District Conference Wrap-Up

Once again the delegates and non-delegates of the Western PA District gathered at Camp Harmony for the annual District Conference. We were treated to a variety of weather on October 17, from sunshine, to rain, to sleet, and back to sunshine again. Many thanks to the staff at Camp Harmony for all their help and hard work which made this District Conference an enjoyable day for all.

The Conference theme for this year was “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” based on 2 Corinthians 8:9a which District Moderator Vince Cable shared about during his Moderator’s challenge. The wonderful grace that God has given was shared and felt throughout the day. The attendees were also blessed with music and worship by the Rescued by Grace singers from the Meyersdale Church of the Brethren.

There were two insight sessions during the morning, the first were presentations by Church of the Brethren agencies with Josh Brockway, Director of Spiritual Life and Discipleship and Don Mitchell from On Earth Peace. The second session was all about “Churches in Progress” and included presentations by Linda Beachley of the Nanty Glo Church, Barry Conn from County Line, and Bill Wenger from Moxham. All conference attendees were encouraged to visit the exhibits area and browse through all the information presented by Springs of Living Water, District Women’s Ministries, Bethany Theological Seminary, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home Community Windber, Brethren Volunteer Service, Mission & Ministry Board, Brethren Disaster Ministries and others. They were also invited to review and purchase items from the Brethren Press.

The first of two Mission Moments that took place during the conference was from the Resource and Development Team. Joy Derck presented a report on what the R & D Team has been working on, detailing the Holy Spirit Conference that will be held the first weekend on May 2016 at Camp Harmony. The second Mission Moment was a presentation by Carl and Roxanne Hill from the Nigerian Crisis Response Team. They gave a detailed slideshow presentation on the crisis and what the Church of the Brethren is doing to help and what we need to continue to be doing in the future.

Sandra M. Peterman from the Plumcreek congregation was installed as Moderator for 2016. Others affirmed on the slate include: Program & Arrangements Committee, Dottie Grew (Meyersdale), Gregory Beach (Greenville/Bethel); BHCP Trustees, Robert Grafe (Moxham); Camp Harmony Board of Directors, Todd Shaffer (Scalp Level), Mary McKenzie (Meyersdale), Paul Liepelt, (Somerset); Gifts Discernment Team, Vonna Beach (Scalp Level), and District Leadership Team - O&S, Kristina Peters (Center Hill); P&P, Cheryl Marszalek (Monroeville); S&F Team, Dawn Fox.

A budget of $175,915 for 2016 was approved. The total reflects a 1% increase. There were officially 197 attendees (162 delegates, 35 non-delegates) and 48 congregations were represented. An offering of $2,355.35 was collected for the Nigerian Crisis Fund and the district van was filled with hygiene kits, school kits, baby kits and clean up buckets for Church World Service. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously!

Once again, THANK YOU to all the folks at Camp Harmony and all those who helped to make this year’s conference a success!

Tina Lehman, District Administrative Assistant
District Office News

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you would like a paper copy or a CD, please contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

Corrections and additions will be noted in the District HIGHLIGHTS as they are received.

Please note the following updates:

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- **PHONE** - Pastor Jack Rupert - 814-322-7786
- **EMAIL** - jrupert@new-day.org

NEW DIRECTORIES COMING SOON!

The 2016 Western PA District Directory will be sent out some time in March. I will be contacting groups and teams listed in the directory for corrections and updates starting in December. Please make the changes to your groups and send me the most updated information you have. It is very helpful to us here at the District Office as well as everyone else in the District.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Tina

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in 2016, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollisopple, 15935.

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

Thank you!

February 2016 Highlights Deadline

January 10, 2016

Please send all Highlights information to the District Office for this next issue.
Sometimes I have a problem knowing what to do and who to be. Can you relate?

In particular, I have trouble with knowing how to put into their proper places the past, the present and the future, as a Christian.

I know the past is very important – it shows us how we got to be here, and there is a collective knowledge from the ages that benefits us today. My degree is in history, and although Henry Ford said it’s bunk, there is a great deal we can learn from the records of the past. Most of Scripture, after all, is a monument to the past – a treasury of the workings of God in the lives of people on earth.

There is much to be gleaned from the past, even in your own life. Back there is where you learned what to do, say and think; what not to do, say and think. Through the years, we all discover who we are and who we’re meant to be. We learn from the miracles and from the tragedies. Who you are today is made up of a billion decisions, events and moments – some of your choosing and some not.

We cannot deny the great importance of the past! Then, there is the future. It is unknown. It has not yet come. Just in the typing of this article, the future has passed through the present and into memory.

Most of us, if we admit it, are terrified of the future, and we don’t afford it much thought. The past is largely familiar, because we’ve lived through it. But the future is entirely uncertain. Some cynics would say the only thing we can count on is death and taxes. And who in the world wants to think about those?

We will readily tell a young person: “you have your entire future ahead of you!” But, what does that mean? We all have our entire futures ahead of us. When I think of the future, I wonder about the world’s trajectory. Most Americans have never known the full experience of war.

We don’t really know about such things as famine, persecution, sword. Since the Civil War in the 1860’s, we’ve had a few isolated events of terror on U.S. soil – the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the attacks on 9/11. But we’ve lived in relative peace and security for as long as anyone can remember. Sometimes I start to worry about the future. But there’s a great verse at the end of Matthew chapter 6. Jesus is giving the Sermon on the Mount, and He says this:

“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.” - Matt. 6:34

Isn’t that the perfect solution to my problem? When I choose to see today for what it is, and I place all of its challenges and uncertainties into God’s capable hands, my fear is replaced with assurance. If God is for me, who can possibly be against me? Nothing can separate me from His love. So why worry?

Like Corrie Ten Boom said, “Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.”

I need all the strength I can muster for today. Because today is all I have at the moment.

I have no idea what tomorrow will look like for you – but I know that God is there. He was, He is and He is to come. He is the same: yesterday, today and forever. His love doesn’t change. Everything else in your life is subject to alteration, but God’s love remains steady and certain. Like I always tell myself, He has not brought you this far to dump you by the side of the road!

I still don’t have it all figured out; I’ll let you know when I do...
10TH ANNUAL
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
DISTRICT AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015
9 AM

CAMP HARMONY
1414 PLANK ROAD,
HOOVERSVILLE, PA 15936

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

TWO Saturday drop-off dates are scheduled to bring items to Camp Harmony. The dates are
October 17, following District Conference, October 24, and October 31 from 9:00 am to 12:00
noon both days.

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

For more information see your congregation’s Auction Advocate or call the District Office.

10% OF THE DISTRICT AUCTION PROFITS WILL GO TO THE NIGERIAN CRISIS FUND
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 hjewald@atlanticbb.net.

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

THANK YOU

Day Trips
Nov. 5, 2015
Nov. 17, 2015

Week Trips
Dec. 6-12, 2015

Pastor Ron Barto and his wife Barbara have a 1959 Wurlitzer organ that they are looking to get rid of. It is in beautiful condition with 2 keyboards.

If you are interested in and would like some more information, please contact the Barto’s at randbbarto@gmail.com or 814-262-8586.

Please Note...
ADVENT STARTS
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Let them give thanks to Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107: 8-9
The Church of the Brethren is active with volunteer work and emergency help in mission projects in a number of countries like: Haiti, Nigeria, India and more, as well as our own country. Child Disaster Services recently sent 17 volunteers to the California wild fire area to provide care for the children and families living in shelters. Roy Winter of Brethren Disaster Ministries and Global Mission, executive director, said that the refugee and migrant crisis involves people from, Syria, Iraq, Nigeria and others forced from their homes in other nations worldwide. More than 59.5 million people were considered displaced at the end of 2014 and HALF of the displaced are children.

With so much going on in our world, the first and best thing we can do as brothers and sisters in Christ, is to pray. Then we can volunteer and/or give to missions. Contact the District or Brotherhood to see how you can help.

In our own nation...

Pray for the Church of the Brethren Workcamp Ministry, as the 2016 season takes shape under the theme "Blazing with Holiness" and The Message interpretation of 1 Peter 1:13-16. Pray for a summer of opportunities in which participants will feel the blaze of the Holy Spirit and will learn to develop their own blaze of holiness through service.

If you are interested in helping in any way through Global Mission and Service or would like to learn more about what the Church of the Brethren is doing throughout the world, please visit the Church of the Brethren website at www.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 for more information.

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
PEACE ESSAY CONTEST 2016

Richmond, IN - How and why are some individuals inspired and inspiring? The 2016 Bethany Peace Essay Contest—Inspired and Inspiring Peacemakers—asks student writers to share in a public voice about someone they consider to be an inspiring peacemaker. Sponsored by the peace studies program at the Seminary, the contest is open to seminary, graduate school, college, and high school students who are fully enrolled in a program en route to a degree. Prizes of $2000, $1000, and $500 will be awarded for the top three essays.

This theme is intended to be inclusive and expansive in terms of possible topics. The World Council of Churches' paper *An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace* has defined peace building and seeking cultures of peace under four broad categories: peace in the community, peace with the earth, peace in the marketplace, and peace among the peoples. Essays are encouraged on individuals whose vision, voice, and work inspire peacemaking in any or all of these categories. Contestants may write on a familiar peacemaker like Martin Luther King or Wangari Maathai or cover lesser known figures such as Ted Studebaker, Leymah Gbowee, or Ella Baker. Submissions on peacemakers whose stories have not yet been told are also welcome.

“Words like inspired and inspiring have fallen out of fashion for many in an era of cynicism and the politics of realism. Yet we remain fascinated by the spiritual and social sources of inspiration,” says Scott Holland, Slabaugh Professor of Theology and Culture and the director of Bethany’s peace studies program.

“The inspiration for this theme came in part from conversations I had with Gary Studebaker, a brother of slain Brethren peacemaker Ted Studebaker. Gary and his brother Doug are currently writing a book about Ted’s work and witness. It seemed appropriate this year to invite students to write on a peacemaker they find inspiring.”

The contest is underwritten by the Jennie Calhoun Baker Endowment, funded by John C. Baker in honor of his mother. Described as a “Church of the Brethren woman ahead of her time,” Jennie was known for actively pursuing peacemaking by meeting the needs of others, providing community leadership, and upholding the value of creative and independent thinking in education. John Baker, a philanthropist for peace with a distinguished career in higher education, and his wife had also helped establish the peace studies program at Bethany with an earlier endowment gift.

Ecumenical partnership helps make the contest possible, with peace church representatives serving as judges along with Holland: Joanna Shenk, associate pastor at First Mennonite Church, San Francisco, California; Matt Guynn, director of organizing for On Earth Peace; and Judi Hetrick, assistant professor of journalism at Earlham College. Bekah Houff, coordinator of outreach programs at Bethany, assists Holland in administering the contest.

Essays can be submitted between January 1 and January 25, 2016, and results will be announced by the end of February 2016. Winning essays will appear in selected publications of the Church of the Brethren, Friends, and Mennonite faith communities.

For guidelines, terms, and submission procedures, go to [www.bethanyseminary.edu/peace-essay](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/peace-essay). Contact Bekah Houff at houffre@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1809 for additional information.
November 2015

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

ORDAINED
ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homwood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BERKEBILLE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GREGG, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428 - 814 267-3205
HIROMIMUS, 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
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 240 Plumcreek Rd, Shelocta, 15774 - 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
MOORE, EDWIN E., JR. - 107 Sabra Court, Uniontown, 15401-9729 - 724 970-2505
PETEY, SANDRA M. - 110 Windy Ridge Ln, Apt 3, Shelocta, 15774 - 724 599-2145
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DAVE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 732 319-0099
RUPERT, J ACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SHAFER, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHAFERIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 506 Scialandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601 - 724 837-4491
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
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639 - 724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758

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DERCK, JOY E. - 3089 Dutch Run Rd, Shelocta, 15774-2224 - 724 354-3386
DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
HILGER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
SHAFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
SHAFER, DANIEL P. - 135 Holly Path, Windber, 15963 - 814 244-5470
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-467-0882

LAY SPEAKER
RAME, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305 - 724 836-0594
SIMPLY THE BEST: For the eighth time, our Home was voted 2015 “Simply the Best” retirement facility by the readers of the Johnstown Tribune Democrat. We always keep in mind that this honor isn’t a scientific survey, but it is a compliment to our staff to have such a good reputation for superior care in the Johnstown community.

FLYING OLD GLORY: Thanks to our state representative, Brian Barbin, who was kind enough to donate a new United States flag to the Home. Our previous flag was tattered by the elements, and we were grateful that his generous donation allowed us to continue to display our patriotism.

AROUND THE HOME: (from top left) Welcome to new food service manager Pat Cavanaugh who posed beside the warming cart recently purchased by the Home Auxiliary. Harvest Home donations are helping fund the Home lobby restoration project. Talented seamstresses and Orchard Point residents Sandy Mader and June McHenry mounted a beautiful quilt show at Pettikoffer House. Home residents enjoyed an afternoon out visiting the show. Maintenance Director Dennis Clark spent a week high above the home repairing pointing.
Please help us decorate the 32\textsuperscript{nd} annual \textbf{Christmas Tree of Stars}. Your donation will not only honor or memorialize a loved one or friend, it will help provide benevolent care for our residents. The names of those being remembered will be displayed on the Christmas tree located in the Home’s Circle Lounge.

Please detach and return the bottom portion with your contribution to:

\textit{Church of the Brethren Home}
\textit{277 Hoffman Avenue}
\textit{Windber, PA 15963}
\textit{ATTN: Tree of Stars}

Thank you for showing your love and generosity by supporting the Tree of Stars Campaign!

\textbf{Christmas Tree of Stars 2015}

Please Hang a Star in \textbf{Memory} of:

_________________________________________________________________

\textbf{OR}

Please Hang an Ornament in \textbf{Honor} of:

_________________________________________________________________

Donated By: ___________________________________  Amount: _________

Address: _________________________________________
“The Church of the Brethren should be absolutely fearless, absurdly happy, and always getting into trouble for Jesus”  Quote from Dan West…..

**FAITH PROMISE DINNER**
Saturday, December 5, 2015
6:00 PM – Fellowship
6:30 PM – Dinner
All persons are welcome and invited to attend
$100 minimum donation
Dinner is free
Music presented by “United”
Give by Faith to the Lord’s ministry as you are able.
All donations may be monthly, quarterly, or that night.
Help Camp Harmony reach 100 years of ministry..
“And they fell heir to what others had toiled for…”  Psalm 105:44

*Job Openings – For more information contact the office.*
Part Time Cook
Part Time Kitchen Assistant
Part Maintenance
Part Time Facilitator for the Ropes Course
To apply for any of these positions, send in an application, resume, and a letter of reference from someone other than family.

2015 “52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM”
As more and more families are blessed they contribute $1.00 a week or $52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. Join the 2015 team. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed $52, the mortgage could be eliminated…..At this time 48 families have already joined in 2015 for $3,000 . Thank you for your support.  Come to camp and see the original quilt.

*If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.  If you want to touch the present, touch a flower.  If you want to touch the future, touch a life.*

*Keep on the look out for a used truck for Camp…..*
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Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox dropoff at Camp Harmony
November 16-23, 2015
Monday-Saturday (16-21) – 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday (22nd) – 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday (23rd)- 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Note:  If anyone has a box truck that we may use to transport the boxes to the next stop on the journey of the shoeboxes, please let Camp know as soon as possible.

A special thank you is extended to all persons and congregations who helped with the Heritage Festival.  A wonderful time was had by all and you helped raise $3000 towards the Ministry of Camp Harmony. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!

FUTURE EVENTS – Call Camp for Information
November 13 – 14 – Scrapbook Retreat

December 5 – Faith Promise Dinner – All persons are welcome – Give through Faith

December 12 – Children’s Christmas Party

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  (See flyer) Featuring Snapology from Pittsburgh.

Come and bring a friend.

5/6/7 year olds will make a Lego snowflake, build a Lego sled and race it down the Snapology race track.  They will also build a turntable to make a spin art creation. 8/9/10 year olds will build a Christmas scene and accessories.  Then using this scene they will make an animated Christmas card using computers and cameras.
2 Youth Weekends!
Children’s Retreat - Grades 3-5
January 29-31

Jr. & Sr. High - Grades 6-12
February 12-14

2016
2 youth weekends!
CampHarmony.org
814.798.5885
Winter Registration Form

Camper Name: _______________________________________

Gender: __M __F    Birthdate:_________ Current Grade: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian(s) Names: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:________________________________________________________________________

City:__________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Email Address:____________________________________

Home Phone:______________________________________

Emergency Phone:__________________________________

Special Instructions:________________________________

Which Retreat are you Registering For?

Children’s (grades 3-5)  Jr & Sr High (Grades 6-12)
☐ January 29-31       ☐ February 12-14

Please complete if your church is paying a portion of the fee:

Church name:_______________________________________________________________

The church will be paying $_____ of the registration fee.

Authorized Signature (Required; Pastor or Camp Rep)

In signing this application, I grant permission for my child to attend Camp Harmony and for Camp Harmony to use images (photo, video, etc) of my child and members of my family in camp publicity (print ads, internet including social networking sites, etc.). I waive the right to inspect or approve images for such purposes. I also acknowledge that, by their very nature, outdoor and camping activities involve some risk of injury. I understand also, that although the camp has taken precautions to provide proper supervision, instruction, training, and equipment for each activity, it is impossible for the camp to guarantee absolute safety. I further understand that participation in these activities is voluntary and waive any claim that may arise against the camp and/or employees as a result of participation in the program, except for those that are a direct result of gross negligence of the camp or its employees.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date ________

About the Weekend Retreats

If you can’t wait until next summer to come back to camp, this is the retreat for you! During our winter retreats at Camp Harmony, we do many of our favorite activities from summer including crafts, worship, games and Bible lessons. Plus we’ll get to go sledding and play in the snow! Each weekend is designed to strengthen your faith in Christ and grow in your walk with Him. We can’t wait to see you at Camp Harmony!

Registration: Friday Evening 7-8 pm
Pick up: Sunday Afternoon 2 pm
Cost: $100 per camper

How to Register

Mail your completed registration form (one per camper) and a $25 non-refundable deposit to:

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

Payments can be made by cash, check or credit. We recommend full prepayment to reduce time in registration line. Registrations received less than one week from beginning of retreat date will be

Things to bring

Bedding, money for store & offering, towel & toiletries seasonal clothing including extra shoes and socks, Bible

Have questions or need more information? 814.798.5885
Come to the Well

PARTAKE OF LIVING WATER AND DEPART FOR MINISTRY
January 11 — 12, 2016

Springs of Living Waters in partnership with the Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren, Camp Swatara, and Bethany Theological Seminary invite you to attend a day of Pastor’s Sabbath Rest (Mon Jan 11) and the 19th Annual Pastor’s and Church Leaders Conference (Tue Jan 12). In the event of inclement weather the snow date will be Jan. 18th & 19th, 2016.

RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS
Mon, January 11, 2016 — Pastor’s Day of Sabbath Rest **NEW FOR 2016**
11:30am Gathering for Lunch — Pastors may arrive earlier if desired.
12:30pm-3:30pm “Jesus in Luke: Filled with the Spirit, Modeling Ministry” Preparation for Lenten Preaching with Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament, Bethany Theological Seminary via Electronic Interactive Classroom Connection
3:30pm Sabbath Nature Walk led by Dan Christ, Forester & Wildlife Artist — Time for Rest, Reflection, & Prayer
5:00pm Dinner
Evening Evening Campfire & Vespers

Tues, Jan. 12, 2016 — 19th Annual Pastor’s & Church Leaders Conference
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Worship: “Come to the Well”, Homily by David Young
9:30am Session 1: “Sifting Wheat from the Weeds, Discerning Our Life Journey” by Father Joseph Currie, Rector at The Jesuit Center in Wernersville, PA and Retreat Leader. Father Currie has spent 20 years in mission work in India.
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm “Walk to Emmaus” Examining the mood of the disciples, from fear to joy.
2:00pm Session 2: “Spiritual Discernment, Discerning the Movements of God from other Movements” Leadership: Father Joseph Currie

Who
Pastors & Church Leaders — All are welcome

What
Winter Sabbath Rest Retreat with teaching/study time and training with CEU opportunity

Where
Camp Swatara Retreat Facilities in Bethel, Pennsylvania

When
January 11-12, 2016

Cost
Anticipated cost for retreat will not exceed $95. One day only registrations will be available. $10 for CEU credit. Limited partial scholarships are available. .4 CEU for Monday and .6 CEU for Tuesday.

Registration will include meals & leadership costs. Overnight accommodations for pastors at Camp Swatara are without charge.

Details are subject to slight change as plans develop.

For more information about the retreat contact David Young at davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org or by telephone at (717)615-4515
For more information about Springs of Living Water visit www.churchrenewalservant.org
COME TO THE WELL,
Partake of Living Water,
and Depart for Ministry

January 11 and 12, 2016
Camp Swatara Retreat Facilities, Bethel, PA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME ____________________________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________________________________________________________
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER __________________________________ ______________________
CONGREGATION and LOCATION______________________________________________________________

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____ Register me for both Pastor’s Sabbath Rest AND Pastor’s & Church Leader’s Conference.

____ Register me for Pastor’s Sabbath Rest ONLY on Monday
   Meals include: lunch and dinner, and Tuesday breakfast. You may arrive Monday as early as you want. Various
   resources on prayer, Sabbath Rest and the conference theme will be available.

____ Register me for Pastor and Church Leaders Conference ONLY on Tuesday
   Includes lunch. You may arrive Tuesday as early as you want. Breakfast is available.
   ____ I would like to take part in the breakfast. (Please indicate for cook’s count.)

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Cost includes meals and usage of space:
   One day = $40.00           Two days = $80.00
For CEU credit, please add $10.00 .4 CEU for Mon, .6 CEU for Tues, yielding 1.0 full CEU for 2-day participation
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 28, 2015
Please make checks payable to: Western PA District COB,
and mail to: Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, PA 15935

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Overnight accommodations at Camp Swatara are available without charge.
Housing Options are available on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.
Please indicate your preference.

____ North Lodge: 10 rooms - Usually accommodates 20 people, double occupancy, includes married couples, linens
   and towels and linens provided. Please register early for this space.
   Other accommodations – please bring your own linens (sleeping bag, blanket, towels, etc.)

____ West Cabins: New – restrooms indoors
____ East Staff House – restrooms indoors
____ Other Cabins – restrooms outdoors
   Housing is being assigned to lower bunks only! Please indicate if you prefer a top bunk _____

Please indicate any special dietary needs, or any other needs ______________________________________

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Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! The NEW Form B that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin and updates contact information about your congregation’s board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contact persons will be coming to congregations and contact persons soon. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The Additional Officers Form for 2016 will be sent from the District Office soon.

In addition, the Congregational Outreach Form for 2015/2016 has been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and is due by December 1, 2015. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at www.brethren.org/stewardship. Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the District Office as of October 20. ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination. The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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2015 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.

NOVEMBER 2015
1  - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
1  - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
5  - BHCW Auxiliary 1p.m.
7  - TENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
12 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
14 - SVMC Class 9 a.m.
21 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Pike Run Church
23 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
30 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 2015
6  - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12 - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come
13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
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!

The 2016 Calendar will appear in the DECEMBER 2015/ JANUARY 2016 issue of the District Highlights.

PLEASE contact Tina at the District Office if you have dates to be added to the District Calendar.
General Information

November 13 & 14

Friday 4:00pm – Midnight
Saturday 9:00am – 9:00pm

Directions

Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Road
Hooversville, PA 15936

From Route 219
Take the PA 403 exit. Turn toward Hollisopple. Follow 403 South for approx. one-half mile. Merge RIGHT onto Route 601 South for approx. 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT onto Plank Road. Follow Plank Road for 3.2 miles winding around the dam to the Camp Harmony entrance on the RIGHT.

Once on the camp property, follow the road up to FAITH HALL. Pull up to the marked doors to unload before parking your vehicle in the lot.

- Registration Deadline is November 7, 2015
- No refunds will be given for cancellations after 11/7/15.
- No refunds for no-shows
- $20 fee for returned checks

Camp Harmony Croppers
Hooversville, PA
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV. 7, 2015

BRING A NEW FRIEND!

We do our best to provide electricity to all who need it, please bring a small extension cord if you plan on using electric.

For questions, call or email:
814-701-1681
MrsLizHolbrook@gmail.com

Proceeds from this Crop are donated to Camp Harmony for program and facility needs. Thank you for your continued support of this Crop!