

# WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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July 2019

## Welcome to Doug and Tasha!

### They Made It!

Pastor Doug and Tasha Veal have arrived in Wabash at their newly purchased home. People from the church met them the evening of June 24 to help unload the U-Haul. Doug and Tasha, along with family and friends, had loaded the truck that morning in Dayton, Ohio and expected smooth sailing, but a new tire they had purchased 4 days earlier went flat and so they had a difficult situation develop-plus a long delay. They were thankful for the collection of goodies supplied by the congregation through the "pounding/hospitality" outreach.

Doug's first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 14th. He and Tasha will be attending Annual Conference from July 3 to July 7 at Greensboro, NC. - Shalom, Dennis Horn (Board Chair)

*We welcome all who are on the journey to know Jesus, who share in his love and who choose to embrace the diversity within this community of believers. As individuals we may be at different places along the path, but as a community, we are all traveling together in faith, trusting God to show us the way.*



Wabash CoB Sanctuary

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# Starting the Shared Journey

Pastor Doug Veal

As Tasha and I began the process of discerning God's calling for me in regards to the Wabash congregation, there were a number of things that we looked at that were very interesting to us, that drew us into closer consideration and ultimately into accepting the call as your pastor here at Wabash.

I very much appreciated the mission statement of the congregation, especially this part: "As a community we are on a shared journey of faith, while as individuals we may be at different places along the path. Recognizing and honoring the reality of such differences, we invite all those who seek to know Jesus, and who choose to embrace the diversity within this community of believers, to journey with us."

This statement seems to me to be a wonderful articulation of what it means to be on the journey of faith together, coming together even in the midst of our differences. I was excited to see the congregation's commitment to living together, to walking forward even as we acknowledge the various differences and understandings that we each bring to the table.

As I look around at the larger church, and even in our country and our world, a commitment to living together in the midst of differences seems to be coming more and more counter-cultural, even radical in nature. We are told over and over again that if people do not agree 100% with us, we should cut them off or throw them out.

Yet, it seems to me, that as Christians, as those who are called to live as Christ lived, a commitment to being together in the midst of differences is central to living out the call to love our neighbor as ourselves. I am glad to be joining with you all in this commitment to journey together, to follow the call of Jesus, as we walk together towards the future.

In Christ,

*Pastor Doug*

## Women's Fellowship

In June, everyone had a lovely time eating breakfast together, and then walking around the farmer's market.



## Weekly Workshops

We meet each Wednesday at 10am. We are focusing our attention on Right Relationships. Come and join the fun!

## Worship Schedule

If you would like to participate in Worship, please either find a member of the nurture commission (Mikayla G, Bonnie H, Laurie K-C, Linda M, or Michelle R) or sign up on the schedule outside the office door.

July	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
7	Annual Conference		Stan M.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
14	Pastor Doug	Linda M.	Stan M.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
21	Pastor Doug		Stan M.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
28	Pastor Doug		Stan M.		Larry J.	Laurie K-C	Audrey H.

For July, we will meet for breakfast on Saturday July 27 at 9:30am (restaurant to be decided). After fellowshiping together, we will then tour the Charley Creek Gardens. Cost is \$3 if we have 15 or more in attendance, \$4 otherwise. Golf carts are available for those who like to ride.

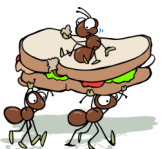
## Stewards' Request

### Keeping it clean

With summer in full swing, it can also mean the march of the ants...

Please be mindful to clean up after any food or drink spills. Please also make sure food items are in sealed containers and placed in the refrigerator, as appropriate.

Also make sure to cover your food in the microwave before using.





Ben at Camp, 2016

## Camp Mack Corner

### Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- Colony Camp August 16-18
- Golf Outing August 17
- Labor Day Family Camp August 30-Sept. 2
- Summer Camp Registrations are Open NOW!
- Go to the Camp Mack website: [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

Please consider being a Team Leader or counselor this summer to enrich the young lives at Camp Mack. Contact Jessica Kreider to check needs and dates 574-658-4831 or [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org)

### Prayer Request:

Please pray for committed summer staff and camp counselors.

Campers love to get mail! Please mail early and address your mail following this sample:

Chris Camper  
Program Name (i.e. Samplers, Seekers, etc.)  
Camp Mack  
P.O. Box 158  
Milford, IN 46542



P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542  
Phone: 574-658-4831 Fax: 574-658-4765  
Email: [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org) Website:  
[www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)

## Community Support

Church Food Pantry  
Our local pantry is looking to supplement what we get from Milford each month. Additional items needed are:  
Mac and Cheese boxes  
Hamburger  
Baked beans  
Hamburger /Tuna/  
Chicken Helper  
Peanut butter  
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)  
Jelly  
Pasta  
Saltines  
Bread  
Soups  
Canned fruits and veggies  
Saltines  
Cleaning Supplies  
TP/Tissue  
Personal Hygiene items

## Hope 85

Copy Paper (letter size)  
Cleaning Supplies  
TP/Tissue/Paper Towels  
Personal Hygiene items  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Feminine Products  
Address Labels  
OTC Medicines

# Compelling Vision Conversations

Great to read even if you're not going to AC

Plans for the Compelling Vision Conversations to take place at Annual Conference in Greensboro are taking shape. In preparation, the Compelling Vision Process Team invites all those planning to participate—delegates and non-delegates—to prepare in the following ways:

Continue to engage in a time of spiritual preparation, using the Prayer Calendar as a guide.

Review “Hope for the Future”, the article that appeared in the January 2019 Messenger, reporting on the conversations that took place at Annual Conference last year.

Read “Unfolding Journey”, the report written by the Compelling Vision Process Team about the district conversations.

Pack your Bibles to bring to Annual Conference to use during the conversations. In anticipation of some questions, reflect on the characteristics and practices of Christ-centered ministry, what it means to be a Christ-centered community, and the evidence of those qualities among us. Come prepared to share scriptures that inspire your understandings.

Pray: for conference leadership, for all those participating in the process, for a humble and willing spirit open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst as we continue on this journey of discernment.

“Hope for the Future” and “Unfolding Journey” both provide important context for the conversations to take place at Annual Conference, which will explore the themes that emerged from these earlier conversations in more breadth and depth. These articles, the Prayer Calendar, and other resources related to the Compelling Vision Process can be found on the Compelling Vision webpage: [www.brethren.org/compellingvision](http://www.brethren.org/compellingvision).



# Family News

## Updates from the congregation

There is so much going on within our family this month! If you get the email updates from Dennis and Carol, this will be old news, but so many people don't, so I thought I'd share it here...

## Safe Travels

The delegate from our congregation to Annual Conference is Karen Odiorne and she and Johnnie are also leaving soon for NC. We pray for safe travels and discernment for all delegates to Annual Conference.

## Moving

Moving is on the docket for Cassi Mullett also as she has sold her home in Wabash and is moving to Kokomo. Katie and David Ply have finally completed work on their previous house in Peru and are putting it on the market. They have also been working on the home that they recently purchased.

## Campers of all ages

Katie took Levi and Brantley to the June Grand Camp, and Kay and Jim Gaier took their grandchildren also. Other campers this summer are: Cohen Marvel, Ben and Zak Roudebush to Youth Camp starting June 30 to July 6, and Grand Camp July 28-30 for Dennis and Carol Horn, Ava Horn, and Elyse Montel.

## Weddings

Jim Finnell's grandson, Truman, was married at Camp Mack in June to a girl he met through Labor Day Family Camp that his family and her family attended for many years together.

Marti and Leroy Striker celebrated the marriage of their son, Nicholas.

## Recovering

Larry was back in church Sunday from his gall bladder removal surgery, but he must have been working for the church through the recovery as he announced lots of sound system updates-plus he was lifting at the move in for Tasha and Doug.

Roberta Eubank also was back in church after a fall that caused a concussion for her.

Jean Martin, too, was back and is now able to drive again.

## District Prayer List

July 7 -Please pray for the Annual Conference attendees

July 14-Please pray for the congregational office and staff in Elgin, CoB Inc.

July 21—Please pray with us for the Logansport CoB and Western Plains District.

July 28 -Please pray with us for the Lower Deer Creek CoB and West Marva District

## District Conference Project

### September 21, 2019—Living Faith CoB, Flora IN

This year, the District Conference Board has chosen CWS hygiene kits as the mission project. Each church is being asked to supply a minimum of 5 kits, plus the \$2 each for shipping. Please place your donations in the box at the rear of the sanctuary. Needed items are:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

## Saying No to Say Yes:

### Every Day Boundaries and Pastoral Excellence

July 2—3, 2019, Charlotte, NC

Church of the Brethren Minister's Association -Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event "the denomination has very clear policies that advocate and define fair and appropriate considerations of pastors..." (Statement of Ethics for Congregations in the Church of the Brethren, 1996) "I will strive to maintain reasonable expectations for myself and not allow others' unreasonable expectations to endanger my well-being." (Ethics in Ministry Relations, 2008) One's thoughts may tend to turn to misconduct when hearing the term, "setting boundaries." There are, however, everyday boundaries which, when continually crossed, can ultimately lead to an unhealthy ministry for both pastor and congregation. Dr. Olsen and his co-author, Nancy G. Devor, bring to light some of those everyday boundary problems. They offer suggestions for pastors and congregations on how to be aware of possible pitfalls and how to work together to set healthy boundaries.

Dr. Olsen is an Adjunct Professor with The Sage Colleges and Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center. His writings include several articles in the Journal of Clinical Psychology on clergy burnout, as well as the following books: The Spiritual Work of Marriage, The couple's Survival Workbook, Prevention of Burnout, When Helping Starts to Hurt, Integrative Family Therapy

To register or for more information go to: [www.brethren.org/sustaining](http://www.brethren.org/sustaining)

## Brethren Bible Institute

Summer Term  
July 22 -26, 2019

Elizabethtown  
College, PA

To register, write to:  
Brethren Bible Institute  
155 Denver Road  
Denver, PA 17517

Registration deadline:  
June 25, 2019

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[https://  
www.brfwitness.org/](https://www.brfwitness.org/)



## NOAC 2019

### Reaching into Joy

September 2—6. NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world. Registration will open online on April 15. The cost per person is \$195 if you register before July 20. First time attendees will get a \$20 discount. Your registration fee does not include housing or meals. After you register you will be able to go to the Lake J housing reservations website to make your lodging reservations. Timbercrest will offer transportation to NOAC. Seats for non-resident riders will be made available after we know how many Timbercrest participants will be available. If interested in traveling to NOAC with Timbercrest residents: contact Brian Daniels -260-982-2118 or [BDaniels@timbercrest.org](mailto:BDaniels@timbercrest.org)

### Speakers

- Sister Joan Chittister -An American Benedictine nun, theologian, author, and speaker
- Drew Hart -Professor of Theology at Messiah College in PA. He is the author of the book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*
- Ken Medema and Ted Swartz -Ken is a musician and singer-songwriter who has been performing in the United States, Canada, and Europe for more than forty years . Ted is a Mennonite playwright and actor.
- Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm -Brightbill Professor of Preaching & Worship at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN
- Jennifer Keeney Scarr -Pastor of the Trotwood Church of the Brethren, Trotwood, OH
- Jeanne Davies -Pastor of the Parables Community, Lombard, IL
- Walt Wiltschek -Pastor of the Easton Church of the Brethren, Easton , MD
- Dennis Webb -Pastor of the Naperville Church of the Brethren, Naperville, IL
- Paula Bowser -morning Bible study -Retired Church of the Brethren pastor, Englewood, OH
- Jonathan Emmons and Bev Anspaugh -Organ recital and hymn sing

## N. Indiana District

### Transportation Options

The Northern Indiana District Church of the Brethren is also sponsoring a bus to NOAC 2019 in Lake Junaluska.

The cost of the round-trip bus ride is \$200. There are 56 seats available.

Find attached the registration form and itinerary.

Registration is due by August 1... but early registration is encouraged for both the bus and hotels.

Contact the Northern Indiana district office for questions, 574-773-3149; or [rachel.nidcob@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.nidcob@gmail.com)



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The staff is always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Have a fun travel story? Read a good book lately? Attended a gathering of friends/family? Don't keep it secret, share it with us. Have questions? See Michelle in the office, or send her a quick email.

2019 Festival Gathering  
of Biblical Storytelling

July 31 -August 3, 2019  
Dayton, OH

Register at  
[www.nbsint.org](http://www.nbsint.org)  
Network of Biblical  
Storytellers, Int'l.

## Action Alert

### Join us! Conference on Drone Warfare

The use of drone strikes by the U.S. government has increased dramatically in the last few years. There has never been a more urgent time for members of the Church of the Brethren to speak out against these immoral drone strikes, which kill civilians and destabilize communities.

The Church of the Brethren's 2013 resolution against drone warfare called for "individual members to study this issue in relation to our Brethren history of peacemaking and our biblical understanding of peace, so that Brethren may continue to be dynamic and prophetic peacemakers in a world riddled with violent behavior." This September, you are invited to study and act on this issue with the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare.

The network is sponsoring a national training conference to equip people of faith interested in organizing on the issue of drone warfare within the faith community. It will be held at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ from September 27th to September 29th.

Those attending should be willing to organize their communities on drone warfare until at least February 1, 2021. The conference will begin with dinner on Friday, September 27 and will end with lunch on Sunday, September 29. The cost of the conference, including room, board, and registration fee, is \$50, and some financial help will be provided to you to cover travel costs.

If you are interested in joining us for this conference, please contact Nathan Hosler at [nhosler@brethren.org](mailto:nhosler@brethren.org) for more information.



## Brethren Leadership Institute Upcoming Courses

### Beliefs & Practices of the Church of the Brethren

Instructor: Beth Sollenberger  
Dates: August 24, September 14 & 28, 2019  
Location: TBA

### New Testament Survey

Instructor: Robert Bowman  
Dates: October 19, November 2 & 16, 2019  
Location: TBA

To register for a BLI course or for questions, contact the District Office (260) 982-8805, [scindcob@gmail.com](mailto:scindcob@gmail.com).

Classes are open to all: You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. CEUs are available. For more information on the Brethren Leadership Institute (BLI) and fees, visit <http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html>.





## Volunteers Needed

### A Note from Cliff

We need volunteers for different BDM assignments. Figure out how you can go and invite friends and colleagues to join you!

1. BDM continues to work in Lumberton, North Carolina. Floods from the two hurricanes. FEMA has a waiting list of nearly 10,000 families waiting for assistance. In August BDM will open a new project either in a new location in North Carolina or in Florida to respond to earlier storm Irma.
2. S/C Indiana District needs 15 volunteers September 8-14. Those volunteers will be assigned to either the site in Florida or the new site in North Carolina. Please respond so we can start to build this team. An assistant cook will be a key addition to the operation of the team. Other volunteers can be skilled artisans or beginners. All help can be used.
3. BDM continues to work hard in Puerto Rico. Volunteers and construction leaders are needed this summer and through the fall for building and rebuilding. Volunteers should expect two week stints with heat, sun and hard physical labor. If you would like to go or have questions please send an email to Cliff: [kindy@cpt.org](mailto:kindy@cpt.org).
4. The increasing number and severity of storms that are requiring a BDM response have led to high demand for disaster cleanup buckets. Those can be sent out quickly and easily to homeowners who are usually the first to respond to weather crises. When you and your congregation want to help renew the supply of buckets, check out CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets online.
5. Our district is also responsible for seven volunteers to one of the BDM projects December 1-7. It is not too soon to ask to be part of that team!
6. The floods from rain and snow melt that ravaged Nebraska and the surrounding area this spring have led to requests for folks to rebuild and restore farms and homes. BDM is not establishing a project there but is working under the umbrella of Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS).