

The Visitor

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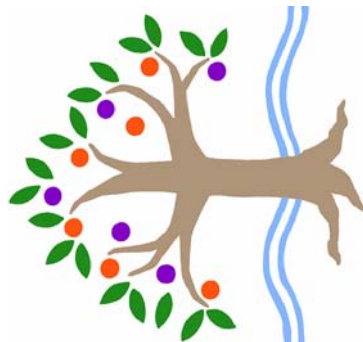
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We Will Build...They Will Come



This is an artist's rendering of the proposed new building concept for Creekside Church of the Brethren. At a Business Meeting held on January 23, 2005, the congregation voted in favor of moving ahead with this plan. Thank you to the Cornerstone Committee for their hard work. Watch for new developments as they occur.

The Cornerstone Committee

would like to thank the Congregation for their support of the architectural design presented on January 23. We appreciated all your questions and input that came out of the small group discussions. All your comments will be taken into consideration and we will try to implement as many as we can. We also want to let all the youth of the church know they have put excitement into our job. Just by knowing they are excited to have space they can call their own and by making plans to share that space with their friends, is a great feeling to us. The Cornerstone Committee can now begin finalizing the detail design for the inside of the church. We still have lots to do! Plan to get your paint brushes and garden tools ready as you will be called on to volunteer to do painting and landscaping in the future.

For those who were unable to attend the meeting, we have tried to place a copy of the design in your mail folders. If you have not received a copy, please ask a Cornerstone Committee member for a copy. You can also view a portion of the presentation on our website www.creeksideconnected.com, created by our own Gary Arnold.

Thank you again for your support and prayers!

Cornerstone Committee

Mission Outreach Team

Special Giving

(as of December 31, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$ 1046.83
COB General Board	\$ 230.00
Baldwin Missionary	\$ 800.00
Church Community Services	\$ 1871.00
DISMAS	\$ 100.00
Heifer Project	\$ 1046.83
Blanket Sunday	\$ 1052.50
School Kits	\$ 226.12
Health Kits	\$ 44.62
Soup of Success	\$ <u>165.00</u>
Total above budget giving	\$ 6582.90

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through:
December 31, 2004

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$ 151,983.58
Expenses	\$ <u>163,943.08</u>
Net Loss	\$ (11,989.50)
(includes \$7963.46 realized gain from Brethren Benefit Trust)	

Average Attendance

Worship: 93 Church School: 70

Building Fund Donations (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$ 454,213.60
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$ <u>96,571.78</u>
Total New Location	\$ 550,785.38

Church of the Brethren Newsline

* Through partnership with Church World Service (CWS)—the global humanitarian arm of the National Council of Churches—and church organizations in the affected countries, "the Church of the Brethren was part of an immediate response" following the earthquake and tsunami in south Asia, according to Roy Winter, the General Board's director of Emergency Response.

Winter made the statement in a Jan. 6 mailing to Church of the Brethren pastors and church leaders. The mailing provided information about the Brethren tsunami relief effort and included a bulletin insert, information about how to give to the General Board's Emergency Disaster Fund, and assembly instructions for CWS Gift of the Heart Health Kits and Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) Medicine Boxes. The information in the mailing is posted at www.brethren.org

*The General Board's Brethren Witness/ Washington Office is calling the attention of students grades 9-12 to the 2004-05 National Peace Essay Contest of the US Institute of Peace. "As members of the Church of the Brethren we are called to advocate Christ's message of harmony and reconciliation," the office said. "This contest provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore means of coming to international peace and conflict resolution." The essay topic for the competition is "Transitions to Democracy," and will require students to analyze two countries' attempts at such a process. Winners at the state level will receive a college scholarship of \$1,000 and can compete for the national award of a \$10,000 scholarship. All state winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the week-long awards program in June. Visit www.usip.org/npec to register, receive a National Peace Essay guidebook, and view the question for this year's contest. Contest deadline is Feb. 2.



Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

FEBRUARY PRAYER
FOCUS: EVANGELISM/
CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Week of Feb. 7

Pray for the work being done on various levels to encourage new church development: training and coaching, building relationships, organizing new church plants, and discerning direction.

Week of Feb. 14

Praise God for the many ways that congregations are involved in service, outreach, evangelism, and other ministries that make them a light in their communities.

Week of Feb. 21

Find time to go off alone and spend quiet time with God, listening for the voice of God and where it might be calling our congregations to be in ministry.

Week of Feb. 28

Ask God to open wide the denomination's heart for cross-cultural ministry, and say thanks for the many gifts and blessings that come from different cultures and experiences.

Corner Camp Mack



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WHY NOT SPEND A DAY AT A QUIET PLACE DURING LENT?

The Quiet Place is located at 891 E Shady Banks Lane. To schedule a personal retreat or spiritual direction, please call *A Quiet Place Prayer Center* at 574-658-3342 or the director, Norma Miller, at 574-831-2423.

WHY IS CAMP NOT HAVING A SWEETHEART BANQUET THIS YEAR?

In an effort to support numerous local youth groups who use sweetheart banquets as their fund-raisers, Camp Mack is not planning a Sweetheart Banquet for 2005.

PLAN NOW TO HELP OUT AT CAMP DURING ONE OR BOTH VOLUNTEER WORK CAMPS:

March 21-23, 2005
April 25-27, 2005

Please call the Camp to let us know when you can come.

DATE TO REMEMBER: Quilting Retreat, April 15-17, 2005.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS: Mothers and daughters are invited to spend quality time together at Camp Mack. Note that the correct dates for the Mother/Daughter Weekend are April 9-10, 2005. Together you may make soap create soy candles, weave baskets and enjoy many other activities.

District Connection

Supporting Disaster Relief

In recent months we have had disaster relief workers from Northern Indiana working on projects in Hallam, Nebraska, where tornados destroyed the town last May. As this newsletter went to press, workers are working at a project near Camp Ithiel in Florida in response to last fall's hurricane damage.

District Disaster Coordinator John Sternberg has suggested that some embers who are unable to go to work projects may wish to make a contribution to the district costs for those who do go. Contributions may be designated "Disaster Fund" and sent to: Northern Indiana district, 357 E. Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550.

District Women's Spring Rally will be held April 16 at the West Goshen Church. Theme is "The Comforter". Offerings split between Camp Mack and disaster relief. Blankets accepted for Bethany Hospital. 8:30-10:00 join us to knot comforters and enjoy a continental breakfast 10:00-11:30 Morning session with Adelle Campbell Dickie from Bremen 11:30-12:30 Lunch provided - freewill offering 12:30-2:30 Afternoon session + recognizing new slate of officers

Northern Indiana District Prayer Calendar

February 6-12 Blue River
February 13-19 Bremen
February 20-26 Camp Creek
Feb 27—Mar 5 Cedar Creek



Is God Calling You?

Several of the ministry teams are still in need of additional members for 2005. Is God calling you to service? Shalom team, Gifts Review and Placement Team, Fellowship Team, Prayer and Care team, Mission Outreach Team, and Christian Education team all have openings. 2005 is the time for review and revision of our constitution. We need a few people who are willing to revise the constitution to reflect the changes made in the last several years. Please see Pauline Arnold if you can assist in any of these needs.



Senior High

Feb 6: Super Bowl Sub Sale

Feb 25—27: District Youth Winter Retreat at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Junior High

Feb 6—Winter Activities with the Junior High Youth from Elkhart Valley Church from noon until 4:00 at Lake Waubee.



Birthdays

- 1 John Zerbe
- 5 Janet Berkebile
- 7 Bill Marcin
- 8 Ray Bloom
- 10 Bill Birr
- 18 Connie West
- 21 Mike Soucie
- 21 Cody Vance
- 28 Patrick Sage

Anniversaries


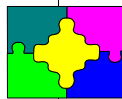

- 21 Tim & Shelly Randall
- 26 Bruce & Cathy Barwick



Ginny and Steve Haney are the proud grandparents of their fourth grandchild, Kylie Joy Witmer. Kylie was born on January 24th at 4:54 p.m. She weighed 9 and a half pounds and was 20 inches long. This is the first child for Alison and Eric Wimter, of Oak Grove, Kentucky, and the first granddaughter for Ginny and Steve. I think there's going to be some spoiling going on!!

February 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:30 Overcomer's @ MCL	29:00 Volunteer Fellowship 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Adult choir 	3	4 Life Keys Retreat 6:30 p.m. —9:00 p.m. 	5 Waterford Crossing 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
6 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School 12-4 Jr Hi Winter Event <i>Adult choir singing</i>	7 6:30 Church Board	8	9 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Ash Wed Service <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10	11	12
13 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School <i>Children's choir singing</i> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	14 	15	16 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School <i>Adult choir singing</i>	21 7:00 Fellowship Team	22	23 6:30 Children's Choir	24	25 _____District Youth Winter	26 Retreat thru Sunday_____
27 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School	28	Looking Ahead: <i>"Mother Roots, The Female Ancestors of Jesus"</i> is the theme for the 2005 women's Retreat. This topic is based on the book of the same name by Helen Bruch Pearson. The retreat will be held at Camp Mack on Friday March 18 and Saturday, March 19. The retreat cost is \$55 for overnight on Friday (6-7 p.m. arrival) and 2 meals Saturday, or \$30 for Saturday only attendance. The retreat will end at 4:30 on Saturday. Registration forms will be available soon. Limited number of scholarships for \$25 are available. Contact Twig Bibbee for further details.				