



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

“Connecting with our community”

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Seattle entitled “Inhabit 2022.” This conference was put on by a group called The Parish Collective, a loose association of churches across the country and even around the world that are focused on five key areas: centering on Christ, inhabiting our parish, gathering to remember, collaborating for renewal with God, and linking across. If you’d like to learn more about any of these particular areas of focus, I’d be glad to speak with you about it, or you can find more on their website:

www.parishcollective.org/5signs.

In reflecting on this conference, one area that I saw that our congregation could work on more is the idea of inhabiting our parish. Now, I know for many of us who grew up in the Church of the Brethren, this idea of a parish is not one that we are particularly familiar with, or perhaps even comfortable with. Often, it is understood to mean the community or area geographically that is served by a particular congregation. In some traditions, there are actual geographical lines drawn for each congregation. At the conference this May, there was an Anglican priest from an area in London who spoke about the work her congregation was engaged in, and showed a map with the literal bounds of their parish. Even within the Church of the Brethren’s history, we had a time when which congregation you attended depended on where you lived. So it’s not entirely foreign within our tradition. Now, of course, we choose to attend congregations not entirely because of their geographical location.

Still, the main idea that I want to emphasize is the idea that every congregation, including ours, has a larger community that it is part of. As I think about this as the pastor of our congregation, especially since I also live here in Wabash, one of the important larger communities is that of the city of Wabash. And as I thought on that, I began to wonder how we might connect with and become a more visible part of the Wabash community.

In some ways, we already do quite a bit that connects with our local community. We have our food pantry, Growing Grounds, and connections with various other groups within the community. Our building hosts regular meetings for Housing Action of Wabash County (HAWC). In many ways, we make a real difference in the lives of people in our community. These are all important things that contribute to the well-being of our local community.

Still, I wonder at times how we might make our work and our presence more visible to the larger community around us. So, I’ve started looking into ways that we can participate in some of the community activities that go on. One possibility that came up, and has been approved by the church board, is to have a booth at the Founder’s Day festival on September 17. We’ve signed up for a booth spot, and will be looking to find some folks that are interested in being there to represent our congregation. We are also planning to update and have ready brochures about our congregation to hand out, along with some goodies. Soon, you’ll be seeing opportunities to sign up to help with this activity for our congregation. You can come for an hour, or two, or stay all day.

It is my hope and prayer that this will be the first of many opportunities for our congregation to begin participating and becoming more recognized in our community. Please let me know if you think of any other ideas like this. And I hope to see many of you out at Founder’s Day!

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

Church Board

The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 7. On Wednesday, September 14, Commissions and Board will meet at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

Nurture Commission

Important:

Directory update:

Pam Little's new address

Millers East

1900 Alber St, Wabash, IN

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, respectively. We are trying to get it out more consistently.

Church partnership with Daniel's Place

Words from CJ Cervera: some of you might remember me as Sharon Larrowe's son or even from seeing me within the congregation. I am delighted to be in a position where I'm able to do outreach towards the church again. Currently, I am helping a non-profit organization in North Manchester, named Daniel's Place. Our cause is to provide respite care to families raising neuro-divergent individuals in their households. I come to you now with the hope that you will keep Daniel's Place in mind as you interact with friends or family that raise those with special needs. I would be delighted if you could support our cause and organization at

danielsplace.org and additionally, I look forward to pursuing partnerships with the church going forward.

News From the Pews ???

(That title belonged to Marcie Finnell but it's amusing and I don't think she'd mind.)

Jim and Kay Gaier are looking forward to a long Labor Day weekend with family at a West Virginia state park.

A good time was had by all at the **Jamerson's** Picnic and Jamboree in August! The food was delicious, the company was delightful, the water was fine, and Larry is the Grillmeister!! It was especially good to visit with some old friends and others we don't see often. We were happy to see **Judy and Joe Rodecap, Karen Odiorne and Johnny Hanger**, and **John and Laurale Kreps**. Also it was a pleasure to be with **Kay and Jim**, who we don't see as often as we'd like.

Marilyn Kieffaber just celebrated 7 years of employment at Timbercrest. She enjoys working part time in Activities in Crestwood and Healthcare and also does medical transportation. One of the perks of her job is that sometimes she makes enough money to take **Alan** out to dinner when she gets home.

Brenda Easterday shared some news about her children (who were also our children once upon a time.) **Erica and Angel Barlow** are both RNs now-- like their mother. **Erica** lives in Cincinnati and hopes to go on to become a nurse practitioner. **Angel** works at Duke's Hospital in Critical Care. And **Levi Barlow** is the father of Brenda's only grandson, to date. **Alex** is six, in kindergarten, and is the love of his grandma's life. **Brenda** is very proud of the young adults her children have become. And so are we!

Right now, **Brenda** is quarantining and misses seeing Alex and also her mom, Pam Little. (Pam's house went on the market a few days ago. And she's still happy to hear from and see us, I'm sure.)

Laurale tells us that she and **John** are doing well. She isn't feeling like they have to isolate so much now and they're getting out more. They're looking forward to a visit from daughter **Deb Miller** this weekend and son **Dennis** has been down to help several times recently. Daughter **Mandy** and family have recently moved to N. Manchester, so now all the younger **Kreps** grandchildren are close by. Grandson **Sam** is a freshman at Hanover and **Ada** is a sophomore at Manchester HS this year. Daughter Becky and **Mia Miller's** boys have also grown up far too fast. **Liam** is now a freshman! in high school and **Graham** runs cross country in the 6th grade.

Sunday School

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



Worship Schedule - August

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	Musician
4	Pastor Doug Luke 14:25-33 "Count well the cost"	Deanna Unger	Stan Miller	Larry Jamerson	Bonnie Haughn
11	Pastor Doug Luke 15:1-10 "The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin"	?	Mikayla Stanley	"	Deanna Unger
18	Pastor Doug off, Brad Hardesty to speak	?	Mikayla Stanley	"	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett
25	Annual Conference report and reflections Pastor Doug and Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	?	Mikayla Stanley	"	Audrey Hahn

Women's Fellowship

Pastor Doug's article in the past months explained a new mission for Wabash COB. I would like to make this a special project for the Women's Fellowship. I would like for as many of you as possible to sign up to receive the requests for children's needs in our county. You may have children or grandchildren who have outgrown the items that are needed. Or you may feel led to give a small monetary amount so items can be purchased to fill the request. Please register soon.

We are hoping to have some WF events in the near future. One idea is to have Nan Erbaugh, who spoke to the congregation recently, tell about her years of riding along with law enforcement officers who were on patrol. The women who are being served by Growing Grounds love the throws that Mikayla showed us how to make back when we were able to meet together and I'm sure those throws have been claimed by now. We could make more.

We're looking for ideas for meetings. It can be informative, entertaining, helpful, or just social. Please let me know your ideas.

Brenda Landis

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 - August

1	Hosea 8-14	9	John 13-15	17	Philemon	25	Numbers 25-28
2	John 10-12	10	Titus	18	Numbers 21-24	26	2 Chronicles 6-10
3	2 Timothy 3-4	11	Numbers 17-20	19	2 Chronicles 1-5	27	Psalms 114-116
4	Numbers 13-16	12	1 Chronicles 25-29	20	Psalms 111-113	28	Proverbs 26-27
5	1 Chronicles 20-24	13	Psalms 108-110	21	Proverbs 25	29	1 Chronicles 15-19
6	Psalms 105-107	14	Proverbs 23-24	22	Amos 5-9	30	Obadiah
7	Proverbs 22	15	Amos 1-4	23	John 19-21	31	Proverbs 20-21
8	Joel	16	John 16-18	24	Hebrews 1-4		

Witness Commision

Special Offering

September	Disaster Relief
October	World Mission Offering
November 3	New Community Project

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	Bread
Hamburger	Soups
Baked beans	Canned fruits and veggies
Hamburger /Tuna/Chicken Helper	Saltines
Peanut butter	Cleaning Supplies
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)	TP/Tissue
Jelly	Personal Hygiene items
Pasta	
Saltines	

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

HAWC

“How does it feel?”

How does it feel?

To be without a home,

Like a complete unknown,

Like a rolling stone?"

- *Bob Dylan*

Progress on Housing Action of Wabash County, Inc.

January 31 Incorporated in the State of Indiana as Housing Action of Wabash County, Inc.

“To provide a collaborative effort to discover and address housing barriers for very-low, low, and moderate income residents of Wabash County.”

The intent is not to replace the very productive HAWC meetings that have been held for the past many years, but to augment them. This organization will work closely with other community groups to provide housing counseling to improve the chances that the homeless will be successfully housed in safe and stable conditions.

April Bylaws adopted by the organizing committee.

May Policies adopted on Conduct, Conflicts of Interest, Non-Discrimination, and Housing First

June Accounting Policies and Procedures and Grievance

June 29 HAWC Board of Directors Organizing Meeting

President Jim Gaier

Vice President Janet Shoue

Treasurer Pat Lynn

Secretary Carol Horn

Dale Bliss

July Granted and Employer Identification Number (EIN), selected Crossroads Bank to hold accounts, determined that HAWC will share the office space at 123 W. Canal Street with Advantage Housing, procured an internet domain name and email (though neither is yet active)

HAWC85.org

info@HAWC85.org

developed position descriptions for two employees

Executive Director

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

August Received Nonprofit 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, approved a policy forbidding transportation of clients by staff under ordinary circumstance

85 HOPE

Hi, Wabash churches,

Hope you all are well! We wanted to let you know that we are in need of some items for our hygiene pantry for 85 HOPE clients. I have attached a list you can use as a bulletin insert, but I wanted to highlight a few especially needed items:

- Shampoo (small or medium size bottles)
- Conditioner (small or medium bottles)
- Deodorant
- Lotion (small or medium size bottles)
- Laundry soap pods (large containers, we will separate)
- Dryer sheets (large boxes, we will separate)
- Kleenexes
- Toilet paper (large bundles, we will separate)
- Dish soap (small bottles)

Items can be dropped at our office located at 123 West Canal St., Wabash (entrance under awning) during office hours Tuesdays 1-5, Thursdays 1-7. They can also be mailed to 85 HOPE, PO Box 27, Wabash.

Thank you so much for anything your congregations can do!

Blessings,

Laura Spaulding, RN, BSN | Executive Director

Brethren Disaster Ministries,



Friends,

The BDM project in Waverly, Tennessee, is the result of a flash flood last year before the Kentucky tornado which eclipsed the news of Waverly. BDM is there staying at a Presbyterian Church, with BDM tool trailers and BDM coordinating staff. Presently that project will be open through December, this year. Will you join in the work of this project?

South/Central Indiana District is scheduled for the week of November 27 - December 2. We will be repairing and rebuilding homes damaged or destroyed in that flood. Anyone who can help with painting, roofing, flooring, trim, framing, drywall, insulation, household upkeep, installing doors and windows, etc is welcome to be part of the team. We need 7 volunteers to complement the 7 volunteers from IL/WI District.

Bring flexibility, work clothes, plans for a daily devotion, your consent to the current Covid protocols, toiletries, towel and bedding/pillow. Send your registration to me soon (at least your intent to be part of the team), as I have folks from another district willing to fill our spots.

A short-term response is planned for Madisonville, KY where BDM is partnering with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders for two weeks - October 2-8 and 16-22. This is the result of the huge tornado that devastated Kentucky last year. If interested, please email me or call 260-982-2971 soon.

There will be a training for Children's Disaster Services volunteers October 14-15 at Eel River Community Church of the Brethren near Silver Lake, IN. This is training for volunteers who would be posted to assist with children caught in the trauma of weather disasters, fire, immigration, plane crash, or mass killings. If interested, or if you know of others who would be interested, please drop me an email.

Always, there are calls for cleanup kits, school kits, health kits and Emergency Disaster Funding for international sites. If your congregation needs a project, please keep these regular needs in mind! I can help with plans. :-)

Blessings of peace to you! Cliff Kind

BRETHREN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
UPCOMING COURSES

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE CHURCH
Instructor: Aaron Gross
Dates: July 23, August 6 and 20
Location: TBD

INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE
Instructor: TBD
Dates: October/November 2022

INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY
Instructor: Gene Roop
Dates: January/February 2023

To register for a BLI course or for questions, contact the District Office (260) 274-0396,
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>.