

Wabash Church of the Brethren

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June
2018

How we show God's love...

We are called, as a people to show God's love. And it sounds so simple. It should be simple. For some, I think it is hard. But not for this church; this church, I think it is easy. The people of this church just seem to do it naturally, effortlessly, maybe, even, without thought.

As you might know, the leadership of this congregation is broken down into three Commissions: Nurture, Steward, and Witness. Each commission has a particular function. And it is through those functions that we are able to focus our efforts to each show God's love. The dictionary lists nurture as both a verb and a noun. I like the verb definition the best. Maybe it is because verbs are actions, and we Brethren love to show our love with actions. That definition is: **(to) care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing.** Our nurture commission is: Mikayla Genovese, Bonnie Haughn, Laurie Kieffaber—Cornett and Michelle Roudebush.

How does the Nurture Commission show God's love... We support youth by making sure they have funds to attend camp, National Youth Conference, Christian Citizenship Seminar, and other conferences during the year. We invest in them so that they, in turn, may someday invest in another group of youth. We develop the worship experience, especially during the "big" church seasons of Advent and Lent so that it might be meaningful and memorable to you. Music is a large part of that, through the choir, through hymn selection, and through special music; paying special attention to the words so that it might deepen the enrichment of worship. We call in additional speakers to fill the pulpit which gives us opportunities to hear new voices and thoughts allowing us to expand our world. We also bring us all *together in fellowship*. Sometimes, this is a meal shared together, maybe even prepared together. Sometimes, this is in study together as we try to not only deepen our connection to God, but also to each other, and the community around us. Sometimes, this is through gatherings to remember someone who has passed on, and the way we surround the family.

There are many, many other ways that every one of us *nurtures each other*: It is in the way that we greet each other: the smile, the hug, the feeling of family. We are all nurturers; it really is just a part of who we are.

Worship Schedule

June 3

Message Deb Peterson

June 10

Message Laura Helm

June 17

Message Laurie Kieffaber—Cornett

June 24

Message Michelle Roudebush

Congratulations Graduates!

- Aidan Benysh will be attending Trine University in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering
- Mikayla Genovese will be attending Manchester University to study Psychology/Music
- Nathan Stanley will be attending Ivy Tech to study Welding
- Congratulations also to Alexis Hartley (Larry's granddaughter) and Beatrice Snavelly.



June Special Offering— Church World Service

Roger's home - like so many in Northwest Haiti - could not stand strong against Hurricane Matthew. But through CWS Tools (cwstools.org), families like Roger's are able to rebuild in life's most desperate moments.

Your congregation can help: join us on June 17th in taking a special Father's Day CWS Tools offering - because what better way is there to celebrate dads than by easing the loads they carry with their families every day?



Prayers needed...

Please continue to lift up members of the executive and search committees as well as board members for fruitful discernment during this transition period.

Please also keep Pastor Kay and Jim in your prayers as they transition to a new, exciting chapter in their life.

We also want to hold in our hearts the following:

- Barb Brown as she continues to recover from her motorcycle accident.
- Bonnie Haughn as she also continues to improve each day.
- Linda and Wayne Barkey as Linda recovers from pacemaker surgery and the entire family adjusts to the loss of Wayne's sister.
- Maxine Singleton and family as they adjust to the loss of Raymond.
- Willie Cornett as he continues to heal after a series of falls.
- Terry Copeland as he struggles with health issues.
- Sharon Singleton as she returns home.
- Young adults serving at a workcamp in Burundi.
- Interfaith peace conference in Nigeria.
- Global Mission worker Grace Mishler in Viet Nam.

Camp Mack Campers

Seekers June 3—8

Levi Gentry

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

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.

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Volunteer counselors are essential to the summer camp program. You can go online and fill out an application. Call camp to see where we have openings. Can't counsel? Consider being a support staff volunteer. You are needed!

Summer Camp registration is still open. Summer campers may now register with an additional late fee applied.

Summer Theme: "Beyond Belief" Daily scripture based themes include: What If We Belong to God? What If God is Bigger? What If Hope is Real? What If There is More Than Enough? What If We Speak Up? What If We Change the World? What If We Go Beyond?

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Camp Mack

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Grand Camps: The two Grand Camps for this season are June 14-16 and July 29-31. Spend quality time with your grandchildren, ages 5-10, and make memories that will last their lifetimes. Fee \$123 per Grandparent and \$93 per Grandchild

Colony Family Camp: A great opportunity to experience some summer fun with your family before everyone heads back to school. August 17-19. \$86 per family. Camp lodging if needed is extra. No meals provided by camp.

CAMPS OFFERED IN JUNE:

Samplers June 3-5 MALES FULL

Seekers June 3-8

Beginners June 6-8

Archery June 12-16 FULL

Grand Camp June 14-16

Survivor June 17-23

Eco Adventure June 24-29 CANCELLED

It is time to start thinking about the Camp Mack Festival on October 6, 2018. Please contact camp if you have items to donate to the auction or want to participate in the demonstrations and displays or set up a food booth. Email Deb Roe at debra@campmack.org

Please pray for: campers, all summer camp leadership, and staff.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events, and we hope to see you at Camp Mack soon!

Thank you for your continual support and prayer for Camp Mack. You are also in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Your friends at Camp Alexander Mack

Immerse!

June 21-26, 2018 Bible immersion and Brethren history program

For students who have completed grades 6-8

On the Bethany Seminary campus in Richmond, IN

"If you are thinking of going, just go because it is amazing and you learn so much!"

What is it all about?

- Studying the book of James deeply to see how it can change your life
- Learning from professors and asking questions that matter to you
- Visiting the Brethren Heritage Center
- Playing games together
- Planning closing worship
- Finding new friends who share your interests and excitement for learning

Listening for where God is calling you

What does it cost?

Due to a generous grant, all participants will receive a full scholarship. Students pay only for their transportation to and from the event and a \$25 registration fee.

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.

National Youth Conference

It all began many years ago in Anderson, Indiana...the birth place of National Youth Conference. Every four years, youth from all over the Church of the Brethren have gathered in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, Estes Park, Colorado, Ithaca, New York, Valparaiso, Indiana, Glorieta, New Mexico, and now in Fort Collins, Colorado, to worship, grow, change, be empowered, and to live more fully in the light and life of faith. Through the years we have gathered under all different themes.

In the traditions of past NYCs, it will be energizing, challenging, uplifting and unforgettable. You can take a trip down Memory Lane by looking at this complete list of past NYC dates, themes, and places.

NYC Memory Lane...

- 1954 "For the Glory of God and My Neighbor's Good," Anderson, Indiana
- 1958 "Our Faith Tremendous," Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
- 1962 "Temper My Spirit, O Lord," Estes Park, Colorado
- 1966 "You in the World," Ithaca, New York
- 1971 "Courage to be...Brethren?" Valparaiso, Indiana
- 1974 "Everybody is a Part of Everything," Glorieta, New Mexico
- 1978 "Out of the Mountain, Power to Fly," Estes Park, Colorado
- 1982 "Alive...to love, to care, to share," Estes Park, Colorado
- 1986 "Vision from the Mountain," Estes Park, Colorado
- 1990 "Challenged in the '90's...Committed for Life!" Fort Collins, Colorado
- 1994 "Come to the Edge, Claim the Call," Fort Collins, Colorado
- 1998 "With Eyes of Faith," Fort Collins, CO
- 2002 "For Such a Time as This," Fort Collins,
- 2006 "Come and See," Fort Collins, CO
- 2010 "More than Meets the Eye," Fort Collins,
- 2014 **"Called by Christ, Blessed for the Journey Together"**
- 2018—"Bound Together: Clothed in Christ"

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

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

June District Prayer Calendar

June 3 - Please pray with us for Lafayette COB and the Shenandoah District.

June 10 - Please pray with us for Liberty Mills COB and the Southeastern District.

June 17 - Please pray with us for Living Faith COB and the Southern Plains District.

June 24 - Please pray with us for Locust Grove COB and the Virlina District.

BLI announces an **Orientation Day**, to be held **Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m., at the Marion COB**. The Orientation Day is required of anyone wishing to receive certification through BLI. Please contact BrethrenLeadershipInstitute@gmail.com or the district office for more information.

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!

Within our District ...

Evaluation of District Ministries

Greetings from the South Central Indiana District Board,

For the last year we have been working at a means of gauging the health of our district, including what we're doing well and what we might be able to do better, and **that means we need your input**. You are invited to provide feedback through a simple survey via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scind-memb2>.

If you are unable to access the survey electronically, you may obtain a paper copy and have your feedback included through the district office. All responses will be collected by a consultant who is working with the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and evaluated with the board followed by a report to the district at large.

Survey feedback concludes at the end of the day on Friday, June 1.

Thank you for your prayerful participation.

Manchester CoB VBS

Time to Register & Sign up to help for VBS!

Monday, June 11- Friday, 15

Registrations are available

Sign up for helpers will soon be posted.

Contact Megan Sarber for more information.

megsarb@gmail.com



Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Events

Friday, June 1 6:30pm "Ali Paris in Concert to Benefit the Children in Palestine"

\$20 at the door/ \$15 in advance/ \$5 student / under 12 free

Plymouth Church, 501 W Berry St.

Saturday - Sunday, June 2-3 "ArabFest 2018 - A Celebration of Arab Hospitality & Culture"

Rothchild Pavilion—Headwaters Park, Ft Wayne, Saturday 12:00pm

Join us at Arab Fest Sponsored in part by Indiana Center for Middle East Peace!

Sat, June 2, 12-10pm and Sun. June 3, 12-6pm at Headwaters Park in Ft. Wayne

Proceeds will pay for camps for the children in Palestine.

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



Thursday June 14—2pm Community Carnival, Manchester University Mall

Saturday June 16—10am Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ, Warvel Park

125th Anniversary Celebration

The Anderson Church of the Brethren will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Friday, June 22 with a musical evening, and other events on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. Please watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

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

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