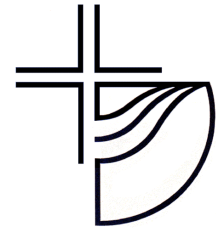


# WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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September 2019

## New Opportunities to Learn

### Sunday School

A new class led by Pastor Doug will begin on September 29. We will work through the book "A Dunker Guide to Brethren Beliefs". Please let the church office or Pastor Doug know if you would like a copy of the book for this class. We will order them from Brethren Press early in September.

### Bible Study

On Tuesday, September 3, starting at 11AM, Pastor Doug will lead a new Bible Study. We will study the book of Philippians. Each weekly session will last for one hour, and will include times of sharing and study. All are welcome to join in this Bible Study. Please see Pastor Doug if you have any questions or would like further information.

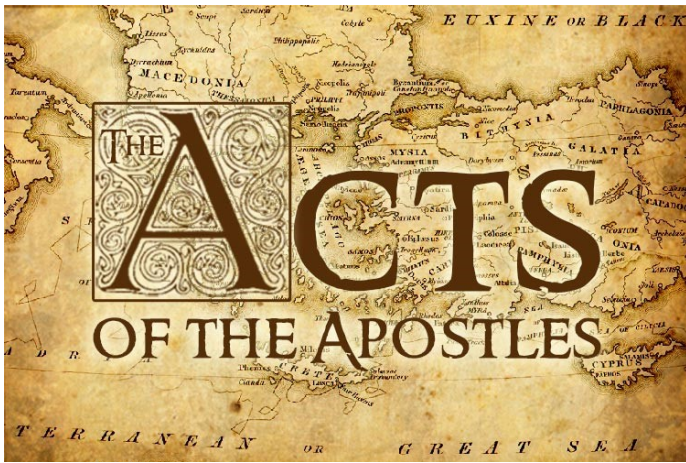
*We welcome all who are on the journey to know Jesus, who share in his love and who choose to embrace the diversity within this community of believers. As individuals we may be at different places along the path, but as a community, we are all traveling together in faith, trusting God to show us the way.*



Wabash CoB Sanctuary

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# Called to be Church

Pastor Doug Veal

I wanted to share a bit this month about an important sermon series that we will be working through for September and October. This series is titled “Called to be Church,” and will examine a number of stories from the book

of Acts. This sermon series will be drawing on the work of Anthony Robinson and Robert Wall in their book *Called to be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day*.

I've chosen this book, and this sermon series, because it is important for us to take time to really sit down and think and talk about what it means for us to be the church in this day and age. What does it mean for us to be the church here in Wabash, Indiana? What does it mean for us to be the church, here, in the United States in the 21st Century?

Robinson and Wall share at one point this observation: “The consistent witness of Scripture, however, is that God’s intention is to form a people, a community, a visible body...The focus is God’s ekklesia, God’s community taking form in the world, which even provides a new world and a new vision for those who share in it.” The book of Acts is a testimony of the beginnings of the shared journey of faith of those who follow after Jesus, who become his disciples, who are Christians living and working and praying together. It’s about their shared journey, and speaks to our continuing shared journey of faith.

While the core of the church remains our commitment to a shared journey together seeking after Jesus, how we do this will not look the same as it did 10, or 20, or 50, or 100 years ago. The world around us has changed, and how we walk together has changed. And so, taking time to really dive deep into the book that explores how this whole phenomenon of church got started is a wonderful beginning place.

In preparation for this sermon series, I’d like to invite all of us to spend time going back and reading through the whole book of Acts. While we will be listening and hearing stories from it through the next two months, we will not have a chance in worship to look at the entire book.

Acts is an interesting book that we too often only pull out for a few special days in the life of the church, like Pentecost, or to look at the story of Saul’s conversion into Paul. Take the time to read through it, and you will be able to see more of the connections between this important yet easily overlooked book of the New Testament.

I hope and pray that this sermon series will help us to look deeply at what it means to be church, here and now, and to inspire us to journey together in a deeper, more faithful manner.

In Christ,

*Pastor Doug*

## Women's Fellowship

Stay tuned for an update covering the fun we had at Bethene's house on Saturday August 31.

### Upcoming events:

September—day to follow—we will have a carry-in lunch at the church and learn about Maya's trip to Japan.



## Worship Schedule

There are many roles that bring worship each Sunday; contact a member of the nurture commission (Mikayla G, Bonnie H, Laurie K-C, Linda M, or Michelle R) to find out how your unique gifts can be of service.

Sept	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
1	Pastor Doug Called to be Church	Karen O.	Stan M.				Bonnie H.
8	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: Christian	Barb M.	Stan M.		Larry J.		Audrey H.
15	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: Conflict	Michelle R.	Stan M.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
22	Guest Speaker		Stan M.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
29	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: Conversion and Transformati						Bonnie H.





Ben at Camp, 2016

## Camp Mack Corner

### Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- Labor Day Family Camp August 30-Sept. 2
- FLYE Weekend October 4-5
- Camp Mack Festival October 5
- Go to the Camp Mack website: [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

Please consider being a Team Leader or counselor this summer to enrich the young lives at Camp Mack. Contact Jessica Kreider to check needs and dates 574-658-4831 or [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org)



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## 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

### Hope 85

Copy Paper (letter size)  
Cleaning Supplies  
TP/Tissue/Paper Towels  
Personal Hygiene items  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Feminine Products  
Address Labels  
OTC Medicines

## Reflections on a day at Long Lake

Shortly after I accepted the call to come here as your new pastor, I received an email from Dennis Horn about some important information that I should know about. One of the things he shared was to save the date for the church picnic out at Larry and Nancy Jamerson's lake house in August. I immediately put that on my calendar, looking forward to a chance to share in this annual outing. I always have enjoyed having opportunities to go out to picnics and gatherings of the church which are not directly focused around worship opportunities. For me, a church that takes time to gather together and fellowship on a regular basis is a sign of a healthy congregation, a congregation that is dedicated to one another. And so, I began to look forward to spending the day at the lake with those who chose to come.

As the day approached, Tasha and I began to think a bit about what we would bring to contribute towards the food at this event. We finally settled on bringing two items, one prepared by each of us. I made up what I call preacher cookies, and others call no-bake oatmeal cookies. These have always been one of my favorite cookies, even before I went into ministry. I call them preacher cookies because that was what the recipe I used growing up called them, and there was a bit of a story with that. Back in the days when preachers would walk to go visiting, these cookies could be made up very quickly when you saw the preacher walking up the lane towards your home to have something to share with him when he arrived.

Tasha also made up a special dish, a version of a peach cobbler that she first learned from a dear friend, Joann Baker, in our congregation in Daleville, who tragically passed away a few years ago from pancreatic cancer. Joann, like Tasha, was also on a gluten-free diet, and they often shared recipes and tips around their diets.

When we arrived at Larry and Nancy's home, Tasha and I were delighted to get to spend time with various folks who were there. I am always glad to be able to sit and talk with folks in a relaxed setting like that, where we can be enjoying the beautiful scenery around us and the lovely conversation that occurs in such places. I know I felt the presence of God in that place, knowing that as Jesus shared in the Gospel of Matthew, where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there.

We had a wonderful meal with everyone, and I enjoyed getting a chance to get out in the lake for a bit towards the end of the afternoon. I was also thankful for the wonderful weather we had that day, with just about the perfect temperature for a summer day out at a lake.

All in all, this was a wonderful time that I feel was a great boon to our congregation. There was a very good turn out for this event, and I hope that those who were unable to attend this year will be able to join with us next year. I look forward to being able to have many such gatherings in the future years as we continue on our journeys together. Once again, a great many thanks go out to Larry and Nancy for the willingness to host this wonderful time together.

In Christ,  
Pastor Doug

# Family News

## Updates from the congregation

There is much always going on in our faith family. If you have a story or tidbit you'd like to share, please contact the office, or one of the nurture commission members. Everyone always loves to read about what is going on!

## New Baby!

Congratulations to Leroy and Marti Striker on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Friday night. Mom (Taylor) and baby are doing great.

## Volunteers Needed

### A Note from Cliff



The double Brethren Disaster Ministries project in Lumberton, North Carolina has split. One unit will remain working in North and South Carolina. The new site is Jacksonville, FL. Our district is supposed to provide fifteen volunteers for the Florida site September 8-14. I presently have one volunteer and another with interest. Will you join them?

I don't understand the difficulty in recruiting volunteers. I realize FEMA and church disaster response agencies are being overwhelmed by the number and size of the disasters hitting our hemisphere. Yet we are buffered from the immensity of the problem. Other continents are facing much more dire consequences. Our natural response is to shy away from involvement because we have no answers or ability to make much difference. We are too busy to go now.

I have found in my efforts with BDM and Christian Peacemaker Teams that even taking one small step in response to problems opens new avenues of possibility and is a reliance on the ways God enters the equation in miraculous ways.

You are needed. Could you invite a co-worker, neighbor or friend to join you in Jacksonville? Is it time for a working retreat with your congregation? Contact me within three weeks or I will need to turn those spaces over to another district.

We are also on for the week of December 1-7 when we need seven volunteers, again in Jacksonville. That Florida site is in response to Hurricane Irma and we will be working in four counties, staying at a converted camp grounds with good facilities.

Keep in mind the need for volunteers with Children's Disaster Services, money gifts to support travel for our district volunteers, the ongoing need for volunteers for two week stints in Puerto Rico and disaster cleanup kits for projects everywhere.

## District Prayer List

September 1—Please pray with us for the Peru CoB and Northern Indiana District

September 8—Please pray with us for District Conference, all the delegates and the attendees.

September 15—Please pray with us for the Pike Creek CoB and the Michigan District

September 22—Please pray with us for the Pipe Creek CoB and the Arkansas District

September 29—Please pray with us for the Pleasant Dale CoB and the Northern Plains District

## Brethren Life and Thought

### Office Manager Position

Bethany Theological Seminary announces an opening for office manager for Brethren Life & Thought, an academic journal of the Church of the Brethren. The position is expected to average eight hours per week. Many duties can be performed off site; some travel to Bethany is required. For more information, please contact the church office.

## Sparkling joy and saying, “Thank you, next”

By Emily Tyler, Brethren Volunteer Service director

As I write this, I am in the midst of writing position descriptions, learning more fully the ins and outs of our volunteer insurance policy, and responding to our BVS partners with organizational position statements. And then I looked at this issue’s topic, finding joy. I couldn’t help but chuckle.



In my nearly seven years of working for Brethren Volunteer Service, I have not very often struggled to find joy in my work. The BVS office in Elgin is a pretty fun place to be! However, I must be honest, in this time of transition with no BVS director after Dan McFadden’s resignation, to then being called to fill the position myself, creating joy has sometimes had to be a more intentional part of my work.

This winter, I hopped on the bandwagon of watching Marie Kondo “spark joy” for so many by helping them to purge and organize their belongings. There was one part of the process that I was admittedly skeptical of at first, but learned to appreciate when I put it into practice myself. When the homeowners decided that something was no longer sparking joy for them, before they put it in the “toss” pile, Marie had them thank that item out loud for serving them.

While I can’t toss out the tasks that I do every day that don’t spark joy for me, I can be intentional about finding the joy in those tasks—how they serve our volunteers and our program. It has also been important for me as I’ve settled into the role of director of BVS to think about the history of BVS and how it has served us, and moving forward, learning how to thank those pieces that no longer serve us and usher in new programming that sparks joy for the next generation of BVSers.

Joy may have to be intentionally found at times. But allowing our work and calling to spark joy while also letting go of and thanking the seasons in life that have served us but are no longer needed is a delicate but important balance. What would the world look like if we all followed a calling that sparked joy in us? Despite our challenges, our ministries and missions continue. The Mission and Ministry Board, with the help and support of districts, congregations, and members, is working to fan the positive sparks that are emerging.



## NOAC 2019

### Reaching into Joy

September 2—6. NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 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. Registration will open online on April 15. The cost per person is \$195 if you register before July 20. First time attendees will get a \$20 discount. Your registration fee does not include housing or meals. After you register you will be able to go to the Lake J housing reservations website to make your lodging reservations. Timbercrest will offer transportation to NOAC. Seats for non-resident riders will be made available after we know how many Timbercrest participants will be available. If interested in traveling to NOAC with Timbercrest residents: contact Brian Daniels -260-982-2118 or [BDaniels@timbercrest.org](mailto:BDaniels@timbercrest.org)

### Speakers

- Sister Joan Chittister -An American Benedictine nun, theologian, author, and speaker
- Drew Hart -Professor of Theology at Messiah College in PA. He is the author of the book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*
- Ken Medema and Ted Swartz -Ken is a musician and singer-songwriter who has been performing in the United States, Canada, and Europe for more than forty years . Ted is a Mennonite playwright and actor.
- Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm -Brightbill Professor of Preaching & Worship at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN
- Jennifer Keeney Scarr -Pastor of the Trotwood Church of the Brethren, Trotwood, OH
- Jeanne Davies -Pastor of the Parables Community, Lombard, IL
- Walt Wiltschek -Pastor of the Easton Church of the Brethren, Easton , MD
- Dennis Webb -Pastor of the Naperville Church of the Brethren, Naperville, IL
- Paula Bowser -morning Bible study -Retired Church of the Brethren pastor, Englewood, OH
- Jonathan Emmons and Bev Anspaugh -Organ recital and hymn sing

## N. Indiana District

### Transportation Options

The Northern Indiana District Church of the Brethren is also sponsoring a bus to NOAC 2019 in Lake Junaluska.

The cost of the round-trip bus ride is \$200. There are 56 seats available.

Find attached the registration form and itinerary.

Registration is due by August 1... but early registration is encouraged for both the bus and hotels.

Contact the Northern Indiana district office for questions, 574-773-3149; or [rachel.nidcob@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.nidcob@gmail.com)



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The staff is always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Have a fun travel story? Read a good book lately? Attended a gathering of friends/family? Don't keep it secret, share it with us. Have questions? See Michelle in the office, or send her a quick email.

September 1—30 Nature through Art—Cordier Auditorium Lobby Gallery

September 5—7:30pm Student Recital, Emily Lynn, Soprano. Wine Recital Hall/Otho Winger Building

September 26—7pm—VIA—Violence Against Women—It's a Men's Issue. Cordier Auditorium



## Brethren Leadership Institute Upcoming Courses

### Beliefs & Practices of the Church of the Brethren

Instructor: Beth Sollenberger  
Dates: September 14 & 28, 2019  
Location: TBA

### New Testament Survey

Instructor: Robert Bowman  
Dates: October 19, November 2 & 16, 2019  
Location: TBA

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>.



## District Conference Project

### September 21, 2019—Living Faith CoB, Flora IN

This year, the District Conference Board has chosen CWS hygiene kits as the mission project. Each church is being asked to supply a minimum of 5 kits, plus the \$2 each for shipping. Please place your donations in the box at the rear of the sanctuary. Needed items are:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32"
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

## Stewards' Request

### Keeping it clean

With summer in full swing, it can also mean the march of the ants... Please be mindful to clean up after any food or drink spills. Please also make sure food items are in sealed containers and placed in the refrigerator, as appropriate. Also make sure to cover your food in the microwave before using.





Dear One World Handcrafts Community:

It is with broken hearts that we write to tell you of our plans to close the shop for good on September 28, 2019. While this may come as a shock to some of you, others know this has been a long time coming. The climate in which One World Handcrafts is operating today is very different from the one which welcomed our opening twenty-seven years ago.

Our staff, volunteers, and board have worked diligently to sustain One World's mission of Fair Trade in our unique community. We overcame the odds for as long as possible. We have encouraged memberships and donations, employed problem-solving skills to stretch our pennies, written grant proposals funded through The Community Foundation of Wabash County, hosted Main View Benefit dinners, and participated in Beacon "Project Spotlight" awards. Dion Wion has brought much creative energy to bear as manager. Even so, it has not been enough.

As you probably know from your own personal budgets, expenses continue to rise while revenues stay stagnant and even, at times, decrease. When combined with the tighter budget of most shoppers, a demand to order on-line, and a push to give fewer material gifts, it becomes impossible to continue carrying out our Fair Trade mission in the shop.

We are so grateful to the many, many loyal shoppers and community partners who have helped to live out our cause. Without you, we know this mission would not have lasted this long. Thank you for sharing your memberships and donations, choosing to purchase here, bringing your out-of-town relatives and friends to the shop, eating at our benefit dinners, voting for our wins on Beacon "Project Spotlight," volunteering, and partnering with this mission in many other ways. If there is any silver lining we see right now, it is how many wonderful people we get to thank for being on this journey with us.

Our plan is to begin a "going-out-of-business sale" on Tuesday, August 1, and end it on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Hoping to see you at the shop soon,

The Board of Directors of One World Handcrafts, Inc.