

The Visitor

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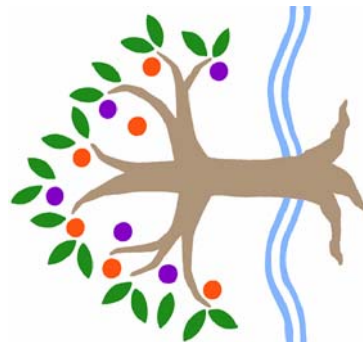
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• Rooted in God • Growing in Jesus • Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

September 2004

Participating With God in Ministry

The board has identified three major goals for our church this coming year.

- ▶ Support each other in our walk of discipleship by the regular practice of the six marks of discipleship: prayer, worship, reading the Bible, serving, giving and building Christian relationships.
- ▶ Making Disciples- Our focus will be on outreach to the community to build the body of Christ.
- ▶ Supporting Cornerstone Team in building our new church on CR 113.

Each long-term team has been asked to consider the Church's goals as established by the board and tie them to the short-term goals and objectives of the team.

Each team will determine how they can help to accomplish these goals, identify tangible objectives in ministry for this year, then determine the financial resources required to accomplish those ministries. Currently, we want to correlate ministry with resources as goals are established.



The commitment of our resources is a part of our walk of faith as each of us participates with God in Ministry to make disciples as commissioned in Matthew 28:18-20.

As the long-term teams identify their goals and resource needs, you are encouraged to ask any questions you might have of the board members and to share your thoughts and ideas as well. Also, hold the team members in prayer as they seek to discern God's will in the life of Elkhart City Church of the Brethren.



**Zook Family
Concert
And Ice
Cream
Social**

6:00 p.m. Sunday Sept. 19

**Sailor Community Center,
Hubbard Hill**

The Steve Zook and Gary Martin families became good friends while attending church together. Their children range in age from 13 to 22 years. God has blessed both families with musical ability and they enjoy working together be it vocal or instrumental music. On occasion they are also able to draw on the talents of Johnita Beyler, and Jeshua Franklin, good friends and both accomplished musicians. These families and the friends sing together and play a variety of instruments including piano, trumpet, flugelhorn, clarinet, flute and hammered dulcimer.

The program will be followed by an ice cream social with lots of ice cream, a variety of toppings, nuts, and homemade cookies.

A freewill offering will be collected

**All
Church
Golf
Outing**



**GOLF
OUTING**

**Fun & Fellowship
September 26, 2004
Lunch at 1:00
Golf following
Old Orchard Golf Course
9 hole—2 person scramble
(You might be surprised who
your partner is!)
\$19 per person plus
\$4 per person for cart
Money needs to be turned in
to Denny Weaver or Ron Fritz
by September 19**

**In the Life of Elkhart City
SEPTEMBER 2004**

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| 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Volunteer Fellowship @ Myrtis Justiniano's |
| 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Mission Outreach Team @ Carolyn Colver's |
| 5 | 9:00 a.m. | WORSHIP |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Church School for all ages |
| 6 | | Labor Day—Church Office Closed |
| 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Overcomer's @ MCL |
| 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Cornerstone Committee @ Church Office |
| 9 | 7:00 p.m. | New Name Team @ Berkebile's |
| 12 | 9:00 a.m. | WORSHIP |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Church School |
| 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Church Board Fish Fry @ Bibbee's |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Nurture Team @ Norma Miller's |
| 15 | 6:00 p.m. | Children's Choir @ Seventh Day Adventist |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Board @ Seventh Day Adventist |
| 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Church Board @ Seventh Day Adventist |
| 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Cornerstone Committee @ Church Office |
| 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Discipleship Class @ Camp Mack |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Zook Family Concert @ Ice Cream Social |
| 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Shalom Team
@ Vardaman's |
| 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Cornerstone Committee
@ Church Office |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Board @ SDA |
| 26 | 9:00 a.m. | WORSHIP @ Seventh
Day Adventist |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Church School for all
ages |
| 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Cornerstone Committee
@ Church Office |



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.

1) Brethren affected by Hurricane Charley, take part in relief effort.

Hurricane Charley, which cut a swath of destruction across Florida Aug. 13, was the state's worst disaster since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, according to the General Board's Emergency Response/Service Ministries (ER/SM). Atlantic Southeast District reported that two Churches of the Brethren sustained structural damage and one church member has not been heard from since the storm. Brethren responses to the disaster include a first grant from the General Board's Emergency Disaster Fund, a shipment of relief supplies, and the dispatching of Disaster Child Care volunteers and an assessment team of denominational and district leaders.

The damaged churches were Arcadia, which sustained severe damage and lost one-third of its roof, and Community Church of the Brethren in Orlando, which lost part of its roof causing the drywall inside the building to collapse. Other churches and Camp Ithiel had trees or large tree limbs come down, and many lost water and electric service. In a Sebring trailer park where several Brethren live, including Sebring pastors Cecil Hess and C. Wendell Bohrer, eight homes were completely destroyed and many others severely damaged. One couple from the Sebring congregation had a large tree fall in the middle of their home.

Emergency Response Director, Roy Winter issued a call for volunteers to help with what he called "a significant Brethren clean up" effort. "It'll be a long time before we start the rebuilding effort, months he said, adding that there will be a need for patience

with the pace of work required by the extensive destruction.

4) SERRV International changes its name to 'A Greater Gift.'

Beginning Aug. 10, SERRV International has changed its program name to "A Greater Gift," according to a release from the organization's marketing team.

The new name comes with a new logo and a new tagline, "Hope and justice with every purchase." The logo is loosely based on a West African symbol that radiates energy and represents the seven seas and seven continents, and can be viewed at www.agreatergift.org.

Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

Week of Sept. 5

Pray for the older adults of the denomination, and share a word of thanks for the richness brought by the interaction of generations.

Week of Sept. 12

Stop. Listen. Pull back from the hectic pace of life, and open yourself to the leadings of God's Spirit and to new possibilities.

Week of Sept. 19

Pray for those organizing disaster auctions, getting sponsors for walks and runs, and planning other events that provide vital aid to ministries around the world.

Week of Sept. 26

Ask forgiveness for times when we are selfish and hold on to the bounty God has given us. Pray for help in being good stewards of God's gifts.

The Children's Choir Wants You!

It's time once again for children's choir. The first practice will be September 8 at 6:30 p.m. If you are between kindergarten and 8th grade, we would love to have you join the children's choir. Practices are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. See you all there!!

Angi Marcin



Birthdays

- 4 Samantha Cooper
- 9 Bill Pletcher
- 14 Stacey Rodgers
- 16 Sandy Miller
- 17 Kathy Royer
- 18 Jennie Davis
- 20 Lawrence Stump
- 21 Walter Harroff
- 22 Paulajean Ritzmann
- 26 Jan Swigert
- 26 Curt Miller
- 29 Bruce Barwick

Anniversaries

- 4 Ronnie & Mary Lou Martin
- 15 Eric & Mandy Chris
- 16 Bill & Angi Marcin

Catch the Age Wave!!

An Emphasis and Awareness of Older Adult Issues for the Future.

Attend a local

Age Wave Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Presented by Scott Douglas,
from the Association of
Brethren Caregivers

Co-sponsored by

Manchester Church of the Brethren

And

Timbercrest Senior Living Community
North Manchester, Indiana

Registration due by September 10.

The registration fee of \$5.00
(includes lunch) can be paid at the
door.

Email:

scicob@hoosierlink.net or
manchestercob@hoosierlink.net

Health Notes:

Carol West is recovering at home from her recent hospitalization

Kenneth Brown recently suffered from a stroke and then a heart attack. He is recuperating in a rehab facility.

Ruth Bibbee has begun a new series of radiation treatments on Monday at Elkhart General Hospital.

Karen Eis has begun a series of chemotherapy.

Joanne Klopfenstein is a patient at Elkhart General hospital.

Ginny Haney's grandson, Carter Robert Kruse, was born 8 weeks prematurely and is in the NICU at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

In Sympathy:

Marian Berkebile, mother of John, passed away on August 21 in Florida. Memorials may be sent to:

Cross Way Baptist church
4481 Pine Road
Fort Myers, FL 33908



District Connection

Peacemaking Stories Wanted

A Call for true inspirational stories of peacemaking has been issued by Linda Williams, a member of First Church of the Brethren, San Diego, Calif., and co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Peace Lover's Soul." Chicken Soup for the soul Ent. Inc. is considering publishing a two-book set in order to "get twice the number of dynamite stories of peace, harmony, compassion, and forgiveness out to the general public," Williams said. Among those who already have submitted stories are Nobel Peace Prize laureates Desmond Tutu and Oscar Arias.

Those interested in the project may submit stories, poems, songs, quotes, or cartoons; help select stories; and give input on cover art and title. Guidelines for submissions and sample stories are at <http://chickensoup.peacestories.info/>. Authors of stories chosen for inclusion in the book will receive \$200 and have a 50 word bio published in the book.

Wawaka Church of the Brethren 150th Birthday Celebration

September 12, 2004

Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Walt Wiltschek,
editor of *Messenger* speaking

Carry-in meal at noon with birthday cake and
homemade ice cream

Afternoon service at 1:00 p.m. with brief
presentation by Walt Wiltschek
And an audio-visual presentation,
"Down Memory Lane"

District Conference
September 17-18, 2004
Camp Alexander 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.

Northern Indiana District Women's Camp People Tales

Stewardship, spiritual growth, evangelism,
patience, and more.....

September 24-25

Camp Mack

Beth Sollenberger Morphew speaker

Registration forms are available on the table in
the foyer on Sunday mornings at SDA.
Registrations are due by September 14.

From Good to Great Teaching! A training event for Adult Teachers, sponsored by the Northern Indiana District, hosted by the Middlebury Church of the Brethren. October 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This event will develop skills of new teachers, give new teaching techniques for experienced teachers, give opportunities for networking for all teachers and will revitalize and renew enthusiasm for teaching. More information and registration forms are on the table in the foyer.

Corner Camp Mack



P.O. Box 158,
Milford, IN 46542
phone: 574-658-4831
fax: 574-658-4765

THANKS TO ALL SUMMER CAMPING VOLUNTEERS! Many thanks to each of you who helped in this life-changing outreach ministry! If you volunteered in any capacity at Camp this year, watch your mail for an invitation to the **Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, October 30, 2004.**

CAMP MACK FESTIVAL: Youth—plan to play in the volleyball tournament at this year's festival on **Saturday, October 2nd.** Check out many other neat things that are planned for youth, too. This **6th Annual Camp Mack Festival is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** An estate auction will be held at 8:30 a.m. with the traditional auction at 2:00 p.m. The newly improved Lion's Club train will be offering rides to various areas of the camp. There will also be:

- ▶ fun for the kids
- ▶ entertainment
- ▶ lots of food,
- ▶ demos and displays

If you have any questions, just call Camp Mack. You can also get a complete sale listing for the estate auction from Camp Mack. Festival proceeds will be used for camper scholarships and additional challenge course elements.

Elkhart City Church will again fill a basket with goodies to be auctioned. Jars will be provided for you to fill with dry mixes of some sort. They may be a cookie mix, soup mix, vegetable or fruit dip mix, or perhaps a pudding mix. Also include directions for cookie mixes and this is the similar type item we are suggesting. Other items you may donate are measuring spoons or cups and dishcloths and dish-towels. Please have these item to Jan Birr by September 12 so she can assemble the basket and take it to Camp Mack. Questions will be answered by Jan.

QUILTING RETREATS are popular at Camp Mack and usually fill quickly. Register now for the fall retreat, October 15-17. The cost is \$78.00. Call or email Camp for more information.

LAUGHTER AND FUN describe **Seasoned Citizen's Retreats.** Jokes and stories after delicious meals, great Bible studies, singing, worship, games and crafts are among the offerings. Register now for the October 11-14 Seasoned Citizens Retreat. This Monday afternoon through Thursday noon retreat costs just \$85 per person.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

The Camp Director and Staff
Seasoned Citizens Camp
The Indiana Camp Board

A Quiet Place Quote: *The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us."*

— Malcolm Muggeridge

Mission Outreach

Special Giving

(as of July 31, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$	452.90
COB General Board	\$	180.00
Baldwin Missionary	\$	780.00
Church Community Services	\$	760.00
DISMAS	\$	100.00
Heifer Project	\$	552.89
Blanket Sunday	\$	1052.50
School Kits	\$	125.12
Health Kits	\$	44.62
Soup of Success	\$	<u>105.00</u>
Total above budget giving	\$	4153.03

Mission Outreach Service Opportunity

Do you remember the service opportunity fair in May? It was helpful for us to learn ways that we can be of service to those in our local community and beyond. We have learned of a new need in the Elkhart area. It is the Lunchbuddies for Better Nutrition Program. This is a program of the Title I School Health Collaborative of Elkhart General healthcare System, the Elkhart County Health Department and the Elkhart Community School Corporation. This program provides classroom nutrition lessons and trained volunteers to eat lunch with third and fourth grade students on a regular basis and seeks to reduce the rates of obesity in children by reinforcing the basics of good nutrition and the need for exercise.

How can you help? The Lunchbuddies Program is in need of volunteers who are interested in helping model positive nutritional behavior to

the youth of Elkhart. Volunteers would agree to share lunch one half hour a week for 22 weeks during the school year with a student. Financial support is always welcome, also. If you feel moved to support this program in any way, please contact Sally Wortinger, RN, EGHS School Health Specialist, at 294-2621, ext. 4726.

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through:
July 31, 2004

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$	89,480.82
Expenses	\$	<u>95,806.73</u>
Net Loss	\$	(6,325.91)

Average Attendance

Worship: 80 Church School: 46

Building Fund Donations (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$	424,579.84
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$	<u>96,063.21</u>
Total New Location	\$	520,643.05

Soup of Success

Soup of Success 5th Annual Souper Night Out September 18, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a casual dinner and auction held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd, Elkhart, IN. It is a time where family and friends can come together, share a meal, meet the SOS program women, staff, & board, and enjoy bidding on over 200 gifts. All of the money raised is returned to the Soup of Success program so they can continue to grow and empower local women through education and resources to build self-esteem, develop independence and improve their quality of life.

Church Community Services

2004 Crop Walk

On October 3rd, walkers from throughout the county will gather at Island Park to raise money for local and international hunger programs. New this year is the inclusion of The Window in Goshen for local funds. CCS will also continue to receive a portion of the money raised.

Forms and information are available from CCS in Elkhart 295-3673



2004 Monthly Averages

Households served	979
Number of persons served	2761
New Clinets	121
(These numbers have double from 2 years ago)	
Value of food distributed	\$57,633
Prescription vouchers	\$1445
Laundry vouchers	\$ 124
Transportation vouchers	\$ 491
Miscellaneous	\$ 177
Rent/Utilities	<u>\$1,013</u>
Total Financial	\$3,250

Our second year of participation in the annual **Feinstein Foundation challenge** raised \$7,558 in cash and 17,880 pounds of food. Thanks to all of you who contributed so generously!

DISMAS

Giving Challenge

Dear Friends of Dismas:

Dismas House is a non-profit organization founded and devoted to the purpose of reconciling former criminal offenders to society and assisting in their re-entry into the community. We Provide our residents with a stable home and assist them in obtaining employment, developing practical life skills and linking them to resources in our community for any assistance they may need beyond the capabilities of our program. Sixty-five percent of the residents who complete 3 months to 12 months in our program do not re-offend. They go on to become productive members of our community.

This year has been a difficult year for us financially. Over the summer Dismas of Michiana needs to raise \$10,000 so we can continue to provide our residents with a safe home, and services and programs they need to be successful. Recently Jim and Nancy Krzyerwski responded to our URGENT need for financial support. They have made a generous donation of \$1,000 to Dismas House and would like to challenge others to match their gift. They support Dismas House because, "We believe every one deserves a second chance. Good stewardship builds good communities."

Please consider meeting Jim and Nancy's challenge. If you can not meet their challenge, please consider giving what you can so that Dismas House can continue its mission of reconciling former offenders and our community to each other.

Thanks you for all that you can do in helping us prosper in our mission.

Julie P. Verheye, Board President

MR. AND MRS. MYRON MILLER
AND
MR. AND MRS. LEE HOCHSTETLER
INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY
OF THE MARRIAGE UNITING THEIR CHILDREN

Michele Renee Miller
AND
Timothy Scott Hochstetler

THIS CELEBRATION OF LOVE WILL BE
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER SECOND
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR
AT ONE-THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON
BONNEVILLE MILL (BRIAR PATCH)
BRISTOL, INDIANA

RECEPTION FOLLOWING CEREMONY

*Outdoor wedding
dress casually
bring lawn chair or
blanket for seating
in case of rain, the
ceremony will be
held in a sheltered
area. Please R.S.V.P.
ASAP. call Sandy Miller
574-293-9189*

