

# Wabash Church of the Brethren

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## *How we show God's love...*

If you read Michelle's article last month regarding the meaning of "nurture", I am sure we all agree that our church is a nurturing church. That we care for each other and our church. But we do not stop there! Our outstretched arms reach around the world. Yes, to many places that we are not even aware that we have touched. The Witness commission (Linda Barkey, Audrey Hahn, Carol Horn, Sharon Larowe, Karen Odiorne) tries to be in touch with the needs "outside" our local church and bring those to our church body.

July  
2018

***How do we show God's love through Witness...*** As a church we support many agencies of our denomination ie. Bethany, Manchester University, Timbercrest, Camp Mack, On Earth Peace and our course our own South Central District. And we have had the opportunity to gather much needed items for Church World Services. You will remember the school kits we collected, the hygiene kits and also the disaster relief cleaning buckets. We are currently once again getting buckets ready to go to those in need from weather related disasters. On a more local level, we support Fish, Habitat for Humanity and Growing Grounds. Most of us wish we could physically do more. But let's face it, some of us aren't getting any younger!! But our hearts reach out to those in need and we do what we are able. God calls and yes we listen. With our hands we help where we can, with our hearts we continue to support and hold up those in need. Let us never tire of seeking to show His love to our neighbors near and very far away. God's blessing await us.

# ***Worship Schedule***

July 1

Message Miller Family

July 8

Message Annual Conference Live Stream

July 15

Message Laurie Kieffaber—Cornett

July 22

Message Helen Beery

July 29

Message Al Hohl

attendance  
**MATTERS**

Chloe Bishir had Perfect Attendance and participated in Wabash Middle School's Count Me In Program. Congratulations Chloe!

## **District Board Needs you!**

They are currently seeking someone to serve on the Nominating and Personnel Committee. This would be for 1 term (3 years) and would be effective as of DC (September). It is comprised of 9 members. If interested, or needing additional information, please contact Karen Odiorne.

## **July Special Offering— Youth Fund**

The monies that go toward the youth fund are used in different ways through the years. This year, a big part goes toward National Youth Conference. In other years, we have used that fund to send high school youth to Christian Citizenship Seminar. Every year, it is used to help provide camperships to children who cannot afford the cost of Camp Mack. If we have graduates, then we also purchase a small Congratulations gifts. Many have been very generous in their gifts and support of the youth, and on behalf of the kids, "THANK YOU!"

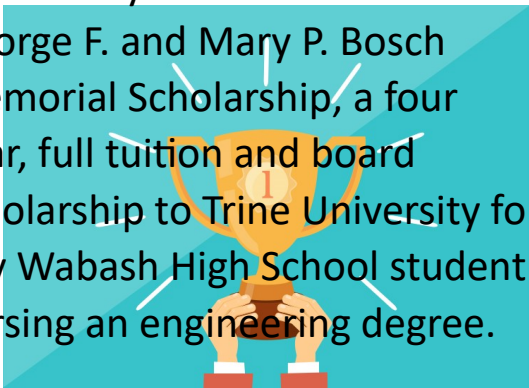
### Prayers needed

Please hold in your hearts the following:

- members of the Executive and Search committees as well as board members for fruitful discernment during this transition period.
- Pastor Kay and Jim as they transition to a new, exciting chapter in their life.
- Maya Benysh, Mikayla Genovese, Cohen Marvel, Ben and Zak Roudebush as they attend National Youth Conference at Colorado State University this month. Also lift up Dan Poole and Michelle Roudebush, the adult advisors.
- All those who have not yet given voice to whatever may be troubling them.

### Congratulations

Aidan Benysh was awarded the George F. and Mary P. Bosch Memorial Scholarship, a four year, full tuition and board scholarship to Trine University for any Wabash High School student pursuing an engineering degree.



### Camp Mack Campers

Youth July 1—7

Keauna Allen  
Mikayla Genovese  
Cohen Marvel  
Ben Roudebush  
Zak Roudebush

Followers July 8—13

Alyssa Marvel

Seekers July 15—20

Ava Bishir

Followers July 15—20

Chloe Bishir

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

### Mexico CoB

On Saturday, July 21st from Noon to 2:00 p.m. the Mexico CoB will be having a hog roast. If it rains on this date we will have the hog roast on Sunday, July 22nd. The Mexico Fire Department will be here to spray water for the kids. Invite your friends and family to join in the fun!!

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Camp registrations are still open. Summer campers may now register with an additional late fee applied.

## **CAMPS OFFERED IN JULY:**

Finders July 1-6 (7 Spots Remaining)  
Youth Camp July 1-7  
Samplers July 8-10 (FULL)  
Seekers July 8-13 (13 Spots Remaining)  
Splash July 8-13 (FULL)  
Followers July 8-13  
Creative Arts July 8-13 (8 Spots Remaining)  
Dadirri July 8-14  
Culinary July 15-20 (FULL)  
Seekers July 15-20  
Finders July 15-20 (13 Spots Remaining)

**Golfers and Sponsors**, plan to play and/or sponsor camp's Annual Golf Outing at McCormick Creek, Nappanee Indiana, August 11. \$75 per golfer (includes golf, prizes, beverages, and food. Registration at 8a, tee off at 8:30a. Go to [www.campmack.org/supporting](http://www.campmack.org/supporting) or call for a form.

Labor Day Family Camp registration is due by July 15th. Lodging is assigned on a first-come basis after health needs are considered, so the earlier you register the more likely you are to get your lodging choice. Registration fee: \$90 per family (\$100 after 7/15). Additional fee for lodging and meals.

Plan now for the October 6, 2018 Camp Mack Festival! Auction contact, Deb Roe, asks that each church email her at [debra@campmack.org](mailto:debra@campmack.org) the items they can provide for the CMF auction. Why not fill a theme basket, make a quilt or comforter, offer an item well-known in your area or donate an antique? What are your specialties? Email Sue Freel, the Food and Crafts Chair, [suefreel@kampco.com](mailto:suefreel@kampco.com), the list of food or craft items your booth will have.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Staff, for energy for the demanding ministry!  
Campers, that they may experience God's love!  
All of camp's hosted rental camps & guests

## Annual Conference 2018...Living Parables

The following new business items will be presented to the 2018 delegate body:

1. Brethren Values Investing
2. Polity for Electing Brethren Benefit Trust Board Directors
3. Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren
4. Polity for Electing the District Executive Representative to the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee
5. Change in Delegate Representation at Annual Conference.

The unfinished business items include:

1. Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century
  2. Vitality and Viability
  3. Creation Care
  4. Compelling Vision
  5. Update to Polity Regarding Annual Conference Agencies
  6. Amendments to the Bylaws of the COB Inc.
  7. Denominational Leadership Gathering
- Annual Conference 2018 Ballot

A full listing of the ballot with each person's profile is available at [www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business/ballot](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business/ballot)



## National Youth Conference



Sixty-three youth and advisors from South/Central Indiana District are registered to attend National Youth Conference (NYC) from July 21-26. Participants will focus on the theme "Bound Together: Clothed in Christ." The scriptural theme is from Colossians 3:12-15: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

Laura Stone, Timbercrest Chaplain, is one of the NYC speakers. Please pray for Laura and all those traveling to Fort Collins, Colorado, for NYC.

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

### July District Prayer Calendar

July 1 - Please pray with us for all traveling to Annual Conference, and for the events that will take place there.

July 8 - Please pray with us for the Church of the Brethren, Inc.

July 15 - Please pray with us for the Logansport COB and the Western Plains District.

July 22 - Please pray with us for National Youth Conference, July 21-26, Ft. Collins, Colo.

July 29 - Please pray with us for Lower Deer Creek COB and the West Marva District.



Wednesday July 4—Fireworks and Independence Day Celebration, starts 7pm with Fun & Games for children. 9:55pm Community Choir and Fireworks

Sunday July 8—2:30pm MSO performance of *A Family Portrait* on PBS 39.

## DID YOU KNOW...

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



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

Growing Grounds would like to say a big Thank You to all who have donated, or who have referred others to us. We have received so many wonderful donations and most find homes within just a few weeks.



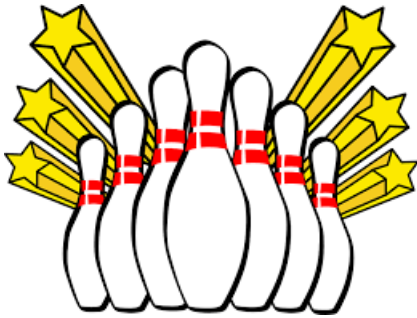


### Congratulations to Mikayla

Genovese for participating in the All-State Honor Choir in January 2018. We have been blessed to have Mikayla share her voice with us from a very early age.

Congratulations Jim Finnell and the rest of his team (Ellis Rice, Steve Davis, Dave Mechling and Don Wampler) for earning the top team handicap score during the Wabash Bowling Association's annual open

tournament at Cannonball Lanes March 18—March 24.



### District Conference Information

We hope you all have your calendars marked for District Conference on Saturday, September 15, at the Grandview Church of the Brethren. Please be praying for Moderator Cindy Dunk, as she prepares to lead us with the theme "Love is a Command," based on John 13:34.

Working with Cindy to plan District Conference is the Program and Arrangements Committee: Tom Allbaugh, Lorie Bowman, Debbie Craig, Mike Fry, Erin Huiras, Gerry Longenbaugh, and Flora Williams.

### Community Calendar

July 3, 10, 17—1pm Wabash Carnegie Library (WCL) Make or Take crafts

July 4, 11, 18—1pm NM Public Library (NMPL) Summer Reading Program

July 6, 13, 20, 27 —5pm Fridays on the Farm (Hawkins Family Farm)

July 6—5pm Dr. James Ford Historic Home (JFHH) Ice Cream Social

July 9—1pm & 7pm Ford Theatre at Honeywell Center (FTHC) Free Movie Monday, Paddington 2

July 9—3:30pm Senior Center—Hands on Art History

July 13— 22—Wabash County 4H Fair

July 16th—1pm, 7pm FTHC Free Movie Monday, Early Man

July 18—12:15pm Charley Creek Gardens Lunch and Learn , Mosaiculture

July 26—7pm Honeywell House (HH), Chanticleer String Quartet

July 28—7am Paradise Spring, Clean out the Banks of the Wabash River

July 29—12pm Sycamore Golf Club 7th Annual Blessing in a Backpack Golf Outing

July 30—FTHC 1pm, 7pm Free Movie Monday, Ninjago

August 2— 7pm HH Jazz on the Lawn featuring The Big Swing Band

First, some details for continental US BDM: Eureka, Mo., project is now closed; it is moved to Lumberton, North Carolina, for a rebuilding project after Hurricane Matthew. S/C Indiana District is responsible for 15 volunteers September 9-15. Then, November 25-December 1 we share the fifteen positions with the Illinois/Wisconsin District. Are there congregations interested in these two weeks or willing to join with others to form a team?

Secondly, projects are coming together in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated those islands; it may be at least another year before government organizations can begin the rebuilding process on family homes. BDM is jumpstarting the case management stage and hopes to begin rebuilding soon. Cleanup may start during April in the Virgin Islands with rebuilding shortly after. Puerto Rico will open initially with Church of the Brethren families and then expand into those communities but it will be a slower start. Are you willing to volunteer? What about neighbors, co-workers, family?

Housing, lodging and tools will be provided for the volunteers who travel down to PR or the VI. It is hoped that volunteers going for just one week will pay their own transportation and those willing to stay at least two weeks to a month will have help with costs as needed.

Spanish language will be helpful, not required, and masonry/concrete skills would be much appreciated. Do you have masons in your circles who would be willing to join this major effort?

With questions or willingness to volunteer, call Cliff at 260-982-2971.



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**Disaster Ministries**

### **Song and Story Fest 0 On Earth Peace Event**

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

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

### **Swing State Song and Story Fest: Becoming the Beloved Community**

Inspiration Hills, Burbank, Ohio

July 8-14, 2018

For more information, visit

[http://www.onearthpeace.org/song\\_and\\_story\\_fest\\_2018](http://www.onearthpeace.org/song_and_story_fest_2018)