Finally!! I made it to District Conference after missing two years!! Yay!!

The day seemed to go very smoothly and I believe we all enjoyed a glorious fall day at Camp Harmony. Thanks, God!

For those of you that were not in attendance the theme chosen by Moderator Wes Berkebile of “I Know Something Good About You” was highlighted throughout the day. Insight sessions were held in the morning that drew attention to all the work and progress going on at Camp Harmony and the work of the denomination’s Mission & Ministry Board (formerly the General Board in Elgin, IL) and On Earth Peace whose office is located in New Windsor, Maryland. Participants were encouraged to browse the exhibit tables for information about Brethren Press, the District Mission Program (Honduras and Puerto Rico), Mutual Aid Association, Bethany Seminary, Brethren Benefit Trust, District Youth Ministries, and a number of others.

The newly formed District Choir presented two songs in the afternoon and worship and prayer was included all day. The Financial Resource Team presented the “District Auction Jive” reminding everyone that the 6th Annual District Auction will take place on November 5 at Camp. Folks were encouraged to “jive” along with the team. Thanks, again, to Linda Stoner for the words and Dan Shaffer for the rhythm!

Ronald J. St. Clair, pastor of the Scalp Level congregation was installed as Moderator for 2012. The Slate did not have a person to fill the position of Moderator Designate, so the Gifts Discernment Team is asking for your prayers for a person to fill that title. Other persons affirmed on the slate included: Standing Committee Delegate-William A. Waugh (Greensburg); District Conference Program & Arrangements Committee-Terry K. Clark (Beachdale); Brethren Home Community Windber Board of Trustees-Gary W. Green (Tire Hill); Camp Harmony Board of Directors-Virginia Babal (Pleasant Hill), Lionel R. Berkebile (Scalp Level), and Jeffrey A. Fackler (Penn Run); Leadership Team members-O&S Team-Vincent E. Cable (Uniontown) and Marsha Smith (Pleasant Hill), SpF Team-Joy Derck (Plumcreek), Tammy Hoover (Salisbury), and Paul A. Liepelt (Somerset), CYOM Team-Jeffery A. Fackler (Penn Run), S&F Team-Royal W. Knepper, Jr. (Geiger) and Gary N. Weaver (Hooversville).

The delegates approved a budget of $196,934 for 2012. This total reflects a 1.1% increase. They also approved a revised and updated version of the Camp Harmony By-Laws. There were officially 237 attendees (191 delegates, 40 non-delegates, and 6 children) and 54 churches were represented.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success!

Grace & Peace, Suzie Moss, your administrative assistant
Local Church News

NEW MEMBERS

Tire Hill Congregation
- Ronald Griffin
- Leona Kleinmeyer
- Lisa Esmont
- James Kleinmeyer
- Jonathan Haines
- Clifford Shaffer

Pike Run Congregation
- David Hughes
- Cecilia Hughes

Pleasant Hill Congregation
- Austin Pudliner
- Hannah Davis
- Shiloh Peruso

Indiana Congregation
- Ron Ewing
- Mary Ann Ewing
- Mary Jane Overdorff

HOSPITALIZED
- Lori Conn, wife of County Line pastor Barry Conn, for treatment.

LEADERSHIP
- Congratulations to Eric P. Kabler on his ordination in the Christian Ministry of the Church of the Brethren at the Moxham Church on October 9, 2011.

Somerset Church of the Brethren’s Divine Caramels

“O taste and see that the Lord is good.” Psalm 34:8a

The Somerset Church of the Brethren will again be taking orders for their homemade, handwrapped and boxed caramels for the holidays. This is the eighth year for the project. Through the years, the project has helped build the church, supported various mission projects and supported the general budget of the church. This year, it is our hope that the project will make the completion of a community playground on church property possible.

These old-fashioned caramels are made with great care and only the finest ingredients, including butter, brown sugar and pure vanilla. Half pound boxes are available at $5.00 and one pound boxes are available at $8.00. Quantity pricing for twenty or more boxes is available upon request.

Orders may be dropped in the designated box in the church Gathering Room, mailed or called to the church office at P.O. Box 347, Somerset, PA 15501/814-445-8853 no later than November 1st. Checks should be made payable to the “FBI Class.” Orders can be picked up at the church on Friday, November 18th or Saturday, November 19th between 9 am and 12 Noon. Unfortunately, we cannot ship caramels. Caramels can be frozen for up to one year and enjoyed long after the holiday season, so order extra now because Divine Caramels are only available for a short time.

December/January Highlights Deadline
November 10, 2011

Remember these dates mentioned in the October Highlights:
- November 5 - Saturday Nite Live, Connellsville Church
- November 11-12 - Children’s Disaster Services Volunteer Training, Somerset Church
- November 20 - Fountain of Youth: Christmas Edition, Camp Harmony
- December 10 - District Children’s Christmas Party, Camp Harmony
- December 3 - Dodgeball Tournament, Camp Harmony
- April 20-21 - Women on the Move Retreat, Antiochian Place, Ligonier
A Note from Springs of Living Water Church Renewal

We feel wonderfully blessed being in your presence on September 24. The event went beyond our expectation and we thank you for the way in which you entered into this retreat/training day on the theme, “Spread the Light”. To recap, basically we did three things.

1) From scripture in Matthew 5:14-16 we looked at being the light and spreading the Light. With that invitation we paired off and with Jesus as the silent third party went on a “Walk to Emmaus” sharing our spiritual journey in renewal and how it is impacting our lives. In spiritual reflective time, we made lanterns out of a simple large white note card. They almost seemed to shine. And persons were encouraged to have their churches make lanterns.

2) Then using building blocks, we walked through the renewal process by having persons share the outcomes of congregational gatherings. The testimonials on things happening to individuals and congregations were very touching. We referred to pages 45-60 and 169-183 in the Springs of Living Water book where we go through those 7 steps.

3) Finally we did a unit on “Spread the Light”, both as a sample of a ministry unit that can grow out of one’s vision, and also to help churches in the actual reaching out to new people with the Gospel. Again, persons split up in pairs and visited each other as they might visit someone new or an inactive person from the church.

We closed with each person holding their white lantern and Ron Beachley giving a prayer of consecration as we go forward to “Spread the Light”. We suggested persons go home and have the entire congregation make little lanterns, from Sunday school classes to the entire church. Together as the church we can be the light and spread the Light.

The other item Joan and I are happy to report is that Vince Cable has made up Bible study questions for the new spiritual disciplines folder which is just beginning this final season of Pentecost that leads up to Advent. With the theme “Restore us, O God” from Psalm 80:7a, the daily scripture readings support the Sunday Scripture lesson. Please do feel free to adapt the folders, including sermon topics, according to your sense of God’s leading. The Springs website is www.churchrenewalservant.org. You can email us any time right from the website with questions.

We want to thank Western District of Pennsylvania for all your efforts in renewal and the wonderfully inspirational, creative ways in which you go about the renewal work. We keep you constantly in our prayers.

In Christ’s service,

Joan and David Young

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Footprints ‘11
Regional Youth Conference
November 18-20, 2011
“Be Doers of the Word”
Rhodes Retreat Center, Chambersburg, PA
Worship Leader/ Keynote Speaker: Walt Wiltschek
Music Leaders: Mutual Kumquat
Registration information is available from Abby Shaffer at the District Office.

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The Maple Spring Sisters in Christ present:

the underground railroad
a journey to hope
A dramatic evening with Luella Krieger and Roy & Janice Gearheart

**November 10, 2011 at 6:45**

At Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Rd. Hollsopple, PA

Admission is free and a love offering will be given to support this ministry.
District News

An Invitation to Share how God has Worked in Your Life

The Spiritual Formation Team is requesting your help in putting together a devotional of God Stories of Western PA. We are inviting you to think of a time when God touched your life in some way. This does not have to be dramatic. It could be something simple like a time when you were going through a difficult time and the Lord touched you through a friend, a song, nature, etc. Or it might be something that the Holy Spirit directed you to do to impact someone else’s life. We are hoping to do a one-year devotional so we would also like some stories for the holidays and other special days including: New Year’s, Right to Life, Martin Luther King, Jr., President’s, Valentine’s, Ash Wednesday, Passion Week, Easter, National Day of Prayer, Ascension, Pentecost, World Day of Prayer, Mother’s, Memorial, Children’s, Fathers, Independence, Labor, Grandparents, Columbus, Veterans, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve.

Please write a short, uplifting testimony or meditation (350 words or less) and include a related Bible verse, brief prayer, and a sentence or two about yourself (including where you go to church). We also invite you to submit photos taken in Western PA. The deadline for submitting your entry and/or photos is April 1, 2012. Our goal is to have the devotional published by District Conference of next year. It would make a great Christmas gift!

Thank you for your help with this project. If you would like to be on our prayer team or have questions or entries, you may call Joy Derck at 724-354-3386 or email her at jderck@ymail.com.

With thanksgiving to God for all He has done,

The Spiritual Formation Team

Tax Information & Preparation Workshop

Saturday, November 12, 2011
9 am to 3 pm
Western PA District Office

Sponsored by the District Stewards and Finance Team

This workshop is designed for pastors, church leaders, and church treasurers.

Pastors will receive information which will be helpful in tax preparation, filing and how to prepare your tax returns to gain the most benefit.

Treasurers will receive information about which forms to file and about responsible reporting to the IRS. We will discuss the need and purpose of an Employer Identification Number from the IRS.

Church leaders will receive information on how to be helpful to pastors in structuring a budget to allow pastors to receive benefits which are granted by the IRS; how a budget is properly prepared; Tax Exempt Status and what that means within the PA Department of Revenue.

Leadership will be given by Barron K. Deffenbaugh, Tax Advisor with H & R Block and Pastor of the Arbutus Church of the Brethren. The Pastor & Parish Ministry Team will be giving .5 CEU equivalent credit for pastors who attend.

Pastries and lunch will be provided (free will donation).

Registration is required by calling the District Office and speaking with Suzie at (814) 479-2181.
Music Available
Choral music (books, booklets, sheets) - absolutely free! If interested please contact Windber Church of the Brethren (814-467-6179)

Thanksgiving Services

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren will hold their annual Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Adult Choir will present "With Endless Praise," arranged and directed by Scott Leichliter. The Children’s Choir will also be singing in the program. Everyone is welcome. Mt. Joy Church is located one mile east of Mt. Pleasant on Route 31. Bro. Lee Smith is pastor. For further information, please call the church at 724-547-3670.

Johnstown Area Churches of the Brethren - Thanksgiving Morning Worship Service at the Arbutus Church, 8:00 a.m. Thursday November 24. Speaker - Nathan Crissman testimony and praise and worship.

KIDS N’ CHRIST
A PRE-HOLIDAY BREAK FOR MOM AND DAD
WHERE? Middlecreek Church of the Brethren*
WHEN? Saturday November 19
TIME? 12 noon until 3:30 p.m

REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 TO ATTEND

Phone the Bruners at: 814-445-8155 or e-mail Pastors John and Linda Stoner at jnljaunts@floodcity.net
Open to children ages 4-10

A memorable time of food, fun and study featuring “Showing God Our Thankful Hearts”

FREE OF CHARGE
A LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

*Our “Little Church With a Big Heart” is located just beyond Posey Corners Camp Ground on Middlecreek road. Folks with clear background checks present at all times

District Evangelism Counselor:

It is with great excitement that I will soon be offering a new Evangelism Workshop. It will be an 8-week course that will teach you how to share the gospel with family, friends and complete strangers. The workshop will include a study guide that will go along with the videos shown each week. The study guide will have practice conversations, Scripture search, and more. After the completion of the course, I will go out into the community with you, to assist and encourage you in your witnessing.

There will be more details in upcoming Highlights newsletters. I would like you to start planning to host a workshop for your congregation, community or your Western PA Sub-district. There will be a fee for the workshop, however, the larger the group the lower the cost per individual. If you have any questions, please give me a call: Bill Frey, pastor of Indiana COB @ 724-463-3280 or email: bill@indianajesus.com.

TO THE CHURCHES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT:
As technology moves forward, it occurred to me that many of the churches in our district now have their own website. In order that everyone who is supporting the successes of the Emanuel Children’s Home in San Pedro Sula, Honduras can easily keep us with “WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HOGAR EMANUEL…” please add a link to the Home’s web address on your church’s page. The link address is: www.hogaremanuel.com
Thank you.
Rona Hemminger, Mission Program coordinator

Look what’s new in Indiana:
- 2 Kitchen stoves and a freezer
- Kitchen floor
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Sunday School classes for all ages
- FREE Family Movie Night--all are welcome!
Denominational News

Church of the Brethren announces layoffs from denominational staff
Church of the Brethren Newsline Sept. 29, 2011

Nine positions on the Church of the Brethren denominational staff have been cut as part of balancing the 2012 budget. The layoffs follow a new management structure for staff (see www.brethren.org/orgchart) announced in August by general secretary Stan Noffsinger. The need to reduce next year’s budget was anticipated for some time by staff and board doing financial planning. For two years the Mission and Ministry Board has chosen to use reserves to balance the Core Ministries budget, wanting time to complete a strategic plan before making changes in staffing structure.

In early July, the board approved a 2012 budget parameter that requires reductions of $638,000 to achieve a balanced budget in the Core Ministries Fund. Contributing factors to the budget gap include the continuing economic recession, declining contributions from congregations and individuals, and increasing costs for health insurance and other expenses.

For complete article go to www.brethren.org.

Personnel Changes

- **J. Colleen Michael** begins a quarter-time position as district executive for Oregon Washington District on Jan. 1, 2012. **Joe and Merry Roy** have been appointed interim district executives in a volunteer capacity through Dec. 31.
- **LethaJoy Martin’s position** as secretary and program assistant for Children’s Disaster Services ended on Sept. 30.
- **Doug Pritchard** has stepped down as a co-director of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) and **Merwyn De Mello** has been appointed to the position starting January.

Annual Conference officers provide theme, prayer calendar for 2012

The Annual Conference officers have announced the theme for next year’s Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren: “Continuing the Work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together” (Matthew 28:19-20). The Conference will take place in St. Louis, MO, on July 7-11, 2012.

The officers invite Church of the Brethren members to join them in prayer on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. (each in their own time zone) until the start of next year’s Conference. The officers have provided an online prayer calendar guide for this time of prayer each week.

"The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 stands at an important intersection of New Testament faith," writes moderator Tim Harvey in his theme statement, in part. "Jesus has just completed his earthly ministry, a time when his life and teaching gave evidence of another kingdom among us. This kingdom is hidden from those who will not see, and yet made clearly present through his life and ministry. Jesus taught, healed, felt deep sorrow at the suffering of others, confronted injustice, invited other persons into this kingdom life, and finally was crucified. Three days later, he was raised. And now, perhaps moments before his ascension into Heaven, Jesus gives the disciples this instruction, words that will serve the Brethren as the theme verses for the 2012 Annual Conference: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:19-20, NRSV).

"As 2012 Annual Conference moderator, I look forward to hearing stories of how the Brethren are ‘Continuing the Work of Jesus’ in our congregations around the world," Harvey’s statement concludes. "Along the way to St. Louis, we will be reminded of the way Brethren of years past continued the work of Jesus in their time. And I will strive to challenge all of us to greater faithfulness. The world needs the testimony of Jesus. Brothers and Sisters, let us dedicate ourselves to ‘Continuing the Work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.’"

Denominational News

Peace Witness Ministries takes up food stamp challenge.

"Up to the challenge?" asks an Action Alert from the Church of the Brethren Peace Witness Ministries. "From Oct. 27-Nov. 3, this office will be taking the Food Stamp Challenge. Will you join us?" The Food Stamp Challenge is raising awareness of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP (formerly food stamp program) to make sure the 45 million people who depend on it aren't left hungry. It is a focus of the ecumenical "Fighting Poverty with Faith" campaign.

SNAP "is one of the programs on tap to be cut in the current round of budget negotiations, along with many other programs that serve the most vulnerable in our society at home and around the world," the Action Alert reported. "All of this happens while our military budget only continues to grow."

Those who join the Food Stamp Challenge will attempt to eat for a day or series of days from Oct. 27-Nov. 3 on the amount of money that a SNAP participant receives—roughly $4.50 per day—donating the difference from what they typically spend on food to the Global Food Crisis Fund. Participants also are encouraged to call on their members of Congress to join in the challenge. (Find out more about the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) at www.brethren.org/gfcf.)

Workcamps are announced for 2012.

"Ready to Listen" (1 Samuel 3:10) is the theme for the Church of the Brethren workcamps in 2012. A list of workcamp sites, dates, and costs for next summer is available at www.brethren.org/workcamps along with a downloadable flier that can be printed out for distribution to congregations and youth groups. Workcamps are offered for junior high and senior high youth, young adults, and intergenerational groups. A "We Are Able" workcamp is offered for youth with intellectual disabilities.

Junior high workcamps are offered from late June through early August in seven US locations. Senior high workcamps are offered from mid June through mid August in 14 locations in the US and the Caribbean. One young adult workcamp will be held in Haiti on May 27-June 4. Two intergenerational workcamps will be held, in Haiti on June 17-25 in cooperation with the Brethren Revival Fellowship, and in Idaho on June 24-July 1. We Are Able is planned for July 17-20 in New Windsor, Md.

Online registration for the 2012 workcamps will open Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. central time (8 p.m. eastern). For more information go to www.brethren.org/workcamps or contact cobworkcamps@brethren.org.

The following position openings have been announced by the Church of the Brethren. All are located at the General Offices in Elgin Ill.:

- **Data analyst and registration specialist**, a fulltime hourly position with responsibility to ensure accurate and timely data flow between organizational databases; create online registration and donation forms; build, test, and support those forms; run routine processes related to databases including data synchronization; work with various organizational databases and reconcile discrepancies between them; assist in or manage other website-related projects as assigned. Skills should include database management, problem-solving, multi-tasking, attention to detail, teamwork, customer service orientation, and ability to maintain confidentiality. Computer experience required, with MPAct or other CRM solution experience helpful, and Convio or other web-building solution experience helpful. Associates or bachelor degree preferred.

- **Office support specialist**, a fulltime hourly position to coordinate and provide the services of the Buildings and Grounds Department. No experience required. Responsibilities are to serve as event planner, including scheduling, coordination, catering services, tours, employee functions, and special events; receive and deliver incoming mail and provide support for outsourced mail processing; break room operations including ordering, stocking, and overall appearance; office supplies including purchasing following established guidelines; overseeing photocopier needs; receiving, loading, and coordinating trailer replacement; set up of conference rooms; support for office moves of employees within the building; operation of a vehicle; storage and organization of warehouse and dock; serve as back up for selected tasks when director is absent; visitor and delivery door monitoring. Occasional weekend or after hours work required. Other requirements include good oral and written communication, ability to maintain detailed records and to lift and move up to 75 pounds, valid driver’s license, high school diploma or equivalent preferred.

- **Program assistant**, fulltime, to support the executive director and staff of Congregational Life Ministries. Requirements include excellent computer skills, strong interpersonal communication, and ability to prioritize and follow through on a diversity of simple clerical and more complex organizational responsibilities. The preferred candidate will be proficient in both verbal and written English; demonstrate accuracy with basic financial transactions; efficiently collect, organize, and manage data; work easily with e-mail and web-based applications; have experience coordinating meetings and events; and effectively manage multiple tasks. Sensitivity to other cultures is essential; fluency in Spanish is preferred.

Applications will be reviewed until Nov. 5. Request an application packet from Karin Krog, director of Human Resources, at kkrog@brethren.org.
Give the women in your life a gift that will last a lifetime

“Women on the Move”

April 20—21, 2012

Victoria J. Smith will be our leader. She is a well known leader through out our denomination and a popular Gospel singer. Victoria loves the Lord and He has given her special talents that she shares around the country.

The Retreat is being held in the beautiful Laurel Highlands at the Antiochian Village Conference Center.

It is located 6 miles north of Ligonier on Rte. 711. It is a first class facility with hotel style accommodations, gourmet food and breath taking surroundings.

COST: This covers delicious meals and snacks, comfortable lodging, the leader, fun and refreshing activities.

4 to a room—$100.00 ea.  Commuters—$70.00 includes super, lunch
3 to a room—$110.00 ea.  and retreat
2 to a room—$ 120.00 ea.  Saturday only—$50 includes lunch & retreat

Available during the weekend will be God-time, relaxation, pampering—massages & manicures (extra $), and a fun Pajama Party. We pray that the hearts of women of all ages will relax and connect with God through this meaningful retreat.

We hope you will join us at “Women on the Move”.

Sponsored by the District Woman’s Ministry
AbbsTract  November 2011

~ A Variation on Psalm 136 ~

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He seriously rocks! His love endures forever.
2 Give thanks to the God high above all other gods. His love endures forever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord who blows other lords out of the water: His love endures forever.
4 to Him who alone does awesome crazy wonders, His love endures forever.
5 who by His understanding made the starry heavens, His love endures forever.
6 who gave us tall mountains and roaring oceans, His love endures forever.
7 who made the great lights in our galaxy, His love endures forever.
8 our sun to give us light and warmth, His love endures forever.
9 our moon and the stars to give us hope in the dark; His love endures forever.
10 to Him who protects us in traffic and at home, His love endures forever.
11 and brings rain upon the thirsty fields, His love endures forever.
12 with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
13 to Him who pays the mortgage and the electric bill, His love endures forever.
14 and brings faithful friends to visit when I am lonely, His love endures forever.
15 and who sweeps bitterness under the carpet; His love endures forever.
16 to Him who leads His people through dark days; His love endures forever.
17 to Him who showed His might over the world’s idols, His love endures forever.
18 and killed my desire for fame and prestige-His love endures forever.
19 who conquered my lust for money, His love endures forever.
20 and my ungrateful spirit-His love endures forever.
21 and gave me a promise for my inheritance, His love endures forever.
22 a great inheritance to His adoring servant. His love endures forever.

23 Hey, y’all - He remembers us in our low estate-His love endures forever.
24 and frees us from our enemies, our sins. His love endures forever.
25 He gives food and life and purpose to every creature. His love endures forever.
26 Give rambunctious thanks to the God of heaven!!! His love endures forever.

Sometimes I take the Psalms and make them my own. I figure most of them were written by some average guy who was either going through a real rough patch (“In my distress I groan aloud and am reduced to skin and bones.”) or a real good spell (“Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!”).

And you know what? I have those too. So far, I haven’t had to take shelter in a cave because the king was trying to kill me, but I daresay David didn’t have to wrestle with the insurance company over a prescription, either. So we understand each other.

Some people have told me that the book of Psalms is their least favorite part of the Bible. It is my MOST favorite. It tells the human condition. It cries out from the depths of despair and it shouts praises from the holy mountain. The Psalms show us that NO MATTER WHAT we are enduring, celebrating or somewhere in-between, GOD IS FAITHFUL.


You didn’t read it again, did you? Go ahead.

His love endures forever, friend. His love endures forever. It doesn’t just last forever. It endures. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (-Romans 8)

Now, thank we all our God.

© Abby
Children's Christmas Party!
December 10, 2011
@ Camp Harmony
From 9:30-3:00
For Ages 4 Years to 5th Grade
1 Child = $10 ... 2nd Sibling = $8, 3rd = $6, etc.

*Watch for a sign-up sheet in your church!*
Western PA District Church of the Brethren is hosting the 6TH ANNUAL AUCTION! Churches are invited to collect and contribute items for the auction in support of the ministries of the Western PA District.

There are THREE main Saturday drop-off dates scheduled at Camp Harmony from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on: October 8, 22, & 29 ONLY! In addition, a drop off can be made on October 15, following the end of District Conference.

New this year!!
An Online Auction, beginning October 31 through November 4.

Go to www.westernpacob.org and follow the links.

A fantastic way for you to be a part of the auction, if you are unable to attend!
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

November 2011

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
BROWN, JOSEPH E. - 150 River Rd, Fairhope, 15538-2509 - 814 267-3211
DAVIS, KENNETH A. - 301 Walker St, Garrett, 15542-8427 - 814 634-8173
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORKY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GOVEY, MICHAEL D. - 180 Golf Course Rd, Stoystown, 15563 - 814 629-1312
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIRONIMUS, 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. - 19 Foreman Ave, Uniontown, 15401 - 724 430-8093
JOHNSON, WOODY - 2900 Fourth Ave, Beaver Falls, 15010 - 724 624-4471
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 225 Oak Hill Rd, Shelocta, 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
MOSORIJK, GARY N. - 1337 Roxbury Ave, Johnstown, 15905-4528 - 814 619-4238
OTT, CLIFFORD W. - PO Box 444, Jerome, 15937-0444 - 814 479-2374
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. - 2288 N Ridge Rd, Shelocta, 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
SIMONSICK, ROBERT - PO Box 32, 201 S Main St, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 442-0897
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 22 Hawes Rd, Farmington, 15437 - 724 329-5973
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 - 814 634-8158
THOMAS, RODGER J. - 191 Mount Hope Rd, South Fork, 15956 - 814 536-7352
WALKER, JUDY M. - 201 E Washington St, Mount Pleasant, 15666-1959 - 724 547-3772
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6339
WHITACRE, DANIEL J. - 118 Chipmunk Ln, Meyersdale, 15552-7245 - 814 634-5037
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILCHER, JOEL A. - 658 R 13 th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOWBY, CAROLYN S. - 416 Kenneth Ave, Johnstown, 15904-3510 - 814 266-9758

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LAY SPEAKER
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Oscar came to Hogar Emanuel in 2005 because his grandmother was unable to care for him after being abandoned by his parents. Now he is a happy young man who is eager to please those around him and easily makes friends with members of the work groups. It helps that he speaks some English, too. He likes to study and says that his favorite hobbies are reading, playing futbol (soccer), and listening to music. He currently is completing his practicum in the office at *Foam de Honduras* where he will be offered a full time position upon his graduation from the Institute Luis Bogran (high school) next month with a degree in computer science. He wants to be an industrial engineer. Please pray for Oscar as he continues to prepare for his life outside the Hogar as an adult.
What’s happening at the Emanuel Children’s Home?

Although the staff works as a team to provide for the well-being of each and every child, they recently reported a significant improvement in the attitudes of many of our twenty-five resident children who are over the age of fifteen. They attribute this to the fact that they are now receiving increased psychological care by a full-time therapist in addition to that of a part-time social worker who are providing daily counseling, initiating workshops and motivational training in areas such as sex education, vocational choice, violence prevention, and many other appropriate topics. Thanks to all who help our older youth prepare for their future with special donations and specific prayers for the New Bridge Program.

JAIRO is the STAR EMPLOYEE for this month. He is a Christian man who works with the middle-aged boys as the nighttime educator. He also helps with the garden and organizes special events. Many of the children refer to him as “Pa” or “Papi”. Jairo is the youngest of nine children. He grew up in a very humble home, worked numerous jobs, and suffered several tragedies in his life before he came to Hogar in 2008. He admits that his life has not been easy, but feels that it has helped him to better understand and be compassionate towards the special needs of our children here. He hopes to marry and have children of his own one day. Please pray for Jairo and the children his serves.

This jungle gym is one of the kids’ favorite places to play, but it is in bad shape because it is also a favorite of the termites. We estimate that it will cost approximately $2000 to replace all the badly eaten wood for this and several other pieces of playground equipment with new termite-resistant lumber. PLEASE help us by sending an extra donation to the SPECIAL FUND — Mark it PLAYGROUND.

Play is not trivial, it’s a basic biological drive as critical to our health as sleep or food.

Stuart Brown

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Special Fund

For PLAYGROUND (specify)

Pledged donation $_____________
Special $_____________
TOTAL Enclosed $_____________

My name or a contact name for my group
Name of organization
Address
Phone
Email
Signature

Please return this coupon with your tax deductible contribution made payable and sent to:
WESTERN PA DISTRICT COB
115 Spring Rd., Hollsopple, PA 15935
or visit the website and click DONATE

10/2011
Chaplain Appreciation Service

The Home held a service on October 2 to honor and consecrate the work of God being done in our facilities by our chaplains, the Rev. Warren Lewis and the Rev. Linda Reininger. There was a full house in the basement chapel where we gathered to hear words of tribute and appreciation to the work Rev. Lewis has done over his 17 years of service at the Home and welcome Rev. Reininger to our staff. Edie Scaletta, NHA shared stories of how Rev. Lewis has touched so many of our residents and staff’s lives. She also spoke about how Rev. Reininger is a perfect fit and addition to our staff. The Rev. Ronald Beachley had prayer with the chaplains and the service ended with Rev. Lewis and Rev. Reininger sharing their own stories and experiences of the Home and the residents here. We are blessed to have such Godly spiritual leadership to support and nurture the spiritual well-being of the residents in the Brethren Home Community.

Support A Cure

Staff at the Home observed Breast Cancer Awareness Month with ‘Cookies for a Cure’ and ‘Dress for a Cure’ campaigns. The dietary department used cookie dough from the Otis Spunkmayer Company; chocolate cookies with pink chocolate chunks were baked in the Home kitchen, bagged by the residents and sold in the Ice Cream Parlor. Staff, residents and their families enjoyed the great tasting cookies. On October 19 staff participated in ‘Dress for a Cure’ day. Those participating pledged $5 to wear jeans to work and were given a pink breast cancer awareness ribbon to show their support. The campaigns were held in honor of the many residents and their families whose lives have been impacted by cancer. All proceeds were donated to support patient care services at the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center located in Windber.

Rummage Sale

The housekeeping department is holding another Rummage Sale on November 10-11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. We encourage everyone to stop in and see all the items for sale, as well as drop off any donations. Please contact Pam at the Home if you have any questions.

Retirement Village Cottage Available

There is a two bedroom, one car garage cottage available in the Orchard Point Retirement Village. Please call 814-467-5505 Monday through Friday for more information.

Looking Back……

- November 1932, a motion was passed that all persons not members of the COB applying for admissions to the Home must have their application approved by the Board of Trustees and must pay room and board in advance each month.
- November 1961, the Home Auxiliary started organizing the monthly birthday parties for the residents.
- November 1975, the Home Auxiliary donated $53,000 towards the Anniversary Wing.
As we continue to celebrate our 90th year of service and care, please help us decorate the **Christmas Tree of Stars**. Your donation will not only honor or memorialize a loved one or friend, it will help us provide benevolent care for our residents in need.

Thank you for showing your love and concern by supporting the Tree of Stars Campaign in this 28th year of our program.

Names of persons being remembered will be hung on the Christmas tree located in the Home’s Circle Lounge.

Please return the bottom portion with your contribution to:

**Church of the Brethren Home**  
277 Hoffman Avenue  
Windber, PA 15963  
ATTN: Tree of Stars

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**Christmas Tree of Stars 2011**

Please Shine a Light in **Memory** of: ___________________________________________ OR

Please Hang an Ornament in **Honor** of: _______________________________________

Donated By:_____________________________ Amount:____________

Address:___________________________________________
THANK YOU… THANK YOU… THANK YOU… THANK YOU…

CABIN FEVER

20 ½ Cabins have been adopted – “I Know Something Good About You” (Theme from 2011 District Conference). Also other congregations are adopting into the infrastructure and will be recognized as if they adopted a cabin.

CABINS: Maple Spring, District Ministers, Hostetler, Center Hill, Rummel, Shade Creek/Ridge, Somerset, Farmington-Bethel, Plumcreek, Salisbury, Windber, John and Linda’s Kids, Meyersdale, Brothersvalley, Geiger/Rayman, Pleasant Hill, Arbutus Women’s Ministry (1/2), Sipesville, Bethel/Greenville, Bear Run, Ligonier

INFRASTRUCTURE (water, electric, sewage): Scalp Level, Connellsville

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A special thank you is extended to everyone who attended and helped with District Conference and worked for your ministries.

Sipesville – Table Decorations
Maple Spring Youth – Set up tables / chairs – a portion of the Conference proceeds was put into their youth account
Geiger Youth – Took down tables / chairs – a portion of the Conference proceeds was put into their youth account
Meyersdale – equipment and traffic control
Volunteers and friends of camp who helped when we needed additional personnel for preparing and serving the food for lunch.
Staff who constantly put in long hours as they passionately work for the Camp.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Heritage Festival Committee presented Camp a check for $3500 which were the Camp proceeds from the Heritage Festival. The other half went to the District and some money was left as a start up for next year. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make that possible. The money will be used to pay some long overdue bills (insurance, and electric).

BACKHOE DONATED

A very special thank you is extended to the person who anonymously bought a backhoe for Camp. Needless to say it has already been put to good use to find some water line breaks and will be used to put in the water and electric lines. THANK YOU...THANK YOU.
JOB OPENING
Food Service Director at Camp Harmony
Year Round Employment
Medical Insurance Benefit Available
For information and a copy of the job description please contact
Janice Kaltenbaugh at Camp 1-814-798-5885 or jkaltenbaugh@campharmony.org

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52 GOD BLESS YOU – 2011
Over 110 families have contributed to lessen the debt for a total of $8000. The more persons who are attached to God’s ministry, the stronger God’s Camp becomes. Send a check to camp for $52 ($1.00 a week) and help with the debt reduction. We are helping to create memories for God’s children.

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Call Camp for Information
November 5 – District Auction
November 11/12 – Fall Croppers Weekend
December 3 – Dodge Ball Tournament
December 10 – District Children’s Party – 9:30AM – 3:00PM
December 10 – The Treasured Tour - An encouraging evening for women of all ages featuring Noel McLeary
December 30 – Appreciation Banquet – THANK YOU to all our VOLUNTEERS

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COOKBOOKS
Camp Harmony has cookbooks for sale featuring recipes from all over Western Pennsylvania District. Call Camp to reserve yours now - $10.00 They make wonderful gifts for birthdays, and Christmas. All proceeds benefit the debt reduction. Thank you for your support.

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Remember - Camp is available for holiday dinners and celebrations….Call now

Did you know? The original 19 acres of Camp Harmony was purchased for $8,000.
# 2011 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.

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**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. Thank You!

ALSO, If your District group, team, or committee is working to schedule dates for 2012, please send those dates to the District Office as they are scheduled. Your help is much appreciated!
"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV