

Wabash Church of the Brethren

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July/August
2015

Here is what I'm thinking...

Actually, this month I'd really like to know what you are thinking. We have been sharing a new experience with our "Message" time and I am interested in how it has been for you. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from people who are enjoying it and that is great. I wonder if some of you are not appreciating it as much and are just shy about telling me. Let me hear how it is working for you. Personally, I am really having fun with it. I get to hear some of the things you would normally be saying under your breath while I am preaching. You bring great insights and questions that enrich our experience and understanding of the scriptures and customize our discussion to fit our real lives. So keep it up!! Your attendance and participation is what is giving the message life.

Because I am going to conference and I have an 11 month contract, I will not be leading worship part of July and most of August. Fortunately for you all, we arranged for really thoughtful and interesting speakers on those Sunday's that I will be gone. On July 12, Cliff Kindy will share from his first hand experience living and working with the oppressed people in Nigeria. July 26, Murray Cox will be introducing us to a version of Quaker worship. August 2, Bev and Joel Eikenberry will dialogue on the different, sometimes conflicting, understandings of God they bring to their faith and marriage. August 9, Rachel Gross will invite us to consider the theological implications of the lullabies we sing to our children. August 16, I will be back to invite you to participate in a discussion of the sixth commandment, "You Shall not murder." August 23, Helen Beery leads us through using scripture to go deeper in prayer. And finally, on August 30 our Annual Conference Delegate, Laurie Kieffaber Cornett, will share the joys and struggles of our denomination to be faithful to our calling to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, and together.

So here's what I'm thinking...It is going to be a great summer of creative sharing and meaningful worship!! And don't forget, if you absolutely have to miss a Sunday, you can catch a recording of it at your convenience on our church website. (If you have questions, Michelle Roudebush has all the answers.) So come and be feed the fruits of faith and thought!

Blessings,

Kay



Worship Schedule

Summer Series on the Ten Commandments

July 5 III You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain?

Scripture John 13:34-35, 15:9-17

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

July 12 Saul and Ananias in Nigeria

Scripture Acts 9: 10-16

Message Cliff Kindy

July 19 IV You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy

Scripture Exodus 20:8-11, Romans 14:5-6

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

July 26 Listening Spirituality; The Quaker Way

Scripture Romans 12:1-2

Message Murray Cox

August 2

Scripture

Message Joel and Beverly Eikenberry

August 9 A Lullaby

Scripture James 1:23-25, Psalms 136:1-9, 26

Message Rachel Gross

August 16 VI You Shall not murder (Kill)

Scripture Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-24, 1 John 3:14-17

Message Pastor Kay Gaier

August 23 A Spirituality of Wholeness: Praying with Scripture

Scripture Mark 10:46-52, John 1:35-40

Message Helen Beery

August 30 "Abide in my love...and bear fruit"

Scripture John 15:9-17

Message Laurie Kieffaber-Cornett

Special Offering

August 9- Deacons' Helping Hands

Purpose

This fund is generated from within our congregation for special needs of our local members and friends. In the past, this has gone on to help with medical bills, utilities, transportation needs and food during short—term times of need. The Deacon's Fund is administered by the Deacon's Committee and lead by the Deacon's Chair, currently being filled by Dennis Horn.

Prayers for

Laurale Kreps is feeling a bit better now than last week, but still is on restricted activity and medication.

Linda Miller's uncle who had a massive heart attack.

Stan Miller was released on Sunday, however still has no answers as to what is causing the bleeding.

Willie Cornett's son, Kelvin, suffered severe injuries from a motorcycle accident. He is sedated while awaiting surgeries and other procedures to repair damage to his leg, pelvis, ribs and other injuries.

Pastor Kay, Delegate Laurie, and Mikayla will be traveling to Annual Conference in Tampa Florida this week. Keep them and our denomination in your prayers as they do the business of the church.

Linda Barkey is dealing with atrial fibrillation and being treated by a cardiologist as well as her local doctor.

Raymond Singleton has not been well but is beginning to feel better.

Cassi Mullett and her host family are currently looking for new housing.

Stephanie Burkholder's father has undergone treatment for melanoma.

Macy and Shawn Larrowe as they continue their adjustment to new homes that offer the next step toward independent living, and **Sharon** as she seeks new ways to support them.

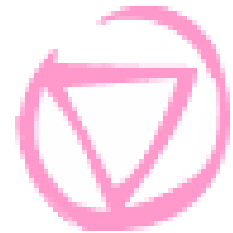
Solomi Titus In response to the request for prayer and fasting from the Nigerian church, each congregation is being assigned the name of the abducted school girls.

Special Offering

July 19—Supportive Community Network

SCN Goals

- To offer support, resources and opportunities for dialogue among congregations which welcome gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual members
- To encourage meaningful dialogue at the denominational level
- To offer support and resources for individuals who are working toward welcome



News from the Pew

Women's Fellowship

Eating, Fun and Fellowship

Women of any age are invited to share a meal on Saturday July 25 at Ugalde's Restaurant in Wabash. Please RSVP to either Bethene, Bonnie or Laurie if you are able to attend so they can make sure there will be room for everyone!



Manchester University

July 11 8:00am Deep River Water Park

July 13-17 9am –12pm Robotics Camp, for Grades 6– 8

July 20 10:00am MU Alumni at the Indianapolis Children's Museum

August 7 MU Alumni at Chicago Cubs



Annual Conference 2015—Tampa FL

- Be sure to check out both streaming and recorded videos of activities. Just load this page in your web browser:
<http://www.brethren.org/ac/2015/webcasts>
- Offerings this year benefit the Church of the Brethren Core Ministries, Nigeria Crisis Fund and Annual Conference
- See if you can find any familiar faces by checking out photos online at www.brethren.org/ac2015



Monica Rice assumes new duties as administrative assistant and coordinator of congregational and alumni relations. Mark Lancaster named executive director of institutional advancement. Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership announces a position opening for coordinator of Spanish-language ministry training programs. July 24—August 3 Bethany will host Explore your Call, an exploration of faith and call for high schoolers.

July 2015

JUN 2015							AUG 2015						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
7:30 PM NIGERIAN WOMEN'S CHOIR	10 AM Culinary Camp 1 PM Science Camp			11 AM b. Johnnie Hanger 11 AM b. Ashley Tyler	11 AM b. Chloe Bishir 11 AM b. Susan Eakright	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	11 AM b. Liberty Harding 11 AM b. Dan Hueston	7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Executive mtg.		10 AM a. John and Jane Unger	8 AM Deep River Water Park 2 PM Annual Conference
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
11 AM b. Brandon Weitzel	Soup Kitchen					11 AM b. Sharon Larrowe Reminders about newsletter
2 PM Annual Conference						
	9 AM Robotics Camp					
		7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11 AM b. Alissa Haines	11 AM b. Roy Shepler 11 AM b. Mary Jane Tyler 11 AM b. Sharon Singleton 10 AM MU Alumni Day at the Museum	7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	11 AM b. Travis Minns 11 AM a. John and Laurie Krebs 6 PM GG Gathering & Meal		11 AM b. Kay Galer Explore Your Call	11 AM a. Bill and Toni Berysh 9 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	11 AM b. Cheryl Petro	11 AM b. Brandon Gill 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	11 AM a. Roy and Martha Shepler	11 AM b. Judy Rodecap		

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This year's theme: Power Up! Living in the Spirit

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

LOOKING AHEAD:

July 5—7 Samplers
July 5—10 Creative Arts Camp
July 5—10 Culinary Camp
July 5—10 Finders Camp
July 5—10 Sailing Camp
July 5—10 Seekers
July 5—11 Dadirri Camp
July 19—24 Finders Camp
July 19—24 Seekers
July 19—24 Followers Camp

August 1—8 Boundary Waters Camp
August 2—4 Grand Camp
August 22 Golf Outing
August 22 Sailing 101
August 23 Prairie Flower Walk
August 28—30 Homecoming Weekend

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: Children making summer camp decisions, Camp staff, and program and support volunteers.
Growing From the Ashes Capital Campaign

A Quiet Place Quote: "The battle is lost or won in the secret places of the will before God, never first in the external world." – Catherine Martin.

Additional Information: You can get information by going to www.campmack.org, www.facebook.com/campmack, call 574-658-4831, or contact Carol or Dennis Horn. If you are writing to someone at camp or sending donations, the legal address of the camp is PO Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

This Month's Campers

Please keep them in your prayers these weeks, that they are able to enjoy themselves, meet friends, and develop a deeper relationship with Christ.

Zak Roudebush	Finders	July 5—10
Alyssa Marvel	Finders	July 19—24
Cohen Marvel	Followers	July 19—24
Isis Larrowe	H20	July 19—24
Kay & Jim Gaier, Will Larkin	Grand Camp	August 2—4

Campers like mail when at Camp Mack. Mail should be addressed like the following sample:

Chris Camper, Seeker Camp
PO Box 158
Milford, IN 46542

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2	3 b. Toni Berysh	4 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	5 b. Bryon Horn 6:30 PM Executive mtg.	6	7 3 PM MU Alumni Day with the Cubs	8
9	10 b. Stephanie Hueston Soup Kitchen	11 b. Erica Barlow 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	12 6:30 PM Commission mtgs. 7:30 PM Board mtg.	13 9 AM Homes For All Gathering	14	15
16	17 b. James Walls a. Larry and Nancy Jamerson	18 Andy Tyler Reminders about newsletter 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	19 6 PM GG Gathering & Meal	20 b. April Harding b. Amy Williams	21	22 b. Aaron Height 8 AM Camp Mack Golf Outing
23 b. Brianna Thomas 9 AM Prairie Flower Walk	24 b. Michelle Macy	25 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	26	27	28 90 Year Homecoming Celebration Homecoming Weekend	29 90 Year Homecoming Celebration
30 90 Year Homecoming Celebration	31 a. Aaron and Lisa Height b. Ryan Hahn	1 b. George Schneider 7 PM GG Narcotics Anonymous	2 6:30 PM Executive mtg.	3	4 b. Kellie Poole b. Joyce Knotts	5 b. Adrian Haughn

TOGETHERHOOD®

Togetherhood® isn't a real place, like a neighborhood, but it's all about COMMUNITY. Through Togetherhood®, a Y program, the Y is engaging individuals in service to the larger Wabash community on August 23. We'll partner with service agencies to reach more people in need, work with the street and parks department to make our city better, and extend compassion through visits and letters. Togetherhood® is a way to serve and enrich the lives of people across Wabash; we know you want to belong!

1:30pm Meet at YMCA: Registration & Instructions

2:00pm Disperse to your volunteer site

4:30pm Meet at Field of Dreams

Local Musicians to perform

5:00pm Free Will Donation Dinner

Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets

Speakers to report on day & Thank you

Register: at your church, YMCA or on-line at:

WabashCountyYMCA.org Register TODAY!

On August 23, 2015 the Y will be holding the Togetherhood, Day of Service. This is where we gather over 400 volunteers to go into the community and complete projects for organizations in Wabash.

Last year we painted, moved furniture, picked sweet corn, packaged bathroom items, visited skilled care facilities..... among a multitude of other things.

Consider how our church might participate in this community event.

Growing Grounds

Volunteer for a Heart-Warming, Eye-Opening, Frustrating, Much-Needed and Appreciated Experience with Single Parents, Precious Children, and Families Who Call to Growing Grounds (GG)

This article is a call-out for volunteers who might help on occasion with folks we are placing through Growing Grounds, plus a glimpse into the life of those people in transition. When the cell phone call comes, the need is usually for shelter as some emergency in employment, health, or relationship has occurred, and the people are at risk of being on the street-usually with children. The first step may be to get them housed at a motel while working quickly to find an apartment to rent. Of course, the better scenario would be to have an emergency shelter in Wabash County, but we have none. If a decent and affordable apartment can be found, the initial deposit and/or rent is paid to the landlord, sometimes in full and sometimes in a shared arrangement with the family. Then, the case development, or "walking with", often continues. This is where you could come in. The following real life situation will show how you could be helpful - and the need.

The mother of a two-year-old made contact when one of the nearly 30 churches she had called about housing referred her to GG. The landlord from another state was forcing folks out of living spaces and since she, her toddler and fiancé had just moved to Wabash following an emergency in another town, they did not know where to turn. The man had a temp job, but no pay check for a week. (Fortunately, the company was hiring and he now is working full time at minimum wage with mandatory overtime and weekends. Often, the scenario is that maybe one person in the family can get a part-time, minimum-wage job which does not begin to cover rent, utilities etc.) GG gave the fran-

tic mother a list of landlords and she started calling about openings. In the meantime, the family was housed at a motel for two nights with all of us wondering how long this expense would need to continue. After hearing about and looking at a couple apartments that were either not yet available or rented then to someone else, an apartment opened up. Here is a compilation of various common needs and details as to how others could help.

- Listen to the family members, show concern for their situation, and let them know they are not alone in this trauma. As they gain trust, their stories start to emerge. It could be domestic abuse, causing blindness in one eye in one case, teeth knocked out in another, other abuse often, no family members they can trust or should be around, and years of chaos. Sometimes there are felonies that, in our society, block about everything that could lead to a new life. Often though, it is just circumstances, plus decisions that did not help an already bad situation.

- Since most families have little or nothing, the household items, furniture, and clothing at the church are a blessing. Most families do not have vehicles, so we could use your vehicle and you, at times, to load and deliver. A BIG thanks to those of you who have donated all sorts of items-furniture, air conditioners, towels, bedding, pans, silverware, strollers, and more. A full size bed/mattress is needed right now as is a sweeper, dust buster, broom and stroller. A newer type TV is needed for the apartment we rent from Habitat for homeless women.

- A trip to a thrift shop in town is usually necessary to purchase additional needed items.

- Taking them to a food pantry is a necessity usually.

- Getting an ID, now necessary for everything, is a task that could use your help. It may mean getting the form online for them and then sending a money order to another state. This process could also mean taking them to the social security office in Marion or Kokomo.

- Help them get a free phone from Safe Link or Assurance Wireless. These numbers, and other needed county resource numbers, are in the (free) Wabash County Community Resource Guide that was developed by Homes for All and the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

- Taking someone to the library to apply online, or taking them to a job interview, is needed. Seeing the excitement on his or her face when they come back to the car with a job makes it all worthwhile.

- But, now there is a new problem to be solved - transportation. This may mean going to the Wabash Transit, especially if the job is out-of-town, and setting up times and payment. Or, it may mean working out gas payment in case someone working the same shift could provide them with a ride. Or, it may mean getting a bike and bike lock for them. (Thanks to those of you who have donated bikes!)

- Work on the best care situation for the child/children-and love them.

- Think, long-term, how our church could best "be there" for these children and families on faith journeys, as well as life journeys.

- Find an entity or person who could be a payee for a person who has mental or emotional disabilities and needs a trustworthy person to help them handle their money. (A handful of folks have a small monthly income, but others take advantage of their inability to comprehend some things, and then they are left homeless. And, mental health facilities in this country were closed years ago so that now the jail is the repository for these folks.)

- Tell us of a grouping who has, or might form, a charitable corporation that would renovate a building to be refurbished into affordable rental units.

- Make food for the monthly Growing Grounds gathering that our church provides as a setting for folks to socialize and learn.

- Be prepared to often see tears of joy and great appreciation! Restorative measures in the life of these folks are very unusual, as all they usually face are punitive measures.

If you like crossword or jigsaw puzzles, you will love these real life puzzles in which to get involved.

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