

# Wabash Church of the Brethren

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## *Here is what I'm thinking...*

*"Kay!! It took me a minute to figure out how I knew you. Didn't you used to have red hair?"* That's how I was greeted by an old college classmate that I saw at Annual Conference in July. Being a red-head (both the positives and the negatives of it) was such an important part of my identity growing up that I go through a little identity crisis every time I am reminded the color has faded with age. Now and then it gets to me enough that I put a temporary rinse on it so that I can reclaim my former self-image, if only for a couple weeks. But, of course, the reality is that things are changing, I am changing, the world is changing, and the church is changing.

I was reminded of this at my niece's wedding last weekend. I shared leadership for the service with an internet-ordained, tattooed, ear-pierced, motorcycle riding, leather kilt-wearing, nice man named Piper. The groom and father of the Bride rode down the hill of the lovely outdoor venue on roaring motorcycles, and the whole bridal party including the bride and the 16 month-old flower girl wore motorcycle boots. And then there was this touching moment when my 89 year-old mother was escorted down the grassy path, very slowly pushing her walker to the front row. What a contrast.

***But here's what I'm thinking...*** Everything was crazy different from when my mother was married and yet it was still the same. This young couple was sweetly anxious as they came together with tears in their eyes. They vowed to love each other and stay together in good times and in hard times. We prayed for God's guidance and asked for God's blessing in what we all hope will be an enduring relationship. The décor may have been different, but the meaning of the moment was the same. And, the reality is that with or without the red hair, and through all my changes, I am still "Kay". As we continue to experience changes within and around our faith community that can cause us to be unsure, let us remember that our focus remains the same—always working for the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. There is still work to be done. Let us begin—again.

***Blessings,***

*Kay* 

# ***Worship Schedule***

September 6     **Thou shalt not commit adultery**

Scripture                Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-28, 31-32

Message                Pastor Kay Gaier

September 13     **Thou shalt not steal**

Scripture                Exodus 20:15, Psalm 24:1

Message                Pastor Kay Gaier

September 20     **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor**

Scripture                Exodus 20:16, John 8:44, 14:6

Message                Pastor Kay Gaier

September 27     **Thou shalt not covet**

Scripture                Exodus 20:17, Galatians 5:22-25

Message                Pastor Kay Gaier

October 4            **World Communion Sunday; What does the Lord  
require?**

Scripture                Micah 6:8

Message                Pastor Kay Gaier



**Mission**  
offering

## ***Special Offering***

The Church of the Brethren Mission Offering supports ongoing international partnerships with brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Haiti, South Sudan, and many other places around the world. It also helps fund Brethren Volunteer Service, the Youth Peace Travel Team, workcamps, and other ministries that provide opportunities for people of all ages to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through action. Other crucial ministries that exist to train and support mission-minded leaders in the church are also supported by this offering: Ministry Summer Service, the Office of Ministry, and Church Planting and Deacon ministries, to name a few.

## Prayers for

**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.

**Stan Miller** as he still awaits answers from his visit at the Cleveland Clinic and for a long-lasting headache.

**Willie Cornett's son Kelvin** as he continues his recuperation from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident.

**Michelle Macy** as she continues her journey by joining a support group.

**Sean Larrowe** as he adjusts to life in his new home.

**Sabrina Haughn's father Art** as he awaits answers regarding lung cancer.

**Pam Elzroth's father** as he begins his fight with cancer.

**Stephanie Burkholder and family** as they grieve the loss of her father.

## Help Wanted

We are in need of a volunteer who would like to prepare and send the stamps that we collect. The stamps are sent to the District Office and are then sent on to a stamp collector who purchases them and then resells them to collectors. The money the district raises goes to benefit Compañeros en Ministerio who use the money for the hungry in Tijuana, Mexico. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact the office.

Instructions for trimming/saving the stamps:

- 1/8" margin around the stamp, and only single—thickness.
- Separate into 3 categories: commemoratives, definitive and foreign.
- There is a bucket on the back table of the sanctuary for collection.

# News from the Pew

## *Church Work Day*

Come join the fun as we work around the church. We plan on starting around 10AM on Saturday September 12.

- Work activities include:
- Cleaning windows
- Cleaning window wells
- Deconstruction of the flower planter in front
- Trimming bushes
- Caulking
- And more!

Please stay afterwards to enjoy a Pizza Supper prepared by the youth.

Hosted by Women's Fellowship and the Stewards Commission



## South-Central Indiana District Conference

In spite of ourselves... God loves us.  
Romans 5:8

- September 19
- Being held at the Manchester CoB
- Come and discuss business as well as reconnect with old friends



National Older Adults Conference is being held in beautiful Lake Junaluska, NC this year. It runs from September 7–11.

Register to attend and hear from great speakers such as:

- Dr. Robert Bowman
- Dr. Robert Neff
- Rev. Christine Smith
- Rev. LaDonna Nkosi
- Deanna Brown
- Ken Medema
- Brian McLaren



## Manchester University

9/1/15 5:30—The Art of Mindful presence, Ft. Wayne Campus

9/8/15 3:30—the Jews of Africa, Cordier Auditorium

9/17/15 7:00—Civic Literacy, Political discourse, and the Constitution, Cordier Auditorium

9/28/15 4:00—Career Expo

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Thanks to all summer volunteers! If you volunteered in any capacity at Camp Mack this year, watch your mail for an invitation to the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, November 7, 2015. The Camp Mack Festival is October 3 rd! This is our last major event to celebrate our 90th year in ministry. Come enjoy some great food, fun activities and the auction. This year bring a scarecrow dressed as your favorite Camp Mack Staff person for the scarecrow contest. If you are interested in helping the day of the festival please contact the camp office.

2 nd Annual 5K Run/Walk is Sunday, September 13, 2015. The race cost is \$20 for 5K entries and \$10 for the Kids Fun Run if received by September 1, 2015. The Kids Fun Run starts at 2:00 p.m. and the 5K starts at 2:15 p.m. The cost is \$25 for 5K and \$15 for the Kids Fun Run entries made after 9-1-15, including those made on race day. For additional information call Lauren Carrick at Camp Mack at 574-658-4831 or email at [lauren@campmack.org](mailto:lauren@campmack.org). You may register online at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com) (for an additional fee) or get a registration form from your church or at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org).

Seasoned Citizen Retreat: Oct. 12-15 - \$160 per person or \$108 if not staying overnight

Father/Son Retreat Oct. 10-11 Theme is Stick and Stones! \$125 for father and son (\$58 for each additional person).

Quilting Retreat: Oct. 15-18. Fills quickly. Register now. Cost: \$148 for arrival Thursday evening, \$132 for Friday morning arrival, and \$118 for Friday evening arrival.

Scrapbooking Retreat: Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Register now. Cost: \$136 for arrival Thursday evening, \$120 for Friday morning arrival, and \$110 for Friday evening arrival.

Build-a-Drum Workshop: Nov. 6-8. Register by Oct. 5 so supplies may be purchased. See drum prices online: [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org).

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: The Camp Staff & Indiana Camp Board

A Quiet Place Quote: As you go along on this journey to the heart of God and share in His life, you begin to see things as He sees them. Catherine Martin

# Wabash Church of the Brethren Board Minutes

## August 12, 2015

PRESENT: Laurie Kieffaber Cornett, Kay Gaier, Bethene Gill, Audrey and Dave Hahn, Carol Horn, Larry Jamerson, John and Laurale Kreps, Sharon Larrowe, Deb Miller, Stan Miller, Katie Mullett, and Michelle Roudebush

Dave Hahn, Vice Chair, opened the meeting asking for updates on members and friends of the church family. Kelvin, Willie's son has been taken from Kokomo rehab back to the Ft. Wayne Hospital because of infection in the foot. They have already removed one toe and part of another, and will redo the skin graft. Dennis still has nausea and pain from the Tuesday eye surgery that placed another shunt in the left eye and removed a cataract. Stan had a recent blood draw showing his blood count at 10.1. It should be at 13.2, but was at 8.5 when he left the hospital. He goes on Aug. 18 to a vascular specialist at the Cleveland Clinic. Stephanie Burkholder's father has just entered Miller's at Peru. Cassi and Samantha are back home in Wabash looking for employment. Macy overmedicated, but did reach out for help. Larry received great news from the urologist from tests taken—all OK. Megan's Hahn's ex-husband is in a crisis. We ended this time with prayer.

**Minutes** for June were perused. John/Larry unanimous to approve

**Stewards Commission** – Larry reported that one Plexiglas window well cover is on, and the second will be installed soon. The certificate for the boiler from the state has been received and we are OK for another year. The pine tree in front of the parsonage will be taken down in September. Stewards will be checking on the possibility of air conditioning for the sanctuary, a dehumidifier for the fellowship hall, cement work and brick work needing repair, and the elevator inspection.

**Witness Commission** – Laurale reported that she has set up a display of items needed for the school kits being gathered at our church to take to the district conference collection. A newly revised list will be available.

The district goal is one kit per member. A 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast is August 30, and she circulated a sign-up sheet for food contributions.

**Nurture Commission** – Carol reported that Nurture is working on pulpit fill for Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 1 and 29, Dec. 27, and Jan. 3. The once-a-month movie nights will restart, probably in November. There was interest in having these scheduled after the Sunday

service, actually following a light noon meal. The Togetherhood Wabash area volunteer afternoon sponsored by the Y is Aug. 23 and we will see if youth, maybe adults, are interested in participating. Times and formats to gather youth were discussed and a thoughtful discussion ensued with the following highlights.

It is Ok to have questions about faith (at any age). We need to take/make more opportunities to talk about our experiences of and with God. This journey is sometimes like pebbles that make a path. We can look at the life of Jesus to know what God is like, and this will help us make a plan for our life. We all do find an ultimate authority for our life. The faith community is called to figure out the Kingdom of God. A definition of this in Micah 6:8. Act justly, love, mercy, and walk humbly with your God. A mentoring group for youth was mentioned. God does not make things happen to us. God works with all the material of our lives to make something positive.

These all relate to what we want for our kids and youth

**Treasurer's report** – Stan distributed the May, June, and July financials. The budgeted amount needed each Sunday is \$1595. Offerings were short some per Sunday. There is around \$8,000 in the Memorial Fund to be used. There is still \$2,500 in the Fish Fry Fund.

**Pastor's Report** - Kay found the pre-Annual Conference and Conference meetings good. She preached at Timbercrest, had hospital visits, an anointing, funeral, and more all while on unpaid time/vacation. NA continues to meet each Tuesday at our church, sometimes on the lawn in good weather. There were 18 at this week's meeting. Some are interested in a church service on Sunday evening. These folks are often working during the daytime hours. The district is asking each church to give a 45 second overview, in any format, about the church. Kay is asking for others to help her plan this.

There was a motion to accept all reports. John/Katie, unanimous

**New Business** – The current rent amount for the parsonage was discussed. Larry will look at the Yellow Pages inquiry that came. Jim Finnell will be asked about contributions that have come in memory of Maxine Pickle.

**Old Business** – Larry has talked to the parsonage renters about not having a trampoline on the property, thus conveying the Board decision.

Carol Horn, Clerk

Marion Church of the Brethren  
presents our  
**ANNUAL**  
**TENDERLOIN**  
*Dinner*  
*Hand-breaded Double-dipped*  
**Tenderloin Sandwich**  
**Coleslaw or Applesauce**  
**Baked Beans • Drink • Dessert**

**SATURDAY SEPT. 12**  
**4:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Adults: \$8.50** **Children: \$4.00**  
AGES 4 to 12

*Proceeds to Benefit: Gilead Cancer Ministries & Clothes for Kids*

*Carry-Outs*  
*Call:*  **662-1600**

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You are invited to be our guest at  
**The Open Door Dinner**  
**"CHILD OF MINE"**  
*a benefit dinner for Spiritual Life Programs*

Saturday Evening  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**  
at White's Hodson Campus Center, Wabash, Indiana  
*The evening includes dinner and entertainment*  
5:00 PM: SOCIAL HOUR AND CAMPUS TOURS  
6:00 PM: DINNER IN THE HODSON CENTER CAFETERIA  
7:00 PM: PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINER MARK SCHULTZ

**Join Us for the Evening!**  
...and please prayerfully consider what you can give to help  
White's continue our Spiritual Life Programs.

  
Featuring Entertainer...  
**MARK SCHULTZ**

*Mark is a platinum selling artist, an 18-time Dove Award Nominee, and Dove Award Winner for his "Live Project: Night of Stories & Songs." Mark will bless us with his music, but perhaps even more powerful, share his personal testimony. In addition to performing at dinner, Mark has also agreed to come early and share his story with our students in a special chapel service.*

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2015  
Online: [www.whiteskids.org/opendoordinner](http://www.whiteskids.org/opendoordinner)  
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# COMING SOON

## The Heart of Grief



Kurt Borgmann

In this book of reflection and remembrance, Kurt Borgmann tells what one reader has called "a poignantly honest" story of grief, discovery, and healing. Weaving together narrative, personal correspondence, and sermon, Borgmann traces an experience of grief that is less linear than circular. And as he tells a story of experiencing grief across time, he makes the case that our very personal encounters with grief do not fade so much as they become more focused. "The Heart of Grief" describes a heart that is hurting and honest and hopeful.

Can be ordered on  
Amazon.com as of August 15, 2015

## School Supplies Kit

### District Conference Campaign

District Conference has requested that all congregations help collect the following school supplies and bring them to conference in September.

- 1 pair blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 - 70 count spiral notebooks (no others)
- 1 - 12" ruler
- 1 - handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 - large eraser
- 6 - new pencils with erasers
- 1 - box of 24 Crayons (no other sizes please)

Karen is providing the bags for our kits

We also need to include \$2 for each bag to cover shipping from the CWS office to the final destination.