmas time.

Again, the Spirit moves in a variety of ways, even using "The Angel Project" to provide ministry opportunities into the community.

**Events at the Penn Run
Christian Outreach Center**
(located directly across the street from the
Penn Run Church of the Brethren)

PA Dutch Buffet
April 7, 2018
from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Pasta Buffets
March 3, 2018 and May 5, 2018
From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Quilt Retreat - 8 am to 8 pm
April 13 and 14, 2018

*Call the church office at 724-463-0420 for more information.

Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat
April 28, 2018- 8 am to 8 pm
Call Julie at 724-840-2704 for more information.

REVIVAL/ENRICHMENT SERVICES AT MT JOY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN...

Spring Revival Services will be held
March 18-21, 2018.

Bro. Jim Myer will be the Guest Evangelist. He will be there for the Sunday Morning Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly (Sunday - Wednesday). There will be special music for each service. COME, AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS. Mt. Joy Church is located on Route 31 one mile east of Mt. Pleasant, PA. For more information, call the church office at 724-547-3670.



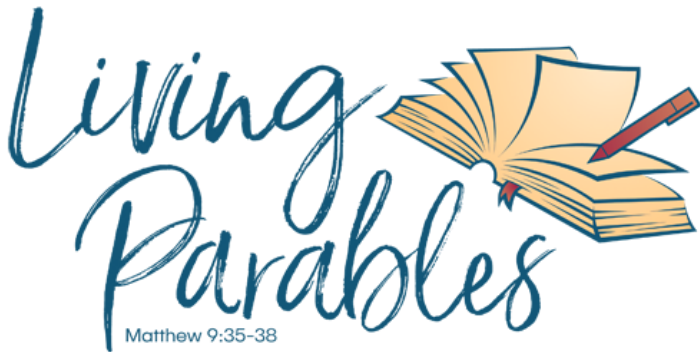
A request from the chaplain at the Brethren Home...

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. the residents at the home gather for worship. If you can lead a worship service any Sunday, please contact Pastor Cecil Lohr at 814-233-8524 to sign up for a certain Sunday or to be put on a call as needed list. This is an important outreach to the residents. Music plays an important part of worship so if someone can play an instrument and/or lead some group signing, or if a choir would like to have special music that is especially enjoyed by our residents.

Please call Pastor Cecil if you have any questions

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"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'"
(Matthew 9:35-38)

Annual Conference 2018

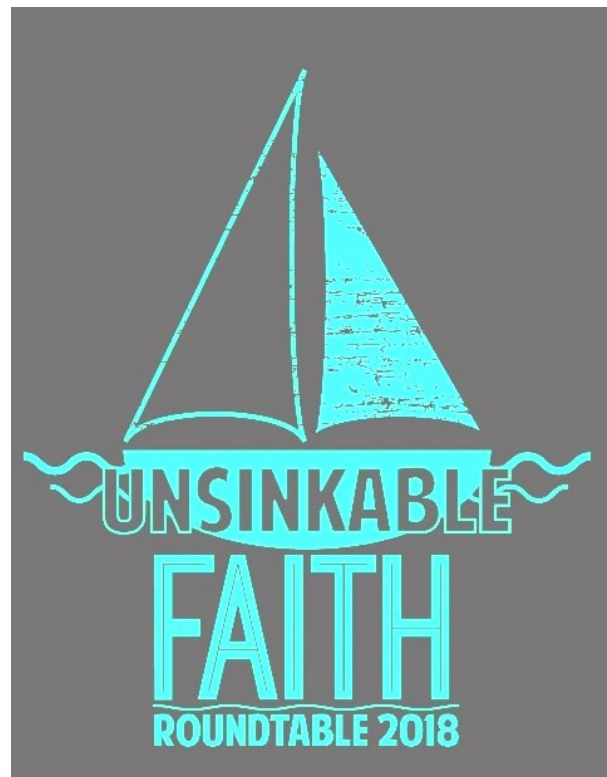
July 4—8, 2018

Duke Energy Convention Center
Cincinnati, OH

**Registration opens
March 1, 2018**

<http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/registration/>

More information to follow, please watch the upcoming issues of the District Highlights!



Southeast Regional Youth Conference

Bridgewater College
Bridgewater, VA

April 6—8, 2018

Featuring: Marcus Harden

Roundtable is open to 9th—12th graders and advisors.

Register online: iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc

Registrations received after March 23, 2018 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

For more information contact the Interdistrict Youth Council at iycroundtable@gmail.com

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National Youth Conference July 21—26, 2018 Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado

For youth who have completed 9th grade through 1 year of college (or the age equivalent)

Registration opens Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 6 pm central time.

The registration fee is \$500. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be paid at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30th, 2018. Youth will receive a drawstring bag, with the logo on it, if they register by 1/21/2018 at midnight. The theme is "Bound Together, Clothed in Christ" based on Colossians 3:12-15.

FREE backpack!



NYC ONLINE REGISTRATION

Thursday January 18, 2018

6pm central time

brethren.org/nyc
#cobnyc18

plan your registration parties & registration lock-ins today!

Register by 1/21/18 at midnight and receive this exclusive NYC drawstring backpack!

If you are 22 years of age or older, the NYC Team is looking for volunteers. Applications can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/vya/nyc/>. Applications are due **November 9, 2017**.

Emilie Deffenbaugh from the Somerset COB is a member of the National Youth Cabinet, if you have any questions about the event please contact her at deffn75h@richlandrams.net



Mission Alive 2018 A gathering of God's people... a global Church of the Brethren

**April 6-8, 2018
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Frederick, MD**

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."— *Revelation 7:9 (NRSV)*

Early registration (through February 15):	\$85
Registration (after February 15)	\$110
Saturday only:	\$50
Student Registration:	
(high school, college, or seminary):	\$50
Family full conference:	\$170

**CEU credit will be available for the cost of \$10 per ordained person

- Rejoice in the growing presence of the Church of the Brethren across the globe
- Explore what it truly means to be a global church and how each district, congregation, and individual can take part
- Commit to investing in this vision



We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both. *1 John 4:19-21 The Message*

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Honduras

Pray for Honduras, which has seen continued unrest since the president, Juan Orlando Hernandez, was re-elected in November. The election results are highly disputed. Protests turned deadly when the military opened fire against rock-throwing protestors. Honduran police cite the death toll from the ongoing, protest-related violence at 3, but some humanitarian agencies list it as high as 31. The unrest is feared to continue and intensify leading up to Hernandez's swearing-in ceremony on January 27. A UN spokeswoman has called on Honduran authorities to avoid using the military police and the armed forces to respond to demonstrations, as the UN doubts they are trained and equipped for such a task. Pray for restraint of inflammatory speech and actions. Pray for a peaceful and just path forward.

United States

Pray for strength and healing for Roxane Hill, coordinator of the Nigeria Crisis Response. Roxane has experienced unexpected health challenges and faces an extended recovery, including a multi-day stay in the hospital. She was not able to travel to Nigeria in February as planned. Pray for comfort for Roxane and her family, and for wisdom for her medical caregivers.

Roxane and her husband Carl spoke at the 2015 Western PA District Conference.



Roxane Hill, center, visiting members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria).

South Sudan

Pray for traveling mercies for Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission and Service, and [Athanasus Ungang, Global Mission worker](#), as Athanasus hosts Jay in South Sudan. Basing their visit at the Brethren Peace Center in Torit, they will visit area communities to evaluate potential agriculture and education projects.

Taiwan

Pray for victims of the earthquake on Taiwan's east coast, which killed 17 people and injured 291. Pray for strength, comfort, and healing. Pray for wisdom and generosity in the recovery and rebuilding effort.

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Nigeria



Victim records waiting to be reviewed and scanned. Photo by Pat Krabacher.

Pray for an effort underway to secure and process documentation created by Rebecca Dali and others from the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI). Dali and CCEPI staff members have interviewed thousands of Nigerians affected by Boko Haram violence, especially those victims whose family members were killed. Global Mission volunteer, Pat Krabacher, is in Nigeria helping CCEPI to scan and save these thousands of records, so that the testaments may be preserved even if the documents are lost.

Pray for tripartite meetings with leaders of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), the Church of the Brethren, and Mission 21.

The group will discuss the EYN Disaster Response team's 2017 report and proposed 2018 budget. Roy Winter, associate executive director of Global Mission and Service, is representing the Church of the Brethren. He also will meet with agricultural representatives to discuss EYN's soybean project, and with leaders of the EYN Women's Ministry to discuss livelihood programs for widows. Pray for safe travel and meaningful dialogue.

Dominican Republic

Pray for a group of 11 volunteers from Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren in Mifflinburg, Pa., who are going to the Dominican Republic. The group will work with Iglesia de los Hermanos, the Dominican Church of the Brethren, to finish completion of a building for the La Batata congregation northwest of Santo Domingo. The building currently used for the congregation's worship is small and dilapidated. Volunteers will finish the new building's walls, roof, windows, and doors, and will install a bathroom. Additionally, they will lead games and crafts for community children. Pray for safe travel and work. Pray for meaningful fellowship between Dominican and US Brethren. Pray for mutual learning and service.

Afghanistan

There have been multiple acts of violence in Afghanistan, we again lift up prayers for healing, strength, comfort, and peace. In a suicide attack, an ambulance full of explosives exploded in the crowded center of Kabul, the capital city. More than 100 people were killed, and 235 more were injured. Pray for those who grieve. Pray for those racked with pain. Pray for those who live in insecurity and fear. Pray for a sustainable end to the violence.

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United States Virgin Islands

Pray for the planning efforts of the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI) in the United States Virgin Islands, following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This is a partnership between Brethren Disaster Ministries, the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is working to organize local recovery efforts and plan for volunteer rebuilding projects. Infrastructure, such as water, power, and communications systems, suffered extensive damage on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John, where high levels of poverty and a heavy reliance on tourism have exacerbated the negative effects of the storms.

Haiti

Praise God for the graduation of the ninth class of skilled birth attendants from Midwives for Haiti's 12-month training program. In a country with the highest maternal, infant, and under-five mortality rates in the Western Hemisphere, Midwives for Haiti provides a variety of pre-and postnatal health services for women in rural areas without other access. The recent graduation certified 31 new skilled birth attendants to provide care throughout Haiti. The celebration was marked with sadness, as graduates and staff continue to grieve the loss of Guerline Adeka, a member of the class who died from childbirth complications three days before the graduation ceremony. Pray for Guerline's family and her newborn daughter. Midwives for Haiti is a placement site for [Brethren Volunteer Service](#) and a training partner for the Church of the Brethren's [Haiti Medical Project](#).



The ninth class of Midwives for Haiti skilled birth attendants at their graduation ceremony. Photo by Cheryl Hanna-Truscott of Midwives for Haiti.

Syria

Pray for victims of violence in Syria, where civil war rages on between government and rebel forces. Fighting has escalated recently, killing hundreds of civilians. Air strikes by the Syrian and Russian governments have killed at least 47 people this week. The United Nations is investigating reports that government forces also dropped bombs of chlorine gas on civilians in rebel-held areas. Pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Pray for the injured and the displaced. Pray for a ceasefire so that much-needed humanitarian aid can be delivered. As impossible as it may seem, pray for a permanent peace in Syria.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – March 2018

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 152928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
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
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
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
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251, Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

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

Johnstown Sub-District
Lenten Services 2018

Sunday evenings
6:45–8:00 pm

DATE	PLACE	SPEAKER	NOTES
<i>Feb 18</i>	Rummel <i>3432 Graham Ave, Windber</i>	Frank Young	The Altar
<i>Feb 25</i>	Way of Hope <i>Hollsopple Auction Barn</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Praise
<i>March 4</i>	Morrellville <i>408 Chandler Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Prayer
<i>March 11</i>	Moxham <i>536 Grove Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Peace
<i>March 18</i>	Camp Harmony <i>1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Provision

Come and join us for worship and fellowship as Brother Frank leads us through an inspiring new series,
"Our Foundation in the Cross of Christ, the Altar."
The singing starts at 6:45, the main service at 7:00. Come and bring a friend – share in refreshments afterward.
All offerings will benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Come and join the fun!

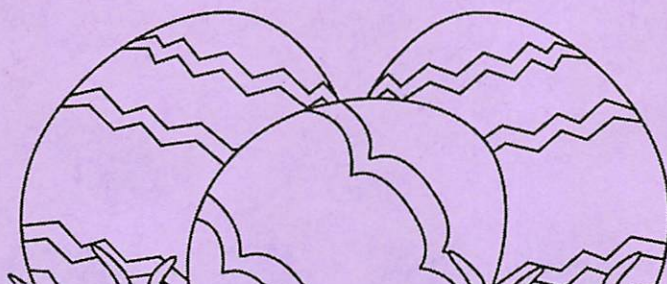
When: Saturday, March 24th, 2:00pm

Where: Jerome Fire Hall

What: Face painting, a craft, goody bags for everyone and, of course, – treat eggs!

ALL attendees must have a guardian present and a signed participation form
(available at registration)

Sponsored by Maple Spring Church of the Brethren



Youth MARCH TO REVIVAL



Saturday March 24th 5pm - 8 pm

Featuring
guest speakers:
**Jefferson &
Jerry Monroe**
(original members
of the
Guardian Angels)



Live music by:
**Finding
The
Lost**

Joyful Church
2524 Garrett Shortcut Road
Garrett PA 15542
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**Food
Fellowship
Fun!!!**

*For more information contact
Pastor Tim at 814-521-3917*

**All
YOUTH
Welcome**

Way of Hope Christian Fellowship

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



Chan Soon-Shiong
Medical Center
at Windber

IS HOLDING A

Community Lab Blood Screen - \$30

CBC (Hematocrit, Hemoglobin, MCV, MPV, Platelets, RBC, WBC, Differential) Albumin, Alk. Phosphatase, Bilirubin, Direct & Total, BUN, Calcium, Chloride, Cholesterol, CO₂, Creatinine, Free T₄, GFR, GGT, Glucose, HDL, Iron, LDH, LDL, Phosphorus, Potassium, ALT, AST, Sodium, Total Protein, Triglyceride, TSH, Uric Acid

Additional Tests Offered: PSA - \$20 • Hemoglobin A1C - \$20 • Vitamin D Level - \$35

- **Saturday, APRIL 7, 2018 • 7-9 a.m.**
- **Way of Hope Christian Fellowship Church
652 Maple Ave & Woodstown Highway, Hollsopple**
- Please **call 814-467-3961** to schedule an appointment.
- **A 12-to-14-hour fast is recommended.**
- **You do not need to be a patient of a Windber Physician to participate; patients of any physician are welcome.**

NO PHYSICIAN ORDER IS NEEDED! WALK-INS WELCOME!



All You Can Eat Pancake, Egg, & Sausage Breakfast



Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Place: **Maple Spring Church of the Brethren**

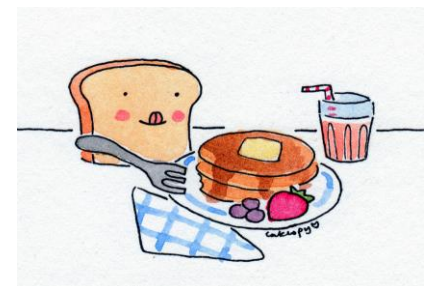


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Proceeds will support:
The Western District Disaster Fund

Donations appreciated ☺



April 6-8, 2018
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Frederick, MD



A Gathering of God's people...
a Global Church of the Brethren

The Church of the Brethren missions conference featuring:

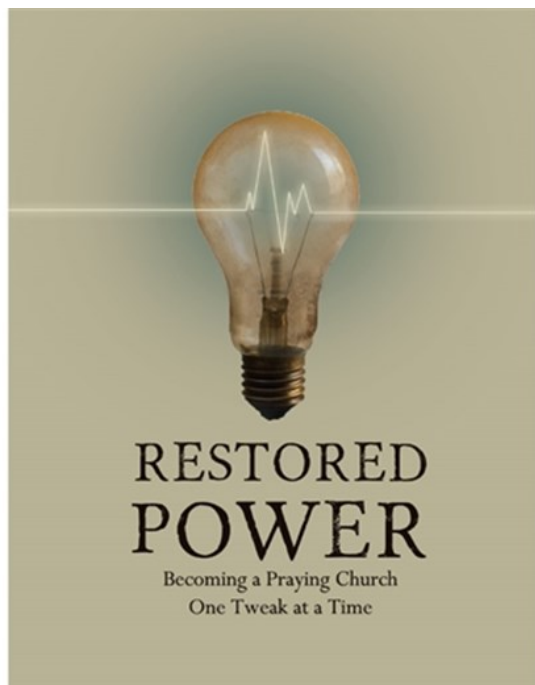
- Worship
- Keynote speakers
- Workshops
- Fellowship with Brethren from near and far

Save the date today!

Register starting October 21st.
www.brethren.org/missionalive2018



Church of the Brethren



2018 Pastor's Retreat

**Friday, May 18, 7:00 PM
to Saturday, May 19, 3:00 PM**

Camp Harmony, Hooversville PA

This years theme is "Restored Power"
and will be lead by Jonathan Graf
from Harvest Prayer Ministries

Each pastor is encouraged to invite one
to three people from their congregation
to attend. **Pastors will receive .5 CEUs.**

Mr. Graf has been involved in prayer ministry both
in the local church and in the international prayer
movement since 1995, serving in a number of
capacities including serving as the President of the
Church Prayer Leaders Network and the Vice
President of Harvest Prayer Ministries.

Jon's passion beats for prayer and raising up more
praying people in the local church. His speaking
ministry primarily targets the average believer in the
pews. He has a winsome style that seeks to motivate
through encouragement rather than through guilt.



The cost for the retreat is \$60.00 per person, which includes, lodging, breakfast, lunch,
use of facility, and speaker. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 11, 2018.**

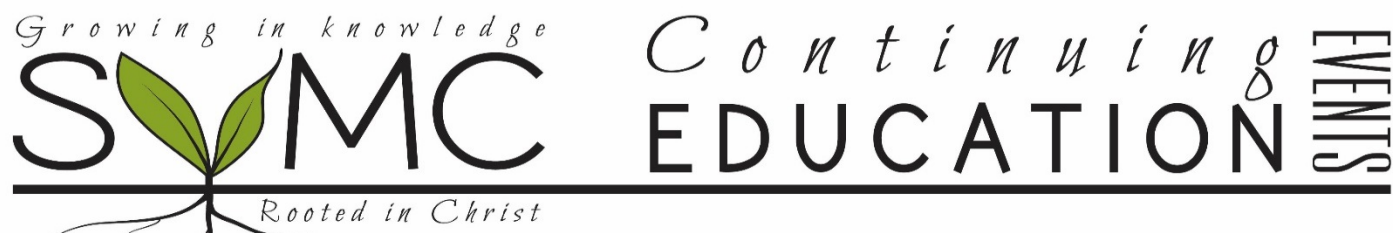
Please fill in the form below, make checks payable to **Western PA District**, and mail to:
115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you want CE credit? _____

Amount enclosed for the Restored Power Prayer Retreat _____



SVMC Continuing Education Events

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's continuing education events are designed for ordained Church of the Brethren ministers, but non-Brethren clergy and interested laypersons are also welcome to attend. For more information, and to register for any of the events listed below, please click on the title link, or go to: <https://www.etown.edu/programs/svmc/continuing-education.aspx>. Print registration form and mail to SVMC. Thank you.

Current 2018 offerings:

[Science, Theology, and the Church Today: Ministry with Youth and Young Adults](#)

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018; 9 AM - 4 PM

Location: Elizabethtown College, Susquehanna Room

Presenter: Dr. Russell Haitch, Professor of Christian Education, Bethany Theological Seminary

[The Imaginative Church: Embracing and Empowering Creativity and the Arts](#)

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren

Presenter: Dave Weiss

[Memory Care: Igniting the Inner Light](#)

Date: Monday, May 7, 2018, 9 AM - 3 PM

Location: Cross Keys -- The Brethren Community, New Oxford

Presenter: Jennifer Holcomb, Director of Memory Care, The Brethren Home Community, New Oxford

[Pastoral Crisis Intervention: Where to Start and What to Say](#)

(Registration handled by Dale Leverknight)

Session I: March 2, 2018; Session II: September 10, 2018

[Gospel of Peace](#)

Date: November 12, 2018, 9 AM - 4 PM

Location: Juniata College

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary

Cost: \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEUs).

Description of event and registration form are forthcoming.



Since it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, with the help of the District, I will be using email to communicate with church's and individuals to line up the necessary people to make the program work. This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometime go unanswered. Missed calls and unanswered messages requires another time consuming telephone call, sometimes with the same results! After the receipt of an email, and after checking the printed schedule would you **PLEASE** consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedules toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry. PLEASE contact your church coordinator to volunteer. If your church does not have one PLEASE contact Herb Ewald at hjewald@atlanticbb.net or (814) 539-8530.

PLEASE SAVE ME A PHONE CALL!!

New Windsor Day Trips

Mar. 22, 2018
Apr. 24, 2018
Jun. 06, 2018
Jun. 26, 2018
Aug. 09, 2018
Aug. 28, 2018
Oct. 04, 2018
Nov. 08, 2018
Nov. 27, 2018
Dec. 18, 2018

Week Trips

Apr. 08-14, 2018 West Virginia
May 06-12, 2018 Project #2
Jul. 22-28, 2018 (w/Mid. Atl)sc
Sept. 02-08, 2018
Oct. 14-20, 2018 (W/Virlina)
Dec. 02-08, 2018

BRETHREN HOME COMMUNITY WINDBER

MARCH 2018



HARVEST HOME UPDATE: Sincere thanks to the more than 20 churches that were able to participate in Harvest Home 2017. Generous monetary and in kind donations arrived over the past five months, some just as a need arose. The residents especially appreciated the toiletry items from which they were able to choose, Kleenex, body wash, lotion and soaps. Thanks again for the support of Home programs!



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!

FLU SEASON: News outlets continue to report the severity of the flu outbreak this winter. Even though we have had a limited number of cases at the Home, we are asking that visitors heed the warnings of the CDC and take precautions to help ensure our residents' safety for the last few months of flu season. Please don't visit if you are experiencing flu like symptoms, and if you have not had a flu shot, please wear a mask during your visit to protect others.

REMEMBER YOUR RESIDENT: There have been a few inquiries from churches about participation in the Remember Your Resident program. Many times when a Brethren church has an opening for a new resident, it takes longer than usual to fill the request. One reason for this gap is that many of our new residents were active in their home churches and those congregations are anxious to support their members in the RYR program during their stay here. Also, a large number of our admissions are for short term rehabilitation, at the Home for only a limited stay. It is impossible to assign these folks to a church, and have a relationship established before they are released to their homes. We thank all of the churches involved in RYR, and ask for your patience. We appreciate your willingness to demonstrate God's love to our residents

HOME AUXILIARY: The Home Auxiliary completed another successful year in 2017. Auxiliary volunteers participated both in service projects within the Home, and on fund raising projects outside the Home. The hours they donated in areas such as the sewing room, activities, and beauty salon were deeply appreciated by the residents. The financial support they provided for extra projects enhanced life for our residents as well as the staff. The Auxiliary was recently saddened to receive the resignation of Alice Cobaugh, who served on the executive board for many years. The remaining executive board officers all accepted the same positions for 2018.



2017 Auxiliary Expenditures:

Watkins Sewing Machine Service (serger)	\$250.00
Beauty Shop Supplies	15.00
USPS 500 stamped envelopes	280.30
Checks	26.25
Label Maker	266.39
Bed Positioning Wedges (6)	123.11
We Care Gift Bags	200.00
Spring Tea Mailing	28.00
Lift Slings (6)	787.32
High Back Slings (3)	438.00
Somerset Daily American Newspaper (12 months)	40.00
Lift Slings (8)	1,084.76
Wheel Chair (heavy duty frame)	550.00
Heart Saver: First Aid CPR	172.95
High Temperature Wire (Dietary)	50.50
Duke Pilot Light (Dietary)	42.28
Piano Tuning (Chapel)	50.00
Beauty Shop Equipment	100.00
Chair Alarms (10)	250.00
Weight Cuffs (10)	211.46
We Care Gift Bags	200.00
Slings (8)	1,084.76
Tribune Democrat Newspaper (12 months)	156.00
Pulse Oximeter	40.00
Blood Pressure Cuffs (3)	85.50
Computer Update	90.00
Staff Appreciation Week (Smiley Cookies)	60.00
Refrigerator	386.00
Hot Pads (4)	225.50
Slings (8)	959.88

TOTAL: \$8,253.96



CAMP HARMONY

A ministry of the Church of the Brethren
1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936-0158

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<http://www.campharmony.org>
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*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and
with one another"*

2018 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

As more and more families are blessed they contribute \$1.00 a week or \$52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed \$52, the debt could be eliminated. At the present the 2018 team totals 12 families and a total congregation.

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STAFFING NEEDS

Camp is in the process of hiring for the summer – kitchen, adventure staff, lifeguards, maintenance, and counselors. If interested please contact Camp as soon as possible.

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LOOKING AHEAD - * Poster included for information

March 3 – Happy Birthday Camp Harmony

March 9 – Serv-Safe Class

March 10 – Pastor and Camp Rep Brunch – 9:30 AM

March 17 – Spring Fling – Country Western Theme*

March 18 – Fish Fry*

Nut Roll Sales – Holy Week – Come and help us and/or order your nut roll.*

April 13, 14 – Scrapbooker's Retreat*

April 28, 29 – Craft and Flea Market Bazaar – Clean out your closets now.*

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NON-PROFIT SERV-SAFE CLASS – ATTENTION ALL CHURCHES

Attention all churches with a kitchen who serve the public. Camp is sponsoring a non-profit serv-safe class on Friday, March 9, 2018 from 9:00 – Noon. This class will enable you to serve your dinners and fundraisers and stay compliant with government regulations and safe food preparation practices. Dean Rogers, Food Sanitarian from the Department of Agriculture, will be presenting the class. The class, being held in the Dining Hall, is free to the public. If you have any questions please contact Camp.

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HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY (This will take the place of Run the Plank)

Join us on May 19, 2018 in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community as we participate to raise funds for our camp scholarship program. Hundreds of children and youth visit Camp Harmony every summer to experience nature and adventure, meaningful relationships, significant memories and spiritual transformation. Each summer camp provides scholarships for those needing financial assistance. Please consider helping us as a walker raising funds or a donor so more kids can come to Camp Harmony. More information will be coming.

CAMP HARMONY



SPRING FLING



COUNTRY WESTERN

MARCH 17, 2018



**HOWDY, PARTNER! MOSEY ON DOWN
TO CAMP HARMONY FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**

CHOW SERVED AT 5 PM

ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

\$15 PER PERSON



WEEKEND LODGING AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE YOUR STAY

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT
BY MARCH 12TH
814.798.5885**

**CAMPHARMONY.ORG
1414 PLANK ROAD
HOOVERVILLE, PA 15936**



CAMP HARMONY



COMMUNITY
Lenten
SERVICE

March 18



Proceeds benefit the
ministry of Camp Harmony



Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:30 pm - \$10

(purchase ticket in advance thru Camp Harmony)

Lenten Service 6:45 - 8:00 pm - Free

Menu includes:

Baked/Fried Fish

Haluski/Mac 'N Cheese

Cole Slaw/Applesauce

Vegetable

Dessert

Ice cream sundaes
to follow Service

Come to one or
both events!

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CAMP HARMONY



Fourth Annual

Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar

2018

Explore Local Crafters
Shop Popular Vendors
Discover Used Treasures

2018

Saturday, April 28 10am - 5pm
Sunday, April 29 1 - 5 pm

Concessions Available

Call to reserve a table!

Proceeds benefit the
ministry of
Camp Harmony

\$50 Craft/Vendor
\$25 Flea Market



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Indoor Craft & Flea Market Bazaar Registration Form

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by April 13, 2018

Section you are registering for: Craft/Vendor____ Flea Market ____

Individual/Business Name: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Table Type (circle): Craft/Vendor Table/Direct Sales (\$50 per event) Flea Market (\$25)

Each registrant is provided with a 10'x10' area, one table, and two chairs.

Table Description (Items sold/offered, display requirements, etc.):

Will you need electricity? Yes____ No____

Special requests/needs:

I understand that this registration reserves my space and I commit to attending the event and providing the goods or services listed.

I agree to abide by all terms and conditions (listed in the confirmation letter you will receive) set forth by the venue in regards to conduct, set-up, tear-down, and payment. Camp Harmony is not responsible for any lost, broken, damaged, or stolen items.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! 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. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. **Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated**, as well as email addresses, if they are available.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2017/2018 had been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2017. 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 October 20. ***ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.*** The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don't hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-010	Arbutus		•		•	•
37-015	Beachdale					•
37-020	Bear Run		•			
37-030	Berkey		•			
37-050	Bethel		•			•
37-060	Brothersvalley				•	•
37-068	Canaan		•			•
37-070	Center					
37-080	Center Hill				•	
37-090	Conemaugh		•			•
37-100	Connellsville		•		•	•
37-110	County Line		•		•	
37-130	Elbethel					
37-140	Erie Community United					
37-150	Fairchance		•		•	
37-160	Fair View					
37-170	Farmington Bethel		•			
37-190	Geiger		•			
37-195	Good Samaritan					
37-200	Greensburg					
37-210	Greenville					
37-220	Hooversville		•			•
37-230	Hostetler		•		•	•
37-240	Hyndman					
37-250	Indiana		•		•	•
37-310	Ligonier First		•		•	•
37-320	Locust Grove		•		•	
37-340	Maple Glen					
37-350	Maple Grove					
37-360	Maple Spring					
37-380	Meyersdale		•		•	•
37-390	Middlecreek					
37-400	Monroeville					
37-410	Montgomery		•			

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2017 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-260	Morrellville					
37-420	Mount Joy		•		•	
37-430	Mount Pleasant					
37-270	Moxham					
37-440	Nanty Glo		•		•	•
37-450	Natrona Heights					•
37-460	Oakdale					
37-470	Penn Run					•
37-475	Pike Run					
37-480	Pleasant Hill		•			
37-500	Plumcreek		•		•	•
37-505	Purchase Line					
37-508	Rayman					
37-510	Robinson		•		•	
37-520	Rockton					
37-530	Rockwood		•			
37-280	Roxbury		•		•	•
37-540	Rummel		•		•	•
37-550	Salisbury				•	•
37-560	Scalp Level		•		•	•
37-570	Shade Creek/Ridge					•
37-580	Sipesville		•		•	•
37-590	Somerset		•		•	•
37-620	Ten Mile					
37-630	Tire Hill		•		•	•
37-635	Union Chapel					
37-640	Uniontown		•		•	•
37-290	Walnut Grove					•
37-645	Way of Hope		•		•	•
37-300	Westmont		•			
37-650	Windber				•	
37-660	Wooddale					•

2018 District Events and Meetings

This calendar will be updated as we receive dates from your groups, please send your important dates to the District Office ASAP to insure they will be on the District Calendar. Thank you.

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 2018

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 2 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 11 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks *AHEAD* one hour)**
- 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 11 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 17 - Spring Fling at Camp Harmony, 5 pm (Country Western Theme)
- 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 25 - PALM SUNDAY
- 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2018

- 1 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 7 - District Disaster Pancake Breakfast, Maple Spring COB
- 9 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 13-14 - Spring Scrapbook Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 19 - DWM Spring Brunch, Greensburg COB
- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Spring Tea
- 22 - Tithing Sunday
- 28-29 - Craft, Flea Market Bazaar at Camp Harmony

MAY 2018

- 3 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 3 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 4-5 - DWM Spring Retreat, TBA
- 6 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 10 - ASCENSION DAY
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 14 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 13 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18-19 - Pastors' Retreat "Restored Power", Camp Harmony
- 20 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 28 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2018

- 3 - Annual Conference Briefing, Rummel COB, 3 pm
- 7 - DWM Camp Day, Camp Harmony
- 17 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2018

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Cincinnati, Ohio
- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 19 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 21-26 - NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Fort Collins, Colorado
- 27 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2018

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary
- 11 - DWM Summer Tea, TBA (alternate day Aug. 18)
- 12 - Stewardship Sunday
- 31 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Begins

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 - Camp Harmony Gospel Festival Concludes
- 3 - LABOR DAY
- 6 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon
- 10 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 13 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 22 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22-23 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony
- 29 - Honduras Mission Dinner, 5 pm, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2018

- 4 - DWM Brethren Home Day
- 7 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 20 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 - Brethren Home Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 - THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 4 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 12 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2018

- 2 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – *more information to come*
- 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 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!



EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL

San Pedro Sula, Honduras



A Christian Home for homeless, abused, and severely neglected children

HOW GOD IS WORKING THROUGH YOU
AT HOGAR ENMANUEL...

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo de El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel



Greetings from the children of El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel! As we welcome a new year, we THANK YOU for being a part of our family. We are sincerely grateful for YOUR love and support. Your investment in our lives is making a tremendous difference! Here are just a few examples of how YOU are changing the world!

Because of YOUR prayers and support, our friend Betty Guzman is in stable condition! She is currently being cared for by a local family from the Church of the Nazarene and undergoing chemotherapy.



Because of YOUR involvement, our children have Christmas traditions:



And because of YOUR involvement, our children are Champions.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to Brianna Baker and Rebecca Collins for their annual Christmas visit to El Hogar. They shared their love with the children through various activities, including the sponsorship of three soccer tournaments! As you can see, our boys were the reigning champions of their division!

SPONSORSHIP COUPON

Please provide your name and address on the reverse side and mail this coupon with your donation

PROVIDING FOR
HOGAR de NINOS ENMANUEL
THROUGH
WESTERN PA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MISSION PROGRAM - HONDURAS
115 Spring Rd.
Hollsopple, PA 15935

If you prefer to receive this newsletter electronically ONLY, please email that request to hemminger@verizon.net
PayPal and/or sponsorship coupons are also available on the website at www.hogarenmanuel.com

Partnering in the success, I pledge to keep the Enmanuel Children’s Home in my prayers as well as offer my financial support. Please use my donation for the following fund:

\$	General Fund—use where needed most
	Child Sponsorship—providing for the basic needs of the children. If you desire to be assigned to a specific child, contact Rona.
	Staff Sponsorship—providing for the on-site care of the children.
	Maintenance & Development—providing for the maintenance and improvement of the facilities
	Nursery Fund—providing for infant care.
	Gift Fund—providing for birthday/ Christmas gifts
	New Bridge Program—helping our adolescents prepare for independent living.
	Special fund _____ (specify)
\$	TOTAL ENCLOSED

Clip and mail with your donation



Hogar de Niños
ENMANUEL

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I John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.



Would you be willing to share the love of Christ with a child this year through your actions and truth?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rona Hemminger,
Mission Program Coordinator
Mobile: 540-649-3111
Email:
hemminger@verizon.net

Carrie Antesberger, Editor

Because of YOUR support, our children are successful and have a bright future:

Congratulations to our recent graduates of higher education: Roger Antunez (recipient of a degree in welding and a medal of honor for academic and behavioral excellence), Omar Hernandez (recipient of a degree in culinary arts), Franklin Perdomo (recipient of a bachelor’s degree in Administration with honors), and Patricia Martinez (recipient of a diploma in Quality Control).



Congratulations are also in order for some of our youngest at El Hogar. *Jardín de Niños Enmanuel is our on-sight preschool that is not only a benefit to our own children, but also to the children of the surrounding community.*

Wondering how you can be more involved?

Here are three ways:

1. Don’t underestimate the power of prayer!
As James 5:16 says, “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective!”
2. To help you remember to pray for the children of El Hogar every day, you can purchase a 2018 calendar. Calendars are \$10 a piece and can be purchased by contacting Rona Hemminger: hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111.



3. You can also come and have a “ball” with us at Camp Harmony on September 29, 2018. The theme for our tri-annual fundraising event is Toys & Games! It’s not too late for you to get involved by sponsoring a table! Decorate your table with the game or toy of your choice, enjoy the meal and entertainment, and at the same time you will be helping the children of El Hogar. For more information contact Rona at hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111.