

# The Visitor

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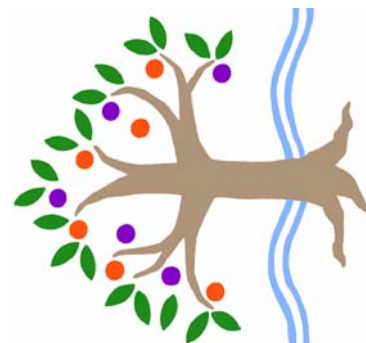
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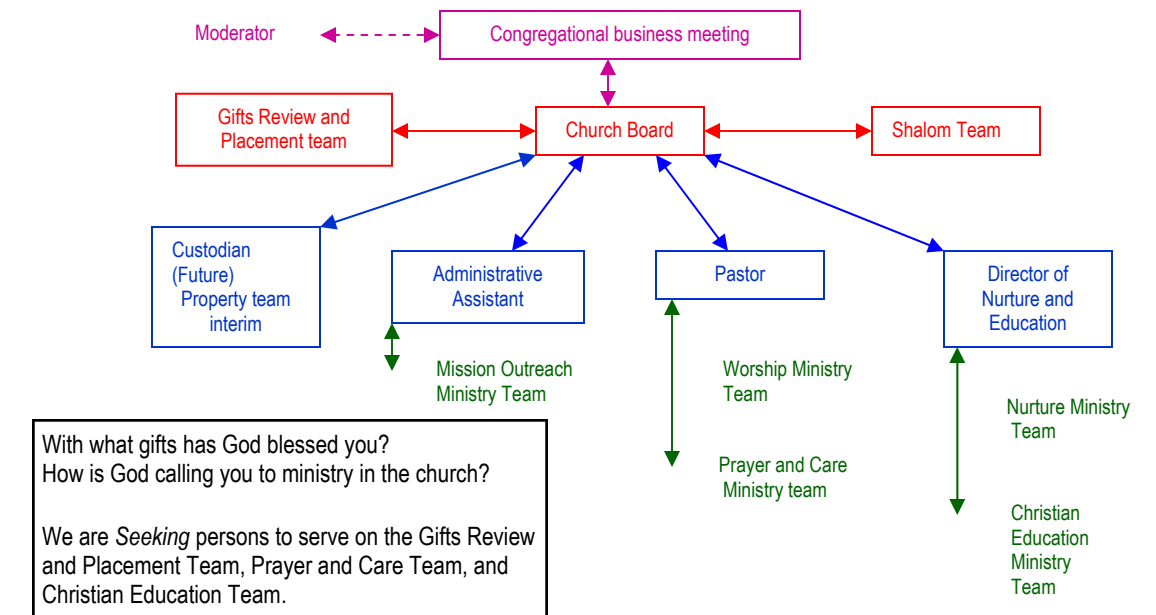
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JULY 2004

## Proposed Reorganization Plan Begins July 1

In support of our mission and vision, and since our study of the book, *Powersurge*, Elkhart City has made the decision to journey toward becoming a discipleship church. The organizational structure printed below will reflect the concepts of discipleship and support us all in our pursuit of growing as disciples of Jesus. The discipleship church needs a governance system that authorizes, rather than gets in the way of the ministry of its disciples. In this proposal, the Church Board governs, the staff administers, and disciples do the ministry. Commissions and committees will transition into and function as teams, utilizing the gifts God has entrusted to them.

Long-term teams support each of the six marks of discipleship-- prayer, worship, Bible study, service, building spiritual relationships, and giving. Short-term teams will be comprised of persons in short-term projects and missions.



# 2004 GRADUATES



## DARCY FRITZ

Darcy graduated on Sunday, June 13th from DePaul University in Chicago with a Bachelors of Science Degree; her major is Biology.

At this point Darcy wants to take some time off from school before deciding whether she wants to head to Graduate School studying genetics, Dental School or Medical School. She will probably stay in the Chicago area.

She has recently applied to work with the Illinois State Police for a position in the forensics lab. Mom, Sabrina, thinks she wants to live CSI instead of just watching it on TV. She is continuing to interview and look for something in the Chicago area that will allow her to put her biology degree to work. Keep her in your prayers!



## JOHN BIBBEE

John graduated this spring from Concord High School and is planning to attend Purdue University this fall.

Playing drums was a big part of John's high school experience. The highlight was being a member of the 2003 State Championship Marching Band. John will take a break from band during his first year of studying civil engineering. Maybe he'll march with the Purdue band next year.



## In the Life of Elkhart City

### JULY 2004

1	7:00 p.m.	Witness Commission @ Joyce Gordon's Church of the Brethren Annual Conference In Charleston, West Virginia
3-7		
4	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> <b>Church School for all ages</b>
5		Church Office Closed
6	4:30 p.m.	Overcomer's @ MCL
10	7:00 p.m.	Cornerstone Committee @ Berkebile's
11	9:00 a.m. 10:45a. m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> <b>Church School</b>
15	6:30 p.m.	Church Board @ Steve De Pue's
18	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<b>Worship</b> <b>Church School</b> <b>FILL THE VAN for CCS</b>
20	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Commission @ Vardaman's
21	7:00 p.m.	Cornerstone Committee @ Noffsinger's
25	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP @ Seventh Day Adventist</b> <b>Church School for all ages</b>

## 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](http://www.brethren.org) and is archived at [www.wfn.org](http://www.wfn.org). Also see Photo Journal at [www.brethren.org/pjournal/index.htm](http://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.

### Don Vermilyea completes 10,000th mile of his Walk Across America.

"We're calling it 10,000," said Don Vermilyea as he completed 9,999 3/4 miles of his Walk Across America. A Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) worker on a mission to connect Brethren gathering places by walking to each Church of the Brethren congregation in the United States, Vermilyea has been walking since Feb. 2, 2002. On June 15 his 10,000th mile took him through the door of a country church just like many of those he has visited in the wide-open west--the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren, located on a gravel road three miles from York, N.D.

Vermilyea's walk is sponsored by BVS and the General Board's Brethren Witness/Washington Office. When he visits a congregation, Vermilyea offers to preach, teach, or simply join in worship. Host congregations provide housing and simple meals and congregation members are invited to walk along for a few yards or a few miles. Vermilyea takes donations to a walk fund that benefits the Global Food Crisis Fund and the Emergency Disaster Fund.

The walk challenges Vermilyea with times of discouragement, loneliness, and weakness, as well as times when God gives him new strength. "When I look at it one day at a time, one step at a time, it's easier to deal with," he said in a telephone interview. "Sometimes I say to myself, why am I doing this?"

That kind of honesty is why the walk works, he said. Vermilyea doesn't tailor his message--about the need for peace and justice in this world--to the different kinds of congregations he visits or the

the different types of people he meets on the way. His basic message is clear. "God is truly great," he said. "We just need to pay attention." Vermilyea is ready to retire his sixth pair of shoes, which will be auctioned off at the Northern Plains District Conference on the same day that his fifth pair--retired in McPherson, Kan.--will be auctioned at the Western Plains District Conference. "The more they get worn out, the more money they'll bring," he said.

"I ask for your prayers," he said to all who will read this article. "This walk works by my relationship with the Lord and the prayers of others."

### Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

#### Week of July 4

Spend time reflecting on what it truly means to "love God and neighbor," and pray for discernment in living out this call.

#### Week of July 11

Pray for the 16 young adults serving Christ through Ministry Summer Service, and for their ongoing spiritual journeys and vocational exploration.

#### Week of July 18

Hold in prayer the district conferences that will be occurring throughout the US in the coming months, as Brethren across the country take care of business and seek God's will.

#### Week of July 25

Pray for Bob Crouse and his family as he heads to Nigeria to assume responsibilities there.

## Spotlight on...Ted Noffsinger

Ted Noffsinger's was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1947. His very first mailing address was Elkhart, Iowa. His current mailing address is Elkhart, Indiana. Somewhere between those two addresses, the following occurred:

- 🚲 1965—Graduated from Nappanee High School
- 🚲 1969—Graduated from Manchester College
- 🚲 1972—Received a Masters Degree from Purdue University
- 🚲 1969—1978 Taught math at West Side Junior High
- 🚲 1978 to present Taught math at Elkhart Memorial High School

Ted has also coached girls and boys track for 14 years and has coached girls and boys cross country for 26 years. He has a professional rating as an I.H.S.A.A. Track and Field Official, which he has participated in for 28 years.

Ted and his wife Sue reside in Elkhart and have two daughters; Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh (Zach) of Clayton, Ohio and Jill Brenneman (Mike), who also lives in Elkhart. In March of this year, Wendy blessed them with their first grandchild—Miriam Ruth.

Ted's father was a Church of the Brethren pastor, making Ted a life-long member of the Church of the Brethren. He has been a member of the Elkhart City Church of the Brethren since 1972.

Ted has served the church in many capacities, including:

- 🚲 Annual Conference Delegate
- 🚲 Deacon
- 🚲 Church board Chair
- 🚲 Stewardship Chair
- 🚲 Witness Chair
- 🚲 Sunday School Teacher
- 🚲 Member of numerous, boards, committees and task forces.



Another of Ted's passions is bike riding. At this writing, Ted is biking his way to the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. He left Elkhart on Thursday, June 24. His goal (other than reaching West Virginia in one piece) is to raise funds for the youth to attend National Youth Conference in 2006. A current update on his progress may be found on the church website at [www.eccob.com](http://www.eccob.com). Please keep Ted and his crew in your prayers during this time.



### Birthdays

- 2 Jan Birr
- 3 David Bibbee
- 5 Karen Eis
- 7 Louis Brandon
- 7 John Mann
- 7 Shelly Randall
- 8 Sandy Gordon
- 9 Kent Klopfenstein
- 3 Margaret Risten
- 14 Marilee Gilliland
- 16 Tim Mastic
- 16 Becca McFadden
- 19 Zach Erbaugh
- 22 LaVonne Myers
- 22 Maddie Randall
- 23 Kristen Vance
- 24 Louise Van Scoik
- 25 Judy De Pue
- 28 Alberta Overholser

### Anniversaries

- 6 Lee & Deana Markley
- 7 Walt & Marilee Gilliland
- 7 John & Jean Mann
- 11 Fred & Doris Walters
- 28 Cary & Betty Kelsey

## Health Notes:

Pat Vance, brother of Jeff Vance, has been diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He will be undergoing chemotherapy. Please keep Pat and the rest of the Vance family in prayer during this time.

Ruth Bibbe has begun a round of radiation treatments for additional cancer that has been discovered. She will be receiving these treatments in Ohio.

## In Sympathy:

Helen Crussemeyer, a long time member of Elkhart City, passed away on May 30. Funeral Services were held on June 3. Continue to uphold her family in prayer during this time.

## Other Concerns:

Karen Eis reports that her son, Ben Dyson, has been called for a two-year tour of Duty in Iraq with the National Guard. He will be reporting on June 28. Let us uplift Ben and Karen and Dave during this time of transition.

Many members of the Church of the Brethren will be traveling to Annual Conference over the next week. Let us ask God for travel mercies for all of these brothers and sisters. Elkhart City members going to Annual Conference are Pastor David, Rosanna and Katy McFadden, Ted and Sue Noffsinger and David Hoke.



## District Connection

### from the DISTRICT BOARD

For the past several years, the Northern Indiana District Board has been discussing how we can improve communications between the District and local congregations, between congregations within our District and specifically, how to get communication about congregational events to the individual in the pew. Even though a wealth of information is sent to each congregation on a regular basis -including copies of CONNECTION - much of this communication is sent to church offices, or pastors or others in leadership and the individual in the pew may never hear about certain events that may be of specific interest to them.

That is why we are initiating a copy-ready bulletin insert to be included in each issue of CONNECTION as a way for this communication to reach the person in the pew. Congregations are simply asked to copy this insert and place it in their Sunday Morning bulletin. Each edition will feature a different congregation (or congregations) in our District and will help us to connect with what other brothers and sisters are doing in our district. The hope is that these featured articles might spark partnerships or shared ministry opportunities and will enable us to be in prayer for one another as we "Continue the work of Jesus Peacefully, Simply, Together".

**If you are interested in having your congregation or special ministry opportunities highlighted, please contact Lynette Sumpter at (574) 656-8050 or Sandy at the District Office (574) 773-3149.**

## EARLY BRETHREN FOOTSTEPS BUS TOUR

**September 27 - October 2, 2004**

Visit the Brethren Heritage Center; Antietam Battlefield & Old Muma Brethren meeting house; the Ephrata Cloister; Germantown, PA; and other sites associated with the anabaptists movement. Glen & Ruth Landes and Lloyd & Opal Fullmer will be your guides. The tour leaves from the Manchester CoB. Price of the tour is: Singles - \$858, Doubles - \$798 and includes bus fare, 5 continental breakfasts and dinners and 2 lunches, plus hotels and tips. Deposit of \$200 per person is due by June 30. For more information contact Lloyd & Opal Fullmer at 888-335-3264.

## VOLUNTEER AT NEW WINDSOR

The 2004 bus trip for Indiana Volunteers to work at the New Windsor, Maryland Service Center will be **SATURDAY Oct. 9, through THURSDAY, Oct. 14**. Cost of \$360 (\$140 with application; \$220 due by 9/01) includes transportation, 5 nights lodging, 9 meals and one-day side trip to Hershey, PA (and may be a tax deductible expense). **Reservations** are "first to respond" basis until bus is full, up to 9/01/04. Many denominations are represented, but volunteers are predominately Brethren from Central & Northern Indiana. Work is either at warehouse (where most worldwide disaster relief originates) or at SERRV work center. **Bonuses** of the trip are the fall foliage and a day at Hershey, PA. For questions, contact tour leaders, Wayne/Carol Replogle, 48 Rhineland M.H. Ct., Delphi, IN 46923; phone 1-765-564-4394; e-mail: rwayner@carlnet.org.

# Corner Camp Mack



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## Greetings from Camp Mack

We are in need of your help. We could use persons to volunteer in the kitchen, we also have an immediate need for volunteers to help us with finishing the remodeling of an outside Restroom. Skills needed include shingling and other con-

We also need counselors for, Seekers (male) August 1-7, Seeker August 8-13, Finders (female) August 8-13, Follower (female) August 1-8

## Elkhart City Campers this month:

June 29—July 1

Joel McFadden

June 27—July 3

Brian Arnold  
Amber Rodgers

July 11—17

Mark Arnold  
Katy McFadden  
Stacey Rodgers

Hold these young people in prayer as they seek God's will during their camp experience.

## CAMP MACK GOLF OUTING

Plan now to support the Mack Ministries 2004 Golf Outing as a sponsor or player. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 21st at Raccoon Run Golf Course at Warsaw, Indiana. Registration begins at 12:00 noon with the shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

A Par Level sponsorship provides a tee box sponsor sign for a \$200 contribution. The Birdie Level sponsorship includes the tee box sign and two players at the outing for a \$400 contribution. The Eagle Level sponsorship, a donation of \$1000, offers a tee box sign and covers fees for four players. What a great way to advertise your business and support a life-changing ministry!

A \$55 fee per golfer covers 18 holes of fun-filled golf, the cart, prizes, snacks, and the Saturday evening meal and awards ceremony. Non-golfers are invited to join their golfers for the evening meal by sending camp \$12 each for reservations.

Watch for your registration form in the mail or call the camp office at 574-658-4831 to request a form. You may also register on line at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org). The proceeds from the golf outing are designated for camper scholarships and an additional element for camp's rope course



## Witness Commission

### Witness Special Giving

(as of May 31, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$	345.49
COB General Board	\$	130.00
Baldwin Missionary	\$	575.00
Church Community Services	\$	610.00
DISMAS	\$	100.00
Heifer Project	\$	39.05
Blanket Sunday	\$	1052.50
School Kits	\$	125.12
Health Kits	\$	44.62
Soup of Success	\$	65.00
Total above budget giving	\$	3068.78

## Witness News

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Your Witness Commission would like to thank the Elkhart City congregation for your support of Blanket Sunday with funds going to Church World Service (\$1,240.62) and "Fill the Ark" donations going to Heifer Project International. (\$728.57) We feel truly blessed to have such a compassionate church family.

### Women's Volunteer Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship has had a busy season. The following is a list of what was accomplished from September 2003 to May 2004, and also where the kits and comforters were distributed. Women's Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of each month at the home of Myrtis Justiniano from September through May. All women are welcome. Join us in September. (continued)

1 lap robe—for the Camp Mack Basket  
Taken to the fall rally of N. Ind. Dist. Women's Mtg

44 health kits  
3 comforters  
21 school kits (From the children of ECCOB)  
41 health kits—taken to Spring Rally

### Comforters

1—to an individual  
9—to B.A.B.E.  
13—to the Women's Shelter  
9—to Faith Mission



## "FILL THE VAN"

For CCS

July 18th

## Stewardship Commission

Financial Statistics through:  
May 31, 2004

### General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$	63,799.16
Expenses	\$	69,287.94
Net Loss	\$	(5,488.78)

### Average Attendance

Worship: 94 Church School: 63

### Building Fund Donations (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$	421,586.85
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$	95,763.57
Total New Location	\$	517,350.42

## NEW on ECCOB.COM

+ An on-line Community Bulletin Board has been added to the web site. Here you can share information, ask questions of others, and build Christian Community with other members and on-line friends.

+ A selection of computer desktop wallpapers and an email signature graphic have been added recently. More will be added in the future. Check back for updates.

+ A reminder that the weekly worship bulletin is posted each week on the website. It is usually posted by the Friday evening before Sunday.

All of these items can be found by going to the home page of the church web site, eccob.com.

Gary Arnold  
Web Master



## MMA ADVOCATE

### Too Busy?

**Listen more to God... In today's culture, we try to cram more and more into schedules that are already full and we risk losing our connection with God. The bible calls us to a different model where doing less enables us to spend more time with God, cultivating that relationship.**

A new book, *Time Warped: First Century Time Stewardship for 21st Century Living*, looks at the bible's teachings on time and compares them to the time demands placed on us by today's culture. Instead of teaching us how to do more, the Bible calls each of us to do less, and consequently, to receive peace and rest with God.

*Time Warped* is the first study book for individual or group use in MMA's new Living Stewardship series. For information on this new book contact MMA at education @mmaonline.org/resources. Or to order, contact MMA at 348-7468, ext. 269. You'll be glad you did.

Deana Markley,  
MMA Advocate

## A NOTE OF



Dear Pastor David and Elkhart City Church of the Brethren,

Because we are moving away from Elkhart, we need to resign from our position as Deacons of the church. We also were mentors to Hospitality Team and are no longer going to be able to help at that.

Thank you for the years of spiritual encouragement and teaching for our whole family. We have all grown in our walk with the Lord.

We encourage this church to continue its work of the church for growth and development of its people to know and love Jesus and to follow His will.

Thank you  
In Christ's name.  
Bill & Jan Swigert

Dear Visitors Roger & Bonnie Neal, Larry & Vicki Ehret, Kathy Royer, Jan Weaver, Carolyn Colver, Bruce Barwick:

We appreciated your visit so much. It really helps to have caring people care. God Bless you all.

Eileen & Dick Rohrer

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