South/Central Indiana District NEWSLETTER 2013



Announcing!!!

When: September 20, 2013

Where: Manchester Church of the Brethren

Who: All leaders (pastors, deacons, interested folk)!

What: Professional Growth, Continuing Education Units, Food, Fellowship and Fun

Cost: Workshop: \$10.00

.5 CEUs (must attend entire workshop and evening program): \$10.00

Dinner and Program: Be our guest!

Everyone is welcome to attend. Pastors, this can provide CEUs that will support your credentials. Deacons and other people involved in caring ministries across our district are urged to attend.

SCHEDULE

- 12:30 Registration (and snacks!)
- 1-5:30 Family Systems, Listening Skills, and Dealing with Dying
 - Tara Hornbacher, Bethany Theological Seminary Professor of Ministry Formation
 - Dan Poole, Bethany Theological Seminary Coordinator of Ministry Formation
 - 5:30 Gathering
 - 6:00 Dinner All those attending the workshops and all pastors, credentialed ministers and their families are invited to this time of fellowship.
 - 7:00 *Putting the Bible on Paper* with Robert Bowman, Professor Emeritus, Manchester University

This is a great opportunity for the leaders of South/Central Indiana District to spend a day learning, garnering CEUs and enjoying fellowship with some of the people who make this district a wonderful community of congregations following Jesus.

Beth

S/C Indiana District Conference 2013 Sept. 21 at Manchester COB

My mom was raised in the Methodist Church. Some time after she and my dad married she joined the Church of the Brethren by baptism as was the custom of the church in those days. She told of the ice being chopped to form a hole big enough for a grown person to enter the water for immersion. She and I talked of this later in her life. She told me that one needs to be willing to do what it takes to speak for God in ones life. Her life and death spoke of her love for God, church, community and family. Over 900 visited with the family at her viewing. Over 100 flower arrangements were sent. Family had asked for donations for the purchase of a van for the senior citizens of Wells County. Enough money was raised to purchase two vans. I still see the benefits of her life in my great nieces and nephews. God walks among my family in very powerful ways today!

I pray that I may show others God in my walk as she did!

What will your life speak of to others?

See you at District Conference September 21 @ North Manchester COB.

Guy Studebaker, moderator

Annual Conference Delegate Briefing

Sunday, June 23, 1:30pm Anderson COB

Meet with Standing Committee Representative Mike Cassidy and view the video about Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Credentialed persons from our district that we know are receiving ministry related degrees this spring:

- Amy Beery
- Mary Eller
- Daniel Finkbiner
- Rob Miller
- Mike Osborn
- Laura Stone

Please let us know if there are others in your congregation.

A prayer for Pentecost

You who blow about us, both gently, and in ways that annoy us, continue to breathe new life into us. Continue to guide, or even push us to that which will make us. and your world, whole. We can handle getting our hair messed up or our feathers ruffled by your winds, if we know it will be for a good cause. With each breath we take. fill us ever so much more with your love and all things good, that we might be a part of helping another breathe more easily, more calmly, more in rhythm, with you. In the name of Jesus, whose every breath offered hope and

--Erin Matteson

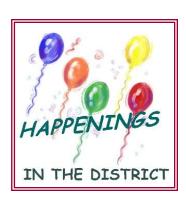
... take your mat and walk Mark 2:9

Amen.

peace,

Vacation Bible School in S/C Indiana District

- Pleasant Dale June 3-7
- Mexico June 7-8 Hay Day!
- Living Faith June 9-13 Go Fish
- Manchester June 10-13 Breathe it in God gives life
- Kokomo June 23-27 Kingdom Rock
- Rossville June 23-27
- Grandview July 8-12 The Courage of Daniel
- Anderson July 15-19
- Logansport July 21-26 Athens
- Liberty Mills July 22-26 Kingdom Rock
- Eel River Community Aug. 1-2 *Many, O Lord my God are the wonders you have done!* (Day Camp overnight)



CONCERT

We here at the **Logansport Church of the Brethren** sought for some way to bring the whole community together. Our goal is to give back to the community which has supported us through so many activities over the past years.

First we sought a means by which we could both have fun and also render some aide to a local organization. We hit upon the idea of connecting the community through comedy. It is through this means that we hope to raise funds for the Emmaus Mission.

An evening at the **Ken Davis Comedy Concert** will supply both laughs and revenue. We all need an opportunity to lighten up and laugh a little and the Emmaus Mission will benefit many of the needy in our midst.

The concert is scheduled for June 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the McHale Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices are \$20 for gold seating or \$15 for general admission unless four or more tickets are purchased at one time, then the price is reduced to \$12 per ticket. For tickets: www.kendavistickets.com or 800-425-0873.

If this event proves to be the success we believe it will be, the organizers see this as the beginning of an annual summer series for years to come. West Section Singspiration will be held at the Lafayette Church of the Brethren on August 11 at 7pm. All visiting participating churches please bring 3-4 dozen cookies to share during refreshments after the program. All churches are invited to bring a special song to share; we will also have congregational hymns. Any questions can be addressed to Dana Hood: 574-583-7909 or danadeb@comcast.net. Hope to see you at Conference, we will share a meal there also, either Monday or Tuesday evening!

Thank you for helping...

S/C Indiana District congregations sending youth to a **2013 Brethren Workcamp**:

- Antioch
- Lafavette
- Northview
- Richmond

Directory corrections...

Pages 14, 41, 49 Merle Rummel phone: 765-935-3891 Pages 7, 9, 45, 52 Barb Wood new phone: 260-224-1909

Blanketed in prayer

It's not uncommon to see a stack of folded blankets on the pulpit of Arcadia (Ind.) Church of the Brethren most Sunday mornings. They're not there to warm the people in the pews, but rather to spread tangible examples of prayer and love to those in need-whether they are members of the church or not.

What began as a simple outreach four years ago has grown into something much larger. Blankets from the church have been delivered not just to people in the surrounding community, but throughout the United States. Wherever they're bound, each blanket has humble origins in the homes of members and friends who patiently quilt or knit them for distribution. They are not full-size blankets, but are big enough to fit comfortably over the lap of one in a wheelchair or around someone's shoulders.

On Sundays when the blankets are stacked on the pulpit, pastor Ben Poole blesses them with a prayer for healing.

"When we hear of someone who is sick, whether they attend our church or not, a prayer blanket is taken to them and spread over them, and another prayer is offered for healing," says Bev Poindexter, chair of the ministerial board for the

church. "These prayer blankets have been requested and sent allover the United States to family members and friends of people who attend our church. Many people have been healed, even of cancer, and they believe it is the power of prayer that healed them.

"There have been great stories about these prayer blankets that have come back to us in thank-you notes," Poindexter adds.

"In one, we learned about a man who was baptized with his prayer blanket around his shoulders. Another told of a man who had asked to be buried with his. We send out about 100 a year, and our average attendance on Sunday morning is about 125. So it really keeps our women busy!"

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Arcadia Church of the Brethren pastor Ben Poole says a blessing over prayer blankets about to be delivered to church members and others in the community who seek prayer and comfort.

National Junior High Conference 2013

Love Speaks

June 14-16, 2013 Elizabethtown (Pa.) College \$155 (\$175 after April 19)

Speakers will include: Jeff Carter Marlys Hershberger Jennifer Quijano Andy Murray



Contact the Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office with questions at 800-323-8039, x397 or http://www.brethren.org/yya/njhc/.

Safe travels to all who are attending!

VISION LIVED OUT!

The 2012 Annual Conference delegate body adopted the following vision statement:

Through Scripture, Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action:

To surrender ourselves to God,

To embrace one another,

To express God's love for all creation.

Prairie Grass Project

Jim Chinworth, Youth/Congregational Life Pastor, Manchester CoB

At the 2012 Christian Citizenship Seminar (theme: Our Relationship With Carbon) organizers and presenters put this question to the youth: What is one thing you can do personally to lower your carbon output, and what is one thing you could do as a congregation? The Manchester group considered this question, thought about the church building and grounds and had the idea of planting a naturalized area on the acreage to the north of the building. It was a good idea; a doable idea and one that really took off when the Biology teacher at their high school got involved and put to work his Environmental AP class. The class studied the soil to determine what seed mixture would work best and calculated how much carbon would be reduced by not mowing. The youth group put a proposal together and put it before the church's Property Commission which unanimously approved it and passed it on to the board who also put its full support behind the project. The class and the youth group held a joint coffeehouse at the church to inform the congregation. The gathered group had lots of questions, not out of any skepticism but out of curiosity. The youth were quite surprised by the support and especially the curiosity. This support put real wind in the sails and the youth then contacted all the neighbors, scheduled a town forum (to meet the requirements of a town ordinance) so neighbors and residents could ask questions. voice concerns and just learn more about the plans. The town Planning Commission then voted unanimously to grant the needed exemption to move forward with putting a naturalized area within town limits. The site was then prepped, seeds have been planted and now the waiting and tending begins.

- There is plenty of good news when it comes to this project:
- Seeing an idea through;
- A new perspective by youth as they received unanimous support;
- The collaborative effort between church and school;
- The goodwill in being in conversation with the neighbors;
- Seeing if you take a question seriously, good things can happen;
- The care of creation and providing a different kind of green space to the community.

Prairie Grass is also a lesson in delayed gratification since it takes about 3 years to really come into its own. A number of the youth involved will graduate and be off at college by the time it has beauty, but it is a gift they give to the current Junior High group in addition to the congregation and the town.

The next issue of the District Newsletter will be a <u>July/August issue</u>. Please have items for these months to the District Office by June 20.

Spiritual Preparation for 2013 Annual Conference

June 1 Prayer focus: Luke 12:11-12 – Don't worry about what to say, the Spirit will teach you

June 2-8

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind. Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.

June 2 Prayer focus: John 3:1-8 – Born of the Spirit

June 3 Prayer focus: John 14:15-27; 16:12-16 – The Spirit of truth

June 4 Prayer focus: Acts 1:1-8 - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you"

Move Sidet

June 5 Prayer focus: Acts 2:1-21 – The church is empowered at Pentecost

June 6 Prayer focus: Acts 2:29-39 – The promise is to you

June 7 Prayer focus: Acts 4:23-31 – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

June 8 Prayer focus: Acts 6:1-7 – Choose those who are full of wisdom and the Spirit

June 9-15

Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind. Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

June 9 Prayer focus: Acts 10:19-48 – The Holy Spirit is given to the Gentiles

June 10 Prayer focus: Acts 13:1-4 – The Holy Spirit sets apart Barnabas and Saul

June 11 Prayer focus: Acts 15:22-29 – The Holy Spirit directs the council of elders

June 12 Prayer focus: Romans 8:1-11 - Life in the Spirit

June 13 Prayer focus: Romans 12:1-21 - The gifts of the Spirit

June 14 Prayer focus: Romans 14:17 – "Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"

June 15 Prayer focus: Romans 15:1-13 – Overflowing with hope through the power of the Spirit

June 16-22

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame. Raise up thy banners high in this hour.

June 16 Prayer focus: 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 – The Spirit reveals what God has prepared

June 17 Prayer focus: 1 Corinthians 3:1-17 – God's Spirit lives in you

June 18 Prayer focus: 1 Corinthians 12:1-30 – One Body, Many Parts

June 19 Prayer focus: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 – Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom

June 20 Prayer focus: Galatians 3:1-14 – The law condemns us, the Spirit frees us

June 21 Prayer focus: Galatians 5:16-26 – Live by the Spirit

June 22 Prayer focus: Ephesians 1:3-14 – Every spiritual blessing through the Holy Spirit

June 23-29

Stir us to build new worlds in thy name. Spirit of God, O send us thy power!

June 23 Prayer focus: Ephesians 3:1-21 – Filled with all the fullness of God

June 24 Prayer focus: Ephesians 4:1-6 – The unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

June 25 Prayer focus: Ephesians 4:29-31 – "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit"

June 26 Prayer focus: Ephesians 5:15-20 – "Be filled with the Spirit"

June 27 Prayer focus: Ephesians 6:10-20 – Pray in the Spirit

June 28 Prayer focus: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 – "Do not guench the Spirit"

June 29 Prayer focus: Revelation 2:1-3:22 – "Let anyone who has an ear listen to what

2013 Witness to the Annual Conference Host City Classroom Central – Charlotte, North Carolina

Following last year's overwhelmingly successful drive to bring school supplies for St. Louis schools in need, we will again be collecting school supplies this year for Classroom Central in Charlotte.

Their Mission

Classroom Central equips students living in poverty to effectively learn by collecting and distributing free school supplies. Functioning as a Free Store for teachers, Classroom Central serves as an invaluable resource for area students and classrooms.

Their Vision

Classroom Central ensures that all children living in poverty have all the tools they need to not only learn but to succeed. When equipped with the proper supplies, we believe there's no limit to what children can achieve.

Their Program

Classroom Central serves high-poverty schools in six school districts: Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Gaston, Iredell-Statesville, Union, Kannapolis & Lancaster. Teachers and other school personnel in qualifying schools "shop" for free school supplies throughout the academic year. All materials distributed are given to students who do not have basic school supplies.

Their History

The Classroom Central dream began in early 2000. A team of local business leaders set out to provide free supplies to children living in poverty. After conducting a feasibility study to gauge the level of need and after two years of planning and a generous gift of \$200,000 in seed money from the Carolina Panthers Children's Charities, the Free Store opened its doors.

Last school year Classroom Central distributed more than 379,000 pens, 632,000 pencils, and 67,000 one-subject notebooks! The Annual Conference officers are asking those coming to Conference to bring much needed supplies to help keep this vital program well-stocked. The items most needed are:

- Pens (one package)
- Pencils (two packages)
- Crayons (24 count box)
- Erasers (8-count)
- Markers (one package)
- Back Pack (gender-neutral in color)

Let's get together at AC!

All folks from S/C Indiana District who are attending Annual Conference are invited to meet for lunch on Monday, July 1 at the Food Court. Additional information will be shared in the Conference Daily News. Please bring a lunch and eat together.

All donated items will be collected during the Sunday afternoon worship time and presented to the Executive Director of Classroom Central in front of the Conference at the close of business on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of this witness to the city of Charlotte. You can find out more information about Classroom Central on their website: www.classroomcentral.org

Additional Witness to the Host City

Here are other ways the Church of the Brethren will be making an impact on the city of Charlotte during Annual Conference.

Charlotte Rescue Mission

On Monday and Tuesday the young adults and single adults will be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving meals at the Charlotte Rescue Mission from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Trout Unlimited River Clean Up

On Monday morning the Junior and Senior High youth will be helping with a river clean-up project accompanied by David Radcliff of New Community Project. They will also hear from local officials on how the river is maintained, what laws there are for littering, and how they deal with companies who dump illegal waste.

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Volunteer for a task that benefits Annual Conference. <u>Click here</u> to see what opportunities are available.

Strolling for Peace . . . Bob Gross

This spring, I walked from North Manchester, Indiana, to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. My 650-mile stroll through northeast Indiana, northern Ohio, and on through western and southern Pennsylvania, took six weeks – from March 21 to May 3. I was walking for peace, and it was a wonderful adventure.

The Reasons

- I walked in honor of Paul Ziegler, who grew up in the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren and went to McPherson College in Kansas. Paul had planned to ride his bicycle 3000 miles across the country as a witness for peace, after graduating from McPherson in 2015. Tragically, he was killed in a bicycle-truck accident last September.
- I walked in memory of the teachers and children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary last December, and other victims of gun violence and of wars around the world.
- I walked on behalf of the young people growing up today in this violent world, and for the hope that they will choose a path that leads to peace.
- I walked for the opportunity to talk with people along my route about the choices we all have, and the importance of choosing shalom.

The Challenges

- Walking 15 to 20 miles a day, day after day, can be hard on a 63-year-old's feet and legs. I had
 worked on getting in condition, so blisters and aches were few and the physical journey was very
 manageable.
- Some roads were only lightly traveled, but some places the traffic was very heavy and flying by at high speed. It was important to pay constant attention to oncoming vehicles to ensure a margin of safety.
- Dogs, weather, detours, and other unpredictable problems were inevitable, but I'm thankful that overall, these were not major concerns.

The Blessings

- Each day's walk was a new adventure, discovering the beauty and observing the life of another stretch of my path through the Midwest.
- I was able to meet with or speak to 30 groups 1100 people in all in 7 districts of the Church of the Brethren.
- So many generous people provided overnight hospitality and transportation to and from my walking route.
- More than 500 sponsors of my walk have contributed over \$105,000 to support the violence-prevention and peace-building work of On Earth Peace.

To learn more about or contribute to the 3000 Miles for Peace campaign, go to <u>3000MilesforPeace.org</u> or call 260-982-7751.







NOAC 2013

2013 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC): A Church of the Brethren conference offering inspiration, renewal, and community for adults age 50 and older.

 $2013\ Theme:$ Healing Springs Forth: Then you will be refreshed in the

Lord... (Isaiah 58)

Dates: September 2-6, 2013

Location: Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, approximately 25 miles west of Asheville, NC

Website: www.brethren.org/NOAC (more information will be posted on the site in January)

Registration brochures will be mailed to attendees of previous NOACs, congregations, districts, and retirement communities in late February.

Online registration will open March 1; people may also register by mail.

For more information, contact Kim Ebersole, NOAC coordinator, at (800) 323-8039 ext. 305, (847) 429-4305 direct line, or kebersole@brethren.org.

Bus available for Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Don and Patti Weirich are coordinating a bus trip to NOAC that will start in Mt. Morris, Ill., with stops along the way in Indiana and Ohio. Contact them at 574-825-9185 or theweirichs@frontier.com.

Fifth Brethren World Assembly

The Fifth Brethren World Assembly, consisting of constituents and friends of the Brethren bodies descended from the German Anabaptist/Radical Pietist religious leader Alexander Mack in the early 1700s, will be held in Brookville, Ohio **July 11-14, 2013**.

The meetings will be hosted by the Brethren Heritage Center.

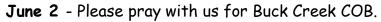


Further details regarding lodging, registration costs and specific program details are available at http://www.brethrenencyclopedia.org/news detail.php?

news id=8 and through the Brethren Heritage Center at http://www.brethrenheritagecenter.org/#Brethren World Assembly.



DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR JUNE



June 9 - Please pray with us for Four Mile COB.

June 16 - Please pray with us for Pyrmont COB.

June 23 - Please pray with us for Logansport COB.

June 30 - Please pray with us for Annual Conference.

We are asking you to remember our sister churches and denominational agencies in prayer this year. Those listed are merely suggestions for the week.

Please remember those affected by the storms in the Midwest.



Manchester University's College of Pharmacy is "GREEN"

LEED Gold certification has been granted for the 82,000-square-foot College of Pharmacy building in Fort Wayne. "We were aiming for Silver and struck Gold," said CFO Jack Gochenaur. LEED is an internationally



recognized green building program for the lifecycle of a building. The structure was designed with energy-saving low-flow valves and faucets and high-performance insulation. Almost 32 percent of the construction used recycled materials and 35 percent of the purchased energy is renewable. The project diverted 75 percent of its construction waste from landfills. Almost half the Fort Wayne campus is vegetated, true green space. Even the storm water is captured and recirculated for cooling the two-story structure and watering the lawns, plants and trees. Drivers of fuel-efficient vehicles get the best parking spaces and the tobacco-free campus has a sheltered bicycle area. Public and private transportation are close at hand, as is a walking trail.

Compañeros en Ministerio . . .

Has a **NEW ADDRESS**!

Effective immediately please send all correspondence to our new address:

PO Box 249 Richmond, IN 47375 937-456-5889 kdjamison@voyager.net www.copanerospartners.org

HOWEVER! Do NOT send stamps to this address!

Help <u>Stamp</u> Out Hunger

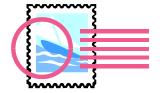
CeM is continuing to accept cancelled stamps for the *Stamp Out Hunger* program. <u>Only first class</u> cancelled stamps can be used. Just simply cut them off your envelope, leaving a half-inch border all the way around the stamp. Then mail them to Carol Long, the Stamp Lady.

The funds from the collection of these stamps are used for assisting families with basic food needs in the New Millennium area and supplying some food to the drug rehabs CREER # 1 & 2 in Tijuana.

Thank you for supporting Compañeros' *Stamp Out Hunger* effort. Thanks to Carol for working with the stamps.

SEND STAMPS TO:

Carol Long 528 N 700 W Wabash, IN 46992



BDM PROJECT UPDATE

We've moved our project base in the Catskills upriver from Prattsville to Schoharie, and volunteers are scheduled through the end of August. The new mailing address, email address, and driving directions are on the attached sheet. The phone numbers remain the same. See Schoharie project details at http://www.brethren.org/bdm/projects/schoharie-ny-project.html.

The Binghamton, NY project is scheduled through August 3. It will be closed the week of June 30-July 6, and possibly the following week as well. The week of July 14 is OPEN. We have a group considering signing up for this week, but if that falls through we'll let you know. Binghamton project details are at http://www.brethren.org/bdm/projects/binghamton-ny-flood.html.

The Holton, IN project also is scheduled through August 3. We still need 5 more volunteers to fill the week of June 2. Let me know if you have any takers. Thanks! See Holton project details at http://www.brethren.org/bdm/projects/holton-intornado.html.

URGENT APPEAL FOR CLEANUP BUCKETS

Severe spring flooding in the Midwest has depleted our warehouse of Emergency Cleanup Buckets. Church World Service has put out an urgent appeal to replenish the supply of these particular kits. See the Church of the Brethren news release for the complete story at http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/material-resources-ships-supplies-to-illinois.html.

Find out how to assemble the buckets at http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/emergency-clean-up-buckets.html.

That's all for now. Blessings, Jane Yount, Brethren Disaster Ministries

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Monday			က	10 6:30pm, MEP at Timbercrest	17	24
Sunday		30 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE	S BETH at Buck Creek*	9 BETH at Northview*	FATHER'S DAY BETH at Manchester* JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE	23 1:30pm, AC Delegate Briefing at Anderson

Peacefully, Simply, Together

Beth Sollenberger, District Executive Minister

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Denominational website: <u>WWW.brethren.org</u>



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