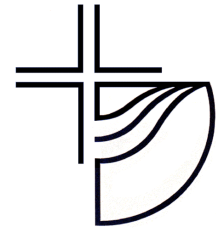


WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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April 2019

Many Thanks!

To everyone for all of their warm prayers, cards, texts, and calls. It really helped brighten up my days to keep them from being so monotonous. And an extra—special thanks to Murray for stepping in for me at the office, and then being able to stay longer than our original plan. As many of you know, the surgery ended up being radically different than what the doctor or I had envisioned but it all worked out well in the end. The recovery is still slow—going but it feels good to start getting back to some of what I used to be able to do.

—Michelle

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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Random Thoughts

The Ways of Silence

Pastor Deb Peterson

These past few weeks of Lent, we have traveled a path—a simple path, a path of grace. As we travel this chosen path toward Easter, I pray that the blessings of God continue to come upon us, and from us and mold us into the very image of Jesus.

There are stepping stones along the way, ways to “sow the Spirit of God” who lives within each of us. Mother Teresa identified five steps in her book, *A Simple Path*, which I picture as a circle because one step leads naturally to the next. Can you also picture it?

Silence leads to prayer

Prayer leads to faith

Faith leads to love

Love leads to service

Service leads to peace

Peace leads to prayer...

And so it goes.

I'm going to focus here on the first and last, silence and peace. The first step is silence. Jesus showed us by example to silence: 40 days in the wilderness, the night alone before he chose the 12, the lonely mountain for his transfiguration, after feeding the 5,000 he went alone to pray, withdrawing into solitude after healing the leper. It was a regular practice with Jesus and today he calls us to silence and solitude because it is essential for listening to God. Silence is a way to receive. Most of our days are filled with various relationships, demands, requests, reactions and noise. Silence creates space to bring simplicity and harmony back into our lives.

Women's Fellowship

April is being hosted by Linda Barkey. On April 27th, we will be attending the Timbercrest Tulip Festival, weather and tulips permitting!



Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 14

At 9:30, the youth will cook and serve us a meal prior to service. Menu and additional details in the coming weeks.

Freewill offering to benefit the youth fund.



2018 Easter Breakfast

In the busyness of our lives, are we still enough to hear God speak?

There is a story of two painters. Each was challenged to paint a picture to illustrate his conception of peace. The first chose for his painting a quiet, still lake in the midst of mountains. The second artist threw on his canvas a thundering waterfall with a fragile tree bending over the foam of the water; in one of the branches sat a robin on its nest. Which picture illustrated true peace? The second one, of course, for in the midst of the storms, we can find moments of peace. Please note that peace is not the absence of strife.

Peace. The final step of the simple path. It is God's supreme gift. Peace is greater than any emotion. Peace is beyond joy or suffering and can exist through both. Peace is the re-rooting ourselves in God so that the feeling of being separated from God doesn't exist. It is the tranquil ordering of everything. It is experiencing God through our senses.



Church Cleanup Day Planned

Stewards Commission

On May 4th, starting at 1pm we will meet at the church. Flowerbeds need weeded and remulched, storm windows removed and screens put in and many other activities to help the church shed some winter layers and get ready for spring—and summer too! Please be on the lookout for the date as many hands make for short work.



Bible Study Topics

For April, we will be drilling down deeper into the Lenten scriptures each week from worship.

Remember, we have moved our meeting day to Wednesdays, but still at 10am. Please come and join us for some fellowship as we delve deeper into scripture.

Worship Schedule

If you would like to participate in Worship, please either find a member of the nurture commission (Laurie K-C, Bonnie H, Linda M, Michelle R, or Mikayla G) or sign up on the schedule outside the office door.

April	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
7	Pastor Deb	Karen O.	Mikayla G.				Bonnie H.
14 (Palm Sunday)	Pastor Deb		Mikayla G.				Bonnie H.
18 (Maundy Thursday)	Pastor Deb		Mikayla G.				Bonnie H.
21 (Easter)	Pastor Deb	Linda M.	Mikayla G.				Bonnie H.
28		Stan M.	Mikayla G.				Bonnie H.

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

Brethren Disaster Ministries



April Update

Our South/Central District of the Church of the Brethren has four weeks assigned to us by BDM in 2019. BDM is also working in Puerto Rico this year. Small groups of seven are going for two or more weeks at a time. If you can hold up in hot, rugged conditions and are free to go let Cliff know when it works for you and he will try to make those arrangements quickly. We are also looking for rebuild volunteers for September 8-14 (15 volunteers) and December 1-7 (7 volunteers). If you are willing to recruit a team to go, let Cliff know who you have! Thank you for your prayers and support, physical and financial, for BDM and its important ministries! Cliff Kindy, District Disaster Coordinator

Brethren Leadership Institute

Prayer and Spiritual Direction - a Practice of Ministry Day



Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Marion COB

Presenters: morning session - Al Hohl, afternoon sessions - TBA
This event will fulfill the requirements for 1 of the 3 Practice of Ministry Days needed to complete the BLI program. It will also fulfill requirements for credentialed pastors needing CEU's . Cost is \$50, payable that day. Please pre-register by April 24.

BLI Orientation Session & Portfolio Support

Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Marion COB

Attendance at 1 Orientation Session is required for graduation from the BLI program. Also at this session a refresher on portfolio building will be offered to those who have already attended an orientation, but would like to have more help working on their portfolio. Cost is \$50, payable that day. Please pre-register by May 1.



Ben at Camp, 2016

District Prayer Concerns

April 7 - Please pray with us for the Grandview COB and Pacific Southwest District.

April 14 - Please pray with us for the staff and leadership of Brethren Benefit Trust

April 21 - Please pray with us for the Guernsey COB and Middle Pennsylvania District.

April 28 - Please pray with us for the Hickory Grove COB and Southern Pennsylvania District.

Camp Mack Corner

Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- Volunteer Work Days April 1-3
- Summer Camp Registrations are Open NOW! Forms are available online or at the church office. Go to the Camp Mack website: www.campmack.org for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

Work Opportunities at Camp:

Applications are being accepted for 2019 Summer Staff, 18 years of age or older, with a heart for the ministry at Camp Mack. Applications are available at the Camp Mack website or persons may call or email camp for an application.

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

Upcoming Get-A-Way Days at Camp:

- Quilt Retreat April 24-28

Prayer Request:

Please pray for committed summer staff and camp counselors.



P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542
Phone: 574-658-4831 Fax: 574-658-4765
Email: info@campmack.org Website:
www.campmack.org



April 2, 3:30 pm—
Storytelling and Journalism:
A Perfect Partnership (VIA)
Barb Anguiano works for
WVPE in Elkhart. This is the
keynote address for Peace
Week. Cordier Auditorium

April 6 11am— Empty Bowls
Join us for a meal and help
fight hunger. Jean Childs
Young Intercultural Center

April 8 6pm—Code Blue:
Redefining the Practice of
Medicine
Documentary exploring
current state of medicine
and lifestyle. FW Campus
Shown again April 9 3:30pm
in Jo Young Switzer Center,
Upper Level

April 11 7pm—Kenny Doss;
Bridging the Gap
Kenny explains how Bridging
the Gap began and it's work
in Englewood, Chicago
helping kids play basketball.
Jo Young Switzer Center,
Lahman & Hoff Room.

April 14 2pm—Debra J. Lynn
Composition Recital. Wine
Recital Hall

April 14 3pm—Easter Egg
Hunt



Annual Conference 2019

Greensboro, NC

Annual Conference 2019 will be a very different event this year, according to Conference director Chris Douglas. Instead of a usual business schedule, the delegate body will spend much of its time in compelling vision conversations. Non-delegates may reserve seats at tables during the business sessions in order to fully participate in those conversations. And the Conference will hold a love feast for the first time in decades, at the close of the business meeting on July 6

Let us proclaim the One in whom we live and move and have our being, the One who stands at the center of our life together, Jesus the Christ. As we together proclaim Christ, may we reclaim passion for Him our Divine Teacher, Savior and Redeemer, and Lord and King. May we reclaim passion for our life together as gathered believers called Church of the Brethren and return to our first love as His bride, the church.

The proclamation of Christ brings a message of 'New Creation!' through a daily dying to self and living for Him who died for us. When God's Spirit is at work in us, seeds are produced for ongoing transformation yielding fresh blossoms of passion for the Kingdom throughout our lives. May we each embrace Christ's transformation personally and open our spirits for how we are called to be transformed as His Church in today's world.

AC Family Member Registration

Many wonderful opportunities are available for family members at Annual Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. As well as Annual Conference opportunities, families can enjoy museums and sightseeing in the area. Annual Conference registration for Current High School and younger is free but they must be registered and receive a name tag. Non-delegate fees are higher for those waiting to register onsite in Greensboro. Online Delegate and Non-delegate registration ends June 10, 2019.

You can [register online](#) If you need assistance, please see Michelle in the office.

Dan Poole Named to Faculty Position at Bethany Seminary

News Release - March 27, 2019

Richmond, IN - Dan Poole, MDiv '91, has been named assistant professor of Ministry Formation at Bethany Theological Seminary, beginning July 1, 2019.

Poole began employment at the Seminary in August 2007 as coordinator of Ministry Formation and in July 2018 was named visiting instructor of Ministry Formation. In conjunction with these roles, he served as advancement associate from 2009 to 2014 and has held the title of director of educational technology since 2014. Prior to and during his employment at Bethany, he has taught several courses on a regular basis in an adjunct faculty capacity. Poole has also been part of two grant-funded team assignments at Bethany, related to preparing students for ministry in today's cultural and religious contexts.

Following his graduation from Bethany, Poole served as associate pastor at Elizabethtown (Pennsylvania) Church of the Brethren from 1991 to 1996, then as senior pastor at Covington Church of the Brethren (Ohio) from 1996 to 2009. He earned a DMin from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2018, with a dissertation entitled "A New Approach to Ministry Formation at Bethany Theological Seminary." He received a BS with majors in religion and philosophy from Manchester University in 1988.

Poole will step into leadership of a ministry training program that has gained attention and commendation in the field of theological education. The Ministry Formation program is carefully structured to develop students not only academically but also with varied practical experiences and in their personal spiritual formation. An introductory discernment course, two field placements, and group discussion and reflection throughout are hallmarks. The program was also on the front line of adapting to online education and is now considered a model.

Throughout his years at Bethany, Poole has been a member of both the Association of Theological Field Educators and the Evangelical Association of Theological Field Educators. He currently serves as co-chair of the EATFE steering committee and was symposium coorganizer at the January 2019 meeting. Recently he was elected secretary to the ATFE steering committee to assist in planning the ATFE 2020 conference. In 2018 he presented the results of his doctoral research during an EATFE conference. He has continued to preach by invitation at Churches of the Brethren and has led several workshops in district and congregational settings. In 2017 his article "Pietism's Influence on Brethren Development" was published in Brethren Life & Thought.

Jenny Williams

Director of Communications

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Buck Creek CoB

Saturday April 6, 2019

12:00 -6:00 p.m.

Freewill Offering

8802 N Buck Creek Pike
Mooreland, IN 47360

For more information, call:
(765) 774-4552

April 14—Palm Sunday
Breakfast. The youth will
serve us a meal prior to
service. Menu and additional
details in the coming weeks.



South/Central Indiana Women's Camp

May 30—June 1

We are excited about this year's South/Central Indiana District Women's Camp. We are so happy you are coming and we think you are in for some great fellowship and many blessings. We hope you will find camp a restful, rewarding, inspirational and challenging experience.

We are also asking that each of you will lift up, in prayer, our speaker Connie Cripe that God would strengthen, direct, and give her His peace as she prepares for camp.

Registration and check-in start at 4pm on Thursday, May 30th. Follow the signs to Sarah Major Lodge to check-in and receive your room assignment. Dinner will be at 5pm.

Registrations forms and additional information will be on the back table of the sanctuary.

For camp related questions, please contact Jenny Lantz of Monticello CoB

765-490-6955 or
lantz185@yahoo.com

Look at Life Conference

Bethany Seminary,

April 25—27 2019

If you care about faith and science, you've come to the right place. Here you'll find a meeting of minds...new ideas...and new friends. Many people think of faith and science in terms of conflict. Creation versus evolution comes to mind. But can we work through these conflicts to reach a deeper understanding—of each other and of God's Word? On this site, we also want to talk about newer issues that summon our best, most faithful thinking. Soon, when you visit here you'll be able to learn about and discuss topics such as cloning and gene editing; artificial intelligence; climate change; finding life on other planets; peacemaking in an age of killer robots; and more. If you're interested in these sorts of faith-and-science issues, then please consider coming to the conference. Cost is \$85 and includes all sessions and all meals, one-day rates are available.

To register or for more information:

  **FaithAndScienceMeet.com**

Saying No to Say Yes:

Every Day Boundaries and Pastoral Excellence
July 2—3, 2019, Charlotte, NC

Church of the Brethren Minister's Association -Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event "the denomination has very clear policies that advocate and define fair and appropriate considerations of pastors..." (Statement of Ethics for Congregations in the Church of the Brethren, 1996) "I will strive to maintain reasonable expectations for myself and not allow others' unreasonable expectations to endanger my well-being." (Ethics in Ministry Relations, 2008)

One's thoughts may tend to turn to misconduct when hearing the term, "setting boundaries." There are, however, everyday boundaries which, when continually crossed, can ultimately lead to an unhealthy ministry for both pastor and congregation. Dr. Olsen and his co-author, Nancy G. Devor, bring to light some of those everyday boundary problems. They offer suggestions for pastors and congregations on how to be aware of possible pitfalls and how to work together to set healthy boundaries.

Dr. Olsen is an Adjunct Professor with The Sage Colleges and Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center. His writings include several articles in the Journal of Clinical Psychology on clergy burnout, as well as the following books: The Spiritual Work of Marriage, The couple's Survival Workbook, Prevention of Burnout, When Helping Starts to Hurt, Integrative Family Therapy

To register or for more information go to: www.brethren.org/sustaining



NOAC 2019

Reaching into Joy

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

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

Camp Mack seeking Office Assistant

Camp Alexander Mack is taking applications for an office assistant to be responsible for running bi-monthly payroll, managing accounts payable, performing monthly bank reconciliation, managing the Gift Shoppe, tracking volunteers, and performing other routine office tasks as assigned. The position is paid hourly with an average of 32 hours per week. Hours can be somewhat flexible. Limited benefits are offered.

Applicants need to have experience in financial record-keeping, must be highly organized and deadline-driven, and can demonstrate a dedication to the ministry of Camp Mack.

Please send a completed staff [application](#), letter of interest, and resume to:
Camp Alexander Mack
PO Box 158
Milford, IN 46542
Or
gene@campmack.org by April 10th, 2019. Screening will begin on April 11.