

WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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Visitation Opportunities

Pastor Doug

Over the last several months, visitation has been a difficult thing for us to do well. Last month, I attended a webinar with other South/Central Indiana pastors to talk about visitation and pastoral care possibilities during this pandemic time. From that, several ideas arose that I am interested in trying with our congregation to allow time and opportunities for me to visit with members of the congregation other than just on the phone. On those days that I am in the office, I will be available to visit with you outside under the tree in the front yard of the church building. I will have a camp chair with me, and I'll be glad to come outside and sit with folks to visit, weather permitting. You can bring your own chair, or I'll be glad to bring a chair out from the church building. The second opportunity is similar, in that I will come to your home and sit outside with you at your home.

Again, I will bring my own camp chair to help facilitate this form of visiting. I'll be reaching out to folks myself, but if you are particularly interested in either opportunity, please be in touch with me on my cell phone, 250-225-3014, or by email, pastor-doug@wabashcob.org.

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 City Schools delivering lunches

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Seasons of the Church

Pastor Doug Veal

As September begins, I at least begin to think more towards the season of fall. While fall doesn't officially start this year until September 22, the beginning of September brings with it many things that seem to mark the shift towards fall. The Labor Day holiday, the beginnings of new sports seasons and

school sessions, the return of pumpkin spice lattes at coffee shops, and the weather beginning to cool down a bit from the highs that we often experience in July and August. We pay attention to things like these as ways to mark the changing of the seasons throughout the year. If we take time to think about each season, whether that be fall, winter, spring, or summer, we can almost immediately come up with various things that mark those seasons.

As I thought about the seasons, I began to think a little bit about the seasons that we move through each year in the church. While we are not as tied to the church calendar as some denominations, we still mark different seasons in our congregation. The two major seasons, of course, being Lent and Advent and are the seasons of the liturgical year that our congregation actively observes. It is interesting, and perhaps worth thinking on, that the two seasons that we very clearly observe each year are ones that are dedicated to preparation.

Much the like the seasons of the year, each of the seasons of the church calendar bring with them certain markers that help us to recognize them. Each year, we take time to light Advent candles, dedicate a Sunday to our annual Christmas cantata, and hold a special service on Christmas Eve. Lent often sees us re-dedicating ourselves to different spiritual disciplines, as well as the celebration of special days and services including Palm Sunday, Love Feast, and the Easter Sunrise Service. These rituals and special services help us to remember different aspects of our faith tradition, and are a useful aid to us in our ongoing process of spiritual growth.

Perhaps, as we begin to transition into the fall this year, we can begin to think and to prepare in our hearts and our minds for the coming changes in the church seasons. For Advent, and then Lent. These seasons help us mark out important remembrances and celebrations for our life together as a congregation, much as the seasons of the year mark important things in our lives beyond the church community.

In Christ, *Pastor Doug*

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Now, more than ever, we need stories of what is going on in our lives as we do our best to self-isolate and stay at home.

Have questions? See Michelle in the office, or send her a quick email.



Worship Schedule—September

	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
6	Pastor Doug: Matthew 18:15-20 Addressing		No singing			No CC	
13	Pastor Doug: Matthew 18:21-35 Forgiveness		Until further			Until further	
20	AC 2018 Angela Finet		Notice			Notice	
27	NYC 2018 Eric Landram						

Bible Study and Sunday School Update

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, and Pastor Doug's vacation schedule, Bible study will be put on hold until November 3. Bible Study will resume that day on Zoom. We will be finishing up our study on Paul's letter to the Philippians that we began last fall.

Sunday School will continue to be held when Pastor Doug is at church on Sundays. Due to Pastor Doug taking vacation, this will be less than we would normally have. In September, this means we will have Sunday School on the 6th and the 13th. In October, we will have Sunday School on the 4th and 11th.

Moderator's Town Hall

Featuring Andrew Young

Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday has announced plans for the next Moderator's Town Hall on September 17th, 2020, at 7:00 PM EDT. The featured speaker will be veteran civil rights leader and former UN Ambassador Andrew Young.

The focus of the Town Hall will be: "Racism: Deeper Awareness, Bolder Action."

Andrew J. Young has earned worldwide recognition as a pioneer in and champion of civil and human rights. Ambassador Young's lifelong dedication to service is illustrated by his extensive leadership experience of over sixty-five years, serving as a member of Congress, African American U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Mayor of Atlanta, and ordained minister, among other positions.

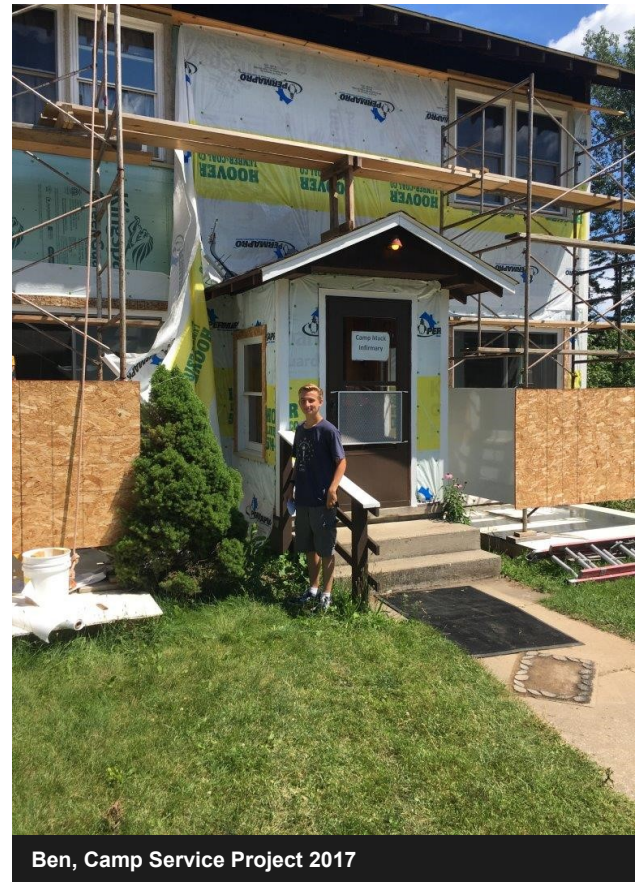
During the 1960s, Young was a key strategist and negotiator during civil rights campaigns that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Appointed as an Ambassador to the United Nations in 1977, Young negotiated an end to white-minority rule in Namibia and Zimbabwe and brought President Carter's emphasis on human rights to international diplomacy efforts.

Ambassador Young also serves on several boards, including the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change. In 2003, he and his wife Carolyn McClain Young founded the Andrew J. Young Foundation to support and promote education, health, leadership, and human rights in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean. He currently lives in Atlanta and serves as the Chairman of the foundation. He is also a father of three daughters and a son, a grandfather of nine, and a great grandfather of one.

The author of three books, Andrew Young is sought after as an advisor to world leaders, along with being active as a speaker on the lecture circuit. An ordained minister with the United Church of Christ for over six decades, he continues to preach and considers the work of his foundation an extension of his ministry and of the Civil Rights movement itself.

To register for the town hall, please visit: tinyurl.com/modtownhallsep2020. Interested persons are encouraged to sign up early, as the event is limited to the first 500 registrants.

Questions about registering for this event or any other administrative matters can be emailed to cobmoderatorstownhall@gmail.com.



Witness & Nurture Commissions

Lighthouse Mission

They have purchased the old Plain Dealer building on the corner of Canal and Cass and are looking to remodel! They will be providing office space to 85 Hope, FISH, and Advantage Housing, in addition to their storefront.

Their goal is to raise \$200,000 to complete the remodeling. If you are so inclined to assist with their cause, the Community Foundation of Wabash County is administering the fund for them. You can mail in a check and earmark it for them, or you can donate online at www.cfwabash.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



Zak at Camp, 2016

Camp Mack Corner

Fall Festival

Dear Friends of Camp Mack,

For over 20 years, the Camp Mack Festival has served as a highlight of the fall season. Beyond the food, entertainment, auction, and many more activities, Camp Mack Festival is about bringing the Camp Mack community together. The festival committee thought creatively and worked tirelessly to find a creative way to bring the community together in these uncertain times. While we did consider an alternative drive-in festival to provide a safe environment, in the end, it was not going to be viable for many of our regular contributors.

It is with heavy hearts that we are cancelling all in-person parts of the Camp Mack Festival due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will still be putting together an online silent auction to take place in late September and Early October. This auction will be significantly smaller due to technology limitations, therefore we will be soliciting specific items to auction. The festival committee will be using this time to dream big for the 2021 Camp Mack Festival to come back stronger than before.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Camp Mack,
Camp Mack Festival Committee



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Re-Creation

From NorCal Elders Climate Action

Day 1

Like the morning sun
Breaking through pollution haze
Out of death we rise

In the beginning, earth and its creatures
Were plagued by droughts, storms, fires, floods,
Starvation, injustice, and disease.
As we started to search for solutions
We noticed a ray of sunlight
Break through the darkness
And saw the beauty of creation
We had been charged to take care of.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The first day.

Day 2

Watery blessing
Caresses of soft rain
From sky to deep sea

We began to clean up the oceans,
Removed dumped plastic,
Passed laws against overfishing,
Helped coral reefs renew themselves.
We limited greenhouse gas emissions
That hung over the land
Like a suffocating cloak.
Blue skies returned, and we saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The second day.

Day 3

Growth on fruitful land
Vegetation yielding seed
Hyacinths in bloom

As allies of the earth, we planted trees,
Prohibited deforestation, stopped poisoning
The land with chemicals, reused and recycled.
We danced under redwoods
And prayed on holy mountains.
We drew strength from the land,
Harvesting and sharing what we grew.
And we saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The third day.

Day 4

Day apart from night
Light in the dome of the sky
Days, years, and seasons

When it became clear
That extracting fossil fuels
Would bring certain death

To future generations,
We explored alternative energy sources.
We sought the heat of the sun,
The strength of the wind,
And the steadiness of waves and rivers.
We knew energy as our birthright—
Free, safe, and accessible to all.
And we saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The fourth day.

Day 5

Filling earth and sky
Swarms of living creatures roam
Colors multiply

We recognized the interconnectedness
of all living things, not just among humans.
Animals, like us, deserved
Care and protection from abuse.
We switched to a meatless diet, ceased
to exploit the essence of living beings
for selfish gain, stopped cruel practices,
and admired the splendor of the species
that co-inhabited our common planet.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The fifth day.

Day 6

Made in God's image
Caretakers of the garden
Both male and female

We stood together in the fight
against hunger, poverty, and injustice.
We recognized the treasure of diversity:
Black, brown and white, all people together;
humans, animals, plants, all of one substance.
We elected leaders who would protect creation.
Replacing hatred with love,
freed from greed and selfishness,
confessing, we made the turn.
And there was evening and there was morning,
The sixth day.

Day 7

Earth's wellness restored
Blessings received and given
Time to celebrate

We looked at the now unpolluted sky,
admired the brilliant stars,
breathed the clean air,
joined hands in a dance, rejoiced,
and saw that keeping the garden
was indeed very good
and that we were part of a Spirit
that made it so.

District Prayer List

September 6—Please pray with us for the Peru CoB and the Northern Indiana District congregations and staff.

September 13—Please pray with us for District Conference Delegates and Attendees.

September 20—Please pray with us for the Pike Creek CoB and the Michigan District congregations and staff.

August 27—Please pray with us for the Pipe Creek CoB and the Northern Plains District congregations and staff.

Witness & Nurture Commissions

Cleanup Bucket Drive—CWS

Now more than ever, CWS needs assistance putting together buckets. The impact of COVID-19 has struck even those in the disaster relief community and has strained resources and efforts that were already stretched thin.

But, we were never ones to shy away from a challenge! So in that can-do spirit we are offering two ways to help. You can shop for yourselves and drop off supplies either on Sundays, or during the week OR you can put money in the offering (labeled for CWS Buckets) and WE will do the shopping for YOU.

Each bucket costs approximately \$75, plus an additional \$3 for processing.

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new – all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

News from the Pews

The Marvel-ous Duo and The Millers (OK, I couldn't resist!)

Hello to our Church Family,

Alyssa has had a busy summer. She now has her driver's license and her own car. She has been volunteering at the history museums in Wabash and North Manchester, as well as life-guarding and working front desk at the pool. She has returned to Manchester Jr. Sr. High School for her Junior year and is also attending classes at Manchester University! Cohen continues to work full-time at Boost Mobile in Huntington and he loves it. He is going back to college online through Ivy Tech. to study Business, focusing on Sales.

Linda continues her normal work schedule.

Stan is thankful that he retired, especially with our current times.

Blessings,

Stan and Linda Miller, Cohen and Alyssa Marvel

Together: Living unto the Lord

By Carol and Norm Waggy, interim directors of Global Mission

“So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.”

~Romans 14:12, NIV

We live in very trying times. With each passing day, it seems that there are ever more opportunities for disagreement and division. How do we respond at different stages of the pandemic? What should we think about social unrest? Who should we call upon for leadership? Even with much communal reflection and discussion, these topics can lead us to more questions than answers, and when disagreements occur, it can seem easier to find comfort with like-minded people than find common ground with those who think differently.

In Romans 14:1-12, Paul encourages the church in Rome to address differences and conflict with forbearance. We all belong to the Lord and we will all be accountable to God. Therefore, we should not pass judgement on our brothers and sisters when they make decisions that differ from our own. Again, examples of these differences abound and include:

- responses to COVID-19 restrictions (Is it the weak or the strong who wear masks?)
- theological differences (How do we love those who differ from us in our interpretation of scripture?)
- political differences (How do we function in unity as we approach an increasingly divisive election?)

On these issues and more, we are accountable to God when we make observations or decisions. William Greenway in *Feasting on the Word* shares:

“If you see any controversy dividing today’s church as a basis for exclusion of fellowship, Paul is speaking to you. Paul is not suggesting that we should stop advocating for our respective views. ...Paul’s concern and passion here is the spirit of Christians who are arguing, not the rectitude of their position” (p.62).

As long as this life lasts, tension and conflict will exist. However, through loving one another and surrendering ourselves to the Lord, we can live as the body of Christ in the world. May the words of Paul both challenge and comfort you and your congregation in these (and future) trying times.



Women's Fellowship

Knowing that we all miss seeing each other, are there alternate ways that we can sit with each other? If you have ideas, please contact Michelle in the office.

Stewards Commission

Video Assistant Needed

Looking at a new and exciting way you can help the church? We are in need of a volunteer (or two or three) to help run the video streaming. A very positive outcome to sheltering in place is that we've been able to improve our ability to include family members who aren't normally able to worship with us, as well as reach beyond our community.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please contact Pastor Doug at pastordoug@wabashcob.org or Michelle at office@wabashcob.org.

Upper Room

September—October Edition

The Upper Room is available in the sanctuary. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office and please specify regular or large print. If you would like to pick one up the next time you are here, they are on the back table in the sanctuary.

Stewardship

August 2

General Offerings—\$565
Special Offerings—\$0
Attendance—15 (Zoom) 6 (In Person)

August 9

General Offerings—\$425
Special Offerings—\$607
Attendance—18 (Zoom) 11 (In Person)

August 16

General Offerings—\$2980
Special Offerings—\$800
Attendance—14 (Zoom) 7 (In Person)

August 23

General Offerings—\$906
Special Offerings—\$2115
Attendance—14 (Zoom) 11 (In Person)

August 30

General Offerings—\$360
Special Offerings—\$0
Attendance—10 (Zoom) 5 (In Person)

District Conference Update

The sun is shining and I am huddled under a sweater as we enjoy these chilly days of summer. Strange times all around! Monday evening while meeting via Zoom the district board came to the conclusion that we will not meet either in person or virtually for district conference this year. It was going to feel strange not to gather together in one place for coffee, conversation, worship and business. I will miss hearing your gathering noise as we would have enjoyed fellowship. I was thinking it would be odd to gather around our computers and tablets and phones and be together in a new way this year. Now I think it will be extraordinarily strange to not meet at all. I will miss seeing your faces and hearing your voices. I hope we will be together in prayer for one another this fall and maybe especially on September 19 when we would have met for district conference.

Despite the oddness, I know some things remain the same. We are a passionate people. Sometimes that passion divides us when we consider the value of wearing or not wearing masks, or when we make decisions about worshiping in person or only from home. It is our respect for human beings that keeps us in the community of faith around our differences. We are even more passionate about our faith in God, our commitment to worship and fellowship during these different days and our delight in sharing God's Good News in our neighborhoods. I trust that is the passion that will sustain us until we can be together again. We will hope to meet together in person for meet again for district conference in 2021.

If you have questions please be in touch! And know that I am praying for all the congregations of our district and the leadership that continues to be creative, determined and passionate through these difficult and crazy days! May you know God's power surrounding and protecting you and God's grace encouraging and sustaining you.

Blessings,

Beth Sollenberger



Brethren Leadership Institute

Upcoming Classes

Classes are open to all: You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. CEUs are available.

Please share this information with those in your congregation who may be interested, we are always eager to welcome new students to the program!

Ministerial Leadership & Administration

Instructor: Beth Sollenberger

Dates:

September 19: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

September 21: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

October 3: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

October 5: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

October 24: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

October 26: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Online – Zoom

For more information on the Brethren Leadership Institute (BLI) and fees, visit <http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html>.



Brethren Disaster Ministries



Slowly Returning

It has been a long dry spell since BDM has been active at project rebuilding sites. Covid-19 has changed our disaster response patterns.

New protocols are now in place. You will find details in the attachments I have included with this email.

There are four items for you to note. 1) There is a short term project in Nebraska responding to the flooding that happened there last summer. 2) BDM is asking for help with providing face masks for volunteers. 3) A new project is beginning in Dayton, OH, rebuilding after the tornadoes of Memorial Day, one year ago. 4) Children's Disaster Services is requesting help assembling Kits of Comfort.

More details: CDS has been sending Kits of Comfort to children impacted by disasters when it has been impossible to send volunteers to be with children facing the trauma after hurricanes, airplane crashes, or other disasters. The last pdf attachment has the information needed to assemble and send those kits.

The Dayton project needs volunteers the two weeks of August 23-29 and August 30- September 5. S/C Indiana District is to also supply volunteers November 29 - December 5 in conjunction with IL/ WI District. Volunteer numbers may be smaller than usual because of distancing protocols. No volunteers will be accepted at the project without agreeing to the much more stringent protocols set in place to protect home owners, hosting congregations and other volunteers.

The third attachment is the request and patterns for sewing masks that volunteers will be using as they work and live at the rebuilding sites. BDM needs many masks!

In Nebraska volunteers will need to cover costs of travel with assistance from our district BDM travel fund. The time is August 16-29 or parts thereof. Please contact Kim Gingerich, bdmnorthcarolina@gmail.com or 717-586-1874, before making plans to go.

So, many things are happening. BDM needs people for rebuilding and meal preparation. BDM and CDS need folks to make masks and assemble kits. Where would you like to plug into these ministries of our church? Please respond to the email or call me at 260-982-2971. Blessings of peace to you! Cliff Kindy



Individual Kit of Comfort (IKOC)

You can help by building the needed kits!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CDS volunteers are not able to deploy and respond to the needs of children after a tornado, flood, hurricane, fire or other disaster damages their homes and disrupts the lives of their family. In response, the Individual Kit of Comfort was created to promote

a sense of normalcy – an opportunity for the healing power of play. While CDS teams are not able to deploy to disaster sites, the IKOC will be handed out to children where they shelter after the disaster by Red Cross staff from the local area.

Appeal – Our goal is to build 2,500 newly designed Individual Kit of Comfort (IKOC).

Packs are designed to be given to children between the ages of 4-10.

Collection Plan - Beginning immediately through September 30, 2020, CDS will be collecting IKOC packs to be distributed to children affected by disasters.

Contents of each IKOC

The contents of the kit are designed to have multiple uses and come with an activity guide for creative ideas to use the contents, along with resources for parents helping their children begin the healing process.

Please note: Each kit needs to meet these specifications so that children can all receive an equal play kit.

Please do not add or substitute items. (see visual list for examples)

Mesh A4 Pencil Pouch – holds the materials in each pack – the items requested all fit nicely inside the A4 pouches, measuring 13.5 x 9.5 inches

- 1 dough (2 oz.)
- 1 clay cutter
- 2 rulers (12-inch)
- 1 mini-deck of cards
- 1 small beach ball (5-inch)
- 12 paper plates (6-inch plain white)
- 2 animal finger puppets
- 2 simple small wooden cars
- 2 small bean bags (3.5 inch)
- 3 rolls of washi colored tape (1/2 inch (10 mm) wide)
- 1 child-sized jump rope
- 1 watercolor paint set (8 colors with brush)
- 1 small 3x5 notebook
- 1 colored gel ink pen
- 2 washable markers
- 1 stuffed plush dog (not larger than 4 inch)
- Activity/Trauma idea guide (supplied by CDS)

Funds – The more packs we can produce in the next few months, the more children we can provide packs for – this may take a bit of creativity in funding and working together!

Larger quantities ordered of supplies will provide more cost savings

Church groups, Sunday school groups, families are encouraged to participate

CDS has some grant funds set aside for the IKOC project

Matching funds initiative in place with current funds available as needed

With the current material list, the price per pack is approximately \$17



Advisory Board Meeting

Advisory Board meeting has been cancelled since April. We will be looking to reconvene when the Stay at Home order has been lifted. In the mean time, we have been communicating via email to see how we can best serve.

Packing –

Follow social distancing guidelines currently in effect for your geographic area.

Safety is a priority for all!

It works best to do quantities of 12 in ordering online, some bulk items are cheaper in larger quantities (100). The Mesh Pouch on Amazon comes in quantities of 24.

Recommend one person do the purchasing and tracking for group

We have additional supporting documents to help with group packing, order tracking, and engagement of congregation if interested.

Shipping Completed Packs

Save some of the boxes you receive materials in for repackaging completed packs

Once packs are completed and ready for shipment – contact Lisa @ CDS for information on shipping. lcrouch@brethren.org

Monetary Donations

Gifts to the Emergency Disaster Fund are an important way to support CDS disaster efforts and can be specified to sponsor IKOC's.

Donate online at <https://churchofthebrethren.givingfuel.com/cds> with IKOC in comments

Or mail check to Emergency Disaster Fund, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120 with a note indicating IKOC-CDS

For More Information: cds@brethren.org or call 410-6335-8734.

Reading through the Bible in a year: Daily readings for September

1 Hosea 8-24	9 John 13-15	17 Philemon	25 Numbers 25-28
2 John 10-12	10 Titus	18 Numbers 21-24	26 2 Chronicles 6-10
3 2 Timothy 3-4	11 Numbers 17-20	19 2 Chronicles 1-5	27 Psalms 114-116
4 Numbers 13-16	12 1 Chronicles 25-29	20 Psalms 111-113	28 Proverbs 26-27
5 1 Chron. 20-24	13 Psalms 108-110	21 Proverbs 25	29 Obadiah
6 Psalms 105-107	14 Proverbs 23-24	22 Amos 5-9	30 Acts 1-2
7 Proverbs 22	15 Amos 1-4	23 John 19-21	
8 Joel	16 John 16-18	24 Hebrews 1-4	

Letters from our District Executive

Beth Sollenberger

Greetings,

The geese in our neighborhood are gathering and squawking noisily. The acorns are falling. The tomato vines are looking a little ragged. There is a pumpkin on the vine that sprouted in the compost pile. All signs that the seasons are shifting. Change is ahead.

Truthfully, I like spring and all the promise it holds, I enjoy summer and the ability to be outside. I appreciate autumn and the blessing of harvest. I am even fond of cozy winter evenings by the fire. The more difficult part is the transition. It seems I don't ever yearn for change.

However, change is the constant in life and I work to be open to whatever might be ahead. The year 2020 has had more than the usual measure of new, different, odd, to cope with and I pray you are making smooth transitions to new ways. Masks, hand washing, creative ministry moments, and Zoom are a new way of carrying on.

What I rely on in times of change, transition and getting used to new ways is the Biblical reminder and present truth; God is our constant. God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, with us in all times and all seasons. God is!

Blessings for the journey,

Beth

Nettle Creek Celebration

200 Years!

While it has been a challenging year to plan our celebration, and it will not be what we had originally planned and envisioned, the Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren still invites you to celebrate 200 years with us.

We will celebrate Sunday October 11 at the Nettle Creek Church building (5352 N. Brick Church Road, Hagerstown, IN) and on Facebook Live (it will stay on our Facebook page for later viewing).

Our Schedule:

9:30am Gathering and Historical Presentation/
Memories

10:30am Worship with Dr. Jeff Carter, Bethany President, preaching

12:00 pm Pitch-in meal (COVID-19 restrictions pending)

Also...check out our Facebook page for some posts and videos to honor 200 years from August - November.

Special Offerings

September

World Mission Offering—Denominational

This offering highlights our passion in the Church of the Brethren for service, international missions, and living unto the Lord together with our sisters and brothers around the world.

October

South/Central Indiana District

This offering goes into the general fund of the district and helps supports the Executive Director and Staff.