



Western PA

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

November 2019 Vol. 19 No. 9

153rd Annual District Conference Wrap-up

The delegates and non-delegates of the Western PA District gathered at Camp Harmony on October 19, 2019 on a beautiful autumn day for the 153rd Annual District Conference. Many thanks to the staff at Camp Harmony for all their help and hard work which made this District Conference a great day for all.

The Conference theme for this year was “All Scripture is God Breathed” from 2 Timothy. District Moderator John Stoner reflected on this theme and call to biblical accountability in his Moderator’s Challenge.

There were 2 insight sessions in the afternoon, a short video presentation from the COB Mission and Ministry Board and “Calling the Called”, a information session conducted by Pastor Cheryl Marszalek. All conference attendees were also encouraged to visit the exhibits area and browse through all the information presented by District Women’s Ministries, Bethany Theological Seminary, Camp Harmony, Brethren Volunteer Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries, SVMC, Gideons, and Wycliffe Bible Translators. They were also invited to review and purchase items from the Brethren Press.

The Licensed Ministers of the District were consecrated by Pastor Gary Green representing the District Pastor & Parish Ministry Team. Stephen Parfitt and Daniel Rhodes also received certificates from Donna Rhodes from SVMC for work completed.

Cheryl Marszalek from the Uniontown congregation was installed as Moderator for 2020. Others affirmed on the slate include: Moderator Designate, Rob Rummel (Way of Hope); Program & Arrangements, Audrey Wenger (Moxham); Camp Harmony Board, Mike Swick (Meyersdale), Melissa Holbrook (Shade Creek/Ridge); Gifts Discernment Team, Wayne Bowman (Somerset), Keith Simmons (Plumcreek); Brethren Home Trustees, P. James Hayes (Scalp Level); Robert Grafe (Moxham); District Treasurer, Carol Walker (Somerset); Assistant District Treasurer, Mike Seganos (Maple Spring); Standing Committee, Joe Brown; District Leadership Team: Outreach & Service Team, Karen Nagyvathy (Maple Spring); Pastor & Parish Ministry Team, Irvin Ernst (Hostetler), David Crable (Connellsville); Stewards & Finance Team, Terry Lyons (Windber), Mary Libengood (Meyersdale), Esther Bennet (Montgomery)

A budget of \$173,200 for 2020 was approved. The total reflects a \$10,603.00 increase. There were officially 185 attendees (164 delegates, 21 non-delegates) and 50 congregations were represented. The District Van was filled with hygiene kits, school kits, and clean up buckets for Church World Service. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously!

Once again, a special THANK YOU to Jen Vickroy and all the folks at Camp Harmony, Moderator John Stoner, the Program & Arrangements Committee, Abby Shaffer, all the Conference Volunteers, and everyone else who helped to make this year’s conference a success!

Tina Lehman, District Administrative Assistant

District Office Notes

ATTENTION!!

We have been having difficulty with the 814-479-7058 phone line at the District Office for some time. We have had various repairmen come and fix the problem only to have it go out again weeks or months later.

Until further notice, DO NOT call 814-479-7058. Please use the this number:

814-479-2181

There is a voicemail system on this phone line, so even if you don't get an answer, you can leave a message. Voicemail messages are checked daily. The toll free number 1-866-279-2181 is working as well. Ultimately, we would like to delete the '7058 phone number and have one main number plus the toll free number.

Please share this information with your congregations, thanks!

December 2019/ January 2020

Highlights Deadline

November 10, 2019

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

tlehman@brethren.org

NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2020**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

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



The **District Library and Resource Room** at the District Office is open and available during District Office hours. Please feel free to stop in and check out, Sunday School resources, group Bible studies, church history, and many others. The District Spiritual Formation Team is currently working on updating the book list and will have more to share in the near future.

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814-479-7058

814-479-2181

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WEBSITE:

www.westernpacob.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday

8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Secretary is in

Monday ~ Thursday

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Friday's until Noon

*Voicemail and Email
checked daily*

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LEADERSHIP

Licensed

Robert George—Indiana

Interim

Brad Griesheimer—Walnut Grove

HOSPITALIZED

- Continue to pray for **Carole Horner** and her ongoing recovery.
- Pray for **Pastor Martha Beach** as she recovers from hip surgery.

NEW MEMBERS

Shade Creek/Ridge Congregation

- Kya Gindlesperger
- Alisha Warnick
- Isabella Fuska

Sipesville Congregation

- Elizabeth Foust
- David Trevarrow
- Raquel Trevarrow

Somerset Congregation

- Doris Linderman



Free Resources available at the Locust Grove COB



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

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

Rick Warren studies:

“God’s Answers to Life’s Questions” -

4 DVDs + 12 study guides

“40 Days of Purpose” - 16 VHS tapes

“The Purpose Driven Life” - 16 hardcover books

“40 Days in the Word” - 3 DVDs + 11 workbooks

John Ortberg “Soul Keeping” -

3 DVDs + 9 books + 32 study guides

Louie Giglio “Goliath Must Fall” -

4 books + 16 workbooks

Ron Luce “Re:Create” - 6 workbooks + 4 books

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

Max Lucado “Fearless” -

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

Todd Phillips “Keep Climbing” -

1 DVD + 16 workbooks

Chris Seay “Prodigal Perspectives”-

1 kit + 15 workbooks

Jim Cymbala “When God’s People Pray” - 5 DVDs

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

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Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

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

Pasta Buffet

Saturday, November 2, 2019

From 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

Call the church office at 724-463-0420 for
Information.

Annual Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

There will be numerous vendors, silent
auction baskets to bid on, homemade soup,
Sandwiches, and other goodies as well as
a pie auction at noon.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Celebrating 75 Years-of working with communities to
increase income, improve nutrition, care for the Earth,
and end world hunger and poverty.

Is your congregation interested in hosting an event
to raise money for Heifer? There are tools to help
you in this process. There are calendars, banks, pins,
stickers..... these items take about a week to come
in.

**If you need help organizing or would like
information contact me.**

**Cheryl Marszalek- 412-551-6422
District Representative Heifer International**

Coffeehouse at Indiana COB

First Friday of every month
from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm.

Open mic. Great music,
food, and fellowship. Everyone welcome!



Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

County Line COB

November 2, 2019 4:00 pm -7:00 pm

Cost: \$8.00 Adults and \$4.00 Children 5-12

Includes: chicken and biscuits, gravy, mash pota-
toes, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert and drink

Benefits the Spiritual Renew Team

More info call 724-593-2680



Salisbury COB—Faith Factory
153 Union Street, Salisbury PA 15558

December 15—16, 2019 at 7:00 pm



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EL NINO DE HOGAR SHOE PROJECT

Please join us in this easy fund raiser!

With the **\$1,700** received from the **4,425** pairs of shoes that were shipped in September to *funds2orgs*, our total donations to the orphanage have reached over **\$2,600!**

To participate, simply collect gently worn shoes, boots, slippers, or sandals at your church.

Bring them to the ICA building at
1929 Penn Avenue, Jerome PA, 15937
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 or
Monday, January 13, 2020

(Anyone unable to deliver shoes on those dates, may still drop shoes off at the district office.)

We will sort, count, and pack them for the next shipment.

Questions may be directed to:
Marie Camut at 814-266-3010,
Brianna Baker, or the district office.

Please put all of the school and health kits into boxes and **not** bags. This makes it so much easier for shipping.

Thanks from the District Disaster Team

please note



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

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530

or [hjeward@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hjewald@atlanticbb.net)

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

THANK YOU

2019 Schedule

Day Trips

December 5

Week Trips

December 8—14
w/ANE Project #1

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The Global Food Initiative works with multiple partners on projects such as this multi-crop thresher. Researchers at the University of Missouri, with metal workers in Ghana, developed plans for a multi-crop thresher for the Soybean Innovation Lab. A prototype recently was built by Sunnyburn Welding (Airville, Pa.), in conjunction with Harvest Chapel Mission (Bel Air, Md.). Upon completion of final adjustments, the thresher is bound for the Dominican Republic for testing with Dominican Brethren farmers. The long-term plan is for more threshers to be built in country and potentially sent to Haiti. Design plans also have been sent to Nigeria.



Photo by Lubungo Ron

Earlier this year, deacons from Eglise des Freres du Congo (Church of the Brethren in Congo) gathered in Uvira, South Kivu Province, to participate in a workshop led by staff of World Relief, supported by a grant from the Global Food Initiative. Participants engaged in Bible study each day as a basis for conversations on the holistic mission of the church. Church leaders were encouraged to think deeply about topics such as development and poverty from a biblical perspective.

Read more about these projects, plus others in Mexico and Spain, in the latest [Global Food Initiative E-news](#).

If these projects sound great to you, keep them going! Share this email, pray for projects, and, if you can, [make a donation](#).

Thank you for your prayerful support creating better lives for people around the world!

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – November 2019

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

LAY SPEAKER

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

Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Road
PO Box 158
Hooversville, PA 15936
Phone - 814.798.5885
Fax - 814.798.2225



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

We would like to thank everyone who came out to Harmony Fest weekend to enjoy the beautiful weather and God's creation. We had many young families come to Camp to take part in the children's activities, browse the vendors, bid on baskets in the silent auction and enjoy delicious food. Thank you to all of the volunteers who spent many hours preparing and setting up for the weekend.

Upcoming Events at Camp Harmony

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection – November 18-25

- The amazing journey of a shoebox gift begins with you and results in evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Drop your boxes off at Camp Harmony and we'll get them ready to process to send all over the world so more children can hear about Jesus! Visit operationchristmaschild.com for details on how to pack a shoebox.

Children's Christmas Party – December 7

- Children ages 5-12 can enjoy a day to celebrate Jesus' birthday with games & activities.

Faith Promise Fundraiser Meal – December 8

- Join us for a great meal and learn how your donations to Camp can benefit the many ministries we offer to our churches and communities.

Junior Winter Camp – Grades 2-6 – January 24-26, 2020

Teen Winter Camp – Grades 7-12 – January 31 – February 2, 2020

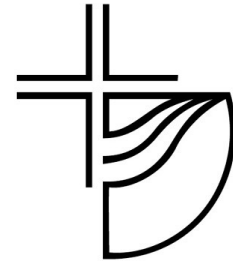
- If you can't wait until next summer to come back to Camp, this is the weekend for you! During our winter camps at Camp Harmony, we do many of our favorite activities from summer including worship, games and Bible lessons. Plus we'll get to go sledding and play in the snow! Each weekend is designed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

Visit www.campharmony.org to stay up to date on all the latest events and info!



#spreadtheHarmony

Western Pennsylvania District
Church of the Brethren



14th Annual



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AUCTION

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

9:00 AM at Camp Harmony

1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936

Auction items include; antiques, collectibles, crafts, gift baskets, gift cards, and quilts. Proceeds support the ministries of the Western PA District Church of the Brethren.

Please contact the Western PA Church of the Brethren District Office at 814-479-2181 if you have any questions.

Please visit auctionzip.com to view items as the auction approaches.

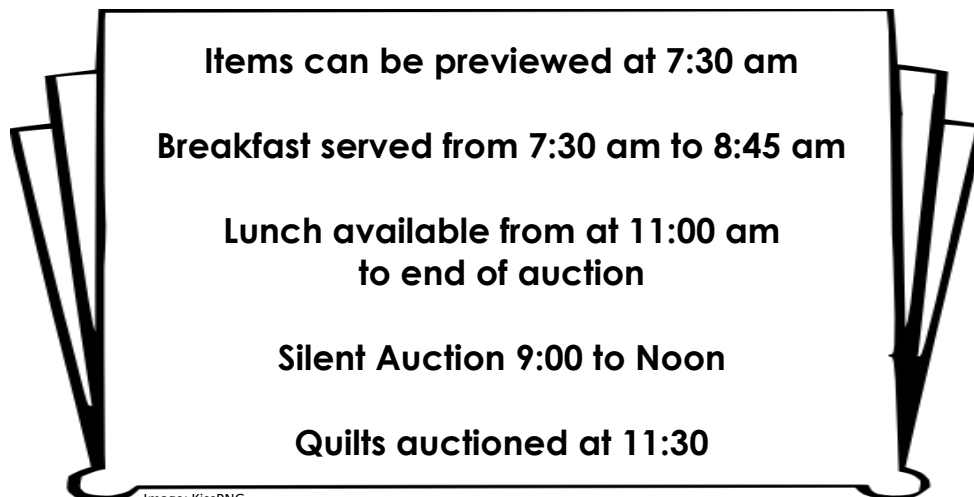


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Items can be previewed at 7:30 am

Breakfast served from 7:30 am to 8:45 am

**Lunch available from at 11:00 am
to end of auction**

Silent Auction 9:00 to Noon

Quilts auctioned at 11:30

10% of net profits will go to Camp Harmony debt reduction

Auctioneers: Ernest and Diane Holsopple of Holsopple Auctioneers and Wilbur Hosler

2019 District Events and Meetings

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

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

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

NOVEMBER 2019

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

DECEMBER 2019

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

PLEASE NOTE

Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. Your help is much appreciated!