



## Wabash Church of the Brethren

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# August 2021

Peacefully, Simply, Together



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.

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# The Importance of Church History

Pastor Doug Veal

When I went to college, as I've shared before, I was not intending to end up in pastoral ministry. Instead, I headed off to college with the idea of becoming a high school history teacher, and so ended up taking a number of history courses in my first couple of semesters at college. It was only later, as I began to discern my call towards pastoral ministry, that I began to shift my scholarly activities towards a different area of studies, that of philosophy and religion. Still to this day, though, I enjoy taking time to read through history books. I know that not everyone is really thrilled about history, or studying it, but it still is an important area of study for all of us.

And in the church, this study remains important as well. It is enlightening to look back and learn from historical events in the church. Indeed, all of our practices in the church have a historical reason for existing, and it's helpful for us to understand what has led us to do them even to today. Church history, although at times a very dry subject, is still important for us to know and understand. And that's why I enjoy taking time to look back and understand how we've come to where we are today.

Take, for example, our identity as being Anabaptists, a key aspect of who we are as a congregation and a denomination. Taking time to go back and look at the historical aspects of this movement helps us to understand better what it means for us to make claims today, and to model our practices today, to live out being Anabaptists. So let me take a few moments to do a quick little review of the historical origins of the Anabaptist movement, which under girds one of the key practices of our denomination: a rejection of infant baptism and an embrace of adult baptism.

The term Anabaptist originally goes back to the early church, and the Donatist movement. The Donatist movement arose after a period of persecution in the early church, and argued that if sacraments, including baptism, were performed by a priest who later recanted, they were invalid. And so, they argued and practiced that persons who received baptism by a priest who recanted had to be re-baptized, since the first baptism was invalid. Thus, a pejorative term emerged, that being anabaptist, which literally means re-baptizers.

Our current understanding of Anabaptism comes not from this early movement, but instead from the time of the Reformation. The Reformation was a pivotal turning point in the history of the Christian church, marking the beginning of the ongoing splintering that we see throughout the larger Christian tradition. It began in what is now Germany, with the publication of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, and eventually led to the breakup of the Catholic church. Those who broke away became the Protestant churches, of which we are a part, because they were protesting against the teachings of the Catholic church, headed by the Pope in Rome. The development of the pope as the head of the church is another interesting story, but one for another time.

During the Reformation, several groups arose which argued that the reformers were not taking their critiques of the mainline Catholic tradition to the fullness of their conclusions. Such persons became known as the Radical Reformationists, and are the area that modern Anabaptism traces its roots. These persons were focused on several areas, but one of the key features was to declare that one had to choose baptism, and rejected infant baptism on the basis that faith in Christ was required prior to baptism.

Up to that point in time, infant baptism was the norm in nearly all the Christian world. And so, many of those who joined the early Radical Reformation, and rejected infant baptism, declared that their infant baptisms were not true baptisms. Thus, they then performed adult baptisms, which those opposed to them saw as re-baptisms. Reaching back in their own history, then, their opponents began to call them Anabaptists, and to persecute them for their beliefs and actions. Eventually, it got to the point where one of the few things the mainstream Protestants and the Catholic church agreed upon was that the Anabaptists were heretical, and should be wiped out.

Now, the Church of the Brethren does not trace its origins directly to the early Radical Reformers in the 1500s, though there are certainly some ties. Instead, we trace our origins to the group of eight who became convinced of the necessity of faith prior to baptism, rejecting their infant baptisms, and engaging in the civil disobedience of re-baptizing each other in the Schwarzenau River in 1708. Yet much of their thinking has ties back to the early Anabaptists of the Reformation, who also rejected infant baptism.

There are, of course, other aspects of Anabaptism that have historical roots that can help us understand who we are today. But this core belief that baptism requires us to have faith in Christ, to be able to choose to follow Jesus, still shapes us today. It's part of why we have a time of consecrating and dedicating new infants in the church, instead of doing infant baptism. It's part of why we teach and practice adult baptism, or at least waiting until children have reached an age when they can choose and proclaim their own faith in Christ, and request baptism.

Now, you might wonder why I've been thinking about the role of church history. Next month, I'll be starting to teach a class on church history for the Brethren Leadership Institute (BLI). As part of my own preparation for that class, I've been taking some time to dive back into the history of the church. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the history of the church. If you would be interested in joining in the class, let me know and I can help you to get registered for it through BLI.

In Christ,

***Pastor Doug***

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# Church Board

Executive Meeting will be at 6pm followed by Commissions and Board at 6:30pm on Wednesday August 11.

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# Nurture Commission

## Sunday School

We are working on plans to resume in September. Stay tuned for more information.



## Worship Schedule - August

Starting in September, we will resume having a worship leader! If you are interested in participating, please contact the office.

	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
1	Pastor Doug 1 Cor. 11:17-33 Instructions on the Lord's Supper		Stan			No CC	Bonnie
8	Pastor Doug 1 Cor. 2:1-12 Spiritual Gifts		Stan			Until further	Audrey
15	Pastor Doug 1 Cor. 12:13-31 One Body, Many Members		Stan			Notice	Bonnie
22	Pastor Doug 1 Cor. 13 What is Love?		Stan				Laurie
29	TBA						Bonnie



## Women's Fellowship

The question for the August newsletter was "What did you do to celebrate the Fourth of July or what have you done in the past to celebrate?" Find the answers on the last page.

1. As a child growing up we always went to the local fireworks display. This year we met our grandchildren in Wabash, had a cookout, and then watched the fireworks.
2. We had dinner at friends' house on Saturday but our hostess said the fireworks were too late for her bedtime! So we went home and LISTENED to them! On Sunday I enjoyed sitting in the sun, reading, having hamburgers and ice cream.
3. When the kids were growing up, it seemed like we spent the whole day at the park. Some of them always had ballgames and we would go to watch them. We'd take snacks and stay to watch the fireworks.
4. This year we celebrated at our son's house. It was his birthday and his wife had baked a cake for him. Then we all went and watched the fireworks.
5. In the past, I would spend the fourth at Annual Conference. I always liked to go and I was too young to attend meetings. I'd hang out with my grandpa. I liked to wander around new places and talk to people. Then we'd watch the fireworks wherever we were. This year we watched the local fireworks.
6. We went to my aunt and uncle's lake house to hang out at the lake. We had a cook out, went fishing and hiking, and then took a pontoon ride. We went to a ski show and watched kids do tricks.

Sharon Larrowe

Norma Schneider

Ava Bishir

Mikayla Stanley

Brenda Landis

Kay Gaier

## Upcoming Youth Activities

National Youth Conference

"Foundational"

Colossians 2:5-7

July 23 – 28, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado

The registration fee, which includes food, lodging, and programing, will be \$550. Youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent) and their adult advisors will gather at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. Online registration will open in early 2022 on [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org).

The cabinet discussed theme ideas relevant to senior high youth. Ultimately, the theme that emerged was "Foundational," based on scripture from Colossians 2:5-7, "For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,



continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

We talked about all of the ways that God is revealed as the foundation for our lives throughout the Bible. Some examples of this are the cornerstone, the way that God can be seen as an anchor for our lives, and how we remain rooted in God in all circumstances.

Isabella Torres noted, “Picking the theme was difficult at first because we had so many different ideas, but all of our ideas always intertwined with having a foundation in God. To me, it is a great theme, and it is also something I find to be very important as a youth today.”

Luke Schweitzer shared, “I am really excited about this theme and I cannot wait to see what the speakers and youth do with it next summer.”

Watch for NYC 2022 updates at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org) and social media of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

— Erika Clary will serve as coordinator of National Youth Conference 2022, working in the Church of the Brethren’s Youth and Young Adult Ministries through Brethren Volunteer Service.

## Church Picnic

Saturday August 14 – Larry and Nancy Jamerson have again invited us to their lake home for the annual church picnic. Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you would like a place to sit down, Larry suggests bringing a chair. He also suggests that if you would like to enjoy the lake in some fashion, to bring a swimsuit and towel. More details will follow. Possible rain date Saturday 8/28.



## A Letter from Karen and Johnnie

To our church family,

Johnnie and I (Karen) want to confirm the rumor you have heard is true. We have moved to Silver Lake and if you do not already have it, our address is 409 West Eldora Dr., Silver Lake 46982.

We are on a nice corner lot with a canal in our back yard and a view of the lake from our front window. Johnnie fishes almost every day (even in the rain). He has sold his home in Sante Fe by just placing a sign in the front yard!

The other rumor you have probably heard is also true. We are currently attending the Eel River COB, which is just four miles from us. They are a small, struggling church with mostly older people so we feel right at home. We miss all of you, but it just seems to make sense to attend there at this time. They have a large garden behind the church that they use to donate produce to the food pantries in South Whitley

and N. Manchester. I am helping weed and harvest on Monday and Thursday mornings. They just finished the "disaster relief bucket" project and had 30 buckets. So like Wabash, even though they are small they do mighty works! We will stay in touch and hope to continue to receive updates from all of you. Please keep sending the newsletters and prayer chain!

Dennis, I am sorry you have to lose two board members in the same month.

Johnnie and I wish you all the best and will continue to hold you all in our prayers.

## Devotionals - Upper Room

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.

## Altar and Sanctuary Staging

We are looking for either a dedicated individual who would enjoy changing out the altar and window setups on a regular basis, or a small group who would like to rotate assignments. Please contact the office if you are interested.

## Barb Miller wins ribbons at the Wabash County 4H Fair



We've always known she's a champion!

# Congratulations on a Diamond Anniversary

John and Laurale Kreps celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 22 (1961). They were married in the Manchester Church of the Brethren. Hubert Newcomer officiated.



## Reading through the Bible in a year - August

1	2 Kings 21-25	9	Psalms 93-95	17	Proverbs 17-18	25	Hosea 1-7
2	Psalms 90-92	10	Proverbs 16	18	Daniel 7-12	26	John 7-9
3	Proverbs 14-15	11	Daniel 1-6	19	John 5-6	27	2 Timothy 1-2
4	Ezekiel 43-48	12	John 3-4	20	1 Timothy 4-6	28	Numbers 9-12
5	John 1-2	13	1 Timothy 1-3	21	Numbers 5-8	29	1 Chron. 15-19
6	2 Thessalonians	14	Numbers 1-4	22	1 Chronicles 10-14	30	Ps. 102-104
7	Leviticus 25-27	15	1 Chronicles 5-9	23	Psalms 99-101	31	Prov. 20-21
8	1 Chronicles 1-4	16	Psalms 96-98	24	Proverbs 19		

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# Witness Commision

## Special Offerings - August and September

### August - Deacon's Helping Hands

This month, our giving goes to Deacon's Helping Hands. We use this funds to help members of our own church family, when they are going through rough patches. This can include anything from housing, to medical, to food.

### September - Mission Offering

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 empowers people of all ages to serve through ministries like Brethren Volunteer Service, Ministry Summer Service, and workcamps. Thank you for supporting the Mission Offering.



# Little Free Pantry





Our local pantry is looking to supplement what we get from Milford each month. Additional items needed are:

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| Mac and Cheese boxes              | Saltines                  |
| Hamburger                         | Bread                     |
| Baked beans                       | Soups                     |
| Hamburger /Tuna/Chicken Helper    | Canned fruits and veggies |
| Peanut butter                     | Saltines                  |
| Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) | Cleaning Supplies         |
| Jelly                             | TP/Tissue                 |
| Pasta                             | Personal Hygiene items    |

## Host Families Needed

Wabash High School is accepting foreign exchange students for the 2021/22 academic year. It will be a missed opportunity if these international exchange students do not have a host family to stay with for the school year.

Below are some students that might interest you. Our website is the best resource to learn more about the AFS program, our students, and the eligibility and responsibilities of hosting an international exchange student: <https://www.afsusa.org/host-family/>

 <p><b>Meet Azzahra</b> from Indonesia</p> <p>Gender: Female Age (at arrival): 17 years Program length: Year</p> <p>Azzahra is a respectful, diligent, mature, and helpful young lady from Indonesia. She loves watching movies and enjoys traditional dance. Azzahra also likes basketball and has been playing for five years. At her high school, she is majoring in science and aspires to become a doctor. She is part of the English club at school and wants to learn more about American culture. Azzahra's teacher praises how helpful she is to other students and that her leadership skills are outstanding. She can't wait to meet her host family and learn their traditions! Would you welcome Azzahra into your family?</p> <p>Service Ref : 21-00002</p>	 <p><b>Meet Abbas</b> from Lebanon</p> <p>Gender: Male Age (at arrival): 15 years Program length: Year</p> <p>A self-proclaimed future physicist, Abbas both studies physics and does mental calculations every day. His goal is to be a university professor after majoring in quantum mechanics and particle physics. Recently, Abbas was awarded 1st place world champion in the international mental math competition. He enjoys playing board games, watching movies and skateboarding. He loves playing video games, listening to music and having deep conversations with his friends. He both reads and writes poetry. Abbas seeks to make a great bond with his host family while learning about the American culture.</p> <p>Service Ref : 21-00011</p>
 <p><b>Meet INGNISA</b> from Thailand</p> <p>Gender: Female Age (at arrival): 16 years Program length: Year</p> <p>Meet Gam from Thailand who is described by friends as funny, cheerful, and social. She is an independent girl who attends an English-Japanese school. This means that not only can she speak English, but that she is learning Japanese as well. After school, Gam likes to hang out with her friends, sing karaoke or go shopping. When she's not studying, her favorite hobbies are dancing, listening to music, traveling with her family, and playing with her pets. Gam takes care of her dog and 3 cats that her family adopted. She is part of a close loving family and can't wait to become a part of yours!</p> <p>Service Ref : 20-01410</p>	 <p><b>Meet Medyen</b> from West Bank</p> <p>Gender: Male Age (at arrival): 15 Program length: Year</p> <p>Please welcome Medyen. One of his teachers states, "He shows an aptitude for reaching beyond his comfort zone into new areas and ideas." Medyen is a very generous individual who enjoys volunteering and takes pride in his community. His favorite hobby is debate with a love of Model United Nations. He enjoys reading and being out with his friends, playing basketball, going for walks and hikes, playing 8-ball pool, and participating in after-school clubs. He describes himself as organized, collaborative, honest, friendly, and kind. His teachers say he is a leader, respectful, and responsible.</p> <p>Service Ref : 21-00003</p>

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# Stewards Commission

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](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org) or Michelle at [office@wabashcob.org](mailto:office@wabashcob.org).

Many thanks to Bethene who keeps the flowers looking lovely by watering them. Also many thanks to Karen for weeding tirelessly, even in the heat, to keep the flowerbeds neat and tidy.

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## Around the District

### A Letter from Beth

By now you probably know the last week of July is a vacation week for me. Most years I spend it soaking up the fun and overeating at the Elkhart County Fair. This year is a bit different. I'm spending the week in Pennsylvania. Today it is my turn to spend time at the Bedford County Fair watching the 5 cows and 2 heifers my sister is exhibiting. It is still vacation life! We scrubbed, cleaned bedding, brushed, fed and now my task is to keep them clean until my niece comes to milk. Between cleanup duties there is plenty of time to meet other cow caretakers, catch up with old friends I used to compete with and the favorite dairy barn activity; people watching. Many families enter the barn. I'm not sure what they are expecting. The comments include: eww, it's pooping, all Jerseys (the brown ones) look like a deer, watch where you are stepping, it stinks in here, let's hurry, ... My favorites are the children who want to pet. Parents are hesitant but children move right in. Occasionally I have to move with dispatch to get between a curious little fair goer and bovine legs. They pet and smile and make the acquaintance of "Pants on Fire" our March calf. It always brings to mind the text when Jesus says "let the children come" and "unless you become like a child...." I wonder when I have been squeamish or worried about getting dirty or hurt or just leery about a new thing and missed an opportunity to touch the holy, enjoy the sacred, or meet God in a new way. I wonder if we don't sometime limit our experience of church and God and faithful fellowship and service because we are too careful, stick with only what we know and worry at the expense of trying a new thing. I hope I'm able to find my eager child when exploring the neighborhood!

Blessings,

Beth

# 2021 District Conference

Abundant Hope, Joy, and Peace by the Power of the Holy Spirit, Romans 15:13

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Manchester Church of the Brethren

A shortened in-person session for delegates and presenters only, all others are invited to join by livestream. More details will be coming soon, watch for updates in future newsletters and e-mail notes. All conference attendees are asked to wear a mask or facial covering while in the building, regardless of your vaccination status.

Delegate designation forms have been mailed or e-mailed to all congregations; if another copy is needed, please contact the District Office. Please return delegate registrations by August 1.

For this year's service project, the Program & Arrangements Committee is asking congregations to collect monetary donations for Brethren Disaster Ministries.

## District Prayer List

August 1— Please join us as we lift up everyone involved with the Brethren Leadership Institute.

August 8 - Please join us as we lift up Northview COB and the Idaho District.

August 15 - Please join us as we lift up Peru COB and the Illinois and Wisconsin District.

August 22 - Please join us as we lift up Pike Creek COB and the Northern Indiana District.

August 29 - Please join us as we lift up Pipe Creek COB and the Michigan District.

## Camp Mack

### Intentional Summer Camp

Campfires, boating, name tags, cookouts, morning dip, saying grace at meals, participating in service projects, and even games like toilet tag are all part of the intentional community of summer camp. Toilet tag as intentional? Yes, even toilet tag.



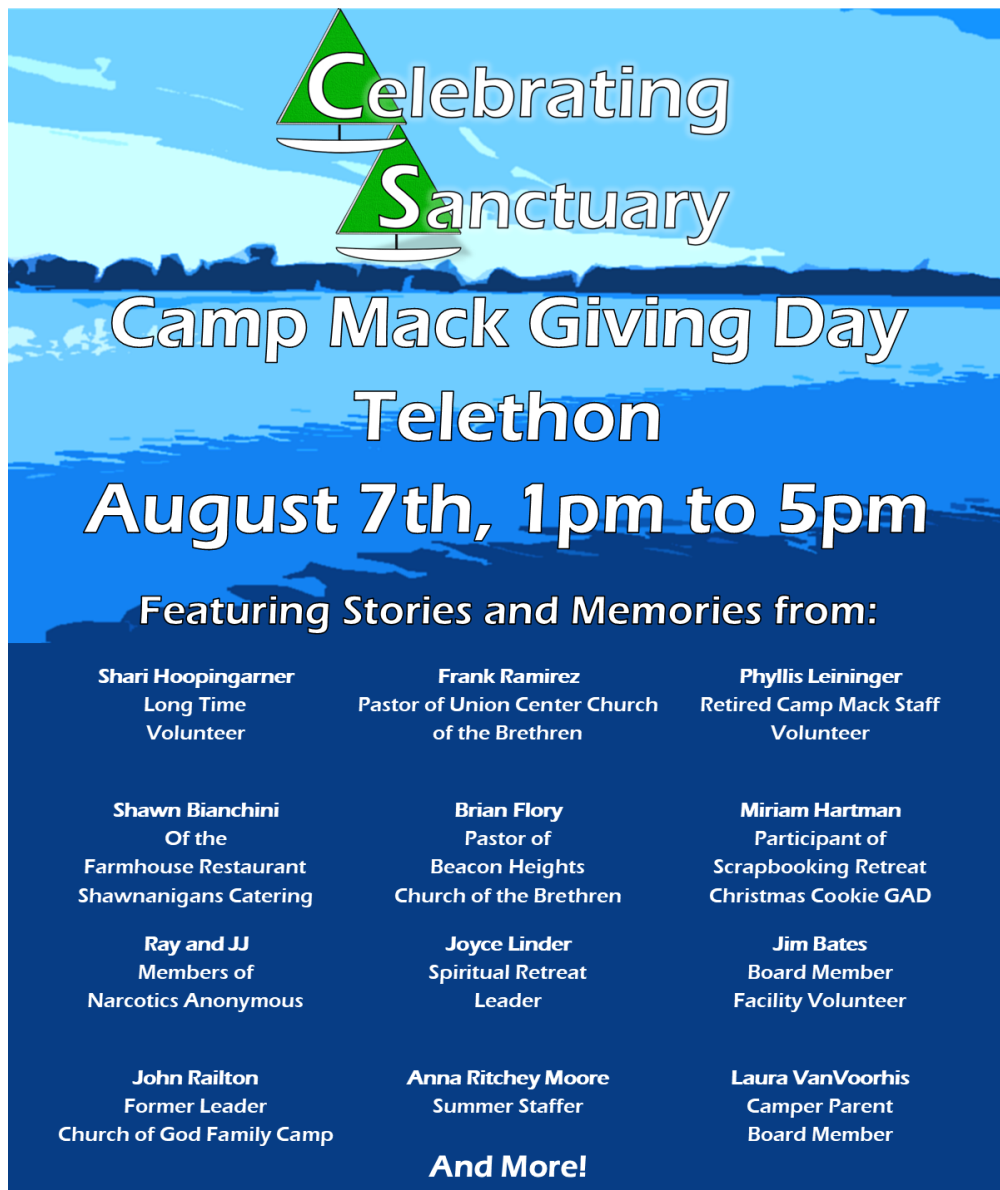
This week, I am beginning to work with a group of counselors who will be counseling four weeks each this summer at Camp Mack. Many of our discussions around training surround the theme of how summer camp is an intentional community, and everything we do must have a purpose. So, even a game like toilet tag, which is a version of freeze tag, has a purpose. When playing, if a person is tagged, instead of being out, they simply freeze. With the help of a friend, they can be unfrozen and get right back in the game. We all appreciate new chances to continue on.

For training, we are examining all the things that happen in a day at camp and how they can be intentional and reflect the daily themes. I remember years ago, a Team Leader was walking their group up to the dining hall when they noticed baby maple trees growing along the pathway. The team leader took the time to wonder why certain ones grew thick in the soil and others grew sparsely along the gravelly

drive. After a while, a camper explained, “Wait! Did we just do Bible Study?” You see, that team leader chose a moment to notice nature at camp and also connect it with the Parable of the Sower that they studied that day.

Stories like that one are why I love working in ministry at camp. Our job is intentional. Facility, Food Service, Office Staff, Volunteers, Prayer Partners, Campers, and Parents, you all have a role in this intentional community of summer camp. Live a life of purpose and find connection in your everyday life.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



**Celebrating  
Sanctuary**

**Camp Mack Giving Day  
Telethon**

**August 7th, 1pm to 5pm**

**Featuring Stories and Memories from:**

<b>Shari Hoopingarner</b> Long Time Volunteer	<b>Frank Ramirez</b> Pastor of Union Center Church of the Brethren	<b>Phyllis Leininger</b> Retired Camp Mack Staff Volunteer
<b>Shawn Bianchini</b> Of the Farmhouse Restaurant Shawnanigans Catering	<b>Brian Flory</b> Pastor of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren	<b>Miriam Hartman</b> Participant of Scrapbooking Retreat Christmas Cookie GAD
<b>Ray and JJ</b> Members of Narcotics Anonymous	<b>Joyce Linder</b> Spiritual Retreat Leader	<b>Jim Bates</b> Board Member Facility Volunteer
<b>John Railton</b> Former Leader Church of God Family Camp	<b>Anna Ritchey Moore</b> Summer Staffer	<b>Laura VanVoorhis</b> Camper Parent Board Member

**And More!**



## Camp Mack Counselor Immediate Need

Please share these counselor needs with Wabash Church of the Brethren. Camp Mack has immediate need for counselors for the following camps:

July 7-9-1 Male counselor for Beginners/Samplers. 1st-3rd grade campers that arrive Wednesday at 3p and leave Friday at 10:30a.

July 11-16-1 Male counselor for Finders Camp. 5th and 6th grade campers

July 18-23-1 Male counselor for Followers Camp. 7th-9th grade campers

July 25-30-1 Female Counselor for Finder Camp. 5th and 6th grade campers.

Additional volunteers can be used each week for double coverage, crafts, and helping provide supervision during counselor breaks.

Email Jessie Kreider at [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) to learn how you can join us this summer!

## Campers

Register now for summer camps! Spaces are filling up quickly, especially for these camps: Beginners/Samplers, July 7-9 only has 5 female spots left but several male spots; Culinary Camp male spots are FULL and only has 1 female spot left; and Splash Camp female spots are FULL and only has 1 male spot left. Call or email camp for a brochure. Register online at [campmack.org](http://campmack.org). Click "Online Registration" at the top of the page. Contact camp for assistance. Use your Church Transfer Code.

Survivor Camp changed dates! This adventurous, outdoor-focused camp will be held July 4-10, 2021.

Camp is hiring staff for the summer! Contact us for job postings and information. Please share with college-age friends, teachers looking for a summer job, and others.

## Opportunities at Camp

Rent space at camp: Bring your family or others to camp! Contact camp for rates and to book. Share information about camp with your friends.

## Upcoming Events

Save the Date: Giving Day, August 7, Colony Camp, August 13–15, Labor Day Family Camp, September 3–6, Soap Making Get-A-Way Day, September 11, Write Your Story Get-A-Way Day, September 11

### August 1–3—Grand Camps

Spend quality time bonding with your grandkids and making memories that will last a lifetime. This camp will provide a time for grandparents to make connections with their grandchildren through a variety of activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, games, campfires, crafts, story times, Bible studies and maybe even a nap! Due to supervision limitations, we ask that you bring no more than three grandchildren to this event. Space is limited and spots are almost filled! Age: Grandparents of all ages and grandchildren ages 5-10 (11-year-olds are eligible this year only) Fee: \$160 per grandparent and \$110 per grandchild. <https://www.campmack.org/retreats-and-events/#family>

## Brethren Disaster Ministries

- S/C Indiana District is on tab for the week of Nov 28 - Dec 4, in Dayton, Ohio, rebuilding after tornadoes. We need seven volunteers and maybe a cook. Let me know if you want to volunteer.
- Texas needs plumbers and folks who can work with pipes. Freezing temps burst water lines. BDM can connect you with partners tackling these problems. Call 1-800-451-4407.
- Throughout this summer and fall there are open times in Dayton when volunteers are needed to fill out teams. Contact me if you are available - 260-982-2971 or email.



Blessings of peace to you!

Cliff Kindy, Brethren Disaster Ministries, District Disaster Coordinator

## Upcoming Brethren Academy Courses



### Ancient & Medieval Church History

August 25–October 19, 2021. Participants will receive one credit in Bible/Theology upon completion, along with a Bethany Experience. The instructor for this online course will be Ken Rogers, Professor of Historical Studies at Bethany Seminary.

This online course provides a brief overview of the history of Christianity from the close of the New Testament era to the eve of the Reformation (approximately 150 CE to 1450 CE). Topics include early Christianity, the beginning of Christian theology, and issues in the study of church history. The course focuses on the development of Christian thought....Ken Rogers

The deadline to register is July 21.

Questions about taking an Academy course for CEU's or personal enrichment may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1820.

## Brethren Leadership Institute

Due to current gathering restrictions, please contact the district office to confirm class schedule and method of delivery.

### History of the Church

Instructor: Doug Veal

Dates: August 7, 21 and September 18

Location: Marion CoB

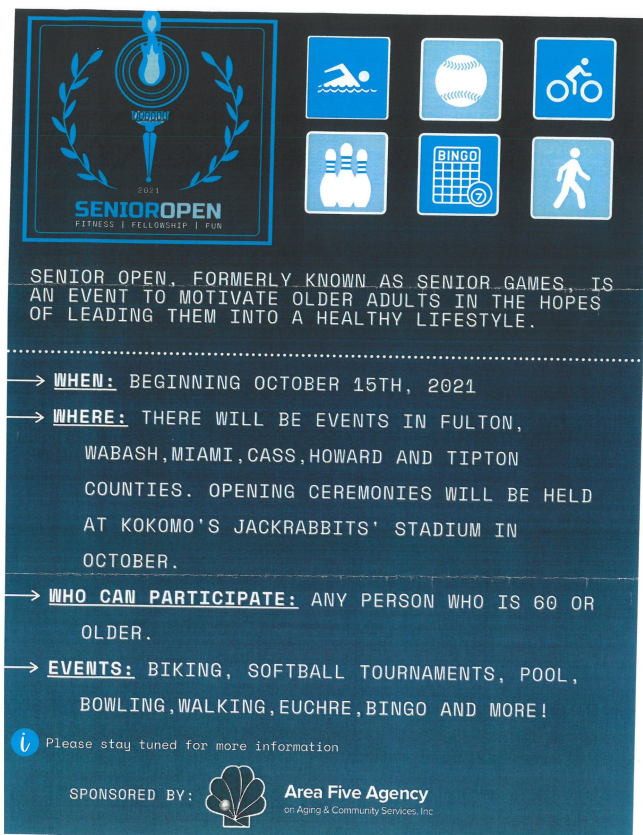
A tentative syllabus with booklist & discussion guide is available at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pnSejCv9w\\_Yv-plPy2Oe7ke30iXJHOld/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pnSejCv9w_Yv-plPy2Oe7ke30iXJHOld/view?usp=sharing)

Course credit is \$75, to receive CEU's is \$50 and to audit the course is \$40.

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>.



The poster for the Senior Open event features a dark blue background with white and light blue text and icons. At the top left is a logo for the '2021 SENIOR OPEN' with the tagline 'FITNESS | FELLOWSHIP | FUN'. To the right of the logo are six icons in a 2x3 grid: a swimmer, a softball, a person on a bicycle, bowling pins, a bingo card, and a person walking. Below the icons, the text reads: 'SENIOR OPEN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SENIOR GAMES, IS AN EVENT TO MOTIVATE OLDER ADULTS IN THE HOPES OF LEADING THEM INTO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.' Below this, there are four sections separated by dotted lines: '→ WHEN: BEGINNING OCTOBER 15TH, 2021', '→ WHERE: THERE WILL BE EVENTS IN FULTON, WABASH, MIAMI, CASS, HOWARD AND TIPTON COUNTIES. OPENING CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD AT KOKOMO'S JACKRABBITS' STADIUM IN OCTOBER.', '→ WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: ANY PERSON WHO IS 60 OR OLDER.', and '→ EVENTS: BIKING, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS, POOL, BOWLING, WALKING, EUCHRE, BINGO AND MORE!'. At the bottom left, there is a small blue circle with an 'i' icon and the text 'Please stay tuned for more information'. At the bottom right, it says 'SPONSORED BY: Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services, Inc.' with a logo for the agency.

2021 SENIOR OPEN  
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SENIOR OPEN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SENIOR GAMES, IS AN EVENT TO MOTIVATE OLDER ADULTS IN THE HOPES OF LEADING THEM INTO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

→ **WHEN:** BEGINNING OCTOBER 15TH, 2021

→ **WHERE:** THERE WILL BE EVENTS IN FULTON, WABASH, MIAMI, CASS, HOWARD AND TIPTON COUNTIES. OPENING CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD AT KOKOMO'S JACKRABBITS' STADIUM IN OCTOBER.

→ **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** ANY PERSON WHO IS 60 OR OLDER.

→ **EVENTS:** BIKING, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS, POOL, BOWLING, WALKING, EUCHRE, BINGO AND MORE!

Please stay tuned for more information

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More information for the Senior Open will be made available in the future. They are also looking for those under 60 to volunteer to help. You can email Steve Gwin at [sgwin@areafive.com](mailto:sgwin@areafive.com)

# Denominational News

## Annual Conference leadership webinars

The Annual Conference office is co-sponsoring two online workshops offered by Womaen's Caucus on the theme "Equipping for Leadership." All are invited to join! The first webinar titled "Leadership in the Church of the Brethren" will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 8 p.m. (Eastern time) via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out in August.

Questions to be addressed include: How do people get on Program and Arrangements Committee anyway? And Standing Committee—how is that different from Mission and Ministry Board? Do Brethren Benefit Trust and On Earth Peace pick their own board members or do we? How do I nominate people? Who can I nominate? What do I do if I get nominated? How do we deal with getting nominated every year but never making it on the ballot? Or getting on the ballot but then the delegates vote for someone else—publicly and painfully?

Bring all your other good questions, too, and Nominating Committee and Annual Conference officers will be with us as we get equipped to lead the church: today and tomorrow.

## National Older Adult Conference

SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2021 - ONLINE/VIRTUAL ONLY

\$100 per person, \$150 for couples

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older 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.



To register, go to: <https://churchofthebrethren.regfox.com/noac2021>

Conference information: <https://www.brethren.org/discipleshipmin/noac/>

Interview with Conference coordinator: <https://tinyurl.com/bw6cp9n3>

## Answers to Women's Fellowship question

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| 1. Kay Gaier       | 2. Brenda Landis   | 3. Sharon Larrowe |
| 4. Norma Schneider | 5. Mikayla Stanley | 6. Ava Bisher     |