

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

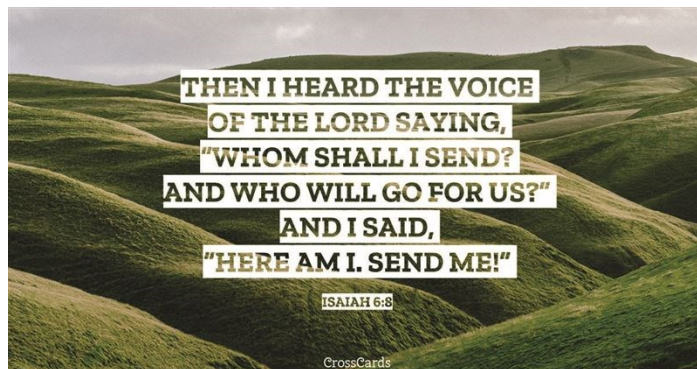
March 2021

## FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER

One of the greatest needs in the current life of the Church is for pastoral and congregational leadership. There are many churches looking for pastoral leadership and so few pastors to take up those calls. We know how throughout the Bible God raised up leaders for His people and for His purposes – for example, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Samuel, David, Josiah, Daniel, Esther, Peter, Stephen, Paul, Timothy, and Priscilla and Aquila. The same has been true through the history of the Church over the centuries. But right now, in the churches of the United States, there is a great need for God's people to call out new leaders for the Church.

To help address this need, the Pennsylvania and Maryland districts of the Church of the Brethren are sponsoring an event named *"Calling the Called."* This event is aimed at helping churches and individuals sense God's leading as He would raise up new pastors and leaders for the churches. This event will involve two parts – the first being a ZOOM meeting on May 1, 2021 and then a follow-up, in-person, gathering on September 25, 2021 at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. This *"Calling the Called"* effort is intended to be an exploratory time and is designed to encourage and assist those who may be experiencing the call of God on their lives for ministry. *(Please see the informational brochure regarding this a few pages on in this edition the "Highlights.")*

Calling people to ministry is one of the most important things congregations can do. Congregations are the lifeblood and source of leadership for generations to come.



Trends indicate that more and more congregations are looking within to train and equip future leaders.

So, I want to encourage you to identify individuals within your congregation who might benefit from this *"Calling the Called"* experience. Encourage them to consider this virtual ZOOM event and the in-person event so to learn more about the calling process. Then, if you would, please share their names and contact information with me so that notices can be sent to them with an invitation to participate. You can call me at 814-479-2181 or email me at [bwenger@brethren.org](mailto:bwenger@brethren.org).

The calling and development of leadership is a critical priority. Healthy, committed and creative leadership is vital for growing congregations. Would you help with this by speaking with individuals in your church who you think might be a potential leader for the Church?

May the LORD lead us together in the task of sensing His call upon the lives of those He wishes to raise up to shepherd and guide the churches! Blessings to you in Christ!

Sincerely yours,  
**Bill Wenger, District Minister**

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for  
the **APRIL 2021**  
issue is

**March 10, 2021**

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 3:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

814 479-2506 fax

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

## 2021 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2021 District Directory will  
be sent out via email by  
February 26, 2021.

If you would like a paper copy  
of the 2021 District Directory,  
please contact Tina at  
[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

or

814-479-2181

## 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 **2021** please send  
one to the District Office,  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935  
Thank you!

*An Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise to  
meet you. May the wind  
be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon  
your face, the rain fall soft  
upon your fields. And  
until we meet again, may  
God hold you in the palm  
of His hand. ♣*

*Amen*

## AVAILABLE SPEAKER

District Executive Bill Wenger is available to the District  
congregations to fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings, to meet with  
Church Boards for discussions about the mission of the congregation,  
and to provide teaching seminars on overviews of the Old  
Testament and/or the New Testament. If your congregation is  
interested any of these things, please feel free to call Bill at the  
District Office, 814-479-2181.

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## LEADERSHIP

### **Pastoral Changes**

Michael Christine—resigned, Locust Grove  
David Bennett—FT pastor, Maple Spring

## PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

For everyone in the District who has been diagnosed with, is recovering from, or knows someone with COVID-19.

## HELP WANTED

**Maple Spring COB** is looking for a church secretary. The position is 20 hrs. a week. Send a resumé to Nancy Gindlesperger at [gnancy43@aol.com](mailto:gnancy43@aol.com).

## DISTRICT AUCTION

A future date for the Auction and information will be given in upcoming Highlights issues. In the meantime, be sure to choose an Auction representative for your congregation so that person can receive updates and share info with your church.

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Walnut Grove COB** Sunday Services On Facebook at 10:00 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

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

**Scalp Level COB** Sunday Services at 10:30 am  
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren - YouTube](#)  
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren | Facebook](#)

**Windber COB** Sunday Services at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/WindberCOB>

\*\*If your congregation is sharing services online, please contact the District Office and Tina will list the information in upcoming Highlights.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars! Maple Spring COB will be having a pancake breakfast to benefit the District Disaster Ministries on **May 22, 2021** from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. More info 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)

There will be two Ready-To-Eat meals on

**Friday, March 5, 2021 & Friday, March 26, 2021**

Menu includes, Breaded Cod, Homemade Macaroni  
& Cheese, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert for \$10.  
(Deadline for the March 5th meal is Monday, March  
1st. Deadline for the March 26th meal is Monday,  
March 22nd.)

**Quilt Retreat—April 9 & 10, 2021**

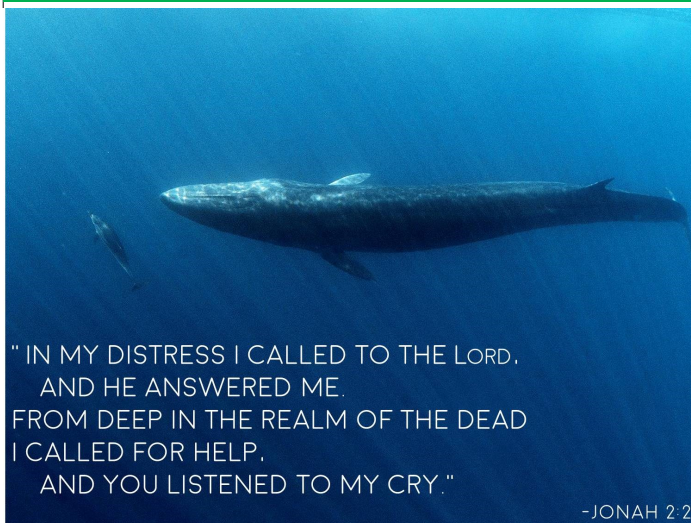
**Scrapbook Retreat**

**April 24, 2021 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Cost \$30, includes snack and lunch.

**Call 724-463-0420 for event info  
and to order meals.**

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



"IN MY DISTRESS I CALLED TO THE LORD,  
AND HE ANSWERED ME.  
FROM DEEP IN THE REALM OF THE DEAD  
I CALLED FOR HELP,  
AND YOU LISTENED TO MY CRY."

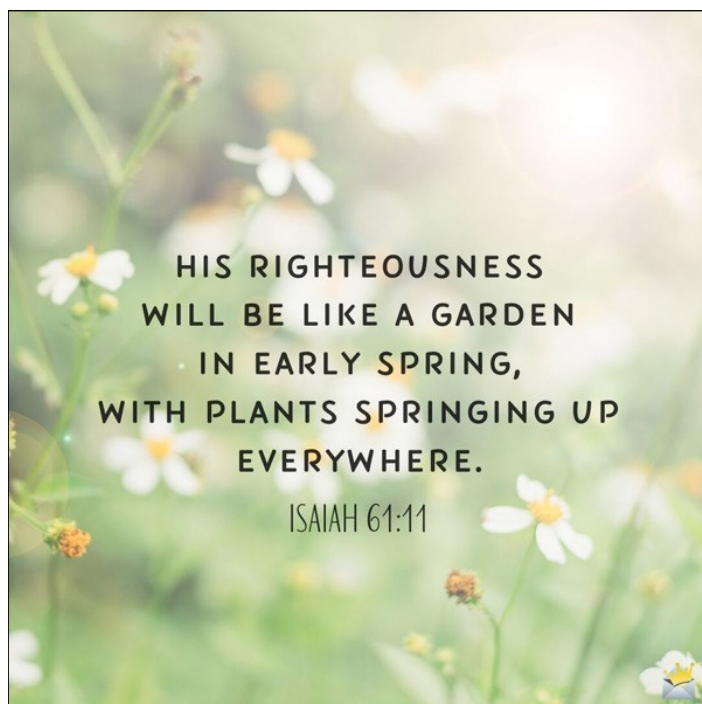
-JONAH 2:2

**Mark your calendars!**  
District Conference will be held on  
**October 16, 2021**  
at Camp Harmony

## SHARING WITH YOUR COMMUNITIES

Looking for an easy way to bless your  
community?

Why not partner with your local elementary  
school to provide boxes of tissues in the  
classrooms this winter? Kids are always  
dripping, and the burden often falls to  
teachers to buy tissues. Rummel COB does  
this as an ongoing outreach project - it's  
easy, inexpensive, lightweight, and anyone  
can contribute. The teachers appreciate the  
gesture and it's one less thing for them to  
think about.



**HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS  
WILL BE LIKE A GARDEN  
IN EARLY SPRING,  
WITH PLANTS SPRINGING UP  
EVERYWHERE.**  
ISAIAH 61:11

# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



We're Almost There!

As of February 1st, our shoe project has 2,400 pairs of shoes packed and ready for shipment at the ICA building in Jerome. That's just 100 pairs short of the 2,500 pairs needed to have free shipping provided by funds2orgs.

Thanks to everyone who has been able to donate to the cause. Of course, every extra pair of shoes adds to the weight of our shipment and to the amount of profit for the orphanage. So we're asking that everyone continue to collect shoes and have them ready to deliver to the ICA building on or before our April 12 packing day. Thanks again for your support!

Please continue to save shoes during the winter months and store them at your church, or deliver them to the district office during regular business hours. Remember, it's easy to participate. Simply collect gently worn pairs of shoes, boots, slippers or sandals at your church and place a rubber band around each pair.

Deliver the shoes to the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue, in Jerome on the next packing date:

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

between 9:00 am and 11:00 am, mark your calendars. We hope to reach our goal on that day. Thanks for your support!

If these dates don't suit your schedule, shoes may also be dropped off at the District Office during office hours. For further information, please contact:

Marie Camut, 814-266-3010,  
April Mackell, 814-536-1589  
Karen Nagyvathy, 814-244-5977

## CALLING ALL MINISTERS

### STATE PARK CHAPLAINS NEEDED

(Memorial Day Weekend thru  
Labor Day Weekend 2021)

**Good Pay – Interesting Work –  
Training – Fellowship**

### EXERCISE YOUR GIFTS AND SKILLS:

- Planning creative and meaningful worship services.
- Preaching engaging sermons in an ecumenical setting.
- Visiting and sharing Christ's love with people from different religious traditions and life experiences.
- Creating programming for all ages.
- Managing your own time and working as a member of a team.

Full-time and half-time positions for service between Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends are available. Salary, travel reimbursement and training provided. Housing may be available at some locations. If you have an automobile, are in good health and available to serve between May 24 and September 5, 2021 contact:

**The Pennsylvania Council of Churches**

**900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 211A**

**Harrisburg, PA 17109-5089**

**Phone: 717.545.4761 Fax: 717.545.4765**

E-mail: [campgroundministry@pachurches.org](mailto:campgroundministry@pachurches.org)

Additional information and application are available on-line: [www.pachurches.org/ministries/campground-ministry/](http://www.pachurches.org/ministries/campground-ministry/)

Early applicants have best choice of location.

# SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS (SAVE THE DATE)

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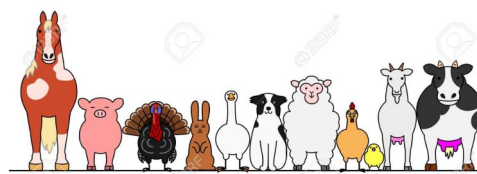
HELP THE CHILDREN OF  
Hogar Enmanuel by  
HOSTING A TABLE\*



for the  
Tri-annual Fund Raising Event at Camp Harmony  
This year's theme: **NOAH'S ARK**

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

\*HOSTS CAN BE Family, group of friends, Sunday School Class, Church, or Organization and will decorate a table for the theme by choosing an animal of your choice and sell tickets to the event for your table.



CONTACT RONA HEMMINGER TO CHOOSE AN ANIMAL.

Hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111

(Already taken: tigers, flamingos giraffes, hummingbirds, doves, sheep)

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Animal choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Join us for a special time of worship to mark the Season of Lent!

We will meet together on **Sunday, March 21 at 6:30 pm**

at **Rummel COB** - 3432 Graham Avenue, Windber.

We will wear masks and distance, and surfaces will be disinfected for you.

Please come and prepare to ponder **the Power of the Cross!**

*You can also join us via livestream at [facebook.com/morrellvillecob](https://facebook.com/morrellvillecob)*

THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE CROSS DOESN'T MAKE ANY  
SENSE TO LOST PEOPLE. BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO  
ARE BEING SAVED, IT IS GOD'S POWER AT WORK.

-1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 CEV



# REVIVAL

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## REVIVAL

SALISBURY CHURCH  
OF THE BRETHREN

SUNDAY

10:30 AM & 6 PM

MON-WED

6 PM

APRIL 11-14, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
[MELVIN.GLOTFELTY@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:MELVIN.GLOTFELTY@ICLOUD.COM)  
OR CALL (301) 501-2021

SEE, HEAR, AND  
EXPERIENCE  
A BLANK, GRAY  
CANVAS  
TRANSFORM INTO A  
BEAUTIFUL  
ILLUSTRATION OF  
SCRIPTURE!

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EVANGELIST  
DWIGHT HAYNES

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[WWW.CHALKTALKS.NET](http://WWW.CHALKTALKS.NET)



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& CONGREGATION  
INVITE YOU TO  
SALISBURY CHURCH  
OF THE BRETHREN  
146 UNION STREET  
SALISBURY, PA



# CALLING THE CALLED

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## Invitation

To: Pastors and Congregational Leaders  
Date: March 1, 2021  
Re: *Calling the Called*

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

The purpose of this communication is to alert your leadership and congregation to an event that will help you and your District identify future pastoral leadership. A *Calling the Called* event is scheduled for May 1, 2021, which will be conducted through ZOOM with a follow-up in-person event September 25, 2021, at the Chambersburg COB. Area One District Executives are jointly sponsoring these two events in an effort to identify individuals who are gifted for potential set-apart ministry. These two days are intended to be an exploratory time and designed to encourage and assist those individuals who may be experiencing the call of God on their lives for ministry.

As members of this team, we believe calling people to ministry is one of the most important things congregations can do. Congregations are the lifeblood and source of leadership for generations to come. Trends indicate that more and more congregations are looking within to train and equip future leaders.

Thus, we strongly encourage you to identify individuals within your congregation who would benefit from such an experience. Encourage them to consider this virtual event to learn about calling and the process of credentialing. Please share the names and contact information with your respective district executive. Once these names are collected, notices will be sent to these individuals with an invitation to participate.

Of all the tasks and functions that we do together, we believe the call and development of leadership is a critical priority. Healthy, committed, and creative leadership is vital for growing congregations.

Please begin the task of alerting individuals in your congregation to this wonderful opportunity to explore a calling to ministry.

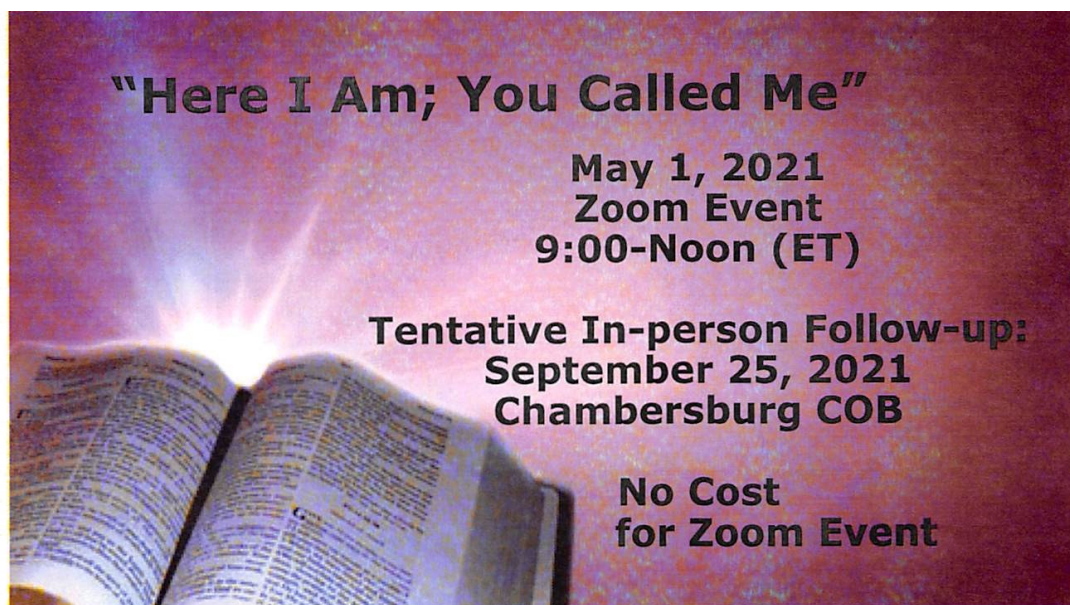
Serving Christ Together,  
Calling the Called Committee

David Banaszak, Joe Detrick, Gene Hagenberger, Pete Kontra, Kim McDowell, Cheryl Marszalek, Donna Rhodes, Kris Shunk, William Waugh, William Wenger

**More info on the next page →**

# CALLING THE CALLED

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6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." — 1 Samuel 3:6

**Questions or to register, please contact your district office.**

Atlantic Northeast District: 717-367-4730

Mid-Atlantic District: 443-960-3052

Southern PA District: 724-875-0958

Middle PA District: 814-643-0601

Western PA District: 814-479-2181



*"God's call is complex. It comes to a diverse group of people and individuals for a wide range of purposes and results. It often comes in unexpected ways, with serious consequences. As we look at three examples of God's call (the prophet Isaiah, the Samaritan woman, and the Great Commission), we see a God who challenges, empowers, and guides us into the good work that we are called to do." ~ Steve Schweitzer*

*Calling  
The Called*

Calling the Called is an event organized by the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern PA, Middle PA and Western PA Districts. It is an intentional time away from the routine of life to discern what it means to be called by God to the set-apart ministry.

Whether you are someone actively exploring the possibility of ministry or someone unsure of God's calling this will be a helpful time of discernment and discovery.

Come and hear personal call stories, come and wrestle with biblical call stories, come and learn about the process of entering the set-apart ministry in the Church of the Brethren. Discover what it means to be a people called by God.

# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER (SVMC)

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*Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center -- the pandemic continues to push us to be as wise as possible in our health management and interactions with others. Due to the unknown of the next several months, SVMC has determined that our spring Continuing Education events will be held via Zoom. We hope our fall events (some still being planned) will be held in person. Currently, registration is open for the three events described below. To register, please follow the links provided or contact SVMC at [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).*

## **Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention: Part III Congregational Care Saturday, March 27, 2021 (Zoom)**

Leader: Dale Leverknight

Description: This session will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. It will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors.

## **Church, Community, and Change:**

### **Navigating Shifting Circumstances Tuesday, April 27, 2021 (Zoom)**

Leader: Denise Kettering-Lane

Description: What is the church? What is Christian community? How do the two relate to one another? The global

pandemic has changed the way that we participate in church and the way we understand our communities. Divisions in our denomination have raised questions about the way we interact with other Brethren. We will explore together questions around the nature of the church and Christian community in the Brethren tradition. Then we will discuss how recent events are shifting these meanings and what those might mean for our congregations and communities.



# ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

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Elizabethtown College (PA), Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies [virtual events](#) for Spring 2021.

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Elizabethtown College (PA), Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents “Responding with Compassion to the Crisis in Northeastern Nigeria,” by Samuel Dali and Rebecca Dali on Thurs., March 4, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Samuel Dali will give an update on Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) in the context of ongoing violence and reflect on the church’s constructive engagement around sociopolitical, economic, and environmental issues. Rebecca Dali will review the recent humanitarian work of the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives and discuss the suffering and resilience of women in situations of war and related trauma. For details and the link to the Zoom presentation, visit [www.etown.edu/youngctr/events](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr/events) or call 717-361-1470.

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Elizabethtown College (PA), Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents “Weapons Transfers as Foreign Policy: Theological Ethics, Economics and Strategy,” by Nathan Hosler on Thurs., March 25, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Hosler is director of the Church of the Brethren’s Office of Peacebuilding and Policy and a pastor at the Washington City Church of the Brethren. He will describe the US foreign policy practice of selling or giving weapons and related systems to strengthen diplomatic relations and further national interests, and he will argue that such transfers cannot be separated from war-making and must be subject to ethical reasoning. For details and the link to the Zoom presentation, visit [www.etown.edu/youngctr/events](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr/events) or call 717-361-1470.

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Elizabethtown College (PA), Young Center and Bowers Writers House present “Travelling through the National Dark: Poet and Pacifist William Stafford,” a celebration of Stafford, a Library of Congress Poet Laureate with ties to the Church of the Brethren, on Tues., April 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Poet Fred Marchant and Writers House director Jesse Waters will discuss Stafford’s life and legacy and read some of his poems. Young Center interim director Steve Nolt will review the World War II context in which Stafford declared his conscientious objection to war and the Civilian Public Service program in which he served. For details and the link to the Zoom presentation, visit [www.etown.edu/youngctr/events](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr/events) or call 717-361-1470.

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Thank you,

The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies  
Elizabethtown College  
One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Kay Wolf [wolfk@etown.edu](mailto:wolfk@etown.edu)  
Website: [www.etown.edu/youngctr](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr)



## Part-Time Pastor Full-Time Church

*supporting multi-vocational pastors*

The Part-Time Pastor; Full-Time Church program is a grant-funded initiative through the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry designed to offer support and encouragement specifically for multivocational pastors. Pastors who participate are paired with a regionally based "Circuit Rider," a minister with gifts of deep listening and encouragement. Circuit Riders come alongside pastors to listen to their joys and challenges and then help to connect them with resources that will be helpful in their particular situation. The program also offers opportunities to connect with other pastors who enjoy the joys and face the challenges of multivocational ministry.



Any Church of the Brethren congregational pastor who serves in a role that is either less-than full-time or less-than fully-compensated is eligible to participate. In our denomination, 77% of all pastors are multivocational, so if you're wondering if you or your pastor are eligible, the answer is very likely "yes"!

**To learn more about the program or to submit an application, visit: [www.brethren.org/part-time-pastor](http://www.brethren.org/part-time-pastor)**

Questions? contact Dana Cassell, Program Manager  
[dcassell@brethren.org](mailto:dcassell@brethren.org) or 847-429-4330



Church of the Brethren

# Annual Conference

June 30 — July 4, 2021

Go to <https://www.brethren.org/ac/> for more information

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE PIVOTS FROM HYBRID TO ONLINE EVENT IN 2021

The Program and Arrangements Committee has determined that the 2021 Annual Conference will be entirely online. The committee hoped to have a hybrid (both in-person and online) Conference as announced last fall.

However, due to the continuing challenges of COVID-19, the committee deemed that it is not wise to have an in-person component for Annual Conference this summer. As the Program and Arrangements Committee has consistently stressed, the health and safety of Annual Conference participants is the highest priority.

This was a difficult decision to make since last summer's Annual Conference needed to be cancelled entirely because of COVID-19. While we know that meeting in person eventually will be safe again, we sadly do not believe that it will happen in time to safely have an in-person event at the end of June 2021.

This will be the first time that the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference has gathered entirely online, as many of our congregations have been doing these past 10 months. While we lament that we cannot be together in person to hug one another, sing together, and eat at tables together, we are nevertheless excited about the new opportunities an online gathering offers. We will be able to open Annual Conference to much greater participation than ever before. Instead of traveling long distances and having only 2,000 or so Brethren gathered together, we are throwing wide the doors to thousands of Brethren who never before have been able to participate fully in Annual Conference.

Imagine an opportunity for many people from each one of our congregations to participate in the virtual opportunities that will be included in the 2021 Annual Conference, gaining tools and resources for their congregations' ministries, benefiting from leadership development, earning continuing education credits, participating in spiritual growth, and networking with other Brethren who share similar ministries and interests.



A one-time, reduced price for non-delegate adults to register for the online Annual Conference is being offered for only \$99. That fee will support the ministry and on-going expenses of Annual Conference and will give non-delegates access to:

- all six business sessions;
- all Insight and Equipping Sessions;
- all networking events;

--a virtual concert by Fernando Ortega. Ortega is a multi-Dove award winner and singer-songwriter whose hits include "This Good Day" and "Jesus, King of Angels";

--resource sessions led by Tod Bolsinger, best-selling author of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*. Bolsinger is the vice president and chief of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

--daily Bible studies, along with Insight Sessions, led by Michael Gorman, author of more than 20 books on biblical theology. Gorman is the Raymond E. Brown Chair in Biblical Studies and Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD, and a frequent lecturer at church and clergy gatherings.

**Note:** All five worship services will be available free of charge to everyone.

Delegate fees will remain at \$305 and includes access to all of the above in addition to the right to vote during the business sessions and participation in virtual "table talk" discussions of the proposed compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren. Delegates will need to have access to a computer or mobile device with Internet connectivity and sufficient computer skills to participate in an online event.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MARCH 2, 2021

Thank you for your commitment and support of Annual Conference as we seek to hold the 2021 Conference in the safest possible way. May we continue together in this new format to fulfill the Annual Conference mission: "Annual Conference exists to unite, strengthen, and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus."



## Global Mission Prayer Guide



### Haiti

Pray for current unrest in Haiti, there are demonstrations in the street and lockdowns in the capital of Port-au-Prince. Continue to pray for Haiti Medical Project workers as travel is impacted and for the whole Eglise des Freres (Church of the Brethren in Haiti).

### India

Praise God that churches in the First District Church of the Brethren in India are meeting (with social distancing guidelines) and that children's Sunday school materials were written this last year. Pray for their annual conference, which will be held in February; the health of one of their elders; and that the COVID-19 vaccine rollout will reach the rural church communities.

### Uganda

Prayers requested for 2021 include support for churches with poorer members, land for the churches in Kampala, continued support and school fees for the 76 orphans at Rising Star Orphanage, and the success of some new agriculture projects designed to generate income.

### United States

Pray for our country. Pray for the district executives as they held their yearly meeting and the lead the Districts through the year to come.

### Nigeria

Praise for the escape/rescue of several of the Chibok girls, nearly seven years after they were abducted by Boko Haram in April 2014. Continued prayers for Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), the areas that are still experiencing violence, and the ongoing fear this causes.

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)  
**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)  
**BERKEBILE, WES** – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 / 724-901-7058 / [wes2375@comcast.net](mailto:wes2375@comcast.net)  
**CONRAD, RICK**—302 Carpenters Park Road, Davidsville, 15928 / 717-576-4729 / [rickconrad0709@gmail.com](mailto:rickconrad0709@gmail.com)  
**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)  
**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)  
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# CAMP HARMONY

## CAMP HARMONY 2021

### 2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Youth Camp	Grades 7-12, overnight	June 4-8
Pre-K Camp	Ages 3-5, 9 am - noon	June 7-11
Junior Camp #1	Grades 2-5, overnight	June 13-18
Day Camp #1	Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30	June 21-25
Jr. High Camp #1	Grades 5-8, overnight	June 27 - July 2
Junior Camp #2	Grades 2-5, overnight	July 4-9
Day Camp #2	Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30	July 12-16
Day Camp #3	Grades K-6, 9 - 4:30	July 19-23
Jr. High Camp #2	Grades 5-8, overnight	July 25-30
Youth Adv. Camp	Grades 7-12, overnight	July 25-30

**BRING A FRIEND**  
Save 50% for  
you AND a  
friend!!!



**SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
Save \$10 for  
each add'l child  
in family

**REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1**

CREATING AFFORDABLE EXPERIENCES TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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### New Summer Camp Discounts for 2021 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

~~\$330~~  
~~\$85~~  
~~\$40~~

**\$165** /week overnight camp  
**\$42.50** /week day camp  
**\$20** /week pre-K camp



New  
Camper

~~\$330~~  
~~\$85~~  
~~\$40~~

**\$165** /week overnight camp  
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**50% off  
for each  
camper!**

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

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



1st Camper  
**\$330**  
Overnight  
per week



2nd Camper  
**\$320**  
Overnight  
per week



3rd Camper  
~~\$330~~  
**\$75**  
Day Camp  
per week



4th Camper  
~~\$85~~  
**\$30**  
Pre-K Camp  
per week



# CAMP HARMONY

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## DESCRIPTION OF CAMPS SUMMER 2021

**Overnight Camps** - Overnight camps are designed to build and strengthen disciples who will make an impact for Christ in their world. Games, campfires, nature adventures, food, worship, swimming, and Bible lessons are included in these camps to help equip campers of all ages to represent Christ in all they do. These camps include Junior #1 & #2 and Jr. High #1 & #2 which are \$330/week (includes meals/snacks & lodging). Youth Camp is \$260 and includes meals and lodging.

Overnight Theme: Glory2God - We'll explore how we can give everything we have and bring everyone we meet to God. We will discuss daily how we can glorify God with word, soul and action. "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Day Camps** - Day camps are filled with friends and adventures and are designed to build strong disciples who will impact their world for Christ. We will explore everything camp has to offer including games, nature, swimming, worship and Bible lessons. Day camps are a great introduction to overnight camps. These camps include Day Camp #1, #2, #3 and Pre-K Camp. Day camps are \$85/week (includes lunch/snack each day) and Pre-K Camp is \$40/week (includes snack).

Pre-K Camp theme - Superheroes of the Bible

Day Camp #1 theme - Miracles

Day Camp #2 theme - Armor of God

Day Camp #3 theme - Superheroes of the Bible

**Youth Adventure Camp** - Buckle up for an adventure! This camp experience is unlike any other. Campers and staff travel together to explore the North Carolina Mountains and stay at Camp Carmel, our sister camp located in Linville, NC. Highlights of this camp are mountain hiking, beautiful scenery, and fellowship with campers from other Christian camps who join the adventure with us. There are spiritual growth opportunities such as mountaintop Bible studies, campfire worships, and evening reflections. Camp Harmony's Program Director leads this exciting experience. Register for the adventure! \$330/week including lodging and meals.

# CAMP HARMONY



## MARCH 27, 9-5 PM

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP GET CAMP READY FOR SUMMER!!**

Grab your gloves and tools because we have some work to do to get the grounds ready for campers and guests.



### Grounds work

Clean up branches and leaves, pull weeds, cut firewood, prepare flower beds, repair roads, etc.



### Spring Cleaning

Our cabins and lodges need a deep cleaning after winter. Help prepare them for a busy season.



### Fun & Fellowship

Included with the fun & satisfaction of helping, we'll repay you with lunch and friends!

**YOUR HARD WORK HELPS US SAVE HUNDREDS OF WORK HOURS AND THOUSANDS OF \$\$\$!!**

**Can your group help?  
We'll schedule a day for you!**

Contact us to schedule your youth group, scout troop, women's/men's group, etc. and we'll plan a day that works for you. There's plenty to do!

Let us know your coming, contact Kayla at [kayla@campharmony.org](mailto:kayla@campharmony.org) or 814-798-5885

# 2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## **MARCH 2021**

- 5 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 7 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- 13 - SVMC Class, Rummel COB
- 14 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 14 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 21 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 28 - PALM SUNDAY

## **APRIL 2021**

- 1 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 2 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 10 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 24 - SVMC Class, District Office

## **MAY 2021**

- 2 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 6 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 8 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 9 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 13 - ASCENSION DAY
- 15 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 22 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 22 - Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 am, Maple Spring COB
- 23 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 31 - MEMORIAL DAY



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## **JUNE 2021**

- 5 - SVMC, District Office
- 6 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3:00 pm, TBA
- 19 - SVMC, District Office
- 20 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 30 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Virtual Conference

## **JULY 2021**

- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Virtual Conference
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 22 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 31 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, TBA (District Conference Business)

## **AUGUST 2021**

- 14 - SVMC, District Office
- 28 - SVMC, District Office

## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 6 - LABOR DAY
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 11 - SVMC, District Office
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- TBA - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

## **OCTOBER 2021**

- 3 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 9 - SVMC, District Office
- 16 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 23 - SVMC, District Office

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## **NOVEMBER 2021**

- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 7 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 13 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 20 - SVMC, District Office
- 25 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **DECEMBER 2021**

- 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## March 2021