

# The Creekside Connection

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## How Do Our Gardens Grow? Report on Garden Projects

Last month's "Connection" included a several-page article about plans for **Easter flowers and shrubs** and other garden projects at Creekside. This is to report the activity which has been happening around those projects. Daffodils and Easter lilies have been ordered for Easter Sunday; these will be planted on the property after they are used in worship on April 8. Some of the shrubs to go into the mulched beds along the driveway near the road entrance have also been paid for by donations and will be planted as well. **The final day to order Easter flowers and shrubs is this Sunday, April 1.** We will look forward to seeing these plants on Easter morning in the sanctuary as part of our Easter celebration, and growing on the property for years to come.

Plans have been drawn for the **Cross Garden**, which will be a separate bed between the church and SR 113; it will include a large metal cross, evergreen shrubs, and white lilies. This is being paid for with memorial funds.

Judy DePue is drafting plans for the **Creekside Prayer Garden**. This garden will be located at the northwest corner of the church building. An arbor has been set to mark the garden entrance; it is visible from the north end of the parking lot and from windows on the northwest corner of the church. Volunteers have walked the property and contributed ideas for the garden. Two of the early elements of this garden will be a tree which blossoms and bears fruit, and a holding pond for water which will eventually splash down a rock-lined creek bed.

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These will be focal points for prayer and meditation, and a connection to our congregation's vision and purpose. The water and creek bed are in recognition of Pastor David's fifteen years of ministry with Creekside/Elkhart City, which we will celebrate this May. The tree is in recognition of Janet Berkebile's years of music and ministry among us. Fragrant perennials, grasses that blow in the wind, and rocks which can be used as seating are also being incorporated into the garden at Janet's request. These will be included when funds are available.

Janet's tree will be the first growing thing in the Prayer Garden. It is scheduled to be planted on Monday, April 2, at 6:30pm. Anyone may come to watch the tree being planted; Gary Arnold will take video to share with the congregation. The tree and the arbor have already been purchased with your donations, and we'll hope to have the pool of water in place yet this spring.

We are excited about the possibilities for this garden, and eager to develop and share more detailed plans. Property commission will be given a written proposal and drawings for approval, which will then be presented to the congregation following worship on Sunday, April 15 in the Worship Center. This presentation will last about 15 minutes. We will have a shortened fellowship time this day so that we can still get to Sunday School classes. Many of you have expressed ideas and shared your enthusiasm; if you have questions or comments please share them with Rosanna McFadden or Judy DePue individually since there will be limited time the on fifteenth.

Thank you for sharing in this vision, and for your generous response to last month's article. If you still wish to contribute to the Prayer Garden, you may put donations in the box labeled "Garden Projects" in the Gathering Area, or designate a line on your giving envelope as "Prayer Garden" through Sunday, May 13. Volunteers will be needed for preparation and planting this spring and summer; workdays will be scheduled when the plans are completed. As Christians and as gardeners, we celebrate the hope of new life and the joy of being rooted in God, growing in Jesus, and bearing fruit in the Spirit.



Rosanna McFadden  
Judy DePue

### Easter Crosses

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.

**What you need:**

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12")

**What you do:**

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.
2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.
3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.
4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.
5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.
6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.
8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.
9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.

## Just for KIDS

*Something Important to Remember Always*

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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6	E	T	C			
7	L	♥	R			
8	♥	D	♥			
9	I	♥	S			

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 8b 9a 6a 8b 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c

ANSWER: "WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

**CAMP MACK**

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**PASTORS' SABBATH:** Encourage your pastor to experience a Sabbath time after Easter as a guest of Camp Mack at no charge. The Spring Sabbath is April 24<sup>^</sup>-25<sup>@</sup> beginning with 11:00 a.m. registration on Tuesday and ending with lunch on Wednesday. Pastors should call Camp Mack to pre-register.

**VOLUNTEER WORK CAMP IS APRIL 23-25.** Can you come? Many kinds of skills are needed. Cleaning, painting and repairs are needed to prepare camp for summer.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED** to serve as volunteer counselors and support staff during the summer! **Please prayerfully consider how you might help.**

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** Volunteer counselors, prospective counselors, CITs and directors, don't miss the information-packed Leadership Training on May 18-19. Training is a critical ingredient in creating a great experience for our campers.

**CAMP MACK'S SPRING GOLF OUTING IS MAY 12<sup>TM</sup> AT SYCAMORE GOLF CLUB AT NORTH MANCHESTER.** Golfers: Call camp for a registration form if you have not received one. Cost is \$65 per golfer and includes golf & cart, beverages and prizes and the evening meal. **Churches, businesses and individuals:** You are invited to support the 2007 Golf outings as sponsors. Sponsorships range from \$100 for a Par level to \$1,000 for a Hole-in-One sponsor. Proceeds go towards Camper Scholarships and technology upgrades.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Quilting Retreat**—April 19-22
- Birdwatchers' Retreat**—May 10-12
- Seasoned Citizen's Retreat**—May 7-10

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**  
 Please pray daily for the Camp Mack Staff and Volunteers.

*A Quiet Place Quote:* "No one else can give God our personal love. This is our great significance." - Basil Pennington



**ATTENDANCE NUMBERS**

DATE	Sunday School	Worship
Mar. 4		98
Mar. 11	67	85
Mar. 18	60	99
Mar. 25	68	91



**April Birthdays**

- Apr. 2 Beth Breidenbach
- Apr. 3 Laurie Mastic
- Apr. 4 Tim Randall
- Apr. 4 Austin Zimmerman
- Apr. 6 Kate Schrock
- Apr. 6 Cara Mastic
- Apr. 12 Maryann Zerbe
- Apr. 12 Darcy Fritz
- Apr. 15 Kristina Cooper
- Apr. 16 Bonnie Neal
- Apr. 18 Krysta Bowen
- Apr. 18 Gwen Metzger
- Apr. 21 Kim DeVincent
- Apr. 22 Karen Lesch
- Apr. 22 Mark Arnold
- Apr. 23 Jeremy Hoke
- Apr. 23 Jonathon Hoke
- Apr. 24 Xavier Rosales
- Apr. 26 Kenny West
- Apr. 26 Angi Marcin
- Apr. 27 Cary Kelsey
- Apr. 28 Micah Breidenbach
- Apr. 29 John Yoder



**April Anniversaries**

- Apr. 4 David & Lodema Hoke
- Apr. 6 Denny & Colleen Weaver

**April has arrived.....**

You all know that means it is time for "Spring Clean-up". We are looking to support "The Window" in our efforts this month with gifts of clothing and money. "The Window" is Goshen's Community Volunteer Center. Some of their services include a soup kitchen open Monday through Friday, emergency groceries and a clothing closet for those in need.

We are planning a clothing drive and also monetary donations to help with the soup kitchen. We will be collecting these on April 22nd and 29th. Watch for further information later in the month.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY:** An email was received requesting our help in providing used books and magazines for the new Elkhart County Corrections Facility. If anyone is interested in being in charge of that outreach see Shelly Randall for all the information. Thanks.

## AMEN! Sunday

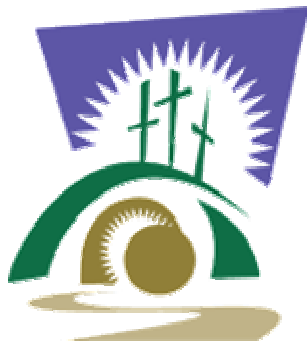
Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 13, 2007. Creekside will be celebrating the gifts of ministry in our midst. Dr. Bill Eberly, of N. Manchester will be our guest speaker that day at the request of Pastor David. We will be recognizing David for fifteen years of pastoral ministry at Creekside/Elkhart City, and for the many ways he has served this congregation. We will also be recognizing the Children's Choir and their leaders for another season of singing and sharing.

In preparation for this Sunday, please take time to fill out one--or a whole handful--of the Amen! cards in the baskets by the entrance to the Worship Center. You may fill out one per week for the next month, or five in one day, or however many you wish, and give them out with a word of thanks, a hug, or slip them in someone's church mailbox. There are many people, of all ages, who enrich our life together as the body of Christ; some of them in obvious ways, and some of them in quiet ways. All of these gifts are important and deserve the affirmation of a heartfelt "Amen!" With whom could you share a word of support and encouragement?

And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Worship Team

### Bible quiz



According to St. Matthew's gospel, something unusual happened to the earth on the Friday when Jesus was crucified. The same thing happened again when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb on the following Sunday. What happened on those two days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

If you need help, Matthew 27:51 recounts Friday's events, while Matthew 28:2 reports on Sunday's occurrences.

## *A Blessed Ride with Creekside*

Saturday, May 19, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Since our last report to the congregation concerning Creekside's Motorcycle Blessing and Ride, a lot of planning and work has taken place. Though much has been accomplished, a lot of work remains with a short time to get it done.

Our goal is to raise funds for Church Community Services and the Creekside youth group, as well as provide an opportunity for the church to reach out to the motorcycle community. CCS is enthused to participate, and area businesses are contributing door prizes and gift certificates. The youth will prepare and sell food after the guided ride.

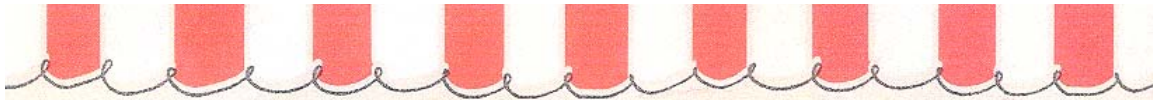
After the motorcycles and riders are blessed, they will receive a vinyl decal for their bikes and kick stand plates to show they were blessed at the Creekside Church of the Brethren event. A copy of the decal is attached. We have ordered five hundred decals at a cost of \$500. Members of the Blessing Team have contributed toward the cost, and will appreciate additional donations from the congregation. Funds in excess of the goal will be used to buy t-shirts with the event logo. On the Blessing Day, volunteers will wear the shirts to promote sales. The money made from shirt sales will be the only funds kept by the church, and will be set aside for the 2008 event.

Sign-up sheets will soon be posted in the gathering area listing a variety of volunteer tasks that need to be filled. We thank you for the support you have given to the Blessing Team, and your ongoing support and prayers that will contribute to the success of this outreach effort. If you have questions and want to know how you can help, ask any member of the team.

Thank you!

Jim Vance, Roger and Anne Griffith, Tim Randall, Rick Rodgers, Steve DePue, and Pastor David





**14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
SALAD LUNCHEON**  
Hosted by Area Churches to Benefit  
**DISMAS HOUSE**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SOUTH BEND  
333 West Colfax Avenue, South Bend, Indiana**

**Suggested Donation: \$6.00 per person  
(Free for children five and under.)**

**Tickets available at the door or  
to purchase in advance call:**

**574.233.8522**

**Carry outs available & ample parking.**

For 21 years Dismas House has provided an effective residential prisoner reentry program that promotes transformational change in the lives former offenders. For more information or to volunteer contact the Dismas House office at 574.233.8522 or visit our website:

[www.michianadismas.org](http://www.michianadismas.org)



**TIMBERCREST SPRING FELLOWSHIP DAY**

Timbercrest Spring Fellowship Day this year will be Saturday, April 28.

The Food Market and Snack Shop will be open at 8:30 a.m. Donations of homemade food items for the Food Market will be needed. If you can make something, please get it to me by Friday, April 27 and I will take it with me.

The program session begins at 10:00 a.m. The musical guests are "Bound for Glory", a men's gospel quartet from the Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

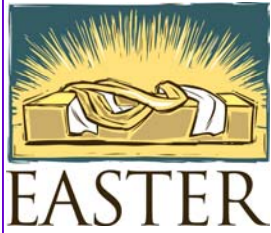
A Silent Auction will be held to celebrate the 35th year of The Friends of Timbercrest, formerly the Auxiliary. Handmade items will be for sale including a queen size quilt, lap quilt, basket, ceramics and wood items. Proceeds will benefit a project for Friends of Timbercrest.

It is time to renew your membership to Friends of Timbercrest. The annual dues are \$3.00. A lifetime membership is \$40.0. I will be collecting dues the first three Sundays of April.

Timbercrest Key Leader,  
Doris Walters



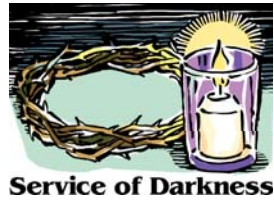
- May 2—Volunteer Fellowship—9:00 a.m.
- May 6—Honoring our Fathers & Mothers Dinner—Fellowship Team
- May 13—1st Anniversary of New Building
- May 13—Recognize Pastor David for 15 years of service
- May 13—AMEN! Sunday
- May 15—Church Board Meeting—6:30 p.m. at church
- May 16—Volunteer Fellowship—9:00 a.m.
- May 16—Mission Outreach Team Meeting—6:30 p.m.
- May 16—Choir Practice
- May 19—Blessing of the Bikes
- May 20—Congregational Meeting (during SS time)
- July 15—Ice Cream Social—Fellowship Team
- August 12—All Church Picnic—Worship/Fellowship Teams
- September—Annual Golf Outing
- October—Dinners for 8—Fellowship Team
- December 2—Advent All Church Gathering—Fellowship Team



### Holy Week and Easter at Creekside

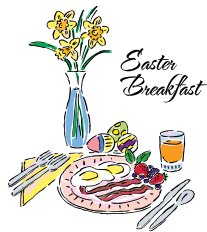
Christians around the world are preparing for Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. We hope you'll observe these holy days by joining us for the following services at Creekside Church:

Thursday, April 5 6:30pm Love Feast/Tenebrae The Love Feast service will begin at 6:30pm in the gathering area with a light meal, and will include scripture readings, feet washing, and communion. Immediately following this service we will move to the Worship Center for Tenebrae, or the Service of Darkness. Both of these services are intended to remind us of and prepare us for Jesus' servanthood, suffering, and death.  
Sunday, April 8



7:30am It is Easter and we rejoice in the promise of new life! The celebration begins with Sunrise Service. We are planning for this short service to be held outside the doors of the church under the overhang; if it is cold or wet we will move inside for the service. Folding chairs will be set up outside; please dress warmly and bring whatever layers you need to be comfortable.

8:00am to 8:45am Easter Breakfast served. Come inside to the warmth and light! Fellowship Team is preparing a hot breakfast for you and your guests. Bring you family and friends for egg casserole, rolls, hot drinks, and juice. Come early so you can visit and still have time to be ready for morning worship.



9:30am Morning Worship He is risen! He is risen indeed! We will speak and sing our Alleluias as we worship the risen Lord. Friends and family are welcome to join the celebration. There will be no Sunday School this week; our normal schedule will resume the following Sunday.

Happy Easter!  
Worship Team

### HONORING FATHERS AND MOTHERS DINNER

**Come one, Come all  
Come by yourself and be a part of our church family  
Invite your mother or father  
Invite your children  
And of course your grandchildren  
Or even your great grandchildren  
If your "birth family" is not able to participate,  
Invite someone special who is just like family to you**



**When: Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after Sunday school  
The dinner will be cooked for you.**

**We will be honoring mothers and fathers:  
by sharing some of our special memories at our tables while we eat,  
through poems shared by two extended families after the meal,  
and by making special notice of all of our three and four generation families in attendance.**

**Our short program will follow in the sanctuary  
with a presentation by Bonnie Neal  
entitled "Nature's Beauty",  
a blending of Words and Music  
with photos of God's Handiwork  
taken during the last year from coast to coast.**



**Reservations for the meal would be appreciated, during the month of April by turning in the count at the bottom of this page.  
realizing that last minute guests are always welcome, too.**

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
# Babies \_\_\_\_\_ # Junior Highers \_\_\_\_\_  
# Preschoolers \_\_\_\_\_ # Senior Highers \_\_\_\_\_  
# Children ages 5-9 \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_

**The Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support.**

**Our goal was to open our church doors to the community, provide those that came an opportunity to meet us, and to tour our beautiful facility.**

**We did serve about 200 people, so we feel very good about our "first" Pancake/Sausage Breakfast here at Creekside. It was an enjoyable activity that provided us an opportunity to work together.**

**Thanks again for your support, and we are planning another one for March of 2008!!!!**

**Roger Neal, Chairperson**

### **M M A N E W S**

The MMA Sharing Funds provided \$2,659.86 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Deana Markley serves as the MMA advocate in our congregation. Please contact her for more information or any questions you might have.

### **NOTES FROM THE BOARD . . . . .**

ALL teams, including short-term teams, youth advisors, and project leaders need to submit minutes to Cindy to be distributed to the board on a monthly basis to keep our board updated as to their progress.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—MAY 20, 2007**

The spring congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, during the Sunday school hour. There will NOT be a lunch provided. ALL teams, including short-term teams, youth advisors, and project leaders need to submit team reports to Cindy to be included in the report to the congregation.

## **DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE**

### **Disaster Response Update**

Goshen City is returning and Beacon Heights and Crest Manor will be immediately leaving for McComb, MS. The Middlebury congregation will be leaving on April 15. There are still 2 open weeks for McComb, MS; April 8-14, (this week is open for 3 of the 4 work sites.) and May 27- June 2. In Pearl River, LA there is an opening May 27-June 2. The week of June 3-9 has been reserved for the Northern Indiana District. In addition, there are 2 weeks at the Lucedale, MS location that have not been filled, those dates are May 27- June 2, and June 3-9. John Sternberg, the District's disaster coordinator, encourages anyone that is able, to consider volunteering your time to one of these weeks of emergency response. If you are an individual who can not make the journey out of state, anyone can donate to the District Disaster Relief Fund. Donations can be given to your church treasurer or sent to the District Office (162 E. Market St. Nappanee, IN 46550) Be sure to note on your check that it is for the *District Disaster Fund*.

### **May is Older Adult Month**

Did you know that over half of the Brethren membership is 55 years of age or older? This May, ABC's Older Adult Ministry encourages all congregations to honor older adults. Starting March 15 there will be resources available at ABC's website [www.brethren-caregivers.org](http://www.brethren-caregivers.org). To learn more about the Older Adult Ministry of ABC, contact Kim Ebersole at 1-800-323-8039 ext: 302 or email her at [kebersole\\_abc@brethren.org](mailto:kebersole_abc@brethren.org)

### **Young Adult Conference**

All young adults are invited to spend Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28 at Camp Harmony, near Jamestown, Pennsylvania. The theme for the Annual Young Adult Conference will be "Doers of the Word" based on James 1:22-25. This is a wonderful opportunity for young adults throughout the denomination to gather together for a weekend of worship, singing, fellowship and meeting other young adults. A variety of young adults will speak during each of the worship service and sessions will be led by Paul Grout. [www.brethren.org/genbd/vva/vac.htm](http://www.brethren.org/genbd/vva/vac.htm)

### **National Junior High Conference**

June 15-17 at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania is the date and location for this exciting opportunity. 6th-8th graders and their adult advisors are encouraged to plan now to gather at Elizabethtown this summer. This fun packed weekend will include concerts, bible skits, workshops, recreation, and four worship services. All of this is only \$99 per person. (After April 15th the cost goes to \$125/person!) Brochures have been sent to each congregation. NOTE: N. IN District will NOT be organizing transportation for this event. [www.brethren.org/genbd/vva/irhighconf](http://www.brethren.org/genbd/vva/irhighconf)

# APRIL



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School CHOIR SINGS  Youth 30 Hr. Famine	2	3	<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 p.m.—Love Feast /Tenebrae	<b>6 GOOD FRIDAY</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	7
<b>8 EASTER</b> 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 9:00-8:45 a.m.—Breakfast 9:30 a.m.—Worship NO Sunday School CHOIR SINGS	9	<b>10</b> Power Wash Parsonage	11	12	13	<b>14</b> Parsonage Cleaning Day
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School  CHOIR SINGS	16	17	<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship  Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team	20	21
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	23	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. - Church Board	<b>25</b> Choir Practice <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">                         DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER                     </div>	26	27	<b>28</b>  RYC
<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School  RYC CHOIR SINGS	30					