

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

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Western PA District Church of the Brethren

May 2026

## DISTRICT MINISTER NOTES

*Don't neglect to do what is good and to share,  
for God is pleased with such sacrifices.  
Hebrews 13:16 HCSB*

Mother Teresa dedicated her life to work with the poor and the lowly. Yet, during her lifetime she was well known all over the world: received by presidents, befriended by royalty, recognized by celebrities, bestowed honorary US citizenship and Doctorate of Divinity, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom among many other rites of recognition by governments and civilian organizations. She was the head of the list on Gallup's List of Most Widely Admired People of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century AND she was even given the status of sainthood by the Roman Catholic Church. Yet she never set out for recognition, success or reward. Perhaps her most famous quote was *"not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love"*.

She also wrote these challenging words: *"We must not drift away from the humble works, because these are the works nobody will do. It is never too small. We are so small and we look at things in a small way. But God, being Almighty, sees everything great. Therefore, even if you write a letter for a blind man or you just go and listen, or you take the mail for him, or you visit somebody or bring a flower to somebody – small things – or wash clothes for somebody, or clean the house – very humble work – that is where you and I must be."*

*For there are many people who **can do** big things. But there are very few people who **will do** the small things." --- Mother Teresa*

She seemed to be giving illustrations of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40: **"I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these 'brothers of Mine, you did for Me'.**

We don't need to do big things in our churches. I don't even think we are called to do big things. That's the Holy Spirit's department! But, we are called to do loving things, in Jesus' name. We are called to do faithful things, in Jesus' name. We are called to do sacrificial, unselfish things, in Jesus' name. We are called to consistently do tangible, practical, necessary things, in Jesus' name. To the glory of God and for our neighbor's good.

*Add to your believing deeds that prove it true, Knowing Christ as Savior, make Him Master, too. Follow in His footsteps, go where He has trod; In the world's great trouble **risk yourself for God.** --- Bryan Jeffery Leech*

Ruby Mader, District Minister Team

# FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the

**June 2026** issue is

**May 10, 2026**

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

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## DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday\*\*

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

\*\*Closed every Friday

## Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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115 Spring Road

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## 2026 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2026 District Directory is now available. If you have any updates or changes, please send them to me asap so that I can publish them here in the Highlights.

Any questions, please contact me at

[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)

or 814-479-2181.

Thank you!

Tina

## 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 **2026** please send one to:

Western PA District Office  
115 Spring Road,  
Hollsopple, 15935

Thank you!

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

SHE IS CLOTHED WITH

*strength an dignity,*

AND SHE LAUGHS WITHOUT

FEAR OF THE FUTURE.

WHEN SHE SPEAKS,

*her words are wise,*

AND SHE GIVES INSTRUCTIONS

WITH KINDNESS.

PROVERBS 31:25-26

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Meyersdale** – William Ludwick, Joyce Nalley, Jeffrey Shipley, Jessica Shipley, Brinleigh Homa, Katelyn Broadwater, Ian Mosholder, David Rounds, Sharon Rounds, Sadie Sines, Kelly Mowry, Matthew Gyorko

**Uniontown** – Mason R. Bowers, Cameron M. Galand, Kyle W. Galand, Shelby L. Hall, Alexander A. Means, Neil Glover Sr.

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The District Leadership Team meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2026** at the District Office



## VIRTUAL SERVICES

**Arbutus COB** - <https://arbutuscob.org/>

**Freedom Church (Indiana COB)** - Freedom Church on Facebook and @FreedomChurch-cd9xj on YouTube

**Geiger COB** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

**Hostetler COB** - <https://www.facebook.com/HostetlerCOBMeyersdalePa>

**Meyersdale COB** - [https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ\\_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69\\_LKf8aq-ZM8IDIoOJ\\_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py\\_c&paipv=0](https://www.facebook.com/people/Meyersdale-Church-Of-The-Brethren/100064412810727/?eav=AfZ_hZTDR0BT2145UoR6btO6zS69_LKf8aq-ZM8IDIoOJ_v6FfXuzfhRJn8YR1Nqs9g&ref=py_c&paipv=0)

**Rummel COB** - <https://rummelchurch.com/sermons/>

**Salisbury COB** -

<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

**Walnut Grove COB** - <https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

# ACROSS THE DISTRICT

## MINISTERS DINNER

The WPA District will be hosting a dinner for all ordained and licensed ministers and those currently taking ministry classes.

(Spouse/Guest included)

**Sunday, May 17, 2026 @ 5PM  
@ Anthony's Restaurant**

725 Scalp Avenue  
Johnstown, PA.

If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Tina at the District Office either by phone or email.

**RSVP no later than Thursday, May 7**



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



**District Conference**  
will be held on

**September 19, 2026 at 9:00 am**  
at the

**County Line Church of the Brethren  
1411 County Line Road  
Champion, PA 15622**

**Registration deadline is**  
**September 1, 2026**

Please contact the District Office  
at 814-479-2181 if you have any questions

## FOR ALL WHO MINISTER MANUALS

### EXTRA! EXTRA!!

We are no longer able to order the handbook **For All Who Minister**. This helpful minister's manual is given to persons when they are licensed to ministry. If you have an extra copy or one that is not being used, please consider donating it to the District. It will then be given to someone called to future ministry

## CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

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

Stories of serving in the community, milestone birthdays and anniversaries, academic achievements, etc.

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

[tlehman@brethren.org](mailto:tlehman@brethren.org)



MEYERSDALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

# SALAD & BAKE SALE

MAY 22  
2026

8:00 - 1:00  
A.M. P.M.  
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS SELECTION OF HOMEMADE FAVORITES, INCLUDING POTATO, MACARONI, PASTA, BROCCOLI AND BEAN SALADS, PLUS HAM SALAD, CHICKEN SALAD, BAKED BEANS, HAM BARBECUE AND A VARIETY OF FRESH-BAKED GOODS!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR PARKING LOT FUND

9 BEACHLEY STREET  
MEYERSDALE, PA 15552

# SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

We would like to take this time to thank the congregations in the Western PA District for their generous donations of school, hygiene, and clean up bucket kits over many years. Church World Service continues to serve communities here and abroad by delivering these kits where they are needed. There is a new Mission Central location in Mechanicsburg PA (near Harrisburg) that will be the location where kits can be delivered. Please see the info in the below.

**CWS Mission Central**  
5 Pleasant View Drive  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

**HOURS:**—Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.  
*(Closed on weekends and holidays)*

Please plan to arrive by **2:30 pm** so their team has time to assist you before closing. If your delivery fills more than an SUV, please call **717-766-1533** advance. Mission Central is closed on holidays. If you have a specific question, please call prior to delivering kits.

Our District is going to ask that for this year and for the 2026 District Conference, please try to have your individual congregations deliver their own kits or work with other COB churches to collect and deliver kits to this new location in Mechanicsburg, PA. If that does not work for you, contact the District Office and we will other make arrangements.

Thank you!



## 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.

# AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

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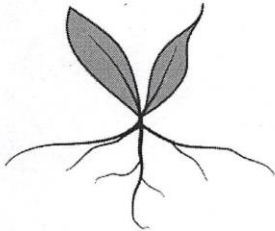
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# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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## Continuing Education Offerings from Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

For more information and to register, please click on the title of the event, or contact SVMC.



- February 17, 2026: Spiritual Well-Being: Strengthening & Refining. A Zoom session with Julie Guistwite. **COMPLETED**
- March 13, 2026: Love Feast: Past, Present, and Future. An in-person session at Cross Keys Village with Denise Kattering-Lane. **COMPLETED**
- April 18, 2026: Better with Less Workshop. A Zoom session with G. Jeffery MacDonald (Sponsored by Atlantic Northeast District). **COMPLETED**
- June 3, 2026: Congregational Ministry to Members Navigating Divorce Experiences. A Zoom session with Julie Guistwite. (Registration not yet open). **COMPLETED**
- October 6, 2026: Caring for Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions: A Zoom session with Julie Guistwite. (Registration not yet open).
- October 29, 2026: Supporting Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions. A Zoom session with Julie Guistwite. (Registration not yet open).

[www.etown.edu/svmc](http://www.etown.edu/svmc)

[SVMC@SvmcCob.org](mailto:SVMC@SvmcCob.org)

717-361-1450



## Annual Conference 2026 Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2 Fort Wayne, Indiana Grand Wayne Convention Center

Registration now open at  
<https://www.brethren.org/ac2026/registration/>



### What is the cost?

Early registration fee (registering in January and February) is \$625 per person. Regular registration (during March and April) is \$650. Late registration (during May and June) is \$675. All registration fees will cover lodging, food, and programming while at NYC. Registration will open January 5th, 2026!

### How can I find out more?

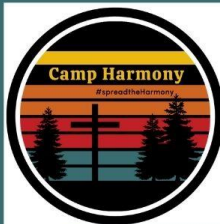
Visit this page regularly! Connect on social media. Contact Becky Ullom Naugle, director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries, at [bullomnaugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullomnaugle@brethren.org) 847-429-4385 with questions.

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 year. BVS encourages applicants of all ages (18-plus) to put your faith into action and apply for a year of service.

Before embarking on a service year, volunteers first attend an orientation. There are two volunteer orientations planned for next year, both in the Midwest.

For more information, go to:  
<https://www.brethren.org/bvs/>





# SUMMER CAMP 2026

PROVIDING ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE.

## DAY CAMPS \$110

GRADES K-6, 9AM-4:30PM

Day Camp 1: June 15-19

Day Camp 2: July 6-10

Day Camp 3: July 13-17

Day Camp 4: July 27-31



## PRE-K CAMPS \$65

AGES 3-5, 9AM-12PM

Pre-K Camp 1: June 8-12

Pre-K Camp 2: July 13-17

## OVERNIGHT CAMPS \$390

OVERNIGHT 1

GRADES 2-12

June 28 - July 3

OVERNIGHT 2

GRADES 2-12

July 19-24

YOUTH ADVENTURE

GRADES 7-12

July 26-31



## WILDERNESS CAMPS \$390

Wilderness 1: June 21-26

Grades 2-8

Wilderness 2: July 5-10

Grades 7-12



SIBLING DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST!

[www.CAMPHARMONY.ORG](http://www.CAMPHARMONY.ORG)

DANIEL 3:16-18

# Even If

CAMP HARMONY | STILL WATERS SPRING 26

**May 1-2, 2026**

**FOR WOMEN HIGH SCHOOL AGE & UP**

Ladies, join us for a weekend of learning about an “even if” faith! Gather for food, fellowship, rest, and time hearing from other women about how we can trust in God and His providence, *even if* we feel that He is far away, or He doesn’t provide all we ask for.

**Commuter**  
**\$35**



**Overnight**  
**\$50**

# CAMP HARMONY

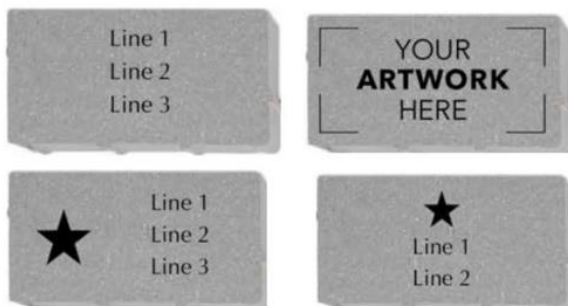
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## Leave your mark at Camp Harmony!

Camp Harmony is seeking your support in fundraising to continue the pool restoration project. Bricks given through this campaign will create a pathway to the pool and the funds will go to our Camper Scholarship fund.

### Brick Options include 4x8 engraved.



### Brick Options include 8x8 engraved.



You may individualize a brick for you, your family, your business, your church/organization, honor a loved one, or make a memorial. The bricks are engraved using state of the art laser technology. Every brick engraving is guaranteed for life!

**Order Online at [www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)  
Or email [Phil@campharmony.org](mailto:Phil@campharmony.org) for more info!**

## WPA DISTRICT CALENDAR May 2026

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

					1 District Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 SVMC
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11	12	13	14 Core Leadership Team Zoom	15	16 District Leadership Team @ District Office
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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# 2026 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 2026**

9 - SVMC Class  
14 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, Zoom  
16 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, D.O.

## **JUNE 2026**

28 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE begins,  
Fort Wayne, IN

## **JULY 2026**

2 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ends,  
Fort Wayne, IN  
18—National Youth Conference begins  
23— National Youth Conference ends

## **AUGUST 2026**

8—SVMC Class  
22— SVMC Class at the District Office

## **SEPTEMBER 2026**

5—SVMC Class  
10 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, Zoom  
19 - District Conference, County Line COB  
26—SVMC Class

## **OCTOBER 2026**

10—SVMC Class at the District Office  
24—SVMC Class

## **NOVEMBER 2026**

5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, Zoom  
14 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

## **DECEMBER 2026**

No meetings or events scheduled

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