

The Visitor

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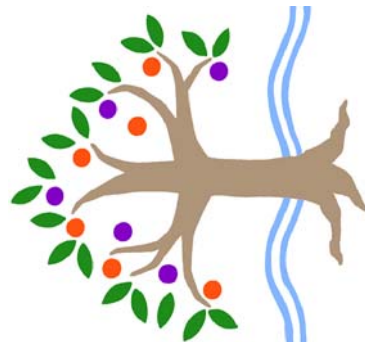
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The Visitor is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of church programs and to report news about the people of Elkhart City Church

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• Rooted in God • Growing in Jesus • Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

April 2004

Alleluia!

EASTER FLOWERS

There is still time to order flowers for our Easter chance! Order forms are on the table with the mail folders in the narthex, and completed orders and payment may be placed in the decorated box labeled "Easter Flowers." Types of flowers available are Easter lilies, Mona Lisa (colored) lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and mums. Plants are \$7.00 each, or two for \$13.00. All may be planted in your garden after you share them with us for morning worship on April 11th; you may take flowers home with you following worship that day. Don't forget to designate a memorial or an honorarium for your flowers if you wish that to be printed in the bulletin for Easter. The final day to place your order is SUNDAY, APRIL 4th. Thank you for helping to make the sanctuary into a garden to celebrate our risen Lord!



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

The events of Holy Week and Easter are central to our beliefs as Christians, and to the life of our congregation. Easter is also a time that people who have not been involved in church are open to an invitation from a friend or family member to come to worship. We hope that our Lenten services and prayer calendar have helped to prepare you emotionally and spiritually for the Passion, and that you will consider inviting someone from outside of our congregation to share in this meaningful season. Here is a schedule of services for Elkhart City Church.:

PALM SUNDAY—April 4

Worship at 9:00am, Sunday School at 10:30am, Seventh Day Adventist Church. The children will be invited to participate in a palm processional.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 8th

Feetwashing, Communion, and Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm, Seventh Day Adventist Church. We will begin the service in the sanctuary with a time of meditation and preparation, followed by footwashing. The evening will end with a Tenebrae Service--a service of darkness--during which each of the seven Lenten candles is extinguished. Children are welcome to participate in the footwashing and Tenebrae Service. Because of limited space in the downstairs fellowship area, we will NOT be serving a Love Feast meal. Please plan to eat supper before you come to the service; we will share the symbolism of Christ's body and blood in communion. The Tenebrae Service will end around 8:15pm; we ask that you depart in silence.



EASTER SUNDAY - April 11th

Sunrise Service, 7:00am at Oxbow Haus Shelter, Oxbow Park. We ask that you come with joy! The Youth are organizing this early service in celebration of the risen Son. Oxbow Haus Shelter is enclosed and will be heated, but please dress comfortably and warmly in case we go outside. A light breakfast of donuts, muffins, coffee, and juice will be served immediately following the service at Oxbow. There is no admission charge to enter the park for this service, and parking is available adjacent to the shelter. Maps will be available.



Morning Worship 9:30am Seventh Day Adventist Church. ALLELUIA! Come and rejoice in this holy day. We will have music from pianist David Gilliland, the Children's Choir, and will be able to raise our voices together as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday. We will return to our regular Worship and Sunday School schedule next week. We hope that each of these services will give you an opportunity to connect with the glory of God, the story of Jesus, and your brothers and sisters in the Spirit. May your Easter be blessed!

Rosanna McFadden
Worship Commission



APRIL 2004

1	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study @ Markley's Cornerstone Committee
4	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Worship—PALM SUNDAY Church School for all ages Lenten Study @ Vardaman's
6	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Overcomer's @ MCL Witness Commission @ Frances Billet's
7	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Volunteer Fellowship @ Myrtis Justiniano's Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist
8	7:00 p.m.	MAUNDY THURSDAY Service @ SDA
11	7:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST @ Oxbow Haus, Oxbow park
	9:30 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP @ SDA
12	7:00 p.m.	Nurture Commission
14	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist Adult Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist
17		Children's Activity—spring cleanup project District Women's Rally @ Bremen COB
18	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship Church School for all ages Church Board—Light lunch and meeting
19	7:00 p.m.	Cornerstone Committee
20	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Commission @ Vardaman's
21	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist
22	7:00 p.m.	Worship Planning @ Gilliland's
24	8:30 a.m.	Timbercrest Spring Fellowship Day
25	10:45 a.m.	Church School for all ages
28	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist
29	7:00 p.m.	Worship Commission @ Bibbee's

Church of the Brethren Newsline

The following articles appeared in "Newsline" and have been edited to fit this page. To view them in their entirety, you may receive Newsline by e-mail, by calling 1-800-323-8039, ext. 263, or write CoBNews@aol.com Newsline is also available at www.brethren.org and is archived at www.wfn.org. Also see Photo Journal at www.brethren.org/pjournal/index.htm for photo coverage of recent events. Newsline is produced by Walt Wiltschek, manager of the General Board's News Services. Newsline stories may be reprinted provided that Newsline is cited as the source.

* Global Food Crisis Fund supports cow breeding, potable water, **trees, and stoves**. More than \$64,000 worth of grants from the Global Food Crisis Fund have been allocated for use in Eritrea and Guatemala.

A grant of \$50,000 has been made to support a multi-million dollar, multi-faceted humanitarian appeal for the needs of repatriated Eritreans. Agricultural activity in the south of Eritrea, along the Ethiopian border, is hampered by drought and land mines. Cattle were looted or slaughtered during the border war, and families are left with no source of income. The grant will provide 100 breeding cows for 100 households predominantly headed by women. The funds are part of an ecumenical response led by the Lutheran World Federation and sent through Church World Service.

In the Ixtahuacan region of Guatemala, \$11,000 will extend projects providing trees, cisterns, and stoves. A grant of \$5,000 has been made for reforestation and fruit tree propagation; \$5,000 to build water systems for ten families; and \$1,000 to build 20 fuel-efficient wood stoves.

*The Annual Conference Office has a new website that is designed to be user friendly and informative. The site will provide access to all of the information found on the old site and, starting Mar. 17, will feature online registration and information for the 2004 Annual Conference in Charleston, W.Va. The new site can be accessed at www.brethren.org/ac/.

* The Church of the Brethren is mentioned often in a new book, "Faces from the Flood: Hurricane Floyd Remembered," by Richard H. Moore and Jay Barnes. "It has gotten a rave review by Dr. Steve Lyons, a familiar face from the Weather Channel," reported Jane Yount of the General Board's Emergency Response. Hurricane Floyd recovery was the longest running project for Emergency Response, at two years and eight months. More than 1,900 Brethren disaster response volunteers gave 93,488 work hours to the effort, and 47 Disaster Child Care volunteers responded. For more information about the book visit <http://uncpress.unc.edu/books/T-7059.html>

Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

- Week of April 4**
Come to prayer in a spirit of humility, marveling at the abundance of God's blessings and love.
- Week of April 11**
Celebrate and give thanks for the gift of life made possible through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.
- Week of April 18**
Pray for the chaplains who serve on the campuses of the Church of the Brethren colleges, and for the larger ministry that the colleges provide.
- Week of April 25**
Praise God for those who work at breaking down barriers of language and culture, and pray that a new dawn of respect and understanding would come.



At the end of the board meeting in February the chairperson role was transitioned from Sabrina Fritz to Pauline Arnold.

In March, the board approved a proposed budget for the Cornerstone Committee of \$86,000, with large expenditures coming to the board for affirmation. Money from the sale of the building and the "Walk by Faith" Campaign is available for planning purposes. The proposed budget includes \$60,000 for architect fees as well as \$25,000 for a project manager. These fees are tentative based on how we decide to work at the construction of the building. Property Commission is getting estimates for the tearing down of the buildings and the excavating of the land. They hope to put in a drive so we can access our land. Budget requests for these expenditures will be coming in the next several months. Property commission is also in dialog with the farmer to rent out the land for crops for this next summer. The board designated the profit from the rent to be placed into the funds for land/church development.

The board is beginning the process of establishing a framework for the board reorganization. Each current board member prayerfully considered their gifts and calling to ministry. Each person identified where they would like to use those gifts. Five persons, Angi Marcin, Walt Gilliland (treasurer), Steve De Pue, Sabrina Fritz and Pauline Arnold indicated their call to serve on the board during this transition. The following motion was made and approved: "The board be comprised of five voting members to include the treasurer, board chair and three others, and that the pastor, moderator and the clerk/recorder be ex-officio members with no vote."

Due to the difficulty of having the whole board meet more frequent to accomplish the reorganization and allow time for a trial, it was recommended to have a smaller group consisting of the "new board" and Lisa Vardaman to establish the recommendations for the groundwork for the reorganization. These recommendations will be presented to the larger board group for consideration. The smaller reorganization team is meeting on March 20th for the first meeting. Pray for your board members as we discern the next steps of our reorganization journey.

 * **Smile...** *
 * **Children's versions** *
 * † "Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses." *
 * † "Give us this day our jelly bread." *
 * † "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." *
 * † "Lead a snot into temptation." *
 * † "Our Father, who are in heaven, how didja know my name?" *



Birthdays

2	Beth Breidenbach
3	Laurie Mastic
4	Tim Randall
6	Kate Schrock
6	Samantha Stahl
6	Cara Mastic
8	Evelyn Heeter
12	Ralph Gordon
12	Maryann Zerbe
12	Darcy Fritz
15	Kristina Cooper
16	Bonnie Neal
22	Mark Arnold
24	Xavier Rosales
26	Kenny West
27	Cary Kelsey
29	John Yoder

Anniversaries

4	David & Lodema Hoke
6	Dennis & Colleen Weaver



I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone that sent cards, called, remembered me in prayer, and came to see me. A special thank you to my S.S. Class, family and friends that brought food, came to help do daily chores, run errands for me, and take me places.

Thanks to David for taking the time to come to our family Christmas to anoint me before surgery. It was very meaningful to have all my children, sister, brother and all of the family members to be there. It is so wonderful to have family and friends that care.

Thanks again,
Norma Miller

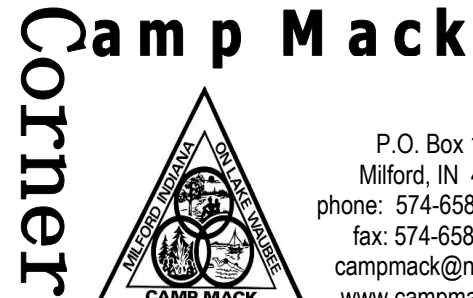
Henry Schmucker wishes to thank Pastor David and the congregation for the visits, cards and prayers during his recent hospitalization.

On behalf of the Elkhart City congregation, The Ministry Commission presented Nelda Risdén a Communion Set at her ordination service.

Nelda had this to say...

Thank you for your gift of a Communion Set on the occasion of my ordination to set apart ministry. I look forward to many opportunities to use it. Your remembrance of this long-time-coming event and Elkhart City's role in the early years of my ministry are appreciated with love.. Blessings to your leadership and support of Elkhart City's ministry.

Joy and peace,
Nelda Risdén



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Coming to Camp Mack...

April 16 Quilters Retreat

This Quilting Retreat will be a wonderful opportunity for quilters to gather together and share their love of quilting; and enjoy the atmosphere of Camp Mack. The retreat is in Becker Lodge and will end Saturday around 2:00 p.m.

April 30—May 1 Mother Daughter Weekend

Doll Workshops
Crafts
Campfire
Tea Time

May 6—8 Birdwatchers Retreat

Do you enjoy watching birds?
Do you enjoy long walks in the woods?
Do you enjoy sharing in fun & fellowship?
If so... THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU!!!

May 10-13 Seasoned Citizen Retreat Join the Party

Come enjoy days of Bible Study, singing, sunsets, devotions, and fellowship to name a few events. There is also time to take a walk, make new friends, or just relax. Cost is \$85.00 per person or \$160.00 for both retreats if you attend the Fall Retreat as well.

See Jan Birr for registration forms or call the Camp Mack Office.

The 6th Annual CAMP MACK FESTIVAL October 2, 2004

It's Time to SIGN UP NOW!

It's time to sign up your church or group for the Camp Mack Festival! **May 1st** is the deadline, and it will be here soon. **DON'T BE LATE!**

Suggestions:

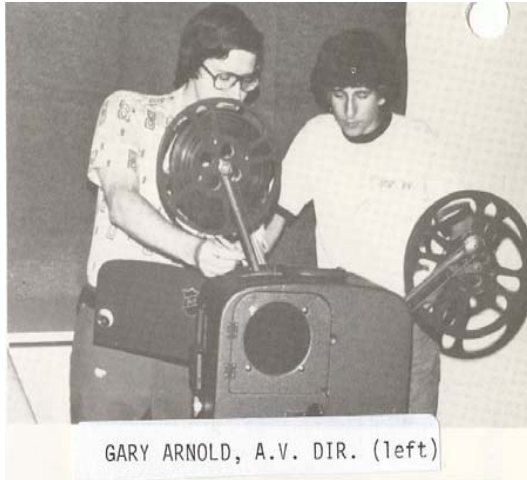
- ✦ Crafts
- ✦ Food Booth
- ✦ Basket Full of Goodies for the auction.
- ✦ Items for the Harvest Market
- ✦ Items for the Auction

For Food & Crafts contact:
Connie Kauffman
574-773-7089
nidcob@npcc.net

For Auctions contact:
Mike & Lana Kauffman
574-658-4831

All CMF Fundraiser proceeds go to Camp Mack to provide Camper Scholarships & additional Rope

Spotlight on... Gary Arnold



The scoop on Gary:

Gary's Great-great-uncle, John Arnold, was the owner of Arnold's Grove in New Paris, IN, where the 1882 COB denomination Annual Conference was held when the denomination split. His grandfather, Charles Arnold, was church elder and minister at New Paris.

Gary's father, Levi Arnold, was an ordained minister & Junior High School Science teacher. He was a member of ECCOB from 1929 until his death in 1993.

Family:

Wife – Pauline
Children - Laurie, Mark, & Brian

Employment: Church World Service since 1977. Film & Video Librarian (since 1981) and Web Assistant (since 1998).

Hobbies: Web Creation

Interests: Media – Sound, video, web; Weather (keeping up with latest forecasts and weather trends.)

Favorite Vacation Spot: Maui, Hawaii

Gary has:

- ☞ Operated the church movie projector at church when in upper grades thru high school as needed.
- ☞ In high school began some sound system operation.
- ☞ AV Director (now Media Director) beginning in 1972 (32 years).
- ☞ Began operating the sound system full time beginning in 1972.
- ☞ Started the Tape Ministry in 1976.
- ☞ Was instrumental in modernizing the church sound system in 1978 including helping to build the sound booth behind the balcony at the church.
- ☞ Early to mid-1980's published a newsletter on Sound/Tape Ministry for COB churches.
- ☞ 1990's began a Video Tape Ministry.
- ☞ 1996 started the church web site.

-Currently:

- ☞ -A member of the Cornerstone (New Building) Committee.
- ☞ -Operates the church sound system most Sundays which includes recording service on tape for Tape Ministry and web
- ☞ -Maintain and update the church web site weekly and as needed

Check out the superb job Gary does on the website at :

eccob.com

Witness Commission

Witness Special Giving

(as of February 29, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$	101.21
Baldwin Missionary	\$	210.00
Church Community Services	\$	80.00
Heifer Project	\$	4.00
Blanket Sunday	\$	942.00
Soup of Success	\$	15.00
Total above budget giving	\$	231.21

Urgent!!

Witness Commission Need You

Witness Commission is in need of someone to be the CROP WALK Representative this year. This is a one time a year responsibility. If you feel called to provide this ministry to your church and the community, please see or call Doris Walters, Witness Chair, at 295-5774.

Stewardship Commission

Financial Statistics through: February 29, 2004

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$	25,131.59
Expenses	\$	27,673.31
Net Loss	\$	(2,541.72)

Average Attendance

Worship: 91 Church School: 73

Building Fund Donations (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$	416,780.97
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$	95,562.41
Total New Location	\$	512,343.38

Timbercrest Spring Fellowship Day

Spring Fellowship day, sponsored by the Timbercrest Auxiliary, will be held April 24, 2004. The coffee hour begins at 8:30 with the program following at 9:45—10:00 a.m. This year the Mossburg Strings will provide the program. This group is composed of four brothers and their sister, who range in age from 8 to 14. Among their list of accomplishments was being the Grand Champions of the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition in 2001.



As in past years, the "Food Market" will be open from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. You may purchase homemade goodies and also a donation of a homemade food item is welcome. If you plan to attend, bring your food item with you. If you cannot attend and wish to donate a food item, see that I receive it before the 24th.

It is also time to collect the annual dues for membership in Timbercrest Auxiliary. The support we give through our dues helps Timbercrest to share and comfort members of our church family and many other friends at this time in their lives. Auxiliary dues are \$3.00 for adult membership for 1 year (male and female) and \$40.00 for a life membership. I will collect dues from march 28 through April 18. If you need a ride to Spring Fellowship Day, please call me at 295-5774.

Doris Walters, Timbercrest Key Leader

ECCOB SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FAIR

SUNDAY MAY 16TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT MC NAUGHTON PARK PAVILION

SPONSORED BY WITNESS COMMISSION
& NURTURE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES TEAM

When Jesus was on the Mount of Olives and his disciples came asking him about the second coming he told them about separating the righteous from the unrighteous by explaining that the Son of Man would sit on his throne and say:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father;

Take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

I was a stranger and you invited me in,

I needed clothes and you clothed me,

I was sick and you came to visit me."

When the righteous ask when they are done these things for the Son of Man,

"The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did

For one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Because of this teaching, we serve others.

One of our MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP is to SERVE IN AND BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION.

During our SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FAIR each of us will have a chance to learn more about how we as individuals and Sunday School Classes or Small Groups, can help people who are in need in our local community and the world outside Michiana. We plan to have information available for you on the following SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

ADEC

CCS

FAITH MISSION

HEIFER PROJECT

HOSPICE

SALVATION ARMY

BASHOR HOME

DISASTER RELIEF

GOSHEN COLLEGE

HISPANIC ASSISTANCE

KIWANIS

CAMP MACK

DISMAS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES

MEALS ON WHEELS

Many of you will be asked to help present material and answer questions at the SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FAIR related to volunteer activities that you have experience with.

Plan to come....Sunday, May 16th...We will eat finger food while we walk around the table displays and learn from each other, and will close with hot bowls of Stone Soup cooked during the Service Opportunity Fair from ingredients that we each bring to share.

JUST FOR KIDS



Upcoming Events

Ages 5 through Junior High

March 21st—Bowling

April 17—Spring Cleanup Project

June—Party at Eis's

July—Cookout at Zerbe's

I am in need of 12 more adult volunteers to assist with children's activities. If you are interested, please see me.

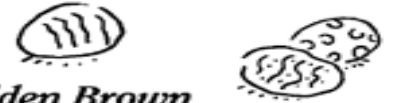
Angi Marcín

Color Easter Eggs the Natural Way



Here's a fun way to color Easter eggs using all natural ingredients. The longer the eggs are in the coloring the darker they will become.

(NOTE: Some of these colors need to be heated on a stove or in a microwave oven. Be sure to get an adult to help you.)



Golden Brown

Simmer the brown outer skins of onions for 5-10 minutes. The more skins you use, the darker the color.

Blue

Mash blueberries – fresh, frozen or canned – in a pan with a little water. Simmer 5-10 minutes.

Lilac

Dip eggs in cold grape juice. For a darker shade simmer the juice for 5-10 minutes.

Pale Green

Chop and simmer the green tops of carrots.

Chocolate-colored

Dip eggs in hot coffee straight from the coffeepot.

