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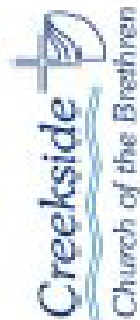
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JEAN MANN'S RETIREMENT RECOGNITION JUNE 3

We will be recognizing Jean Mann on June 3 during Worship for her many years of dedication and service to this church. Please plan on joining us for this special occasion.

Jean grew up in Western Pennsylvania. She attended Goshen College where she received her teaching degree. Her first teaching position was in the Concord School System. When her children were just young, they moved to suburban Chicago, while her husband, John attended Medical School.

When John completed his medical training, they moved to South Bend and the Penn-Harris-Madison School district, where Jean taught for one year. They then moved to Culver where she substitute taught for a period of approximately 4 years.

They then returned to the Elkhart area in 1972, where Jean taught until she retired in 1995 for the Concord School District once again. Her retirement concluded a 30+ year teaching career.

She began her Christian Education position with Elkhart City Church of the Brethren/Creekside Church of the Brethren in 1996 and has taught Sunday School for over 10 years with our church.

Jean and John have two boys. James lives in Elkhart and attends Creekside COB. Their son Jay and his family live in Lafayette, Indiana. Their grandchildren are all boys—ages 14, 12, & 10.

Before Jean began her teaching career, she worked with Hal Heeter and the youth of this church.

Her husband, John, retired from medical practice in 1999.

Jean's hobbies include sewing and quilting. She and Betty Yoder sew the quilts for the Women's Fellowship to quilt, which are donated to several agencies.

Graduation Open House

Members and friends of Creekside Church are invited to an open house for Katy McFadden on Saturday, June 9 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the McFadden's home 64314 Limberlost Dr., Goshen. If you need directions, call Rosanna or Tim at 537-8726. Katy is graduating from Goshen High School and will be a student at Manchester College this fall.

Thanks for your support of Katy through the past eleven years. We hope to see you on the 9th.

The McFaddens

District News Notes

- 1) **Herman Kauffman** will be on a much deserved and needed vacation until June 6th. All inquiries requiring his attention, that can wait, should be held until his return. If it is an urgent message or a general office question, please contact the district office.
- 2) The **Nappanee City Chamber of Commerce** is hosting an **Open House** at the District Office on June 12th from 5-7 pm. This is in conjunction with the award that former owner Judge Evan Roberts received for the restoration of the current district office building.
- 3) The **District Board** has asked that all congregational district and general board forms and paper work from the past year be collected. There are **14** congregations on this list. If you know of or have any of these forms that were due months ago, please get a hold of the district office. Phone calls will start being made to the churches, pastors or treasurers next week.
- 4) **Annual Conference Briefing** will be held at Camp Creek on June 10th at 3 pm. Outreach packets will also be handed out at this time. Annual Conference is June 27th- July 4th.
- 5) Thank you to all congregations that have sent in their District Conference delegate registration! All others please remember that these are due **Friday, May 25th!**
- 6) Reminder: The district office will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of **Memorial Day**. Have a great weekend!!

A Verse Frame

Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn

What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.

Just for KIDS

Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NV

"HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!"



Let's love trees

God must love trees, because he made so many of them. Where would we be without trees? They provide us with wood, fruits and nuts. They're home for birds, squirrels, monkeys and other animals. Children climb them, build "houses" in them and hang swings from their limbs.

Trees help keep homes cooler, thus lowering the cost of air conditioning. They fight global warming, add nutrients to the soil, and help clean streams and rivers.

Trees can increase a home's value by up to 15 percent. They also add beauty to a neighborhood with their amazing colors and restful shade.

They're God's gift to us and they bless us in more ways than we might imagine. Just think: Where would Zacchaeus have been without a tree?

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

John Zerbe would like everyone to know that 6/3 will be the last New Life Class that he will be teaching. Anyone is welcome to join them. After that time they will be joining one of the Summer Sunday School classes offered.

Just as a reminder those classes are: *"Following Jesus Without Embarrassing God,"* and *"Saving Jesus: A Revolutionary Exploration of Jesus Christ for the Third Millennium."* These learning opportunities will use different formats. Each Sunday's topic will be a lesson unto itself. You may choose to remain in one class, or make your decision based upon the topics that interest you.

Following the fellowship time, our regular classes will meet together for prayer and class business, and then dismiss for the study options. *Following Jesus* will meet in the gathering area and *Saving Jesus* will meet in the worship center. We are currently seeking facilitators for these studies. Contact Pastor David or Jean Mann if you have questions about the series.

LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!

JUNE Birthdays

June 9 Mary Schmucker
 June 9 Lois Losee
 June 14 Myron Miller
 June 15 Bill Toops
 June 17 Kurt Vardaman
 June 24 Dave DeVincent
 June 26 Norma Miller
 June 29 Sue Noffsinger

Anniversaries this Month

JUNE Anniversaries

June 9 Bill & Tamara Toops
 June 10 Keith & Janet Vardaman
 June 16 Ron & Sabrina Fritz
 June 17 Don & Sandy Gordon
 June 17 Dave & Karen Eis
 June 19 John & Maryann Zerbe
 June 25 Dan & Laurie King

The property committee will be cleaning out the garage this month.

We discussed and decided that the items in the garage (chairs, tables, some cabinets and miscellaneous treasures) should be offered to the congregation the weekend of June 10th. Anyone so inclined can make donations that would go to the youth. People can identify what they would like and then take it home by 6/24. After 6/24 we will be looking for an alternative home for any leftovers.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

DATE	Sunday School	Worship
May 6		136
May 13		129
May 20		130
May 27		

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Hello All, Coming up on Saturday, June 2nd we will be putting in the pond and stream, the underlayment cloth and the rubber pond liners as well as the rocks to hold them everything in place. It is called "rocking the pond". We will need lots of help. Please e-mail back if you can come, or call Judy on her cell 215-3298.

Because some of you have expressed a request to help during the week, we are scheduling a work evening on Thursday, May 31, starting at 5:30 to finish the prep work for the stream and ponds so that as much as possible can be accomplished on the 2nd of June.

Thanks so much in advance for your help. We couldn't manage without all of you pitching in.

Judy De Pue

Life is an echo

A man and his young son were walking on a mountain trail when the boy tripped on a rock and twisted his ankle. "Ahhhhh!" he screamed in pain.

"Ahhhhh!" came a distant reply from the mountain.

The startled boy shouted back, "Who are you?"

"Who are you?" replied the voice from the mountain.

This made him angry, so he shouted, "You're a big coward!"

"You're a big coward!" was the reply.

The puzzled boy looked at his father and asked, "Dad, what's going on?"

"Son," the father replied, "listen to this." He then shouted, "I admire you!"

"I admire you!" answered the voice.

"You are wonderful!" shouted the dad.

And the voice replied, "You are wonderful!"

The father turned to his son and explained, "People call that an echo, but it's really life. Life always gives back to you what you give to it. Life is a mirror of all your actions. If you want to be loved, give love. If you want respect, give respect. If you want people to be patient with you, be patient with them. This rule of nature applies to every part of our lives."

CROSS DEDICATION

We dedicated the Creekside Church of the Brethren cross & garden to the loving memory of our brother in Christ, Ralph Gordon this past Sunday. May its simple materials remind us of the simplicity and steadfastness of Ralph's faith and love. May its strong beams remind us of the quiet, sturdy beliefs that grounded Ralph's life. Though he did not live to see the completion of this facility, Ralph supported it wholeheartedly, because he loved his Lord and his church family. For years to come, may all who gaze upon the cross not simply see it as a symbol of death, but as the eternal plus sign that God so loved the world that God have us his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Memorial Contributions for Cross Garden Wall

John & Lucille Clem
Junior Kirkdorffer

Mignon Fuller
Evelyn Heeter

CHANGES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMP MACK FESTIVAL!

Expect more of your favorite things at the 9th Annual Camp Mack Festival scheduled for its traditional date – the first Saturday in October! Plans are to have the food court **open until 3:00 p.m.** instead of closing prior to the 2:00 p.m. benefit auction as in the past. Those who can not arrive until after their morning events should still be able to find a variety of food. At its April 15th meeting, the CMF Committee also decided to keep the **rides available until 3:00 p.m.** Hopefully everyone who wants a hayride, train ride, horse-drawn carriage ride or pontoon ride will have the opportunity with the extended schedule for rides!

The Festival Committee also looked at ways to shorten the 2:00 p.m. benefit auction that last year lasted until 6:00 p.m. The Committee continues to request lots of high quality sale items for both the Benefit auction and the Silent auction. In an effort to improve the Silent Auction and lesson the hours of the Benefit Auction the committee decided to try the following: A maximum of two quilts or comforts per church will be placed in the Benefit Auction at the discretion of the Auction Committee. Additional comforts or quilts from a congregation will help to upgrade the Silent Auction. The same guide will be used for baskets. A maximum of two baskets per church may be placed in the Benefit Auction with additional baskets being placed in the Silent Auction where they can be easily viewed at the time of bidding. **Benefit Auction and Silent Auction items may be brought to the camp the week prior to the Festival and will continue to be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on October 6th.**

Expect some new twists and lots of fun at this year's 2:00 p.m. Benefit Auction as new ways of bidding and some personal-involvement sale items make this an entertaining, as well as fund-raising event!

From children's activities galore to many mouth-watering foods; from a great variety of music to slight of hand magic; from rides in the horse-drawn carriage, the train, or on the hay wagon or pontoon to captivating demonstrations and displays; from a tour of the Church of the Brethren history murals to silent and vocal bidding at the auctions; there are choices to be made. Some come to soak in the fall beauty of Camp Mack. Many come to fellowship with long-time camp friends. Others come for a day of family fun! But no one can see or experience everything offered at the Festival!

You are invited! Mark your calendars and plan now to enjoy fun, fellowship and fund-raising at the 2007 Camp Mack Festival on Saturday, October 6th!

Funds raised at this year's festival will be divided between Camper Scholarships and technology upgrades.

CAMP MACK'S NATURE CENTER IS "GREEN"!

A new hybrid power system made up of a wind generator and solar panels will begin providing electricity for the nature center this summer. The wind generator, mounted on a 60 foot tower beside the Nature Center, will generate electricity with as little as three mph of wind! Three photovoltaic cell panels have also been installed on the Nature Center's roof to convert solar energy into electricity. Twelve 24 volt batteries will store the extra electricity that is generated so that the center can operate on cloudy, non-windy days.



The Nature Cabin is a recycled cabin that has been moved to a "less traveled" location and renovated to provide the "headquarters" for the Nature program. This hybrid power system is the cabin's sole source of power: the system allows camp to power the Nature Center apart from the camp's power grid. Since several aquariums, heat lamps, and the centers overhead lights will all be powered by the hybrid system, staff will offer hands-on classes that may help our campers envision practical uses for energy that is produced right out of thin air!

WORMS THAT EAT GARBAGE



As a part of our recycling efforts, Camp Mack has acquired a large bin of worms that eat our organic garbage. Campers are encouraged to feed the worms our organic waste (vegetable waste, coffee grounds, and egg shells) which is converted by the worms (through digestion) to reusable "castings." Castings are black, nutrient rich humus known as "vermicompost." Campers then combine the castings with soil to create a rich organic fertilizer that can be used to feed our plant and flower beds.



CAMP MACK WISH LIST

The following is a list of items that would be very helpful for Camp to have, but which are not in the Camp's budget. You and/or your church group are invited to provide the following items:

- \$1300 gift to pay for Green Seal Certification for Camp Mack
- Chipper – 6" size or larger
- 12' Cargo trailer for bike camp
- Gift for tall rubber boots in various sizes for nature study
- 64 qt. size Sterlite clear-sided storage containers for the Nature Center

The Pancake/Sausage committee would appreciate your help. If you know of a fold up roll-away-bed for sale or for donation for church use, please contact Larry Ludlow or John Zerbe. We would use this bed in case of emergency situations where someone has become ill while at church. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

A big thank you to everyone who has helped with Fellowship Time this past year* including Grace & Lynn Bolinger, Bonnie & Roger Neal, Mary Schmucker, and Claudette Emmons. Many people have helped by serving food, donating money, and also donating food.

If you would like to donate food to Fellowship Time please let paulajeane know ahead of time, so we can coordinate quantity and variety of food.

Fellowship Team
Paulajeane Ritzmann



- July 4—OFFICE CLOSED
- July 15— 5:00-7:00 p.m.—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

NEW ADDRESS FOR JOHN & JAN BERKEBILE

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Making a Journey with Jesus -The Arritts

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"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12 NIV
 "Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom." Psalm 90:12 NLT

Praise

- ♦ Thank Him for good experiences with the WA banquets.
- ♦ Praise Him for a rental house in Manila!
- ♦ We thank Him for the assurance that our second baby, Shaun, is with Him.
- ♦ Praise for how He is preparing us for ministering in the Philippines this summer.

Our current ministry

Thank you for your prayers for our speaking engagements and for protection in the battle as we step out for His work. We have been greatly



Manila, Philippines

We'll be moving out of our apartment before we leave for Manila in early July. The journey into overseas missions feels more real as we prepare to pack up our things and store them for a little while. We are learning more and more about Philippine culture. Isn't His provision wonderful—We already know 2 (English and Spanish) of the 3 official languages! We will be working on a little Filipino (Tagalog mixed with Spanish and English) to help prepare us better. Please pray that we are able to take in the important things and let the rest go.

We recently learned that James will be assisting with the Language and

a national translator in the Philippines and the main speaker at the WA banquets. We have been so encouraged by her stories and her enthusiasm.

We are also looking forward to sharing with churches and individuals about Wycliffe and the many Bible-less peoples of the world. Please pray for more opportunities to share.

Culture course rather than teaching English. Please pray with us as we navigate working and living together. Pray that James and I would be mindful of our marriage relationship over our work.

That's right...we have a place to live in Manila! We and the other couple with whom we will be working are going to share a townhouse. We are grateful for this recommended and reasonably priced place in a good, safe location. Thank you for your prayers! The Lord has also provided us a small social network. Besides our housemates, we will have five friends who will be in Manila this summer! Praise Him!



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ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM POWERS

NATURE CABIN: May 14, 2007 was a historical day at Camp Mack! The 60' windmill tower was slowly raised to an upright position and lowered exactly onto a circle of huge bolts that protruded from the top of a four foot deep slab of concrete. Persons quickly placed the nuts on the bolts to secure the tower. Next came the high-off-the-ground job of installing the windmill blades. Somewhere in this process the electrical line was connected.

Since the tower, located near the Nature Cabin, will be visible from our boating beach, we expect that our summer campers as well as many other guests will be interested in learning about our hybrid power system. Besides the windmill tower, solar panels on the Nature Cabin roof also produce electricity. Large batteries store power for use on non-windy and non-sunny days. The Nature Cabin is totally off the electric grid.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: staff, all summer camp leadership, and campers.

MORE IMPORTANT JUNE DATES:

Beginners Camp	June 10-12
Sampler Camps	June 17-19
	June 21-23
Seekers Camp	June 10-14 (short)
Finders Camp & Followers Camp	June 10-16
Worship Arts Camp	June 10-15
Eco Adventure (Finders)	June 17-23

A Quiet Place Quote: Each day comes bearing gifts, untie the ribbons. Ann Ruth Schabaeker

SUMMER CAMP LEADERS NEEDED

At this writing, about 50 more counselors are needed for this summer's camps. If you, or someone you know, has a love for the Lord and for children, please consider volunteering or asking your friend to volunteer to share that love with children at Camp Mack this summer. Call the Camp Office at 574-658-4831 to request a volunteer application or e-mail Camp's Program Director, Curt Rowland, at curt@campmack.org for further information.

ECO CHALLENGE CAMP: The June 17-23 Eco Challenge Camp has been combined with the June 24-30 Eco Challenge session. There will be no Eco-Challenge Camp from June 17-23.

News from:



KIT CREATION

The Senior Youth at Creekside Church of the Brethren, Elkhart, raised over \$545 from the congregation last October to make School Kits for Church World Service. The Youth used the money raised to purchase items for



the Kits and then assembled 100 School Kits during their Sunday School class time. Using assembly-line tactics the class of six youth and two adult advisors assembled and boxed the Kits in a little over 20 minutes.



Making a Journey with Jesus

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Prayer

- ◆ Pray for preparations for Asia and good working relationships with new colleagues.
- ◆ Pray for the Philippines SIL students.
- ◆ Pray for God to increase our family in His time and way.
- ◆ Pray for ministry in VA and increased partnership.
- ◆ Pray for James as he ends his career in the public schools.



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Malaysia

While learning about the Philippines, we are also studying a bit about Malaysia. Plans are taking shape for vis-

iting several locations in this South Asian country after we finish teaching in Manila. Please pray that we would be open to His leading in this process.

Out 'west' in the fall

After we return from Asia, we will spend less than 2 weeks in Virginia before heading to Indiana and Kansas for visits with you, our team members in ministry. We will then travel to Colorado for a language and culture conference. Then in mid-October we'll swing through Kansas again on our way to Dallas.

In Dallas we will be assisting in teaching courses and will be continuing our studies as well. Monique will be taking a few more courses to-

wards her MA in applied linguistics while James (who already has his MA) will take the remaining few he needs to begin linguistic work overseas. Please pray with us concerning this plan, as Monique will need to take the GRE and both of our applications will need to be completed before we leave for Manila. Pray also for increased partnership, as we are currently at 58% of what we will need to study and live in Dallas.



Growing our family

As many of you know we had a second miscarriage in March. Your prayers and encouragement helped us to grieve and be able to move forward. We are more and more surrendered to God's timing in this process of increasing our family. Before the miscarriage the Lord gave James the following verses from Psalm 128: "Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to Him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table." Please help us to fear Him and to trust Him to grow our family either biologically, through adoption, or both.

He is able to do more than we can fathom,
James & Monique

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JUNE 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Landscaping
3 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School CHOIR SINGS RECOGNITION FOR JEAN MANN	4	5 7:00 p.m.—By-Laws Team at Heeter’s	6 9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship & Carry In	7	8	9 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Landscaping
10 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Landscaping Jr. High Conference
17 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School FATHER’S DAY	18	19 6:30 p.m. - Church Board at church at Marcin’s	20	21 7:00 p.m.—Worship Team	22	23 YOUTH DUNES CAMPING
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