



Wabash Church of the Brethren

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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.

Pastor Doug Veal

As I am writing this article, I am getting ready to head out to Seattle, WA for a conference called Inhabit 2022, put on by a group called The Parish Collective. This conference, and the group, are committed to finding ways for local congregations to connect with the neighborhoods and communities where they are located. Part of this particular conference is looking at how, as we live into this ongoing pandemic time, that congregations and members may continue to be involved and growing in their community. Several of the speakers for the conference are ones that have come and shared at conferences that our denomination has put on that are focused on planting and renewing congregations.

Finding ways to connect and live in our local community is an important aspect of our faith journey, both individually and as a congregation. As Brethren, we have long claimed and lived out the idea that our faith requires action – a theme that we find in the book of James, but also throughout both the Old and New Testaments. Our faith requires us to be out and actively loving and sharing about what God is calling us to do. In some of my recent sermons, I've talked about the importance of living out our faith through enacting the love of God in our own lives, both within our congregation and in our community around us.

All of us live and inhabit our local communities. While we have a shared community here in the congregation, and at least in some ways our own local communities are similar, each of us have our own places and people with whom we build up community and relationships. As a congregation, we also find ways to connect with and serve our local community, through such efforts as our food pantry, through Growing Grounds, and even through participation in local community efforts by individuals within the congregation.

Sharing the message of Jesus comes to us most naturally when we commit to inhabiting our local community, sharing and loving with those around us, which often opens opportunities for us to share about our faith. Our faith invites us into such places and relationships, as God seeks to bring God's love to the world through us.

It is my hope that, as I return from this conference, I will be able to bring some ideas and thoughts about ways that we can better inhabit our local community, both individually and as a congregation. As we do so, as we love our community as God loves our community, we are putting our faith into action.

In Christ,

Pastor Doug

Church Board

The May Church Board and Commissions meeting will be held Wednesday May 11, 2022, Commissions at 6:30pm, Board at 7pm.

Nurture Commission

Important:

Directory Update:

Please make the following update to your church directory:

Judy and Joe Rodecap

4726 Pleasant Valley Dr.

Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Newsletter update:

Moving forward, the newsletter will be sent out the last week of the month, so you will receive it in the first week of the new month. We are trying to get it out more consistently.

Sunday School

Sunday School will take place at 9AM, before worship. We will be meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall initially.



Worship Schedule - May

If you are interested in participating in the service, please contact the office, or talk to pastor Doug!

	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
1	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett		Mikayla Stanley	Larry Jamerson	Carol Horn	Bonnie Haughn
8	Pastor Doug		Mikayla Stanley	"	Carol Horn	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett
15	Pastor Doug		Mikayla Stanley	"	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Audrey Hahn
22	Pastor Doug		Mikayla Stanley	"	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Bonnie Haughn
29	Pastor Doug		Mikayla Stanley		Carol Horn	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett

Women's Fellowship

The Women's fellowship along with folks from the Eel River Church of the Brethren, shared a meal together, then attended, A Grand Time: Through the Years, which featured local pianists, including Chloe Bishir, and multiple pianos.

Upcoming Youth/Adult Activities

Summer Camp Registration Opens February 25th at 7pm!



The time has come to register for summer camp. All camps require a \$75 deposit to hold your spot. Camps are for grade completed this spring.

Questions about how to register?

Contact Brittany, the Camp Mack Registrar, at Brittany@campmack.org



Overnight Camps

Samplers	Grades 1-2	June 5-7, June 13-15, July 10-12	\$190
Seekers	Grades 3-4	June 19-24, July 17-22	\$450
Finders	Grades 5-6	July 10-15, July 24-29	\$460
Followers	Grades 7-9	June 26- July 1	\$460
CIT Camp	Ages 14-17	June 19-24	\$460
Youth Camp	Grades 9-12	July 3-9	\$475

Specialty Camps

Archery	Grades 6-9	June 5-9	\$440
Splash	Grades 5-8	July 10-15	\$485
Culinary	Grades 6-9	July 17-22	\$485
Creative Arts	Grades 6-10	July 10-15	\$460

Eco Camps

Eco Adventure	Grades 5-6	July 17-22	\$480
Survivor	Grades 6-9	July 10-16	\$485
Dadirri	Grades 9-12	July 3-9	\$485

Grand Camps

June 16-18; July 31- August 2
Grandchildren Ages 5-10 \$110
Grandparents \$160



Register at campmack.org/summer-camp

Hello Camp Mack Attendees,

Below is information regarding registration and our church transfer code that is required to get the 50% paid by our Wabash Church of the Brethren. Booklets listing all camps and more are at church.

Let us know if we can help you get your own kids/youth/grandkids to camp, plus others you know would benefit from the awesome experience.

– Carol and Dennis

Hi, my name is Brittany Hartman, and I'm the registrar here at Camp Mack. I wanted to check in as we close in on the opening of Summer Camp and Grand

Camp registration at Camp Mack (**Friday, February 25th at 7pm**) . In the past, your church has participated in our “church transfer code” system, AKA the gold sheet. This is truly the "gold standard" of registration, so we thank you for your participation.

Church Transfer Codes for 2022:

Wabash CoB

6WAB1 for 50% of camper fees

Things to remember:

Please remind your campers that after registration, they will need to click the “Make Payment” button on the financial tab. The prompt to enter a transfer code will pop up immediately.

Unless your church transfer code is for 100% of camp fees, they will need to pay their deposit to be officially registered (not just enrolled) for camp.

We encourage you to have your campers and their families register and pay online. By using the transfer code, they will know exactly the amount they owe, greatly reducing errors.

We ask that you do not gather camper family payments and submit them on families behalf.

For the church portion, we will email you an invoice to submit to the church for payment. These invoices will begin April 1, 2022 and run monthly through the duration of summer as needed.

If you notice any changes that need to be made to your invoice, please let us know as soon as possible.

Camp Mack Spiritual Retreat Opportunity for Adults

Join in this adult retreat exploring faith and the unique activities available at camp. An outside minister and camp staff will work together to provide spiritual growth and camp fun in a relaxing environment. Come and explore your faith and play in the beauty and sanctuary of Camp!

The winter retreat features a focus on centering our faith and lives, led by Amy-Gall Ritchie. The summer retreat will explore how we connect with God in nature, led by Randall Westfall

Fee: \$160 per person for 2 nights and 5 meals.

Dates: August 19–21, 7:00p Friday to 1p Sunday.

National Youth Conference

“Foundational”

Colossians 2:5-7

July 23 – 28, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado

The registration fee, which includes food, lodging, and programming, will be \$550. Youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent) and their adult advisors will gather at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. Online registration will open in early 2022 on www.brethren.org.

The cabinet discussed theme ideas relevant to senior high youth. Ultimately, the theme that emerged was “Foundational,” based on scripture from Colossians 2:5-7, “For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

We talked about all of the ways that God is revealed as the foundation for our lives throughout the Bible. Some examples of this are the cornerstone, the way that God can be seen as an anchor for our lives, and how we remain rooted in God in all circumstances.

Isabella Torres noted, “Picking the theme was difficult at first because we had so many different ideas, but all of our ideas always intertwined with having a foundation in God. To me, it is a great theme, and it is also something I find to be very important as a youth today.”

Luke Schweitzer shared, “I am really excited about this theme and I cannot wait to see what the speakers and youth do with it next summer.”

Watch for NYC 2022 updates at www.brethren.org and social media of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

— Erika Clary will serve as coordinator of National Youth Conference 2022, working in the Church of the Brethren’s Youth and Young Adult Ministries through Brethren Volunteer Service.

Devotionals - Upper Room

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.

Altar and Sanctuary Staging

We are looking for either a dedicated individual who would enjoy changing out the altar and window setups on a regular basis, or a small group who would like to rotate assignments. Please contact the office if you are interested.

2022 Directory

New directories are located on the back table. Please contact the church if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Reading through the Bible in a year – March

1	Exodus 17-20	9	2 Samuel 10-14	17	Psalms 57-59	25	Job 41-42
2	2 Samuel 5-9	10	Psalms 54-56	18	Job 39-40	26	Jeremiah 42-46
3	Psalms 51-53	11	Job 37-38	19	Jeremiah 37-41	27	Luke 5-6
4	Job 35-36	12	Jeremiah 32-36	20	Luke 3-4	28	Galatians 1-3
5	Jeremiah 27-31	13	Luke 1-2	21	2 Corinthians 11-1	29	Exodus 33-36
6	Mark 15-16	14	2 Corinthians 9-10	22	Exodus 29-32	30	1 Kings 1-4
7	2 Corinthians 6-8	15	Exodus 25-28	23	2 Samuel 20-24	31	Psalms 63-65
8	Exodus 21-24	16	2 Samuel 15-19	24	Psalms 60-62		

Witness Commision

Special Offering

May 19	Church World Service
June 9	Growing Grounds
July 14	Habitat for Humanity

Growing Grounds News

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When you go past 571 South Wabash St. apartments now, you may notice lights on inside. This is the glow of (homeless) women now having a place to stay (at no cost) for a month while they are helped to figure out their next steps in life. Four of the apartments are occupied and the last two were cleaned and opened on January 3, 2022. To check about enrollment, women may call Rhonda at 260-568-2643.

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
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

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.

Around the District

District Office

South/Central Indiana District
Church of the Brethren



April 2022

⁹ *Woe to you who strive with your Maker,
earthen vessels with the potter!
Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you making?'
or 'Your work has no handles?'*
¹⁰ *Woe to anyone who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?'
or to a woman, 'With what are you in labour?'*

Isaiah 45:9-10

Spring greetings, Siblings in Christ!

We're deep into the season of Lent, which is our spring-time "lengthening of days." (Lent comes from the word *long* because the days are getting longer.)

With all this extra light in the world, we can see more clearly: we see dust under the rocking chair and stacks of paper in the corner table.

Our spring cleaning can be spiritual, too. We might find renewed energy to work through an old hurt and release resentment. We might feel the hope of the warming days brings our spirit out of a slump.

And with greater vigor, we also might feel an urgency for personal growth, family harmony, church unity - for the world to make more sense or be more peaceful! And God urgently wants us to join Kingdom work!

I feel this in my work for your District: I want pastoral placements to be smooth, quick and utterly satisfying. I want disengaged congregations to find common ground and shared passions with other District churches ASAP. When, oh Lord, is the time to *revitalize* and when is the time to *let go* and await *resurrection*?

And then I turn to Isaiah and remember that the Potter has the big picture. We are going to be surprised, many times, by God's creativity. By the ways we are renewed, and the ways we are utterly transformed.

My prayer this Lent is that we all be reshaped by God's boundless creativity and love.

Anna Lisa



Camp Mack

News from the Director

Building Lives at Camp



“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.” Matthew 7:24-27 (The Message)

There are two kinds of people we serve here at Camp Mack: children and adults. If you fit one of those categories, we are the perfect place for you this summer.

The summer camp experience includes fresh air, cookouts, worship, physical activity, swimming, boating, loving community, crafts, Bible study, adventure, challenge, prayer, developing friendships, outdoor space, great food, and dozens of other opportunities we haven’t even thought of yet. Camp is a place where encountering God happens all the time and when we least expect it. And whether you are a camper, paid staff, or volunteer, all of these things are waiting for you.

I hear folks say that there’s no time in the summer to fit in the camp experience. I understand — we are all busy, but the old saying is quite true. We have time for the things we value. It can be hard to make choices out of many opportunities, but look at the list in the previous paragraph. All that happens in a few short days at camp. One of my great joys is standing at the beginning of the line for our camp check-in. So many people come to the door excited and bubbling over with anticipation as they see old friends and consider the cabin assignment they will get. The staff has worked hard to prepare a place for them. The counselors have prepared to open up lives to the wonder of God’s love. All this comes together to make the powerful experience we call camp.

As Jesus closes his Sermon on the Mount in the scripture quoted above, he is talking about selecting the solid foundation of faith as support for our lives. Camp is the place where foundations are built. Campers find them. Volunteers find them. Staff find them. Because at camp, they are not hidden.

What will you or your children find at Camp Mack this summer? Make your commitment now to search. Begin building on the solid foundation of Christian community.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

Brethren Disaster Ministries

Friends,

BDM is active and desires your participation. Children's Disaster Services has training scheduled in Roaring Spring, PA , November 5-6. CDS has been active in person this year on the US/Mexico border with migrant children and presently with children of families immigrating from Afghanistan. Call New Windsor, 800-451-4407 to ask questions or to register for one of the training sessions.



Thank you for your support and encouragement of BDM activities. Blessings of peace to you!

Cliff Kindy, District Disaster Coordinator

Brethren Disaster Ministries directs grants to CWS work on Ukraine, Haiti earthquake rebuilding, new project site in Tennessee

March 25, 2022

The Brethren Disaster Ministries staff have directed grants from the Church of the Brethren's Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) to support the work of Church World Service (CWS) responding to the Ukraine refugee crisis; to support long-term programming and a new house construction phase of the 2021 Haiti earthquake response; and to finance the opening and initial phase of a new Brethren Disaster Ministries rebuilding project site doing flood recovery in Waverly, Tenn.; among other recent grants.

Song and Story Fest scheduled for Camp Pine Lake in early July

March 25, 2022

Song and Story Fest 2022 on the theme "Into the HEARTland: Healing What Divides Us" is scheduled for July 3-9 at Camp Pine Lake in Eldora, Iowa. Song and Story Fest is a unique family camp featuring Church of the Brethren musicians and storytellers, with co-sponsorship from On Earth Peace, organized by Ken Kline Smeltzer.

Brethren Leadership Institute

Due to current gathering restrictions, please contact the district office to confirm class schedule and method of delivery.