

WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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May 2019

24th Annual Fish Fry

Friday May 10th, 2019

4:30pm—7pm

Adults \$9, Children 6-12 \$2

645 Bond Street, Wabash IN

Carry-outs available

Fish and Tenderloin by Dan's

Also serving: green beans, cole slaw, and applesauce

Dessert table is freewill offering

For more information, call: (260) 563-5291

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.



Dan's Fish Fry Trailer

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Random Thoughts

A Day for Peace

Pastor Deb Peterson

I wasn't raised in the Church of the Brethren; my mom took us to the Evangelical United Brethren Church. It merged with the Methodists in the 1960s, becoming the "United Methodists." So I don't remember any of what the E.U.B. Church believed in and when I began to question many of the tenets of the Methodists, I somehow ended up in the Church of the Brethren. I knew I was "home." I believed (and still do) everything they follow and practice. It's still a calming sense of peace for me, that there really are people just like me.

You might find it a bit strange though, that when I think of Mother's Day, I think of the Church of the Brethren. Today it's known mostly as a time for brunches, gifts, cards, and general outpourings of love and appreciation for a variety of mothers, sometimes including grandmas, daughters, aunts or a special neighbor. But the holiday has darker roots: It was founded for mourning women to remember their fallen soldiers and work for peace. Yes, work for peace. And when the holiday went commercial, its greatest champion, Anna Jarvis, gave literally all she had to fight it, dying broke and broken in a sanitarium.

Anna's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a women's organizer and held Mother's Day work clubs to improve sanitary conditions and try to lower infant mortality by fighting disease. The groups also tended wounded soldiers from both sides during the U.S. Civil War. After the war, Ann and other women organized Mother's Friendship Day with picnics and other events. Their purpose? To promote peace and unite former enemies. Julia Ward Howe (writer and composer of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic") published a widely read "Mother's Day Proclamation" in 1870, calling for women to take an active political role in promoting peace. Bottom of Form

Around the same time, Jarvis had initiated a Mother's Friendship Day for Union and Confederate loyalists across her state. But it was her daughter Anna who was most responsible for what we call Mother's Day—and who would spend most of her later life fighting what it had become.

Anna's, mother's death inspired her to organize the first Mother's Day observances in 1908. On May 10 of that year, families gathered at events in her hometown of

Women's Fellowship

As of publication, no May event has been scheduled. However, please check the bulletin insert for updated information.



Manchester University has a Church Matching Agreement which provides students from Church of the Brethren congregations a scholarship of up to \$500.00. Both Mikayla Genovese and C J Cervera would qualify for the 2019-2020 school year.

Anyone interested in supporting this could do so by placing a check in the offering made out to the Wabash Church of the Brethren. Please write MU Matching Scholarship in the memo line. If you choose to have your contribution earmarked for one of the students, please also write their name in the memo line. May 26 will be the last Sunday to make donations to this fund.

Grafton, WV at a church, also in Philadelphia, where she lived at the time, and in several other cities. Thanks to her efforts, President Woodrow Wilson officially made it a holiday in 1914 on the second Sunday in May; Anna was adamant that the day wasn't to celebrate all mothers, it was to celebrate "the best mother you've ever known" (hopefully your own!) She made sure people knew it was the singular "Mother's Day," not the plural "Mothers' Day,"

But Anna's success turned to failure in her eyes. Her idea was for it to be an intimate day of celebrating or remembering a son or daughter's mother. Instead, it rapidly became a commercial gold mine of buying flowers, chocolates, and greeting cards. She hated what the day had become so she used her large inheritance and dedicated herself to returning Mother's Day to its reverent roots of peace. She organized boycotts, threatened lawsuits, and even attacked First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for using Mother's Day to raise funds for charities. She crashed a convention of the American War Mothers (which still exists today) and was thrown in jail.

Today, of course, Mother's Day continues to roll on with blatant consumerism. Statistics show that this year we'll spend an average of \$170 per mother on cards, flowers, bath items, jewelry and brunch. (The U.S. National Restaurant Association reports that Mother's Day is the year's most popular holiday for dining out.) And sadly to me, we don't focus our celebration on our mother (which is the one thing we all have had or have), we celebrate all mothers it seems, our daughters, our granddaughters. Because husbands are more apt to celebrate the day with their wives, their moms may only get a card or gift before or after the actual day.

What will your Mother's Day look like? Who will you celebrate? How will you celebrate? Will we even think of its original purpose, the pursuit of peace and honoring the woman who gave us birth? Just some random thoughts...

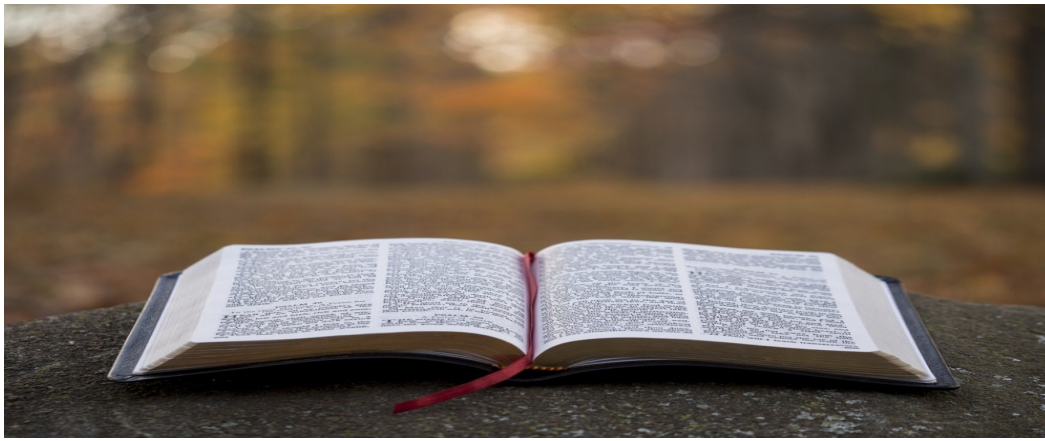
Church Cleanup Day Planned

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. If it rains, there will be indoor work to do.



Carol washing windows



Bible Study Topics

We meet each Wednesday 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.

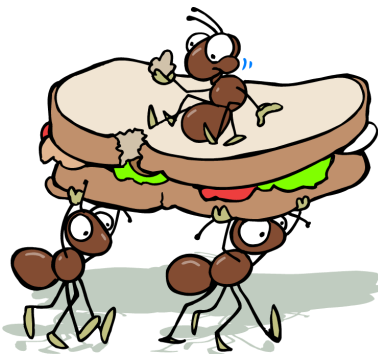
May	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
5	Pastor Deb	Leroy S.	Stan M.				Audrey H.
12	Pastor Deb		Stan M.				Bonnie H.
19		Karen O.	Stan M.				Bonnie H.
26	Pastor Deb		Stan M.				Bonnie H.

Stewards' Request

Keeping it clean

With the coming of spring (yea!), it can also mean the march of the ants... Please be mindful to clean up after any food or drink spills.

Please also make sure food items are in sealed containers and placed in the refrigerator, as appropriate.



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

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Copy Paper (letter size)
Cleaning Supplies
TP/Tissue/Paper Towels
Personal Hygiene items
Disinfectant Wipes
Feminine Products
Address Labels
OTC Medicines



Fish Fry Fun

All hands on deck!

Signup sheets in sanctuary

The fish fry is a BIG project, and it takes the entire church to make it successful! Can't make it the day of? No worries, there are many activities that need to be done in the weeks beforehand. Please see the signup sheets, or Larry and Karen for more details.

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 (reminder that 2020 is a year of credential review, when CEU's are counted) .

BLI students are encouraged to bring portfolio materials and any related questions to the Practice of Ministry day.

Cost is \$50, payable that day. Please pre-register by April 24. Lunch and snacks are provided.



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

May 5 - Please pray with us for the Huntington COB and Western Pennsylvania District.

May 12 - Please pray with us for the Kokomo COB and Puerto Rico District.

May 19 - Please pray with us for the Lafayette COB and Shenandoah District.

May 26 - Please pray with us for the Liberty Mills COB and Southeastern District.

Camp Mack Corner

Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- Pastor's Sabbath April 30—May 1
- Birdwatcher's Retreat May 2 —4
- %K//Kids Fun Run May 5
- 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

Prayer Request:

Please pray for committed summer staff and camp counselors.



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Email: info@campmack.org Website:
www.campmack.org



May 3rd—7:30pm University Bands Concert. \$5

May 5th—3:00pm MSO: 1812—Celebrating 80 years; Cordier Auditorium

May 11—7pm Opera Workshop performance; Wine Recital Hall

May 12—11:30am Mother's Day Lunch; Jo Young Switzer Center, upper level

May 12—3pm Opera Workshop performance; Wine Recital Hall



BackPack

BEGINNINGS

Annual Conference 2019

Witness to the Host City

The Annual Conference will again be partnering with BackPack Beginnings in Greensboro for our Witness to the Host City as we did in 2016. The mission of BackPack Beginnings is to provide children in need with nutritious food, comfort items, and basic necessities.

The organization was started in 2010 by Parker White, a young mother who wanted to help children in need in her community. From a few boxes of food on her dining room table, this organization has grown to a multi-program organization that now serves over 4,000 children. The organization is staffed 100% by volunteers!

How you can help

The Annual Conference has asked BackPack Beginnings what their most needed items are that Conference attendees can donate. Here's what is needed (in order of need):

- Canned soups
- Canned Chef Boyardee meals
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Grits and Oatmeal
- Healthy Snacks
- Washcloths
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Activity Books

Also:

- Gently used khaki/navy pants for boys and girls, sizes 8-14
- Gently used jeans for boys and girls, sizes 2T, 3T, 4, 5, 6, 6X and 7/8
- Gently used children's athletic shoes, size 10-13 and 1-5



Planting 1.2 trillion trees could cancel out a decade of CO2 emissions, scientists find

Protecting existing trees also crucial

There is enough room in the world's existing parks, forests, and abandoned land to plant 1.2 trillion additional trees, which would have the CO2 storage capacity to cancel out a decade of carbon dioxide emissions, according to a new analysis by ecologist Thomas Crowther and colleagues at ETH Zurich, a Swiss university.

The research, presented at this year's American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Washington, D.C., argues that planting additional trees is one of the most effective ways to reduce greenhouse gases.

Trees are "our most powerful weapon in the fight against climate change," Crowther told *The Independent*. Combining forest inventory data from 1.2 million locations around the world and satellite images, the scientists estimate there are 3 trillion trees on Earth — seven times more than previous estimates. But they also found that there is abundant space to restore millions of acres of additional forests, not counting urban and agricultural land.

"There's 400 gigatons [of CO2 stored] now in the 3 trillion trees," Crowther said. "If you were to scale that up by another trillion trees, that's in the order of hundreds of gigatons captured from the atmosphere — at least 10 years of anthropogenic emissions completely wiped out."

Tree planting is becoming an increasingly popular tool to combat climate change. The United Nations' Trillion Tree Campaign has planted nearly 15 billion trees across the globe in recent years. And Australia has announced a plan to plant a billion more by 2050 as part of its effort to meet the country's Paris Agreement climate targets.

Amira Hess

Plymouth Congregational Church

The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace is delighted to be hosting Israeli human rights journalist, Amira Hass, the only Jewish journalist living in the West Bank. She'll be speaking Thursday, May 2, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W Berry St, 6:30pm - "A Jewish Journalist Discusses the Israeli Occupation."

Amira Hass, acclaimed Israeli journalist, author, and columnist for daily newspaper, *Ha'aretz*, covers Palestinian affairs in the West Bank & Gaza; she is the only Jewish reporter living in the West Bank. Hass is the only child of a Jewish mother who survived nine months in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, and a Jewish father who survived three wartime years in a ghetto. She writes and speaks about the dilemmas of an Israeli journalist covering Israeli colonialism. She is an outspoken critic of Israel's policies and treatment of Palestinians. Free, open to public.



Indiana Center for
Middle East Peace

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

District Conference Project

September 21, 2019

This year, the District Conference Board has chosen CWS hygiene kits as the mission project. Each church is being asked to supply a minimum of 5 kits, plus the \$2 each for shipping. Please place your donations in the box at the rear of the sanctuary. Needed items are:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Global Women's Project

Honor a woman you know and love

Celebrate and support mothers around the world!

Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to:
Global Women's Project
c/o Kim Hill Smith
5315 36th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55417
(write checks to GWP)

Remember to include your name and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on our website: www.globalwomensproject.wordpress.com. Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Kim by May 1. After that, they will be sent as soon as possible.





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.