



Western PA

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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**“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”
- Acts 2:32-22**

We have recently celebrated how Jesus was raised from death on Easter morn. We learn from the Book of Acts that after Jesus’ resurrection, he appeared to his disciples over a 40 days’ period of time. Then he ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of God the Father in glory.

But Jesus remained active in the lives of his disciples in that soon after his ascension he poured out the promised Holy Spirit upon them. With reference to this, one author in a recent book has called Jesus “The Spirit Baptizer.” The idea here is that a major part of Jesus’ work in our lives is that he baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. I have always been fascinated by how the New Testament sees our receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit as a significant part of what it means to be saved. “Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

It is important to know that the forgiveness of our sins is not the only part of salvation. Being baptized by Jesus with the Holy Spirit is all part of it too. We are forgiven, but by the Spirit we go on to live for Christ in power and love. In other words, being a Christian is not simply about being someone whose sins have been forgiven by the Lord. It also means that we have come alive in the Spirit as Jesus has poured out this gift upon us.

I don’t think we teach this with the emphasis that it deserves. I think that we have taught only half of what salvation truly involves. Christ is indeed the one who saves us from our sins, but he is also the “Spirit Baptizer,” the one who anoints us with the Spirit of our Heavenly Father. It is by the Spirit that we call out to God “Abba, Father.” It is by the Spirit that we live the new life of Christ. It is by the power of the Spirit that we bear witness to Jesus, sharing the good news with others.

Understanding this second half of what it means to be saved, if I can put it that way, is very important with regard to truly living the Christian life. Too few Christians understand that if they have called upon the Lord to be saved, He has given them his Holy Spirit. Many Christians seem not to understand the Spirit, thinking that the Spirit is an “it” rather than understanding that the Spirit is “He,” the third person of the Trinity, who is poured out upon us unto new life.

Are you aware of the gift of the Spirit that God has given you? Do you know that you have been anointed with the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity? Do you recognize what this means for your living of the Christian life? May our prayer be: “Jesus, I rejoice in the baptism of the Spirit, and I desire to live in the fullness of that baptism. Indeed may it be so, Lord. Amen!”

Blessings to you!

Bill Wenger

District Office Notes



June 2019 Highlights Deadline

May 10, 2019

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

tlehman@brethren.org

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2019**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

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

Thank you!



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Financial Clerk is in

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9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Monday ~ Thursday

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Friday's until Noon

*Voicemail and Email
checked daily*

District Church News

LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Changes

Guy Myers—retired, Maple Spring

Chris Heinlein—interim, Maple Spring

HOSPITALIZED

- Continue to pray for **Carole Horner** and her ongoing recovery.
- Pray for **Pastor Cheryl Marszalek** who was hospitalized for gallbladder problems and pancreatitis.

SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Shelby McCoy** and her family as they lost her sister Marie in April.

To **Pastor Clifford Ott** and his family as his wife Carole passed away on April 14th.

NEW MEMBERS

Geiger Congregation

- Lydia Price
- Irene Leslie

Maple Spring Congregation

- Travis Kane
- Rachael Hoge
- William Shroyer

Windber Congregation

- Charles Lamb
- Rosemarie Lamb
- Andrew Lampel
- Rowena Lampel
- Patrick Himes
- Valerie Himes



From the Maple Spring COB:

On behalf of the Missions and Service Commission, we would like to thank our church and community for supporting the 2019 Pancake Breakfast. We reached a record amount of \$1,667.00 for the District Disaster Relief Fund. We feel privileged for the wonderful support from the Men's Fellowship, Builders for Christ Sunday School class, and Wes Yoder for his delicious maple syrup donation. Our commission would like to thank Karen Nagyvathy for gathering all of the supplies and for her calm and joyful guidance that contributed to the success of this event. May God continue to shower His blessings and use us mightily as we work diligently to serve our Lord and Savior.

"...serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24

Yours sincerely,
Missions and Service Commission
Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

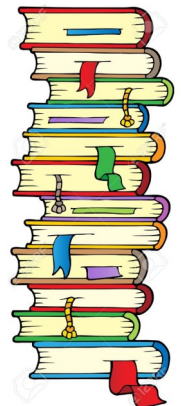
Free Books at Rummel COB

Greek for the Rest of Us,
by William D. Mounce -
Zondervan, 2003

A Reader's Greek New Testament, 2nd Edition -
Zondervan, 2007

Basics of Biblical Greek,
3rd Edition, by William D.
Mounce - Zondervan, 2009

Contact Rummel COB (467-5050)
or Abby Shaffer (abramash10408@gmail.com)



District Church News

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Geiger Church of the Brethren invites you to mark your calendars, prepare your hearts, and bring your loved ones as we celebrate our freedoms and bring our country to the feet of the Father.



Sunday, May 26, 2019 the Keystone Quartet will be bringing the morning worship and you are welcome to come to join in the celebration.

Join with Jim, Kim, Dan and Julie as they bring us reminders of how fortunate we are to live in the "Land of the free and the home of the brave".

We will all come together in a time of prayer and supplication as we vow to promise our Creator that we wish to remain "One Nation Under God!!" Worship begins at 10:30.

SAVE THE DATE - Geiger COB

"Heavenly Harvest Hoedown" There are some new surprises in store for those attending our annual hoedown for 2019. This fun evening will take place on September 21. More details will be furnished as the date draws near.



Free Resources available at the Locust Grove COB



30 Day Church Challenge Kit—
4 DVDs with Daily Guide +13
Daily Guidebooks

Kyle Idleman "Not A Fan" -
DVD small group study for adults

Rick Warren studies:

"God's Answers to Life's Questions" -
4 DVDs + 12 study guides

"40 Days of Purpose" - 16 VHS tapes

"The Purpose Driven Life" - 16 hardcover books

"40 Days in the Word" - 3 DVDs + 11 workbooks

John Ortberg "Soul Keeping" -

3 DVDs + 9 books + 32 study guides

Louie Giglio "Goliath Must Fall" -

4 books + 16 workbooks

Ron Luce "Re:Create" - 6 workbooks + 4 books

Mark Batterson "The Grave Robber" (1 kit) - 12
books + 19 study guides + 9 student edition study
guides

Max Lucado "Fearless" -

12 books + 7 kits (DVDs, small group leader guide)
+ 13 study guides

Todd Phillips "Keep Climbing" -

1 DVD + 16 workbooks

Chris Seay "Prodigal Perspectives"-

1 kit + 15 workbooks

Jim Cymbala "When God's People Pray" - 5 DVDs

Please Contact Roxanne Penrod 814-539-2258 or
the Locust Grove church 814-539-6826 if you are
interested in any of these studies.

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Joyful Fellowship is having their 3rd Annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Live music starts at 10:00 am including;
Shane & Company (Bluegrass) at 10:00 am
Ron Stemple (Country Gospel) at 11:00 am
Sam Coughenour (Southern Gospel) at Noon
Loretta Hummel (Country Gospel) at 1:00 pm
Windy Mountain (Bluegrass) at 2:00 pm
Finding the Lost (Contemporary Christian) at 3:00 pm

Various vendor booths with brand name dealers, crafts and yard sale tables. Spaces still available at \$20 or \$25 (with electric).

Contact 814-521-3917 for more information.

Spring Revival Services
Shade Creek/Ridge COB
1623 Ridge road Hooversville



May 5,6,7, and 8, 2019
at 7:00 pm

Special guest speakers each night and United will be sharing special music



Traveling to Annual Conference?



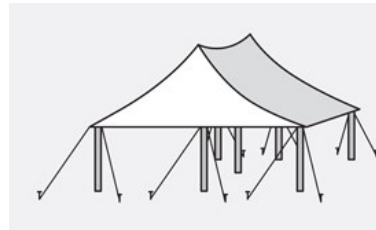
District Disaster Coordinator Herb Ewald is willing to drive the District Disaster Van to Greensboro, NC for this year's Annual Conference.

If you are interested, please contact Herb at 814-539-8530. There are only 11 spaces available so let him know soon!

Come Join Us Under the Tent for Worship and Singing at the **Hostetler COB**
2344 Sand Spring Road, Meyersdale

**May 17 & 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm and
May 19, 2019 at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm**

Worship Leaders: Chaplain Shannon & Becky Rust of Headlight in Trucking Ministry



Special Music by:
Sarver Church
Worship Team,
South Penn
Crossing,
and Lizzie Sayler

Brethren Bible Institute—Summer Term Sponsored by the Brethren Revival Fellowship

July 22—26, 2019
On the Campus of Elizabethtown College,
Elizabethtown PA

Cost for dormitory students—\$300.00 for the week. Cost for commuting students is \$125.00.

For Application Forms, write to: Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517

**Applications must be completed
by June 25, 2019**

District Church News

Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

Pasta Buffet

May 4, 2019—4 pm to 7 pm

Cost of the Buffets is \$9 for adults, \$6 for
kids age 3– 11, kids under 3 are free.
Call the church office at 724-463-0420
for more information.

Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 8 am to 2 pm

If you're interested in having your own yard
sale with us, individual spaces will be sold
for \$10. Please contact Lori Fackler for more
information at 724-349-2929 or e-mail her
at lorijefffackler@yahoo.com.



Locust Grove Choir has numerous older
Easter & Christmas cantata's, some with
cassette's, FREE to anyone interested.
Also FREE, several books with CD's & one
with cassette for Sunday morning music.

Contact Elaine Fyock, 467-9725 or 410-9776,
for more information.

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2019:

June 6, 2019 Camp Day

August 10, 2019 Tea @ Walnut Grove COB

September 13 & 14, 2019, Fall Retreat @ Camp

October 3, 2019 Fall Rally TBA

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*



The **Beachdale COB** is seeking a motivated spiritual
leader(s) to coordinate and implement children's
activities that foster and nurture Christian faith in
visible and fruitful ways in children.

The primary focus of this position is to educate
followers of Jesus according to God's Holy Word
and foster relationships with children, parents, and
caregivers by His will and direction.

Must be 18 years of age or older and able to
provide/obtain required clearances. Paid part-time
position of approximately 10 hours per week.
Interested individuals may contact Beth Hoover
at 814-279-7857.

District Church News



**ALL SCRIPTURE IS
GOD BREATHED**

2 Timothy 3:16 & 17

Mark your calendars!
2019 District Conference
October 19, 2019
Camp Harmony
Please be sure your church is
represented!



Faith Night at the Ballpark

June 22, 2019 at 4:05 pm
PNC Park
Pirates vs Padres

Following the game, you'll hear Pirates players and their coaches share their personal experiences on how their faith has impacted both their careers in baseball and their lives overall.

The Pirates annual Faith Night has become one of the highest-attended games each season. Get you tickets early!

Groups of 10+ call 1-800-BUY-BUCS to reserve a block of seats. Individuals may order online at pirates.com/faithnight

PLAY BALL!



B-D-M **Needs Your** **Help!**

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or [hjeward@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net)

Other than the day trips to New Windsor all weeklong trips will be announced as the information becomes available.

2019 Schedule

THANK YOU

Day Trips

June 6
June 25
August 8
August 20
October 10
October 15
December 5

Week Trips

May 5—11
Project #2

July 14—20
w/Mid. Project #1

September 15—21
w/Mid. Project #2

Oct. 27—Nov. 2
Project #1

December 8—14
w/ANE Project #1

Denominational News

Go to www.brethren.org for the most complete and up-to-date news from the Church of the Brethren



National Older Adult Conference

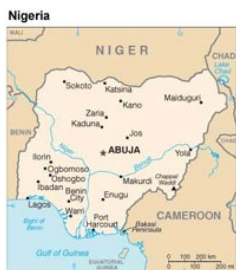
September 2—6, 2019

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

www.brethren.org/NOAC

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



Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.

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

Visit www.brethren.org for more information.



Annual Conference 2019

July 3—7, 2019

Greensboro, NC

Sheraton/Koury Convention Center

Registration is now open!

ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Greensboro is looking for DR.'s, RN's, LPN's and EMT's who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Jane Laprade is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Greensboro and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at: d.laprade@b2xonline.com



Workcamps 2019

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

Annual Conference

Go to www.brethren.org/ac/2019 for more information

Annual Conference Family Member

Registration

Many wonderful opportunities are available for family members at Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC. As well as Annual Conference opportunities, families can enjoy museums and sightseeing in the area. Annual Conference registration for Current High School and younger is free but they must be registered and receive a name tag. Non-delegate fees are higher for those waiting to register onsite in Greensboro. Go to www.brethren.org/ac/nondelegates to register. Online Delegate and Non-delegate registration ends **June 10, 2019**.



If you have already registered for Annual Conference but you want to purchase a booklet, order meal event tickets, sign up to tour the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (non-delegates), register children for Age Group Activities and more go to www.brethren.org/ac/store

Register for Children's and Youth Activities

Children and youth activity coordinators at Annual Conference are offering a myriad of opportunities for adventure and learning. From Bible stories of Jesus, arts and crafts, and free-play centers for toddlers to trips to the International Civil Rights Museum, North Carolina Zoo and more for the children and youth. All ages will hear about Church of the Brethren organizations and opportunities. For detailed information about all Age Group Activities go to www.brethren.org/ac/2019/activities/age-group-activities.html

Note: Children's and Youth Activity registration and fees are in addition and separate from their Annual Conference registration.

Signing up for activities in advance helps the coordinators plan for the number of participants. Sign up before June 10 for the lower advance activity fee. All activity fees increase for those who register onsite in Greensboro. Children or youth can sign up for Age Group Activities even if the family is already registered for Annual Conference, go to www.brethren.org/ac/store to sign up.

After registering for activities, DON'T FORGET to fill out the Medical Record and Permission Form. [Click here](#) to fill out the form and submit it online. Filling out this form does not automatically register your child for activities.

Bus Trip to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum

Annual Conference is arranging a bus trip tour to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in downtown Greensboro on Thursday July 4, 2019. *This trip is for Non-delegates only since it takes place during a business session.* The bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. and returns at 11:30 a.m.



The International Civil Rights Center and Museum is an archival center, collecting museum, and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.

The museum is housed in the original F.W. Woolworth building where the "Greensboro Four" sit-in movement began. The guided tour showcases numerous films, enactments, interactive displays, live narration, and civil rights artifacts that include the original lunch counter where the sit-in occurred.



Tickets are \$17 per adult, which includes museum admission and bus. Tickets may be purchased online when you register online for Annual Conference. Seating is very limited and tickets may not be available onsite in Greensboro. To purchase tickets if you have already registered for Annual Conference go to: www.brethren.org/ac/store To register for Annual Conference and also purchase a ticket to go on the tour go to: www.brethren.org/ac/nondelegates

For more information about the museum go to: www.sitinmovement.org

Global Mission Updates

Global Mission Prayer Guide

Nigeria

Pray for the Majalisa or annual conference of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) happening this week. As many EYN members face increasing risks of violence, pray that Majalisa participants are filled with hope and strength through experiences of fellowship, discernment, and worship. Pray for Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission and Service, as he attends the Majalisa and meets with EYN leaders. He is the main preacher for the conference. April 14 marks the 50th anniversary of the abductions of 276 young women, many of whom were members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), from their school in Chibok. Many of the young women have returned, but more than 100 are still missing. EYN partners believe that several of the women have died from bombings, snakebites, and childbirth complications. Hundreds more people have been victims of Boko Harm abductions in recent years. Pray for God's preservation of all those who remain in captivity. Pray that they may be granted release and relief. Pray for the families of those who are missing and those who have died. May God surround them with comfort and strength.

Spain

Praise God for the growth being celebrated by Iglesia de los Hermanos-Una Luz en las Naciones (the Church of the Brethren in Spain). Independent congregations in the cities of Bilbao and Madrid joined the Church of the Brethren after their pastors attended Brethren ethics training sessions last year. Additional congregations are considering joining, and there are several church-planting efforts underway.

South Sudan



Jay Wittmeyer (left) and Athanasus Ungang, from a previous visit of Athanasus to the Church of the Brethren General Offices. Photo by Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford.



Global Mission worker Josiah Ludwick (left) and Rwandan Brethren president Etienne Nsanzimana prepare to lead congregants in the service of baptism. Photo courtesy of Christine and Josiah Ludwick.

Pray for Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission and Service, as he continues his African travels with a visit to South Sudan this week. He is meeting with Global Mission worker [Athanasus Ungang](#) and visiting partners and programs of the Brethren Peace Center in Torit. Pray for good health, safe travels, and meaningful conversations for Jay and Athanasus.

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Rwanda

Give thanks for two recent baptism services of the Church of the Brethren in Rwanda, which were held at Lake Kivu. Multiple people from each of the four congregations in Rwanda were baptized into the church. A third baptism service is planned for the day before Easter, when 15 people will officially join the family of Christ. Pray for God's strength and guidance for these new Rwandan Brethren. Praise God for the first love feast to be celebrated by the Brethren Church of Rwanda. The celebration of this ordinance follows a time of congregational training and discussion of Brethren beliefs and practices, as detailed in the book by Galen Hackman. The inaugural Rwandan love feast took place on Palm Sunday for the Mudende and Humure congregations. The Gisenyi and Gasiza congregations will celebrate love feast on Easter Sunday. Pray for the Rwandan Brethren as they continue to seek the ways of peace, simplicity, and community following in the footsteps of Jesus.



Love feast and footwashing in Rwanda. Photos by Josiah Ludwick.

Brazil

Alexandre Gonçalves, pastor with Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil (Church of the Brethren in Brazil), requests prayer for the church in its struggle to witness to a gospel of peace and reconciliation in an increasing culture of violence. The political polarization of recent years in Brazil has contributed to increased violence in the country.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – May 2019

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
PARFITT, STEPHEN – 12 Mohawk Drive, Greensburg, 15601 – 724-832-3457
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

LAY SPEAKER

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

2019 PRAYER RETREAT

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Camp Harmony

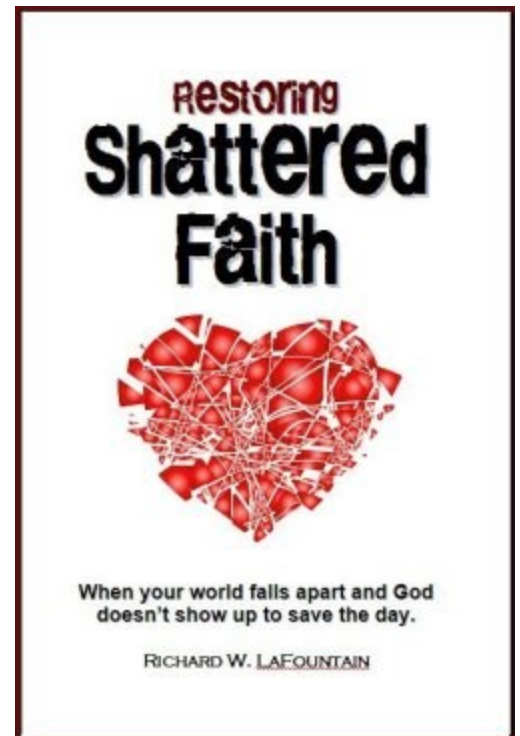
Sponsored by the District Spiritual Formation Team

Restoring Shattered Faith:

Believing God Again

Resource Leader: **Richard W. LaFountain**, retired senior pastor of the Grove City Alliance Church in Grove City, PA. He has served God in many capacities over his 40+ years of ministry. He has been a church planter, missionary, pastor, strategist, conference speaker, college professor, evangelist, puppeteer, artist, and author.

Pastor LaFountain came to the Western PA District in 2017 to share. His passion is to help pastors, church leaders, and local congregations experience the presence of God through an intimate walk with Him through a disciplines prayer life. His calling is to motivate a renewed love for prayer and the presence of God in our churches. Come and be refreshed through a time of prayer and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.



This retreat is open to anyone. **Please register by Friday, April 26.**

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

2019 Prayer Retreat—Restoring Shattered Faith: Believing God Again

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

☐ Please check if you are requesting CEU credit.

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

The Sisters in Christ present...

RUTH BY LUELLA KRIEGER

May 16th at 6:45 pm

Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Rd, Hollsopple



Meet Ruth, the simple Moabite girl, who longs for some excitement in her small town life. Listen as she wonders about the strangers who settle in town....the **HEBREWS**. You will see her life turned upside down when it is decided that she will learn more about these Hebrews by becoming part of their family!!! You will experience how her love for her gentle mother-in-law grew through the years until at last she was willing to give up everything that she knew and loved to go with Naomi to Israel. The love story between Ruth and Boaz is one of the most beautiful stories in all history and you will hear about it firsthand.

FREE Admission! All ages! Everyone is welcome!



814-479-7062

maplespringcob@atlanticbb.net

www.maplespringcob.org/sisters-in-christ



JOYFUL CHURCH

Spring Bazaar

June 8th—8am to 4pm

2524 Garrett Shortcut Road, Garrett PA

(former Piney Run Golf Course)

YARD SALE

ITEMS

LIVE MUSIC

10am—4 pm

VENDORS

CRAFTS

FOOD

For Information Call 814-521-3917



Needed!

Donations of gently worn, used, and new shoes

Help us raise funds for Hogar Enmanuel simply by cleaning out your closets. We need your gently worn, used, and new shoes. We are close to our goal of 2,500 pairs to send off yet another shipment, but we need your donations to get us over the top! Don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to donate too.

We will begin a new campaign as soon as this shipment is sent. It's not a one-time thing, so don't stop saving your shoes for us in the future.

You can bring in your own personal shoes or set up a box in your church or place of business to gather the shoes. We'll take as many pairs as we can get, and we appreciate your help!

Collected shoes not only help the Children's Home in Honduras, but are then used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. So you'll be helping in so many ways just by giving us shoes you no longer wear. How cool is that?!

Donations can be brought to the Western PA Church of the Brethren District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, Pa 15935 or the International Christian Aid material aid storage building in Jerome.

Project contacts:

Brianna Baker, coordinator, beeper86@hotmail.com or 814-659-6251

Arbutus Blough, thebloughs@aol.com or 814-629-9279



CAMP HARMONY

1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936-0158
e-mail: harmony@campharmony.org
<http://www.campharmony.org>
Phone: (814) 798-5885
FAX: (814) 798-2225

*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and
with one another"*

From the Executive Directors Desk...

With the arrival of spring, we are getting excited for summer staff and campers to get here! There is a lot to do before they arrive, so we continue to prep the grounds for summer. We are praying that God moves in mighty ways in the lives of each staff member and camper. Please pray God will be glorified and that people come to know Him. The cost of camp can be high for most families in our area, and some do not attend a local church that will support them financially. We have a few events this spring to help raise money for camper scholarships...

***All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**

Friday, May 10, 2019

4:30 PM 7:00 PM

Help us raise funds so more children and youth can come to summer Camp! All proceeds from the event go directly to our fundraising effort through the Highmark

Walk for a Healthy Community on May 18th.

Invite your friends for this worthy cause!

***Highmark Walk Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships and summer programming**

Saturday, May 18, 2019

7:30 AM 11:30 AM

People Natural Gas Field

We are raising funds again for our camp scholarships and programming by participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Donations can be accepted starting February 1 and our goal this year is \$10,000!

If you would like to walk, lead a team, donate or just need more information, please contact the office. We hope you will be able to join us as we provide more opportunities for kids to come to Camp!

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT CAMP...

1. Pray – pray that students will come to know Jesus as their Savior and that those who

already know Him would grow in their Faith. Pray for staff as we strive to get the property and programs ready for summer.

2. Volunteer –

*We are still in need of nurses to volunteer at camp for the week of June 30-July 5

*We need lumberjacks and ladies. We have many downed trees from winter storms this year. Call camp if interested in helping out in this way

*Adopt a cabin! Churches or groups can adopt a cabin to spring clean

*VOLUNTEER TUESDAYS! We have a wonderful group of volunteers that come every Tuesday to do various tasks at camp. Lunch is always provided.

3. Financially- monthly donations are critical in the operations of camp. If you feel God leading you, you can send donations to camp: 1414 Plank Rd. Hooversville, PA 15936 or donate online at www.campharmony.org. Camp is a 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

4. Get campers to camp! Spread the word to families and friends. Scholarships are available. Check out the website or call the camp office

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Camp Harmony!

Jen Vickroy

Executive Director

jen@campharmony.org



ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER

FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

MAY 10, 2019

4:30 - 7 PM



MENU INCLUDES:

PASTA

4 TYPES OF SAUCES

SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

DESSERT

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

\$10 ADULTS

\$4 KIDS (4-10)

KIDS 3 & UNDER FREE

IN 2018, 48 CAMPERS WERE GIVEN OVER \$8,500 IN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!

**WE ARE HOPING TO BLESS EVEN MORE CAMPERS IN 2019. CONTACT CAMP
FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP US SERVE MORE CAMPERS IN 2019.**

1414 PLANK ROAD HOOVERSVILLE, PA 15936

814.798.5885

WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG

2019 District Events and Meetings

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

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

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

MAY 2019

- 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 - Pastors Prayer Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 5 - *NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY*
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 27 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 30 - ASCENSION DAY

JUNE 2019

- 1 - Annual Conference Briefing, 3 pm, Joyful Fellowship
- 6 - DWM Camp Day at Camp Harmony
- 9 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 16 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2019

- 3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Greensboro, NC
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Greensboro, NC
- 15 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 18 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 26 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., TBA (District Conference Business)

AUGUST 2019

- 10 - DWM Tea at Walnut Grove
- 10 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 18 - Stewardship Sunday
- 19 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 1 pm, District Office
- 24 - SVMC Class, District Office

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2 - LABOR DAY
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 13 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - DWM Fall Retreat at Camp Harmony
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 21 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 20-21 - Harmony Fest, Campy Harmony

OCTOBER 2019

- 3 - DWM Fall Rally, TBA
- 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 12 - Blood Screening, 7:00 am to 9:00 am, Way of Hope Fellowship
- 12 - SVMC Class, District Office
- 19 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 26 - SVMC Class, District Office

NOVEMBER 2019

- 2 - FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 3 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - DWM Cabinet Meeting, 11 am, District Office
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DECEMBER 2019

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 14 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY* – Camp Harmony – *more information to come*
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
- 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!