I Know Something Good about You...
Philippians 2:4 NASB
Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Western PA District COB, I know something good about you...

1. In the 1980's you founded an orphanage in Honduras and it is doing well. You have been supportive in this continuing project. Many of you sponsor orphans as you pray and physically show your love and loyalty to children in Honduras. May God bless you!

2. You have a camp which is another ministry which you support. The current staff is outstanding and cannot be praised enough for their efforts in expanding the ministry there while addressing the financial burden they inherited. You, as a District, have given your support as well. There have been cabins adopted and updated, the challenge of a dollar a week per family has been successful and you have contributed in many ways with your support. May God bless you!

3. You have a District leadership which serves you well. The District Minister rises early and prays for each congregation each day. He is always there when we call upon him. The Leadership Team monitors the activities and function of the District throughout the year between conferences. Each member has been prayerfully called and devotes his/her efforts as unto the Lord. We are blessed!

4. You are a District that believes in the Bible as the guidelines for our lives. In the perception of this writer, you were the most unified District at Annual Conference as sensitive issues were on the agenda. We have no outstanding issues at our District Conference, but it is my prayer that unity will be prevalent at our conference.

Our theme for our District Conference is, "I know something good about you..." and we will hear how good our District really is. May you greet each other with our theme and keep a positive spirit as we grow together. You are also able to practice this greeting before coming to conference. We will meet at Camp again this year and you will see the physical improvements. The campers are challenged each week and the numbers keep growing. We are blessed!

As a final preparation for District Conference, rise 15 minutes early or set aside 15 minutes daily. In these fifteen minutes, spend five minutes reading your Bible, five minutes praying, and five minutes listening to what God is telling you.

God Bless You!

Wesley J. Berkebile, District Moderator
Local Church News

NEW MEMBERS

- Windber Congregation
  - Stan Thomas

- County Line Congregation
  - Chad Clark
  - Laci Clark
  - Jeremy Withrow
  - Austin Brown
  - Shawna McGinley

- Shade Creek/Ridge Congregation
  - Kirstyn McGregor
  - Kayla Eash
  - Kristen Oravec

- Somerset Congregation
  - Bernice Saylor
  - Hazel Airesman

- Natrona Heights Congregation
  - Chelsea Shaner
  - Steve Zatko

WANTED:

- Gabi Neuhof, a member of the Maple Spring Church and a Varsity soccer player at North Star High School, is collecting soccer gear (new and used) to be sent to the orphanage in Honduras. Items needed are soccer cleats, shin guards, socks, and soccer balls. If you can help, please contact Gabi at (814) 798-7282 or cneuhof78@comcast.net

- Locust Grove choir is looking to borrow the Ready to Sing Christmas musical/drama "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Brentwood Benson, arranged by Russell Mauldin. We would need about 20 copies. Contact Elaine Fyock at 539-6826 or 467-9725.

HOSPITALIZED

- Judy King, wife of Pleasant Hill pastor Phillip King, for treatment.
- Lori Conn, wife of County Line pastor Barry Conn, for treatment.

SYMPATHY

- to Dorene Lape and family in the death of her husband Donald Lape who was the manager of the former Mack Bookstore in Johnstown for many years.
- to Daniel Whitacre, retired ordained minister, in the death of his wife, Lois.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

- Jude Zachary Lehman was born to Zachary and Tina (Moss) Lehman on July 27 at 9:38 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches tall. Proud grandparents are Suzie and Ken Moss, and Neil and Ellen Lehman.

LEADERSHIP

- Welcome to Paul Vance “Lee” Smith who has been called as FT pastor at the Mount Joy congregation as of July 3, 2011.
- Nathan D. Crissman has been called as FT pastor at the Berkey congregation, and his father, Earl E. Crissman, has been called as PT pastor at Berkey.
- Congratulations to Homer Wayne Painter on his ordination in the Christian Ministry in the Church of the Brethren at the Center congregation on June 26, 2011.
- Congratulations to Kent D. Bass on his licensing to the Christian ministry in the Church of the Brethren at the Maple Spring congregation on August 7, 2011.
- Congratulations to Scott R. Thomas on his licensing to the Christian ministry in the Church of the Brethren at the Tire Hill congregation on August 14, 2011.
District News

Revival Services

Shade Creek/Ridge Congregation will hold revival services September 18 through 21 at 7:00 p.m. A variety of speakers and special music each evening.

Geiger Church will host Roy Gearhart and his "Cutting Edge Ministries" beginning on Sunday morning September 25. The morning session will begin at 10:30. Brother Roy will be accompanied by his wife Janice who serves as instrumentalist and soloist. The services will continue Sunday evening through Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30 each evening. Brother Roy will be portraying Peter, Paul, Joseph and Samson during his time at Geiger. Everyone is invited to share in this time of worship and enjoy seeing these Biblical characters portrayed.

Berkey Church will be holding Revival Services in September. The revival services begin on Sunday, September 25 through Wednesday, September 28. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m., evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. There is child care available. Nathan Crissman will be sharing with us during the services.

The church is located at 1038 Church Drive, Windber, PA. Questions? Please feel free to call the church at 467-8505.

New this year!! Online Auction beginning September 15, 2011. We are excited to let you know we will be listing items on our website to be bid on with the proceeds going to the ministries of the Western PA District Church of the Brethren. We hope that you will go to our website www.westernpacob.org and follow the links. Items will be listed for a period of time with the highest bidder purchasing the item. Some items may have a reserve bid. We will be accepting payments for the items by Money Order, Cashier’s Check, or through PayPal. No personal checks or cash will be accepted. When payment is received the item will then be shipped to the buyer. We will not ship internationally, or to Alaska and Hawaii.

Remember this is your chance to support the Ministries of the District throughout the year.
We will continue to hold our yearly auctions at Camp Harmony. Reminder this year we will hold our 6th Annual Auction beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 5 at Camp Harmony. The week before the auction from Oct 31-Nov 4, items will be listed for sale online. If these items do not sell they will be auctioned off on November 5.

Spread the word of our new and exciting online auctions. This is a great way to feel a part of the auction, especially if you cannot attend the auction in person.

In Christ’s Service,
The Stewards and Finance Team

SOMERSET CoB FITNESS TRAINER
Fitness trainer and exercise specialist Crystal Reiber, a member at the Somerset congregation, teaches a low-impact aerobics sculpt class twice a week at the church. The class features exercises with hand weights, resistance tubes and small beach balls. It also consists of rest and relaxation, stretching, meditation and a closing prayer. Anyone can join the group. Crystal is hoping to expand this ministry to include more fitness and health education for the greater community. She would like to help churches and other organizations set up fitness programs, help with creating written resources and serve as a motivational speaker from a Christian perspective at workshops, seminars and clinics. She has worked with many people with special health concerns, including those who have had strokes, multiple sclerosis, gastric bypass, Lap-Band surgery and small injuries. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry or for more information, contact the Somerset COB at 814 445-8853 or Crystal Reiber at 814 445-1942.
Christmas Greetings from Sipesville

Christmas has come and gone here at the church and I hope it has left the Spirit of Jesus in everyone’s heart. Bible School week was June 20-24 with our theme of “Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart.” About sixteen children attended who were all anxious to learn and sing some of their favorite Christmas songs.

Hand painted candle holders and Christmas cards decoupaged onto a wooden tree were two of their favorite crafts. On our last day together we all sang Happy Birthday Jesus and celebrated His birth with cake and ice cream. I hope everyone left knowing the true meaning of Christmas and will carry that feeling throughout - I know I will.

Tracy Croyle
Children’s Director

Loving the Beach!

At Arbutus Church of the Brethren we went to the Beach for Bible School, July 18-22. The Son Surf Beach Bash helped us learn who Jesus is, what he wants us to do and why we need him. There were around 50 kids plus 30 helpers all week. The special project was “picnic” items for the Walnut Grove Food pantry and we filled several picnic coolers with ketchup and paper plates and a bunch of other stuff. Our special offering went to Brethren Disaster Ministries.

It is not too Late!

Join the District Choir!

Sing at District Conference!

Come to the Rummel Church to sing together on September 18
And October 9
3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions contact Becky Toath 814 467-8132 or mrst45@hotmail.com
Festival Schedule

7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served
10:00 a.m. Festival Begins—Booths Open
Pastor’s Bake-Off Entries Deadline
Opening Devotions
10:30-11:00 am Clowns for Christ
11:00-11:45 am Open Stage
11:45-12:00 noon Pastor’s Bake-Off Winners Announced
Auction Baked Goods
Announcements
12:00-1:00 pm Open Stage
1:00-1:45 pm Group 1 to perform
1:45-2:30 pm Group 2 to perform
2:30-3:15 pm Group 3 to perform
3:15-3:30 p.m. Closing Devotions
Announcements
Gate basket door prize drawing
Kids basket door prize drawing
3:30 p.m. Quilt & Basket Auction

Swimming Pool open 12:00-2:00 pm, weather permitting

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Directions: www.campharmony.org
Heritage Festival Pastor’s & District Leadership Team Bake-Off
September 17, 2011
Camp Harmony

All Ordained Ministers, Licensed Ministers, Lay Speakers, and District Leadership Team members of the Western Pennsylvania District Are Eligible!

FIVE Entry Categories: (1) Cakes (2) Cookies (3) Pies (4) Bread (5) Rolls

GUIDELINES:

1) **Cakes** – 8” round or 9” x 13” for the auction, please supply one cupcake for the three judges to use for tasting.

2) **Cookies** – Please supply two dozen for the auction and one cookie for each of the three judges.

3) **Pies** – Please supply one 8” or 9” pie for the auction PLUS an individual pie for the judges.

4) **Bread** – One loaf for auction and a small loaf for the judges.

5) **Rolls** – One dozen for auction and one for each of the 3 judges.

JUDGING:

- Entries will be judged on appearance, taste and texture.
- All entries must be homemade, no store-bought pie crust or slice/bake cookies, or frozen bread or rolls.
- Entries must be submitted at the entry table by 10:00 a.m.

BE ADVISED: When selecting your entry, we do not have space for items requiring refrigeration.
Greetings in the name of our Lord!

District Conference 2011 will be held Saturday, October 15, again at Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936. The Program and Arrangements Committee is continuing to strive to improve the atmosphere and program schedule.

Contained in this newsletter you will find preliminary materials regarding District Conference. Please review this information and share the information with your delegates and other leaders of your congregations. Some of them may have received this information already in a special mailing. The following materials are included:

◊ **Registration Form**: The District Conference Registration form must be completed and returned by Friday, October 7 with payment included. [THIS FORM WAS UPDATED FROM THE ONE SENT IN THE SPECIAL MAILING. PLEASE USE THIS ONE.] Please send ONE CHECK for each congregation’s delegates and non-delegates.

◊ **Child Care Registration Form**: One form for each child, to be completed and returned by Friday, October 7.

◊ **“Gift of the Heart” Recovery and Support Kit Information**: This year’s offering will again be received in the form of kits. Enclosed is a list of items to be included in the kits.

All persons must pre-register for District Conference by Friday, October 7. The registration fee for the conference is $25.00 per person. The fee includes your lunch, conference booklet materials, and facility fee. **BE SURE TO INDICATE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM THE CHOICE OF SANDWICH MEAT FOR LUNCH FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.**

Should you have any questions regarding District Conference, please feel free to contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or toll free at 1-866 279-2181.
“Spread the Light”
Springs of Living Water Initiative in Church Renewal
Fall Event: September 24 at Camp Harmony

“Spread the Light” is the overarching theme for the September 24th Retreat/Training Event for the Springs of Living Water initiative in church renewal at Camp Harmony. Renewal teams gather for spiritual refreshment and inspiration hearing the Gospel of the Good News. Being filled with the Light of Christ, we spread the Light in our lives and our churches. Persons will share how they have experienced the Light and meditate in reflective time while making a small lantern. Similar ones can be made in their churches.

A second part of the morning will be learning the next steps in the renewal process. All churches have received the Fall Spiritual Disciplines folder to adapt for their church. Teams will learn about faith formation of churches and the next steps in the renewal process of discerning a scripture passage, finding the core values of a church and discerning its identity. They will learn how to use foresight and how to discern a vision for a church and a renewal plan. Testimonies will be given of progress in churches.

After a delicious camp meal, the renewal teams will learn how to design a renewal unit. The sample unit is entitled “Spread the Light” and will be on how to reach out to new people and re-activate in-actives. The teaching will include a step by step plan, a role play of a visit into the community, how to welcome newcomers, lead them in faith, have discipleship training and use people’s gifts in a congregation. This sample unit will serve to help churches take their vision and put it into an action plan.

All persons coming to the September session will receive a pocket sized small book “Becoming Like Jesus” by Chris Webb to be used for their own spiritual growth and to consider for use in their congregations. Chris will be one of the speakers at the Renovare Conference to be held April 21, 2012 at Elizabethtown College. Persons will leave knowing the next steps to take in their congregation. There will be closing moments of dedication, commitment and prayer to spread the Light of Christ to the world.

If you have any questions about Springs of Living Water, please call Ron Beachley for information about this effort in church renewal.
Child Care Registration ~ District Conference 2011
*One form must be completed for every child that is registered.

Child’s Name ________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian’s Name _______________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
Home Phone (____) ____________________________________________
Congregation __________________________________________________

Health Care / Permission / Emergency Information
I give permission for my child _________________________________ to receive emergency medical
treatment in the event of an injury or illness on Saturday, October 15, until I can be contacted. I understand I
will be contacted as soon as possible by the Child Care Provider.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________________
Emergency Contact: ________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone: (____) ______________________________

Insurance Information (Attach a copy of card - front & back)
Insurance: __________________________________________________
ID# ______________________________________ Group#: ____________________
Primary Care Physician: ___________________________ Phone (____) _________
List ALL medications child is currently taking:

List any medical conditions/problems that a doctor needs to know:

List any known allergies:

Other comments:

Complete one form for every child you are registering and return by Friday, October 7 to:
Western PA District, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple PA 15935

Parent/Guardian Please clip and keep this portion
District Conference 2011 ~ Saturday, October 15, 2011
Child Care Information

Place: Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA

Drop Off: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Pick-Up: At the close of the conference

Items to Bring: One (1) packed lunch per child
Prepared bottles or baby food, if needed
Diapers, if needed
Snacks

Note: No fee required. Costs are included in conference registration.
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Western PA District Church of the Brethren
Saturday, October 15, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Participants are asked to report to the registration table by **8:30 a.m.**

CAMP HARMONY
1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936

CHURCH __________________________

REGISTRATION FEE of $25.00 per person - **Due by Friday, October 7, 2011**
This covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee.

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**DELEGATE REPRESENTATION [ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS APPLY]**

♦ **Authorized/appointed non-elected delegates** from each congregation include the pastor, board or team chair, commission or team chairs (Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, Witness, or an authorized/appointed representative of corresponding commissions) not to exceed 4 persons, and a youth representative. The total number possible of **authorized/appointed non-elected delegates is 7 persons.**

♦ 200 members or less - **2 elected delegates**

♦ More than 200 members - **2 elected delegates**, plus **1 additional delegate** for each 200 members over the initial 200 or a major fraction of 200.

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**NON-DELEGATES**

♦ Any person that is not elected or appointed.

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Number of **Delegates** ________ @ $25.00 each $________
Number of **NON-Delegates** ________ @ $25.00 each $________
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS ________ AMOUNT ENCLOSED $________

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**Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:**
Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

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**DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011**
Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

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**FOR DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY**
Form received: ____________________ Amount enclosed: ____________________

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Please list persons attending on the other side of this form:
Preparation for Renovare Conference on Saturday, April 21, 2012
Update from recent Steering Committee meeting

Registration information for the 2012 Renovare Conference will become available October 8, 2011. With the mission of the District Spiritual Renewal Team to provide renewal experiences which lead to Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-empowered living for all persons and congregations, the hope for this day is to help fulfill this goal for each church. These next months will be used for planning.

Rather than a stand-alone event, the team is working to assist churches in preparation for the conference and give follow-up ideas that could be meaningful for your church. Because of the positive response to the 2000 conference, the steering committee is encouraging churches to consider who they would like to see attend. You may have new persons or others wanting renewed in their faith.

Our guest leaders are Chris Webb, new President of Renovare an Anglican pastor from Wales, and Richard Foster, founder of Renovare and author. Both leaders will have new books out by the conference. Jean Moyer has written lessons for the children on the spiritual disciplines. These will be used that day. The conference is one day and will be at Leffler Chapel at Elizabethtown College.

The purpose of this conference is for spiritual growth. The leaders will go over the practice of 12 classic spiritual disciplines. The conference will address how to develop a balanced vision for spiritual renewal and a practical strategy to grow in a life of Christian discipleship. All is done in a spirit of joy with singing and a closing service of renewal. The lives of many were changed by the 2000 event.

How do we prepare for this conference? The steering committee is encouraging a prayer emphasis for churches. Renovare invites pastors to preach the 12 spiritual disciplines in Richard Foster’s Celebration of Discipline which could begin in Lent. A Spiritual Disciplines Folder for daily Scripture reading is available.

A follow-up committee is preparing a list of possibilities for your church to consider. A follow-up day on personal and corporate spiritual formation will be offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center on May 5, 2012, at the Ephrata Church. CEU’s will be offered for those attending the conference and this follow-up day.

For more information you may contact David S. Young, chair, at davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org
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“Gift of the Heart” Recovery and Support Kits

"Gift of the Heart" Hygiene, School, and Baby Kits are projects your church group can complete to make a difference for hurting people in the United States and around the world. These basic supplies are so common in the US, but so vital if you have lost everything in a disaster or live in poverty. If you have questions, please call 1-800-451-4407, ext 3.

Wrap your love and prayers in every "Gift of the Heart" Kit you put together. But, please, include only the items listed. Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits. And, please, do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you!

**Hygiene Kit**
- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush* (in original packaging)
- 6 band-aids

Please do not add toothpaste to the kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

**School Kit**
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (12”)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 - 70-page spiral bound or tape-bound pads of, 8½” by 10½” ruled paper or pads containing 200-210 ruled sheets. (Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 12”x14” to 14”x16” finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles.

Pack all items inside the cloth bag

**Baby Kit**
- 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 washcloths
- 2 diaper pins

All items should be new. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Don’t forget to send a check for $2 per Kit to help cover the shipping costs.

“Gift of the Heart” Kits should be securely boxed and taped. Boxes should be packed with only one type of Kit (Hygiene, School, or Baby) inside each box. The boxes should be labeled, noting the type of Kit, number of Kits, cong./group, contact person, address, number of boxes. Please DO NOT put the $2 inside the kit.

Fill out this form and attach a check for $2.00 per kit to help cover shipping costs. Make check payable to Western PA District.

Congregation/Group __________________________________________________________
Contact Person _____________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip _____________________________________________________________
Phone Number ____________________________________________________________

Indicate amount enclosed: Number of Kits x $2 = $ _____________
Western Pennsylvania District Highlights

District Women’s Ministries
“Exploring God’s Plan for Me”

Fall Brunch
October 8, 2011
Moxham Church of the Brethren
536 Grove Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902

Speakers:
Amanda Haupt from the Locust Grove Congregation who has been to Honduras
Emilie Deffenbaugh from the Arbutus Congregation who has been to Canada

Registration starts at 9:15 a.m.
Come for a time of fellowship and worship
Brunch begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by the program
and the day will conclude around 12:30 p.m.

Cost is $8.00 per person.
Please bring with you an offering for the Christian Home of Johnstown and a small gift (i.e. Personal care items, craft supplies, school supplies) for the residents (girls ages 10-18).

Also, bring your contributions for the Country Market (baked goods, plants, jellies/jams, crafts, produce).

Childcare is available by request.

Please send registrations to arrive by October 3 to: Mildred Gnegy, 619 W Race St., Somerset, 15501-1849 or call 814/443-2566

CHURCH__________________________________________
NUMBER _______________ Please enclose the names of women attending for ease of registration, substitutions are allowed.
AMOUNT $_______________

Make checks payable to: Western PA District Women’s Ministry
I will need childcare for ______ children (please include names and ages).
I was a dirty little kid. My mother, God bless her, she did her best. But I liked to play in the mud, and I hate-hated taking a bath. Baths just weren’t my thing. Especially if a bath meant I had to get all gussied up afterward for some stuffy mother/daughter banquet or something. I just wanted another 15 minutes to finish building my mud city (which naturally had to be flooded with the 5 gallons of rain water I’d been saving).

Of course, once I got into the tub, I didn’t want to get out. You know how it goes. Someone has to drag you around, twist your arm and all but bribe you to do something, and then you end up having a decent time doing it anyhow. That’s how it worked with me and the tub. Two hours later, I was a wrinkled mess and Mom had to issue an ultimatum for me to dry off.

Hymn sings and revival services were the same way. Boy, did I pitch a fit when one of those came around. I went to church once that week already – why the heck did I have to get dressed up and do it again? There was probably a new episode of Star Trek: Next Generation on TV and church was gonna cut into my “me” time. Silly hymn sing – what’s the point, anyway?

But, of course, once I got there and started firing off the numbers of my favorite songs, my irritation subsided and I found myself having a great time. Revival services and other special things were extra nice in the end, because there was usually a “fellowship time” afterward. We all know what that means. Cookies and pie and cake and kool-aid and my dad likes all of those, so I got to stay up later than usual. So those events didn’t turn out too bad.

Even now that I’m “grown up,” I find myself still struggling with some of those things – I know it’ll be fun in the end, but I really just don’t want to go. I don’t want anything to cut into time that might possibly be considered “free.”

But consider this: Jesus didn’t have much “me” or “free” time, either. Jesus didn’t take a day at the Dead Sea Spa after walking from Galilee. Jesus didn’t turn people away, even when they were sick and clingy and followed Him to His places of retreat. Jesus kept the necessary appointments, and He showed up to the places that needed Him most, in His timing. He wasn’t too busy to throw in a visit to Zacchaeus; He wasn’t too important to hang out with the worst of sinners. And when the time came to surrender to the authorities, Jesus didn’t try to get out of it. He was a real person, so I’m sure He really didn’t want to go to the cross. It just wasn’t His thing. But He went. And because He did, He was exalted to the highest place!

You and I have choices, friends. We all have opportunities to show up and do something positive. Maybe you can volunteer for a position in the church without being begged. Maybe you can open your home to the youth group for a meal. Maybe you can make a weekly visit to a lonely neighbor. Maybe you can opt to go to the church picnic and make it cooler just by your presence. Maybe you can sign up to do special music. Maybe you can start something fresh in children’s ministry. Maybe you can allow and encourage someone else to share their gifts. Maybe you can ____________________________________________

(Go ahead, write something in!)

Let God pick you up and dust you off and clean you up and soften your heart ... so you might serve Him better – even when you’d rather be doing something else!

With love from your mud-pit maven – Abby
**Spaghetti Supper**
Roxbury Church
**September 24, 2011**
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Adults - $6.00;
children ages 3 to 12 - $3.00.

**Family Dinner**
The Geiger and Sipesville Congregations had a Family Dinner at the Sipesville Fire Hall. The program was Keystone State Quartet. Instead of having favors or door prizes we brought things for the food pantry. We are doing this next year!

**An Invitation for your Children**
Hello, my name is Lorie Rudnik and I attend Locust Grove Church. I want you to know about a program that I started last year at our Church. Awana is a program based on 1 Timothy 2:15, “Approved workmen are not ashamed.” I love this verse because it tells me not to be ashamed of who I am as a Christian, but to let others know of Jesus’ amazing and everlasting love. Awana has this prayer: That all children and youth around the world would come to know, love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. As a parent I am trying to lead and shepherd my children to know, love and serve Jesus. Awana is about teaching our children just how much Jesus loves all of us and to teach them God’s amazing Gospel in scripture. It is a fantastic way to bring families closer together, because parents can join in to what their kids are learning.

There are three basic parts of Awana and they are book time, large group or story time and game time. The kids learn verses and earn badges or pins for their accomplishments. At the end of the year we have an Awards Banquet to honor the kids for all their hard work and also the parents and the leaders for being a wonderful support.

Awana runs for the whole school year. This year we will start on August 28 and run until May 27, every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

I was director of Bible School last year and I thought to myself that there is not enough for the children. Some kids just get a week of Bible School to know about Jesus. I wanted to find something that we as shepherds could have more time to plant and sow the seed of Jesus’ love. The program is going great, but I want to reach as MANY kids and parents as I can to let them know of this fun and fantastic program. God has blessed us all with so many kids and if these kids are important to Jesus, then that is all I need to know to do what I do for these kids.

I want to invite all of your children from pre-K to 6th grade to this program. If you would like to come and check it out please come. If you are looking for a way to serve, we are always in need of leaders. I love being with my kids in everything I do, they make me smile and they fill my heart with so much love. So please consider coming and bringing your kids along for the most uplifting and encouraging ride of our lives.

If you would like to hear more about the program or have questions about our Awana program, please call me at 814/410-6095.

Awana Coordinator,
Lorie Rudnik

SPECIAL NOTE FOR PARENTS: We will be holding a Parent Orientation on Saturday August 27 at 6 pm in our fellowship hall, refreshments will be provided all parents should attend even those that came last year. If you could please call me to RSVP that would be great I just want to make sure I have a head count. Thank you so much for your time.
District Men’s Fellowship is sponsoring

A Men’s & Women’s
Fall Golf Outing

September 24, 2011
Indian Springs Golf & County Club
825 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15701  [VFW Course]

WHO CAN ENTER
Men & Women’s Foursome
Women’s Foursome
Men’s Foursome

COST
$70 per person (meal included)
$280 per foursome (meal included)
$18 for meal only

Cash Prizes
Hole in One $100
Closest to Line $50
Closest to Pin $25
Longest Putt $25
Longest Drive $25

Team Prizes
High Team/Low Team
Other Prizes

DINNER CHOICE
Chicken Cordon Bleu OR Stuffed Pork Chop
Mashed Potatoes Green Beans
Salad Roll
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

HOLE SPONSORSHIP $35
Who can be a Hole Sponsor?
- Men’s/Women’s Fellowships
- Youth Groups
- Sunday School Classes
- Individuals ….. ANYONE

You get: Your name in program and one person from the sponsoring group can attend the banquet.

Make checks payable to DISTRICT MEN’S FELLOWSHIP.
Mail Registration to: Homer Marshall 369 West Church Ave, Masontown, PA 15461-1651

Please send in your registration form by September 10, 2011. Add $15 per person or $60 per foursome if registered after the deadline. For meal only, add $5 per person registering after the deadline.
Opportunities for YOU!

RENOVARE ESSENTIALS CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

With Chris Webb and Richard Foster

The District Spiritual Renewal Team is pleased to announce that a one day Renovare Essentials Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Elizabethtown College** in Leffler Chapel. Our hope is that this will be more than a one day stand-alone event but can be of service to the local church in your efforts to develop the spiritual journey of your congregation.

Chris Webb and Richard Foster will be our leadership. Chris, the new president of Renovare and Anglican pastor from Wales, has such a pastoral heart. Richard Foster, founder of Renovare and author of Celebration of Discipline, is a leader in developing the Christian spiritual life and has a new book The Sanctuary of the Soul. We are blessed and humbled to have a strong leadership team.

Registration information for the 2012 Renovare Conference will become available October 8. With the mission of the District Spiritual Renewal Team to provide renewal experiences which lead to Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-empowered living for all persons and congregations, the hope for this day is to help fulfill this goal for each church. These next months will be used for planning.

A follow-up committee is preparing a list of possibilities for your church to consider. A follow-up day on personal and corporate spiritual formation will be offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center on **May 5 at the Ephrata Church.** CEU’s will be for those attending the conference and this follow-up day.

For more information you may contact David S. Young, chair – davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org

Training schedule announced by Children’s Disaster Services

Children’s Disaster Services, a Church of the Brethren ministry based at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md. will be holding workshops across the country, training volunteers to care for children following disasters.

The workshops will be held in the following locations:

- **October 7 - 8, 2011** - Central United Methodist Church in Sedro-Woolley, Washington
- **October 14 - 15, 2011** - Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia
- **November 4 - 5, 2011** - Bethany Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- **November 11-12, 2011** - Somerset Church of the Brethren in Somerset, Pa.
- **March 24 - 25, 2012** - La Verne Church of the Brethren in La Verne, Calif.

For more information or to register call the Children’s Disaster Services office 410-635-8735 or 800-451-4407, option 5, or go to www.childrensdisasterservices.org

Stan Noffsinger to Preach at 41st Annual Dunker Church Service

Stan Noffsinger, the Church of the Brethren General Secretary, will be the preacher for the 41st Annual Dunker Church Service, Sunday, September 18, 3:00 p.m., at the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD.

This worship service will be in the restored Mumma Meeting House, commonly referred to today as the Dunker Church. It was built in 1853 and heavily damaged by the September 17, 1862, Battle of Antietam. After extensive repairs were made, services resumed in the summer of 1864.

Stan Noffsinger will preach at the Moler Ave. Church of the Brethren that Sunday morning, 10:45 a.m.

This service is sponsored by area Churches of the Brethren. For more information, please call Eddie Edmonds, 304-267-4135 or Tom Fralin, 301-432-2653.
District Men’s Fellowship Golf Outing Registration Form
September 24, 2011 (registration deadline September 10, 2011)
Make checks payable to: DISTRICT MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Foursome or Individual
Spokesperson ___________________________ Phone ________________
Congregation ____________________________
Golfers (before 9/10/11)(after 9/10/11)
Name ____________________________ $70 ____ $85 ____
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Total Due with Registration $ ____________
Amount Received by Treasurer $ _________  Initial _________ Date Rec’d_________

Banquet Only Registration
Congregation ____________________________
Number of Reservations ________ @ $18.00 each  Total Due $ _______________
Do Not Include Golfers  After 9/10/11 add $5 per person
Contact Person ___________________________ Phone ________________

Amount Received by Treasurer $ _________  Initial _________ Date Rec’d_________

Hole Sponsor
Name ______________________________________
Phone ______________________________________
Address ______________________________________
_____________________________________________ Zip ______

$35 per Hole: Number of Holes ________ @ $35  Total Due ________
Amount Received by Treasurer $ _________  Initial _________ Date Rec’d_________

Meal Choice
# of Chicken Cordon Bleu ____
Or
# of Stuffed Pork Chop ____
Denominational News

Personnel Changes
- Carol Bowman, coordinator of stewardship formation, has resigned effective July 31.
- Bethany Seminary announces that Elizabeth Keller, director of admissions, is resigning as of November 25, 2011.
- The Southern Pennsylvania District Leadership Team is pleased to announce that Georgia Markey will serve as Acting District Executive beginning October 1, 2011.
- Shelly Potts, director of the New Windsor Conference Center at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md. has tendered her resignation effective Friday, August 12, 2011.
- The Shenandoah District Leadership Team has announced that Ronald E. Wyrick will begin serving as Interim District Executive beginning November 1, 2011.

Position Openings
- The Institutional Advancement Department at Bethany Theological Seminary seeks a full-time administrative assistant. Please submit inquiries, or letter of application and resume, to Lowell Flory, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374, florylo@bethanyseminary.edu, 765-983-1805. Detailed position description is available on request.
- Bethany Theological Seminary announces an opening for the full-time position of director of admissions with a starting date in October of 2011. Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of application and resume to: Executive Director of Student and Business Services, Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374 Application review will begin on August 15, 2011. Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled.
- Brethren Benefit Trust has an opening for a Programmer Analyst and Technology Support Specialist. Please send a letter of interest, résumé, three professional references, and salary-range expectation to Donna March at 1505 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120, or dmarch_bbt@brethren.org. For questions or a position description, please call 847-622-3371.

On November 7, 2011 a continuing education event, *The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for the New Testament Church* will be held at Elizabethtown College in the Susquehanna Room. Although the church affirms that its Scriptures include both the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the New Testament, Christians often down play or ignore the witness of its “first testament.” In a 2010 Brethren Press publication titled *The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for a New Testament Church*, thirteen Brethren scholars address the question “Of what relevance is the Old Testament for Christians today?” This event is sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center and the Elizabethtown College Department of Religious Studies. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the course will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost for this event is $50 with an additional $10 charge for those wishing to receive CEU documentation. The registration deadline is October 24, 2011. For more information contact Donna M. Rhodes.

For more information and up-to-date position openings in many Brethren agencies go to www.brethren.org and follow the service and employment links.
**ABEL**

Date of birth: April 3, 2003

ABEL and his brothers Gerson and Ariel moved to Hogar Emanuel in August 2006. Abel is currently in the 3rd grade at school and his favorite subject is math. He enjoys playing soccer and hide-and-seek with the other kids at the Home. He also enjoys watching his favorite cartoons; Superheroes and Ben 10. He loves going to church with all the kids at the Home and learning more about Jesus. Praise and worship songs are his favorite part of church. His favorite food is baleadas (flour tortilla, refried beans, scrambled eggs, cream, and cheese). He says that when he is older he wants to go to school to be a Policeman.

Please pray for Abel and his brothers this month.
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EMMANUEL CHILDREN'S HOME!

APORTE

Acciones Productivos Orientados a la Realización del Trabajo Emprendedor

— basically the acronym means Productive Actions Orientated towards the Realization of Working in Business.

The farm is one part of our APORTE program that teaches our children how to manage a small business. Through APORTE our children also produce tortillas as well as manage a hen house that produces over 80 fresh eggs a day. Most of the production goes directly towards making the home more self-sustainable, but a small portion is set aside for selling in the community. The profits from these sales is managed in a separate account that is actually managed by our teens. Operating expenses for APORTE which include such items as chicken feed, vitamins for the hens and tortilla flour, all come out of the APORTE account, leaving a small profit. A portion of that profit is often used to organize activities in which our teens go to nursing homes, public hospitals, and other areas in need, to share their production with others in need.

The farm project has been a definite blessing for the home and our children. They experience the wonder of God's earth, and the miracle of planting a seed and nurturing it until it gives fruit. (Basically like what we strive to do with them!) They are also filled with pride when carrying their harvest to Angelica in the kitchen; and giving back to the community brings even more blessings to our home and it’s children. Our children learn that it truly is more rewarding to give than to receive.

CONGRATULATIONS on a NEW SON!

DINA & SAMMY, who serve as house parents to our adolescent boys, gave birth to their second son on May 2. Dina is also one of the children’s educators. Sammy was once a resident child at Hogar Emanuel who learned the trade of welding. He eventually left when he obtained a job as a welder but returned to el hogar as often as possible to help with the younger children where he met Dina. The happy family now lives in a small two-room apartment on the grounds of Hogar Emanuel.

It is one of the beautiful compensations in life that people who sincerely try to help others always help themselves. — Charles Dudley Warner

For further information contact:
Bill & Rona Hemminger
Hogar de Niños Emanuel Board Members
Ph. (814) 629-9868 or (540) 941-3423
Email: hogaremanuel@verizon.net
Web site: www.hogaremanuel.com

This is your project!
Sponsorship Coupon

Emanuel Children’s
Partnering in the success, I pledge to keep the Emanuel Children’s Home in my prayers as well as offer my financial support. Please use my donation for the following fund:

☐ “Child Sponsorship” — providing the basic needs for the children living at the Home. (If you desire to be assigned a specific child or infant contact Rona.)
☐ “Staff Sponsorship” providing for the on-site care of children
☐ “Maintenance & Development” providing for maintenance and improvements to the facilities. Projects will be scheduled as funding is available.
☐ “New Bridge Program” - providing the transitional tools of independent living for those who are “aging out”.
☐ “Gift Fund” $________ — birthday/Christmas gifts
☐ General fund — use where needed
☐ Nursery Fund
☐ Special Fund for ___________ (specify)

Pledged donation $________
Special $________
TOTAL Enclosed $________

My name or a contact name for my group ________________________________

Name of organization ________________________________

Address ________________________________

Phone ________________________________

Email ________________________________

Signature ________________________________

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

07/2011
El Hogar de Niños Emanuel
(The Emanuel Children’s Home)

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.
2 Corinthians 1:11

Esteven joined the family at Hogar Emanuel just a few months ago. Although his birth records have not yet been located, it is estimated that he is approximately six or seven years old.

He is a very enthusiastic and enterprising little boy who is very happy in his new home. He is being very obedient and is eager to learn. He is now in the first grade at Cabañas School where he’s learning how to read and write.

Please pray that for Esteven as he adjusts to a new life of opportunity at El Hogar de Ninos Emanuel.

Child-of-the-Month

ESTEVEN
Date of birth: Unknown

AUGUST 2011
Four young athletes from Hogar Emanuel recently won national medals at the 2011 "Porfirio Lobo Sosa" Sports Championship in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. They will now go on to compete internationally in El Salvador. The children are being trained by the Sensei Carlos Bonsai Arguijo School who have awarded scholarships in karate training to several of our children. Congratulations, Lisby, Cristina, Patty, and Kimberly (left to right) for making us proud!

The Cargill Corporation continues to support the entrepreneurial spirit of our youth by promoting the chicken farm for the APORTE project. They recently donated two hundred baby chicks and the food for the birds. Thanks again, Cargill!

The kids shared a fun-filled week during their mid-term break in June with a work group from Western PA District Church of the Brethren hosted by board member, Amber Haupt. This team accompanied the kids on outings such as bowling and an evening at carnival., organized games, repaired bicycles, and helped deliver more TOMS Shoes. In addition, they also donated over $2000 to the Home for much needed supplies. Thanks, guys!

Enrique was chosen as this month’s Star Employee for being a conscientious worker who willingly accepts and completes his responsibilities. They include guarding the locked gate at the entrance of the Home, care of the yard, maintenance of the facilities, and assisting Rolando to pick up donated supplies for the home. He says he feels good about his part in caring for Hogar Emanuel. He is a married man with dreams for his own three children.

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The generosity and love shown to the Brethren Home during Harvest Home is sincerely appreciated. This project has been a part of our yearly calendar for almost all of our 90 years. Your monetary support in the past has enabled us to complete a wide variety of projects that would have been impossible within our normal operating budget. The new auxiliary generator, dining room tables, automatic exterior door opener, new patio, and interior decorations have greatly improved our residents’ quality of life. The traditional in-kind Harvest Home donations have also provided us with a variety of beautiful hand-made items and a large supply of basic necessities.

As you prepare for Harvest Home this year, please find attached a list of items that are used on a daily basis at the Home. Donations from the list would be most welcome. However, if your congregation found monetary support of a specific project more appealing, we have compiled a list of proposed small projects that would enhance the lives of the residents of the Home, along with the approximate cost for each.

**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
Church of the Brethren Home
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!
Harvest Home has always been a way of sharing the bounty we find around us in the autumn season. The following list identifies items used year round at the Home, which might be collected by a congregation as a donation to the project. Please make arrangements to deliver your donation during October by calling Pam Harkcom at (814) 361-6400.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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| Dresser scarves                  | Sugar                           |                             |
| Knotted comforters 6’ x 8’       | Salt                            |                             |
| Paper towels                     | Pepper                          |                             |
| Clorox 2 bleach                  | Cream of wheat                  |                             |
| Bathroom tissue                  | Oatmeal                         |                             |
| Dial bar soap                    | Potatoes                        |                             |
| Murphy’s Oil Soap                | Peanut Butter                   |                             |
| Brillo pads                      | Fruits or Vegetables            |                             |
| Terry dish towels                | in #10 cans                     |                             |
| Ironing board covers             |                                 |                             |

| DIETARY                          |                                |                             |
| Sugar                            |                                 |                             |
| Salt                             |                                 |                             |
| Pepper                           |                                 |                             |
| Cream of wheat                   |                                 |                             |
| Oatmeal                          |                                 |                             |
| Potatoes                         |                                 |                             |
| Peanut Butter                    |                                 |                             |
| Fruits or Vegetables             |                                 |                             |
| in #10 cans                      |                                 |                             |
SUMMER STATISTICS – 2011

--Over 625 campers were registered this summer, took part in our camping program, and heard the teachings of Jesus.

--Another additional 300 + campers used our camp facilities, and heard the teachings of Jesus.

--Over 50 staff persons were trained, worked at camp throughout the summer, and helped spread the teachings of Jesus.

--117 children received scholarship help directly from camp. There were additional children in our congregations who received scholarship help before coming to camp.

--Other persons used the camp facilities as a conference and retreat center during weekends

--Scholarship help coming directly from Camp totaled over $8000. This was mostly covered by donations from congregations and individuals.

--People coming on the premises to pray for Camp and the campers was new this year and we hope this program continues throughout the year and for years to come.

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Following is a letter received from one of our campers and it speaks for the ministry:

Thank you for letting me come to Kids Camp. Everyone loves me here and I wish I didn't have to leave. My mom and dad fight a lot and broke up this summer. They are back together but still fight every day. I liked it when you talked about hope. I know that God will be with me and I can hope in God even when my mom and dad fight. There is no place like camp. Why can't the adults every place else love us like they do at camp? When I am here I feel special. Thanks for making me know that God loves me like that. I want to be a camp counselor. They rock. Can I? How old do I need to be? Remember that God loves you too. I hope I can come next year.

Your Friend,
CABIN FEVER

17 ½ Cabins have been adopted – 3 ½ 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, Pleasant Hill, Sipesville. 7 Cabins are in process.

Camp could use groups of volunteers from any congregation to come and help. A “cabin raising is in process”. Many hands make light work….

Two new tipis were added this summer as part of Pioneer Camp. Twelve 3/4/5 Pioneer Campers had the unique experience of being the first campers to sleep in the tipis.

They were located on the upper level (Vesper Hill) below the Oaks and Pines.
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.

SEPTEMBER 2011
1 - Key Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon
1 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
5 - LABOR DAY
5-9 - NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
6 - Heritage Festival Committee, 7 p.m., Camp Harmony
10 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Indiana Church
10 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Moxham Church
11 - HAPPY GRANDPARENT’S DAY!!
11-17 - DISASTER WORK TRIP TO TENNESSEE
12 - Women’s Ministry Cabinet, 1 p.m., District Office
17 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
18 - BETHANY SUNDAY
19 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
24 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY PROGRAM, 9 a.m., Moxham Church
24 - “Springs of Living Water” Renewal Teams, Camp Harmony
26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 2011
2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
6 - DAY TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR
8 - WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL BRUNCH, Moxham 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.
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
21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
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
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.
30 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 p.m., Camp Harmony
31 - NEW YEAR’S EVE

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**Please note:** Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible.

Thank You!
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

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Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love ...  
Hosea 10:12, NIV