

The Visitor

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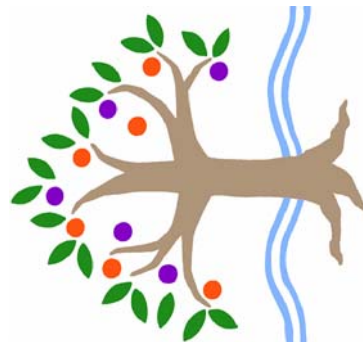
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• Rooted in God • Growing in Jesus • Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

March 2005

Lenten Opportunities

Are you ready for it to be spring? You are invited to help make our chancel bloom on Easter Sunday by ordering flowers for Easter. Flowers have long been a symbol of spring, new life, and resurrection, and also remind us of the garden where Jesus was buried and rose from the dead. They have long been a way for Christians to remember and celebrate Easter.

Order forms for flowers will be included with the bulletins on February 20, and thereafter will be on the back table in the narthex with the mail folders. Completed order forms and your payment may be returned to the decorated box labeled "Easter Flowers." Available flowers include white Easter lilies, tulips, mums, hyacinths, and daffodils for \$7.50 each or \$14.00 for two. Also available are larger flowers, azaleas and hydrangeas for \$14.00 each. You will be able to take your flower(s) home with you



following worship on Easter Sunday, March 27th. There will be a list to check if you don't remember what you ordered.

This year you will again have the opportunity to use your flowers to remember or honor a special person in your life. There is

a space on the order form to note if your flower order is in memory or in honor of someone. These names will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Your order can be a reminder of those people who have influenced our lives and our faith as individuals and as a congregation, even as we celebrate the new life and faith

that we are given in Christ.

The last day to order Easter flowers is SUNDAY, MARCH 13th. It's going to be an early spring! Please be sure to place your order on time.

Thank you!

Rosanna McFadden, Worship Team



Maundy Thursday

The day before Jesus' crucifixion is holy day in a holy week. Christians all over the world gather and remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and his example of servanthood and humility in washing their feet and giving of his body and blood in communion. Creekside Church will observe this day with a service of scripture, communion, and feetwashing on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 7pm at the Seventh Day Church. Following Maundy Thursday service, we will have a service of Tenebrae, of Darkness. Children as well as adults are encouraged to attend both services. Because of limitations of space, we will not have a fellowship meal served as part of our Maundy Thursday service; please plan to eat supper at home, and come prepared to share the Lord's Supper of communion as a time of reflection and connection with sisters and brothers at Creekside, and Christians around the world. We will have feetwashing (and handwashing for those who choose) at stations on the main floor of SDA. You are welcome to observe feetwashing or join others in singing in the sanctuary if you do not wish to participate in that portion of the service.

The Tenebrae service dramatizes the events of Good Friday through scripture reading, singing, and the extinguishing of the Lenten candles. What we have begun in our Lenten worship services reaches its completion in Tenebrae. This solemn service has proved to be a meaningful way to prepare for Good Friday for many in our congregation. You are encouraged to wear the cross of nails to these



HOLY WEEK

services as an emblem of Christ's sacrifice for us. Please join us as we observe these solemn events of Holy Week and prepare for the joy of Easter.

Sunrise Service

The Creekside Junior and Senior High Youth, along with the Elkhart Valley Junior & Senior High will be doing the Sunrise service on Sunday March 27th at the Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren. It will start at 7:00 am in the sanctuary and will be followed by breakfast in the cabin. A Sunday School Class from Elkhart Valley will be providing the breakfast. COME and join us for this time of thankfulness and joy for what our Lord has done for us. We will be finished in time for you to attend the Creekside worship at Seventh Day Adventist.



Easter Service

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

Come join the celebration at Creekside Church of the Brethren on Easter Sunday, March 27th! Morning worship will begin at 9:30am; there will be special music by the chancel choir, special flowers to share with the congregation, and a special day to acknowledge our risen Savior. There will be no Sunday School on this day. Please invite family and friends to join us for morning worship and our celebration of the resurrection.

Rosanna McFadden,
Worship team

Mission Alive Schedule Continued

7—9:15 PM Opening Singing
Art McPhee and Nathan Showalter,
Worship leaders
New Faces of Mission: Emerging
models, by McPhee and Showalter
Talk-on with speakers
9:15 PM Ice Cream Social

Sunday, April 3

8:30-9:30 AM Workshop time
9:45-11:15 AM Opening singing
James F. Myer, worship leader
*Set Your Face... toward Mission:
Accepting the challenge, and going
Forth to serve!* By Jim Hardenbrook

Heartland Song and Story Fest to take place in Indiana

The annual Church of the Brethren family camp Song and Story Fest will take place near North Manchester, Ind., July 6-12, following Annual Conference. The theme is "Heartland Song and Story Fest—Rooted and Grounded in Love."

On Earth Peace is sponsoring the event and its staff will help provide leadership. Other leaders include Jim Lehman, Jonathan Hunter, Kathy Guisewite, Sue Overman, Barb Sayler, Bob Gross, Cliff Kindy, Bill and Jacob Jolliff, Peg Lehman, Lee Krahenbuhl, Joseph Helfrich, Brian Krushwitz, and LuAnne Harley. The camp will be held at Joyfield Farm at the invitation of Cliff and Arlene Kindy and Rachel and Bob Gross. "We'll cook and eat some of their organic produce, camp in their fields, enjoy concerts and gatherings in a large rented tent and their barn, canoe on the Kenapocomoco River, and generally have a great time being together," said Ken Kline Smeltzer, volunteer director.

Registration includes meals and is \$90 for adults, with graduated fees for children to a family maximum of \$300. Registration will be available in a few weeks at www.brethren.org/oepa.



Church of the Brethren

General Board Prayer Calendar

MARCH PRAYER FOCUS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Week of March 6

Pray for all the people working to develop a new Sunday school curriculum for the Church of the Brethren and others; offer praise for the many partnerships allowing such an endeavor to occur.

Week of March 13

Ask God's blessing on all those who teach classes for children, youth, and adults in the church. Take a moment to personally say thank you to them, as well.

Week of March 20

Spend some time in God's Word, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Scriptures. Thank God for this gift.

Week of March 27

Pray for the staff of the denomination's 31 camps and outdoor ministry centers, which help the presence of Jesus Christ come alive for so many, young and old.

Church of the Brethren Newsline

Youth and young adults sought for mission conference.

A special effort is being made to include youth and young adults in the Mission Alive 2005 event on April 1-3 in Goshen, Ind. Evening reflection times for youth and young adults will be led by Chris Douglas, the General Board's director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The reflection time on Saturday evening during the conference also will feature time with general secretary Stan Noffsinger and Merv Keeney, executive director of Global Mission Partnerships.

Mission Alive 2005 is planned as a missions challenge for the Church of the Brethren, sponsored by the General Board. Keynote topics include biblical guidance for mission, learnings from mission experience, emerging models of mission, and accepting the call to mission. Other features of the conference include global worship services, workshops, missionary reunions, and ice cream socials.

Planners also hope to draw pastors, board members, Sunday school teachers, prospective missionaries, and mission supporters. This week, all pastors and Witness chairs of Church of the Brethren congregations will receive brochures for the gathering. Each congregation is invited to send a representative and a special offering for new mission, to be received at the Sunday morning service.

Registration is \$50 before March 15, \$60 after. To register online see www.brethren.org. For questions or brochures call Global Mission Partnerships at 800-323-8039 ext. 227.



Schedule for Mission Alive 2005

Friday, April 1

- 1 PM Registration Opens
- 2-5 PM Menno-Hof Tour, Missionary reunions, Prayer meeting
- 7-9 PM Opening singing and welcome
Carolyn Schrock, worship leader
The Biblical Face of Mission: Guidance from scripture, by Nathan Showalter. Q & A time
- 9:15 PM Ice Cream Social

Saturday, April 2

- 9-9:45 AM Opening singing
Fred Holland, worship leader
Changing Faces of Mission: Learnings from mission experience, By Grace Holland, Q & A time
- 10 AM—1:30 PM Workshop times and lunch
- 2-4 PM Opening singing
Media presentation of Church of the Brethren mission
Panel: *What distinctive gifts, or Weaknesses, does the Church of the Brethren bring to mission from its Anabaptist-Pietist identity?*
Q & A time with the panel
- 4:15-5:15 PM Workshop time
- 5:30-6:30 PM Dinner Break →

FELLOWSHIP TEAM NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st
COME AND SHARE
WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO!



Bring something to represent an activity that gives you energy when you spend time doing it. Start thinking about what you might share and look for more announcements!

A carry-in meal will be included after church & Sunday School in the Sailor Center at Hubbard Hill.



August 14th

Summer worship and picnic at Bonneyville

September sometime

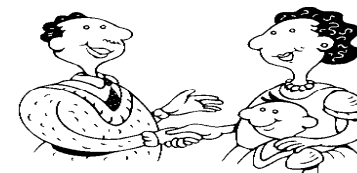
The Second Annual Golf Outing

October-November

Surprise Dinner Groups

December 4

Advent Birthday Celebration



2005 Women's Retreat: Friday March 18—Saturday March 19

*Mother Roots,
the Female Ancestors of Jesus*

This year's topic is the 5 women listed in the New Testament as Jesus' foremothers, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Insightful and provocative, the studies of these women take the participants into the lives of these biblical women who had little social power, nevertheless made decisive contribution to the life of the Israelite people. Occurring at critical junctures, they found ways to secure lives of dignity and justice for themselves. The intent of the study is to help us understand why these unconventional and controversial women are lifted up for special notice in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

We will gather Friday evening at Camp Mack arriving between 6 and 7 p.m. Activities and entertainment continues until 9-10 p.m. Bring snacks to share and any beverages you prefer; hot water and ice are provided. Items for overnight stays are pillow and bedding for twin bed, towels/face cloths, and toiletries. Everyone bring a Bible.

Saturday begins as an inspiration time at 7:20 a.m. We will wake you up! Those who have chosen not to stay overnight or to only attend Saturday are encouraged to come for the inspiration time. Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. The closing time is at 4:30 p.m. so that we may be packed up and moved out by 5:00. We will NOT be staying for the supper meal this year.

Registrations are due MARCH 6th

They can be found in the foyer at SDA on Sundays



The Senior / Junior Youth will be rehearsing with the Elkhart Valley Youth for the Easter Sunrise Service on March 13 and 20 immediately following Sunday School. Transportation will be provided to Elkhart Valley and youth will be given a ride home afterwards. Boys are asked to bring chips or cookies to share for lunch. Girls are asked to bring a 2 liter of drink. At noon on March 26th, all Senior and Junior High Youth will meet at Elkhart Valley for a run through and set-up for the Sunrise Service.

Regional Youth Conference

Manchester College is April 16-17

Theme: "Seeing God." Matt Guynn is the keynote speaker. Registration cost prior to April 1 is \$50 for youth and \$30 for adult advisors. See Valerie Rodgers or Steve De Pue for registration forms.

A Unique Senior High Work Camp:

Walk Across America with Don Vermilyea

Don has been walking for three years on a journey to visit every Church of the Brethren congregation in the United States. The message of his mission? Continue the work of Jesus—peacefully, simply, together. As companions on a portion of Don's journey, we will gather pledges to support the Emergency Disaster Fund and the Global Food Crisis Fund.

Dates: June 27—July 2, 2005

Distance: 100 miles (about 20 miles per day)

Location: We will be walking into Peoria, IL just in time for the beginning of Annual Conference.

Eligibility: All senior high youth and advisors can register on the Workcamp website:

<http://www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/workcamp/registration/html>

Mission Outreach

Special Giving

(as of January 31, 2005)

2¢ a Meal	\$	92.17
Baldwin Missionary	\$	155.00
Church Community Services	\$	50.00
Disaster Relief	\$	327.75
Heifer Project	\$	3.50
Soup of Success	\$	<u>25.00</u>
Total above budget giving	\$	653.42

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through:
January 31, 2005

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$	13,807.38
Expenses	\$	<u>14,887.79</u>
Net Loss	\$	(1,080.41)

Average Attendance

Worship: 93 Church School: 70

Building Fund Balance (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$	415,098.82
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Int)	\$	<u>95,471.31</u>
Total New Location	\$	510,570.13

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Corner

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DON'T MISS THE APRIL 1 DISCOUNT DATE FOR REGISTERING SUMMER CAMPERS!

Please turn in your completed registration forms and your share of the fee to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 20. The \$20 discount offered for many camps ends April 1. After that date campers will be accepted for the full fee.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! All available adults are invited to our Volunteer Work

Camps: March 21-23 and April 25-27. Call the Camp at 574-658-4831 to volunteer. No charge.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER WEEK-END IS APRIL 9-10.

Together you may make soap, create soy candles, make church dolls, weave baskets, make a window sill garden and enjoy many other activities. Fee: \$120 for mother and daughter; \$55 each for additional daughters or grandma.

80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The grand celebration event for Camp's 80th year in ministry is **MAY 1**. All congregations are invited to join together that day for worship in Quinter-Miller Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Jo Young Switzer, new President of Manchester College will be the guest speaker. The restored Rose Window will be dedicated. Activities for all ages will follow a soup and sandwich luncheon. The day will culminate with a 3:00 p.m. campfire, including kettle popcorn, and

Vespers at 3:30 p.m. We hope all Indiana congregations will fill Quinter-Miller on May 1.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for:

Children making summer camp decisions
Camp's staff and volunteers

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Camp Directors' Training	Mar 19
Spring Quilting Retreat	Apr 15-17
Pastors' Retreat	Apr 28-29
Birdwatchers' Retreat	May 5-7
Seasoned Citizens' Retreat	May 9-12

A Quiet Place Quote: "God is always at home. It is we who have gone out for a walk."

Meister Eckhart

Bulletoon by Trudy D. McConell



"Okay, we'll go over this just ONE more time... THIS is the Church, and THIS is the STEEPLE..."

District Connection



District Disaster Response Workers are needed for March 6-12 in Hallam, Nebraska The small Nebraska town of Hallam was nearly obliterated by a powerful tornado that struck on May 22, 2004. All but 7 of the town's 170 homes were completely destroyed. Many of the affected families were underinsured. Due to the harsh winter, the project closed on December 18 and is scheduled to reopen on February 27. Interior work will need to be completed on the house that was framed up and enclosed before Christmas. There is another house that is scheduled to be built on a slab, and it is expected to be ready for framing up by the first of March. Volunteer housing will be located in two mobile home units that have been set up on a lot in Hallam and connected together (affectionately nicknamed New Windsor West). Contact [John Sternberg](mailto:John.Sternberg@cbn.org) at 574-293-6028.

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

Jim Myer will be the speaker for Revival Services to be held at the New Paris COB ,March 13-15, 6:30 pm. A new history book entitled: "History of the New Paris Church of the Brethren" written by Dr. J. Roy Valencourt now available. Softback \$14, Hardback \$24. Call the Church Office at 574-831-2434

Heifer International will hold an Informational Meeting and Volunteer Workshop on Saturday, March 19, from 10 am to 3 pm (lunch provided) at the Midwest Regional Center, 66300 US Highway 33, Goshen, Indiana. Phone 574-642-3096 for additional information

The 2005 Young Adult Conference will be held at [Camp Woodland Altars](#) in Southern Ohio, May 27-29 on the theme, *Provoking One Another to Love and Good Deeds*" based on Hebrews 10:24. The weekend will be filled with worship, music and fellowship. Shawn Kirchner and Joseph Helfrich will be music leaders for the weekend. Becky Ulom and Walt Wiltschek will be worship coordinators. Among the presenters will be Margo Miller and Cliff Kindy. The cost is \$80 for the two nights and three days. For a registration brochure and more information, please call the [Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office](#) at 800-323-8039.

Northern Indiana District Prayer Calendar

March 6-12	Cedar Lake
March 13-19	Columbia City
March 20-26	Community Church of Waterford
Mar 27—Apr 7	Crest Manor

Excerpts from Baldwin's Winter Letter

2004 was indeed a blessed year for us. Our "Jubilee Year" came to an end, and our "Big 50" year began. Our bodies are beginning to say that as well. On January 13th Chuck experienced a sudden onset of 'asleep/numbness' feeling from the waist down. At the writing of this letter, he has been through much testing with no concrete results. We are trusting that the neurologist's guess of a virus hitting the nervous system is correct and that healing will come in 6-8 weeks. In the meantime, this drastic change in our lives has caused us to realize just how precious our health is—at 50 or anytime.

Jen-Luc, our imaginative, fun-loving 3rd grader, is doing well. He and he dog love to sled. He is excited about his Upward Christian basketball program. Julie is back at Indiana/Purdue full time this semester. Her passion for French keeps us wondering where the Lord will lead her in the future, but for now we are thankful for her excellent translation skills used this past year for EE. Debby continues to keep us all happy with her love for home making, and keeping in touch with our friends around the world.

From our home to yours, we send our heartfelt thanks for all you are allowing us to do by partnering with us in the ministry during 2004 and now into the new year, 2005. Once again we will be on the road to see as many of you as possible. As difficult as it is to put aside the work to travel, we believe it's necessary for you to have a good understanding of how the ministry is progressing and why it continues to be worthy of your support.

Serving Christ together,
Chuck, Debby & Jean-Luc



Birthdays

- 1 Helen Stout
- 1 Pauline Arnold
- 2 Mary Lou Martin
- 3 Ted Noffsinger
- 4 Lee Markley
- 4 Darren Vance
- 8 Marjorie Kirkdorffer
- 8 Mandy Chris
- 8 Missy Zimmerman
- 8 Katy McFadden
- 13 Joe Vance
- 16 Frances Billet
- 18 John Berkebile
- 21 Betty Yoder
- 23 Norma Pletcher
- 23 Walt Gilliland
- 27 David Hoke
- 30 Laurie Arnold

Anniversaries

- 8 Richard & Eileen Rohrer

March 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:30 Overcomers @ MCL 6:30 Church Board 7:00 Lenten Study—Markley	2 9:00 am Volunteer Fellowship 6:30 Lenten Study—SDA 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	3 7:00 Lenten Study—De Pue	4	5
6 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School 5:00 Lenten Study—Mastic <i>Adult Choir singing</i>	7	8 7:00 Lenten Study—Markley	9 6:30 Lenten Study—SDA 6:30 Children's Choir	10 7:00 Lenten Study—De Pue	11	12
13 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School 12:00 New Life Luncheon 5:00 Lenten Study—Mastic <i>Children's Choir singing</i>	14	15 7:00 Lenten Study—Markley	16 6:30 Lenten Study—SDA 6:30 Children's Choir	17 7:00 Lenten Study—De Pue	18 —————Women's Retreat	19 At Camp Mack—————
20 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School 12:00 Youth Rehearsal 5:00 Lenten Study—Mastic	21	22 7:00 Lenten Study—Markley	23 6:30 Lenten Study—SDA 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	24  7:00 Tenebrae Service	25  Church Office Closed	26
27 Easter 7:00 Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ Elkhart Valley 9:30 Worship @ SDA <i>Adult Choir singing</i>	28	29 7:00 Shalom Team—Zerbe's	30 6:30 Children's Choir	31		