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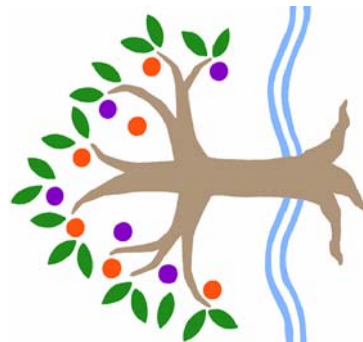
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Cornerstone Committee Update

The Cornerstone Committee would like to update the congregation on what has transpired in the last 8 months since the Committee was formed.

Meeting twice a month we have been working diligently towards the construction of a new church home at CR 113. Besides our bimonthly meetings we have visited several churches and compiled picture notebooks of each area of the church to use in designing the new building. We have worked with the Mission and Vision statements to see what direction the Cornerstone Committee is to go.

Using the Mission and Vision Statements we asked what was formerly known as the Ministry, Nurture, Worship and Mission/Witness Commissions to give us their short, intermediate and long term goals for our church and provide us with their #1 Priority. This would allow us to know what we are presently doing and give us a long-range plan for our church. This process has been completed and the plan has been unanimously affirmed by the Board

Your input is helpful to Cornerstone. If you have insights and/or information that you might want to share with the Cornerstone Committee, please put them in writing and place them in the folder marked "Cornerstone Committee" in the main tub in the foyer at SDA. We welcome your comments and ideas!



Cornerstone would like to thank all those people who have worked through this visioning process. It has been very helpful in getting ready to create a design, but it has also helped us redefine and reinforce our mission and purpose for the church. Cornerstone feels the Spirit is working through you and us. We continue to be aware of

how the Spirit is guiding us and helping our fellowship stretch and grow in Christ.

Gary Arnold, John Berkebile,

Sue Noffsinger, Kathy Royer

Maryann Zerbe, Chair

David Bibbee Ex-Officio

Cornerstone Committee



- 1 Erwin Telgenhoff
 3 Bill Swigert
 4 Deana Markley
 5 Sandy Xayyavongsa
 6 Suze Loth
 8 Imogene Rothermel
 9 Amber Rodgers
 9 Joel McFadden
 12 Alysa Marcin
 17 Kathryn Long
 17 Tamara Toops
 18 Tim McFadden
 26 Trisha Hoke
 30 Garnett Heeter

Anniversaries

- 2 Larry & Vicki Ehret
 3 David & Twig Bibbee
 9 Roger & Bonnie Neal
 9 Ted & Sue Noffsinger
 20 Tim & Rosanna McFadden
 23 Steve & Judy De Pue
 27 Jim & Kristen Vance
 29 Kurt & Lisa Vardaman
 29 John & Betty Yoder

Family Fun Fest
Sunday, August 15th
Bonneville Mill Park
Lookout Pavilion
Worship—10:30 a.m.
Meal 11:45 a.m.
Fun Fest—12:15 a.m.

Activities for Fun Fest 2004
Overcomers: Ladder Golf ,
 Onward: bottle ring toss?, Junior Highs: Wa-
 ter balloon shooter, Thee Seekers: Washer
 Toss, bead bracelet making, naps in chaise
 loungers, and shoulder massages,
 New Life: Blow-up Jumping Cube for chil-
 dren, Children's class: ??? Senior Highs:
 Surprises!

Each participant in the Fun Fest will
 purchase a 10 activity pass card for a re-
 quested donation of \$5.00 or whatever they
 feel they want to give to the NYC Fund. For
 each punch on their card, they will be able to
 participate in one of the various activities. Of
 course, folks can purchase multiple pass
 cards.

Since Sunday school classes will plan
 their activity around something they can af-
 ford to donate, pass card donations will go
 directly to the NYC fund.

Nurture Team has asked Jay Mann to
 bring his pork BBQ again. If there are left-
 overs of pork, Nurture Team will be selling
 the meat in quart-size zip lock baggies.
Please bring your table service and food to
share. Drinks will be provided.



In the Life of Elkhart City

August 2004

- 1 9:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
 10:45a.m. **Church School**
 3 4:30 p.m. **Overcomer's @ MCL**
 4 7:00 p.m. **Cornerstone Committee @ Noffsinger's**
 5 7:00 p.m. **Mission and Outreach Team @ Sandy Gordon's**
 8 9:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
 10:45a.m. **Church School**
 3:30 p.m. **Thee Seeker's Class Fish Fry & carry-in @ Eis's**
 12 6:30 p.m. **Church Board @ Sabrina Fritz's**
 15 10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP @ Bonneville Mill Park**
 11:45 a.m. **Picnic—Look Out Pavilion**
 12:15 p.m. **Family Fun Fest**
 18 7:00 p.m. **Cornerstone Committee @ Berkebile's**
 22 9:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
 10:45 a.m. **Church School**
 29 9:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
 10:45 a.m. **Church School**

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.

Annual Conference in Brief

- ◆ Annual Conference showed persistence and a commitment to deal with difficult and divisive issues in its deliberations in Charleston, W.Va., July 3-7. Through days of meetings, moderator Chris Bowman, a pastor at Martinsburg (Pa.) Memorial Church of the Brethren, guided an engaged and lively delegate body through a maze of issues, motions, and amendments with intelligence and clarity. Ronald Beachley, executive minister for Western Pennsylvania District, was chosen as moderator-elect, to lead the 2006 Conference in Des Moines.
- ◆ Extensive discussion and an extremely close vote on a substitute motion revealed deep division in the delegate body over the report on "Congregational Disagreements with Annual Conference Decisions." Similar discussion with regard to other business items—particularly the denominational name, doing church business, and multi-ethnic church and cross cultural ministries—gave a sense that the delegate body also was deeply divided over how open to diversity and differing opinions the church ought to be
- ◆ Total attendance of 4,038—including 920 congregational and district delegates—easily topped last year's gathering of 2,844 in Boise and came close to the Baltimore registration figure of 5,029 in 2001. It was announced that San Diego, Calif., will be the Conference site in 2009. Next year's Conference will take place in Peoria, Ill., July 2-6.

- ◆ Conference attendees also took advantage of service opportunities at the meeting. Some 2,500 Gift of the Heart kits and Clinic Boxes were brought to the Conference and collected by the General Board's Emergency Response/Service Ministries program. .

Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

Week of Aug. 1

Praise God for the publishing ministry of Brethren Press, and ask God's blessing on those developing a major new Sunday school curriculum.

Week of Aug. 8

Pray for the Historic Peace Churches conference occurring in Africa, and for ongoing peacemaking efforts in that part of the world.

Week of Aug. 15

Pray for the congregations of the Southeast, from West Virginia to Alabama to Puerto Rico, and ask God to richly bless their ministry.

Week of Aug. 22

Praise God for the many partnerships occurring throughout the Church of the Brethren and beyond, and for the new possibilities they offer in continuing the work of Jesus.

Week of Aug. 29

Express thanksgiving for the many labors of love happening in Brazil, and pray for the growing Church of the Brethren in that nation

Mission Outreach Team

Outreach Special Giving

(as of July 31, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$	495.65
COB General Board	\$	130.00
Baldwin Missionary	\$	250.00
Church Community Services	\$	775.00
DISMAS	\$	100.00
Heifer Project	\$	749.76
Blanket Sunday	\$	1052.50
School Kits	\$	125.12
Health Kits	\$	44.62
Soup of Success	\$	65.00
Total above budget giving	\$	3787.65

Mission Outreach Ministry Team News

Come to the Garden Party

Timbercrest Summerfest sponsored by the Friends of Timbercrest (formally Timbercrest Auxiliary) will be held on Saturday, August 28. This is a morning only event and will conclude with lunch.

At 8:30 a.m., the coffee hour begins in the Rose Garden dining room and the Food Market opens in the snack shop. Homemade food items are needed for the Food Market. If you can donate a food item please contact Doris Walters. Residents of Timbercrest and also visitors purchase the homemade goodies and the funds raised go to Friends of Timbercrest to help purchase needed items for Timbercrest. The "Garden party" begins at 10:00 a.m. Featured will be Joyce Fry who plays the hammer dulcimer. Joyce, a member of the Beacon Heights COB, is an amazing musician

and recording artist. Also on the program will be "Jest for Fun", a talented trio of women from Wabash County. Lunch will be served at 12:30. If you plan to attend and need a ride call Doris Walters at 295-5774.

Zook Family & Friends Concert And Ice Cream Social



Come join us and hear the Zook family and friends in concert on Sunday evening, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. This event will be held at Sailor Community Center at Hubbard Hill. The concert will be followed by an ice cream social (make your own Sundae with a variety of toppings, nuts, etc.) and homemade cookies. A free will offering will be collected.

**Bring a Friend
Bring 2 or 3 Friends
Bring a whole family!!**

Sponsored by:
Mission Outreach Ministry Team
Frances Billet
Carolyn Colver
Joyce Gordon
Sandy Gordon
Lee Markley
Kurt Vardaman



Prayer Concerns:

Continue to hold the following persons in prayer:

Marlin Brightbill (Janet Berkebile's father) as he recovers from a heart attack.

Dave Mortimer (son-in-law of Norma Miller) as he recovers from cancer surgery on his eyelid.

Pat Vance (Jeff Vance's brother) who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Ruth Bibbee, who is undergoing a series of radiation treatments.

The Ruth Cauffman family as they recover from a serious auto accident which claimed the life of her husband and left a son paralyzed.

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through:
June 30, 2004

General Fund

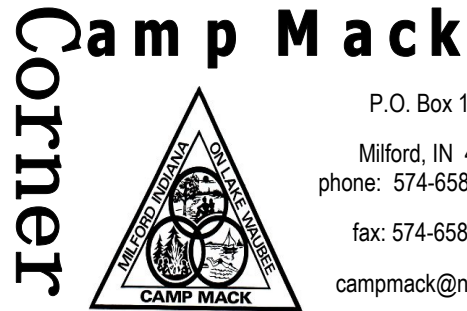
Year to Date Income	\$ 76,543.96
Expenses	\$ 84,759.54
Net Loss	\$ (8,215.58)

Average Attendance for July

Worship: 80 Church School: 46

Building Fund Donations (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$ 423,433.46
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$ 95,962.14
Total New Location	\$ 519,395.59



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PLAN TO BE PART OF THE ANNUAL GOLF FUN(D)RAISER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 at Raccoon Run golf Course, 3085 Pierceton Rd., Warsaw, Indiana. Cost per player is \$55.00 and includes golf, prizes and the evening meal. Register to play some great golf, be a sponsor or donate door prizes. Call Camp Mack for registration, sponsorship or prize donor information.

COLONY CAMP, August 13-15 and LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP, September 3-6, are wonderful times to experience the love of God and the beauty of camp while growing closer as families. Why not check today to see if there are openings? **Colony Camp** is an RV camp where campers have lots of freedom to plan their own schedules from a great variety of activity choices. **Most Labor Day Family Campers** stay in lodges or cabins. In addition to many planned camp activities, this family camp has scheduled classes for every age from infant through adults.

THIS YEAR'S ALEXANDER MACK FESTIVAL is Saturday, October 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year we will have two auctions. An estate auction will be held at 8:30 a.m. The traditional auction of quilts, antiques, old books, art and baskets full of goodies will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please call Mike or Lana Kauffman by **August 15** to let them know what you have to add to the sale bill.

District Connection

Junior High

Northern Indiana District Jr. High Youth and Friends Back to School party will be held on Saturday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren. Come and see your camp friends, eat pizza, play games, sing songs and have fun. Please send \$5.00 per youth to help cover cost of pizza. Guys bring snacks and Girls bring drinks. Plan to be outside most of the time, including some water games. Please send an advisor for every 4 Jr. High Youth.

Senior High

On Earth Peace is hosting a Senior High Youth Peace Retreat on September 24-26 at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland. "Red and Yellow. Black and White: Learning about Racism." will help youth develop skills to identify and dismantle the sin of racism in the lives. The Church of the Brethren Anti Racism Team (ART) members will provide the leadership for the weekend sessions. More information and a complete weekend schedule are available on the "Upcoming Events" page of the On Earth Peace website: www.brethren.org/oepa/events/html.

Timbercrest

Summerfest Garden Party
August 28
8:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Women

People Tales: Stewardship, spiritual growth, evangelism, patience, and more..... Is the theme of the Northern Indiana District Women's Camp, September 24-25 at Camp Mack. Beth Sollenberger Morphew, pastor of the Elkhart Valley Church, is the featured speaker. Registration blanks are available at the Church Office or on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings at SDA.

District Conference

September 17-18
Camp Mack

Friday

Delegate Registration—6:00 p.m.
Worship—7:00 p.m.
Insight Session—8:15 p.m.

Saturday

Delegate Registration—8:00 a.m.
Business Session begins—8:45 a.m.
Adjournment—4:30 p.m.

Lunch Tickets available for Saturday
Free Child Care during business
and worship sessions

Information available in Church Office or on table in foyer on Sunday mornings at SDA

Christian Education

"From Good to Great Teaching"
A Training Event for Adult Teachers
Sponsored by N. IN. District
October 9, 2004
Middlebury Church of the Brethren