

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

May 2023

## IS YOUR AXE SHARP?

Supposedly Abraham Lincoln said **“Give me six hours to chop down a tree, and I will spend four hours sharpening the axe.”** The clear concept is a dull axe will multiply the amount of energy and action needed to chop down the tree. A sharp tool will make quick effective work of the task.

Way too often, we grab the tool we are familiar with and go at the task. Sometimes we do this because we are too lazy to plan it correctly or we just want to get it out of the way. No one wants to spend hours whacking away at the task and accomplishing very little for the effort. Wasting that valuable time is so senseless and wasteful, but the Church seems to do it over and over.

We waste time doing the same things that have been tried unsuccessfully in the past and expect different results. We refuse to take time to do research, plan, practice and then move forward. New ideas get pushed away because: “we never did it that way before or my parents who started this church would not have like that, too worldly, too business like or some personal whim of an antiquated mindset.”

When was the last time your congregation (leadership team or entire family) intentionally met and dreamed, visualized or planned doing, God’s work?

As Benjamin Franklin said, **“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”** Having the right plan, using the right tools and getting started is important.

In Proverbs 29:18 we read in the King James Version “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he (they) that keepeth the law, happy is he (are they)”. Following the word of God is so important! The plan has to keep the

Word, focus on the Word and live out the Word in all they do.

In this culture and times we live and exist in we must be aware and awake to what is going on around us. There are some who are still

whacking away with dull, antiquated tools and wondering why nothing changes.

Borrowing from another writer, we must, as we have called to “go (get an axe) therefore and make disciples (sharpen) of all nations, baptizing (cut down a tree) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

What has been your congregational plan? To just sit and wait till the trumpet sounds, or be at work (with a plan) to bring others to know and love Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Still sitting and waiting? **Come on ... Get off your pews, give Satan a whack with a sharp axe (the WORD of GOD) and live for Jesus.**

Pete Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

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perish: But he that keeps the law,  
happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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The Highlights deadline for the **June 2023** issue is

**May 10, 2023**

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

## DISTRICT STAFF:

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

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

## REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

If your congregation will be making a new directory for **2023** please send one to the District Office,  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935  
Thank you!

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the Interim District Minister as well as District Leadership Team in your prayers as they continue to work in the district during this time of transition.

Please also be in prayer for the District Search Committee in their search for a permanent District Minister.

## 2023 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2023 District Directory has been sent out via email and postal mail.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2023 District Directory, please contact, [tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org) or 814-479-2181

Thank you!

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

If your information appears in the District Directory, please be sure to send me any updates that may happen (when they happen) during this year.

I plan to finalize the 2024 District Directory by December 31, 2023 in order to send out the new directory early in January 2024.

I need your help to keep the information current and appreciate it greatly. Thanks!

Tina

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## NEW MEMBERS

### Congregation

**Arbutus**—Jordan Shroyer and Rachel Shroyer

**Geiger**—Michael Race Jr., Jeffrey Phillips,  
Andrea Phillips

## WITH SYMPATHY

To **Pastor Judy Walker** as her husband **Pastor Larry Walker** passed away on April 13th.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

### Ordination

James Whited—Greenville

## CONGREGATIONAL PROFILES

The following congregations looking for part-time pastors:

Plumcreek, Robinson, and Pike Run

Interested pastors please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181.

## HELP WANTED

### THE DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER

#### SUMMARY and ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Treasurer is the custodian of all the funds administered by the District Board and reports to the Stewards Commission and to the District Board. The Treasurer instructs the Financial Clerk on any necessary functions that need to be handled and will also have close contact with the Financial Clerk. There are no set hours for this position, only as needed. The treasurer will attend CORE Team meetings along with the Stewards & Finance Team Chair. The Treasurer will be an authorized signee on all banking and saving accounts.

If you are interested or feeling God calling you to this Treasurer's position, please contact Donna Smith at (814) 535-1102.

## TO ALL MINISTERS

Reminder to be sure to update your clearances if you haven't done it already. Once you receive your updated info, please send a copy to the District Office, thanks!

Western PA District COB  
115 Spring Road  
Hollsopple, PA 15935

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

### Pasta Buffet

Saturday, May 6, 2023  
4:00 pm—7:00 pm

### Spring Craft Show

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

### Yard Sale

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The Walnut Grove COB is having a  
rummage sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from  
9:00 am—1:00 pm. The church is located at  
1068 Bedford Street in Johnstown.  
There will be concessions available.

## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Arbutus COB** Sunday Services are  
streamed at 9:00 am <https://arbutuscob.org/>

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

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

**Meyersdale COB** Sunday Services are on  
Facebook at 10:30 am  
[https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ\\_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69\\_LKf8aq-ZM8lDlo0J\\_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py\\_c&paipv=0](https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69_LKf8aq-ZM8lDlo0J_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py_c&paipv=0)

**Salisbury COB** Sunday Services are on  
Facebook at 10:30 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

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





# SOME GOOD NEWS!!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Shared by Abby Shaffer, Rummel COB*

Did you ever do a good deed and wonder if it even made a difference?

Well, in this life we don't always get to see the fruit of our work, but our congregation was blessed this week to get a reply from one of our Christmas shoebox recipients!

A 10-year-old girl in Cartagena, Colombia received one of our shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child, and her mom was able to send us an email! Elizabeth wants to be pen pals with our Ruby, since it was her info paper that she received. We are excited to make a connection with a family far away. They are displaced Christians from Venezuela who have been struggling to find work. Please keep Elizabeth and her family in prayer - we hope her dad will find a good job soon!

Keep up the good work, Church - it all makes a difference in the world!!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to Albert and Phyllis Beal from the Geiger COB on celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary on May 24th!



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Wishing all the beautiful mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, and friends in the district a Happy Mother's Day!



## CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

**We can all use some good news now  
and again right?**

Milestone birthdays, milestone anniversaries,  
academic achievements, etc.

I look forward to sharing more good news from the  
District!

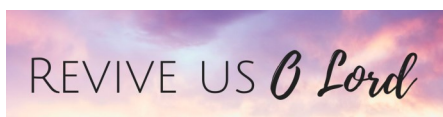
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# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## REVIVAL SERVICES

The **Shade Creek/ Ridge COB** is going to be hosting revival Services on May 9, 10 and 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

There will be a different speaker each night and all are welcome to attend.



## HYMNALS NEEDED

The **Penn Run COB** is looking for copies of the Hymnal: A Worship Book.

If you have any extra copies you or your congregation would be willing to donate, please contact Pastor Jeff Fackler at 724-463-0420



## DISTRICT LIBRARY

### Did you know the District Office has a Library and Resource Room?

Have you ever checked out the District Library and Resource Rooms? They are packed full of useful information.

The district resource room can be a place to look for small group bible studies, teaching books for helping kids make friends or facing fears and helping to grow in their faith in the Lord. There is also a curriculum books for teaching kids and adults with developmental disabilities.

A short walk down the hall you walk into our district library. Are you in charge of teaching the youth and need some creative bible studies ideas. Do you need some literature on how to recruit some help? Books are available for you to read. You teenagers that have to do book reports maybe you can find an interesting book here.

We have books on minsters who were influential in the world like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Billy Graham. If you want to know the history of Christianity or the history of our Church of the Brethren denomination. You can find that in our library too! There are also multiple pastoral resources available on these shelves as well.

I have only touched on the list of books and teaching resources available to borrow. Be sure to check our district resources!

Respectfully submitted by Katie Coughenour,  
Western PA District Spiritual Formation Team  
Member



# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

From Herb Ewald, District Disaster Coordinator

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure a crew of eleven volunteers via telephone, so I will be using email to communicate with churches and individuals to line up enough people to make this program work.

This system, I hope, will streamline the process and eliminate missed calls and phone messages that sometimes go unanswered. Once you receive an email from me, please check the printed schedule and consider giving a day or a week out of your busy schedule toward this very rewarding, worthwhile ministry.

Contact your church coordinator to volunteer and, if your church does not have one, please contact me at [hjewald@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net) or (814) 539-8530, (C) 814-691-5718

### New Windsor Trips

No Trips Scheduled Yet

### Week-long Trips

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/7/23 to 5/13/23    | ½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY   |
| 7/9/23 to 7/15/23    | ½ group needed, S. Ohio/KY   |
| 10/1/23 to 10/7/23   | ½ group needed, A.N.E.       |
| 10/29/23 to 11/0/23  | ½ group needed, location TBA |
| 12/10/23 to 12/16/23 | ½ group needed, S. PA        |

## FOOD PANTRIES

Walnut Grove Food Pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob/>

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/>

Please consider donating food to these or any other groups in our area.

## EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



### El Hogar De Ninos Enmanuel Shoe Project

We are off to a great start for our latest shoe project to benefit the children of El Hogar De Ninos! Our contributions are being used in a variety of programs at the home, including schooling, facility construction, and child care.

If you are spring cleaning, don't forget that all gently used shoes, slippers, boots, sandals, and sports shoes, will be welcome donations to the current collection.

To donate, simply place a rubber band around each pair of shoes and bring them to the District Office during regular business hours; or contact the office at the Westmont church to schedule a drop off appointment; or by contacting any shoe committee member.

Committee members include:  
Marie Camut, 814-266-3010  
April Mackell, 814-536-1589  
Karen Nagavathy, 814-244-6977

Thanks to everyone who has been able to donate to this project, together we can help make a difference!

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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## ORDAINED

**ABRAHAM, FARREL** – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / [sharingpearls@comcast.net](mailto:sharingpearls@comcast.net)

**BEACHLEY, LINDA**—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [lrbeac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lrbeac@atlanticbb.net)

**BEACHLEY, RONALD** – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / [rondbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:rondbeachley@gmail.com)

**BROADWATER, KEVIN**—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / [pastorbroadwater@verizon.net](mailto:pastorbroadwater@verizon.net)

**DERR, AMELIA** – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [iamameliaderr@yahoo.com](mailto:iamameliaderr@yahoo.com)

**DERR, HORACE** - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / [pastorbutch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbutch@gmail.com)

**HOUGHTON, SALLY** - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / [smh124@atlanticbb.net](mailto:smh124@atlanticbb.net)

**KABLER, ERIC**—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / [eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com](mailto:eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com)

**LONGWELL, ERIC**— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / [kb3ttx@gmail.com](mailto:kb3ttx@gmail.com)

**MADER, RUBY**—2101 Cambria Avenue, Windber, 15963 / 814-467-5265 / [redhatvicar@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatvicar@yahoo.com) (June, July and August only)

**MANGES, JOHN** – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / [manges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:manges@atlanticbb.net)

**MARSHALL, HOMER** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)

**MARSHALL, PATRICIA** - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / [hom.run2007@verizon.net](mailto:hom.run2007@verizon.net)

**MOSORJAK, GARY** – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-659-5853 / [wendel05@aol.com](mailto:wendel05@aol.com)

**PERUSO, RUSSELL** – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / [russperuso@gmail.com](mailto:russperuso@gmail.com)

**PISARSKI, STANLEY** – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / [spisarski1017@gmail.com](mailto:spisarski1017@gmail.com)

**STEIN, ROBERT** - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / [crid@verizon.net](mailto:crid@verizon.net)

**SWICK, MICHAEL** - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / [preachmike101@comcast.net](mailto:preachmike101@comcast.net)

**WALKER, JUDY**—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / [larryewalker1@gmail.com](mailto:larryewalker1@gmail.com)

## LICENSED

**BURNEY, OYANGO**—111 Hillcrest Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 / 724-541-6850 / [livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com](mailto:livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com)

**COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN**— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / [shellywithattitude@gmail.com](mailto:shellywithattitude@gmail.com)

**SHAULIS, TRAVIS**—608 Second Street, Meyersdale, 15552 / 814-442-8626 / [tanbadaner@gmail.com](mailto:tanbadaner@gmail.com)

## LAY SPEAKER

**RAMER, DONNA**—102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305 / 724 836-0594



# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events (updated April 5, 2023)



Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all, no matter your district or denomination. **To register, click on the event title and follow the registration links for each event**, or contact us at [SVMC@SvmcCob.org](mailto:SVMC@SvmcCob.org), or 717-361-1450. Check or online credit card payments are accepted.

### Grief Literacy

**Julie A. Guistwite, Leader**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 1 PM – 4 PM, Zoom**

The nation's grief-denying mentality and limited community-based grief interventions is concerning to societal well-being. This interactive and case-based workshop examines the grief literacy movement in connection with Christ-centered ministry leadership. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills applicable to enhancing the well-being of congregational members and vulnerable persons in their community. This is part of a wider initiative to advance best practice and professional competence in bereavement care.

**\$35.00 for .3 CEUs; \$25.00 for no CEUs.**

### Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners

**Kimberly Korge, Leader**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023, (originally May 9), 9 AM – 3 PM, Cross Keys Village**

Understand what dementia is and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease; discuss tips to manage difficult situations and conversations with parishioners; describe the significance of trauma and how it might present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder; identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma.

**\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch. (No Zoom option for this event)**

### Choose Life: Deuteronomy's Message for Today

**Steve Schweitzer, Leader**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 9 AM – 3:30 PM, Juniata College**

The book of Deuteronomy is a central text containing key themes that shape the Old Testament and its relationship to the New. In this study, we will explore the historical, literary, and theological contexts for understanding the message and content of Deuteronomy.

**\$60.00 for .55 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.**

**Zoom option: \$40.00 for .55 CEUs or \$30.00 for no CEUs.**

### Walter Brueggemann's prophetic imagination: Reviewed, Recovered, and Restored

**Conrad Kanagy, Leader**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Elizabethtown College**

In this seminar, we'll begin by addressing current challenges facing the church, its leaders, and its mission. We will then review the theological contributions of Walter Brueggemann to these challenges over the past five decades. We will consider how the recovery of these contributions may lead to a church that finds itself newly restored and reoriented.

**\$60.00 for .5 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch. (No Zoom option for this event)**

**More events are in the planning stages. Visit our website at: [www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc](http://www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc) and click on "Continuing Education"**

### **BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE**

**Summer Term**

**July 24–28, 2023**

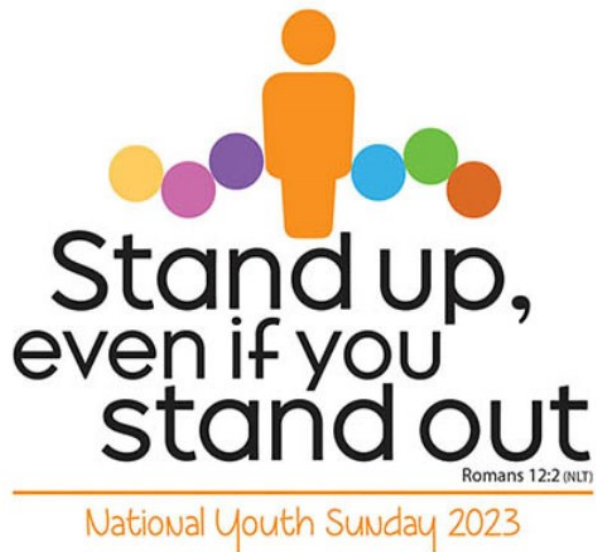
On the campus of Elizabethtown College

Elizabethtown, PA

Sponsored by the Brethren Revival Fellowship

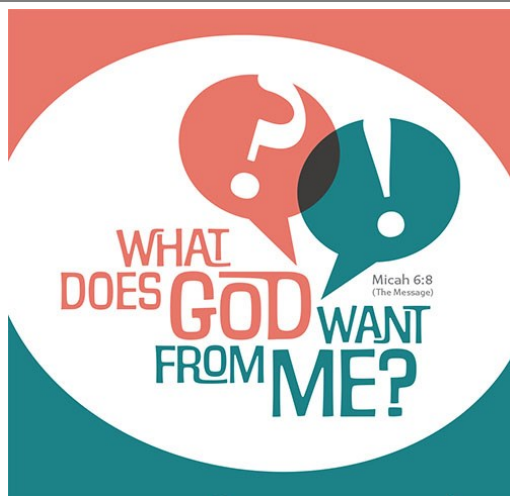






The Church of the Brethren celebrates National Youth Sunday on May 7th this year. This is an opportunity to call youth into leadership.

Find worship resources at [www.brethren.org/yva/national-youth-sunday](http://www.brethren.org/yva/national-youth-sunday)



**Juniata College  
Huntingdon, PA  
June 16 – 18, 2023**

Visit <https://www.brethren.org/yva/njhc/> for more information.



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

Registration includes housing, meals, and programming. Scholarships available.

- \$250 through April 15, then \$300
- 18 year olds can attend for only \$100!

The Young Adult Steering Committee is busy planning and dreaming. Questions? Becky Ullom Naugle, 847-429-4385, [bullomnaugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullomnaugle@brethren.org)



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

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

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



## FaithX announces its summer theme and service trips

"Have you heard? FaithX registration opens on Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. (central time)!" said an invitation from FaithX staff Marissa

Witkovsky-Eldred. "The FaithX Office invites you to join them this summer to put your faith into action!"

FaithX Summer 2023 registration is open! A total of 12 service trips are planned for junior high, senior high, adult, and we are able participants. Join a FaithX trip to put your faith into action, examine your beliefs, build friendships, and explore a new place! View the full schedule and complete your registration at [www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx).

. Spain is the destination for this year's international trip for the adult age group. The theme for FaithX 2023 is "Voices for Peace" (Romans 15:1-6, *The Message*). Find a theme statement at [www.brethren.org/faithx/theme](http://www.brethren.org/faithx/theme). Read more at [www.brethren.org/news/2023/faithx-summer-theme-and-service-trips](http://www.brethren.org/news/2023/faithx-summer-theme-and-service-trips)

## Viviendo el amor de Dios Viv Lanmou Bondye A Rayuwan Kaunar Allah Living God's Love

Ephesians 5:1-2  
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

**Annual Conference 2023**  
Duke Energy Convention Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 4-8  
(Tuesday-Saturday)

**Registration is open now!**

<https://www.brethren.org/ac2023/registration/>

Additional information is available at:

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



## National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 4-8, 2023 Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older 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.

**"God is Doing A New Thing"**

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." —Isaiah 43:19

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1st.**  
**PAST PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL**  
**SOON WITH UPDATED INFORMATION.**

# CAMP HARMONY

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

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



### **Grounds work**

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



### **Spring Cleaning**

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



### **Fun & Fellowship**

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

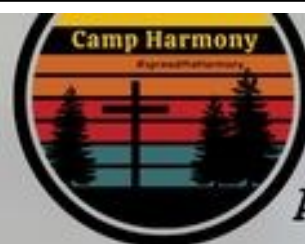
**YOUR HARD WORK HELPS US SAVE  
HUNDREDS OF WORK HOURS AND  
THOUSANDS OF \$\$\$!!!**

**Can your group help?**

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



# CAMP HARMONY



## 2023 SUMMER CAMP

ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

### DAY CAMPS

Grades K-8, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Portage Day Camp, June 19-23

Day Camp #1, June 19-23

Day Camp #2, June 26-30

Day Camp #3, July 10-14

Day Camp #4, July 17-21

Day Camp #5, July 24-28

Day Camp #6, July 31 - Aug. 4

Meyersdale Day Camp, July 31-Aug. 4

More for  
2023!



### PRE-K CAMPS

Ages 3-5, 9 am - 12 pm

Pre-K #1, June 26-30

Pre-K #2, July 24-28



### OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Junior, Grades 2-5

Junior #1, June 11-16

Junior #2, July 2-7

Jr. Extreme, July 16-21

Junior High, Grades 5-8

Jr. High #1, June 11-16

Jr. High #2, July 2-7

Jr. Hi Extreme #1, July 9-14

Jr. Hi Extreme #2, July 16-21

Youth, Grades 7-12

Youth #1, June 11-16

Youth #2, July 2-7

Youth Extreme, July 9-14

Youth Adventure, July 23-28

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NEW!!



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AND A FRIEND**

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A NEW-TO-CAMP-HARMONY-FRIEND!!



**SIBLING DISCOUNTS  
& SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

**WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG**





CAMP HARMONY

# LEND A HAND AS A THURSDAY VOLUNTEER

Help us make a difference by volunteering  
to complete projects around Camp.



What we need:

carpentry, electrical,  
plumbing, mechanical,  
gardening, cleaning, etc.  
(If you are willing to help,  
we can find a place for you!)

Our Mission:

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

**EVERY THURSDAY | 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**1414 PLANK ROAD, HOOVERVILLE**

**As a thank you:**

**Coffee and pastries at 8:45 am; lunch at noon**

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# 2023 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

## **MAY 2023**

- 4 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 6 - SVMC Class
- 7 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
- 11 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 14 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 18 - ASCENSION DAY
- 20 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Somerset COB
- 22 - SVMC Class
- 28 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

## **JUNE 2023**

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

## **JULY 2023**

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins, Cincinnati, OH
- 8 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends, Cincinnati, OH

## **AUGUST 2023**

- 12 - SVMC Class
- 26 - SVMC Class

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 4 - LABOR DAY
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 9 - SVMC Class
- 16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Penn Run COB

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## **OCTOBER 2023**

- 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 14 - SVMC Class
- 21 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 28 - SVMC Class

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

- 5 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 11 - SVMC Class
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

## **DECEMBER 2023**

- 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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# THE HIGHLIGHTS

## May 2023