

The Creekside Connection

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APRIL 2008

Pastor's Ponderings

What does it take to make a minister? Historically, the Brethren called forth individuals from within the congregation who possessed qualities and skills suited for ministry. These *ministers-in-the-making* were taken under the wing of the church elders and they learned the craft of ministry through observation and practice. Up until the 1920's, Church of the Brethren congregations did not have "professional" pastors who were college and seminary trained. The church was served by "free ministers" who had full-time employment in farming, carpentry, and other trades, who, together with other free ministers, assumed responsibility for preaching, teaching, and meeting the leadership needs of the congregation – with no pay!

Over the next twenty years an amazing change had taken place. Our denomination went from being served almost exclusively by the free ministry, to being served almost exclusively by paid, professionally trained pastors. College and seminary degreed pastors became the required norm in the church, and continues to be the expectation of most Brethren congregations today.

However, times have changed, and the needs of our churches have again necessitated another approach to ministry training. Many small congregations do not have the resources to pay a full-time, professional pastor. Some are turning to pastors from outside the denomination who are not knowledgeable of Brethren beliefs and practices. A high percentage of people are entering the ministry as a second-career. They work, have families to care for, and make mortgage payments. For them, seminary is not an option. In response to the needs of churches and the new pool of potential pastors, the Church of the Brethren created *Training in Ministry*. TRIM is a flexible training program that incorporates college and seminary classes, independent study, and pastoral formation experiences. Graduates of TRIM are providing leadership to a growing number of congregations. Ginny Haney, our former administrative associate is a graduate of TRIM, and now pastors the Mount Morris Church of the Brethren in Illinois.

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300 Years of the Church of the Brethren & The Northern Indiana District "Piecing Together the Brethren Way"

Greetings from the Northern Indiana District 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee:

We hope that many of you already have **Sunday, April 20, 2008**, marked on your calendars, and that you will join us at the West Goshen Church of the Brethren at **3:00 PM** for a time of Celebration, History, **and** Fellowship.

Alexander Mack and Anna Mow will be making some appearances. The Northern Indiana District Quilt will be on display. We will be lining some hymns, enjoying some skits and dramas, learning about the history of the Church of the Brethren, its murals and its history in Northern Indiana. We will be able to browse through a clothing and book display. We will meet the Youth Heritage Team. We will learn about more contemporary movers and shakers in the Church. We will offer a short, historical tour of the West Goshen "Mother Church" Cemetery, if weather permits. And we will break bread together as we fellowship with each other after the service.

The West Goshen Church of the Brethren can seat up to 300 people! We challenge you to that number of participants for this 300th Celebration. We invite all of you with longer past histories, of course, as well as all of you with shorter histories, so that you may learn about your inheritance in the Church of the Brethren. We believe that the Church of the Brethren has provided significant ministry in the world, and we want to honor that past ministry, learn about and from it, and thereby encourage all of us to continue that ministry for the next 300 years.

Join us for the Northern Indiana District Spring Celebration on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Come to the West Goshen Church of the Brethren at 3:00 PM. See the unveiling of our Northern Indiana District Quilt. We are "Piecing Together the Brethren Way." Please join us!

District 300th Anniversary Committee:
 Alice Archer
 Ruth Angle
 Dorothy Gall
 Casey Drudge



Birthdays
This Month

APRIL Birthdays

- Apr. 2 Beth Breidenbach
- Apr. 3 Laurie Mastic
- Apr. 3 Austin Zimmerman
- Apr. 6 Teresa White
- 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 Metzler
- Apr. 22 Mark Arnold
- Apr. 22 Karen Lesch
- Apr. 23 Jonathon & Jeremy Hoke
- Apr. 24 Xavier Rosales
- Apr. 26 Angi Marcin
- Apr. 27 Diane Lund
- Apr. 27 Cary Kelsey
- Apr. 28 Keith Hostetler
- Apr. 28 Evangeline Stouder
- Apr. 29 Micah Breidenbach
- Apr. 29 John Yoder



This
Month's
Anniversaries

APRIL Anniversaries

- Apr. 4 David & Lodema Hoke
- Apr. 6 Dennis & Colleen Weaver
- Apr. 23 George & Linda DeGeeter

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

DATE	Worship	Sunday School
3/2	100	63
3/9	108	83
3/16	102	64
3/23	96 Sunrise 120 Worship	No SS
3/30		

MEN'S CHORUS

The Men's Chorus will rehearse on Wednesday April 9th at 7 p.m. in the worship center and sing for Sunday morning worship on Sunday April 13, 2008.

All male voices are welcome to join us.

If you have questions contact Cary Kelsey.

Kate Schrock has recently been moved to the Gables Nursing Facility at Greencroft.

There was another cross from a necklace found. It is in the office if anyone is missing one.

THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION!!!! The Jr. High want to say thank you for all your support last week. We were successfully able to cancel approximately 100 catalogs. That will be a great start on making a positive impact on our environment. There were approximately 9 catalogs that wouldn't accept our notification. If yours was one of them, a notice was put in your mailbox with further instructions and a phone number to call. Thanks again.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

THE PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST!

Thanks to the many volunteers. You went far above and beyond to make this a success. Thanks to those of you that sold tickets too (we had \$320.00 in advance ticket sales). The Pancake/Sausage Committee would like to thank everyone for their support. It was definitely a true church team effort. We fed over two hundred people, served 1,120 sausages, and prepared more pancakes than we cared to count. Left over supplies were donated to the Fellowship Team. I would also like to thank the members of the Pancake/Sausage Committee for their hard work and dedication to this project. Members of this committee will meet with the Property Team, with suggestions on how to spend the \$893.00 income from this project.
Committee Member, Roger Neal

It is wonderful to have such a caring and loving congregation and Pastor at Creekside. Our hearts were deeply touched by all the cards, gifts and love that were sent to Alysa prior, during and after her surgery. The support for Angi and Tiara was fantastic. Even though we were many miles away after her surgery, we also felt your love and support. Creekside Church is a better place to be because you are there.

We love you ALL!

Alysa's Grandpa and Grandma Zerbe

WOMEN'S RETREAT

RUNNING ON EMPTY:

Slowing Down,

Tuning In,

Speaking Up



Questions:

Do you drop everything when a family member needs you?

Is it easy to get swallowed up in your loved ones' problems and forget to take care of yourself?

Is your emotional, spiritual or physical tank in desperate need of refueling?

Do you keep silent to keep the peace?

Are you tired of being all things to all people?

Have you given up on ever getting your needs met?

If you answered "yes" to two or more of these questions, this may be the retreat for you!

Brochures and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center to invite friends and family to participate.

Saturday, April 19, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Women's Retreat sponsored by the Fellowship Team of Creekside Church will be both educational and experiential.

Beginning with a light breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, the retreat will break for lunch together around noon and be completed by 3:00 p.m.

Cost - \$10.00 for meals with pre-registration. \$15.00 at the door. Deadline—April 6, 2008.

Leadership provided by Pat Martin, Marriage and Family Therapist.

District News Notes

1. The **Coaching 4 Clergy Workshop** will be Thursday May 1, 9-4 at Camp Mack. This workshop is open to all denominations and has a cost of only \$30 which includes the workshop, workbook, lunch, and a follow up conference call with speaker Val Hastings. The completed course is worth 1.0 CEU. Hurry to register before the **deadline of April 1**, by sending your name, address, phone number, email, congregation information and \$30 fee to the district office. You will receive an email confirmation and a digital copy of the workbook. Northern Indiana District Office, 162 East Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 or email: offmgr@bnin.net

2. The **District Celebration** is just around the corner; **April 20th** at the **West Goshen Mother Church** beginning at 3 pm. The 300th Anniversary Committee has organized a day of fellowship, history and celebration. Lining hymns, enjoying drama, learning about history including movers and shakers in the Church will all be part of the service. The Youth Heritage team will be there, Alexander Mack and Anna Mow will make their appearance, the district quilt will be on display, and there is a tour of the cemetery if weather permits. The district has a challenge of having 300 people attend!

3. **REMINDER - Recommend Persons for District Leadership Positions Now!** You are an "Essential Piece"! The District Personnel Committee encourages you to please take the opportunity to recommend persons for the positions of Moderator-Elect, District Conference Program & Arrangements Committee, District Personnel Committee, District Board, and District Clerk. If you sense that God is calling you to serve in one of these positions or if you would like to recommend someone, please contact Ann McNerney, Resource Coordinator, at 574-773-3149 or ann@nidcob.org. Thank you!

4. The **Union Church of the Brethren** could use some help. For several Sundays now their **sound system** has been out of commission; when it does "work" it begins to feedback and is unusable. The funds are not available to purchase any new equipment. If an individual or congregation has equipment they'd like to donate, or time to restore the old system (cause of failure is unknown), please contact Deb Peterson, ASAP, at 574-534-6861 or email her at ddpete@bnin.net.

YOUR ENOUGH: What is your "enough" when it comes to planning for retirement? A booklet from MMA, provided at **no cost**, can help you determine what is enough for your retirement years. Visit www.YourEnough.com to order. While there, view two new videos of Anabaptists facing retirement. If you do not have e-mail opportunity, please check with me, Deana Markley, your MMA Advocate.



April 20th - Jr. High Bowling Party. Plan to leave the church following Sunday School. Lunch will be included at the bowling alley. Bring your friends and let's have a great time!

May 17th - Jr. High will be helping to serve lunch for the **"Blessing of the Bikes & Ride"**. Watch for more details regarding times.

UPDATE FROM BALDWINS

Dear Praying Family & Friends,

HAPPY EASTER to you each! We awoke to an inch of white covering and love the bright sunshine dancing off it this afternoon.

In three days we'll board our flight for Rwanda (Mar 25-Apr 8). This trip is only two weeks long but we are looking forward to every aspect. I, Debby, will be visiting many street kid projects and talking with key people in those areas. Chuck hopes to film alot of the needs as well as touch base with his EE leaders and new Church leaders. Jean-Luc will be able to reconnect with the friends he made there last fall. We know the Lord is going before us to open our eyes to what He needs us to learn. Your prayers will help us stay focused.

We most likely will NOT have email contact as where we're staying may not even have electricity. If we come to mind, we'd like you to pray H.E.L.P. for us. "H" meaning our health to remain good. "E" meaning effective communication. "L" meaning love for the people we will be rubbing shoulders with and talking to. And "P" for a profitable time as we research the staggering needs in Rwanda and once again look at how to best help

We hope many of you have been able to see the DVD from our last trip to Rwanda. If not, ask your pastor.

Blessings on our most incredible weekend -- Resurrection weekend!

Again, thank you for going before the Throne for the Kingdom building in Rwanda.

Love, Debby & Chuck

- May 1- 6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- May 2 - 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Fiber Friends
- May 4—Youth Sunday
- May 7—9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship
- May 11—Drop In—De Pue's
- May 11—7:00 p.m.—Choir Sings
- May 11—MOTHER'S DAY
- May 14—Choir Sings
- May 17—Blessings of the Bike
- May 18—Congregational Meeting
- May 24—1:00-:400 p.m.—Cooper Open House
- May 28—6:30 p.m. Choir Picnic



Celebrate SPRING at
Dismas House's
15th Annual Salad Luncheon
Thursday, May 1, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
 333 West Colfax Avenue, South Bend, Indiana

Suggested Donation: \$6 per person
 Free for children five and under

While you dine enjoy live piano music.
 Tickets available at the door or in advance by calling 574.233.8522

Carry Outs Available
 Ample parking Behind the Church

Event is Hosted by Volunteers from Area Churches and Dismas House.



Since 1986, Dismas House has been providing housing, programs and services to women and men recently released from incarceration so they can successfully reenter society as productive citizens.
 Dismas House is a faith based, non profit organization.
 To find out how you can help contact the office at
 574. 233.8522

Contact Betty Yoder (262-1519) or Myrtis Justiniano (537-4567) if you can donate a salad or two. Thank you for your help.

**NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT CONNECTION
 (CONTINUED)**

**CAMP MACK'S "ON THE WAY" CAPITAL
 CAMPAIGN**

Colossians 3:17; "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." This scripture helps set the theme: "Handle With Care" for camp this summer. Preparation is underway. Work days are scheduled and training for leaders, counselors, and all staff are in process. Please pray that all planners and leaders will understand your lessons and will be well prepared for this summer. Long term plans for camp involves upgrades and new buildings.

Pray that a new vision will be discovered in our dis-

tricts to build lives for Christ. Phase II is nearly complete and Phase III will involve all churches and individuals participating financially and prayerfully in the support of Camp Mack. This is important for our children and future generations of our church. "Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid, from now on you will catch men.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him." Luke 5: 11. For the day: "Remember that when our Lord touches you, calls you, he will outfit and prepare you for the task to which you will be assigned. His will is all you ever need."

Fresh from the Word p.76 Phill Carlos Archbold

May God bless you, each one,
 Val Kline & Dan Snider



Creekside Church of the Brethren Treasurer's Report & Comparisons	
February 2008	
Income	\$20,015.33
Expenses	\$18,359.01



**UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- April 19—Women's Retreat
- June 21—Saturday evening we will have a campfire and weiner roast at our own vesper hill beside the garden. We will have a camp son sing-a-long and campfire popcorn and then a vesper service.
- August 17—Our church service and picnic at Oxbow Park
- September—golf outing

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Send resume and 3 references by April 15, 2008 to the Palms Estates, P.O. Box 364, Lorida, FL, 33857, Attention Verna Forney or email thepalms@emabrqmail.com. Website: www.cob-net.org/home/palms-estates.

MISSION FIELD REPORTS

- **Jack and Martha Lou Cary** along with **Ed and Sue Freel** of the **Osceola** congregation made a 10 day trip to Ecuador in January. They were involved in **Global Outreach Missions** (www.globaloutreach.org) with missionaries Curt and Michelle Gee, Freel's daughter and son-in-law. After arriving in the town of Cuenca, they were part of a ministry at an orphanage teaching teenagers how to make noodles. Jack presented the Bible through a flanelgraph story. With the help of an interpreter, Jack also led a bible study group and gave a devotional message to employees at a Christian TV station. Gifts were delivered by the two couples to the orphanage supplied by the Osceola Church of the Brethren.
- **Donna Blough**, of the **Syracuse** congregation, recently served God in an unusual way on Mount Rushmore, here's what she had to say... "It was a privilege serving God this past summer at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. I served in the 'Christian Ministries in the National Parks' (www.acmnp.com). In obedience to God's leading and for his purpose I left my 'comfort zone'. I have a home, with bills to pay, 2 cats and a job I've worked at for 18 years. But in Proverbs 3:5 it says to trust him. He has taken me to the peak of my walk with him through my faith in him and his word. Psalm 46:10 says 'Be still and know that I am God.', so at the mountain my obedience brought me to a level I've never known before. He reminded me that he's in control of our journey. He's got it all mapped out, we need to just believe, which I've found to be a vital to my rela-

tionship with him. I had many joyful days."

300TH ANNIVERSARY DISTRICT CELEBRATION

Hope your calendars are already marked for **Sunday, April 20, 2008!**

Join the district in a celebration that has been 300 years in the making! The event will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the West Goshen Church of the Brethren.

Come to experience history and fellowship as we meet Alexander Mack and Anna Mow, sing hymns, enjoy skits and dramas, meet the Youth Heritage Team, visit the West Goshen "Mother Church" Cemetery (if weather permits), view the District Quilt on display, and break bread together.

Northern Indiana District ...
"Piecing Together the Brethren Way."

Coaching4Clergy
with *J. Val Hastings*

Who's invited? Pastors of all denominations, Church leaders and Spiritual directors

When is it? Thursday, May 1, 2008 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Where at? Camp Mack, Milford

How much? \$30 - includes workshop, workbook, lunch, snacks and conference call

To register send your name, address, phone number, email, congregation information and \$30 fee to the district office. You will receive an email confirmation and a digital copy of the workbook. Deadline for registering is April 1.

Northern Indiana District Office, 162 East Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 / email: offmgr@bnin.net

Creekside BOGO Event



For the shoppers in our congregation you may recognize that **BOGO** usually means "Buy One, Get One" sales events. I'd like to suggest that we change our thinking to "Buy One, Give One" as we help support Church Community Services' Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generous support so far. Unfortunately the need for food and personal hygiene items continues year round. Each week you shop for groceries, buy one for yourself and give one item to CCS. Black mesh metal baskets are located in the gathering area for your canned goods, boxed items, and personal hygiene supplies. **Let's BOGO, Brethren!!** Mission/Outreach Team

The Church Board has requested to try and rent the parsonage on Benham Ave. This decision has been made as we have had no response in our effort to sell the property. The property team has signed a contract with Harrison Haynes, as a rental management company, to rent the parsonage for 12 months. Harrison has been in the rental business for many years and has experience necessary to get good renters for the property. Hopefully, at the end of this time, the housing market will improve and we will be able sell the property at that time.

Harrison is a realtor, as well as a rental manager, and will try to find a renter who may be interested in buying the property at a later date. We will still be responsible for the maintenance of the building, and at the same time receive some income during this period of time.

There may be some who have questions regarding this agreement, if so please direct your questions to John Zerbe, Property Team.

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT CONNECTION

1. Disaster Funds Needed

As a district we find ourselves with a financial shortage in one of our designated funds for a very good reason. A growing number of members of in Northern Indiana have been participating in Disaster Response in various parts of the country. Our district disaster fund, which assists transportation costs of volunteers, has now been exhausted.

For many years Northern Indiana has maintained a designated disaster fund to receive contributions from congregations and individuals to reimburse volunteer workers from Northern Indiana for expenses related to traveling to and from disaster sites. Lodging and meals at the disaster site are covered by the National Office.

For many years, Northern Indiana took its turn with other districts in supplying workers to various disaster sites operated by the Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries. More recently as the need for disaster response has grown, congregations have sponsored disaster trips in addition to the weeks hosted by the district.

In response to requests from several Northern Indiana congregations taking groups on disaster relief projects, the District Board in 2007 expanded our guidelines to share with congregations the expenses related to traveling to and from disaster sites. We are delighted in this growing ministry of many in our congregations.

This continuing growth in responding to disaster needs, along with the expanded use of the district disaster fund, now leaves us in a difficult situation - the fund has run out of money! This is not a budgeted fund, rather it depends totally on contributions from congregations and individuals. We lift this concern up to the brothers and sisters

of Northern Indiana, believing that those of you who are unable to work at the disaster sites will want to financially support those volunteers who give of their time and labor to serve the church and our neighbors in need. We would welcome your contributions to the district disaster fund, which may be sent to:

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT OFFICE
162 East Market Street
Nappanee, IN 46550

Please designate your gifts for "Disaster Fund". With your support, we will be able to continue assisting the travel costs of our volunteers who participate in this wonderful ministry.

Herman Kauffman, for the District Board

2. District Women

The District Women's Spring Rally will be held at the North Webster Church of the Brethren on May 3, 2008. Registration will begin at 9 am, the session will start at 10 am. The North Webster congregation is providing a lunch for a free will offering. Dismissal will be around 2:30. Contact Marlene Stemen for more details at 574-831-4443 or cstemen@bnin.net

Mark your calendars for the District Women's Camp happening on September 26 & 27. District women will meet in Becker Lodge at Camp Mack for a renewing and eye-opening weekend. David Radcliff will be speaking on "Challenges Facing Women Around the World."

3. Congratulations to Beth Sollenberger-Morphew, Elkhart Valley, for her nomination as Moderator for Annual Conference 2010.

Also congratulations to Melissa Troyer, Middlebury, for her nomination to be a member of the Committee on Interchurch Relations.

2008 ballots can be found at the Annual Conference website www.brethren.org/ac/.

30 Hour Famine

Senior High Youth are trying to save lives – one empty belly at a time. On April 6-7, the senior high is going to go 30 hours without eating. We are collecting money to send to World Vision. Just \$30 from donors can help feed and care for a child for an entire year.

If you would like to donate see any of the youth.

Church Community Services

As you explore **possibilities for service** this year with the high school youth group in your congregation, I would like to share couple opportunities for you to consider...

You Take the Cake, our annual fund *raiser*, will be October 18. A number of volunteers made this a fun and successful event last fall. We again will be inviting you and others to join us in set up, serving, or clean up.

There will be many ways to be involved with the **renovating and moving into our new facility at 907 Oakland Ave.** We *are* hoping to be moved into our larger facility by this summer....more details at another time!

The mission of *CCS* is met by many persons offering a helping hand: prayer, donations of food or financial assistance, and just *as* important, donation of time and *energy*. **I challenge your youth group to consider joining us in the work at CCS.** And I encourage you to say a prayer for the work of *CCS* any time you drive by our new facility site.

Please take time to complete the information below. And, please call if you have any questions related to these opportunities.

Blessings,
Barb Friday,
Board member and event volunteer coordinator 293-0846, bgfridley@verizon.net

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 E-Mail: campmack@npec.net Website: <http://www.campmack.org>

GRANDMA'S ATTIC is the theme for the fun-filled **Mother Daughter Weekend**, April 12-13. Call to see whether there is still space for your mother and daughter, age 5 and up. Cost: \$130 per Mother/daughter; \$60 each additional person.

THE 2ND PRAIRIE RESTORATION WORK DAY IS APRIL 19. Work began on March 29 to remove invasive species that are overgrowing Camp's nine acres of natural prairie. The goal is to preserve the prairie grasses and wildflowers that grow in this unique habitat. Call to let the Camp know that you will help that day!

VOLUNTEER WORK CAMP IS APRIL 28-

30. 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 or support staff during the summer! Prayerfully consider if you might help.

CAMP MACK'S SPRING GOLF OUTING IS MAY 10TH AT SYCAMORE GOLF CLUB AT NORTH MANCHESTER. Shotgun start: 1:00 p.m. **Golfers:** Call camp if you did not receive a registration form. Cost is \$65 per golfer and includes golf & cart, beverages and prizes and the evening meal. **Churches, businesses and individuals:** Sponsorships range from \$100 for a Par level to \$1000 for a Hole-in-One sponsor. Proceeds go towards **Camper Scholarships** and carpet for Becker Lodge.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Quilting Retreat April 17-20

Pastors' Sabbath April 22-23

Seasoned Citizen's Retreat May 5-8

Birdwatchers' Retreat May 8-10

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

A Quiet Place Quote: "I had a peaceful stay here; just what I needed to regain some balance in my **life.**" - A retreatant from A Quiet Place.

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT CONNECTION (CONTINUED)

4. The **ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING** will be held at the Columbia City Church of the Brethren on Sunday, June 22 at 3 pm. The Annual Conference Standing Committee members are Jan Long and Margaret Pletcher. Every congregation should encourage their annual conference delegates and other interested persons to attend this informative event.
5. On April 1, 2008, **Pastor Larry D. Fourman** will be retiring from 38 years of full time ministry in the Church of the Brethren. His first year out of seminary 1969-1970, was spent at the Church of the Brethren General Board offices in Elgin, Illinois, where he edited Sunday School materials while awaiting visas to Nigeria. When this didn't happen due to the Biafran War, he left to begin pastoral ministry. Larry served 11 years in the Mid Atlantic District where he started with the Co-operative Ministry in the New Windsor area which included: Sarris Creek, Beaver Dam, Edgewood and Pipe Creek Churches. After this disbanded, he served his remaining years at Pipe Creek. He then served almost 17 years in the Southern Ohio District at the Brookville Church of the Brethren in Brookville, Ohio. From there he moved to the Northern Indiana District where he served 6 years at the Crest Manor Church in South Bend, Indiana and 3 ½ years as an Associate Pastor at the Union Center Church in the Nappanee area.

Larry will be staying on at Union Center Church where he and his wife, Ann, will share a part time position as Associate Pastors.

We invite those who wish to and who have worked with or been touched by Larry's ministry over the years, to share in a surprise card shower to acknowledge his retirement. The address is: Larry D. Fourman 70673 County Road 11 Nappanee, IN 46550.

6. The **La Porte Congregation** at 414 Hawthorne

Street will be serving a **German Sunday Dinner** at 1:30 (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), on Sunday, May 11, (Pentecost/ Mother's Day). At 2:30 Vernard Eller's play, "A Time So Urgent", adapted by Frank Ramirez will be performed. The drama is about the founding of the Church of the Brethren in Schwarzenau, Germany. This is one of La Porte's celebrations of the 300th Anniversary. Bring Mother, Grandmother and the whole family. We are inviting everyone to celebrate with us.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling Ruth Blake at (219)362-2980 or E-Mailing at rbtmg@comcast.net by May 1.

7. On Friday, April 11th, the **McPherson College Choir** will be performing at the Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren at 7:30 p.m. District youth leaders and pastors are encouraged to invite their youth to the concert. McPherson College doesn't come to Indiana very often for their spring choir tour!
8. **The Palm Estates**, located in central Florida, is a 55 and over Independent Living Retirement Community with 71 homes and 40 RV sites, founded by the Church of the Brethren, they are looking for a husband and wife team to fill the executive staff position. Responsibilities include leadership and management of the total operation of the Palms Estates. Candidates should possess strong organizational, administrative, accounting, verbal/written communication, and interpersonal skills acquired through training and experience. Knowledge of budgets, financial statements and computer technology related to all office functions also required. Qualified applicants need the ability to manage multiple tasks involving residents needs and concerns, maintain harmonious relations with related organizations, insure compliance with governmental regulations, and manage a small citrus grove and maintenance staff. On site residence and office provided in addition to salary and other benefits.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 a. m. - Volunteer Fellowship	3 6:30 p. m. - Board at Church 7:00 p.m. Worship Team	4 9:30 a. m.-3:30 p.m. - Fiber Friends	5
6 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School CHOIR SINGS 30 Hour Famine	7 30 Hour Famine	8	9 7:00 p. m. - Men's Chorus 7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Team	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	14	15	16 7:00 p.m.—Choir	17	18	19 WOMEN'S RETREAT
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