For the past week I have been walking through the district on my walk for peace, part of the 3000 Miles for Peace campaign. (for more information, see 3000MilesforPeace.org) I entered Pennsylvania on highway 51 north of Pittsburgh, followed the river into the city, and then walked east on US 22 through the beautiful mountains and valleys of this district. Today I walk onward to Altoona.

I've been blessed by the hospitality of many Church of the Brethren members as I traveled, and met with interested persons at the Monroeville and Pleasant Hill congregations. Yesterday I had the opportunity to see the changes happening at Camp Harmony. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make my visit here a good one.

I see renewal here: Monroeville is organizing itself for growth and new vitality; Pleasant Hill is working with the church renewal movement, Springs of Living Water; and the camp is transforming its facilities in order to offer outdoor ministry to a new generation. May God guide and bless your efforts and your path forward.

Bob Gross, Development Director, On Earth Peace
District Office News

HOSPITALIZED

- Judy M. Walker, ordained minister, for sinus surgery.
- Dottie H. Grew, Associate Pastor of the Meyersdale congregation, for treatment
- Isaac Baldeo, retired ordained minister in the Good Samaritan congregation, for treatment.

SYMPATHY

- To Isaac & Cortney Tyger in the death of Isaac’s mother, Sherwyn Buterbaugh. Cortney serves as Program Director at Camp Harmony.

LEADERSHIP

- Joseph E. Brown has been called as FT pastor of the Windber Church of the Brethren as of April 1.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS

- Elizabeth Brougher, mother of Linda E. Beachley, interim pastor of the Nanty Glo congregation and mother-in-law of District Minister Ronald D. Beachley, has made a remarkable recovery and is back at Siemon Lake Manor.
- Baby Jeffery, infant grandson of David E. Crable, pastor of the Fairchance congregation, is home from the hospital and doing well.
- Linda K. Stoner, interim co-pastor of the Middlecreek congregation, is feeling better after receiving treatment and therapy for a shoulder problem.

NEW MEMBERS

Uniontown congregation
- Christopher A. Smyth
- Peggy M. Smyth

Middlecreek congregation
- David Bottomly
- Linda (Suzie) Bottomly
- Fern Tressler

Pleasant Hill congregation
- Elizabeth "Liz" Fabina

Meyersdale congregation
- Harold Porter
- Katie Kretchman
- Jim Kretchman
- Julie Kretchman
- Stevie Frampton,
- Robin Frampton
- Steve Frampton
- Eric Shankle
- Kaitlyn Crissinger
- Vivian Albright

Maple Spring congregation
- Jim Miller
- Connie Miller
- Judd Baker
- Barbara Connor
- Euldean Shields
- Amanda Safko
- Marilyn Luprek
- Kathleen Luprek

Reports Please!

A number of congregations in Western PA District have not submitted their annual Congregational Outreach Planning Reports to the COB General Offices in Elgin, IL. The information on that form is very important to the folks in the COB Stewardship Office as they plan their year. It is also helpful for the District Office. Even though the deadline has passed, the forms are still being received. The form was sent directly to churches from the COB Stewardship Office. It has four colored parts: White, goes to the COB office in Elgin; Canary, goes to Bethany Seminary; Pink, comes to the District Office; and Gold, stays in your congregational records. If you have questions about the report, contact Mandy Garcia at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. Blank forms are available at www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/congregational-outreachform.pdf. Thanks for your help!
Local Church News

Strawberry Festival
May 18, 2013 4pm-?
Shade Creek Ridge
Church of the Brethren
1623 Ridge Road
Hooversville
Benefits our Orphan in Honduras

Church Yard Sale
Saturday, June 1
from 8-2
at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

Individual yard sale spaces are available at $10/space.
Bake sale items will be available as well!

The Nanty Glo Church of the Brethren will be holding it's Women's Event on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m.
All women are invited for this event titled "A New You".
Bring a friend.
The church is located at 915 Caroline Street.

June 2013 Highlights Deadline
May 10, 2013

Information for You...

There is going to be a seminar about Alzheimer's on July 8th at 7:00pm at the Center Hill Church of the Brethren, located at 2039 Freeport Rd., Kittanning PA.

It will be presented by Lois Lutz, the Education & Outreach Coordinator of the PA Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association who will be addressing the difficult topics of: Safety at Home, The Decision to Place & Caregivers Stress.

Anyone who is interested in attending please take a minute and call our Church Office at (724) 548-7226. Registration is necessary so that an approximate attendance count can be obtained in order to insure that enough materials and hand-outs are available. Also note that, CEU credit is available to Pastor's who attend. The deadline to register is June 30.

Leah J
Leah J. Hileman is a Speaker, Singer, Songwriter and indie Christian pop recording artist. Author of more than 250 songs, she has recorded four albums, both as a soloist and as one half of the Christian pop/rock duo, J-Scott (with Pastor Scott Ailes). She has performed music in Europe, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean and throughout the United States. Her music is a blend of piano-driven pop, folk, and blues.

Leah J is a Church of the Brethren pastor and studied Church Music at Ashland Theological Seminary under Dr. Ronald Sprunger. She served as Brethren Annual Conference pianist for the 300th Anniversary conference in 2008, was Music Director in 2010, and Worship Coordinator for both Northern Ohio District conference and the Brethren Church General Conference.

When she’s not performing music, she travels (domestically and internationally), plays with five cats, knits and crochets for charity, reads, swims, solves Sudoku puzzles, and updates her Facebook status...constantly! She is a member of MENSA, a freelance writer on Squidoo.com, and is a Fashion Director for Jewels By Park Lane.

She is available for concerts, worship services, workshops (themes include Worship Design, Personal Bible Study Tools and Helps, and Introduction to Classic Spiritual Disciplines), women's spiritual renewal retreats (Tea for Two: Intimate Conversations with God in the Psalms), pulpit supply, and Revival/Church Renewal events.
The Maple Spring
Sisters in Christ present:

Luella Krieger as

Ruth

Thursday, May 9 @ 6:45 pm

Worship led by Gina Smith and Lois Gongloff
All are welcome!

106 Spring Rd. Hollsopple, PA  814-479-7062
Opportunities for You

**Gift of the Heart Kits**

Please keep the Church World Service kits coming! The School Kits are in great demand right now, but all of the kits (School, Hygiene, Baby Care, and Emergency Cleanup Buckets) are much appreciated. Kits can be brought to the District Office and will be taken to New Windsor as trips are planned. Please be sure to pack the kits in boxes with only one type of kit in each box. Indicate the type of kit clearly on the outside of the box, and note what congregation donated the kits. Checks or cash for shipping should NOT be put in the box with the kits. Those funds are to be mailed or delivered to the District Office and then the money will be sent to CWS. ($2 per Baby, Hygiene, and School Kits; $3 per Cleanup Bucket) Visit [www.cwsglobal.org/kits](http://www.cwsglobal.org/kits) for complete lists items included in the kits.

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**Mother’s Day Gift Idea**

Global Women's Project says, “Mother's Day is coming up, and we encourage you to participate in our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project!” The project steering committee invites church members to express their gratitude to mothers “with a gift that supports women around the world.” Donors designate a loved one to receive a hand-written card indicating that a gift was made in her honor. Contact Global Women's Project, c/o Nan Erbaugh, 47 S. Main St., West Alexandria, OH 45381. **Deadline for a mother’s day card is May 6.**

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**Brethren Bible Institute**

The 40th Annual Brethren Bible Institute is scheduled for July 22-26, 2013, on the campus of Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA. Preliminary registration forms are available at the office.

Persons may also contact Brethren Bible Institute directly at 155 Denver Rd, Denver, PA 17517 to receive a packet completely outlining the 2013 Summer Bible Institute and containing an application form that must be processed by June 26, 2013.

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**Annual Conference**

Requests have been received at the District Office for help coordinating some transportation and hotel room sharing for Annual Conference. If you have room in your vehicle or an extra bed in your hotel room or if you need help finding a way or a room, you can call the District Office for assistance in getting teamed up with others from the District who are also going to Conference. Let’s be good stewards of our Annual Conference budgets and build some fellowship in the District by traveling together.

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**Crystal Reiber**

is now available to fulfill speaking positions, in motivational form, on wholeness/wellness:

- keynote speaker
- small or large groups motivational speaker
- retreat presenter/speaker
- workshop or clinic presenter/speaker/hands on

Her God-given purpose in life is to help others. Now YOU, your church, your organization, that special group, or whatever you may be involved in, with, or know about can visit her website: [www.crystalreiber.com](http://www.crystalreiber.com) and contact her for your event.

Crystal is a member at Somerset Church of the Brethren. **She certainly is NO stranger to our district.**

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Coworkers.

“Divorce”

“Someone You Know Is Hurting”

It’s hard to know how to help someone who is going through a divorce. It takes a long time and a lot of hard work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. Group sharing builds new and lasting friendships with those who understand their hurt.

DivorceCare is a special weekly support group for people who are separated or divorced. If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about DivorceCare. It might be the best thing you could do to help.

DivorceCare Group meets from 7:00 - 9:00 pm every Tuesday at 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown PA 15905. Information available at (814) 255-2431
www.divrocecare.org , or Email divrocecare2@verizon.net

BERKEY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
VBS 2013

During the week of June 17th, our church will be lowering the drawbridge and opening the gates to charge into a time filled with kings, kingdoms and majestic castles!

The Kingdom Chronicles: Stand Strong in the Battle for Truth VBS will be taking your knights and fair maidens into

The discovery that we are involved in a battle between two kingdoms – the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Enemy;
Understanding how they can become citizens of God’s heavenly kingdom;
Learning to prepare for battle by wearing the full armor of God daily;
Equipping to serve and obey our heavenly Commander – the King of kings;
Determining to train their brains to know, memorize and obey God’s Word!

It is very clear; we are in a battle – a battle for truth between God’s good kingdom and the Enemy’s bad kingdom. We must help our children stand strong in this battle by equipping them with the armor of God. At the Kingdom Chronicles VBS, we will put on a different piece of God’s armor each day as Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10 -18. The children will be fastening on the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, covering everything with prayer and learn how to become mighty warriors for the Creator King of Kings!
Each day will begin with an opening assembly with songs and announcements. It is then off on the journey through four fun sites:
Learn-a-Lot Chambers – where God’s Word is learned in hand-on ways;
Craft Courtyard – where the children are bedazzled making special craft creations of their own;
Cook’s Kitchen – where the children will feast on tantalizing treats and eats;
Sir Gavin’s Games – where there will be plenty of games with new fun twists.

Prepare to put on the full armor of God so you can stand strong in the battle for truth! Get join us for a royally fun time at The Kingdom Chronicles VBS! Please call the Berkey Church office at (814) 467-8505, if you would like to register to attend the Kingdom Chronicles VBS.
Intro
Hey, everyone! Spring fills up our senses and gives us hope. Know what else gives us hope? Listening to kids and young adults. Asking for their thoughts and feelings, then listening. I did that for you this month, and got 15 responses (out of 120 requests) from young people who are tied to our District. Five of them are guys; ten of them are gals. Four are in elementary school, five are in Jr./Sr. High, and six are college-age young adults. Many of them gave me answers in paragraph form, so I’ll share what I can. See if you can learn something that will help you in ministry!

What do you need from your church? Or, if you’re not active in a church family, what would you need to see in order to get involved?

... I need people who are on fire for God. I don't really get that at my traditional church but at school there is a program called amplify ... the people there are passionate about God.

I need ... support and love. I would also like them to follow through with things they say they are going to do, like call to see how we are doing ...

I'd honestly like to see good arguments. Too many ministers skip to the house but leave the foundation alone providing only a weak argument or two for it. People ... know a recursive argument when they see one. Especially my generation. ... also ... more common sense. There's more ... tradition than actual Christianity.

love and support. / love / hugs / to feel accepted / support when it is needed and close friends and church family to talk to. / support for everyday life decisions / caring, loving people and a good education

... it is important to have people who will be there to support me in every situation. My family stopped going to church because of the fact that no one would care to help us in a time of need, and I find it so upsetting that a congregation took my family away from church...

I need real, meaningful fellowship and ... movement by the Holy Spirit.

I need a church that can speak to young people just as well as they can connect with the older generation ... pastors that aren’t afraid to tell stories of their past or open up about things they may have done that were not so wonderful ... a congregation that is welcoming ... I just need people to be willing to connect with

my walk of life and faith. I want to be completely honest and get spiritual guidance and that is hard to do when I feel like I'm being judged.

I feel I need more spiritual support from my church ... the congregation needs to work on building each other up spiritually.

... I don't like the concept of a church very much, being outside/in nature is my church. But ... I think a church needs to be filled with open-minded people of all ages who are there for the right reason.

What do you need from your church? Or, if you’re not active in a church family, what would you need to see in order to get involved?

What do you have to offer the world? What are your gifts?

I think one of my gifts is being able to effectively teach people. Whether it’s math concepts or Jesus Christ, I have the gift to help people understand things ...

What I have to offer the world is my understanding love. I have to say that no matter the person or their actions I love them ... I love to pray for them even if they don't ask for it. I'm really not too sure of my gift that God gave me yet but ... I would love to use it to worship his name.

I try to not think in terms of I. But that doesn't mean I don't have goals, dreams, etc.

singing, loving, caring, and supporting. / computer things / being in front of people and helping others feel welcomed and comfortable / fixing stuff and helping with media / doing readings, singing, mentoring the little nursery kids. / leading services and reading Hebrew / helping those in need by contributing canned goods and a weekly tithe.

As a Christian, I believe I’m here to offer love and acceptance to the world. So many people judge and exclude certain people ... I think that’s the last thing Christians should be doing. We’re all brothers and sisters in Christ, and we must love everyone ... I think my gift is happiness. I always try to leave my room with a good and positive attitude with a smile on my face. A good attitude can change anyone’s day, and ... you can affect the people you come in contact with.

I really only have myself to offer the world, but I’ve died and Christ lives through me. So I want to offer Christ to the world. My gifts: a love and passion for music, the ability to effectively communicate with children, a work ethic, and a love for organization.

I'd like to think that my biggest attribute for the world would be my positivity ... I have a "can-do" attitude and people can relate to me and talk to me. In my eyes,
I believe my **music abilities** and ability to **reach out** to others is my gift to other people.

I am not gifted at one thing in particular but a lot of little things. I like to **run and read and laugh**...

**What or who is your favorite pop-culture trend or celebrity? (Do you know what/who these are?)**

Mark Hall (lead singer of Casting Crowns) because he is very inspiring and he ... sponsors a child through World Vision ...

I think my favorite celebrity would have to be Melissa McCarthy. She's funny and normally always a happy person. She is a mom who loves her kids ... Most important she is comfortable in her own body!

Steve Jobs and Bob Dylan are probably the two people I look up to, even though they aren't conventional celebrities...

One Direction / Flapjack (cartoon), Zayn from One Direction / Arrested Development / Scrat from Ice Age / The Middle or Man vs. Wild; iPod, Nintendo DS; tobyMac, Skillet / Carly Rae Jepsen's music

Taylor Swift - she's funny, writes songs about her own life, sounds like an angel when she sings and can help improve my mood

I don't really follow any culture or celebrity ... One person who pops into my mind, however, is Lecrae. I love how he teaches through his music and how so many people can relate. He taught me that being a Christian isn't always pretty and that it can be a battle, but it's completely worth it in the end. Also, the way he has changed his own life inspires me to better mine.

I'm not a huge fan of trends or celebrities, but I'm enjoying Jennifer Lawrence. She's pretty open and honest when she talks and I appreciate those qualities.

I don't really pay much mind to popular icons these days. But ... I would have to say Carrie Underwood. Not only is she crazy talented, but she's so humble and always remembers her roots and where she came from. She gives glory to God in public and I love that.

... Kolby from the TV show "Preachers' Daughters" ... because of her strong religious values ... anyone on "Duck Dynasty" serves as an inspiration to me.

... reddit, facebook, dubstep music ... other than that, I'm stuck in the past decades with things. lol

**What regional/national/global issue concerns you the most?**

The issue that concerns me the most is **bullying**. Having someone very close to me be affected by it to the point if not wanting to live anymore has made me realize that it's a huge problem that needs to be solved.

Right now the thing that concerns me the most is **same sex marriage**. I am by no means homophobic; however marriage should only ever be between a man and woman...

**Our government is a mess.** Plain and straight. The duopoly has (unsurprisingly) failed us. Republicans ... Democrats ... The solution is simple, but people are afraid to vote outside of their little box of R and D...

**hunger and war / global warming / second amendment rights / volcanic eruptions / national debt / littering...**

Ocean Life ...They are God's creation and they have the right to live so they shouldn't be destroyed.

I'm really bothered by the **hate** in the world ... It bothers me to see that someone hates the next person just because of race, nationality, or belief. We're all different because God made us that way ... If someone doesn't realize that, I don't think that they can truly see the majesty of our Lord.

**Violence, poverty, drug abuse ... those issues break my heart.**

... **bullying**. I've been ... bullied to the point of being suicidal. But I also believe that **relationship violence** is a huge issue too. No one should be forced into anything in a relationship, no matter the context ...

The issue that concerns me most is the fact that **girls don't understand self-value anymore.**

... Definitely how the **government** does things. Everything is about money. EVERYTHING. It's a very **scary world** but I always try to look at the bright side because I don't want to be depressed...

Pretty impressive, huh? We are surrounded by some very thoughtful young people! I regret that I had to edit their submissions because of space, but I kept their thoughts intact. Reread this. Study it. Familiarize yourself with what they’ve said. Ask the same questions of the young people you know. Not to grill them, but to engage them. Call out their gifts. Support and love and listen to them. Play their music, learn their causes; and as you do, share yours. I dare you...

In Jesus’ Name & for His sake - ☺️ Abby
Hello, friends!

This is great – I get to send out three pages again this month – I know many folks are annoyed by this electronic format, but a paperless newsletter lets me send you more goodies!

I thought I’d highlight some great books for you – books that are available at the District Office for borrowing. Come and get ‘em or find out when someone from your church is coming over this way and ask them to stop in for you.

- **IR-REV-REND: Christianity without the pretense. Faith without the façade.** – Greg Surratt, 2011
  - This is an easy-to-read, yet hard-to-swallow memoir/commentary on Christian living. Written by a modern pastor, it has chapter titles like “family,” “calling,” “doubt,” and “money,” “sex,” “power.” Greg does a fine job of writing great Truth in everyday language, infusing humor and Scripture along the way. Visit [www.gregsuratt.org](http://www.gregsuratt.org) to read a sample.

  - Ever wonder about the beginnings of the Brethren movement? Ever question how we got to where we are as Brethren? This book doesn’t have all the answers, but it does give us some insight into the mind of our “founder,” Alexander Mack. Not a prolific writer, he nonetheless published a few tracts and letters. Includes a brief history of his life.

- **Helping Children Survive Divorce** – Dr. Archibald D. Hart, 1996
  - “Feelings kept flip-flopping. One moment I felt old for my years, as if I were being called upon to carry a burden that was too heavy for me. Then I felt childish and helpless again. I started to cry, softly at first, and then my sobs became angry screams directed at my mother. I told her that I hated her, but she only ignored me. She knew how to handle hysterical people. Softly she told me to hurry up with my packing. ‘Make sure you take everything you need for school. I don’t intend to come back here to fetch anything you forgot.’ I knew she meant business, so reluctantly I complied, even though I felt that this was the end of the world for me.” *A great resource for parents, pastors and mentors!*

- **Grace Based Parenting** – Dr. Tim Kimmel, 2004
  - “Welcome to the Parenting Puzzle. You labor many years to put the right pieces all together, but when your children grow up, they often don’t resemble what you thought you were creating. Even with the disappointments, however, raising children is still the greatest thing you’ll ever do. ... You’ve been handed a piece of history in advance – a gracious gift you send to a time you will not see – and you play the biggest role in how that history will ultimately be recorded. That’s why, in spite of the challenges, you need to have a plan for parenting that works.” *Raise your kids the way God raises us!*

- **Contemplative Youth Ministry** – Mark Yaconelli, 2006
  - Do you minister to and/or parent a teenager? Do you or they feel like something’s missing, even in the midst of countless activities and packed calendars? Take time to read this great anxiety-calming, purpose-infusing book! This is all about practicing the presence of God and walking with youth to do the same. It’s about listening for God’s voice. It’s about renewing relationships, developing disciplines, traveling together on this earthly spiritual journey. *If you’re too busy to spend time with Jesus and His children, you’re too busy!*

Your District library has many more contemporary titles from which to choose – use these categories as a guide: Activities, Bible, Brethren Authors, Camp/Outdoor, Christian Education, Church, Drama/Poetry, Home/Family, Inspirational, Pastoral Ministry, Stewardship, Worship and Youth.

Thanks! Hope to see you soon! 😊 Abby
Annual Conference Briefing

Sunday, June 2, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
at
Greensburg Church of the Brethren
554 Stanton St, Greensburg, PA 15601-4074

Annual Conference Moderator Robert W. Krouse
Pastor of the Little Swatara COB, Bethel, PA
will be leading the briefing.

Everyone is welcome!
Denominational News

Position Openings

- The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is seeking a full-time **Program Coordinator** who will oversee day-to-day management of the SVMC office based at Elizabethtown College. To apply, candidates should send letter of interest, resume, and contact information of three references to:

  Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center  
  ATTN: Donna Rhodes, Executive Director  
  1830 Mifflin Street  
  Huntingdon, PA 16652  
  Dmrhodes.svmc@verizon.net

- Southern Pennsylvania District is seeking a **district executive minister** to fill a full-time position available Jan. 1, 2014. Send letter of interest and resume to OfficeofMinistry@brethren.org. The application deadline is June 15.

- The World Council of Churches (WCC) is seeking to fill two full-time staff positions: **program executive** of the Ecumenical Office to the United Nations in New York, and **director** of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs located in Geneva, Switzerland.

- The Brethren Historical Library and Archives at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill., has an **opening for an archival intern.**

- The National Farm Worker Ministry is seeking an **executive director.**

More information about these positions can be found at www.brethren.org.

Personnel

- Southern Ohio District has called **Karen and Tom Dillon** of Salem Church of the Brethren as interim directors of Outdoor Ministries.

- Camp Brethren Woods in Shenandoah District has hired **Emily LaPrade** as program director to succeed Linetta Ballew.

There is a need for some additional volunteers to assist with Early Childhood Services at Annual Conference this summer in Charlotte. If you will be attending Conference and would be able to volunteer some of your time for this, please contact conference assistant Jon Kobel at jkobel@brethren.org, or fill out the online volunteer form at http://www.brethren.org/ac/registration/volunteer.html Your help is greatly appreciated.

Coming up in 2014:
the next clergymen’s retreat

The Ministry Office reports that the retreat will be held Jan. 13-16, 2014, in southern California with leadership provided by Melissa Wiginton, vice president for Education Beyond the Walls at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and former vice president for Ministry Programs and Planning at the Fund for Theological Education. She holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Juniata College President
Thomas Kepple to Deliver Address at Commencement Ceremony

Thomas R. Kepple, whose presidency encompassed a complete makeover of the campus of Juniata College and impressive growth in the college’s academic mission, will deliver the commencement address at Juniata’s 135th Commencement ceremony at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 18 on the Juniata campus.

Kepple, named president in 1998, will finish his 15th year leading Juniata after delivering the commencement address. Kepple also will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during ther ceremony. Kepple came to Juniata from the University of the South, where he specialized in overseeing large-scale construction and renovation projects and long-term strategic planning.

Quote of the week:

“Violence leveled against any person anywhere is violence against all of humanity.”

-- Stan Noffsinger, general secretary of the Church of the Brethren, in a statement following the bombings at the Boston Marathon. www.brethren.org/cds

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2013 Witness to the Host City
Classroom Central – Charlotte, North Carolina

Following last year’s overwhelmingly successful drive to bring school supplies for St. Louis schools in need, we will again be collecting school supplies this year for Classroom Central in Charlotte.

Their Mission
Classroom Central equips students living in poverty to effectively learn by collecting and distributing free school supplies. Functioning as a Free Store for teachers, Classroom Central serves as an invaluable resource for area students and classrooms.

Their Vision
Classroom Central ensures that all children living in poverty have all the tools they need to not only learn but to succeed. When equipped with the proper supplies, we believe there’s no limit to what children can achieve.

Their Program
Classroom Central serves high-poverty schools in six school districts: Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Gaston, Iredell-Statesville, Union, Kannapolis & Lancaster. Teachers and other school personnel in qualifying schools “shop” for free school supplies throughout the academic year. All materials distributed are given to students who do not have basic school supplies.

Their History
The Classroom Central dream began in early 2000. A team of local business leaders set out to provide free supplies to children living in poverty. After conducting a feasibility study to gauge the level of need and after two years of planning and a generous gift of $200,000 in seed money from the Carolina Panthers Children’s Charities, the Free Store opened its doors.

Last school year Classroom Central distributed more than 379,000 pens, 632,000 pencils, and 67,000 one-subject notebooks! The Annual Conference officers are asking those coming to Conference to bring much needed supplies to help keep this vital program well-stocked. The items most needed are:

- Pens (one package)
- Pencils (two packages)
- Crayons (24 count box)
- Erasers (8-count)
- Markers (one package)
- Back Pack (gender-neutral in color)

All donated items will be collected during the Sunday afternoon worship time and presented to the Executive Director of Classroom Central in front of the Conference at the close of business on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of this witness to the city of Charlotte. You can find out more information about Classroom Central on their website: www.classroomcentral.org
Hi Everyone.
My Name is Becky Toath and I am very excited about going to WOF again this year. I am organizing a bus trip to Pittsburgh and am inviting you to join thousands of women worshipping GOD together. I have been to 8 other WOF conferences and all have been fantastic. I really had a good time last year.
The Conference is being held at the Peterson Events Center in Pittsburgh again this year.
The conference is 7:00pm-10:00 pm Friday evening and Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The cost of the conference is $81/ticket and does not include a boxed lunch. If you plan to come let me know ASAP and then I will need a nonrefundable deposit of $81 by June 1st. If someone replaces you I will refund your money.
I have made reservations at the Double Tree Downtown. This is a very nice hotel close to many restaurants in the downtown area. The hotel is 1.7 miles from the Peterson Events Center. Again we will need the bus to transport us to and from the conference.
I have reserved a bus from Lodestar Bus Line. I would like to leave at 10:00 am this year. We will stop for lunch at the golden Corral in Monroeville then arrive at our hotel about 12:30. This will give us time to check into our hotel and explore the downtown Pittsburgh area or just relax in our rooms. Everyone will need to check out of the hotel prior to going to the conference Saturday morning. After the conference we will stop for dinner at Hoss's on the trip home. These are tentative plans. A detailed letter will be sent when plans are finalized.
I will try my best to accommodate roommates in the hotel rooms. Please try to be flexible and considerate of fellow travelers and very patient with me. If you have questions please call me at 467-8132 or E mail me at mrst45@hotmail.com.
Cost: Conference ticket: $81
Bus: $30
Room: 2 persons/room $90 each
            3 persons/room $60 each
            4 persons/room $45 each

Brethren World Assembly Planned for July, 2013

A Brethren World Assembly, consisting of constituents and friends of the Brethren groups descended from the German Anabaptist/Radical Pietist religious leader Alexander Mack in the early 1700s, will be held in the Dayton, Ohio, area Thursday through Sunday, July 11-14, 2013.
The meetings will be hosted by the Brethren Heritage Center in Brookville, Ohio, with evening worship services in the Brookville Grace Brethren Church and the Salem Church of the Brethren.
Utilizing the theme "Brethren Spirituality: How Brethren Conceive of and Practice the Spiritual Life,” the program will include daily plenary addresses, workshops and panel discussions on such topics as “Brethren Hymnody,” “Separation from the World and Engagement with the World,” “Brethren Devotional Literature and Poetry” and more. Friday and Saturday afternoon tours will be offered to historic Brethren sites in the proximity of Brookville and southern Ohio.
Brethren World Assemblies are an opportunity for members and friends of Brethren descended from Alexander Mack and the Schwarzenau Brethren to:
1. Gather in conversation around a common theme;
2. Share study and worship;
3. Enhance dialogue among the Brethren bodies;
4. Acquaint Brethren with their historic roots.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013, and the assembly will conclude with Sunday worship services at congregations of the various Brethren groups.
To download a copy of the registration brochure, go to: http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/929/BWABrochure2013.pdf

The Brethren World Assembly is sponsored by the Brethren Encyclopedia.
Western PA District
30th annual
Brethren Heritage Festival
Saturday,
September 21,
2013

Wanted: Items for the Heritage Festival auction are requested. They may include baskets, quilts, new hand-crafted items, antiques and collectibles. Thanks for your help!

The Heritage Festival Committee is always interested in and in need of volunteers. Congregations need to start planning for their booths. If you need an idea for a booth, please contact Brad Berkey at 724 254-1682.

Plan to come and enjoy a day of fun, food and fellowship!
at Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936

The Western PA District Church of the Brethren is hosting the 8th Annual District Auction!

Churches are invited to collect and contribute items for the auction in support of the ministries of the Western PA District.

There are TWO Saturday drop-off dates scheduled at Camp Harmony from 9 am to 12 noon: October 12 and October 26. Items can also be brought the afternoon of October 19, following District Conference.

► Breakfast at 7:30 am to 8:45 am
► Lunch served
► Fresh baked pies!!
► Items can be previewed after 7 am

For more information, see your congregation’s Auction Advocate or call the District Office at 814 479-2181 or 814 479-7058
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

May 2013

ORDAINED

BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
DAVIS, KENNETH A. - 301 Walker St, Garrett, 15542-8427 - 814 634-8173
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIROKUMIS, BERTHA - 142 Bent Tree Hill, Ligonier, 15658-3202 - 724 238-3984
HOSLER, WILBUR H. - 525 First St, Clymer, 15728-1417 - 724 254-9764
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
ICE, ROGER L., SR. – 48 N Grove St, Scottsdale, 15683 - 724 887-4340
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 225 Oak Hill Rd, Sherlocta, 15774-3144 - 724 599-8690
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MARTIN, NOAH S. - 614 Freedom Ave, Johnstown, 15904-2206 - 814 266-6489
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. - 2288 N Ridge Rd, Sherlocta, 15774-7225 - 724 354-3533
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 732 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 255-7793
SHAFFER, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHAUlis, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 22 Hawes Rd, Farmington, 15437 - 724 329-5973
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 - 814 634-8158
THOMAS, RODGER J. - 1700 Veil Ave, Windber 15963 - 814 509-6399
WALKER, JUDY M. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILCHER, JOEL A. - 658 R 13th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S. - 207 Church St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758

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BAUGHMAN, KAREN L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
GREEN, GARY W. - 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 - 814 479-5096
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHRYSLER A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 829-2253
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. - 151 Blackner Rd, Johnstown, 15905-7408 - 814 288-4529
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SHAFFER, DANIEL P. – 135 Holly Path, Windber, 15963 - 814 244-5470
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594
Brethren Home Community Windber
May, 2013 News

~ Congratulations, Mrs. Scaletta! – Home Administrator Edie Scaletta has been included in the Johnstown YWCA 2013 Tribute To Women Awards. She will be honored for her service as the administrator of a non-profit corporation. The Tribute To Women Awards were initiated in 1970 to recognize women who are professional leaders and accomplished individuals who are role models for other women. These qualities personify the mission of the YWCA, which encourages the empowerment of women in all walks of life. A banquet will be held in May to recognize Mrs. Scaletta and the honorees in the other Tribute categories.

~ All Faith Communion – A non-denominational communion service was held at the Home on Good Friday afternoon. The Rev. Ron Beachley officiated and was assisted by Home Staff members and Chaplain Linda Reininger in this most solemn service. Our residents truly appreciate the opportunity to observe communion without leaving the Home.

~ Food and Nutrition Show – One of the residents’ favorite late winter activities is the annual Food and Nutrition Show. It combines games, nutritional information, and delicious food samples into a fun afternoon. Dietary director Lynette Orozco along with her assistant Shawn Boast and Activities Director Susan Haluska spent more than a month contacting guest presenters and soliciting food donations for the event. Whipped smoothies, spicy chicken, fresh fruit, ice cream and meat platters were among the favorite snacks served. The staff also supported the show, donating $200 and over 200 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Walnut Grove Food Pantry.

~ March Auxiliary Meeting – The Home Auxiliary met at the Home on March 7. Along with working on plans for the Spring Tea and the Stanley Home sale, they were able to allot funds for these purchases: Two half lap geri chair trays; six heel comfort cushions; an air compressor; a small stereo system; two over the bed tables; and a lap top computer needed by the quality control nurses. It’s just amazing what this dedicated group is able to accomplish! Thanks to everyone who is able to support the work of the Auxiliary through membership, projects and the purchase of Sheetz and Eat ‘N Park coupons.
Church of the Brethren Home
Annual Chicken Barbecue

Saturday, June 1, 2013

VISIT GRANDMA’S ATTIC AND PAPPY’S SHED
Located in the Home Basement Chapel
Choose from antiques and collectibles, crafts, perennial and houseplants, tools, baked goods and much more!

Great Food To Support A Great Cause!

MENU:
1/2 Barbecued Chicken
Choice of Baked Beans or Green Beans
Choice of Apple Sauce or Coleslaw
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Beverage

PRICES:
Adult Dinner: $6.75
Children 12 & Under: $4.75
Half Barbecued Chicken Only: $3.75

Enjoy our $1.00 Sundae Bar!

DINE IN:
3 PM – 6 PM
ENTERTAINMENT BY AL FINGERHOOT

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE:
12 PM – 6 PM

Church of the Brethren Home Annual Chicken Barbecue Saturday, June 1, 2013

Great Food To Support A Great Cause!
Dear Family and Friends of Camp Harmony,

Serenity Prayer – God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Camp Harmony has come to a very significant crossroads in its 89 year history. Camp has been blessed to be a blessing….it is very evident there is a ministry, for the touches to individuals has increased to the amount that Camp Harmony now has more children of God entering its gates than has ever happened in its history. In the last five years we have grown considerably. As a Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center we have grown from 3,000 individuals year round to 15,000 individuals. At a time when denominations are dwindling and the economy is unsteady, this growth could be considered a miracle and / or a sign from God. It is important that we, as Christians, make the correct distinction.

Over the years changes in the physical structures have been considerable and the feelings of many have been injured, but that cannot be changed. Today is where we are now and we need to look to the future, yet learn from the past. The present staff at Camp works from the premise that we Fullfill the Past, Maintain the Present, and Build for the Future. All three of these factors need to be working simultaneously for the ministry and the business of Camp Harmony to survive. There needs to be a balance of all three, but most important and foremost is that God has to be our guide. We are not in control.

We have come to the time in our history where the infrastructure (electric, water, and sewage) of the oldest part of camp can no longer be patched. We have fallen under the rules, regulations, codes, and permits of our present society. The old wineskins, Matthew 9:16-17, have deteriorated to the point that our growth has caused them to break and thus our ministry will suffer. However, if we put the new ministry into new wineskins, “then both will continue to be good.”

There is always a constant question of whether Camp Harmony is a business or a ministry. Camp is both a business and a ministry – right now the business needs to be remedied so that more ministry can take place until the whole world hears…. A quote from the past perusal of information stated “Do we want a camping program and /or camp facility? Actions will have to mirror the answer to that question. It is not possible to answer the question “yes” and then allow actions to speak differently.”

We can project in numbers what could happen in the future, to remedy this situation, however the future is yet to be written. The reality is that for the Camp Harmony ministry to continue we will ALL need to work together as Christians for the ministry that GOD HAS ORDAINED FOR US 89 years ago. To God we give the glory….

This commentary and a business plan/projection prefaced the Camp Board passing a motion to borrow $249,900 (this amount is the most allowed due to government regulations where an appraisal is not necessary.) This is a business loan designated to repair the infrastructure (electric, water, sewage) in the oldest part of camp which connects cabins, Disciple House, Heritage Lodge, and Brougher Retreat Center. This motion then went to an emergency District Core Team where it was also passed.

The Camp ministry always needs your prayers, volunteer help and to those who are able – a faith promise with financial help. God is in control, but as Christians we are called to minister (which at times is definitely not easy) and with faith we are to work as we are able until the whole world hears….

In His Service
Janice Kaltenbaugh
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Camp is looking to provide noon meals two days a week to children in Boswell during the summer. This is in conjunction with the summer feeding program which takes the place of meals these same children receive during the school year. We are looking for volunteers to transport these meals and/or also help with the preparation. We thank Maple Spring Congregation for taking one day a week. If you are interested please contact Janice as soon as possible. Thank you for considering helping with another branch of our camp ministry.

WISH LIST
THANK YOU SO MUCH to those who have contributed new towels and washcloths, and bed linens for twin and double beds. They will definitely be used when we have persons renting our facilities. Other items on our list include: dish cloths (not white), 100 cup Coffee Pot, silverware, vacuum sweepers, binoculars (we can get 20 for $3.50/each), kid’s ball gloves, basketballs, volleyballs. It is quite evident that as we grow, our supplies and program needs are increasing.

2013 - 52 GOD BLESS YOU AND CAMP IS BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING...
35 Families/Congregations have attached to Camp Harmony by giving a dollar a week for a total of $3,500. Attach yourself to the Lord’s growing ministry. Thank You.

DATES TO REMEMBER
May 3 – 4 – Quilt Camp – Call camp for a brochure
May 11 – Dodgeball Tournament
\$25 per team
May 18 – Run the Plank – information and registration on another page
May 18 – Pork BBQ
June 9 – 21 – Summer Staff Training
June 12-21 – Leaders in Training Camp
June 21 – Camp Harmony Opening Day – 6:00 PM – Picnic Supper – Dedication of our summer staff. Plan now to attend. Camp needs as many people as possible to attach and make God’s ministry stronger.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE – PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP OFFICE IF NEEDED. Thank you.

SUMMER THEME – Isaiah 43:18 – 19 – The Lord says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.”
NAME: ________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________________

CITY: ______________________________________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: __________

EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________ GENDER: M F

DATE OF BIRTH: ______________________ AGE ON RACE DATE: ________

EVENT:

____ 10K (6.2miles) RUN
____ 5k (3.1miles) RUN
____ 5K (3.1miles) WALK
____ Kids Fun Run (Free for ages 5-11)

T-SHIRT SIZE:

____ Small
____ Medium
____ Large
____ X-Large
____ XX-Large

REGISTRATION FEES:

____ Pre Register - $15
____ Pre Register + T-shirt - $20
____ Late Registration** - $25

**Registrations received after May 6th are considered a late registration and are not guaranteed a T-Shirt

Pig Roast Tickets
# Tickets _____ Adults -$10
#Tickets _____ Children ages 6-12 -$5
#Tickets _____ Under 6 Free

(Please include your Pig Roast Payment with your Registration fee)

WAIVER: (Must be signed to participate in the race)

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, its sponsors and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of the event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under 18: __________________________________________

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Camp Harmony
P.O. Box 158
1414 Plank Road
Hooversville, PA 15936

RACE INFO:

MAY 18th, 2013
Registration Begins 8:00 AM
Race Begins promptly at 9:00 AM
PIG ROAST

Saturday May 18, 2013
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

at
Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Road
Hooversville, PA

Benefits Camp Harmony
Pig Roast sponsored by Camp Harmony
with the help of B & C Bar-B-Que

Includes pulled pork sandwich, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw,
choice of sauces for pork, drink and dessert

We will begin serving at 11:00 AM
Tickets may be obtained from any Camp Board member,
Jim Cameron (814/691-5253) or the Camp Office

Ticket prices:
Adults: $10:00
Child 6-12: $ 5.00
Under 6: Free
Walk-ins are welcome!

Camp Harmony
(814)798-5885
harmony@campharmony.org
www.campharmony.org
Your help is much appreciated! As you will note, the forms are still coming in. Form A updates pastor and moderator contact information, and Form B updates contact information about your congregation’s board or leadership chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, a nurture contact, a stewards contact, a witness contact, junior high advisor, youth advisor, and several other contact persons. If you have not processed your congregation’s form, please try to do so as soon as possible. The form needs to be returned to Elgin and they provide a copy for the district office. Again, please note: There will NOT be an Additional Officers form for 2013.

In addition, the Congregational Outreach form was sent from the COB Stewardship Office — not the Yearbook Office last fall. If you need to contact Elgin with questions about the outreach form, please contact Mandy Garcia at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. The deadline for completing this form has passed, but the forms are still needed and will still be received. Blank forms are available at — www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/congregational-outreachform.pdf.

The forms listed below were received as of April 19. This information is important to both the district and the denomination. The 2012 Statistical Report is especially important. Please be sure to review the material provided on Forms A and B and make updates as they are needed. Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The updated forms get 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 Suzie at 814 479-2181 or 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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2013 District Events and Meetings

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...
- District Events open for anyone in the District to attend - CAPS
- Meetings such as District Leadership Team, Camp Board, Home Trustees, and events beyond the District - small print
- Youth and Children’s Activities - ITALICS & CAPS

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...
- KEEP FOR REFERENCE WHEN SETTING LOCAL CHURCH DATES.
- Each month check this page in District HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep your calendar updated.

MAY 2013
2 - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
3-4 - Women’s Ministries Retreat, Antiochian Village Conference Center
4 - SVMC/BR brethren ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – District Office
4 - SPRING GOLF OUTING, Indian Springs Golf & Country Club, tee time, 1 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m.
5 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
9 - ASCENSION DAY
12 - HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Farmington Bethel Church
19 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost)
19 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp to Holton, Indiana (tornado recovery) – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
20 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
20 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., District Office
27 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - Johnstown Area Pastors, 12 noon, Camp Harmony

JUNE 2013
1 - BHCW CHICKEN BBQ, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Brethren Home Community Windber
2 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING, 6 p.m., Greensburg
6 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
9-15 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp to Binghamton, New York (Tropical Storm Lee recovery) - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
12 - Gifts Discernment Team, 6:30 p.m., District Office
13 - Women’s Ministries Camp Day, Camp Harmony
16 - HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!
17 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
18 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald 814 539-8530
24 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
29-July 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

JULY 2013
June 29-3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina
15 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
15 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
21-27 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
22 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
25 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
AUGUST 2013
1  - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m.
2  - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., Arbutus Church (District Conference Business)
8  - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland – Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
10 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
11 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
17 - Women’s Ministries Summer Program – location and other information to be announced
19 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
20 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
24 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
26 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2013
2  - LABOR DAY
5  - BHCW Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon
5  - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
7  - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – location to be announced
8  - HAPPY GRANDPARENT’S DAY!
9  - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Penn Run Church
15-21 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
16 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
21 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
23 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church

OCTOBER 2013
3  - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
6  - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
6-12 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
7  - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
10 - Women’s Ministry Home Day – Brethren Home Community Windber
12 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church
13 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
19 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
21 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
22 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
26 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – Moxham Church
28 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2013
2  - 8TH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
3  - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
3  - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
7  - BHCW Auxiliary, 1 p.m., (BAKE, CRAFT, & SOUP SALE)
7  - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
10-16 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Beachdale Church
18 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
25 - Camp Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
DECEMBER 2013
1  - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5  - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
8  - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8-14 - Brethren Disaster Team Work Camp – location to be announced
14 - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Camp Harmony
15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
16 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
17 - Day Trip to New Windsor, Maryland - Contact Herb Ewald-814 539-8530
22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
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!
Since the beginning of the year, five more children have been welcomed into the family. Several watched in horror as their mothers were murdered, another's sorrowful mother gave away her child because she simply had no means to financially care for him, and a newborn baby was abandoned in the hospital. But because of sponsors like you, they have hope. At Hogar Emmanuel, there is an opportunity to turn each sad story around for a better future. For instance, three of our young men recently spread their wings to join the Honduran Air Force and begin their training in service to their country. Another was hired at a local bank for his computer skills, and two of our ladies have passed their cosmetology exams and are now working at a local beauty shop.

Then there are situations like three-year-old Saide. He came to us with a congenital disorder in the bones in his legs. Although he began to walk with braces on his legs, he is now doing well following surgery at the Ruth Paz Children’s Hospital in Honduras in April that will help correct this misalignment. We praise God for this and each occasion we have to help another child.

Recently, Ann Zeigler from Elizabethtown, PA joined the staff. She will be serving as a volunteer for the next two years through the Brethren Volunteer Service/Global Mission Partnership. Ann studied Elementary and Spanish Education at Juniata College in Pennsylvania, spending the summer after her freshman year in Mexico and the entirety of her junior year studying in Seville, Spain that gave her a strong base in the Spanish language. Upon college graduation she worked with kids that are living in abusive/at risk homes for an organization called Samara, which is a family and parenting organization. She is now teaching English to the kinder class at Jardin de Enmanuel, working as a liaison for our sponsorship program, and pitching in to help wherever needed. We pray that God will use her in great and wonderful ways during her time in Honduras. WELCOME, ANN!
You are joining to help us when you pray for us.
2 Corinthians 1:11

How Do you Spell It? What Does It Mean?

EL HOGAR DE NINOS ENMANUEL -- literally translated means “The Home of the Children of God”. “Enmanuel” means “Dios con nosotros” or “God with us.”

But is it “Emanuel” or “Enmanuel”? Or “Emmanuel”? Or sometimes you will even see “Immanuel”, not to mention several other spellings I’ve found for the very same word. Immanuel is derived from the Hebrew word “Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). “Emmanuel” is derived from the Greek word in the New Testament (Matthew 1:23). All spellings mean “God with us.” All spellings are correct.

In Honduras, the Spanish spelling is “ENMANUEL” (pronounced eman-WEL). When the name for this particular children’s home was registered on its original documents, it was spelled is “E-N-M-A-N-U-E-L.” However, when the Child Sponsorship Program, website, and logo design were created in the United States, the “N” was dropped (an English spelling.) Therefore, this is the reason you may notice different spellings.

Confusing? Yes, a little bit. We realize that! It is for us, too. Eventually, everything for the Home will be changed to the correct spelling. In the meantime, we ask that you please bear with us. Thank you.

A Reminder About Sponsorship Coupons

We are very grateful for every single gift we receive for the benefit of the Emanuel Children’s Home. We couldn’t do anything without your support and is important that your gifts are properly acknowledged. A “Record of Your Giving” will be sent out twice a year.

Therefore, it is very helpful if you include your NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, and EMAIL ADDRESS as well as your SPONSOR # and CHILD # (if you know them) when submitting your donations. You can use the coupon provided in this newsletter, a coupon can be found on our website at www.hogaremanuel.com, or for your convenience a coupon booklet can be mailed to you upon request.

Thanks, Rona

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