



**Wabash Church of the Brethren**

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# August 2022

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

Stories are central to who we are as human beings. When we begin to think about the trajectory of our lives, it is almost always in the form of story telling. If you are asked how you came to be who you are, or where you are, we turn to stories to help us explain ourselves. Our culture is built upon stories, whether that is in the church, or in our nation, or in our world. It is through that medium that we seek to tell our own histories, to express our values, and to share with others about what is important in our lives. The Bible is full of stories, and, is, at its core, the story of God interacting with our spiritual fore bearers. The Bible offers us a foundational story for our faith.

It's natural for us to think in terms of stories. Significant turning points for us become our foundational stories, the ones we tell over and over again to explain who and what and why we are who we are. On an individual basis, we might think back to a time that led us in a new path, and tell stories about what happened. Perhaps it was a teacher who supported us, who pointed us in a new direction. Or perhaps its a story about a person we end up marrying, or a good friend who comes into our lives. We love to tell these stories to one another, and as we do so we begin to share an important insight into ourselves.

As a congregation, we also have a story. It begins with the individual stories that bring us into the church, whether that's being born into the church, or walking in off the street one day, or some other way that we first come into contact with our congregation. Some of us bring stories from other congregations, some have stories that began here in this congregation. And then, those individual stories become communal stories, of how we have lived together, worshiped together, served together, helped out one another, and how we have grown in our faith together.

Each of us have a story of our faith, a story that we share with one another here in the church. But we are also called to share that story with the wider world. To know our own stories well enough to share them with others we encounter out in our community and our world. For it is in the sharing of our story of faith that we can often find an opportunity to invite others to come and see what is going on here in our congregation.

While our congregation's story has had it's ups and downs, both while I have been the pastor, and even before I came, I am convinced that we have much to continue to offer to our community, to those seeking a place to come together to worship with others, to learn about God, to share in the life of faith together. It is when we are willing to share our own stories about our faith and our congregation, that others want to know more. I invite you to take some time this month to sit down and think about your own story of faith, and how you might share that with others in your community.

In Christ,  
***Pastor Doug***

# Church Board

The Executive Committee met at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, last week. Wednesday, August 10, Commissions and Board will meet at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

## Nurture Commission

Important:

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

We celebrated the news of **Chad and Megan's** wedding last month. The new family consists of **Chad**, his daughters **Gia and Rai**, **Megan**, and her daughters **Chloe and Ava**. In recognition of this, we are going to have a card shower for them. If you would like to give a card, please turn it in to the church office by **Sunday, August 21**. We will mail the cards the following week.

### **Transfer of Membership**

We sadly report the transfer of membership for **Karen Odiorne** to the Eel River Church of the Brethren earlier this year. As you may know, following their move to Silver Lake, **Johnny and Karen** have been attending the Eel River congregation, which is located very near to their new home. We appreciate the many years of faithful participation from **Karen and Johnny**. We wish them well as they continue their faith journey with the Eel River congregation.

### **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

## **News From the Pews**

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

**Barb Miller** is proud to announce that several of her works of crocheting won prizes at the fair. One of them was awarded Grand Champion, another was awarded Champion and several others received blue ribbons! A favorite creation of hers is a blanket she made for her granddog, Thor. (In return, Thor is especially fond of Barb's special handiwork!) Congratulations, **Barb**!

**Barb** is also celebrating the birth of her first great-grandchild, **Kelly**, in April. Kelly lives in Tennessee but **Barb** is looking forward to meeting her one of these days. (I'm sure **Barb** would be more than happy to show you pictures!) And **Barb** has been making pickled eggs and pickled beets. (I'm sure they would win prizes at the fair, too, but I imagine they'll just be eaten. Yum! )

**Leroy Striker** tells us that life is good for him and **Marty**. He started a new job last week teaching Criminal Justice at Mt. Vernon High School in Hancock County-- about a 30-minute drive for him. Previously, this school had not had a Criminal Justice class so **Leroy** will be creating a new class for them. (We should have known that Leroy could not retire. As he says, he's too much of a worker and has too much energy.)

**Marty's** "retirement" mostly consists of taking care of her grandchildren--which we're sure she enjoys. **Marty** and **Leroy** took their children and families to Saugatuck, Michigan a few weeks ago. They miss us but they are also very much enjoying being with their family!

**Roberta Eubank** will be having back surgery on August 11. She is really looking forward to the surgery, as she hopes it will help her walk better! Her sister, **Pam Little** is also having surgery on August 11th. **Pam** will be having a filter put in her heart on August 11, as well.

Both of these friends would appreciate our prayers for them on these upcoming surgeries. We're told that **Pam** is happy at Miller's. She is keeping active and wants to stay there. Still, I'm sure she would be delighted to see any of us that want to visit her there!

**Carol and Dennis Horn** recently took a train trip to visit their grandson **Jesse** in Salt Lake City and then to Yellowstone and Tetons with **Jesse's** family (**Angie, Barth, and Elyse**). **Dennis** and **Carol** had been to some of these places before but saw "new vistas" this time. **Carol** reports that, although the train ride was long, they saw beautiful scenery, especially in Colorado.

**Johnny Hanger** has been doing a lot of fishing/kayaking with new friends. He's also been working on tying flies, as well as teaching others this skill. **Karen Odiorne**, meanwhile, still enjoys gardening, especially in the community garden at Eel River. **Karen** and **Laurie** want to continue to find ways to bring our two churches together for fellowship.

# 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	Children's Church	Musician
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7	Pastor Doug Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 “True Worship”	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Mikayla Stanley	Larry Jamerson	Carol Horn	Deanna Unger
14	Pastor Doug Isaiah 5:1-7 “Justice and Righteousness”	?	Mikayla Stanley	“	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett	Audrey Hahn
21	Pastor Doug Luke 12:32-40 “Be Prepared!”	?	Stan Miller	“	Carol Horn	Bonnie Haughn
28	Rick Carder to speak Pastor Doug off	?	Stan Miller	“	Carol Horn	Laurie Kieffaber Cornett

## **Women's Fellowship**

Pastor Doug's article last month 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.

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## 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.

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## 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	2 Kings 21-25	9	Psalms 93-95	17	Proverbs 17-18	25	Hosea 1-7
2	Psalms 90-92	10	Proverbs 16	18	Daniel 7-12	26	John 7-9
3	Proverbs 14-15	11	Daniel 1-6	19	John 5-6	27	2 Timothy 1-2
4	Ezekiel 43-48	12	John 3-4	20	1 Timothy 4-6	28	Numbers 9-12
5	John 1-2	13	1 Timothy 1-3	21	Numbers 5-8	29	1 Chronicles 15-19
6	2 Thessalonians	14	Numbers 1-4	22	1 Chronicles 10-14	30	Psalms 102-104
7	Leviticus 25-27	15	1 Chronicles 5-9	23	Psalms 99-101	31	Proverbs 20-21
8	1 Chronicles 1-4	16	Psalms 96-98	24	Proverbs 19		

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# Witness Commision

## Special Offering



August	Deacons' Helping Hands Fund
September	Disaster Relief
October	World Mission Offering

## 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](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org) or Mikayla at [office@wabashcob.org](mailto:office@wabashcob.org).

## Around the District

# Camp Mack

## News from the Director

### Camp Mack All Year

The gathering room is quiet. The kitchen is closed. The sounds of children playing, songs around the campfire, and shrieks of delight from the lake are gone. It is hard to believe that another season of summer camp has ended. The quiet is deceiving. This time tomorrow, the excitement of camp will return, but in a different way.

This summer, our camps were held over a nine week period, but the program of Camp Mack happens all year. So, what do we do the rest of the year? A lot!

Outdoor education, community activities, family camps, leadership events, adult learning activities, spiritual life events, worship, Church of the Brethren events, rental groups, family events, weddings and banquets, conferences, fundraising, celebrations, service projects, and more.

Our outdoor education program includes homeschool, private school, and public school programs for a variety of ages and topics. Community activities occur when specific camp space and equipment is offered free for the community to experience. Colony camp, Labor Day Family Camp, and the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son weekends provide wonderful opportunities for extending family connections.

Leadership events are offered throughout the year for adults who seek to lead camp programs and youth interested in developing their skills. Adult learning activities are opportunities to learn a new skill through a Get-A-Way Day or a specific class like CPR and first aid.



Weekend spiritual retreats, monthly small groups, and a biannual pastor's sabbath are spiritual life events that extend camp ministry. Many congregations worship at camp during the year, and our staff spend a great deal of time visiting with congregations, often providing leadership when requested. Church of the Brethren events include District Conferences and various district and denominational meetings.

Camp facilities are often rented to college groups, other church groups, schools, special interest groups, and activity groups like quilting, woodcarving, and scrapbooking. Families can also rent camp facilities for get-aways large and small. Many families celebrate weddings, and community organizations hold special events and banquets. Organizations periodically work with our staff to provide meaningful professional conferences.

Central to the camp program are fundraising events like the Camp Mack Festival, Giving Day, and the Annual Dinner. Camp Mack staff annually recognize volunteers and celebrate various milestones throughout the year. Opportunities for service are always available.

It has already been quiet too long. How will you find sanctuary at Camp Mack over the next year?

Gene Hollenberg, 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

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**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.

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visit <http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html>.