AND OUR MISSION GOES ON!!!

Several weeks ago I had a conversation with someone about the mission and ministry of the Western PA District. During that conversation I indicated I would write a bit more about the variety of mission and ministries of the Western PA District. When it came time to write, I saw a blank page of white as I stared at the monitor. Nothing appeared on the monitor, no great revelations sprang to the forefront of my thinking and I was not sure where to begin. However, as I sifted through the material hidden in the dark recesses of my mind, a couple of nuggets of something began to emerge.

It took some quiet time with the Lord to begin to process the thoughts and ideas which were developing. When I reviewed what Brother Wes shared about mission in the context of the Western PA District, a vision or picture began to emerge. It was a bit broader and included a number of important ongoing mission activities continuing to happen in the life of the district. I will only mention two which provide wonderful opportunities for individuals and congregations to be involved in ministry and mission. The two I mention have been ongoing for many years and provide vital support within the district and far beyond. Before reading any further, can you name the mission work I’m talking about?

The first and very vital mission is the Brethren Home Community Windber. The District Conference theme, “I Know Something Good about You…” certainly applies to this ministry. It could be shared about individuals who volunteer at the home from local congregations, as well as the ministry of care provide by the home staff. This mission has been around for 90 years and is supported by congregations and individuals in the district. When I attend the Home Board meetings, I’m always amazed that many lives continue to be blessed through this ministry. Once a person is a resident they will not be turned away because of the lack of funds. This happens because many congregations give financial support to the ministry provided by the home.

The mission of the home might be the most significant ministry provided by the district. First, often it touches individual lives when families are not close by or become so busy they forget about those you need attention and care. Secondly, many individuals from local congregations volunteer time and energy to provide activities and support for residents in the home. Activities like a monthly birthday party for residents, adopting a resident, and many congregations provide a Sunday afternoon worship experience for residents. I share these few examples to stress the importance of the mission and ministry of The Brethren Home Community Windber in the Western PA District.

I want to briefly mention two more mission opportunities which

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Local Church News

HOSPITALIZED
- Elva Jean Westlake, ordained minister in the Center Hill congregation, for cataract surgery.
- Lori Conn, wife of County Line pastor Barry Conn, for treatment.
- Mary Manges, wife of Morrellville pastor John Manges, for surgery.

NEW MEMEBERS
Plumcreek Congregation
- Berea Longwell
- Sarah Rager
- Deb Rager

Maple Spring Congregation
- Brandon Claycomb
- Christy Claycomb
- Cathy McDonald
- Tom Grosik
- Laurie Grosik
- Ryan Grosik
- Jacob Grosik

Sorry to see it go...
After 50 years of service Canaan Church of the Brethren in Gibbon Glade is discontinuing their annual Buckwheat Cake Supper held the 3rd Thursday of October. Thank you.

November 2011 Highlights Deadline
October 10, 2011
Please remember to send in your articles by the deadline, as we cannot guarantee inclusion if it is late.
Also remember that we have a combined issue for December/January.

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involve a number of district congregations and individuals. A good number of individuals go on a one-day mission trip to New Windsor. Some individuals help with the packing of kits to send to areas struck by natural disasters. Some individuals help with unpacking and pricing items for SERRV. This one-day experience allows many district individuals to be involved in mission work.

Finally, I would not want to overlook those who travel to natural disaster sites to help with clean-up and home repairs. These women and men have positive and interesting stories to tell from their experiences. Sometimes just being present with persons struggling to figure out what happened is more important than the physical work accomplished. To see a warm smile, receive grateful thanks or a hug makes all the effort very worthwhile. Again, many congregations support this mission, as well as the Brethren Home through their prayers and financial giving. Thanks to all who are involved in these mission activities in the Western PA District and beyond.

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Ministers’ Meetings
The Johnstown Church of the Brethren Ministers meet monthly from August through May for fellowship, to discuss ministry topics of interest to the local pastor, and to plan area worship services like Thanksgiving and Lenten services. The meetings are always the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon. Bring your own lunch.

September 27 - District Office
October 25 - Berkey
November 22 - Rummel
December 27 - Pastor’s Christmas Event
January 24 - Tire Hill
February 28 - Moxham
March 27 - Pleasant Hill
April 24 - Camp Harmony
May 22 - Ed and Sally Houghton’s home

The Thanksgiving Day service will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Arbutus Church of the Brethren. Everyone is invited to this service of praise and thanksgiving.
Opportunities for YOU!

**Singspiration**
October 23, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Roxbury Church of the Brethren

If your choir would like to participate and you have not been notified yet, please let Pastor Brian Simmons know at (814) 536-6716. Also, if your choir is unable to be a part of this service, but you have an individual or individuals in your congregation who would like to represent your church, we would welcome them.

Everyone seems to enjoy these bi-annual musical programs, which we have been hosting for four years, as we lift our voices in praise and appreciation to the Lord for all He has done for us.

The offering received for the “Singsperation” will be donated to the Camp Harmony Cabin Project as they continue their worthwhile ministry.

Light refreshments and a period of fellowship will follow the service in the social room of the Church.

The Church is handicapped accessible.

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**Saturday Nite Live**
November 5, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Connellsville Church of the Brethren
1100 Vine St., Connellsville, PA

The Little Church of the Brethren on the corner of Vine and Newmyer Ave is still in business for the Lord!

The annual “Saturday Nite Live” is coming up! The first one in 2003 had an attendance of over 100. We do have room on the balcony for those able to climb the steps.

The variety show has some new talent and some who have participated from the beginning.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, friends and food.

No admission charge and parking is limited.

So come and help fill the pews.

For more information call Dottie Davis at 724 628-5508

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**District Choir**
will meet on Sunday, **October 9, 2011**, at the Rummel Church at 3 p.m. They will be singing at District Conference.

Any questions, contact Becky Toath, 814 467-8134 or mrst45@hotmail.com

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**District Women’s Ministries**
**Fall Brunch**
**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

Moxham Church of the Brethren, Johnstown, PA

Registration starts at 9:15 a.m.
Cost is $8.00 per person.
Registration form was in the September 2011 Highlights which is available at www.westernpacob.org.
Registration deadline is October 3, 2011.
Call Mildred Gnegy 814 443-2566 for registration information.
Opportunities for YOU!

Children’s Disaster Services
A Brethren Disaster Ministry

Volunteer Workshop

Somerset, PA
Children’s Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop

November 11 - 12, 2011
5:00 p.m. Friday – 7:30 p.m. Saturday
at the
Somerset Church of the Brethren
606 Berlin Plank Road
Somerset, PA 15501

Local contact: Paul Liepelt - 814-445-8853

CDS office:
www.childrensdisastercervices.org
800.451.4407 Ext 5  cds@brethren.org

CDS provides specialized training for all of its volunteers. The CDS Volunteer Workshop is a comprehensive 27-hour workshop that uses applied, experiential activities to help the participants integrate their learning.

Workshop includes:

Types and phases of disaster
Children
Their needs after a disaster
Responding to them in a healing manner
Using play to begin emotional recovery
CDS Centers
Setup and operation
Safety procedures
Self care on site and after returning home
A shelter simulation

What should I bring to the workshop?
Clothing for sitting on the floor, camping gear (sleeping bag or blankets, pillow, air mattress, flashlight) personal items (towel, washcloth, toiletries.)

CAMP WORK DAY
The “John and Linda’s Kids” cabin at Camp Harmony was donated in honor of all of the kids who have touched our lives over the years. These include experiences at Sunday School, Youth Group or NYC. Or perhaps we’ve served as your pastors for a time.

On Tuesday, October 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. we are encouraging you to join us as we volunteer our services to this very worthwhile project. Wear your old clothes and bring any supplies you desire (i.e. paintbrushes, saws, power saws, nail guns, etc.) Lunch will be provided and you can come and go as you choose. We plan on being there from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m..

Come and learn the ropes so that when “John and Linda’s Kids” cabin is under construction next spring we will be all prepared to help with it as well. We are looking forward to sharing a day with our kids once more. If you are one of those kids or one of their loved ones, please plan to “come on down.” We’re sure to have a blast!!

With blessings and smiles,
Pastor John and Pastor Linda Stoner

HEY! Kids!
5 on 5 Dodge Ball Tournament!
Saturday, December 3, 2011
At Camp Harmony
Co-ed Grades 6-12
$25/ team
Call to register by December 1
888-745-2267
www.campharmony.org

Rummage and Bake Sale
Walnut Grove Church
1068 Bedford St. Johnstown
Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Tables available for $10
Contact Judy 539-8530 or Pam 266-4184
A Super Indoor Sale!!
Great Bargains & Great Food!
District News

A Note For Your Calendar…
The District Children’s Christmas Party will be held December 10th at Camp Harmony!
Children ages 4 years to grade 5 are welcome to attend. Each church will receive a packet in the mail with more details, closer to the date. We hope to enjoy another wonderful Christmas celebration with our District kids (and their friends)!

God put on skin and moved into the neighborhood – let’s celebrate!

Presenting - Fountain of Youth: Christmas Edition
Youth leaders/workers/pastors/parents - come out to Camp Harmony on Sunday, November 20, 2011 and we’ll talk about Christmas – what it meant, what it means, what it means for our youth.
Come with ideas to share, a notebook, and a spirit of joy as we look at a pivotal point in Earth’s history – the birth of our Savior! We’ll have plenty of guided devotional time, too, so you can pause and take in the wonder for yourself.
We’ll start at 2:00 pm and finish at 6:00 pm after a light supper.
Bring $10.00 with you to pay Camp. (I will work at getting CEUs.)
Call or e-mail to register - hope you can make it! ☺ Abby
wpadistrictyouth@yahoo.com  814-479-2181

Ladies: Mark your Calendars Today and Save the Date!
April 20-21, 2012
Plans are underway for the “Women On the Move Retreat”
This year’s leader will be Victoria Smith, conference speaker and recording artist. Many of you have heard her before. Tell your friends about how much you enjoyed her. Don’t miss the opportunity to be with her again.
This will be a time to gather together and share biblical encouragement as sisters, daughters, wives, mothers and friends.
Watch for new details in the coming months. If you have any interest in helping with the retreat, please contact Pastor Judy Walker at 724-547-3772.
Sponsored by the District Women’s Ministries
Denominational News

Personnel Changes
- **Mariana Barriga** is retiring from her position as administrative assistant in the Youth and Young Adult Ministry office.
- **Ray Glick**, coordinator of Donor Visitation and Planned Gifts, is retiring from 19 years of service to the Church of the Brethren.
- **Kathleen Campanella** is retiring from her position as director of Partner and Public Relations at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md.
- **Ruben Deoleo** has resigned his position as director of Intercultural Ministries.
- **Jeanne Davies** has resigned her position as coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Workcamp Ministry.
- **Monica Rice** has joined the Advancement Department at Bethany Seminary as advancement administrative assistant and coordinator of congregational relations on September 1, 2011.
- **German Gongora** has accepted the position of programmer analyst and technology support specialist for Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust.

Position Openings
- **Southeastern District** seeks a District Executive. This is a half-time position which could be filled by an individual or a team. The position is available immediately. Interested and qualified persons may apply for this position by sending a letter of interest and a resume via e-mail to: officeofministry@brethren.org. Application deadline: November 18, 2011.
- **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)** is seeking staff for its two project sites in Palestine. Interested persons must first go on a CPT delegation and then attend a CPT training. The next available delegation to Palestine/Israel takes place November 15-28, 2011. For more information go to www.cpt.org.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate through the entire year. Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone; yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out. The good news is that you can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way you can counter the negative erosion in the lives of your spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need. There are many resources available online to plan your Clergy Appreciation event or call the District Office for suggestions for your congregation.

ABOUT CHILDREN’S DISASTER SERVICES

Children’s Disaster Services is a Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministry that involves volunteers from many faith communities who provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos that follows disaster by setting up & operating special child care centers in disaster locations. Parents are then able to apply for assistance and begin to put their lives back together, knowing their children are safe.

October 2011
Brethren affected by flooding in Pennsylvania
Church of the Brethren Newsline
September 14, 2011
Brethren Disaster Ministries staff have been in communication with Brethren districts and churches in Pennsylvania, following the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee. The BDM office is urging individuals who are affected to apply for FEMA assistance in the Pennsylvania counties where they are eligible.

"We have been continuing to communicate and work with Southern Pennsylvania and Atlantic Northeast Districts," reported Zach Wolgemuth, associate director of Brethren Disaster Ministries. "A few churches are responding to local needs or are planning a response in the near future. In Atlantic Northeast, White Oak Church of the Brethren has already helped one of its members gut their home in Manheim, Pa., and in Pine Grove, Pa., the Schuylkill Church of the Brethren has assembled clean-up buckets for local use."

In Lebanon County, Annville Church of the Brethren put together a work day to help clean up flooding that happened in their church building. In York County, in Southern Pennsylvania District, the York Council of Churches put out a request for volunteers to help do clean-up work and York First Church of the Brethren is planning to respond to the request. Congregations are requested to note that a number of counties in the area received a FEMA IA (Individual Assistance) Declaration, which means that individuals and families affected by flooding there may apply for assistance from FEMA.

Church World Service (CWS) is appealing for donations of 10,000 Emergency Clean-up Buckets for distribution to people affected by Hurricane Irene, from North Carolina to New England. In a recent press release, Bert Marshall, CWS regional director for New England, points out that many of the people in communities that now are receiving CWS relief supplies have been among the most generous donors of Emergency Clean-up Buckets and other supplies in the past.

"Some of these buckets, people might even recognize coming back," said Marshall. CWS has been distributing supplies to people made homeless by flooding in places like Brattleboro, Vt., the release noted. Those wishing to help by donating Emergency Clean-up Buckets can find instructions and a list of bucket contents at www.churchworldservice.org/buckets.

The Church of the Brethren’s Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) has made a grant of $20,000 in response to a CWS appeal following the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene. The money will support the work of CWS in providing cleanup buckets, hygiene kits, baby kits, school kits, and blankets in communities affected by the disaster, and will support the work of CWS to assist communities in long-term recovery development.

An EDF grant of $5,000 supports the work of Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) volunteers serving in upstate New York following flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. Seven volunteers have been working in the Binghamton Shelter on the State University of New York campus, reports associate director Judy Bezon. "Word is that the shelter population will decline more slowly than usual, as one major low-cost housing area in an inner city neighborhood is almost destroyed, and a number of the residents are in the shelter," she said.

Staff of the church’s Material Resource program, which warehouses and ships disaster relief materials out of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., have been busy with shipments in response to Hurricane Irene. Cleanup buckets, hygiene kits, school kits, and baby kits went to Waterbury, Vt., Manchester, N.H., Ludlow, Vt., Brattleboro, Vt., Greenville, N.C., Hillside, N.J., and Baltimore, Md. A total of 3,150 cleanup buckets were included in these shipments. The available supply in New Windsor is less than 50 at this point, reported director Loretta Wolf in a staff newsletter today.

For more about the Church of the Brethren’s disaster relief programs go to www.brethren.org.
DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
FALL BREAKFAST

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2011

ARBUTUS
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
1201 Erickson Dr, Johnstown, PA 15904

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Come & enjoy a good breakfast and fellowship!

Please contact Homer or Mearl with the number of persons attending:
Homer Marshall       or       Mearl Craig
369 W Church Ave     814-242-0909
Masontown, PA 15461
Or call: 724-583-7073

Thank You!
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!
Recently, I’ve been hearing a debate happening all around me. Let me share it with you and see if you ever thought about it. It centers around the idea of Christian education, nurturing and development for children and youth. Back in the 1880’s, the “Progressive” Brethren of the time were big proponents of having Sunday School. The conservative Brethren were dead set against it. It was one issue which led to two splits in the 1880’s (look it up – fascinating). It’s hard for me to imagine today that Brethren were willing to break up the denomination over such an issue as Sunday School. Don’t we all remember attending? Hasn’t your church always had a Sunday School? Some of you are still “Seekers,” now in your 60’s! Some of you pine for the days when the education wing was bustling with children.

Here’s where this debate comes in – has Sunday School (and/or youth ministry) ruined generations of children and turned them away from Christ? I hear strong arguments from both sides. And if you’re wondering “What beef could one possibly have against Sunday School?” it is simply this: that Sunday School removed the responsibility of Christian training from the parents. That we in the church have made it far too easy for parents to just dump off their kids into our care, while they continue to live whatever life they choose. That the church does not train parents to train their children in the ways of the Lord. That many parents, fathers especially, are not modeling Christ for their children – relying on whoever’s volunteering each week to accomplish that. Do you see it now?

I’m not about to use my space to bash Sunday School or Kids’ Club or Youth Ministry – it’s my job to support these things! But I think it’s a decent question to consider – have we allowed Christian parents to shirk their God-given duties as parents? Has the youth pastor (or leaders) become a substitute parent for our teens? Are Sunday morning lessons replacing Monday morning conversations and Tuesday evening dinners at home, rather than enhancing them?

Now, please don’t misunderstand me and demolish your children’s program and disband your youth group. I’m only asking you to take another look.

Because what I also see happening is that with these programs in place, the broader church can also more easily shirk their duties to children, youth and families. “We pay someone for that,” I hear. “So-and-so is in charge of the kids,” I hear. “We don’t deal with any youth, because that falls under the Nurture Commission,” is what I hear. RUBBISH! If children and youth are a part of your church family, then they are a part of your church family, and they’re everyone’s responsibility. Parents need to train their children; the church needs to support them in that. Parents need to bring their children into God’s house; the church needs to include and welcome them into the Body of Christ.

For far too long we have viewed children and teens as a different species (and they can be really weird, I get it). Or we view them as the “church of tomorrow.” Ever hear that line? Say this with me and get it in your thinking – “Children and youth are part of the church TODAY.” They have special needs, yes, but they are people just like you and me. They don’t need a watered-down Bible story – they need real evidence of real people living real life for the real Christ.

Okay, I’m about to drag out my soapbox. So I’ll end here, on a tense note. I’ll let you ponder these thoughts for awhile. I’ll let you be uncomfortable with them, without an easy solution or conclusion.

And I’ll invite you to invite me – into your church, into your Bible study, into your ladies’ or men’s group. Let’s talk about this stuff, face to face – how we can be a better representation of Jesus. How we can work more effectively in the lives of young people. How we can better show God’s love to families. I sure don’t have all the answers, but I’m willing to come and hash things out with you.

I’m currently working on some discussion-based presentations – please get your money’s worth out of me and call to schedule something. I’m tired of sitting around in this office doing stuff – let me come hang out with you!

😊 Abby
KEEP IN MIND…

Camp Harmony is a part of the following Fundraising Programs for non profits. Please keep Camp in mind during your daily activities…

**CAMPBELLS LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

Save your labels from the following products and give them to Camp for accumulating points for free Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise: Campbells, Select Harvest, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghettios, Prego, Swanson, Franco American, V8, Goldfish, BIC, Pop-Secret, Post, Dannon, Glad, Emerald, Pace, People.

TO DATE WE HAVE 17,994 points. Thank you for sending your labels and for Mary Ann Strong who organizes them.

**iGive.com**

Shop through iGive and a portion of each purchase helps Camp Harmony. You’ll find over 800 of the web’s best stores at iGive.com with new stores added every week. Check iGive.com/Shop to see if your favorite store is on the list. Try the iGive search engine! You’ll raise a penny(or more!) every time you search the web. So far you have raised $273 just by browsing and/or buying online. Thank you.

**VERIZON**

Camp Harmony will receive a donation from Verizon when you order a new qualifying residential Verizon product – Internet, TV, Phone Service, Long Distance. Just provide our code – 50460 to the Verizon representative.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS INCLUDE CAMP HARMONY AND ITS MINISTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS.
CABIN FEVER

18½ Cabins have been adopted – 2½ remain
The following congregations have adopted cabins: Maple Spring, District Ministers, Hostetler, Center Hill, Rummel, Shade Creek – Ridge, Somerset, Farmington – Bethel, Plumcreek, Salisbury, Windber, John and Linda’s Kids, Meyersdale, Arbutus Women’s Ministry (1/2), Brothersvalley, Geiger-Rayman, Pleasant Hill, Sipesville, Bethel-Greenville. 8 Cabins are in process.
Camp could use groups of volunteers from any congregation to come and help. Many hands make light work…. PLEASE CALL CAMP TO ARRANGE….

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52 GOD BLESS YOU – 2011
Over 100 families have contributed to lessen the debt for a total of $7500. 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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CAMP HARMONY COOKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FEATURING RECIPES FROM THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT - $10.00. CALL CAMP TO RESERVE YOUR COPY…814-798-5885.

NOTICE     COOKBOOK TASTE TESTING PARTY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011
5:00 PM - $5.00
CAMP HARMONY

Please call Camp to reserve your spot!!!!
If you had a recipe in the cookbook and would like to bring a roaster filled with the product of that recipe to share, please call Janice at Camp 814 798-5885 to let her know. (Needless to say, your entrance and the entrance of a guest would be free.)

Come join the fun and fellowship of the evening……plus good food.
### OCTOBER

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First of all, I would like to thank everyone who donated items that were on “the list” from this past camping season. Because of you, camp did not have to purchase anything consumable for crafts except large pieces of foam. When I unpacked all the donations it was just like Christmas! I hope you are as excited about turning unwanted items into treasure as I am, because here is the list for 2012:

- styrofoam egg cartons
- wiggle eyes
- pony beads
- Aleenes tacky glue
- thin flexible wire (can be any kind as long as its flexible—even the kind from automobiles)
- medium size tins or baskets without handles—preferably square or rectangle in shape
- 1 inch square wooden cubes
- letters no bigger than ¾ inch—foam, wood, etc.
- 6 x 4 inch pieces of wood (going to be used as bases for a project)
- yellow liquid tempera paint
- permanent markers—any color
- mini hot glue sticks
- cloth sun visors
- muslin-like material
- wood picture frames 5 x 7 or 8 x 10
- colored tissue paper (can be used)
- dowel rods
- long, thin pieces of wood—approx. 1-2 inches wide—any length
- stuffing
- wide men’s neck ties
- pieces of wire that are strong enough to hold a sculpture—approx. 1 ½ -2 feet in length
- large, plain pieces of material—light or bright colors
- large round balloons
- large brown paper dog food bags (I can’t use plastic—however some dog food does come with brown paper on the inside and that’s what I’m looking for).

* If you have any questions feel free to call me at my home (814) 798-7282 or cell (814) 659-9410. Also if you have something else you’ve been saving you think I may like, don’t hesitate to ask. I take just about anything except glass. Thank you for helping me make camp fun and successful.

Giving Him the Glory,
Cathi Neuhof
Craft Specialist
Camp Harmony
We’re very grateful for all of the report forms that have come into the District Office. Form A, Form B, Additional Officers Form, Form E - Statistical Form for 2010, and the Congregational Outreach Report 2010/2011 can still be submitted. Please check the report card to see if all of your congregation’s forms have been returned. EVERY REPORT FORM IS IMPORTANT IN UPDATING INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT AND THE DENOMINATION.

Please be careful to include complete addresses and phone numbers where requested. Email addresses are helpful also, if available. If you have a question about any of the report forms, please don’t hesitate to call the District Office (814 479-2181 or 1-866-279-2181) and ask.

The 2011 Yearbook from the Church of the Brethren will be available this fall in the form of a CD. The Yearbook contains contact information for congregations, districts, ministers, moderators, and denominational agencies as well as the 2010 statistical report. You can order one by contacting Brethren Press or the District Office. Again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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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.

OCTOBER 2011
2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
6 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
8 - WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL BRUNCH, Moxham Church
8 - MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, Arbutus Church
8 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church
9 - DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
10 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., District Office
15-17 - Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin, IL
15 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
17 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
18 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
24 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
25 - Johnstown Area Pastors Meeting, 12 noon, Berkey Church
29 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church

NOVEMBER 2011
3 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1 p.m., Brethren Home – Bake, Craft & Soup Sale
5 - 6th ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, Camp Harmony
6 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
6 - NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY
10 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
11 - Women’s Ministry Cabinet, 1 p.m., District Office
12 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church
12 - Tax Seminar, District Office
13-19 - DISASTER WORK TRIP TO TENNESSEE
19 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Brothersvalley Church
20 - “Fountain of Youth: Christmas Edition” – Leader Workshop, Camp Harmony
21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
22 - Johnstown Area Pastors Meeting, 12 noon, Rummel Church
24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
DECEMBER 2010
4 - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
8 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
10 - DISTRICT CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Camp Harmony
11 - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT
18 - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
19 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
20 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.
27 - Johnstown Area Pastors Christmas Event,
30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
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. Thank You!

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!
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

October 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
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, Staystown, 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
MOSORIAK, 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 - 724 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 255-7793
SHAFER, 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 13th St, Oakmont, 15139-1020 - 412 828-3690
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S. - 416 Kenneth Ave, Johnstown, 15904-3510 - 814 266-9758

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BAUGHMAN, KAREN L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BEACHLEY, LINDA E. - 200 Conemach Trl, PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 - 814 479-4802
CRABLE, DAVID E. - 23 S Water St, Masontown, 15461 - 724 583-7464
GREEN, GARY W. - 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 - 814 479-5096
GREEN, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAMILTON, PAUL B. - 124 Friedhoff Ln, Johnstown, 15902-1401 - 814 536-4465
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
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World Communion Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011
Harvest Home Project

The generosity and love shown to the Brethren Home during Harvest Home time is sincerely appreciated. This project has been a part of our yearly calendar for almost all of our 90 years. As you prepare for Harvest Home, donations from the wish list mailed in September would be most welcome. However, if your congregation found that monetary support of one of our proposed small projects would be more practical, please consider the list project below.

**DINING ROOM CHAIRS:** The dining room tables purchased with 2009 Harvest Home donations have brightened the main dining room, and provide additional resident and visitor seating. The purchase of new chairs will increase resident safety and complete the home-like atmosphere we are striving to attain in the dining room.
Approximate cost: $200 per chair - 35 chairs needed

**CARPET REPLACEMENT:** With the generous support of our Home Auxiliary, the wall carpeting has been replaced in the personal care manor. Our goal is to complete the project with the addition of coordinating floor carpeting.
Approximate cost: $2,500

**DORMERS RENOVATION:** The renovation of the main building dormers has been progressing through the use of donations each year. Funds for stucco repair and painting will help complete the outside building repairs.
Approximate cost: $5,000

**T-GEL CUSHIONS:** The therapy department is always in need of additional gel cushions. They are instrumental in preventing pressure wounds for residents confined to wheelchairs.
Approximate cost: $140 per cushion

To support these Harvest Home projects, please direct your donation to:
Donna Locher, Finance Director, Brethren Home Community Windber
277 Hoffman Avenue, Windber, PA 15963

Please mark your check for its intended use. Thank you for your support of our mission to provide superior care for our residents!

Dietary Department News

The dietary departments at the Home and Pettikoffer House received 100% food safety and 100% physical safety rating per National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) the Sodexo Annual Auditor. A pizza fundraiser was sponsored by the dietary department for the Heart Health Walk for the American Heart Association. Pizza’s were made by the dietary department and sold to staff and friends. A total profit of $431 was raised for the cause.
Personal Care Inspection

The Church of the Brethren Home was visited August 9th by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. The purpose of this visit was to conduct the annual inspection of our Personal Care Unit. Two inspectors from the western district checked all our paper work, checked medication delivery, spoke to many of our residents and staff, and reviewed many of the regulations related to Personal Care. At the end of the day the inspectors could find no violations and issued a deficiency free report. No other Personal Care facility in our immediate area has had a deficiency free inspection. Excellent resident care and team work from all departments involved combine to make our Personal Care a unit which we can all be proud of.

Summer Fun

- Christmas in July was celebrated at the Home on the 21st when Maple Spring church made their annual summer visit. Residents were treated to Christmas cookies, fruit punch and friendly visits on this out-of-season holiday.
- Youth from the Grace Brethren Youth Conference held at UPJ spent time with the residents at Pettikoffer House playing Wii games, putting together puzzles, and having a good time of fellowship.
- The 7th Annual Brethren Home Golf Outing was held August 8. Seventy avid golfers spent the day in competition at Windber Country Club. Once again this year was very successful, providing a sizable profit for the Brethren Home Charitable Trust.
- The District Women’s Home Day was held at Pettikoffer House on August 11. Approximately 40 women attended and kindly donated over 100 boxes of tissues for use at the Home.
- Children in the Pioneer group at the Conemaugh church visited the personal care residents on August 22. They generously gave a craft, present and snack to each resident they visited and filled the halls with joyful songs. As always the residents truly enjoyed the visit.

Looking Back......

- September 1921, Brother and Sister Benner accepted the proposition to be Superintendent and Matron of the Old Folks Home for $850.00 per year.
- September 1958, Mrs. Mary Allison bought the first cottage located beside the Home.
- September 1962, the Home Auxiliary purchased 50 bedspreads for $120.
- September 15, 1980, a motion was made to enter into a contract with Major Builders for the Church of the Brethren Home Retirement Village site development.
- October 1985, the Board asked for suggestions as to what to name the Retirement Village. It was approved to use the suggested name from, Terry Heckler of Seattle Washington, Orchard Point Retirement Community.

“A community you can grow with and come to love.”
Six year old Luis moved to Hogar Emanuel along with his older brother, Jose Angel only six months ago. He is now attending the first grade at the Jose Trinidad Cabanas School and loves learning how to read and draw. He also likes to play with cars and put puzzles together. He says he feels very comfortable living with the other boys his age in the Casa Kinder. His housemothers, Karina and Cinthia, tell us that he is a very happy and playful little guy. He says that enjoys eating Angelica’s spaghetti, too.

Please pray for Luis and his brother Jose as they continue to adjust to their new life at Hogar de Ninos Emanuel.

2 Corinthians 1:11

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Our Promise to You …………..

By serving on the Board of Directors of El Hogar de Niños Emanuel, it is our responsibility to help oversee the management of the Home and to make sure that your gifts of love are used with integrity, honesty, and for the sole purpose of meeting the needs of the children.

In His Service as your
Mission Program Coordinators,
Bill & Rona Hemminger

MAILING LIST UPDATE NEEDED

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, I hope you enjoy it. If you would like to be removed from this mailing or know of someone who should be added, please contact us at hogaremanuel@verizon.net. Thank you.

You are also joining to help us when you pray for us.

Continuing the work of Jesus.

Honduras

San Pedro Sula
What’s happening at the Emanuel Children’s Home?

The first ever student government election was held at Hogar de Ninos Emanuel this past month. The idea was developed to get the youth more involved with some of the decision making regarding the home, and to help develop important leadership skills.

Two of the older teens, Alfredo and Cinthia, campaigned to become the president of the Home. We encouraged both parties to come up with ideas and ways to promote positive change at the home in areas such as recycling, energy and water conservation, and the coordination of sports activities. They pitched their ideas, listened to the views and ideas of their constituents and made campaign promises. The candidates distributed candies and homemade *baleadas* (a breakfast food made with tortillas) in hopes of obtaining more votes!

The ballots were made up complete with a photograph of each candidate, and an election was held. Even our nursery residents, Zahid and Karliña, participated in the process. CONGRATULATIONS goes to Alfredo who was declared the winner and will be Hogar’s President for the next twelve months.

It was an amazing learning experience!

AURORA is the Star Employee this month. She began working as a housekeeping for the Home in 1998. She still keeps her area of the home immaculately clean and well organized, but now is also the housemother for the preschool girls. It is evident that she loves her job when you see how attentive she is to the friendly, well-behaved little girls in her care—each one with her hair neatly combed and clean clothes to start each day, who are obviously being taught manners, personal hygiene, and about Jesus. She is a single mother with three children of her own and lives in the Casa Kinder (preschoolers home) along with the girls in her care.

“*Impress upon children the truth that the exercise of the elective franchise is a social duty of as solemn a nature as man can be called to perform; that a man may not innocently trifle with his vote; that every elector is a trustee as well for others as himself and that every measure he supports has an important bearing on the interests of others as well as on his own.*”

Daniel Webster, The Works of Daniel Webster

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