

WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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History

All Hallows' Eve

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on Saturday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

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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The Life of St. Francis of Assisi

Pastor Doug Veal

As an Anabaptist denomination, we don't tend to spend a lot of time talking or thinking about the multitude of various saints and saint days practiced by some other branches of the Christian church. Yet even so, taking time to learn and to think about the witness of some of the varied lives and testimonies of saints across the centuries can still be helpful to us in our own lives of faith. While we do not ascribe to the Catholic practice of praying to saints (and I'll admit, I don't have a lot of background or information on why or how one does this), taking time to understand and learn about them can still be a very helpful practice. Especially the further back we go before the Reformation, as, after all, the Catholic church, along with the Orthodox church, was the only way around. That is to say, that while we don't look at saints the same way that the Catholic church does, we can still look to them as examples of faithful witness in their own time and place.

This is all to bring up the witness and life of a particular saint, St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on October 4. That day is used in the Catholic tradition to honor his life and legacy. The story of St. Francis is an important one in the history of the Christian church, as he founded one of two important mendicant orders, the Franciscans. A mendicant order is one that is dedicated to poverty, and specifically to begging, and to this day, those who join a Franciscan order take a vow of poverty. He felt that it was extremely important to not only minister to those who are in poverty, but to walk alongside them in that poverty.

As I read through the Rule of St. Francis, the founding document of his order, it was interesting to see over and over again that he enjoined those who followed it to avoid money in any form. We, too, can benefit from remembering the special emphasis God places on those who are on the margins of our society, as St. Francis did. While we may not embrace the radical nature of poverty and mendicancy that he advocated, we can still find time and places that we can reach out to and minister to those who are in need around us.

One of St. Francis' convictions, and one that we can find to be helpful, is that of finding God in the natural world. In one of his writings, titled *Canticle of the Sun*, St. Francis writes beautifully of this connection to the natural world:

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: Philippians 2:1-11 The Mind of Christ		No singing			No CC	
13	Pastor Doug: Mathew 22:1-14 I cannot Come		Until further			Until further	
20	Pastor Doug: Romans 3:19-28 Salvation, Faith, Scripture		Notice			Notice	
27	AC 2019 Wendy McFadden						

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.

We invite you to a covid-19 opportunity!

The losses pile up: *health, loved ones, routines, income, security.*

But we have covid-19 gifts as well.

Because we held our semi-annual face-to-face meeting on Zoom this fall, *we saved at least \$1500 on travel.*

Because many *tithed their stimulus checks*, we raised at least \$1500 more this summer than an average year.

We celebrate an additional **\$3000 to send to partner projects** - and we invite you to join us! **Match this extra \$3000 by October 31**, and we will send *three extra grants* this year:

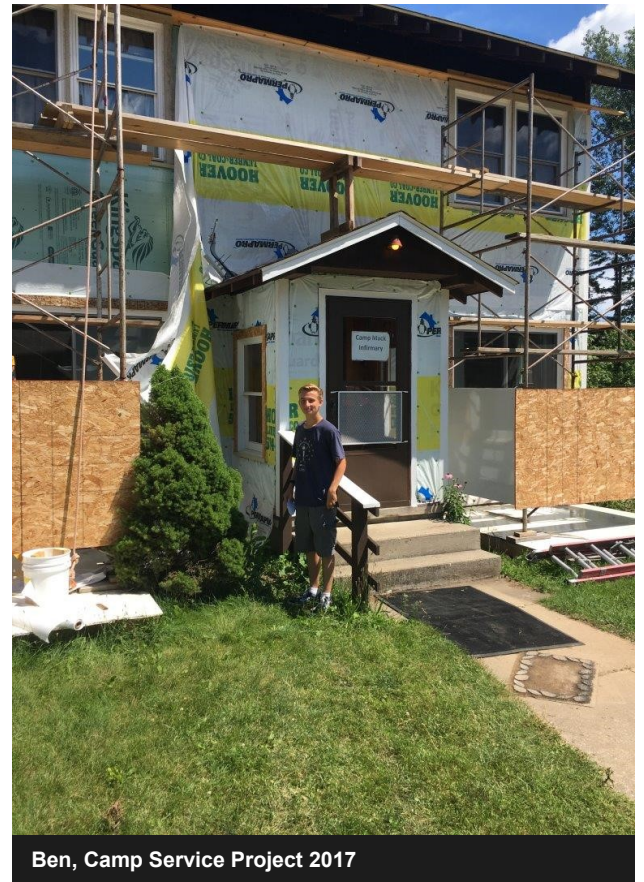
- \$2000 to Chiapas Integrated Health, reclaiming indigenous traditions for menstruation, women's and community health
- \$2000 to ECHOPPE Togo for women street vendors and social workers to establish security and transportation
- \$2000 to Growing Grounds in Wabash, Indiana, supporting stable housing, transportation and mentorships for women coming out of jail

Each of these community organizations have greater needs due to covid-19. People turn to them for support, and we can each play a small part in helping them meet these needs.

[Donate online](#) and name "matching gift" in the notes. Or mail a check:

Global Women's Project
c/o Kim Smith
5315 36th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55417
(write checks to GWP)

We appreciate being in this together, with you -
Anna Lisa Gross, for GWP



Ben, Camp Service Project 2017

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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Get-Away-Days

October 10–11—Father Son Retreat

“Under Construction”: Spend a weekend under construction at camp developing, reimagining, and building in the workshop. Create new constructions with building sets and construction toys, and learn to navigate the road map of life. Males of all ages are invited. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9a Saturday–1p Sunday in Mission Village Cost: \$42 per child ages 5–8, \$77 per person age 9–adult

October 15–18—Scrapbooking Retreat

Bring the scrapbook you need to finish or may have been waiting for the perfect time to begin. Spread out your supplies and enjoy uninterrupted time with fellow scrappers. 6p Thursday (early arrival)–3p Sunday Cost: \$128 per scrapper arriving Friday evening, \$142 Friday morning arrival, \$162 Thursday evening arrival; meals begin Friday dinner.

October 17—Knitting & Crocheting Get-A-Way Day

Whether a beginner or advanced in the world of knitting and crocheting, bring along your yarn and needles/hooks, and share a relaxing fall day at camp. Learn how to knit/crochet, learn a new stitch, finish a project, or learn about knitting for charity. Saturday 9a–4p in the John Kline Welcome Center Cost: \$20 lunch included Led by: Jessie Kreider

October 17—Scrapbooking Get-A-Way Day

Join us for a day of scrapbooking, sharing, and learning with fellow scrappers. Work on current projects. Crop, journal, and finish a page or two. A show and tell table will be there for you to show off your creations. Saturday 9a–4p in Dining Rooms B and C in the John Kline Welcome Center Cost: \$20 lunch included

October 18—Fall Nut and Tree Identification Walk Get-A-Way Day

If you’ve ever dreamed about chestnuts roasting over an open fire, come along for a day of nut and tree identification. We will focus on edible nuts and their uses. Nuts include acorns, walnuts, hickory nuts, and more. Sunday 2p–4p, meet outside Wampler Lodge Cost: Free (bring a snack to share) Led by: Jessie Kreider

October 24—Children’s Drum Building Get-A-Way Day

You don’t have to be a child to enjoy a day of drum building at camp. Bring your children or grandchildren to build a Youth Ashiko Drum, or come and design the perfect gift for them. Drums will be pre-headed and ready to play. You sand, stain, paint, and wood burn the drum to your creative standard. Bring your ideas, and we will supply the rest. Saturday 9a–3p in Ulrich House basement. Cost: \$20 + \$35 per drum, lunch included

October 26–28—Volunteer Days Volunteers will work with Camp Mack’s staff as we make preparations for the summer camp season. We have planned work tasks for all skill levels and ages. Workers of all ages are welcome, and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Come for a few hours or all three days. Meals and lodging are available. Please contact the office for reservations.

Cancelled events: Fall Quilt Camp, Fall Seasoned Citizens Retreat, Build-a-Drum Retreat, and F.L.Y.E.

District Prayer List

October 4—Please pray with us for the students, staff and faculty of Manchester University and the Timbercrest Senior Living residents and staff.

October 11—Please pray with us for Portland CoB congregation and staff and the Northern Ohio District congregations and staff.

October 18—Please pray with us for the Pymont CoB and the Southern Ohio District congregations and staff.

October 25—Please pray with us for the Roann CoB and the Pacific Northwest 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

Global Mission Prayer Guide

United States

Roanoke (La.) Church of the Brethren has asked for prayers for the Lake Charles area as they recover from Hurricane Laura. Some 12,000 people remain in shelters and damage is extensive. The roof at the Roanoke church was damaged but repairs will be covered by insurance.

Brazil

Pastor Roberto Ferrante from Igreja da Irmandade (Church of the Brethren in Brazil) passed away at the end of August from COVID-19. Ferrante was active in many areas of the Brazilian church and he will be greatly missed. Pray for Ferrante's family, friends, and congregation during this time.

Many of our partners and sister churches in developing countries

COVID-19 and other restrictions to travel and transportation have caused a dramatic rise in food prices. Pray for our sister congregations and partners as they struggle to feed their families under these conditions.

Puerto Rico

Shared by Jeff Boshart: "There was damage to crops from Tropical Storm Isaias. For these farmers, this was a significant loss. Some of them had just started to harvest bananas and plantains that were planted after Hurricane Maria and now they must start again. I don't know how many times they can restart before they give up farming, but then what?" Pray for these farm families as they have difficult decisions in front of them and hurricane season is not over yet.

An Easy Way to Help!

Camp Mack and Amazon Smile

Camp Mack is currently working hard to make up for lost income this year. It is not easy, and we have had limited success. However, there is one way you can help that is easy and simple.

Amazon has been one of the big winners during the pandemic. Mostly because it is able to help people get the things they need in ways that keep them physically distanced and safe. For years now, they have had a program called **Amazon Smile**. Anyone who purchases from Amazon can participate. It's so simple. When you buy something from Amazon, a small donation is made to the charity of your choice.

Camp Mack is one of the charitable organizations that is registered, so you can help us by registering at Amazon Smile and selecting us as the organization, or you can switch to us if you are already registered.

For more information, you can follow this link: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/?ref=smi_aas_redirect?ie=UTF8&%2AVersion%2A=1&%2Aentries%2A=0, or you can sign in to your Amazon account and click on "Customer Service." Under "Find more solutions," type in "Amazon Smile."

Each individual contribution isn't huge, but together, we can make a difference. If you have any questions, please email todd@campmack.org, or call the Camp Office.

News from the Camp Mack Director

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

Genesis 50:19-20 "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." (NRSV)

In Joseph's speech to his brothers at the end of Genesis, he acknowledges that he suffered because of their actions. He could have made them feel guilty. He could have wallowed in his own pity. He could have cursed them for their cruelty toward him. But, he did not. Instead, he points out that, regardless of the circumstance, God created good out of the bad.

This has been a difficult summer for everyone. None of us has been spared the restrictions imposed because of the virus. Whether we have suffered the small inconveniences of carry-out, limited travel, masks, or missing out on usual activities—like a week at camp, or we have suffered great losses through sickness, employment, significant relationships, or death, we know that God is present and is always providing opportunities for blessing, even in the most difficult times. Here are some of the blessings and opportunities we have found in the summer of 2020:

- The opportunity to focus on projects that will have a
- long-term impact on the future of Camp Mack
- The blessing of volunteers who have been faithful in their
- work on the Peace Garden, challenge course, cutting grass,
- maintenance, program, and leadership—some have
- volunteered daily for multiple weeks!
- Getting to know families even better as they have rented
- our cabins and spaces for a safe getaway
- Close examination of our mission and new ideas for
- expanding it
- Conviction that we have not stepped out of our comfort
- zone to reach people of color as guests and staff members
- Ideas to improve our communication, training, and
- organization
- New evidence and understanding that God is in control and
- that our ministry's greatest assets are prayer and you, our
- community

Most of us can recite Jeremiah 29:11-12. It is particularly appropriate for today:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." (NRSV)



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

September 6

General Offerings—\$650
Special Offerings—\$55
Attendance—20

September 13

General Offerings—\$
Special Offerings—\$
Attendance—19

September 20

General Offerings—\$3016.50
Special Offerings—\$1418
Attendance—18

September 27

General Offerings—\$720
Special Offerings—\$80
Attendance—19

District Executive's Letter

Beth Sollenberger

This weekend would have been our time to gather together and share in the work, worship and fellowship of District Conference. I am missing the opportunity to be together and to celebrate our faith and friendship.

I am sharing this photograph because I think it illustrates our current spot in life. Earlier today I told someone that I think the congregations of South/Central Indiana district are staying strong and have been creative and passionate about continuing to be the church during these strange times calling for determination and tenacity. I liken it to the petunia blooming brightly from a crack in the cement; perseverance, beauty, strength, all are called for these days. And, the picture is another metaphor as well. I did not plant any petunias this past spring. I only planted geraniums and the last petunias I planted in nearby boxes were there a few years ago. We do not know the ongoing worth and beauty of our actions. We do not know when the words we say or the actions we take today will take root and flower in someone's life giving them inspiration and encouragement for their faith walk.

It is with great gratitude for your ministry that I send these greetings and encourage you to read about the ministries we are a part of. I miss seeing you and look forward to that day in the future when we will gather in for conversation and all the things that make district conference special. In the meantime, thank you for your witness to your faith and your work you are doing in your neighborhood.

Beth's courageous Petunia



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

Moderator's Town Hall

with Andrew Young,

The Veteran Civil Rights leader and former UN ambassador's Town Hall Meeting, is now available at <https://vimeo.com/462037655>. "We are excited to share this resource with you, praying it will continue to bear much fruit for Christ and the Church," said an announcement from Annual Conference moderator Paul Munday. "The Andrew J. Young Foundation has granted us permission to distribute this recording as needed, so feel free to share it with others." For questions or more information contact cobmoderators townhall@gmail.com.



The Life of St. Francis of Assissi

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

This is of course only a small section of his song. It's interesting, as I read into the Canticle of the Sun, to learn that it was the basis of a hymn in our hymnal, All Creatures of our God and King. That version is one that was paraphrased in translation by William H. Draper.

In some churches, a traditional way of honoring St. Francis on his feast day is the practice of blessing the animals. This often involves bringing pets or other animals to the church for a blessing to be given to them.

I hope that this small introduction to St. Francis may help us to understand a little bit about this striking life of faith, and might encourage us to continue to look back upon the witness of those who have come before us.

In Christ, *Pastor Doug*



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.

The Arc of Wabash County

Box Truck Campaign—Excerpt from Jeff Patton's Letter

In order for our Industrial Service program to be successful, we utilize a box truck to transport materials to and from the businesses which subcontract with Arc to keep more than 60 people with disabilities gainfully employed. In 2008, we were fortunate enough to receive a used, 24 foot 1992 GMC Box Truck that has been used in our daily transportation of materials and supplies. Due to the age and mileage on this box truck, the needed repairs have become more costly than the vehicle is currently worth. We would like to purchase a used, newer, more reliable box truck, which costs approximately \$20,000- \$25,000.

We are thankful from your support and encouragement, and we thank you for considering supporting the Arc of Wabash County. If you wish to partner with us for this project, please send your donation to:

The Arc of Wabash County
595 S Miami St
Wabash, IN 46992

Volunteers Needed

CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates—excerpt

The abused/neglected children in our system are in need of community volunteers. Our waiting list has 58 kiddos. Waiting on an advocate to speak for them at meetings and hearings. Waiting on CASA to get more volunteers to be their voice. To be their voice in a system they do not understand and did not ask to be in. Their cases move forward whether or not they have a voice, and advocate to stand for what is in their best interest solely. Is there anyone who has 10 hours per month that could step forward and advocate for these kiddos? Must be 21 and able to pass background checks.

Contact Dee Joy
Wabash County CASA
10 W Hill St
Wabash, IN 46992
260-569-0533/casa@wabashcounty.in.gov

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

1 Hebrews 5-7	9 Numbers 33-36	17 2 Chron 21-24	25 Psalms 122-124
2 Numbers 29-32	10 2 Chron 16-20	18 Psalms 120-121	26 Ecclesiastes 1-2
3 2 Chron 11- 5	11 Psalms 119	19 2 Proverbs 31	27 Habakkuk
4 Psalms 117- 88	12 Proverbs 29-30	20 Nahum	28 Acts 9-10
5 Proverbs 28	13 Micah	21 Acts 7-8	29 James 4-5
6 Jonah	14 Acts 5-6	22 James 1-3	30 Deuteronomy 7-9
7 Acts 3-4	15 Hebrews 11-13	23 Deuteronomy 4-6	31 2 Chron 29-32
8 Hebrews 8-10	16 Deuteronomy 1-3	24 2 Chron 25-28	

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

October South/Central Indiana District

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

November New Community Project ...turning the world upside down...

Launched in August 2003, the New Community Project is a small nonprofit organization with a big goal: to change the world. We provide resources that challenge us, experiences that change us, and a community that gives us hope. Our focus is environmental sustainability and social justice, both of which are essential for a peaceful human community. NCP considers the spiritual dimension of our lives to be important, and seeks to bring about deep inner change in our personal and societal values. However, we welcome and work with anyone who shares our commitment to a world of peace and justice and sustainability.

We have partnerships around the world, but a primary focus is the USA, where we have a national network of some 11,000 people. There are Sustainable Living Centers in Vermont (coordinator Pete Antos-Ketcham) and Virginia (coordinator Tom Benevento), which put our ideals into action and host visitors, volunteers and interns. And director David Radcliff speaks regularly around the country in schools, colleges, community gatherings and congregations.

Our partnerships are with grassroots groups in East and Southern Africa (South Sudan, Rwanda, Zambia, the Congo and Malawi); Nepal and Myanmar in South Asia; the Dominican Republic; and native communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon, Alaska and the Dine Reservation in New Mexico. (See the Partners page for more info on all these partnerships.)