

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

November 2022

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECAP

The delegates of the Western PA District gathered at Camp Harmony on October 15, 2022 on a beautiful autumn day for the 156th Annual District Conference. The Conference Moderator Rob Rummel chose the theme “Reboot, Rewire, Repent, Rebuild” as the theme for this year’s District Conference.

Conference was condensed into a morning business session followed by a delicious lunch served by Camp Harmony. There was also a brief presentation from Eder Financial representative Loyce Borgmann and a few short video presentations from the Church for the Brethren.

The Licensed Ministers of the District were consecrated by Pastor Irvin Ernst representing the District Pastor & Parish Ministry Team.

Ronald Beachley from Nanty Glo COB was installed as Moderator for 2023. Others affirmed on the slate include: Moderator Designate, Jeff Fackler (Penn Run) Program & Arrangements, Dan Becker (Morrellville); Camp Harmony Board, Lacy Yinkey and Todd Dolan; Gifts Discernment Team, Linda Beachley (Nanty Glo); Standing Committee, Bob Stein (Uniontown); Discipleship & Reconciliation Committee, Robert Wolf (Pleasant Hill); District Leadership Team Chair, Stephen Parfitt (Greensburg); District Leadership Team: Outreach & Service Team, Marsha Smith (Pleasant Hill), Patti Shaulis (Meyersdale); Pastor & Parish Ministry Team, Irvin Ernst (Hostetler), Glenna Bloom (Greenville); Spiritual Formation Team, Sara Harper (Greenville).

Moderator Rob Rummel shared an official acknowledgement of the congregations that have left the Western PA District in 2021 which was unanimously affirmed by the delegates.

The business item of returning the Pastor & Parish Ministry Team to 3 members from 5 members was approved by the delegates. The reason for this change was to ensure the effectiveness of the team noting that 3 members will be able to conduct the business of the team .

Pastor Chris Forry shared a report from the District Search Committee and shared that the committee has submitted all of the required paperwork to the denomination and hopes to start receiving applications in the near future.

A budget of \$141,765.00 for 2023 was approved. The total reflects a \$1,718.00 increase. A lovely remembrance was shared for District Treasurer Carol Walker who passed away in December 2021.

There were officially 98 attendees (85 delegates, 11 Non-delegates, and District Leadership and Staff) and 35 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!

A very special THANK YOU to Jen Vickroy and all the folks at Camp Harmony, Moderator Rob Rummel, Interim District Minister Pete Kaltenbaugh, the Program & Arrangements Committee, Abby & Dan Shaffer for their audio and visual expertise, Ruby Mader for serving as District Clerk, and everyone else who helped to make this year’s conference a success!

Tina Lehman, District Administrative Assistant

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **December 2022/ January 2023** issue is

November 10, 2022

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

www.westernpacob.org

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep the District Office Staff and the District Core Leadership Team in your prayers as the search continues for an Interim District Minister.

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



THANKSGIVING

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.*

I Chronicles 16:34



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

HELP WANTED

THE DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER

SUMMARY and ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Treasurer is the custodian of all the funds administered by the District Board and reports to the Stewards Commission and to the District Board.

The Treasurer instructs the Financial Clerk on any necessary functions that need to be handled and will also have close contact with the Financial Clerk.

There are no set hours for this position, only as needed. The treasurer will attend CORE Team meetings along with the Stewards & Finance Team Chair. The Treasurer will be an authorized signee on all banking and saving accounts.

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

TO ALL MINISTERS

Are your clearances up to date? Do you have clearances? Have you sent them into the District Office?

Ok, let us have a little chat, you need clearances, and they need to be sent into the District Office. So check to see if they are up to date and send a copy to Tina. Please do not make this a game of tag, where we have to chase you around and around to get the clearances. I understand it is the law, you must have them. Help us out in the District Office and get them in soon. I am not interested in publishing a list of "Here are the ones we need!" Be responsible and faithful and thank you for your help.

Peter Kaltenbaugh, District Executive Rep.

VIRTUAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

****If your congregation is sharing services online, please contact Tina to add to the Highlights.**



ACROSS THE DISTRICT



EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Crafters Wanted

Theme Basket Silent Auction

Breakfast Foods/Lunch Served

Bake Sale

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

FOOD PANTRIES

Don't forget those who are less fortunate, There
are many ways you can help, here are a couple:

Walnut Grove Food Pantry

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

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

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

Please consider donating food to these or any other
groups in our area as well as possibly your time as
you feel comfortable. Anything you can do would
be appreciated.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

The Western PA District Women's Ministries
2022-23

Theme: "God's Women Together"
"Your people will be my people and your God my God"

Ruth 1 : 16b

"The Fall DAYTREAT"

At Camp Harmony

Wednesday - November 9th, 2022

Registration 9:15 - Praise at 9:50 - Program 10:00
Lunch at 12:00

Our wonderful speaker is Robin Hollisopple.

Our songster will be Mary Mohan.

Our Service Project in the afternoon will be
for the camp.

Cost: \$20.00

Registrations due October 30

Please RSVP to Judy Walker
425 Morningside Drive
Jeannette, PA 15644
724-552-5260

SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

Do you have a bucket list which includes working with other volunteers to repair weather damaged homes, or are you just curious as to what goes on? Brethren Disaster Ministries has the perfect solution to help check that box.

There are currently two opportunities to serve the Lord and the victims of severe weather events which damaged or destroyed their homes. October 30, 2022 - November 5, 2022 and December 11 – 17, 2022, BDM will be traveling to Waverly, TN. Great people in a great little town!

The benefits are very large and the costs are very small because all transportation costs, food on site, and housing are provided. Your only expenses are personal items and food off the job site. The feeling you will get by helping people in need is indescribable and the fellowship you will experience is priceless.

If you have any questions or would like to give it a try please contact me. Everyone who makes the call has enjoyed their experience and did not regret making the decision to help. As a matter of fact many have signed up for subsequent trips!!

Questions or to register please contact:
Herb Ewald
Volunteer Disaster Coordinator
(H) 814-539-8530
(C) 814-691-5718

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



GREAT NEWS!

After the October collection held at the Westmont Church, our new shoe total is 2,225 pairs of shoes. We only need 275 additional pairs to reach our minimum shipping requirement of 2,500 pairs of shoes!

Please remember that once we reach our number goal, funds2orgs pays us by the weight of our shipment. So our profit for the orphanage goes up with each additional pair of shoes collected.

Shoes may be dropped off at the District Office during business hours, or by calling the Westmont church at 814-255-2154 to make a drop off appointment, or by calling any of the shoe committee: Marie Camut – 814-266-3010, April Mackell – 814-536-1589, or Karen Nagyvathy – 814-244-6977.

Thanks to everyone who who has been so faithful in collecting shoes, with your help, we hope to make our next shipment before winter sets in!

The El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel orphanage is currently building a new chapel at the facility, and the proceeds from our collections are being used for that project. We are so pleased to think our used shoes are helping fund such an outreach.

Thank you for being involved!

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / sharingpearls@comcast.net

BEACHLEY, LINDA—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / lrbeac@atlanticbb.net

BEACHLEY, RONALD – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / rondbeachley@gmail.com

BROADWATER, KEVIN—475 Keystone Street, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 / 814-442-5684 / pastorbroadwater@verizon.net

DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / iamameliaderr@yahoo.com

DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / pastorbutch@gmail.com

HOUGHTON, SALLY - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / smh124@atlanticbb.net

KABLER, ERIC—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com

LONGWELL, ERIC— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / kb3ttx@gmail.com

MANGES, JOHN – 137 Catskill Lane, Johnstown, 15904-7523 / 814-539-3332 / manges@atlanticbb.net

MARSHALL, HOMER - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net

MARSHALL, PATRICIA - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net

MOSORJAK, GARY – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 / 814-619-4238 / wendel05@aol.com

PERUSO, RUSSELL – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 / 814-242-0549 / russperuso@gmail.com

PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 / 814-410-3685 / spisarski1017@gmail.com

STEIN, ROBERT - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 / 724-438-2226 / crid@verizon.net

SWICK, MICHAEL - 4127 Greenville Road, Meyersdale 15552-8518 / 814-634-8158 / preachmike101@comcast.net

WALKER, JUDY—425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com

WALKER, LARRY - 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette 15644 / 724-522-5260 / larryewalker1@gmail.com

LICENSED

BURNEY, OYANGO—111 Hillcrest Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 / 724-541-6850 / livingyourbestlifeinthepresent@gmail.com

COUGHENOUR, KAITLYN— 785 Red Dog Road, Salisbury, 15558 / 814-521-4649 / shellywithattitude@gmail.com

GEORGE, ROBERT—850 Pine Street, Indiana, 15701 / 724-762-0773 / rjghemlock@gmail.com

SHAULIS, TRAVIS—608 Second Street, Meyersdale, 15552 / 814-442-8626 / tanbadaner@gmail.com

LAY SPEAKER

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

Brethren Disaster Ministries, districts work on hurricane response

Report provided by Brethren Disaster Ministries staff

Hurricane Ian caused catastrophic damage along Florida's southwest coast on Sept. 28 when it made landfall near Fort Myers. More than a week later, first responders are still out searching the hardest hit neighborhoods for survivors. With the death toll over 100, this storm is one of the deadliest in the state's history. The level of damage has impeded relief and response efforts as volunteers come to help. Shelter and rental cars are scarce in the state, with many volunteers driving over two hours to get to the damage zone each day.



*Flooding caused by Hurricane Ian in Florida.
Photo credit: US Customs and Border Patrol*

Children's Disaster Services

With these challenges, Children's Disaster Services (CDS) partner Child Life Disaster Response sent local volunteers who started providing services for children in the Hertz Arena shelter in Estero, Fla., on Monday, Oct. 3. They are giving care to about 30 children per day while CDS works with Red Cross to find housing and rental cars for CDS teams to deploy. Many Child Life volunteers are cross trained as CDS volunteers, but can usually only volunteer for a few days. With hundreds still in shelters the needs are great, but these logistical challenges have slowed the response. CDS is working to deploy a team this weekend to relieve the Child Life team and start opening additional CDS centers. This includes working to find available rental cars and potential housing for volunteers as needed, if the Red Cross is unable to provide direct support.

Atlantic Southeast District

Brethren Disaster Ministries is communicating with leadership of the Church of the Brethren's Atlantic Southeast District to better understand needs and plan response activities. Watch for more information about ways to support this response in coming weeks.

District leadership provided the following damage reports from Church of the Brethren congregations:

- **North Fort Myers** appears to have relatively minor damage to the church's steeple and roof. It is still without power, but that did not stop members from gathering last Sunday to worship and support each other. Some church members lost possessions in flood waters and suffered damage to their homes.
- **Lehigh Acres Gospel Assembly** uses a church rental property and opened its doors as a shelter during the storm. The building's roof was damaged.
- **The Arcadia church** had some roof and water damage plus lots of trees are down on the property.
- **The Sebring church** suffered roof damage that needs to be repaired quickly. The church was a shelter during the storm.
- We are still waiting for a more detailed report, but current reports indicate the **Naples Haitian church** is undamaged.

Material Resources

The Church of the Brethren Material Resources program, with warehouses at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., has loaded the first Hurricane Ian shipment from Church World Service (CWS). Thirteen pallets were loaded Thursday, Oct. 6, to go to Arcadia, Fla. The shipment included 60 bales of woolen blankets, 50 cartons of fleece blankets, and 34 cartons of school kits. Additional shipments are in process that include blankets, kits, and clean-up buckets.

CAMP HARMONY KICKS OFF OUR WEEK OF GIVING!

CELEBRATION DINNER



NOV. 6, 5-7 PM



ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA BAR

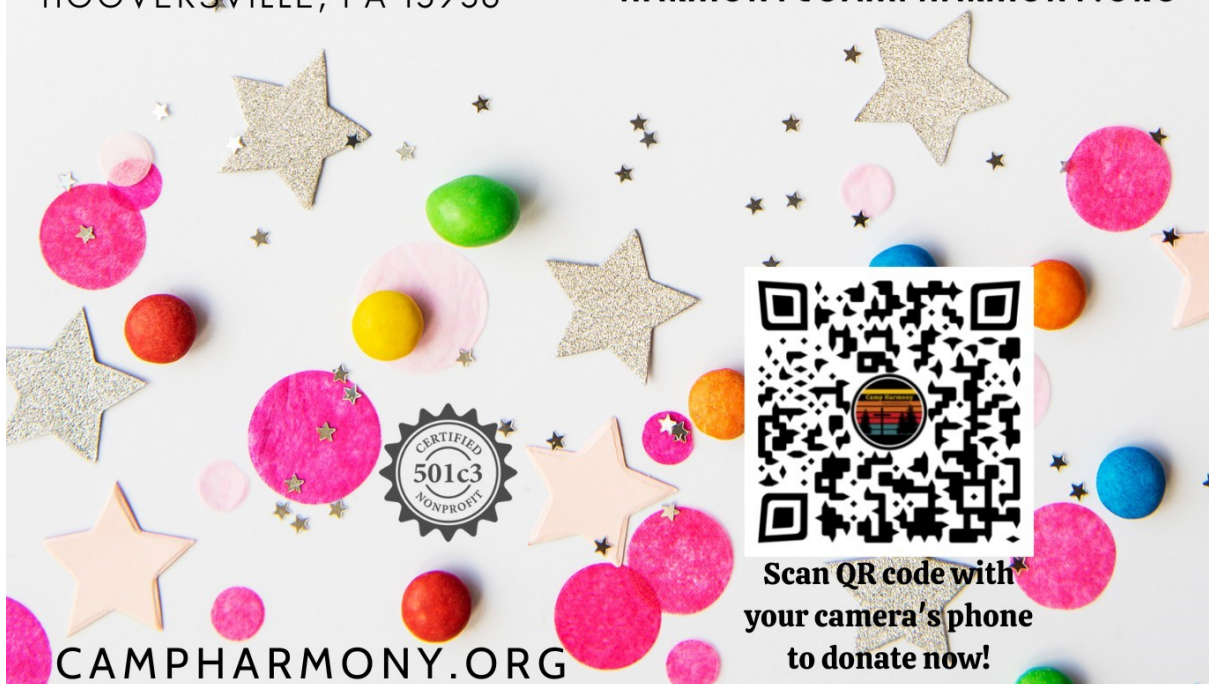
\$10/adult (12+) - \$5/child

Help us launch our first week of giving and
learn about the awesome things God has
done at Camp in 2022

→ Kids activities available during camp presentation ←

FAITH HALL
1414 PLANK ROAD
HOOVERVILLE, PA 15936

RSVP BY NOV. 1
814-798-5885
HARMONY@CAMPHARMONY.ORG



CAMP HARMONY.ORG



CAMP HARMONY

LEND A HAND AS A THURSDAY VOLUNTEER

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



What we need:

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

Our Mission:

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

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

As a thank you:

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

Contact us at 814.798.5885 or harmony@campharmony.org

www.campharmony.org
#spreadtheHarmony

Join The Potter's Players for our fall musical

GODSPELL!

CHECK OUT OUR VARIOUS AGE OPTIONS!

Full Musical: Grades 7-Traditional College Age (22)

Several Numbers and Parables: Grades 1-6 *and* PARENTS/Guardians! (Grades 1 & 2 must have participating parent.) (Adults MUST submit clearances.)

We're calling this our November/December Intensive with auditions October 16 & practices October 30, November 6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-28; Tech Week December 2-6

Shows December 7 & 8 at 7 PM and December 10 at 1 PM (all at Camp Harmony)

Cost: Grades 7-Traditional College Age- \$200 per person (\$225 after October 1)- monthly payment option available

Parents and Grades 1-6: \$50 per person

To register, contact Lynda Olson at lyndaolson78@gmail.com or 814-279-5085

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CAMP HARMONY



Some notes about this year's fall show...



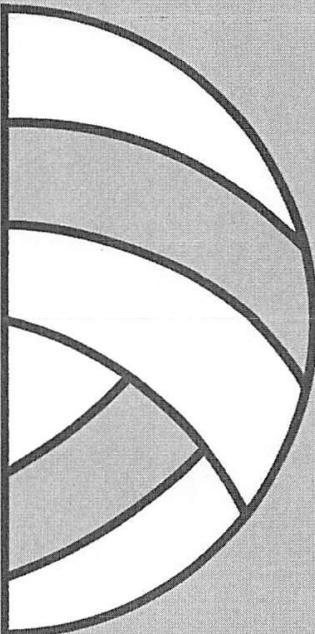
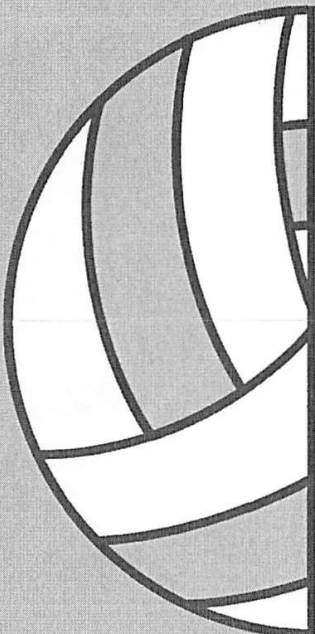
- **Godspell Jr. was the first show The Potter's Players produced during a week-long day camp. It's a unique show, and we feel confident that even the full version can be completed in the schedule we've devised.**
- **We're aware that this schedule isn't for everyone, but we are also aware that many of you are like us & are pumped to spend so much time putting together a show with people who share our passion for musical theater!**
- **Commitment to the schedule is important. However, we do understand that other commitments occur, especially over the holiday. If you will be away all of Thanksgiving break, this show probably isn't for you. However, if you have a family gathering to attend & need to miss a practice, let us know. If you are unsure if you will need to miss too much practice, chat with us!**
- **After running an overnight theater camp in August (which was an amazing experience for all of us), we were unsure if we were going to be able to put together a fall show. However, many of you expressed the desire to have one. We really had to play tetris with our schedules, and this is what we were able to make work. I believe it will be worth it. Working on then performing Godspell is an experience like no other. Trust me when I say that it will be worth it to have 4 absolutely crazy weekends! You have 48 more weekends in the year when you can sleep! We all need those special times when we throw our normal, humdrum schedules in the garbage!**
- **One of the reasons we kept the schedule to primarily weekends only is so that our friends who loved theater camp and live a bit further away can attend. Remember, it's only 4 weekends, and you can go together with another family to possibly spend 1 or 2 of those weekends in Camp Harmony's beautiful, winter-ready cabins or their rear pat cerners!**
- **Join The Potter's Players and The Potter's Players- Public Page on Facebook to get links to registration and deposits and calendars when posted.**



Saturday, November 5th, 2022 - 9AM

HITS FOR HARMONY

CO-ED YOUTH & ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
AT CAMP HARMONY



\$30 PER PERSON
SIGN UP BY OCT. 20

SHIRTS & GIFT CARDS
TO THE WINNERS!

EMAIL KYLEE TO REGISTER
KYLEE@CAMPHARMONY.ORG

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE CAMP HARMONY
POOL FUND.

ADULT TOURNEY:

6 team max
Must be 18 or older

YOUTH TOURNEY:

6 team max
9-12th grade
Must be accompanied by an adult



CAMP HARMONY CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Order by
December 12



4 doz. cookies/platter
1 = \$25 or 2 = \$45

Each platter will contain a mixture
of the following cookies:

Chocolate Chip

Snickers Doodle

M&M

Peanut Butter Meltaways

Sugar

Peanut Butter Blossom

Oatmeal

Thumbprint



Cookie pick up at Camp on
December 21 & 22, 9-4 each day.

**SPREAD
THE
HARMONY**

To order:
814-798-5885
harmony@campharmony.org

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936
www.campharmony.org



2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

NOVEMBER 2022

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 6 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 9 - District Women's Ministries "Daytreat", Camp Harmony
- 12 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 19 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, District Office
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2022

- 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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