



Wabash Church of the Brethren

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April 2024

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.



Words From the Pastor

“New Directions”

As we announced in March, I will be leaving Wabash in June to take a new position as the District Executive Minister for the Mid-Atlantic District, based in Westminster, MD. This likely surprised many of you, but it is something that I have been contemplating now for several years. In prayer and reflection, it was clear to me that my call as a minister in the Church of the Brethren has shifted from congregational ministry to district ministry. I am glad to sit down and talk with anyone about this transition.

When I began to think and consider putting myself forward for the new position that I am taking, there were a number of things that I resonated with in the materials that the Mid-Atlantic District put out about their position. They were seeking someone who had extensive experience working around church planting and revitalization. And while I am not and never will be a church planter myself, I have been involved in that area of work at both the district and denominational levels for many years.

Another aspect that intrigued me was the commitment of the Mid-Atlantic District to create a team of people to work alongside the new district executive minister. And I really appreciated that commitment, as it reflects an important aspect of our understanding of the priesthood of all believers and our understanding of the set-apart ministry. While we call out certain people to lead, we are committed to the understanding that we all are ministers, that we are only able to do the work of God in our world together.

In the discussions that we had leading up to my call as their new district executive minister, the search committee and the district leadership team made it clear that these areas are very important to them for the future, and I was delighted to be able to step into that new role to help them continue along in these commitments. These are not the only things that drew me towards this position, but are two important aspects of the call that are very exciting for me.

In the coming two-plus months, I am committed to continuing my work as your pastor, as well as beginning to prepare the congregation for the upcoming time of pastoral transition. While I will not be involved in the selection of an interim pastor, or in the selection of a search committee for new pastoral leadership, I will do my best to provide support and leadership in this time of transition. I will be continuing to visit and meet with the congregation, continuing with pastoral care, and continuing to provide sermons and worship planning, among other responsibilities.

While change is always difficult, as are transitions, we can and will walk together through this time of endings, and both the congregation and myself will step forward into these new places as we continue to be disciples of Jesus. I will be continuing to pray for our congregation in these few months we have left together, and as I step forward into my new role. I know that God has placed a call for new pastoral ministry for the Wabash congregation, and I will be glad to hear who is called into that role in the future.

In Christ,

Pastor Doug



Church Board

The Executive Committee will meet on April 3, at 7:00pm.

Choir Practices in April -

Commissions and Church Board will meet on April 10, at 6:30pm.



LOVE FEAST: Join us on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7pm for our Love Feast Service. Handwashing will be available for those with mobility issues. All are welcome to participate in this beloved Church of the Brethren

tradition. If you've never been before feel free to come and observe/participate and see what all the fuss is about!

Per our church polity, board members may serve up to two three year terms, and then must take a sabbatical of one year before returning. For 2024, here is the Church Board, and the organizations of the members:

Chair	Dennis Horn	(1 st Term) 2025
Vice Chair	Dave Hahn	(2 nd Term) 2024

Nurture/Witness Commission		
Co-chair	Audrey Hahn	(2 nd Term) 2026
Co-chair	Linda Miller	(1 st Term) 2025
	Linda Barkey	(1 st Term) 2025
	Laurie Kieffaber-Cornett	(2 nd Term) 2026
	Bonnie Haughn	(1 st Term) 2025
	Mikayla Stanley	(1 st Term) 2025
	Deanna Unger	(1 st Term) 2026

Stewards Commission		
Chair	Larry Jamerson	(1 st Term) 2025
	Tom DeArmond	(1 st Term) 2026
	Bethene Gill	(1 st Term) 2026
	Dave Hahn	(2 nd Term) 2024
	Cliff Ross	(2 nd Term) 2024
	Michelle Roudebush	(1 st Term) 2024

Ex-officio members
Clerk, Treasurer, Decon Chair, Moderator, and Pastor

Annual Conference Delegate: 1 year term
Michelle Roudebush 2024

District Conference Delegates: 2 year term
Doug Veal Pastor
Dennis Horn Board Chair
Laurie Kieffaber Cornett 2025
Mikayla Stanley 2023

Nurture/Witness Commission

Lunch with Pastor Doug and Tasha:

There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table for lunch with Pastor Doug and Tasha after worship. We are especially interested in having lunch with church folks on those dates, but are also open on other Sundays. Please feel free to chat with us about this. We look forward to having opportunities to connect over lunch with any who is interested!

Special Offering Reminders:

Each month, we have a special offering to support various ministries outside of our congregation. This month's special offering will be collected throughout **April** and will go to our church **Youth Fund**. Previous months' special offerings may be found in the directory. If you would like to give cash, provide a note with the amount you are donating to the offering so that it may be properly directed.

May: Global Woman's Project

Altar and Sanctuary Decorations

We are always looking for people to help with **altar/sanctuary decorating each month**, and **worship leading**. If you are interested, the worship schedule sheet is outside the office door, If you are interested in participating in the service, the worship schedule sheet is outside the office door, please contact the office, or talk to **Tasha or Pastor Doug**.



Updated 2024 Church Directories:

The updated 2024 church directory is now available! To help conserve paper, we will have multiple options available this year for the updated directory. The first option will be a printed copy of the 2024 directory, our usual method. We will only be printing enough copies for those who request this option, though we are able to make more copies as needed throughout the year. The other option is an electronic copy in PDF format. Please let either **Pastor Doug or Mikayla** know which option or options you would like to elect for the 2024 directory.

Sunday School

Sunday School is paused until further notice



Worship Schedule – April

If you are interested in participating in the service, please contact the office.

	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
7	Pastor Doug Veal Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "The Gift of Laughter"		Mikayla Stanley	Larry Jamerson	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett
14	Pastor Doug Veal Isaiah 43:16-21 "A New Thing"	Stan Miller	Stan Miller	Larry Jamerson	Carol Horn	Deanna Unger
21	Pastor Doug Veal Acts 8:26-40 "The Ethiopian Eunuch"	Linda Miller	Mikayla Stanley	Larry Jamerson	Carol Horn	Deanna Unger
28	Pastor Doug off, Tim Richie Martin to speak	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Mikayla Stanley	Larry Jamerson	Carol Horn	Bonnie Haughn



Devotionals - Devotionals and Upper Room

Devotionals and 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.

Reading through the Bible in a year - APRIL

1	Mark 5-6	9	1 Corinthians 13-14	17	Exodus 9-12	25	2Sam 1-4
2	1 Corinthians 11-12	10	Exodus 5-8	18	1 Samuel 26-31	26	Psalms 48-50
3	Exodus 1-4	11	1 Samuel 21-25	19	Psalms 45-47	27	Job 33-34
4	Samuel 16-20	12	Job 29-30	20	Job 31-32	28	Jeremiah 22-26
5	Psalms 39-41	13	Genesis 40-43	21	Jeremiah 17-21	29	Mark 13-14
6	Job 27-28	14	Jeremiah 12-16	22	Mark 11-12	30	2 Corinthians 4-5
7	Jeremiah 7-11	15	Mark 9-10	23	2 Corinthians 1-3		
8	Mark 7-8	16	1 Corinthians 15-16	24	Exodus 13-16		

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 or Mikayla at office@wabashcob.org

Little Free Pantry

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

Mac and Cheese boxes
Bread
Hamburger
Soups
Baked beans
Canned fruits and veggies
Hamburger /Tuna/Chicken Helper
Peanut butter



Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
Jelly
Personal Hygiene items
Pasta
Saltines
Cleaning Supplies
TP/Tissue





ONLINE REGISTRATION—NEW IN 2024

Camp Mack has changed to using UltraCamp for registration software. Follow the instructions below to retrieve your account information. Contact the camp office at (574) 658-4831 or info@campmack.org if you need assistance.

ACCOUNT SETUP

Go to www.campmack.org. Click the “Register” button at the top right of the page.

Existing accounts, 1) Click “Forgot your login information.” 2) Choose “I need to reset my password.” Your login will not change.

Need an account? 1) Click “New User.”

- If the participant is an adult, create the account under the participant name. If the participant is a minor, create an account with the parent/guardian information.
- Follow the instructions to create your profile.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Click “Register” next to the name of the participant.
- Select the program you wish to attend. Click on the “Info” button for more information. Click “Register.”
- If registering another family member for an event, click “Yes.” If not, click “No, continue registration.”
- Confirm participant information and emergency contacts, and choose session options (if applicable).
- Fill out the required form(s) and sign the waiver, then click “Next.”
- Click “Proceed to Payment.” If you have a sponsorship code from your church, school, or other organization, click “+Add sponsorship/promotional code” and enter the code.
- A \$75 deposit is required for all summer camps in order to be registered. Full payment is required by June 1st. Enter payment information, then click “Submit Payment.”



SAVE THE DATES

Board Games Weekend: March 1–3

Volunteer Celebration: March 2

Mother Daughter Retreat, '80s Throwback: March 9–10

Volunteer Work Days: March 11–13



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

**WELCOME+
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2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DeVos Place Convention Center

Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 3-7

Registration is now open at: <https://www.brethren.org/ac2024/registration/>

