

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

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Western PA District Church of the Brethren

March 2020

## IT IS WELL

This incredible story of faith belongs to Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Much like Job, he placed his trust in God during his life's prosperity, but also during its calamities. A devout Christian who'd immersed himself in Scripture, many years of his life were joyous. He was a prominent Chicago lawyer, whose business was thriving. He owned several properties throughout the city. He and his beloved wife had four beautiful daughters and one son. Life was more than good — it was blessed.

But faith, no matter how great, does not spare us from adversity.

Just as Horatio hit the pinnacle of his profession and financial success, things began to change. It began with the tragic loss of their son. Not long thereafter, the Great Chicago Fire destroyed nearly every real estate investment Horatio owned.

A few years later in 1873, Horatio decided to treat his wife and daughters to a much-needed escape from the turmoil. He sent them on a boat trip to Europe, with plans to join them shortly after wrapping up some business in Chicago.

Just a few days later, he received a dreadful telegram from his wife, "Saved alone..."

It bore the excruciating news that family's ship had wrecked and all four of his daughters had perished.

Horatio was on his way to meet his heartbroken wife, passing over the same sea that had just claimed the lives of his remaining children. It was then that he put his pen to paper and the timeless hymn was born, beginning with the words:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*



Famous hymn composer, Philip Bliss (1838-1876), was so moved by Horatio's prose, that he composed a peaceful tune to accompany the words. The song was published by Bliss and Sankey, in 1876.

It's incredible to think such encouraging and uplifting words were born from the depths of such unimaginable sorrow. It's an example of truly inspiring faith and trust in the Lord. And it goes to show the power our God has to overcome even the darkest times of our earthly life.

Source: [godtube.com](https://www.godtube.com)

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for the **APRIL 2020** issue is

**March 10, 2020**

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

## DISTRICT STAFF:

William Wenger, District Executive

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Hollsopple, PA 15935

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## 2020 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The **2020** District Directory is finished and has been sent out to the church contact list via email. Paper copies have been also sent out via regular mail.

Corrections and additions will be posted on this page in future issues.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

## REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation has a new directory for **2020**, or even a 2019 copy, please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935

Thank you!

## ORDINATION REVIEWS

Ordained ministers and church leadership in the District should have received 2020 Ordination Review Forms.

Please be sure to complete these forms and return them to the District Office as soon as possible so that we can complete the review process and report to the denomination in Elgin.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office, 814-479-2181.

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## GET WELL SOON

To **Pastor Guy Myers**, who is recovering from fluid on his brain.

To **Pastor JoAnn Dermer's** husband Ken, who is recovering from surgery.

To **District Minister Bill Wenger** as he is recovering from eye surgeries.

## LEADERSHIP

### Deacon Commissioned

Vanessa Pisarski—  
Hooversville

## NEW MEMBERS

### Meyersdale Congregation

Frank Bero  
Sally Bero

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

*From Cheryl Marszalek  
2020 District Moderator*

This is an invitation to an informational session regarding the **Covenant Brethren Church**. There has been much talk about this group.

As Moderator, I have invited Grover Duling to speak. In order to try and facilitate the District's geographical locations, there will be two sessions on **March 28, 2020**.

**Moxham Church of the Brethren**  
536 Grove Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15902  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

**Center Hill Church of the Brethren**  
2039 Freeport Road, Kittanning, PA 16201  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

There will be a time for questions during each session.



## DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

**March 16, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**April 16, 2020** Spring Brunch @ Mount Joy COB

**May 18, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**July 20, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**September 21, 2020** meeting @ District Office

**November 16, 2020** meeting @ District Office

*Mark your calendars,  
more information to follow!*

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

### Pasta Buffet

Saturday, March 7, 2020

From 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

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

### Quilt Retreats

Friday, March 27, 2020

and

Saturday, March 28, 2020

From 8:00 am—8:00 pm

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

### Scrapbook Retreat

Saturday, April 25, 2020

From 8:00 am—8:00 pm

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



It's not too early to be  
thinking about baseball!

The **Altoona Curve** will be  
hosting 2 Faith Nights  
this summer

**June 21, 2020 and August 16, 2020**

If your church interested, please visit  
[www.altoonacurve.com](http://www.altoonacurve.com) for more information.

## COFFEEHOUSE AT INDIANA COB

First Friday of every month from  
6:30 pm—9:00 pm. Open mic.  
Great music, food, and  
fellowship. Everyone welcome!



If your church has an  
AWANA Club program  
or is interested in  
starting one,



the **Locust Grove COB** has various new AWANA  
Club Items for free. Please call 814-539-6826.

They also have an AWANA Mat for sale, \$500.00 or  
negotiable.

## NEW DISTRICT VAN

After lots of searching, the District has finally  
purchased a new van. It is slightly used,  
with very low mileage and in great condition.

Thank you to all who have contributed  
financially or otherwise to this purchase,  
it is greatly appreciated!





# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

### We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or [hjewald@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net)

#### 2020 Schedule

##### Day Trips

4/16/2020  
4/28/2020  
5/28/2020  
6/9/2020  
8/13/2020  
10/6/2020  
10/29/2020  
11/17/2020  
12/3/2020

##### Week Trips

**3/8—14/2020** half Project #2 M/At.  
**5/10—16/2020** full Project #2  
**7/12—18/2020** full Project #1  
**9/13—19/2020**  
half Project #1 M/At.  
**11/8—14/2020** full Project #2  
**12/13—19/2020** full Project #2

When collecting all of the school and health kits, please put them into boxes and **not** bags. This makes it so much easier for shipping.

Thanks from the District Disaster Team

**please note**

## EL NINO DE HOGAR SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



**Please note**, the shoes collected **DO NOT** go directly to the Honduras Orphanage. The shoes go to Funds2orgs, which turns collected shoes into cash. This money is then given to the Orphanage for their needs. The shoes you collect also serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity, rather than just a hand-out. Micro-entrepreneurs set up small businesses. They sell the shoes you gather in their communities, which creates business and commerce opportunities leading to sustainability.

To participate, simply collect gently worn shoes, boots, slippers, or sandals at your church.

Bring them to the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue, Jerome PA, 15937 on **Monday, March 16, 2020**

We will sort, count, and pack them for the next shipment.

*(Anyone unable to deliver shoes on those dates, may still drop shoes off at the district office.)*

Questions may be directed to:  
Marie Camut at 814-266-3010,  
Brianna Baker, or the District Office.

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE,

LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR'S FORUM

**April 18, 2020**  
**1:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Annual Conference moderator Paul Munday has announced that he will host a Moderator's Forum this spring at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College.

The focus is "Historical Themes Impacting Today's Church."



The forum will feature leading Brethren historians who will address a variety of historical themes affecting present-day congregations, districts, and national structures. Particular attention will be given to Brethren history and themes relevant to the current reality of Brethren communions, with special emphasis on the Church of the Brethren. Themes to be addressed include accountability, compelling vision, division, forbearance, and nationalism.

Historians who will be participating include Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center and associate professor of the Department of Religious Studies at Elizabethtown College; William Kostlevy, director of the Brethren Historical Library and Archives; Stephen Longenecker, Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of History at Bridgewater (Va.) College; Carol Scheppard, professor of Philosophy and Religion at Bridgewater College; and Dale Stoffer, emeritus professor of Historical Theology at Ashland (Ohio) Theological Seminary.

The forum will conclude with an evening worship service and a message from Dennis Webb, pastor of Naperville (Ill.) Church of the Brethren.

The forum is open to both clergy and laity.

Registration cost, which includes dinner, is \$30. This event also will be available via live stream for a registration fee of \$15. Those attending the entire event may earn 0.6 continuing education units for an additional cost of \$10.

The evening worship, beginning with hymn singing at 7:00 pm, is open to the public without cost or registration and will be held in the Gible Auditorium at Elizabethtown College.

To register or for a brochure go to:  
[tinyurl.com/modforum2020](http://tinyurl.com/modforum2020)

The registration deadline is April 9, 2020. Please register early since the space for the main sessions (other than worship) is limited to 150 participants.



## Annual Conference 2020

**July 1–5**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

DeVos Convention Center

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



## Workcamp locations for summer 2020 include Rwanda

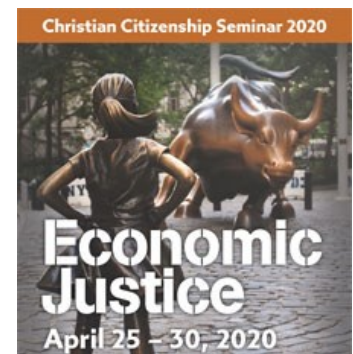
"We are so excited to bring you the locations for workcamps summer 2020!" said an announcement from the Church of the Brethren Workcamp Ministry. The announcement urged Brethren of all ages to "explore the possibilities of service." "Voices for Peace" (Romans 15:1-6) is the theme. In a new venture, Rwanda is the location for a workcamp for ages 18-plus on May 28-June 8.

Read more at [www.brethren.org/news/2019/workcamp-locations-include-rwanda.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2019/workcamp-locations-include-rwanda.html)

## Christian Citizenship Seminar

**April 25-30, 2020, New York City and Washington DC**

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue. This year's Christian Citizenship Seminar will focus on pursuing economic justice.



## National Young Adult Conference 2020

**May 22-25, 2020**

**Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina**

National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults!

**Job Openings:** If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html>



**Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.**

Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region.

Visit [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) for more information.

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067  
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802  
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058  
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262  
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262  
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227  
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534  
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448  
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  
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238  
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404  
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549  
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  
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  
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753  
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  
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

## LAY SPEAKER

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



# IN PURSUIT OF JESUS

2020 JOHNSTOWN AREA COB  
LENTEN WORSHIP

*Sunday evenings, 6:45 pm*

MARCH 01	ARBUTUS	GUY MYERS	JESUS, WHO SERVES
MARCH 08	WESTMONT	PAUL HAMILTON	JESUS, WHO SHARES
MARCH 15	WALNUT GROVE	BRAD GRIESHEIMER	JESUS, WHO SHEPHERDS
MARCH 22	WAY OF HOPE	ABBY SHAFFER	JESUS, WHO SACRIFICES
MARCH 29	CAMP HARMONY	STEVE VICKROY	JESUS, WHO SAVES

Come and worship our **amazing God** who put on skin, made Himself nothing, and redeemed us all!

Bring your Bible, a friend, and an offering for Camp Harmony.

Stay for refreshments and fellowship each evening.

Come to Camp Harmony early on March 29 and enjoy the fish fry!



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COB LENTEN WORSHIP

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<b>3/01</b>	Arbutus	Guy Myers	Jesus, Who Serves
<b>3/08</b>	Westmont	Paul Hamilton	Jesus, Who Shares
<b>3/15</b>	Walnut Grove	Brad Griesheimer	Jesus, Who Shepherds
<b>3/22</b>	Way of Hope	Abby Shaffer	Jesus, Who Sacrifices
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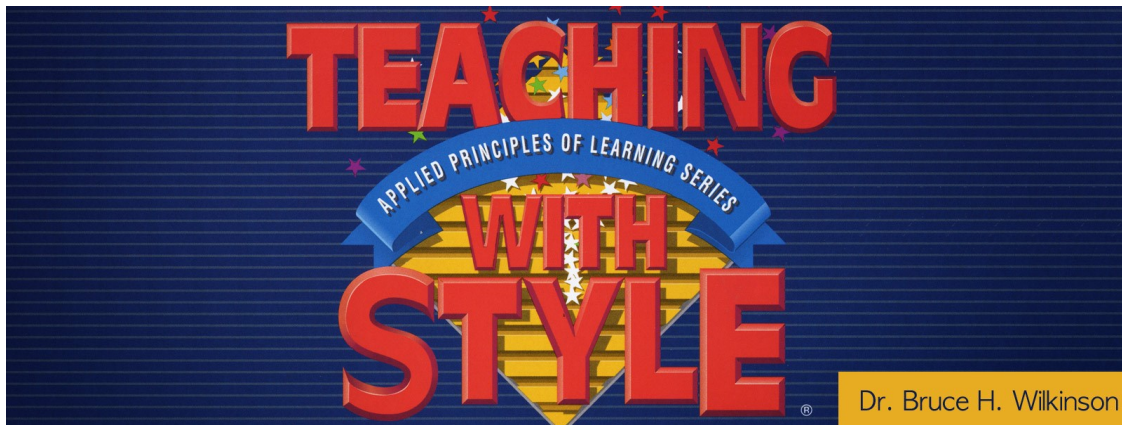
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# Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies

Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team

**March 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Plumcreek COB**

Please register by **March 6, 2020**. This event is open to everyone.



Resource leader **Dottie Kunselman** from the Oakdale COB will be using Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson's curriculum "*Teaching with Style*" to lead this session.

Discover what your students want you to know—but are afraid to tell you!

**Bring a notebook and your Bible**

**\$15.00 per person – 0.5 CEU credit is offered**

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**Equipping the Next Generation: Discovering Effective Teaching Strategies**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Please check if you are requesting CEU credit.

Make checks payable to **Western PA District** and mail to: **115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935**

## 2020 PRAYER RETREAT

# Lord, Increase Our Faith!

**Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

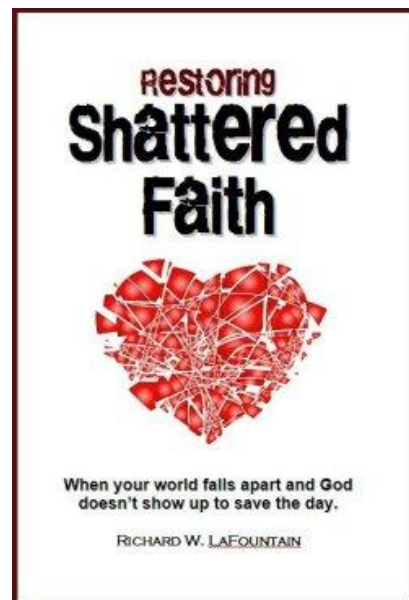
**Camp Harmony**

*Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team*

Join us for a stirring message on faith, followed by practical teachings and resources for restoring joy and faith in your life or in the life of a loved one whose faith has been shattered.

Pastor Dick LaFountain will share his life story, the tragic death of his twelve year old daughter when she was hit by a speeding car, and his subsequent loss of faith in a God who hears, cares, and answers prayer. He will share his road to restoration through God's infinite mercy and grace, and the long road back being restored to "*Believing God Again*."

Resource Leader: Richard W. LaFountain, retired senior pastor of the Grove City Alliance Church in Grove City, PA. He has served God in many capacities over his 40+ years of ministry. He has been a church planter, missionary, pastor, strategist, conference speaker, college professor, evangelist, puppeteer, artist, and author. Dick's teaching and resources are also available online at [www.PrayerToday.org](http://www.PrayerToday.org).



### MORNING SESSIONS

#### ***Restoring Shattered Faith***

- Believing God Again – “Lord, help my unbelief”
- Praying God's Promises – They are 'yes' and 'amen' forever
- Praying God's Names – Who He is never changes

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

#### ***Renewing Your Prayer Life***

- Your Private Prayer Room
- A Personal Prayer Retreat Strategy
- A Concert of Prayer

**This retreat is open to anyone. Please register by Friday, May 1.**

**The first 40 registrants will receive a free copy of Pastor Dick's book, Restoring Shattered Faith.**

**Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch included) – 0.5 CEU credit is offered**

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### **2020 Prayer Retreat—Lord, Increase Our Faith**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check if you are requesting CEU credit.

Make checks payable to Western PA District COB and mail to: 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935





# **GUY'S BREAKFAST**

**You're Invited to Share with Us!**

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**Saturday March 14, 2020 @ 9AM**

**Moxham CoB  
536 Grove Ave**

**Guest Speaker: Tom Hindman**

**RSVP 539-7807**

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# ALL YOU CAN EAT

## Pancake, Egg, & Sausage Breakfast

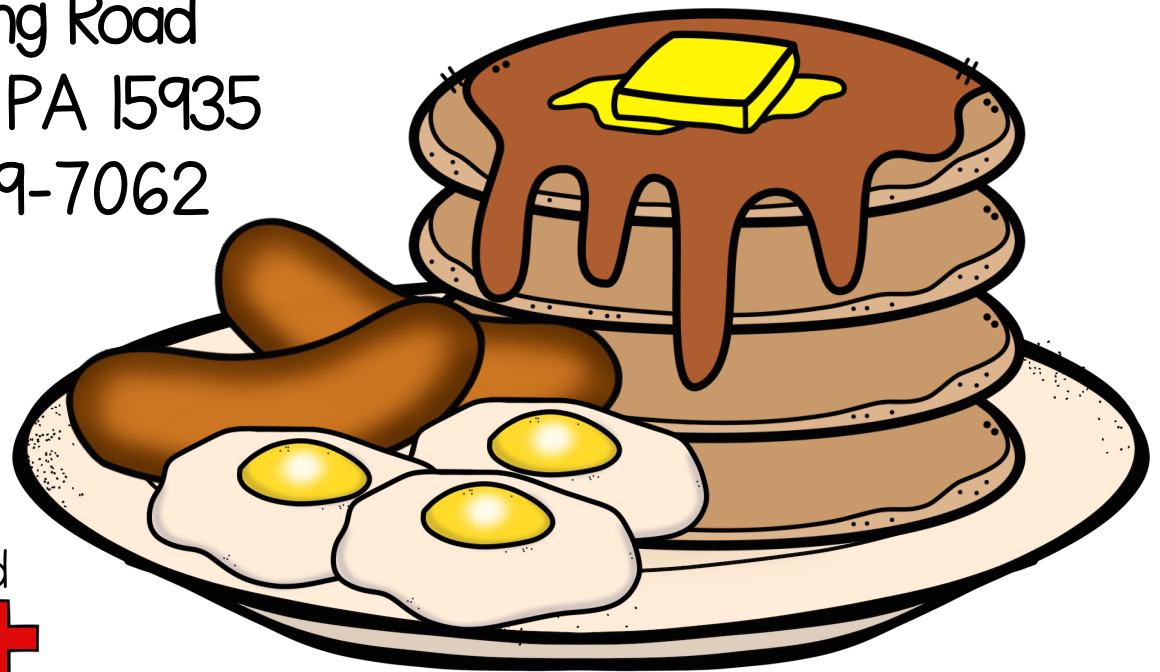
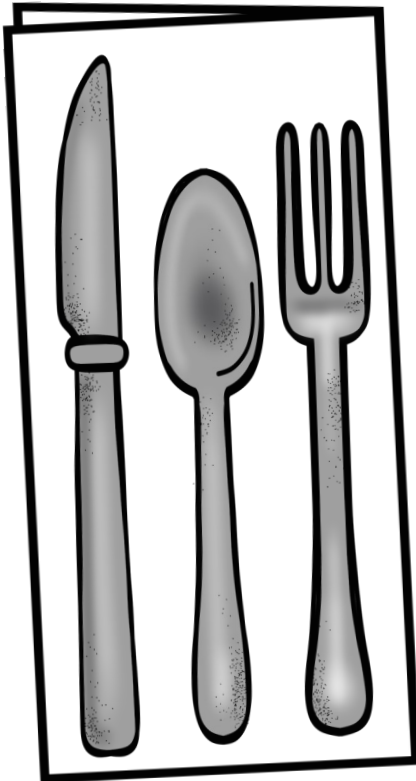


Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Place: Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

106 Spring Road  
Hollsopple, PA 15935  
(814) 479-7062



Proceeds will support:

The Western District Disaster Fund

✚ Donations Appreciated ✚



## CAMP HARMONY

### SUMMER 2020

#### PRE-K HALF DAY CAMPS, AGES 3-5

Our youngest campers can enjoy the fun of Camp in a half-day suited just for them. Enjoy crafts, Bible lessons, nature, games and swimming in small parts preparing them for Day Camp. Pre-K camp is for ages 3-5 and begins at 9 am and runs until 12 pm Monday through Friday.

Pre-K Camp, June 29 - July 3, **theme coming soon**

Pre-K Camp, July 13-17, **theme coming soon**

**ONLY \$40 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

Price includes daily snack

#### DAY CAMPS, GRADES K-5

Fill each day with new and exciting adventures at Camp then head home each evening. Crafts, nature, swimming and games are some of the highlights of this fun experience. We'll have worship, learn about the Bible and make new friends as you get to know Camp Harmony. Each week will have activities, games and Bible lessons based on the theme. Bring a friend and explore the outdoors!

Day camp is for grades K-5 and begins at 8:30 am and runs until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday on the dates listed below.

Day Camp, June 22-26, **theme coming soon**

Day Camp, July 6-10, **theme coming soon**

Day Camp, July 20-24, **theme coming soon**

**ONLY \$85 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

#### FAMILY CAMP JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

Bring the whole family and spend a great weekend together in nature. Swim, play, craft and worship with other families as we offer activities for all ages and learn more about the Bible together. It is a great getaway for every kind of family.

**ONLY \$85 PER PERSON!**

(AGE 3 & UNDER FREE)

#### LEADERS IN TRAINING EXPERIENCE GRADES 8-12, JUNE 14-19

The Leaders in Training Experience is a leadership camp which will challenge you to develop leadership skills that will benefit you throughout your life. You will step into the role of a servant-leader as you seek the characteristics of Biblical leaders; learn through study, discussion & hands-on activities; and begin to lead on your own in the camp setting. Taking part in a portion of counselor training will allow you to learn with our summer staff and join with them to create an engaging camp community and culture. We'll also do all the fun Camp activities you know and love along with the great learning experiences this camp provides. You may have the opportunity to return and serve as a volunteer with our summer program and put your new skills into practice. After the \$50 registration fee, this program will generously be funded by churches in the Western PA District.

#### PERFORMING ARTS CAMP GRADES 6-12, JUNE 27 - JULY 4

Join us for "Into the Woods" the musical in our only 8 day camp! This is the perfect opportunity to keep your creative talents fresh over the summer. Not only are we seeking actors but set artists and sound technicians as well. There is plenty to experience for any level of talent. The hard work will pay off with two great performances at the end of the week! **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**





## JUNIOR OVERNIGHT CAMP - GRADES 2-6, JULY 5-10

## TEEN OVERNIGHT CAMP - GRADES 7-12, JUNE 28 - JULY 3

At our classic overnight camps, campers will explore all the great activities that camp has to offer. The morning will consist of electives such as adventure activities, craft, swimming, sports and games, hiking and much more. Afternoon and evening group activities and free time will round out the day as we spend time learning and exploring together. As always, worship and Bible lessons will be an important part of the weeks. Each week campers will be split into age appropriate cabins and groups and we get outside and discover more about ourselves, God and nature! **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

## JUNIOR WILDERNESS GRADES 2-6, JULY 12-17

Wilderness camp is designed to teach campers about living outdoors in God's beautiful creation. We'll spend our days learning and developing skills such as campfire and shelter building while learning how to survive in the wilderness. Campers will learn about outdoor cooking, fishing and hiking. We'll spend our nights enjoying nature as we sleep in rustic cabins, watch the stars around a campfire and make new friendships. **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

## TEEN ADVENTURE GRADES 7-12, JULY 19-24

Travel together to North Carolina and enjoy beautiful scenery and exciting adventure in rivers, on mountaintops and in fellowship around the campfire. Explore natural wonders on this expedition that joins with other Church of the Brethren camps to have fun and enjoy creation. **ONLY \$330 PER CAMPER PER WEEK!**

### 2020 CAMP HARMONY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Leaders in Training (grades 8-12)	June 14-19
Performing Arts (grades 6-12)	June 27 - July 4
Teen Overnight (grades 7-12)	June 28 - July 3
Junior Overnight (grades 2-6)	July 5-10
Junior Wilderness (grades 2-6)	July 12-17
Teen Adventure (grades 7-12)	July 19-24
Family Camp	July 31 - Aug. 2

### LOWER PRICES FOR ALL CAMPS!!!

Day Camp (grades K-5)	June 22-26
Pre-K (ages 3-5)	June 29 - July 3
Day Camp (grades K-5)	July 6-10
Pre-K (ages 3-5)	July 13-17
Day Camp (grades K-5)	July 20-24

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JANUARY 1**  
**WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG**

### New Summer Camp Discounts for 2020 including lower prices for all camps!

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

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

	You pay ONLY:
Returning Camper	\$165 /week overnight camp
	\$42.50 /week day camp
	\$20 /week pre-K camp
New Camper	\$165 /week overnight camp
	\$42.50 /week day camp
	\$20 /week pre-K camp

**50% off for each camper!**

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

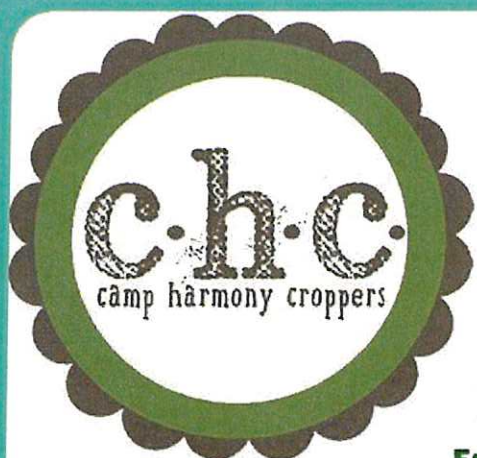
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1st Camper	2nd Camper	3rd Camper	4th Camper
Overnight per week	Overnight per week	Day Camp per week	Pre-K Camp per week
\$330	\$320	\$75	\$30

### Terms & Conditions:

- only one offer per camper (sibling and bring a friend discounts cannot be combined)
- sibling discount is for any summer camp program except for Family Camp
- bring a friend - new camper must have never attended any Camp Harmony summer camp program
- bring a friend - both campers must be registered for the same week and list each other on their respective registration forms





# Scrapbook Retreat

**MARCH 13, 4 PM - MARCH 14, 9 PM**

**FAITH HALL & HARMONY LODGE, CAMP HARMONY - HOOVERVILLE, PA**

## Retreat includes:

- **Meals** - Friday night pasta party, Saturday brunch & supper, snacks
- **On-Site Shopping** - with your favorite stores & stamping companies
- **Lots of Fun!** - door prizes, games, goody bags, make & takes

## What to bring:

- Cropping supplies
- Small desk lamp
- Spill proof cup/bottle
- sweater or light jacket

PROCEEDS FROM THIS CROP ARE DONATED TO CAMP HARMONY FOR PROGRAM AND FACILITY NEEDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS CROP!

## Pricing Packages:

- **#1** - \$95 Fri. and Sat. w/ lodging
- **#2** - \$70 Fri. and Sat. commute
- **#3** - \$30 Friday only
- **#4** - \$55 Saturday only

## General Information:

Registration Deadline is March 6, 2020 (must be paid in advance)

Registrations will not be accepted over the phone

No refunds for cancellations after March 6 or no-shows

\$30 fee for returned checks

Bring a small extension cord if you plan on using electric

Lodging will be at Harmony Lodge - please bring your own bedding (full and/or twin) and towels

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Fall Crop**

**November 13-14, 2020**

**BRING A NEW FRIEND!**

**Register online at [www.campharmony.org/scrapbook](http://www.campharmony.org/scrapbook)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Package Choice: 1 2 3 4 (circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Seat/Room me with: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks and registration to:

Dorothy Gindlesperger  
330 Miller Run Road  
Hooverville, PA 15936



Questions about the retreat?

Liz Holbrook  
814-701-1681

[MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com](mailto:MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com)

**Register online at [www.campharmony.org/scrapbook](http://www.campharmony.org/scrapbook)**







# MARCH 29



## **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**

**Free ice cream sundaes  
to follow Lenten Service**

## **Come to one or both events!**

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936

814.798.5885

[www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)

**2020 Johnstown Area COB Lenten Worship Services, 6:45 pm**

**March 1**

**Arbutus, Guy Myers**

**Jesus, Who Serves**

**March 8**

**Westmont, Paul Hamilton**

**Jesus, Who Shares**

**March 15**

**Walnut Grove, Brad Griesheimer**

**Jesus, Who Shepherds**

**March 22**

**Way of Hope, Abby Shaffer**

**Jesus, Who Sacrifices**

**March 29**

**Camp Harmony, Steve Vickroy**

**Jesus, Who Saves**

Offering will take place each evening for Camp Harmony. Refreshments follow each service





# **CAMP HARMONY**

## **NUT & APRICOT ROLL SALE**

Put your orders in for a traditional and delicious spring treat that will also benefit Camp! The sale of each nut & apricot roll will directly go to support the many ministries of Camp Harmony.

**Each 1-foot roll is \$10**  
**Deadline to order is March 31**

Nut & apricot rolls will be made camp staff and volunteers on April 7 (call to volunteer).

You may pick them up at Camp on April 7 from 2-4 pm or April 8 & 9 from 9-4 each day.

**Rolls will be delivered to churches April 8 & 9, just in time for Easter!**

Name & Phone	# Nut Rolls	# Apricot Rolls	Pick-up/Delivery

**814-798-5885**

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*Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...*

## **Binocular Vision: Seeing Through Eyes of Faith and Science**

**Presenter: Russell Haitch**

**Professor of Theology and Human Science, Bethany Theological Seminary**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Juniata College (The Sill Board Room in von Liebig Center for Science)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

We live in an age of science and also a time of aching spiritual need. There is no turning back from science, nor would we want to; we rely on its fruits of amazing technology every day. But the knowledge of science has not prevented the all-consuming crises we currently face. Here the Christian message is as timely now as ever. And here, too, is where the church needs help—in bringing together the Sunday world of faith with the Monday world of science and technology.

This one-day seminar is designed for people who want to do integrative thinking for the sake of a church that is fully grounded in Scripture and wholly receptive to science.

Topics include:

- A model for relating faith and science, based on the person of Jesus
- A human science (sociological) look at the American church landscape: trends of decline and growth
- How theology and psychology can complement and correct each other
- Sensing wonder and mystery, from the big infinity to the little infinity

**Registration due by March 5, 2020:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.55 CEUs)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

### **REGISTRATION FORM: “Binocular Vision: Seeing Through Eyes of Faith and Science”**

**Please make checks payable to “SMC”** and mail completed registration form and payment to:

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

Questions, contact us at: 717-361-1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu). Thank you!!

Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 for 0.55 CEUs; or \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 for NO CEUs

Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_



# Continuing EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

## Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part III

### Congregational Care

Saturday, March 28, 2020

9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA 17241

**Presenter:** Dale Leverknight. Dale currently serves as pastor of the Montgomery Church of the Brethren in Western PA. He draws on years of experience in pastoral care, counseling, and emergency services. He has a BS degree in Biblical Studies/Theology and an MA in Christian Counseling, both from Eastern Mennonite University.

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention is a series of four sessions (Parts I and II were in 2019; Part III on March 28, 2020, and Part IV on October 24, 2020), which will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. The sessions will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors. While the sessions build upon one another, you will gain valuable information even if you can attend only one session. **NOTE: This registration form is ONLY for Part III on March 28. The last session, Part 4, will require separate registration at a later time. The cost, below, is for one session on March 28.**

#### Topics to Be Covered:

- Understanding Large Group Dynamics during Crisis
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Group Interventional Practice

#### Registration due by March 13, 2020:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

#### REGISTRATION FORM: "Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention" Part III

**Please make checks payable to "SVMC"** and mail completed registration form and payment to:

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

Questions, contact us at: 717-361-1450 or [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu). Thank you!!

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Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_



Susquehanna Valley  
Ministry Center  
presents...

## Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners through the Journey

Monday, May 11, 2020, Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA  
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Presenters:** Jennifer Holcomb, M.S., NHA, CDP, CDCM, CADDCT, CDSGF  
Director of Memory Support, Cross Keys Village

Kimberly Korge, BSEd., CDP, CDSGF  
Memory Care Coach

### Course Objectives:

- Recognize the differences and similarities of the top four neurocognitive disorders
- Discuss tips to manage conversations with parishioners impacted by a neurocognitive disorder
- Describe the significance of trauma and how it may be present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder
- Identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma

**Registration due by April 27, 2020:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Please make checks payable to "SVMC"** and mail completed registration form and payment for "Neurocognitive Disorders" to:  
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 for 0.5 CEUs  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 for NO CEUs

Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_



JANUARY 2020

# EL HOGAR DE NINOS ENMANUEL

## SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

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

### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS!

#### Eleemosynary

[e-li-'mä-sə-'ner-ē]

English. (adj.) Meaning: dependent on or supported by charity. Used in a sentence: "The *eleemosynary organization relies on donations to stay in business.*"

It is definitely a new word for me but when I learned it, I knew that Hogar Enmanuel would be one such *eleemosynary* organization because YOU keep the doors open at Hogar Enmanuel. Without you, there could be no such place. We realize that our own devices get us nowhere. Even if we are having success, that success wouldn't be possible without the undeserved blessings received by God from you. This place is totally dependent on your generosity! Hogar Enmanuel manages to help many children, with the combined efforts of so many!

Without a doubt, the pledges from individuals across the United States to the *Western PA Church of the Brethren's CHILD SPONSORSHIP program* is the largest source of funding to Hogar Enmanuel. *International Christian Aid*, and *Project Global Village* are several other programs that step in to help maintain this place of refuge.



*CEPUDO/Food for the Poor* along with *CARGILL Corp.* help to make the Hogar farm a reality. They teach the children how to plant, care, and harvest many crops including yucca, plantains, and a variety of other fruits and vegetables along with raising chickens. The farm is an important part of helping the children learn many skills as well as providing for their own consumption. *Cargill* is also the major benefactor for Jardin de Enmanuel, our on-site preschool/ kindergarten; and hosting activities such as a cooking class at the Home with *World Central Kitchen*.

Local hotels, supermarkets like *Colonia*, department stores such as *Lady Lee* and *Mendels*, bottling companies such as *Pepsi* and civic groups such as the Rotarians, Lions Clubs, Boy Scouts, and students from the local high schools and the University of San Pedro Sula (USAP) all help in providing activities, gifts of food and supplies, and emotional and psychological support for our kids.

**TOMS SHOES** One-for-One™ giving program makes sure that each of our children (and other children in Honduras) have a new pair of shoes to begin their school classes each spring.



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[www.hogarenmanuel.com](http://www.hogarenmanuel.com)

[Facebook.com/hogarenmanuel.hn](https://Facebook.com/hogarenmanuel.hn)

"..He will not forget  
your work and the  
love you have shown  
Him as you have  
helped His people  
and continue to help  
them..."  
Hebrews 6:30 NIV

During graduation ceremonies each November, the children proudly receive their certificates of educational achievements looking their very best with pretty dresses, shirts and ties. This happens with extra donations and the help of local godparents.



*To the world you may be just one person,  
but to one person you may be the world!*







## Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel

**A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR  
HOMELESS, ABUSED, AND  
SEVERELY NEGLECTED CHILDREN**

For more information contact:  
Rona Hemminger, Editor  
Mission Program Coordinator  
Mobile: 540-649-3111  
Email: [hemminger@verizon.net](mailto:hemminger@verizon.net)

GRACIAS AMIGOS!



Christmas is a time that many to reach out—including **Brianna Baker from Western Pennsylvania** who hosts a team that provides assistance with Christmas meals and activities. She also brings in teams to help with Toms Shoe distributions, and a summer work team to spend the week of school break with the kids each summer.

The children even help raise their own support. Recently, they participated in a competition to see which age group would receive the most donations of food at a local grocery store. Of course, the kids in the Sala Cuna (the nursery-aged kids) won! Who could resist their sweet little faces?!



**Hogar Enmanuel wants to give a  
BIG SHOUT OUT**  
to so many individuals, churches,  
businesses, and organizations (many  
who haven't been mentioned in this  
newsletter, but who are just as important)  
who have shown so much love and  
generosity with the *eleemosynary* relief  
provided to the children of Honduras.

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# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## JANUARY 2020

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6 - Epiphany
- 18 - 25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 24 - 26 - Junior Winter Camp (Grades 2 – 6), Camp Harmony
- 31 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 -12) begins, Camp Harmony

## FEBRUARY 2020

- 2 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 – 12) ends, Camp Harmony
- 6 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 8 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 9 - Johnstown Area Sub-District Prayer Gathering, 3:00 pm, Pleasant Hill COB
- 15 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Tire Hill COB
- 17 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 28 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm Camp Harmony

## MARCH 2020

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 1 - Johnstown Area Lenten Service, 6:45 pm, Arbutus COB
- 6 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 8 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 8 - Johnstown Area Lenten Service, 6:45 pm, Westmont COB
- 13 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm, Camp Harmony
- 13 – 14 - Scrapbook Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 14 - Teaching Seminar, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Plumcreek COB
- 14 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 15 - Johnstown Area Lenten Service, 6:45 pm, Walnut Grove COB

# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## MARCH 2020 - continued

- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 22 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 22 - Johnstown Area Lenten Service, 6:45 pm, fWay of Hope Fellowship
- 28 - Pancake breakfast benefiting District Disaster Team, 7:00 am – 10:00 am,  
Maple Spring COB
- 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 29 - Lenten Fish Fry, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Camp Harmony
- 29 - Community Lenten Service, 6:30 pm, Camp Harmony

## APRIL 2020

- 5 - PALM SUNDAY
- 9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 10 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 13 - Financial Resource Team (District Auction), 6:30 pm, District Office
- 16 - DWM Spring Brunch, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mount Joy COB
- 18 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 19 - Tithing Sunday
- 25 - Craft and Flea Market Bazaar, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Camp Harmony

## MAY 2020

- 2 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 3 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 9 - Prayer Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 10 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Uniontown COB
- 16 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 18 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - ASCENSION DAY
- 25 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 29 - All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Camp Harmony
- 31 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)

# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## JUNE 2020

- 7 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 21 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## JULY 2020

- 1 - 5 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Grand Rapids, MI
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 16 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 20 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 25 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, Windber COB (District Conference Business)

## AUGUST 2020

- 15 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 16 - Stewardship Sunday
- 29 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office

## SEPTEMBER 2020

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 4 – 7 - Gospel Festival, Camp Harmony
- 7 - LABOR DAY
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 19 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 21 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 26 - 27 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

## OCTOBER 2020

- 4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 17 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony



# 2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## **NOVEMBER 2020**

- 1 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 7 - FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 11:00 am, District Office
- 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **DECEMBER 2020**

- 6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 12 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony
- 13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE