

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

September 2022

FROM THE DISTRICT MODERATOR

After two years of uncertainty and disruption, I believe the darkest days of the pandemic are behind us. The last two years have been difficult for all of us, we have all suffered loss in one form or another.

As my time comes to a close as your Moderator, I want to share some history. Called to serve the District in 2020, my time as Moderator Designate started just two months before the pandemic hit. As we all know, 2020 was a difficult year, lockdowns, church closings, school cancellations, canceled conferences, churches leaving the denomination and etc. There were many decisions that need to be made to keep moving forward.

2021 fared no better, by July the District Core team and Board had taken a substantial hit in the loss of leadership due to churches exiting the Denomination, many good leaders and friends moved on to new mission fields and the board needed to reorganize. At that time, I was called to serve as both your Moderator Designate and Board Chair. My deepest thanks to those that stepped up on the core team at that time to lead through a very chaotic time. Because of them the District was able to negotiate their way through some difficult work.

**Reboot
Rewire
Repent
REBUILD**



2021 would deliver a few more blows, the resignation of our District Executive, Bill Wenger in October 2021 and the death of our District Treasurer Carol Walker in December 2021 which was a great loss of corporate memory and left us with one Legal officer in the District. A deep debt of gratitude is due to both Tina Lehman and Amy Bowman for their dedicated service and hard work

for this District. They have stepped up in countless ways to shoulder the work and carry the Western Pa District into 2022. Without them it would be very difficult to negotiate the work of the District.

(Make sure you share your appreciation to them at this year's district conference.)

As your board chair in 2021 and Moderator in 2022 I had three simple goals to achieve, interviewing for an Interim District Executive, which we interviewed several, (and which is now being filled by Pete Kaltenbaugh) Calling a Search team to fill the District Executive/Minister position, (which is under way and doing its work) and to set up the District office Conference room to do virtual meetings and classes. (which is happening as I type.) This is a needed necessity to Interview candidates, hold virtual district / denominational meetings, and teach SVMC classes.

Again I can't say thank you enough to the great group of people I have been fortunate to work with, they have stepped up through their leadership and been the glue that has held our District together through a very difficult time.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

My theme for District Conference 2022 is “Reboot, Rewire, Repent, Rebuild.” The Rebooting is happening. When your computer or your fancy new phone gets wonky and unstable, what do you do? You shut it down, let it clear itself, and you restart it. That has happened over the last year or so. There is a solid group of people serving the district and bring stability to uncertain times.

What happens next? We need to Rewire. What does that mean? It means we have to get back to the basics, we have to get back to the Scriptures as written, live them out, and do what they say. We need to stop creating Jesus in our own image and start being what Jesus has called us to be...a Righteous and Holy people.

That leads us to “Repentance.” Most of our trials, troubles, and problems come from wandering away from the scriptures. Churches at war with one another, “Church People” saying incredibly hurtful things to Pastors and District Leadership, Church Splits, Church exits, all come from our own selfish desires, wants and impulsive aspirations.

James 4:1-3 (NLT2)

¹ *What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?* ² *You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.* ³ *And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

It's time to seek forgiveness for our inability to be “quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry”

James 1:19-22 (NLT2)

¹⁹ *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.* ²⁰ *Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.* ²¹ *So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.* ²² *But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*

And then lastly the “Rebuilding” There is much to look forward too. There are still souls to be saved, preachers to call, and churches to build. The great commission (Matt 28:19-20) is not Dead. We have much work yet to do for the Kingdom, Lets get to it, lets stop looking inward and start looking outward, Jesus said

Matthew 9:37-38 (NLT2)

³⁷ *“The harvest is great, but the workers are few.*

³⁸ *So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”*

The problem is not the harvest...there is now more harvest than ever. So lets stop the dejected, apathetic talk. Lets stop the sulking and brooding and get to work, there are souls to win and a God to Worship.

See you at Conference October 15, 2022.

Blessings.

Rob

DISTRICT CONFERENCE INFO.

Deadline for Registration is October 1, 2022, forms have been sent out via email and mail and are posted on the District website.

District Conference booklets will be distributed to your congregations by September 15th. If you are attending conference, please make sure to read through the entire booklet.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **October 2022** issue is

September 10, 2022

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT STAFF:

Peter Kaltenbaugh, Interim District Minister

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CONTACT US:

115 Spring Road

Hollsopple, PA 15935

814-479-2181

866-279-2181 toll free

www.westernpacob.org

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

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

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE

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

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

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP

Welcome and thank you to **Pastor Pete Kaltenbaugh** for serving as Interim District Executive Minister for the Western PA District. The District Search Committee continues to move forward in the search process for a permanent District Executive Minister. Office hours for Pastor Pete will be shared soon as we work out the details in the District Office.

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation

Middlecreek—Jimmy Hay, Tiffany Hay, Mckenzie Hay

Salisbury—Bella Broadwater, Brittany Custer, Eric Custer, Patti Deal, Rebecca Mason, Samuel Mason

CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

**We can all use some good news now
and again right?**

Looking for good news!

Milestone birthdays, milestone
anniversaries, academic achievements, etc.
I look forward to sharing more good news
from the District!

tlehman@brethren.org

HELP WANTED

THE DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER

SUMMARY and ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Treasurer is the custodian of all the funds administered by the District Board and reports to the Stewards Commission and to the District Board. The Treasurer instructs the Financial Clerk on any necessary functions that need to be handled and will also have close contact with the Financial Clerk.

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

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

TO ALL MINISTERS

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

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

Peter Kaltenbaugh, District Executive Rep.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

VIRTUAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

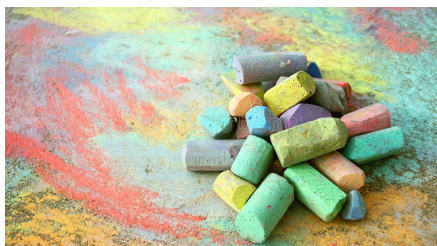
SPECIAL SERVICES

The **Salisbury COB** will be hosting a series of evangelical services featuring a chalk artist.

September 25—28, 2022

Sunday Morning worship—10:30 am

Evening worship—7:00 pm each night



EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Quilt Retreat

Saturday, October 8, 2022

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Scrapbook Retreat

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Crafters Wanted

Theme Basket Silent Auction

Breakfast Foods/Lunch Served

Bake Sale

Call 724-463-0420 for event info.

HOPE—N— HARMONY



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18, 2022 and prepare to be inspired by some very enthusiastic young people.

The Hope and Harmony youth choir will be performing in the **Geiger COB** sanctuary beginning at 4:00 P M. A time of light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social hall. A free will offering will be lifted in support of this group. All are encouraged to attend.

SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information

at 814-539-8530

or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

*****Please Note:**

15 Volunteers constitute a full group

7 volunteers constitute 1/2 group

2022 Schedule

9/25—10/1 TBA (15 people)

10/30—11/5 TBA (15 people)

12/11—12/17 TBA (15 people)

FOOD PANTRIES

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

Walnut Grove Food Pantry

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

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

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

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

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT



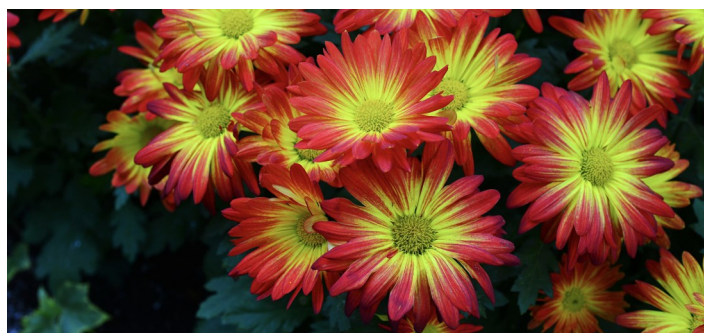
Thanks again to each district church that has been able to support our funds2orgs shoe project! With the addition of \$1,200 from the latest shipment, our donation total for the Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel Orphanage is now \$6,500!

We are continuing to collect shoes for our next shipment, and are thankful to our new hosts at the Westmont church for the use of storage at their facility. Please remember the shoe project when you are sorting through shoes for fall and back to school. We accept shoes, boots, sandals, slipper, crocs and any gently worn footwear.

**Our next packing day is scheduled for:
October 11, 2022 from 9:00- 11:00 AM
at the Westmont COB.**

Shoes may also be dropped off at the District Office during regular business hours, or at the Westmont COB by calling 814-255-2154 for an appointment.

For more information, please contact any committee member: Marie Camut - 814-266-3010; April Mackell - 8124-526-1589; or Karen Nagavathy - 814-244-6977.





The District Women's Ministries

"Fall Daytreat"

At Camp Harmony

Thursday: September 15, 2022

Registration 9:15

Praise in music 9:45

10:00 Our Special Speaker-

Robin Holsopple

Free Time

12:00 noon LUNCH

Relax/Enjoy

1:00 - We will regroup and praise the Lord in Music.

Our service project today will be for the camp.

Please send your reservations back by August 30.

Rev. Judy Walker (724-522-5260)

425 Morningside Avenue

Jeannette, PA 15644-1954

Please make checks out to "District Women's Ministries."

Price of "Daytreat" ... \$15.00 each

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, as well as Bethany Theological Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.

CONTACT

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[svmcs@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu)

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, please click on the "REGISTER HERE" links for each event.

Preaching and Spiritual Care

Monday, October 10, 2022, 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Juniata College (Sill Boardroom-von Liebig Center for Science)

Leader: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Brightbill Professor of Preaching and Worship, Bethany Theological Seminary

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Through moments of spiritual reflection and opportunities for prayer and study, participants will consider how you may incorporate spiritual care into your sermon preparation and preaching. In addition to brief lectures and small group discussions, we will look and listen to God's presence with one another and there will be opportunities to draw from spiritual exercises in developing an upcoming sermon. \$60.00 for .55 CEUs; \$50.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Violent Extremism, Radicalization and Boko Haram

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, PA

Leader: Dr. Amr Abdalla

Scholar in Residence, The Baker Institute, Juniata College

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Developing a more sophisticated understanding of violent extremism and terrorism with special attention to the Boko Haram movement in Nigeria and the violence suffered by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). Participants will explore the social, cultural, political and religious processes that result in radicalization and violent extremism committee (wrongly in the name of Islam and consider how best to confront those processes from an inter-religious perspective. \$37.00 for .55 CEUs; \$27.00 for no CEUs. Includes lunch.

Brethren Heritage – A virtual tour from Schwarzenau to North America

Monday, October 24, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Leader: Nevin Dulabaum

President of Eder Financial

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Nevin Dulabaum is a sixth generation Church of the Brethren member who became interested in Brethren heritage in perhaps one of the oddest of ways – through skateboarding! His dad was chaplain at Bridgewater College when Nevin was in his prime skateboarding days. The Alexander Mack library at the college had a great ramp that one could skateboard down and around and end up in front of a big concrete marker on the side of the building that described Alexander Mack as being the founder of the Brethren movement. Nevin remembers looking at that with interest, at the end of many skateboard runs, thinking Germany is far away and that was a long time ago. Fast forward to 1998 when as news director for the General Board Nevin developed an idea to create a CD-Rom resource of Brethren heritage stories and images. His quest to make that resource took him to Brethren heritage sites in Europe three times, as well as a number of sites in the United States. Since 2001, he has presented his "virtual heritage tour" of the places and themes that led to the Brethren movement. He is a professional writer and photographer, and his passion for this topic shows during his presentation. Oh, and since 2008 his day job has been serving as president of Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust/Eder Financial! Registration is free, but required. CEUs are available for \$10.00. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants a few days prior to the event.

September 2022

NEWSLINE DIGEST

Freed EYN women include two Chibok schoolgirls

In June, Nigerian troops found two of the former schoolgirls abducted from Chibok by Boko Haram jihadists eight years ago, Mary Dauda and Hauwa Joseph.

Church leaders also celebrated the return of Mary Iliya, who was abducted in 2020 by jihadists from Bolakile. Also recently freed was Rebecca Irmiya.

All of these women are members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), from congregations located in the church districts of Chibok Balgi, Chibok, and Gulak.

Many other women who have been abducted still cannot be accounted for.

Dauda and Joseph were found by the Nigerian military on June 12 and 14 in two different locations.

Joseph was found along with other civilians on June 12 around Bama after troops dislodged a Boko Haram camp, while Dauda was found later outside Ngoshe village in the Gwoza area near the border with Cameroon.

"I was nine when we were kidnapped from our school in Chibok and I was married off not long ago and had this child," Joseph told reporters at the military headquarters. Her husband and father-in-law were killed in a military raid and she was left to fend for herself and her one-month-old son. "We were abandoned, no one cared to look after us. We were not being fed," she said.

Dauda, who was 18 when she was kidnapped, was married at different times to Boko Haram fighters in the Sambisa forest. "They would starve and beat you if

you refused to pray," Dauda said. She decided to flee and told her husband she was visiting another Chibok girl in the Dutse Mountains near Ngoshe, close to the border with Cameroon. She trekked all night to Ngoshe where she surrendered to troops in the morning.

"All the remaining Chibok girls have been married with children. I left more than 20 of them in Sambisa," she said. "I'm so happy I'm back."

Two more abducted women freed

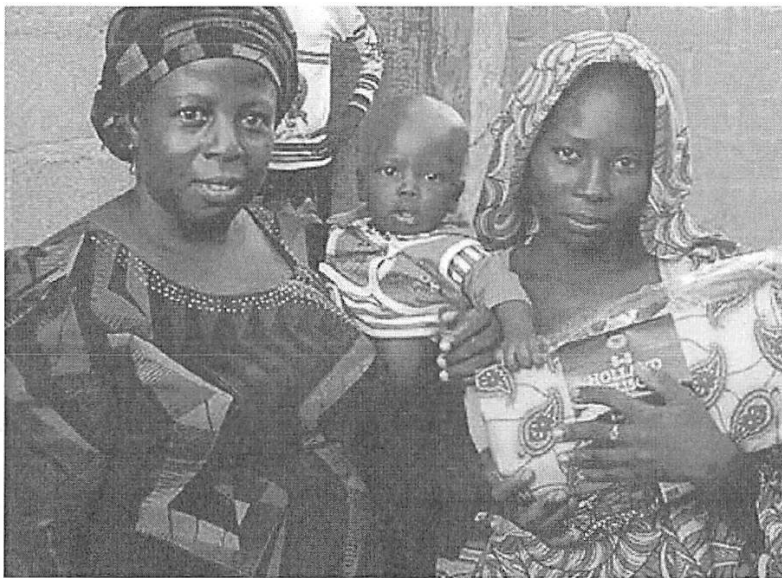
Iliya, who was abducted in 2020, visited the EYN Headquarters in the company of church officials and her uncle. She said that she refused to get married while a captive. As a result, she was starved, and sometimes refused food for some days. She and another woman decided to escape in the night. When they sneaked out, they met hunters. One of them had mercy on the women by agreeing to accompany them to the town of Pulka on June 10, where they met Nigerian soldiers. With the help of the soldiers, they contacted their relatives.

In Sambisa, they saw about 10 of the former Chibok schoolgirls. Some are not willing to escape, she said.

Irmiya said she was taken away by four jihadists with another six girls to Sambisa. "Later they married me to one of them," she said. She was 13 years old when she was abducted.

"I lost two of my children due to lack of medical care in Sambisa," she said. "I am happy to return home and willing to go back to school."

Her father said, "We are happy to see her again. Because we did not expect to see her again. We have been praying for her." —Zakariya Musa, EYN Media

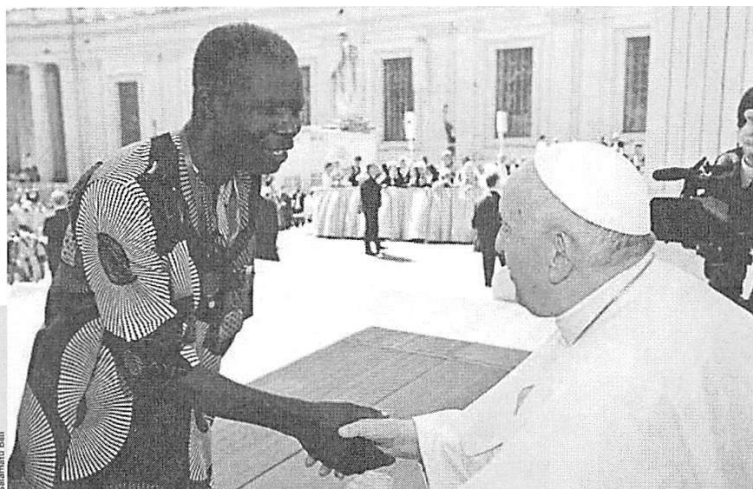


Rebecca Irmiya (at right) was freed with her eight-month-old child, nine years after her abduction from the Gulak area of Adamawa State in northeast Nigeria. At left is the director of the EYN Women's Ministry, Mrs. Hassana Habu.



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Salamatu Billi

EYN president Joel S. Billi was part of a delegation of Nigerian church leaders who took part in an ecumenical visit to Rome in late May. Salamatu Billi posted this photo of her husband shaking hands with the Pope on Facebook, celebrating "a great ecumenical experience."

Disaster grants focus on Ukraine

Recent grants from the Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) have focused on Ukrainian refugees. As of the end of May, more than \$222,000 in donations were earmarked for the Ukraine response.

- \$100,000 supports the Church World Service work with Ukrainian refugees sheltering in Moldova.
- \$25,000 supports the L'Arche International response to Ukrainians with disabilities in Poland, Lithuania, and inside Ukraine.
- \$5,000 supports Child Life Disaster Relief programming for an orphanage in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, which had 27 children as of the time of the grant announcement, more than half newly orphaned from the war.

Other EDF grants:

\$50,000 continues funding for Proyecto Aldea Global hurricane recovery programming following Hurricanes Eta and Iota, which hit Honduras in 2020.

• \$8,000 funds a Brethren Disaster Ministries short-term rebuilding response in western Kentucky beginning this October. Volunteers will respond to the 2021 Kentucky winter storms in partnership with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders.

- \$5,000 has gone to Eglise des Freres au Congo to support families displaced by violence.

GFI grants for agriculture

The Global Food Initiative (GFI) made several grants in the first months of 2022:

- \$15,000 supports the Soybean Value Chain Project of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria.
- \$9,900 supports La Fundación Brethren y Unida (FBU-the United and Brethren Foundation) in Ecuador, an organization that arose from former Church of the Brethren mission work in the 1950s.
- \$4,500 supports community gardens in Ecuador, one in Llano Grande connected with a church that was founded by the Church of the Brethren and currently is United Methodist, the other a church in San Isidro de Cajas affiliated with the Church of God.
- \$4,956 supports a Dryland Vegetable Production Workshop in Gitega, Burundi, in collaboration with THARS (Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services).
- \$4,200 supports a community garden in Circle, Alaska, supported by Bill and Penny Gay of Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren in Decatur, Ind.

- \$2,943.47 supports Lybrook Community Ministries construction of a hoop house at a Navajo Senior Center and Chapter House.
- \$2,917 supports the community garden of Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren in Littleton, Colo.
- \$2,500 supports the community garden of Five Gates Church in Rockford, Ill.
- \$1,350 supports the community garden of Friendship Church of the Brethren in Linthicum, Md.

Brethren Volunteer Service changes

BVS is changing its orientation and placement process, beginning with this year's summer and fall units.

Volunteers will engage in a process to be pre-placed prior to the start of orientation. Orientation, in turn, will be shortened from three weeks to one week. The monthly stipend will increase from \$100 a month to \$250 a month, increasing to \$300 a month for a second-year volunteer.



Children's Disaster Services

A team of six Children's Disaster Services volunteers traveled to Uvalde, Texas, to provide specialized assistance to children and families impacted by the school shooting in May. The volunteers were part of a specially trained group responding to critical events that involve the loss of lives, called the Critical Response Childcare Team. The team was honored to be present with the children when President and Dr. Biden visited with families in the center.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MYERS, GUY – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 / 814-536-2404 / pgmyers@atlanticbb.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAY SPEAKER

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

CAMP HARMONY END OF SUMMER BLAST

Saturday, Sept. 3, 1-8 pm

Celebrate the end of summer!

Climbing, Archery

BBQ Chicken, Worship Night

Cabin & group
lodging available
(call for reservations)



BBQ Chicken
fundraiser
(must be pre-ordered
and prepaid online)

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814.798.5885

This fundraiser
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Camp Harmony

CAMP HARMONY

FALL 2022

SUNDAYS

1:30-4:30PM

JUL 17 & AUG 21

SEPT 11-NOV 20



SERVICES:

SEPT 18

**GEIGER CHURCH
FRIEDENS**

NOV 20

CAMP HARMONY

DEC 11

CAMP HARMONY

YOUTH CHOIR



**CHRIST-CENTERED GROUP OF YOUTH JOINING TOGETHER IN
SERVICE TO GOD, THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH OTHER BY
PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE AND SPREADING HOPE
THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND PRAISE**

**PRACTICES ARE AT
CAMP HARMONY
EXCEPT SEPT 18 IS AT
GEIGER CHURCH
IN FRIEDENS**



**PRAISE & WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP
BIBLE STUDY
SNACKS & GAMES**

ALL YOUTH 7TH - 12TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

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CAMP HARMONY

LEND A HAND AS A TUESDAY VOLUNTEER

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



What we need:

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

Our Mission:

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

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

As a thank you:

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

Contact Kayla at 814.798.5885 or kayla@campharmony.org

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2022 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 5 - LABOR DAY
- 8 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 10 - SVMC class
- 17 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 8 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 15 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC class, 9:00 am, District Office

NOVEMBER 2022

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

DECEMBER 2022

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

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THE HIGHLIGHTS

September 2022