

Lodging Registration

(Local Brethren Member Homes)

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

☐ *Single Occupancy* ☐ *Double Occupancy*

Meal Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please select the meal(s) you plan to enjoy:

____ Fri. Lunch \$11.00

Pulled Pork or Pulled Chicken Sandwich, Smoked Baked Beans,
Macaroni Salad, Chips, Cookie (GF: Roll, Cucumber Salad, Brownie)

____ Fri. Evening Meal \$11.00

Fried Chicken, Corn, Potato Salad, Veggie Tray, Roll, Cupcake
(GF: Baked Chicken, Roll, Cupcake)

____ Sat. Lunch \$12.00

Smoked Ham, Party Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Pie, Ice
Cream (GF: Roll, Dessert Bar)

Special dietary needs: _____

A light continental breakfast will be available each morning.

Child Care Registration

(Available for Children 3 and Under)

Child _____ Age _____

Parent _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Child Care Needed:

Friday Morning _____

Friday Afternoon _____

Friday Evening Service _____

Saturday Morning _____

Saturday Afternoon _____

Chambersburg COB

260 S. Fourth Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201
717-264-6957

From the PA Turnpike - Take 189 (Willow Hill) & bear to the right onto PA 75 south, Path Valley Road. Turn left onto US 30 E / Lincoln Way W. Follow US 30 and make a slight right towards Cedar Ave., turn right onto Cedar Ave., turn left onto Washington St., turn right onto S. 4th St., turn left at the 1st cross street onto Elm Ave. Church will be on your right.

From York Area: Take I-83 N. Follow I-83 N and take I-81 S to US 30 W / Lincoln Way E in Chambersburg. Take Exit 16 from I-81 S. Continue on US 30 W to the Church.

From Gettysburg Area: Follow US 30 W to S. 6th Street in Chambersburg to the Church.

From Northern PA: Follow US 322 E to PA 880 S, PA 192 W and PA 144 S to PA 641 E. Follow 641 E/PA 997 S to US 11 S. Continue on US 11 S. Take 5th Ave. to S. 4th St. in Chambersburg. Continue on S. 4th St. to the Church.

From Perry County Area: Follow US 22 E/US 322 E. and I-81 S to US 30 W / Lincoln Hwy E in Chambersburg. Take Exit 16 from I-81 S. Continue on US 30 W / Lincoln Way E to the Church.



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With Every Breath That I Am Able



*I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually
be in my mouth*

Psalm 34:1

Southern Pennsylvania District

Church of the Brethren

2026 District Conference

September 18 & 19

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

2026 SOPA District Conference

Please join us at the 2026 SOPA District Conference for Worship and Fellowship at Chambersburg COB as we discern God’s leading for our next year.

Conference Officers

Nicholas Wingert, Moderator
Leon Yoder, Moderator Elect
Donna Jones, Writing Clerk
Harold Yeager, Time Keeper

Conference Site

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren,
Marsha Smith, On-site Coordinator

Conference Schedule - Friday, September 18, 2026

8:00 - 12:45 Registration and Refreshments
8:30 - 11:30 Seminar on Praise and Worship ~ Gretchen Sortzi
With Every Breath: Understanding Our Congregants Through Praise, Worship, and Connection
11:30 - 12:45 Lunch & Fellowship
12:45 - 1:00 Praise & Worship
1:00 - 1:05 Welcome & Announcements
1:05 - 1:15 Delegate Consecration
1:15 - 1:20 Review & Approval of Agenda
1:20 - 1:35 Cross Keys Village, The Brethren Home Report
1:35 - 1:45 Eder Financial
1:45 - 1:55 Everence Financial
1:55 - 2:20 Children’s Aid Society (CAS) Board Meeting
2:20 - 2:30 Break & Fellowship
2:30 - 2:45 Praise & Worship
2:45 - 3:05 Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) Report
3:05 - 3:20 Camp Eder Report
3:20 - 3:30 Time of Affirmation and Prayer for District Agencies
3:30 - 3:40 Standing Committee Report
3:40 - 3:45 Announcements & Instructions
3:45 Adjournment
5:00 Dinner & Fellowship
6:00 Choir Rehearsal (optional) - Mini Fellowship Hall
7:00 - 8:15 PM Worship Service
Re-Licensing Service & Offering, African Great Lakes
8:15 - 9:00 Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 19, 2026

7:30 - 8:00 Prayer Meeting ~ Ali Toms
8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Refreshments
8:30 - 9:00 Praise & Worship
9:00 - 9:05 Welcome & Announcements
9:05 - 9:10 Presentation of District Conference Ballot
9:10 - 9:30 District Conference Elections
9:30 - 9:45 Time to fill out Ballot Nominee Form
9:45 - 10:00 Break & Fellowship
10:00 - 10:15 Praise & Worship
10:15 - 10:20 Introduction of New District Executive
10:20 - 10:50 District Executive Verbal Report
10:50 - 11:20 District Board Report
11:20 - 11:25 District Auditors Report
11:25 - 11:30 Announcements & Instructions
11:30 - 1:00 Lunch & Fellowship
1:00 - 1:45 Breakout Sessions
Option 1 : *Integrating Praise and Worship into Everyday Life*
Option 2 : *Social Media & Digital Ministry for Congregations*
Option 3 : *Aging Faithfully: Spiritual Practices for Seniors*
Option 4 : *District Finances*
1:45 - 2:00 Praise & Worship
2:00 - 2:45 Review and Approval of 2025/2026 Financial Report
Approval of District Financial Ministries Allocation (DFMA)
Review and Approval of Proposed 2026/2027 District Budget
2:45 - 3:00 Church of the Brethren Agency Reporting
3:00 - 3:15 Church of the Brethren Denominational Report
3:15 - 3:30 Complete Conference Evaluation Forms
3:30 - 3:45 Recognition of Outgoing Board Members & Georgia Markey
3:45 - 4:00 Consecration of Newly Elected/ Called Persons
4:00 - 4:15 Conference Acknowledgments/Passing of Gavel
4:15 Adjournment
* There will be a brief meeting for all board members at the conclusion of the conference. Location TBD.*



LODGING

Local COB members have agreed to open their homes to persons who wish to stay with sisters and brothers. Please make reservations by completing the form on the reverse side, one form per person/couple. Also, please note special requirements (e.g. need to be housed near someone for transportation purposes, children, etc.).

Reservations *MUST* be made prior to Conference no later than 8/31/2026 to:

Housing Coordinator, Jerry Moore
260 S. Fourth St., Chambersburg, PA 17201
Questions, please contact Jerry at:
717-540-2373 or jlmoorewv@gmail.com

If you wish to stay at a nearby motel, you will find a listing enclosed. PLEASE make your own reservations.

MEAL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Meals will be served by Chambersburg COB. **Meal Reservations must be made prior to Conference. Deadline for reservations will be 8/31/2026.** To make reservations, complete the enclosed form and mail to:

SOPA District Office COB
3375 Carlisle Road, Suite A, Gardners, PA 17324
Questions, please contact SOPA District Office by phone or email:
717-778-2264, sopadistrict@brethren.org

A list of area restaurants is enclosed.



CHILD CARE INFORMATION

Child care will be provided for children up to age 3, prior registration is required. Parents are responsible for feeding their children. **Register no later than 8/31/2026**, by completing the form on the reverse side and mailing it to:

Child Care Coordinator: Reba Baliles
260 S. Fourth St., Chambersburg, PA 17201
Questions, please contact Reba at:
610-256-1358 or mrbaliles@comcast.net

