

Wabash Church of the Brethren

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Kay Gaier, pastor



Here's what I'm thinking...

**April
2018**

It seems like the seasons are having trouble making the transition this year. Winter is not quite ready to let go, and Spring is hesitant to commit. Sometimes transitions, even natural and expected ones, can be difficult, complicated, and bring mixed emotions. That is certainly true as I anticipate and try to prepare myself for coming to the close of my time as pastor to the Wabash Congregation. At times it just seems like everything is normal and routine. But, more and more, I am realizing that things have already begun to shift and change. Significant but normal moments and events now become, "the last time", in my current role at Wabash. The trees in winter are the same trees in spring—they just look and act differently in the new season. That will be true for us as well as we move into different relationships with different expectations.

So here's what I'm thinking... We need to remember, document, and celebrate! I don't just mean an official farewell, I mean a celebration of the continued faithful and courageous work of this congregation in its care for each other and its witness to the local community and beyond. When I came to be your pastor, one of the things that was very helpful to my understanding and integration was a timeline you developed together that told the story of this congregation. We need to add the chapter that is now coming to a close and celebrate the gifts and progress as well as grieve the losses and changes. As we add to those chapters that came before, we will remember with joy and trust that this is not the beginning or the end, but that our story together is part of a bigger story that will continue in ways we do not yet fully perceive or appreciate.

For each of us there are memories that are significant in some way to our experience of the last 17 years or so since I came to Wabash as an interim in the fall of 2001. We hope you will take some time to reflect on these years and write down projects, classes, gatherings, worships, weddings, baptisms, funerals, funeral dinners, fun events, anointings, outreach, campouts, retreats, congregational difficulties and struggles, support you received from others in the congregation, fund raisers, special speakers, and on and on. Just write these things down with (maybe a date) a comment about your feelings and thoughts about them. Please share pictures for us to copy and mementos if you have them. I believe our time together has been deep and wide. To do this together will help us all remember who we are and why, as we move into the next exciting unwritten chapter. We will begin accepting your contributions immediately and will probably bug you about it constantly. Thanks for your help. It is important to our process moving forward.

Blessings,

Kay



Worship Schedule

April 1 *Easter*

Scripture Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20: 1-18

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

Like Mary, we are so used to something in between me and you that when the stone is rolled away, our expectations keep us from seeing the risen Christ. In his death and resurrection, Jesus has become the between so that there are no more *betweens*.

April 8 *The Dance Goes On*

Scripture 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

Message Laurie Kieffaber-Cornett

April 15 *Commission to serve in Love*

Scripture Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-3, 11, 4:7-21

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

The first Christian communities understood that they were commissioned by Christ to be one in heart and mind, sharing everything in common, that none would be in need. How do we today understand our commission from Jesus? How is our congregation living out this commission.

April 22 *What do we do with our fear?*

Scripture Psalm 23

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

Though often read at funerals, that is not our only place of fear. Neither is it the only place where we fear death. Change and transition, no matter how we feel about it is a death of sorts, especially when we are unsure of what is coming next. What comfort does this psalm offer to us everyday.

April 29

Scripture

Message Rev. Al Hohl

Notes from the Clerk...

Approved board minutes, as well as the financial report are hanging on the bulletin board by the mailbox.

Our website has audio recordings again of Sunday's message.



We are still gathering money and supplies for the Church World Service Disaster Relief buckets. They will be taken to District Conference in September. If you would like to donate supplies, please see the display and list in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to donate money in memory/honor of a loved one, please see Karen or Michelle for more information.

April Special Offering— Youth Fund

Let's get our youth to NYC this year. We have 5 youth registered to go. Every 4 years the denomination holds this national rally at Colorado State University. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to travel a little bit, and worship with so many other youths from around the country.



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

Brethren Leadership Institute—History of the Church

by Mark Flory Steury

April 14 - Peru Church of the Brethren

April 28 and May 5 - Marion Church of the Brethren 9 am - 4 pm

We welcome Don Fecher as the new BLI Administrative Assistant. BLI now has its own email address: BrethrenLeadershipInstitute@gmail.com. Thank you to those who have contacted the district office; because of the staff transition, even if you have already contacted the office, please send an email to Don at brethrenleadershipinstitute@gmail.com to register for the class. New students are welcome at any time; for more information about this program, visit <http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html>.

Buck Creek CoB 53rd
Annual Fish Fry
Saturday, April 7
12 noon to 7 pm
8802 North Buck
Creek Pike
Mooreland, Ind.,
47360
Free-will offering

District Women's Camp

Women's Camp is just around the corner and the committee of Deb Hood, Jenny and Gerri Lantz and Carolyn Mosson are already planning for our special time together. Verna Davis will again be our guest speaker with the Theme: Sisters of Faith II. Verna is a very inspirational and entertaining woman of God. Dates are May 31st, June 1 and 2, 2018. Cost is \$120 full time, part time \$75 (1 night, 3 meals), one day \$40 (3 meals).

Registration forms will be available in your church office after March 31 or can be obtained by emailing cjmosson@geetel.net or calling calling 765-379-2166. Deadline for registration is preferred by April 20th. Refunds are available until May 14th. Hope to see you there!



Putting a face to a name...

Meet Salomi Titus, our Chibok girl, who has been released from Boko Haram captivity. Read their story here [Chibok Girls 4 years later](#). While we pray for Salomi, please also remember the other students who were taken, and their families.

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Website: www.campmack.org

Earlybird registration has passed, but it is not too late if you would still like to summer camp. Please see Dennis or Carol for more information.

Upcoming Events Calendar

April 2-4 Volunteer Work Days

April 18-22 Quilt Retreat

April 24-25 Pastor's Sabbath

April 28 Container Gardening Get-a-Way Day

April 28 Target Sports Get-a-Way Day

April 29 Wildflower Walk Get-a-Way Day

May 3-5 Birdwatcher's Retreat

May 5 Canoe the St. Joe Get-a-Way Day

May 5 Dutch Oven Cooking Get-a-Way Day

May 6 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run

May 7-10 Seasoned Citizen's Retreat

May 11-12 Counselor/CIT Training

May 31-June 2 South Central IN Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events, and we hope to see you at Camp Mack soon!

Thank you for your continual support and prayer for Camp Mack! You are also in our thoughts and prayers.



Friday April 13 & Saturday April 14—7:30pm MU Theater presents Spring Awakening. Location, Cordier Auditorium, \$8-12

Sunday April 15—2pm MU Theater presents Spring Awakening. Location, Cordier Auditorium, \$8-12

Monday April 30—7:30pm, Manchester Symphony Orchestra presents Spring String Fling. Location, Cordier Auditorium, \$15

Wabash FAME Festival

Saturday, April 21, 9am-4pm

Honeywell Center, admission is free!

Student performances (piano, vocal, and dance) and student art displays, along with workshops featuring guest musicians, dancers, and visual artists.

This year's festival will spotlight Australia and Oceania. This is the 13th year for a festival of this kind in Wabash. Admission to the festival and participation in most of the activities is free of charge.

WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

645 Bond St., Wabash, Ind.

23rd Annual Fish & Tenderloin Fry

Friday April 20, 2018

4:30-7pm

Children ages 6—12 \$2

(5 and under FREE)

Adults \$9

~ All you can eat ~

Carry-outs available

Fish & Tenderloin by “Dan’s”

Dessert table is a free—will offering

**Bake Sale for youth to attend National Youth
Conference at Colorado State University in July**

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
15th of every month**

Late-breaking news: Gilbert Romero and the Bittersweet Gospel Band will be performing during 9:30 worship at the Marion Church of the Brethren on April 22.

Robert Cohen Speaking on "It's kosher to boycott: A Jewish journey to Palestinian solidarity"

Thursday, April 12 6:30 pm

Plymouth Congregational Church

Please plan to come and bring a friend. L. Michael Spath, DMin, PhD

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

(<http://micahsparadigmshift.blogspot.com/>)

APRIL DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

April 1 - Bethany Theological Seminary (board meeting April 5-7)

April 8 - Grandview COB and Pacific Southwest District

April 15 - Brethren Benefit Trust (board meeting April 19-21)

April 22 - Guernsey COB and Middle Pennsylvania District

April 29 - Hickory Grove COB and Southern Pennsylvania District

DID YOU KNOW...

The bulletin board articles get changed out every couple of weeks. Be sure to check it out for all the latest news from:



- ⇒ Manchester University
- ⇒ District Offices
- ⇒ Brethren Disaster Ministries
- ⇒ Global Food Crisis
- ⇒ Church of the Brethren, Nigeria
- ⇒ General Offices
- ⇒ Bethany Seminary
- ⇒ BVS The Volunteer
- ⇒ And many more!

Cinderella

Thursday April 26 at 7:30pm at the Honeywell Center. This is a contemporary take on Rogers & Hammerstein's classic tale. Performed by Wabash Valley Music Association. Admission is \$35-\$58.

Conversations about Biblical Authority

April 23-25, 2018 at Hueston Woods (College Corner, Ohio)

Sponsored by the Districts of Illinois and Wisconsin, Michigan, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio, and South/Central Indiana

Leadership provided by these persons:

Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching; Luther Seminary

Rev. Jason Barnhart, Executive Director Religious Life; Ashland University

Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. performing "The Big Story"

Dan Ulrich, Bethany Theological Seminary

Denise Kettering Lane, Bethany Theological Seminary

Brethren Disaster Ministries Update

- MO project is now closed; it is moved to Lumberton, North Carolina for a rebuilding project after Hurricane Matthew. S/C Indiana District is responsible for 15 volunteers Sept 9-15. Nov 25-Dec1 we share the 15 positions with the IL/WI District.
- Projects are coming together in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated those islands and it may be at least another year before government organizations can begin the rebuilding process on family homes. BDM is jump starting the case management stage and hopes to begin rebuilding soon. Cleanup may start in April in the Virgin Islands. Puerto Rico will open initially with CoB families and then expand. Housing and tools will be provided for volunteers who travel to PR or VI.

Volunteers are needed! Questions or willingness to volunteer...contact Cliff Kindy at 260-982-2971.

Video Series about the Apostle Paul


Friday, April 13, April 27, May 11, & May 25 at 10:35am

Timbercrest Chapel

The Manchester CoB Nurture Commission is showing a video series about Paul, a very influential force in shaping Christianity.

Some see him as a saint. Others feel he abandoned the teachings of Jesus to form a theology *about* Jesus. In this video series, John Dominic Crossan puts Paul in his own time and reflects on his work and influence. Crossan is a theologian and scholar of early Christianity, with extensive work in anthropology and early Christian sources.

All are welcome for this hour of video and discussion.



PEABODY RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
TULIP FESTIVAL
Celebrating the Ageless Spirit

Join us for Peabody's 20th Annual Tulip Festival
on Saturday, April 28!

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 2:00 p.m. The festival features free food, live entertainment, family activities - and more!

The Tulip Festival is free admission.

[Click Here for details!](#)

Marion Church of the Brethren
presents our

Chicken Noodle Dinner

...including...
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans • Salad
Dessert & Drink

Saturday - April 14
4:00 to 7:30 PM

Adults: \$8⁵⁰ **Children: \$4⁰⁰**
under 10

Proceeds to Benefit:



CHURCH CAMP

*Call Ahead
for Take-Out*
662-1600

Marion Church of the Brethren
2302 South Geneva Ave., Marion, IN
On 26th St. halfway between the by-pass & Miller Ave.

Empty Bowls

Save the Date

APRIL 28, 11 AM - 1 PM

On the Mall!

Food, handmade bowls, music, door prizes, activities for kids.
Suggested donations: \$5 students/children, \$10
faculty/staff/community members.

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businesses.



Song and Story Fest

If you would like to help make bowls, you can sign up at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4bafa728abfe3-createabowl1>.

This year's **Song & Story Fest**, sponsored by On Earth Peace, is at the Northern Ohio camp, immediately following Annual Conference.

Swing State Song and Story Fest: Becoming the Beloved Community

Inspiration Hills, Burbank, Ohio

July 8-14, 2018

For more information, visit
http://www.onearthpeace.org/song_and_story_fest_2018

Benefit Dinner for One World Handcrafts!

Sunday, April 29 11:00-1:00 Main View

The menu is Beef & Noodles w/ mashed potatoes, green beans, & roll **OR** Fiesta Salad w/ or **without** chicken.

Adult price: \$7

½ meal for Senior or Child (under 12): \$4

Piece of Pie: \$2. Drink is included in meal prices.

Please make a trip to Main Street and join us!

The shop will be open from 11am - 2pm that Sunday if you'd like to stop in after enjoying the dinner.