

# District Highlights

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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## BITS & PIECES

**First Bit:** What in life gives meaning and value to us as individuals and as a faith community? The question came to mind as I picked up a recent issue of the *Faith @ Work* magazine. The cover page was a piece of art entitled, "Great Energy," by two sisters Kristi Ylvisaker and Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen. An unusual piece of art inspired by the powerful poetry of Denise Levertov, but it was the printing on the artwork which captured my attention. Inscribed in the middle of the picture were these words, "great energy flowed from solitude, and great power from communion." Printed at the bottom of the painting were these words, "By moving between solitude and communion, we discover a third way, a way of great energy and great power."

These words spoke to me and my faith journey. In solitude, I pray, read from God's Word and meditate to experience a meaningful relationship with the Lord. However, in communion my faith is inspired, strengthened and challenged for it is there that I'm held accountable and encouraged by sisters and brothers in the faith community. Take a few moments and reflect on "what gives meaning and value to you as an individual?" Take a few minutes and write out your response and then put it in a spot where it will be visible each day—for reflection and action.

**Second Bit:** Two items which may be of importance to you in the local faith community. First, the Office of Ministry in consultation with the Council of District Executives now requires all persons seeking to be licensed in the Church of the Brethren to have a background check. This is a proactive approach to protect our children and others who may be vulnerable in our faith communities. It is unfortunate that this must happen, but because of some problems and society in general this is now required. ChoicePoint has been selected to be our provider for this service.

This service can be provided to local congregations through the District Office. If a congregation wishes to utilize this service, please call me and I will explain the procedure and send the form which needs to be signed by individuals. The cost for each check is \$6.50, which is more extensive than the PA police background check and a bit less expensive.

**Third Bit:** Hope each of you has been enjoying the beauty and blessings of this summer season. Join me and your sisters and brothers in Christ as we worship, honor and give God praise for His goodness, love and mercy!!

RDB

## Local Church News

### HOSPITALIZED

- **George E. Feathers, Sr.**, Ordained Minister in the Arbutus congregation, for treatment.

### SYMPATHY

- to Abby Mader and family in the death of her grandmother, **Carole Mader**. Carole is the mother-in-law of Rummel pastor Ruby Mader.

### ORDINATION

- Congratulations to **Judy M. Walker** on her ordination to the Christian ministry in the Church of the Brethren on June 29, 2008 at the East McKeesport Church.

### NEW MEMBERS

#### **Mount Pleasant Congregation**

- James "Lefty" Daniels
- Betty Hysong
- Shirley Moose Hart
- Ronald Moose
- David Stambaugh
- Sandra Stambaugh
- Patricia Ohoma
- Edward Novak



#### **Purchase Line Congregation**

- Joshua Longwell
- Edward Lucas
- Jennifer Poborsky

## Great Opportunity for Youth Ministry!

The **Somerset Church of the Brethren** is seeking a Christ-Centered person to lead, strengthen, and develop relationships with a vibrant, growing youth group. Part-time with benefits. Call the church office for more information at 814-445-8853

## What we are doing....

On Saturday, July 12, the **Nanty-Glo** Church of the Brethren held their annual church picnic. In conjunction to the 300th church anniversary the children played old fashioned games. These games included drop the clothes pin in the jar, kick the can and stick and hoop.

The adults enjoyed the fellowship of one another.



A group from **Maple Spring** congregation visited the Brethren Home on July 10 for Christmas In

July. The group made friendly visits throughout the Home and presented each of the residents with a box of Kleenex, a bag of home made cookies and a drink. The Maple Spring congregation celebrates Christmas In July each year with our residents, and the residents look forward to their visits.



### **85th Anniversary Celebration**

The **Connellsville Congregation** will celebrate it's 85th Anniversary on

**October 12**. The church is on the corner of Vine St. and Newmeyer Ave. Chester Fisher will bring the morning message at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served in the church dining hall after the service. Afternoon speaker will be Ron St. Clair at 2:00 p.m. This will be a time of remembering and renewing friendships. Please RSVP by contacting Dorothy Davis 1201 Ridge Blvd. Connellsville, PA 15425 or 724/628-5508.



## Local Church News

The **Moxham Church** is looking for a LARGE BULLETIN BOARD for their Wednesday night program, "The Break". It will be used to post announcements and prayer requests. The "ideal" bulletin board for our needs would be one of those that is 4 feet by 7 feet and can be wheeled from place to place. Call Eric Kabler at 262-7474 during the day.



### Scrapbook Retreat

October 11, 2008

8:00am-8:00pm

at the

Penn Run Christian Outreach Center  
Penn Run Church of the Brethren  
Penn Run, PA

Cost: \$35.00 for full day (includes three meals/snacks)

\$18.00 for half day (includes two meals/snacks)

Four Vendors will be attending: Creative Memories, The Angel Company, The Scrapbooker's Bag and Grove's Office Supply and Scrapbooking. They will have demonstrations and make 'n' takes throughout the day.

Tools, special equipment and punches will be available to use. Games will be played to win prizes. Door prizes will be drawn in the afternoon. A beginner's class will be held as well as contests to vote on the best album completed and two page layout.

Registration is due by October 1st

Contact Lori Fackler at [lorijeffackler@yahoo.com](mailto:lorijeffackler@yahoo.com) or by calling 724-349-2929.

## Walnut Grove to Host Spaghetti Dinner

The Walnut Grove Church will sponsor a delicious spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** in the church social room.

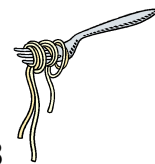
Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 7:00 PM.

The menu will include:

- Spaghetti and meat balls with parmesan cheese
- Garden salad with assorted dressings
- Rolls and butter
- Cake
- Coffee and cold drinks.

Adult dinner tickets are \$6.00, tickets for children 4-12 are \$4.00, and children 3 and under eat free.

Tickets are available at the door, or by calling the church office at 536-1811.



## Walnut Grove Cat's Meow

Cat's Meows are wooden replicas of buildings created from original photographs. They are keepsakes which include an accurate pictorial representation of the building, and of course, a trademark cat perched somewhere on the piece. A brief historical statement appears on the reverse side of the replica. The Walnut Grove Cat's Meow measures approximately 5" X 8", and shows the church from the Bedford Street side. They are collectibles not only for the building portrayed, but because they are original Cat's Meow pieces. It's a great gift or remembrance for anyone who attends or did attend Walnut Grove.

Please contact the Walnut Grove church office at 1068 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA 15902, or call 814-536-1811 for ordering and shipping details.



## Revival Services

### **Mount Joy**

will hold Fall Revival Services

**September 28 -- October 1, 2008,**

with **Bro. Paul E. Schildt** from East Berlin, PA.

Services begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly, with

Sunday morning beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Bro. Mark E. Peachey is

pastor. For more information,

please call 724-547-

3670. Mount Joy COB is

located 1 mile east of Mt.

Pleasant on Route 31. There

will be special music nightly.



You're Invited to attend . . .

FALL REVIVAL SERVICES

at **Center Hill**

Come hear the **Rev. Jim Myer**

**Sept. 28**, Sunday 10 AM -"The  
Greatness of God's Power"

**Sept. 28**, Sunday 7:30 PM -  
"Why Be Biblical ?"

**Sept. 29**, Monday 7:30 PM -"Love Letters in  
the Sand"

**Sept. 30**, Tuesday 7:30 PM -"Taking the  
Plunge" **Oct. 1**, Wednesday 7:30 PM -"A  
Glimpse of Glory"



### **Arbutus**

will hold Revival Services

**September 21-23**

Worship begins with a

Hymn Sing at 6:45 p.m.

and the main service at 7:00  
p.m.

The Speaker is **Pastor John Eash**.

There will be special music each evening.

Child care is provided and a time of fellowship  
and refreshment will follow each service.



Evangelistic Services

**September 28, 29, 30, 2008**

At

**Geiger**

Roy Gearhart - Cutting Edge

Ministries

Presents

**Faces of Faith**

Roy presents an ever growing number of unique  
and original portrayals of Biblical people in  
modern images along with portrayals of fictional  
characters. Sometimes they leaving you  
laughing, sometimes in tears. They have  
brought the Bible to life for people of all ages  
and allowed many to identify with faith in  
Christ.

The purpose of this ministry is to clearly and  
relevantly proclaim the Gospel so that persons  
of all ages may experience new birth through  
faith in Jesus and transforming life through the  
power of the Holy Spirit and may become  
faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m. - Judas Iscariot

Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m. - The  
Thief on the Cross

Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. -

Doubting Thomas

Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. - Jesus



**SINGSPARATION**

**RAYMAN**

Church of the Brethren

2 Miles E. of Friedens on Welsh Hill Rd.

**Sunday, Sept. 14th, 7:00 P.M.**

Offering will go for Daniel Dunsten Medical Bills

*Special Music*

Meyersdale Men's Chorus

Doloris & Rob

Pastor Charles Mahon Jr. &

Chuckie



**October Highlights Deadline: September 15, 2008**

## AbbsTract

Growing up and finding one's place in the world is always tough. And it's always different from generation to generation. The question that we, as leaders in the church must ask ourselves almost constantly is this: "What does **this** generation look like, and what do **these** young people need?"

Most 21<sup>st</sup> century American young people have activities coming out their ears. They face more pressures than even I, at 25, can imagine. Many are pushed, and told that they have to be the best at everything they attempt, no matter the cost. Many, on the other hand, have little or no support system, and no one cares if they're the best at anything. Many are right in the middle – average athletes and average scholars, with average levels of ambition. Even without pressures coming from home, kids are constantly told by society (mainly marketing gurus) that they're not good enough.

Listening to this music makes you cooler. Owning this device makes you savvier. Having these whiter teeth and this sleeker body and this shinier hair and these hotter clothes makes you more desirable. You're nothing unless you \_\_\_\_\_. It's very nearly sickening. I recently stood before a group of about 25-30 high-school and college-age (Christian) people and asked "Who here has self-esteem issues?" I think everyone, minus 2, raised their hands. Really? When we have a God who creates and molds us in His image? When we have a Savior who drapes His love and acceptance over us? When we have a Spirit who speaks His passion to our hearts? It took me a long time to begin to bridge the gap between my faith and my everyday life. Between my relationship to an extraordinary God and my mundane, "I'm worthless" attitude.

I can tell you what began that change. Without a doubt, it was older adults who genuinely cared about me. It was people in my church and in the district who encouraged, mentored, prayed for and supported me. It was Clarice and Luella sending me cards, Marcie and Carolyn taking me to breakfast, Ed and Janice putting me on their morning prayer list, and so many other faithful saints watching out for me. Who was (or is) it for you?

Every child, every teenager in your church, in your neighborhood, was created with a purpose. A purpose of God's design. That shy kid with the amazing voice might be the next Josh Groban or Sandi Patty. That kid who's always watching ESPN and talking about "the game" could be the next Tony Dungy or Mary Lou Retton. That kid who's always cracking jokes in the balcony may be the next Anita Renfroe or Mark Lowry.

Young people don't necessarily need more things to do on weeknights. They don't necessarily need one more formal program or club or activity. Maybe what they could use more of are

solid, real relationships with adults they can trust. Thoughtful, creative people who will listen, without judgment, and who will offer unconditional support and encouragement.

People who will take the time to model Christ's pure, sacrificial love and acceptance. Does that sound like you?

Matthew 18:5,

Abby

### ***sHoUt-Outs:***

**Arbutus youth** for their warm welcome and fellowship!

**The Martins & McLearys & Joneses** for their willingness to create positive memories with youth!

**All who came** to Camp to experience Greg Strange and mingle with summer campers!

**Conemaugh COB** for receiving me and the Word of God!

All those who returned the surveys I mailed out!

## Youth and Young Adult News

### National Jr. High Conference

June 19-21, 2009, will be the second National Junior High Conference in the Church of the Brethren. The first was held in 2007 at Elizabethtown College. The 2009 Conference will be held at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA (just off Interstate 81). The conference will begin on Friday evening after dinner and will end before lunch on Sunday morning.

Ken Medema will lead singing in each of our worship services, as well as perform a Saturday evening concert. Ted Schwartz (formerly of "Ted and Lee") will present scripture skits. Other speakers will be announced after the planning committee meets in September.

Registration for this conference will begin on-line January 15, 2009, for junior high youth and their advisors. The registration cost will be \$125 per person for both adult advisors and youth. Persons west of the Mississippi will be eligible for a \$150 travel scholarship.

Mark your calendars now for June 19-21, 2009. Additional information will be available soon! Keep checking: [www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/NatJrHighConf.htm](http://www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/NatJrHighConf.htm)

### Christian Citizenship Seminar

April 25-30, 2009, youth and advisors in the Church of the Brethren will gather in New York City (and later go on to Washington, DC) for the Christian Citizenship Seminar. The focus for our seminar will be on the issue of modern-day slavery. Most of us think of slavery as an institution that does not exist anymore, but many experts estimate that there are approximately 27 million human beings who are currently being held in slavery around the world.

What would Jesus do? What does God call us to do in light of these persons forced to perform domestic and agricultural work as well as to become prostitutes or soldiers against their will? We will examine the current status of slavery today and what our Christian faith invites us to do for "the least of these."

Brochures are now available from the Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office in Elgin. You may also find information by going to [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

Please pass this information on to youth in your church!

### 2009 Young Adult Conference

Please mark May 29-31, 2009, for Young Adult Conference at Camp Swatara. This conference is for young adults ages 18-35.

## Getting Out of the Boat

The Wednesday Night Bible Study group at the Conemaugh Church recently started studying John Ortberg's **"IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER; YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT"**. It is a great study encouraging us to come out of our comfort zones and do what God asks of us no matter what it is.

To give everyone in the congregation encouragement to begin their "Water Walking" we held **OUT OF THE BOAT SUNDAY**. During this special service each member of the congregation was asked to do something that he or she has never done before. The response was so overwhelming that we found we will have to have several "OOTB" Sundays so that everyone who wants to participate may have a chance. People were actually turned down because the service would have lasted all day!



Will Friedhoff (who has been a member of the congregation for less than a year) has gotten out of his boat to lead this Bible Study. He also served as co-coordinator and master of ceremonies for the day. Will's wife Judy joined the Praise Team for the day to test her sea legs.

The message for the day titled; **FOR YOUR SAKE: TAKE THE FIRST STEP** was given by Matthew Hagerich who did such a great job the congregation has decided that we will no longer need to bring someone else in when Pastor Myers is away. Matt walked even farther out of the boat when two members of the congregation asked to be anointed. (Side note: one member had very good news concerning a health problem she's had for years the following week!) Matt's scripture text was 1 Peter 1:22-25; 4:7-14 and was read by Curt Shetler.



The pianist for our time of praise and worship was one of our youth, Kara Hagerich.



Kara has only been playing for 3 years and did a very excellent job. This was the first time Kara has ever played for the church. Another gentleman who made his debut at the organ was our very own Pastor Guy Myers. This was a great way to set an example to the congregation because he has never played for the church either. Another Water Walkin' pianist was Beth Furman who played "For Those Tears I Died".

Testimonies were given by Jane Miller, Mary Angello and Megan Miklos. Bobbie Riffle gave a children's talk and found out first hand that when talking with kids, things never go as planned. Readings were given by Blake and Drew Furman and the service was ended with a video of Ray Boltz singing "Thank You"



After the worship service there was a water baptism for Drew Furman followed by a very delicious covered dish meal. Our first **OUT OF THE BOAT SUNDAY** was truly a success and many people were blessed. We are all looking forward to the blessings and surprises of the next **OUT OF THE BOAT SUNDAY!**

## *Consider... Intergenerational ministry events!*

Intergenerational ministry events provide times for adults and young people to engage in dialogue with one another and to grow in faith by working, playing, praying and worshipping side-by-side. Such events are often family oriented, where family is defined in the broadest sense, including single and divorced people, to encourage positive interaction within the entire congregational family.

“Intergen-friendly” activities could include:

Pen-pal programs between seniors and children.

Grandparents Day at the zoo (where grandparents come with their children and grandchildren).

Family camps for all ages.

Back to school parties with young and old answering questions about their own school days.

Movie nights that feature oldies such as Abbot and Costello or WeWii nights, if someone has a Nintendo Wii.

Short-term mission trips mixing seniors, singles and families.

**Benefits, bonuses and blessings** - Bringing generations together within the church provides blessings on a variety of levels including the following:

They affirm each person’s value in the total community (regardless of age).

They foster a foundation of support of each other’s concerns, interests and activities.

They break down stereotypes and barriers that stand between generations and give new meaning to “faith family.”

They provide up-close-and-personal discipleship training as children, teens and adults engage in sharing faith, teaching, learning and praying for one another

They foster leadership regardless of age or stature.

They take a pro-active, counter-cultural stance in the face of the countless ways society separates and pigeon-holes people into age-specific groups.

**Planning tips** - No one-size-fits-all approach works in planning inter-generational ministry events. But here are some tips that can help church leaders, parents and others in event planning:

Use a planning team that has representatives from every generation. Capture the rich wealth of gifts, creativity, experience and passion present when people of all ages come to the planning table.

As you plan, ask the following questions: Does each activity advance intergenerational relationships? Is each age group in your congregation justly considered and involved?

Plan occasional events at times when those usually unable to attend can participate. For example, why not host a gathering over Christmas break when college students are home and when relatives and friends may be visiting for the holidays?

Create an event environment in which each person, no matter their age, feels welcomed, accepted, affirmed and valued as integral contributors to the faith community and to the learning experience.

If you need to segregate the group by age, begin and end the event with a total group gathering (this is a good idea for regular worship services where children or teens are excused to another room for age-appropriate learning during the sermon time).

Let people of all ages share in leading the event.

Use child-friendly language in teaching and in giving directions and explanations.

Give attention to different learning styles and preferences.

Plan opportunities for participants to share thoughts, feelings, faith, personal history, fears or dreams with someone from another generation. This is crucial because today’s younger generations are oriented toward **participatory learning**.

Provide child care for infants or toddlers.

In months with a fifth Sunday, set aside the regular church service for an event focused on bringing all the generations together in worship, celebration and fellowship.

*From: [www.christianodyssey.com/children/children11.htm](http://www.christianodyssey.com/children/children11.htm)*

**Tax Information &  
Preparation Workshop  
Saturday, October 11, 2008**

**at the  
Maple Spring Church of the Brethren  
from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sponsored by the  
District Stewards and Finance Team**

This workshop is designed for pastors, church leaders and treasurers.

- **Pastors** will receive information which will be helpful in tax preparation, filing and how to prepare your tax returns to gain the most benefit.
- **Treasurers** will receive information about which forms to file and responsible reporting to IRS. Also we will discuss the need for and purpose of an Employee Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service.
- **Church leaders** will receive information on how to be helpful to pastors in structuring a budget to allow pastors to receive benefits which are granted by IRS, if a budget is properly prepared. Also Tax Exempt Status and what that means within the PA Department of Revenue will be discussed.

Leadership will be given by Barron Deffenbaugh, a Tax Advisor with H & R Block and Pastor of the Arbutus Church of the Brethren. The Pastor & Parish Ministry Team will be giving .5 CEU equivalent credit for pastors who attend.

Pastries and lunch will be provided (freewill donation).

**Registration is required by calling the District Office and speaking with Suzie at 814479-2181.**

**Greetings from Center Church**

(Champion, PA),



Praise God!!! We were able to break ground on April 9th, here at Center Church for our new Fellowship Hall / Ministry Building. The excavating was done by Blair Lyons Excavating, of Rockwood and between all the rain showers, work began, getting the grounds ready for the foundation... footers... drains... and the blocks started going up. Pastor Painter, did most of the block laying, with help from many men and a few ladies from the church, who came and volunteered when they were available. Block by block the foundation went up... again in between rain showers and by the 4th of July, the foundation was finished. The next step... to build the deck onto the foundation and then framing will begin. Our church is blessed to have many talented men and women, who have been and will be helping to build the new addition, along with many wonderful cooks, who have been providing meals for the workers. We thank God for the many talents of all the volunteers!!! We will be having many, big, work days at the church and if you would like to volunteer, to help us in our building project... please, contact, our Pastor - Homer Painter, at 724-423-4342 for more information. The website [www.center-church.com](http://www.center-church.com) has photos of our ongoing building project and other information. The website was built by Tom Hackwelder (Champion, PA) as a school project.

Thank you!!!! To all the churches who responded to our "Customized Cakepan" sale, to raise money for our Fellowship Hall. It was a huge success.

Since our church is "under construction", we are looking forward to having Bible School with Pike Run Church, in August, at their church. A big Thank You!!! to them for inviting us to join them.

Please, continue to keep our church in your prayers, as we move forward with our building project.

## THE BRETHREN WAY

When our forefathers, the first Brethren, were *down by the river* in 1708, it was evident that peace would be their way of life. Originally it was evident that the Brethren would join the Mennonites and the Quakers in opposition to war i.e. *study war no more*, becoming what would become the *historic peace churches*. The Thirty Years War killed a third of the German population from 1618-1648. The early Brethren grew weary of violence and bloodshed, Alexander Mack declared, "No Anabaptist will be found in war."

The Anabaptist and Pietist beliefs in non-violent resistance influenced the early Brethren. They fully believed that war and the teachings of Christ were incompatible. The scripture implored Christians to love their enemies (*Matthew 5:38-48*), we are reminded of His command to Peter to put away his sword (*Matthew 26:52*), there is an emphasis on reconciliation and forgiveness, we are reminded of Paul's teaching, "Do not overcome evil by doing evil, but overcome evil with good," (*Romans 12:21*) were texts taken seriously by our early Brethren leaders as they sought to follow the way of Christ. Many of these same thoughts on non-resistance in civil disobedience influenced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his ministry during the *Civil Rights* movement.

The non-resistance the Brethren embraced showed a willingness to suffer at the hands of others rather than fight them. We need to remember that non-resistance taught in the scripture by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount was not a passive submission to injustice-*giving in* to one who is causing hurt or humiliation. The way of our Lord was fright or flight but provided a third way simply not to respond to the enemy. We believe that reconciliation is possible when we receive God's love through Christ. We attempt to extend God's love to others as we diffuse or absorb conflict by not demanding revenge for any mistreatment. This is the primary basis for two principles: the refusal to appeal to a court for redress of injuries and to not take the life of another person for any reason.

Wartime has always been a struggle to live out our faith by non-resistance. In the Revolutionary

War many were persecuted for not joining in the fight against Britain. During the Civil War it was difficult for many Brethren opposed to slavery and the war. During this war brother John Kline of Virginia was murdered as a suspected spy from the North. During WWI Brethren did not know how to respond to the draft. During this war the Peace Committee was threatened with treason by the government unless they changed their strongly worded peace statement. Thanks to M. R. Ziegler and others, better provisions were made for *conscientious objectors* (CO's) during WWII. CO's were allowed to do work of national importance under Civil Public Service. The draft of young men continued through the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, until the draft was ended in 1972. There are rumors that the draft may return in the not distant future. Today there are provisions for alternative service duties. If there are any young people interested in CO status let us know. There a process to obtaining this status.

Over the centuries Brethren have proclaimed **all war is sin**. In today's world a small percentage choose Alternative Service to joining the armed services. Our Annual Conference continues to uphold the strong peace position of the church, a stand which is noticed and respected by other denominations. God's peace applies not only to situations of conflict, but also to the inner life and relationships with fellow believers and our community neighbors.

The members of your Heritage and Peace committee ask that all local congregations set a Sunday for "Peace Sunday" this year or early next year. You may contact members of the committee for presentations regarding the issue of peace or heritage. This article has been excerpted from "Piecing together the Brethren way" Sunday School Material Lesson 9 pages 1 and 2. As we celebrate our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary let us remember our strong heritage and desire for peace.

Joel Wilcher,

Heritage and Peace Chairman

## Denominational News

**Position Openings** (for more information about these positions go to <http://www.brethren.org/mrkclass.html>. New positions are posted as needed and are not always listed in this newsletter.)

- The Church of the Brethren seeks a ***director of Deacon Ministry*** to serve in a half-time position reportable to the executive director of Caring Ministries at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill.
- The World Council of Churches has announced its ***Internship Program*** for 2009. The WCC will welcome five young people (aged 18-30 years) to serve as interns in its offices in Geneva, Switzerland, from February 2009 to January 2010. The deadline for applications is Sept. 15. Go to [www.oikoumene.org/?id=3187](http://www.oikoumene.org/?id=3187) for more information.

### **Personnel Changes**

- *Lerry W. Fogle* has announced his retirement as executive director of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, effective Dec. 5, 2009.
- *Nevin Dulabaum* has been called as president of Brethren Benefit Trust (BBT), beginning Sept. 7. He also will serve as president of the Brethren Foundation. He will succeed Wil Nolen, who is retiring after 20 years as BBT's president and 25 years as the Brethren Pension Plan's trustee.
- *Judy Keyser* has been appointed associate general secretary of Operations of the Church of the Brethren.
- *Kathy Reid* has been appointed associate general secretary of Ministry and Program.

### **Remembrance**

- *Andrew Herbert Holderreed*, 93, of Castleford, Idaho, passed away at his home on July 15. He was a longterm Church of the Brethren mission worker in China and India.

### **NEEDS IN PUERTO RICO**

We recently received word of some growing needs at the Christian Community Center in Caimito. Pastor Juan informed us that more people are coming to the Center for meals and food assistance. This is not surprising, given the rise in oil prices and food prices throughout the world. Juan's wife, Isabel, and daughter-in-law Betsy also indicated that the Center needs help to pay the salaries of their employees. The Western Pa District has responded to this need by sending a check for \$1000 from the District Mission Fund to the ministry in Caimito. If you, your congregation, or any group within your church would like to respond to this need, please send your donation to the District Office and earmark it for "Puerto Rico Mission Project - Emergency Assistance".

In His service,  
Puerto Rico Mission Coordinators,  
Jen Heinrichs and Ron St.Clair

### **2008 State Pastors' Conference**

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is now accepting registrations for the 2008 State Pastors' Conference. Scheduled for November 10–12 at the Hilton Harrisburg and Towers on Second Street in downtown Harrisburg, this year's conference will explore the craft of preaching as understood—and practiced—by four gifted teacher/preachers.

Each of the four will both preach for the conference and offer an analytical look at their own practice of preaching. Conference planners hope participants will come away with at least tips—if not “best practices”—for keeping preaching fresh and invigorating.

Visit [www.pachurches.org](http://www.pachurches.org) and follow the links to the Pastors Conference for more details, including a registration brochure you can download, a news release that tells more about the conference, and links to a secure site where you can register for the conference and pay with your MasterCard or Visa credit card and reserve an overnight room at the Hilton Harrisburg and Towers. Or, if you prefer, email [pcc@pacouncil.org](mailto:pcc@pacouncil.org) to request a brochure by snail mail. (Be sure to include your mailing address.) **Register by September 30 and receive the special fee of \$125 per person!**

## In the News



### **Sunshine Power: Juniata Installs Solar Panels at Raystown Field Station**

HUNTINGDON, Pa. -- Juniata College has installed a five-kilowatt array of solar power panels on the roof of Shuster Hall, the multipurpose classroom building at the college's Raystown Field Station, which will provide an estimated 20 percent of the building's total electricity usage.

"We wanted to find an opportunity to show that solar energy works in central Pennsylvania," says Sharon Yohn, co-director of the Raystown Field Station. "We wanted to install a large enough array that would be affordable for the college and produce a meaningful amount of electricity. This will give us a noticeable drop in our power costs."

The college was able to purchase the photovoltaic solar panels through a Department of Environmental Protection grant from Pennsylvania's Energy Harvest Grants program. The \$46,564 grant was complemented by \$15,000 in cost-sharing funds from Juniata. The Juniata grant was one of 28 institutions across Pennsylvania to receive grants from the Energy Harvests program this year.

The college installed 24 panels, each of which is roughly 3 feet by 5 feet. The panels were placed on Shuster Hall's long "shed" roof. The building was designed for the wide roof to provide passive solar heating in the winter, so the building's southern orientation positions it well for solar energy collection.

"When the solar array produces more electricity than required for the building, the power will go back to Valley Rural Electric as excess power. We will be fully integrated with the area's power grid," Yohn explains.

Shuster Hall, which is a LEED-certified "green" building, is expected to generate 6,500 kilowatt hours per year and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide.

"The addition of a solar energy system to Shuster Hall makes our field station an environmental showcase for sustainability," says Thomas R. Kepple, Juniata College president. The solar panels were designed and installed by Envinity Inc., a State College, PA contractor specializing in green design and construction.

"We may have to clean the panels occasionally, but it's virtually a no-maintenance system," Yohn says.

The college also has incorporated the solar energy project into its educational mission. The solar technology has already been integrated into the field station's "green building tour," which attracts more than 1,000 visitors each year. Kathy Jones, assistant professor of education, developed two "green energy" modules that will be used at the field station, in lessons delivered in educational programs on wildlife, conservation and sustainability at various businesses located near or at Raystown Lake (as part of the Raystown Conservation Environmental Partnership), and in modules for Juniata's Science in Motion program.

In addition, Juniata students will be able to monitor electricity usage and solar energy generation for Juniata's array on the Internet, which gives students insight into how structural requirements affect energy usage.

"A small house will use about 600 kilowatts per month, so our system would effectively power a small house for about 10 months," she says.

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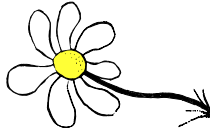
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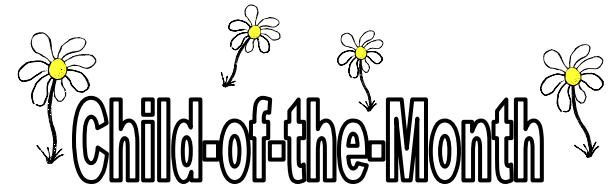
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**CARLOS DANIEL**

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**July 25, 2000**



DANIEL was chosen as Child-of-the-Month because of his very good behavior which has improved considerably over the last several months. He is a very intelligent little boy and meets all the required standards of conduct as set by the educators and staff at the Home.

He is eight years old and attends the first grade at Escuela Morazán. Daniel is a small child, very hyperactive, and usually looking around to see who he can bother. He's a sweet looking kid, likes math classes, painting, coloring, and playing soccer. He says his favorite teacher is Wendy. It is reported that his personality is quite different from his other siblings.

He has two brothers, José Omar and Gerson Horacio; as well as a sister, Karen Julissa, who all came to live at Hogar Emanuel in November 2005 because their family simply didn't have the resources to support them.

Please keep Daniel and his family in your prayers this month.

## What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

The Home reports that nothing out of the ordinary is going on there this month. The children are in the middle of their school year and working hard to keep up their grades. They received several visits from people from Honduras and from the United States; including church groups that came to share with the children, representatives from Food for the Poor, and several others.

Currently there are two short-term volunteers sharing with us in the Hogar for a few months. Joanna Perszke, twenty-nine years old is from Poland and Jos Van Dalfsen, twenty-five years old is from Holland.

Knowing that the home cannot solely depend on foreign donations, the micro-enterprises being introduced there are very valuable to provide some self-sufficiency, while at the same time is offering vocational training that will ultimately develop character and leadership abilities in the children. Therefore, it is exciting for us to report that this month the tortilla project (that I told you about in May's issue) was started on a small scale. *Del Comal* brought the tortilla maker and began to give training to the children. The kids are also busy taking care of their chickens, gathering eggs, and butchering. Looking at the short-term effects — this supplies the home with a source of income and helps provide a commodity for themselves. But when they share that commodity with others, it will help develop a relationship between them and their community.

### CORRECTION!!

In June's newsletter I stated: "Currently, there are twenty-three people on staff with a bi-weekly payroll of \$4300."

Although the staff is paid on a bi-weekly basis, the payroll is **\$4300 MONTHLY!!!! (not bi-weekly)**

However, with that said; as of this newsletter, the monthly payroll is now approximately \$4900 a month with the addition of a much needed child psychologist

and new office staff.


Without going into depth on how the salaries must be paid in Honduras, the monthly payroll is multiplied by fifteen (three months additional salaries each year are paid to the employees). Therefore, the annual cost of salaries in 2008 will be about \$73,500 for an average staff of twenty-two.

We maintain that the obvious improvements shown by the children are truly the result of providing them with the care of quality staff.

With the effort to keep the monthly salary costs down, our hope is to provide food and housing as part of the compensation package. Also, in following the goals for the home, we are gearing up to increase the number of children we can properly care for at el Hogar.

Next month I will share how we plan to do some of those things.

Please continue to keep the children and their needs in your prayers.



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

*May God be with Therese Brija and her son Sean Luke as they lost their husband/father to a battle with cancer this past month. Therese is the sister of the home's executive director, Vivian Chahin.*

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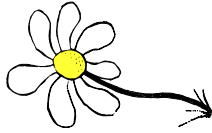
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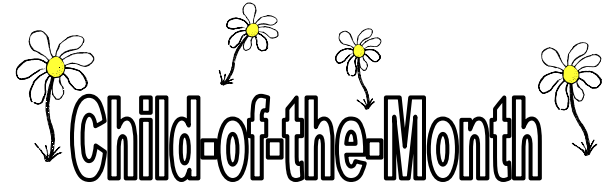
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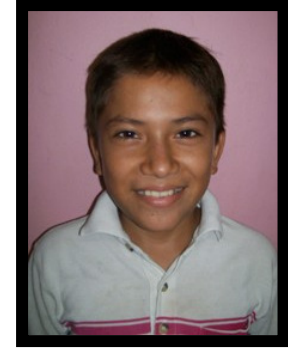
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**JOSE LUIS**  
**DATE OF BIRTH**  
**October 07, 1996**



José Luís was chosen this month because of his cooperation with all the activities at the home and his respectful and very positive attitudes. He gets along well with the other children as well with other adults and the staff. He has high academic abilities and is doing very well in the fifth grade at the Sinai School.

He and his siblings, Osmin (age 7), and Clariza (age 15) came to live at el hogar in July 2004 and José says that he enjoys living here.

His favorite class is social studies and says that his favorite teacher is Maria Christina, but also says that he appreciates his educator, Jairo. He likes dogs and playing ball with the other kids. He shares a room with Gerson.

Please keep José Luís and his brother and sister in your prayers this month.

## What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

Each month I share with you what is actually going on at the Home, but I would like to help you have a better understanding of some of the "HOW's and WHY's":

"True orphans" are children with no living parents or relatives. When Hogar Emanuel was founded by Chet Thomas and Rev. & Mrs. Bonilla, it was in response to the true orphans left on the streets due to the large loss of life caused by Hurricane Fifi in 1974. The majority of children here now are defined as "social orphans"; or children who have been abandoned, abused, or rejected by their parents and/or living relatives.

Despite the influx of aid after another major hurricane in 1998, Honduras remains in devastating poverty and the number of orphans has increased markedly.

Children orphaned for any reason are considered at risk and enter into the jurisdiction of the government agency for children and families, *el Instituto Hondureno de la Niñez y la Familia (INFHA)*. They remain in INFHA's care until they can be placed into a private run home or foster care. INFHA, though a government agency, has many problems of its own as it does not have the funds or capacity to deal with the growing needs. Children only have access to no more than their basic needs while in one of their institutions. Orphans with this lack of opportunity, struggle to overcome the very social conditions that made them an orphan. Therefore, this lack of care perpetuates the orphan cycle.

There are many private care facilities in Honduras reaching out to these children. However, the majority of them are only able to respond to the immediate needs, as well. They have very limited resources with a growing amount of children.

Hogar de Niños Emanuel is Christian-based, private care facility. Most all the children are placed here through the INFHA; and most all are victims of violence, severe neglect, and/or abuse which results in severe psychological trauma for each of them. Sometimes this type of trauma does not manifest itself until the child reaches adolescents.

In recent years, because of your support, the Emanuel Children's Home is shifting from simply providing for the necessities of existence; but offering, at least in part,

a way to stop the cycle. When we have the ability to reach a child early in life, there is an opportunity to reverse some of the social factors that got him/her here in the first place. Christian values are instilled, activities are provided for social development, and an education is provided beyond the required sixth grade level—all with the goal to teach the life skills that are needed for them to become capable adults.

The main source of support for this particular home has been from all of you who have been faithful in your donations to one of the sponsorship programs and /or to special needs as they are brought to your attention. Other sources of support come from discounted goods and services from Honduran businesses, madrinas (godmothers) in Honduras, and several other organizations and businesses who have reached out to help with the success. Now, with the start of several micro-enterprises, the children will help raise some of their own support.

At times it feels like we are sprinkling water on a wildfire, because at Hogar Emanuel, our funds are limited, too. However, the point we want to make to you is that with your concentrated, long-term commitment to this mission outreach, we are seeing the results of the difference that can and is being made. Yes, we must first meet the immediate monthly expenses that is required of any home, such as food, water, electricity, phone, etc. Only then can we respond to the other needs according to the funds that are available. Even though the home has significant limitations, it **IS** making a difference to the children who come through its doors—which in turn can contribute to the long-term solution of orphan care in Honduras.

**Thank you for all YOU do to make that possible.**

May God bless you for helping and may He continue to bless the ministry at El Hogar de Niños Emanuel.

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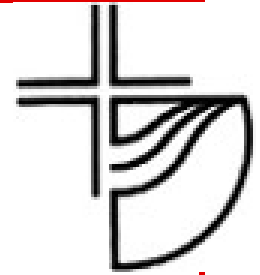
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# **DISTRICT AUCTION**

## **November 1, 2008**

### **Camp Harmony**

**Auction Begins - 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast - 7:00-8:45 a.m.**

**Lunch served & fresh baked pies!**

**Western PA District Church of the Brethren is hosting the *3rd Annual Auction!* Churches are invited to collect and contribute items for the auction in support of the ministries of Western PA District.**

**There are three Saturday drop-off dates scheduled at Camp Harmony from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on:**

**October 11, 18, & 25 ONLY!**

**For more information, see your**

**Congregation's Auction Advocate**

**Or call the District Office 814/479-7058!**

*"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Galatians 6:10*

## 2008 District Auction - Saturday, November 1

Now is the time to be preparing your thoughts for the items you would like to obtain for our Church of the Brethren District Auction. Once again, just like last year, we will have two Zook hickory rockers, just like the picture. These new items will be offered at the Auction, which will be held at Camp Harmony in Hooversville. And what a place to have it—great surroundings, a nice comfortable building along with seating, and fantastic food, which will be made by the camp. You can't beat the food!

We do hope to have a great array of items to sell at the Auction. But that all depends on you! We need your help. We need you to gather items as shown in the examples given to your church Auction Advocate. If you are unsure what to bring to the Camp for our Auction, contact your Advocate and they will be able to provide you with that information; new items, antique items, Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates. Those who attended last year will share with you the great time we had. And those of us



who helped with the Auction that day will tell you the wonderful time they had. The excitement is shared among everyone there. But the most important thing is the reason for the Auction; to raise funds to support the Western PA District Church of the Brethren programs and ministry. The programs we enjoy and the ministry we promote.

What we are all about, what we desire to bring to our brothers and sisters, blessings we share. Help us to help your District.

There will be Saturdays assigned for you to drop off your items for the auction at Camp Harmony.

Your church will be sent that

information. For any additional information you may contact the District Office at 814 479-7058. We hope to see you at the Auction on Saturday, November 1. Auction items can be previewed at 7 a.m. the day of the Auction. The Auction begins at 9 a.m., Breakfast is from 7 - 8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served along with fresh baked pies.

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### MIDDLECREEK BIBLE SCHOOL

Middlecreek Bible School was held at Camp Harmony from Monday, June 23rd at 9:00 AM until Wednesday, June 29th at noon. We had 19 students attend, and several adults helped the two and a half days of Bible School, plus many others helped in other ways.

Middlecreek congregation did many different things to help make Bible School go smoothly and the children had a great time. The theme this year was "The Shepherd and The Sheep." The students each had a wooden sheep to care for. As we discussed how Jesus our Shepherd takes care of us, each student took care of their sheep. The lessons focused on Psalm 23, the story of the Lost Sheep, and the Shepherd and the Thief.

Camp Harmony provided us with our meals, and we did our programming and slept in the Brougner Memorial Building.

Our activities included Bible lessons, memory verses, taking care of the Sheep, music, crafts, playing games, swimming/waterslide, ropes course and climbing tower.

Pastor Nancy Good served as the Program Director. The closing program and Bible School luncheon was held on Sunday, June 29th at Middlecreek Church. The offering was given to support the work of camp.



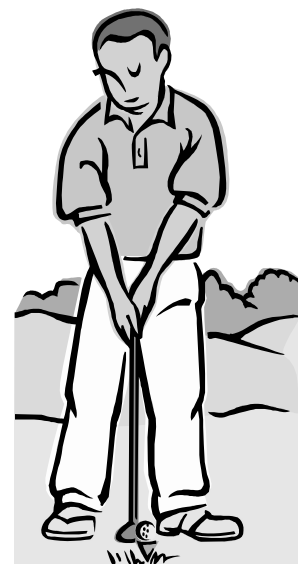
# District Men's Fellowship

## Fall Golf Outing

### September 27, 2008

### Timber Ridge Golf Course

681 Mulberry Hill Rd., Mt. Pleasant, PA—1/3 Mile West on Rt 31 from Rt 119 Mt. Pleasant exit



1:00 p.m. Tee Time

6:00 p.m. Banquet

#### 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

#### Banquet Menu

Roast Beef *Or* Chicken

Potato

Vegetable Medley

Salad, Roll and Butter

Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Beverages

Hot Dogs on Course—\$2.00

#### Cost

\$75 per person (banquet included)

\$300 per foursome (banquet included)

\$18 for banquet only

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Mail Registration to:

Homer Marshall 369 West Church Ave, Masontown, PA 15461-1651

Please send in your registration form by September 13, 2008. Add \$15 per person if registered after the deadline. For banquet only, add \$5 per person registering after the deadline.

District Men's Fellowship Golf Outing Registration Form  
September 27, 2008 (registration deadline September 13)  
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Total Due with Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How many? Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Banquet Only Registration**

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Do Not Include Golfers**

**After Sept. 13 add \$5 per person**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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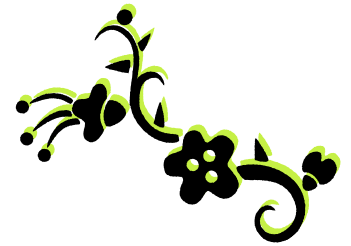
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# NEEDED CRAFTS FOR THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

We need some fresh, new items. This is our 25th Anniversary. Let's make everything our biggest and best.

Please bring your crafts to the Festival. If you could drop them off the day before, that would even be better. We're also asking that you price your items.

We thank you in advance for all your help.

*LADIES*

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*May 1 & 2, 2009*

*The District Women's Ministry  
is planning a very special event.*

*Watch for more details.*

# Heritage Festival



Western PA District  
Church of the Brethren  
Camp Harmony

Hooversville, PA

Saturday,

September 20, 2008

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

## Crafts & Food

## Festival Schedule

## Quilt & Basket Auction

7:00-9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

10:15-10:35 a.m.  
10:40-11:05 a.m.  
11:10-11:20 a.m.  
11:25-11:50 a.m.  
11:55-12:30 p.m.

12:30-12:55 p.m.  
1:00-1:10 p.m.  
1:15-1:45 p.m.  
1:50-2:00 p.m.  
2:05-3:15 p.m.  
3:15-3:30 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.

Breakfast Served  
Festival Begins—Booths Open  
Pastor's Bake-Off Entries Deadline  
Opening Devotions  
Hymn Sing led by *New Hope Ministries*  
Entertainment—*Deffenbaugh Sisters*  
Heritage Moments  
Entertainment—*Sounds of Faith*, Tire Hill COB  
Pastor's Bake-Off Winners Announced  
Auction Baked Goods  
Pie Eating Contest  
Announcements  
Entertainment—*Rummel COB Choir*  
Heritage Moments  
Entertainment—*Kelly Hicks*, Robinson COB  
Heritage Moments  
Entertainment—*Crimson Stream*  
Closing Devotions  
Quilt & Basket Auction

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Directions: [www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)

Children's Area  
Fun - Crafts  
pump 'n' Jump



Door Prizes



## *Church of the Brethren Home* *Harvest Home Project, October 2008*

We would like to thank each of the churches of the Western District for their support of the Brethren Home Community Windber. Your donations, volunteerism and prayers have been great contributions to the senior members of our community. We especially think of your generosity as we approach October and our annual celebration of Harvest Home. Last fall, along with in kind donations, many churches and individuals responded to our appeal for monetary donations to offset the expense of a new auxiliary electric generator. We are happy to report that the generator is now in place and able to return the Home to full power within eight seconds of an electrical failure.

As you prepare for this year's Harvest Home, please find attached a list of items that are used on a daily basis at the Home. We would welcome a donation of any of these items. However, if your congregation found that monetary support of specific project appealed to them more than a donation of goods, we have compiled a list of proposed small projects that would enhance the lives of the residents at the Home, along with the approximate cost for each.

**DINING ROOM REFURBISHING:** Removal of wallpaper, new paint and new wall décor. Approximate cost: \$500.

**AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER:** To ease the movement of immobile residents in and out of the Home. Approximate cost: \$2,000.

**PATIO REFURBISHING:** Refinishing of the cement pad and installation of a permanent awning outside the basement chapel to provide residents with an additional outdoor seating area. Approximate cost: \$3,000.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Wooden blinds for the main hall, paint, draperies and drapery rods for the first station dining room; and laundry bags. Approximate cost: \$2,500.

**ENTRY DOORS:** New energy efficient doors for the Circle Drive entry. Approximate cost: \$1,500.

If your congregation would like to support one of these projects, in part or in full, please send your Harvest Home donation to Donna Locher, Finance Director, at 277 Hoffman Ave., Windber PA 15963, and mark your check for its intended use. We thank you for your support of our mission to provide superior care for our residents!

# Church of the Brethren Home

## Harvest Home Project, October 2008

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 814-467-5505 or 814-6507. Thanks for your support.



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### Nursing

White out pens  
 Notebooks  
 Binders  
 8 1/2 x 11 Notebook Paper  
 Clear notebook sleeves 8 1/2 x11  
 Post-it-Notes  
 Colored Pencils (red/green)  
 Photograph printing paper  
 Hair spray  
 Spray deodorant  
 Skin lotion  
 Emery boards  
 Band-aids  
 Denture cleaner and adhesive  
 Shampoo and conditioner  
 Toothpaste  
 Tissues  
 Mouthwash  
 Non-skid socks

### General Services

Dresser scarves  
 Knotted comforters 6'x8'  
 Paper towels  
 Clorox 2 Bleach  
 Bathroom tissue  
 Dial bar soap  
 Murphy's Oil Soap  
 Baking Soda  
 Brillo Pads  
 Small plastic hair rollers  
 Terry dish towels  
 Ironing board covers  
 Magic Erasers  
 Sharpie Markers

### Miscellaneous

Cotton twill tape – 1/2"  
 White thread (40 or 50)  
 White sew on Velcro tape 3/4"  
 Black thread (40 or 50)  
 Sewing machine needles #14  
 Rubber bands  
 Paper clips – large or small  
 Hi Liters – yellow  
 Black permanent markers

### Maintenance

Paint brushes 1" or larger  
 Steel bits  
 Electrical Tape  
 Batteries (AAA, AA, C D and 9V)  
 Paint rollers  
 Teflon tape

### Dietary

Sugar  
 Salt  
 Pepper  
 Cream of Wheat  
 Oatmeal  
 Cake Mixes  
 Noodles  
 Icing  
 Tea  
 Gelatin  
 Pudding  
 Ketchup  
 Rice  
 Potatoes  
 Peanut Butter  
 Fruits or Vegetables in 10# cans

### Activities

Arlene's Tacky Glue  
 Construction paper  
 Poster Board colored or white  
 (12 x18 or 12 x 9)  
 Scissors  
 Quilt batting  
 New greeting cards  
 Yarn  
 Popsicle sticks  
 Felt  
 Polyester fiberfill  
 Postage Stamps  
 9 oz. plastic cups  
 Plastic bowls  
 3 oz. Dixie cups  
 Paper plates  
 Tissue paper (all colors)  
 CDs, DVDs, Cassette tapes  
 White chalk  
 White table paper  
 Cotton fabric  
 Plastic forks and spoons  
 Diet soda (cans and liter bottle)  
 Clear contact paper  
 Masking paper  
 Scotch tape  
 Magic markers  
 Craft paint brushes  
 Sand paper  
 Push pin tacks  
 Paper streamers  
 Acrylic craft paint  
 Wrapping paper and bags  
 Individual snack packs  
 Craft "eyes"  
 Lunch bags (white or brown)



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## NOTES FROM CAMP HARMONY - **BOLD**

Greetings from God's creation and your ministry.... I want to take this page and bring you up to date with everything that has been happening this summer at Camp...

- Summer Staff Training -15 in attendance
- Junior Staff Training - 8 in attendance
- Pig Roast – Served more than 100 people with a profit over \$1000
- Reunion Sunday – 150 + persons in attendance – Inspirational Service, Good food, Good fun was had by everyone – Hope to see you next year.
- 3/4/5 Resident Camp – 17 campers
- JV Sports Camp –13 campers
- Varsity Sports Camp – 10 campers
- Trailblazers Camp (Horse Camp) – 11 campers
- Middlecreek VBS – 30 persons
- PAC Camp – 20 campers
- Human Video Camp – 4 campers
- Clown (Entertainment) Camp – 4 campers
- PAC Dinner Theater – 92 persons in attendance--Wonderful entertainment and super Food. – Approximately \$2500 was raised for completing a wall in the tabernacle
- PAC 2<sup>nd</sup> performance – over 100 in attendance
- 13 Day Camps – 110 campers
- 2 Multiple Day Family Reunions – 120 persons
- Assembly of God Camp– 100 persons
- Wesleyan Summer Camp – 170 persons
- Day excursions for New Day – 30 persons
- Day excursions for Summer in the City – Johnstown School District – 80 persons
- Jr High Youth Symposium – 5 campers
- Young Explorers Camp – 18 campers
- Jr. High Adventure – 15 campers
- Sr. High Adventure – 7 campers
- 3/4/5 Adventure – 29 campers
- Youth Symposium – 9 campers
- 3/4/5 Short Experience – 6 campers
- Discovery – 6 campers
- Jr. High Intermediate Adventure – 6 campers
- Mission Camp – 23 campers
- Silver Camper – 4 campers

As of this printing we have had 304 children register for the Summer Camping program. This is a 50 % increase over last year. **Praise the Lord....**

Your Outdoor Ministry through Camp Harmony is working and we wanted to let you know.



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## NOTES FROM CAMP HARMONY LOOKING AHEAD

CAMP HARMONY LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

AGES 3 YRS. – 5 YRS.

STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2008

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY – 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

CALL THE CAMP OFFICE FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

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CAMP HARMONY IS SEEKING PART TIME EMPLOYEES

--COOKS

--CLEANING

Call the Camp Office to Apply....

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SEPTEMBER 20 – HERITAGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 12 – PIG ROAST – 12:00 – 3:00 – Call the Camp Office for tickets

OCTOBER 18 – CAMP REPRESENTATIVE BRUNCH  
10:00 AM

OCTOBER 24 – TRICK OR RETREAT

DECEMBER 6 – COOKIE DAY

**WINTER THEME – HOPE** – Details will be coming soon!!!!!!

# 2008 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 2008

- 1 - LABOR DAY
- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:30 p.m., District Office
- 4 - Key Ladies Luncheon, noon
- 7 - HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!!
- 13 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Plumcreek Church
- 13 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY, 9 a.m., Geiger Church
- 15 - *District HIGHLIGHTS* newsletter deadline for **OCTOBER** issue
- 15 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - District Women's Ministries Cabinet, 1 p.m., District Office
- 20 - 25<sup>th</sup> BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Camp Harmony
- 22 - Camp Harmony Board, 7 p.m.
- 27 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church
- 27 - District Men's Fellowship Fall Golf Outing, Timber Ridge [**SEE ENCLOSED FLYER**]

## October 2008

- 5 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 5 - DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
- 11 - District Women's Ministries Fall Brunch
- 11 - Tax Seminar, Maple Spring Church [**SEE ENCLOSED ARTICLE**]
- 15 - *District HIGHLIGHTS* newsletter deadline for **NOVEMBER** issue
- 18 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church
- 19 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE INSPIRATIONAL SERVICES
  - Johnstown & Indiana Areas* – Locust Grove Church, 3 p.m.
  - Somerset & G-U-P Areas* – Mount Joy Church, 7 p.m.
- 20 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Living/Learning Center

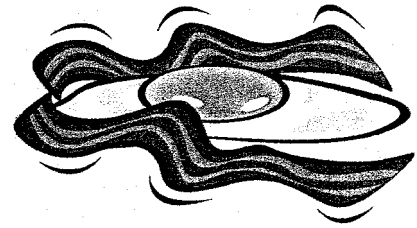
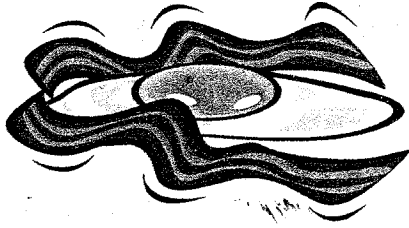
**November 2008**

- 1 - DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 2 - **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 2 - *JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY*
- 6 - Brethren Home Ladies Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.
- 6 - District/Camp Charitable Trust Board, 7 p.m., District Office
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:30 p.m., District Office
- 8 - SVMC/BRETHREN ACADEMY, 9 a.m., Pleasant Hill Church
- 10-12 - PA State Pastor's Conference
- 15 - District HIGHLIGHTS newsletter deadline for **DECEMBER / JANUARY** issue
- 15 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Geiger Church
- 17 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - Camp Harmony Board, 7 p.m.
- 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 30 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**December 2008**

- 7 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
- 14 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
- 15 - Brethren Home Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

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



DISTRICT  
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
FALL BREAKFAST  
OCTOBER 4, 2008  
ARBUTUS  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.  
FREE WILL OFFERING

Please Contact:

Homer Marshall  
369 W. Church Ave.  
Masontown, PA 15461  
Or call: 724-583-7073

or

Mearl Craig  
814-288-4879 home  
814-242-0909 cell

(We need to know how many are coming. Thank You!)

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*"For where two or three  
come together in my name,  
there am I with them."*

*Matthew 18:20, NIV*

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