

Wabash Church of the Brethren

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Kay Gaier, pastor



Here is what I'm thinking...

Technically our church year ends with December and begins with January. That coincides with our budget and the terms of service of board members. But, for me, September always feels like the beginning of a new church year. Summer is always a time of vacations and traveling and special events, that disrupt our business as usual lives. It is especially true this year for me because I have been away for the last month. I did a lot of planning for the time I would be gone and now coming home feels like a new start.

So here's what I'm thinking...As we regroup and prepare for the months ahead what shall we as a church do this year to feed, challenge and celebrate our faith and life together? Are there patterns we might want to change? Are there goals we might want to set? Our community has been enriched this past year by some new faces joining us and some old faces returning. How might we celebrate this gift? I think it is helpful to think about how our needs and our possibilities are changing. Think about the things that enrich your spirit and give you life and let's find ways to do more of that. Is there anything beyond what we are currently doing that you would find meaningful? If so, let's do more of that. Maybe after discernment, we decide to change nothing, but it will be a choice by decision and not simply by default. Let us not allow our faith to become more obligation than enrichment.

It's a new year, may we have fun worshiping and growing together!

You are invited to use the space below to jot down whatever ideas, thoughts hopes you have for the life and ministry of our church and share them with me or a board member as we begin our planning.

Blessings,

Kay



September
2016

Worship Schedule

September 11 The Better Choice

Scripture Luke 10:38-42

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

I recently read a sermon by Kurt Borgman on the Mary and Martha story that made me rethink my own choices and helped me reframe the story. What might Jesus' comments to the sisters have to say to us in our situation today?

September 18 Prayers for Peace

Scripture 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

Our world is not an easy place to follow God. It never has been. But here we are, and even in this challenging world we are called to pray in confidence that we are heard by God and renewed by the Spirit of Christ

September 25 In God We Trust?

Scripture Psalm 146

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

During our trip to visit our son in Germany, we went on a little side trip to Denmark. On a walking tour of Copenhagen our guide took great pride in telling us that a UN survey for 2016 concluded that the Danes were the happiest people in the world. There are lots of theories about why but at least some believe it has a lot to do with trust.

Would you like to participate in the worship service sometime? If so, you'll find a sign-up sheet outside the office for various positions.

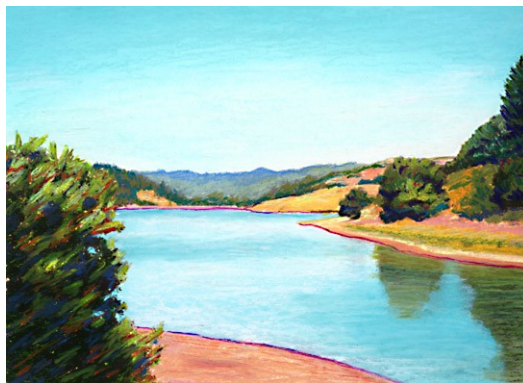
RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
October 15**

Congratulations to George and Norma Schneider on earning the River Friendly Farmer Award at the Indiana State Fair.



Family Fun and Game Night October 1 at 6:30pm. Bring a snack, drink and/or a game to share! Let's take a break from crazy schedules and enjoy!

Prayers for:

Solomi Titus is our girl from the group that was abducted from school in Nigeria. Please keep her and her family in your hearts and prayers. Also pray for those that have been returned, that they may receive the care they need and acceptance back into their communities.

Please keep the following in your prayers in an ongoing way: **Brian Genovese, Wayne Barkey, Danika Landis and family.**

Linda Barkey is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery tomorrow, Monday September 12 at Parkview Huntington.

Sharon Larrowe is scheduled for back surgery on September 14 at Fort Wayne Lutheran.

Willie Cornett as he recovers from cataract surgery.

Alan Kieffaber learned that he will need to have a heart valve replaced.

The family of **Carroll (Kaydo) Petry** as they mourn his passing. Kaydo and Margie were much-loved during his years as pastor here in the 50's and early 60's before leaving for Nigeria on mission work. The service will be at 2pm Sunday at the Manchester CoB with visitation following the service.

In Support of the district, please include the following congregations in your prayers this month:

September 4 Please pray with us for the **Pike Creek COB**

September 11 Please pray with us for the **Pipe Creek COB**

September 18 Please pray with us for the **Pleasant Dale COB**

September 25 Please pray with us for the **Portland COB**

Special Offering September — Mission

The Church of the Brethren Mission Offering supports ongoing international partnerships with brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Haiti, South Sudan, and many other places around the world. It also helps fund Brethren Volunteer Service, the Youth Peace Travel Team, work camps, and other ministries that provide opportunities for people of all ages to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through action. Other crucial ministries that exist to train and support mission-minded leaders in the church are also supported by this offering: Ministry Summer Service, the Office of Ministry, and Church Planting and Deacon ministries, to name a few.

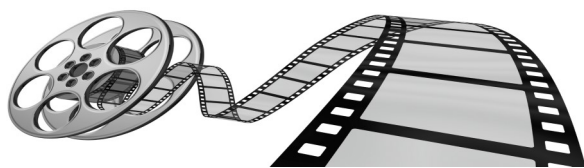
Timbercrest free movies

You are invited to join the residents on the following dates:

Friday, September 16, Brooklyn

Friday, September 30, Kramer vs Kramer

Questions? Call Wanda Miller 982-6189



PEACE DAY 2016

How Are You Called to Build Peace?

On Earth Peace invites churches,

peacebuilders, and seekers of justice to participate in Peace Day 2016. Plan a prayer service or community action event and reflect on how you and your community are called to build peace during the week surrounding September 21, 2016.

We are all called to build peace in unique and transformative ways. Some are called to resist and undo racism, some to pray without ceasing, others to heal God's creation, and others to stop war.

Some are called to build peace in their neighborhood, in their church congregation, in their local community, or somewhere across the world.

This Peace Day we invite you to follow God's call to wherever you and your church community can build peace together to God's glory and your neighbor's good.

Learn more about Peace Day and get involved:

- Tell us what you're planning and how we can help!
- E-mail us: peaceday@onearthpeace.org.
- Visit our website at <http://peacedaypray.tumblr.com>.
- Follow us on Twitter @peacedaypray.
- Join the Peace Day Facebook Group Conversation.



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Camp Mack Festival is Saturday, October 1. Prepare now to support the Festival – provide a food or crafts booth, some auction donations, share a demonstration, and/or offer to work a shift at Children’s Activities, the Welcome booth, or Parking. Come help us celebrate 90 years at camp and plan to attend this fun event!

Attention Bakers!! Knock yourself out in making culinary confections for the CAKE WALK at the Camp Mack Festival! Items must be homemade. Suggested items include: decorated cakes, pies (not cream), cookies, brownies, rolls, cinnamon rolls, noodles and fudge. Proceeds benefit Camp Mack. For questions, contact Linda Starr lls0527@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining the festival committee, please contact Jerry Breneman at diethighway@comcast.net

If you would like to volunteer a few hours to help out in children’s activities, the auction, the faculty crew or other areas please contact the camp office at 574-658-4831 or lauren@campmack.org

From the Manchester CoB—The One World Board and staff are working to encourage ecumenical, as well as other community support, for our mission today. Continuing our mission requires that we look for additional ways to fund One World in a new financial era when much shopping is done on-line.

This year we will again be one of the non-profit groups contending in the BEACON “Project Spotlight.” The past couple of years we have taken third place and been awarded some helpful dollars. We encourage you to vote for One World daily continuing until the end of September. If you have another group that you care about which is a competitor of ours, perhaps you could “split” your vote by voting one day for the other group and one day for us. www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight.

Our next MAIN VIEW-sponsored Sunday Dinner: Sunday, September 18, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Proceeds from the September Fellowship Meal will benefit One World ministry, so if you choose to eat lunch at the church or at the MainView, either one will benefit One World!



DID YOU KNOW...

The **Stockdale Mill** is offering free tours every Saturday until November; 12pm—4pm

North Manchester Historical Society
Presents: ROAD TRIP

Monday, September 12, at 6:40 pm in the Assembly Room at Timbercrest. There is no cost for this program. Andrea Neal, a teacher of U.S. History, will present her top 100 stories of Indiana History.

On Friday, September 16, at 1pm a new Peace Pole will be dedicated on the campus of **Manchester University**. The pole will be placed on the corner of East Street and College Ave, the location where the new Intercultural Center is slated to be built. The pole will be in memory of the 3 students killed in a traffic accident earlier this year. Family members of the students will be present and the program will include presentations from Michael Dixon, Director of the Intercultural Services, Bekah Houff, University Pastor, and Benson Onyeji, Professor of Political Science. President Dave McFadden will share plans for the new Intercultural Center at the event. The public is invited to attend.

Monday, September 19

Bethany Seminary invites you:

To a conversation from 2 to 3 pm with Dr. Jeffrey Carter, President, and Rev. Mark Lancaster, Director of Institutional Advancement, in Timbercrest's Assembly Room.

Laughter is Sacred Space

Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm

Cordier Auditorium

In this gritty and dramatic talk, Ted Swartz walks his audience through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death.

Local Farmers' Markets

North Manchester hosts one Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Roann has one Friday evening.

Wabash has one Saturday mornings.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016
MEXICO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN—September 16-17

- Biblical story-telling with Robert Alley on Friday afternoon.
- Thank You Dinner for District Leadership Friday evening.
- Fun with Tara Hornbacker Friday evening
- Saturday breakfast provided by Pipe Creek COB
- Worship with Moderator Paul Schrock preaching
- Business and Reports
- Lunch served by the Mexico COB
- Reports from congregations about their outreach ministries
- Pie Auction
- Dedication of clean-up buckets for Church World Service



Richmond, IN - Building on a new connection with the Church of the Brethren in Brazil (Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil), Bethany president Jeff Carter joined [Dan Poole](#), coordinator of ministry formation, for a visit in the São Paulo area August 20-22. Helping host them were current Bethany MDiv student Alexandre Gonçalves and his wife, Gislaine de Souza. Gonçalves is completing his studies at Bethany in his ministry formation placement, a partnership between his congregation and the social service agency he works for, which facilitates peaceful family environments.

The visit was both a scheduled academic observation of Gonçalves in his placement—as he and Marcos Inhauser gave a lecture on the family—and the opportunity to learn more about the Brethren in Brazil. “I’m deeply curious as to what God is doing in the world and what forms ministry takes in different contexts,” said Carter. “Bethany is now part of conversations we didn’t know were happening.”

Carter noted three aspects to the visit experience: education, strong social relationships, and community-focused worship. In addition to experiencing Gonçalves’s ministry service, Carter and Poole attended the opening of a community center in the suburb of Campinas and joined Gonçalves’s congregation for worship on a family farm near Campinas, where “the love of Jesus Christ was palpable.”

Amazing

By Mark Flory Steury, Donor Relations representative

“It’s amazing how much the Church of the Brethren is able to do.”

This is a comment I hear often as I talk with congregational leaders and pastors about the denominational work of the Church of the Brethren. It has been my joy to visit many congregations over the past five years, and to thank them for being so generous! For well over one hundred years, congregations have faithfully supported the work of the church through their offerings.

When I visit a congregation, we talk about the ways the Church of the Brethren is currently serving in ministry both domestically and abroad. Globally we have partners in Nigeria, India, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Haiti, Spain, South Sudan and many other places. We help people in times of need through Brethren Disaster Ministries, Children’s Disaster Services, and the Global Food Initiative. Volunteers serve as the hands and feet of Jesus through Brethren Volunteer Service and Workcamps. These are some of the ways that we extend the love of God to others.

We also provide resources for churches and individuals across the country. We support the work of new churches through the Church Planting Conference. We equip church leaders and members through the work of Congregational Life Ministries, the Ministry Office and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and through materials like Vital Ministry Journey, the Anabaptist Worship Exchange, the Shine curriculum, and webinars. Faith-forming, community-fostering conferences and programs are provided throughout the year like National Junior High Conference, Christian Citizenship Seminar, Ministry Summer Service, National Young Adult Conference, and National Older Adult Conference. Conversation and information are shared through Newline and Messenger magazine. We also have wonderful historical resources preserved through the Brethren Historical Library and Archives. This is just a brief overview of the many ministries we do together!

Amazing! How is the Church of the Brethren able to do all of this? It’s only with the support of congregations and individuals who are willing to work together for a common mission and ministry.

It is remarkable how much the Church of the Brethren is able to do. Thank you so much for your awesome support. We can do this work only because of your partnership. May God bless us as we continue in our work together.

Books for Nigeria! - through October 16, 2016)

This new initiative is focused on helping schools recover (and improve) as EYN rebuilds its education programs. One of the best ways to combat terrorism is to provide good education. Boko Haram, meaning "western education is forbidden," is trying to stop education, especially of girls. This book drive is part of a larger plan supporting education for the children of NE Nigeria. There are two focuses of this book drive: child education and pastoral education. The books will be shipped in December 2016, so all books must be to the Brethren Service Center by November 20, 2016.

There will be two collection boxes, one inside the main doors and one in the west wing, at Manchester Church of the Brethren to receive books up until the morning of October 16, 2016. Kathy Fry-Miller will be traveling by car to New Windsor and can take books with her. She will pick them up from our church Sunday morning, October 16.

Books for Children

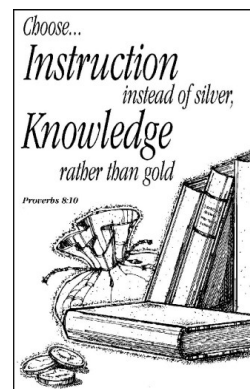
EYN-related schools are in need of books for their school libraries and classrooms. Please collect new or used books in good condition for children ages 6 to 16 years old. Specifically requested are paper-back chapter books for children, such as those recognized by the Newberry Award (easily found online). Non-fiction books and children's encyclopedias are also requested. All books should be in good condition and published in the last 20 years.

Books for Kulp Bible College

EYN's Kulp Bible College is requesting help sup-plying their library. They are in need of materials for training pastors including Bible commentaries, reference books, and resource books for pastors as well as books on Christian education, theology, preaching resources, Hebrew and Greek languages, pastoral counseling and ethics. All books should be in good condition and published in the last 20 years.

If you miss the October 16 deadline at our church, you may send books to arrive in New Windsor by November 20 to: Books for Nigeria, Brethren Service Center Annex, 601 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776

For Kathy to take them, please make sure all books arrive at the church by the morning of October 16, 2016.



Letter from an old friend:

Dear Wabash CoB congregation, Larry took me on a tour of the church today (8/27/16) and brought back many fond memories. I wish I could be with you Sunday Morning but I will be attending my 50th reunion. Congratulations on keeping the church in such good condition. Your careful stewardship is much appreciated.

In Christ's Love,

Judi (Rogers) Fahrnow

Friends,

Your Opportunities



Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is a storehouse of opportunities for you and your congregation! Check out the variety of tasks and places on which you could be spending your good time.

The South/Central District has four times this next year, 2017, when we are scheduled for providing volunteers for long term BDM rebuilding projects. January 22-28 and November 12-18 we are doing jointly with the Illinois/Wisconsin District. February 19-25 and December 3-9 we are on our own to provide fifteen volunteers. The November and December dates will be in South Carolina but the earlier two dates are still without location. It will be decided soon. Would you like to sign up as a congregation for a work retreat or do you have just a few individuals ready to go and we can build a larger team from the district? Open your dates for these opportunities!

In addition there are two blitz builds happening soon. One is in South Carolina, October 16-22, especially on roofs and the other is in St. Louis, Missouri, August 28 through September in response to the Christmas flooding last year. Do you have small crews willing to join this effort for a few days? This is an opportunity for you to use skills you already have or learn skills you wish you had as you work with well-trained people.

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) is very much on call this year in response to storm crises. Are you a person who is able to provide love and listening care to young children who have been traumatized by disaster? CDS is looking for a few good volunteers who are willing to be trained (one training is in Kalamazoo, MI, September 30 through October 2) and then would be willing to open their lives to this type of opportunity. Are you one of those persons?

This fall an ongoing BDM project has openings for you in Detroit, Michigan. Our district has already sent two small groups into that fresh opportunity. Even if you only have two days open the BDM leadership is ready to provide a place for your caring ministry. Volunteers are repairing basements from the flood of 2014 so carpentry and cooking skills are needed to support that work.

Call me at 260-982-2071 or email kindy@cpt.org in response to this letter if you have questions or are ready to sign up for one of these opportunities!

Blessings of peace to you!

Cliff Kindy, S/C Indiana Church of the Brethren District Disaster Coordinator