

The Union Center Weekly Connection

June 1, 2008



“Connecting People With Jesus”

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Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 8:00-4:30
(closed for lunch 12-12:30)

**Bulletin & Weekly Connection
Information Deadline:**
Thursday 9:00am.

BIRTHDAYS:

June 2 - Bud Etsinger Sr.
Don Housour
Phyllis Housour
June 3 - Brandon Blosser
June 4 - Vernon Sheets
June 5 - Juanita Frederick
June 6 - Cooper Wiens
June 7 - June Mishler
Peggy Quintanilla
June 8 - Jeff Wisler
June 9 - Debbie George
Jill Holdeman
June 10- Judy Scheets
June 12- Donna Lantis
June 14- Lisa Hostetter
June 15- Pam Hollenberg

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 1 - Don & Doris Walter (52)
June 3 - Devon & Elaine Eby (52)
Josh & Jess Miller (8)
June 5 - Chad & Amy Charwood (15)
June 6 - Jeff & Peg Wisler (27)
June 7 - Dale & Jo Ann Clem (55)
June 8 - Roger & Louise Hahn (22)
Ryan & Rosalie McBride (23)
June 10- Steve & Kathy Price (46)
June 11- Michael & Amy Smoot (14)



*Happy
Anniversary!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 25, 2008

Offering – \$7,827.75 (needed each week \$7,190.00)
Special Offerings – \$676.96

Tercentennial Minute – The First Annual Meeting of the Church of the Brethren. Maybe.

The first Annual Meeting of the Church of the Brethren took place on Pentecost, June 7, 1742, at the home of Martin Urner of Coventry. Maybe. It seems clear that from the beginning of the Brethren movement we settled our disputes democratically, in joint study of the bible, with all members having an equal voice. And initially all Brethren were able to gather together at the same Love Feast to discuss the issues that faced them.

However, the clearest indication for when the Annual Meeting as we know it first took place comes from the pen of Georg Adam Martin (1715-1794), elder and author, who was later excommunicated by the Brethren on a charge of immoral behavior, and who therefore regarded the Brethren with some distain. In 1741 the

charismatic Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, a leader of the Renewed Moravian Church, tried to unite the German-speaking Christians into one body through a series of conferences. Brethren sent delegates, but later abandoned the movement, believing the Count was taking too large a role and that the doctrinal disagreements were too great. According to Martin, the Brethren decided they would hold conferences of their own on an annual basis. The historian Martin Grove Brumbaugh recorded the date and place of the first conference but there is no clear record of this. Hence the maybe. No matter. At some point during this period the pattern was established for the Annual Conferences which take place to this day.

Care Notes are made available as a ministry of the Deacons and are free to anyone who might find them useful for their own growth in Christ. Remember they can be used to witness to a friend or acquaintance. Think about who, in your circle of relationships, might benefit from a Care Note and give it to them as an expression of Christ's love. Here are a few new titles: Feeling Trapped by Obsessive or Compulsive Habits;

Loving Your Family No Matter What; For Teens:
Serious Depression: More Than Just a Bad Hair Day.

Baptism – We will be having baptism at Camp Mack on Sun., Aug. 3. If you would like to give your life to Christ and be baptized, transfer your membership (reaffirmation of faith) and become a member of Union Center Church, please see Pastor Jim or Pastor Larry.



The C.E. Commission will be offering the opportunity to view the DVD on child protection today, June 1 during the Sunday School hour. This video will last approx. 30 minutes. If there is time remaining for your class, you may attend Sunday School at that time. We would like as many people as possible to watch it at this time if they know they will be working with children in any capacity in our congregation. This will be a requirement for persons involved with infants through the youth during the Sunday School hour, Bible School, Kids Club, Jr. High/Youth as well as any other time you will be involved with children. If you know you will be involved with children please plan to watch this video. It is the first step in our child protection policy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern the will of God...” Romans 12:2. Paul’s vision of spiritual formation guides the vision for our Sunday School classes as we try to be connected with Jesus. In addition to classes for children, Jr. High and Sr. High youth, the following adult classes are offered. **Visitors are welcome** in all classes.

Sojourners – “The Irresistible Revolution”
College & Career – can attend any of the classes
Living Cornerstone – Guide for Biblical Studies
Grace Seekers – “Blue Like Jazz”
Faithful Followers – Guide for Biblical Studies
Pathfinders – Guide for Biblical Studies
Partnership – Guide for Biblical Studies
Semper Fidelis – Guide for Biblical Studies
Christian Homebuilders/Golden Rule – Guide for Biblical Studies
(Lessons in Guide for Biblical Studies for June, July & Aug.: God, the People, and the Covenant – Chronicles, Daniel, Nehemiah, Ezra, & Haggai.)

Nursery Workers are needed for June 22 & 29. Sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Lost & Found – Many items are left here at the church and don’t get claimed: dishes are put on a table in the fellowship hall; clothing and toys are put in a box behind the door by the lift; watches, jewelry, car keys, eye glasses, etc. are put in a small box in the office by the sink. If these items are not claimed within 4 weeks of being left here, they will be given to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 3

7:00pm. - Church Board meeting.

Thursday, June 5

7:30pm. - Worship Team

Saturday, June 7

6:30am. – Men’s Fellowship
Breakfast at
Raymond’s in
Wakarusa.



Sunday, June 8

10:30am. – Christian Ed. Commission will be showing the video on child protection.

COMING UP

June 9 - Women’s Fellowship meeting at 6:30pm. at Ada Frenger’s house. It’s game night, so bring your favorite game.

June 12 -Day Care Advisory Board at 6:30pm.

June 12 -Group Spiritual Direction meeting at 7pm.

June 16-20 – **Bible School** – “SonWorld Adventure Park – A Thrilling Ride with Jesus!” is the theme this year. It will be from 6:15-8:30pm. each evening. Kids will enjoy games, crafts, music and snacks but most of all hear awesome bible stories that will teach the importance of making good choices. So, Join us at SonWorld Adventure Park where kids will discover that choosing Jesus is the ticket to the best

ride of their lives!

June 22 – Bible School Program during the morning worship service.

June 23 -Library Committee meeting at 6:30pm.

June 26 -Deacon meeting at 7:00pm.

June 28 -Men’s Fellowship Fishing Outing.

EXTENDED CALENDAR

July 6 - We will be having Bread & Cup Communion during the morning worship service.

July 10 - Day Care Advisory Board mtg. at 6:30pm.

July 11 - The Youth will go to a drive-in movie and then stay overnight at the Holdeman’s.

July 12 - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at 6:30am.

July 12 - **Day Care Chicken BBQ.** They will be selling tickets in June. They will also have Pit Potatoes. This is in place of their garage sale.

July 12-16 – Annual Conference in Richmond, VA.



July 14 - Women’s Fellowship meeting at 6:30pm.

July 25 – Youth will go to the Silverhawks/Hawk Nelson.

July 27 - **Church Council meeting at 12:45pm.** There will be a meal before the meeting.

COMMISSION NEWS

Missions & Service Commission

Pack the Pantry Sunday for our Day Care is June 1. Items needed are: reg. & small paper plates; 7 oz. paper cups; canned fruit & veg. (off brand is ok, reg. sizes): peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, applesauce (25-50 oz.), cut green beans, corn, carrots, peas; ketchup; creamy peanut butter; plastic spoons; band aids; laundry soap, Scotch Tape; qt. & gal. size Zip Lock bags; 13 gal. trash bags; AA batteries; 35mm film; bubbles; sidewalk chalk.

Music & Worship Commission

The Music Schedule for July, August and September is posted in the fellowship hall. Please sign up as soon as possible.

DISTRICT NEWS

June 14 – The Maple Grove COB will host the first of two Golf “Fore” Missions Outings at Raccoon Run Golf Course, Warsaw. The



second one is Sept. 13 at Wawasee Golf Course, Syracuse. Maple Grove is sending out two mission teams this year. In June a team is going to Tijuana, Mexico and in October, another team will go to Navajoland, Arizona. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

June 22 – Annual Conference Delegate Briefing at Columbia City COB at 3:00pm.

Sept. 26-28 – ABC is hosting a retreat for women: “Treasure in Earthen Vessels” lead by Deanna Brown and Anita Smith Buckwalter and held at the Leaven Retreat Center in Lyons, MI. Registration deadline is July 25 and space is limited. Contact the District Office for more details.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

The Spring 2008 newsletter from On Earth Peace is here and posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

AREA NEWS

Goshen General Hospital’s Hospice Program seeks volunteers. Hospice volunteers go wherever a hospice patient calls home – residence, nursing home, assisted living facility, or hospital – to provide comfort, support and companionship to the patient and their families. Hospice volunteers journey with those facing life’s ultimate challenge. To join our team of hospice volunteers, or to learn more about hospice and the dying process, please call Nadine Zook Miller, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 574-535-2700 or 1-800-446-4663. The next training program will be held on: June 14 & 21 from 8am.-5pm. and June 17 & 19 from 6:30-9:30pm. All sessions are held in the High Park Building on the Goshen General Hospital campus.

Please refer to past Weekly Connections for ongoing prayer concerns.

PRAYER CONCERNS

World Peace
COB General Board
District Board
UC Church Board
Union Center Day Care



Aaron Bolt – currently serving in the Armed Services in Iraq.
Zach Smoot’s Grandmother Zoller recently had hip replacement surgery. Please pray for her recovery and rehab.
Roger Hahn had hip surgery on Thur., May 29.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOUSE BOUND

Marge Mishler – Evergreen Assisted Living at Greencroft in Goshen
Glenna Andrews – Miller’s Senior Living Community, Wakarusa
Evelyn Flickinger – Riverside Village, Elkhart
Frank & Dorothy Anglemyer – Miller’s Senior Living Community, Wakarusa
Mike Newcomer – Bremen Health Care Center
Lois Herr – LuAnn Nursing Home
Rosemary Anglemyer – LuAnn Nursing Home
June Burkholder – home

MISSIONARIES

Jerry & Wilma Mishler – back in the US
Frontline Ministries, Inc.
3201 Keller St., Modesto, CA 95355
Grace Mishler – back in the US

More Christian One Liners

- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn’t belong.
- If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has,
- God himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Peace starts with a smile.

- I don’t know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
- A lot of church members who are singing “Standing on the Promises” are just sitting on the premises.
- We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Sunday Morning Rush

A mother, trying to get her family to church on time, came up with this poem:

It’s a mad dash after waking up
and opening the sash,
then eating and looking for the offertory cash,
then speeding to church in a flash
and finally, plopping in a pew with a crash.

If you can relate to that (and who can’t, at some point?), develop a Saturday-night strategy that results in less-hectic Sundays. Plan everyone’s outfit to avoid last-minute changes. Make breakfast ahead of time – or keep it simple. Place Bibles, lesson plans, filled offering envelopes and any children’s items by the door. Getting to church is always worth the effort, but the process can also help enhance your worship experience. By planning ahead, you can transform the mad dash into a calm time of togetherness.

-The Newsletter Newsletter, June 2008

The number one holiday for telephone calls in the United States is Mother’s Day. The number one holiday for collect calls is Father’s Day.

-Editor’s Clip Sheets, June 2008

A woman went to a lawyer and said, “I want to get a divorce!” The lawyer asked, “Does your husband have any grounds?” “Yes,” she replied. “About 20 acres.” “That’s not what I meant,” the lawyer said. “Does he have a grudge?” “No,” she said. “Just a carport.” “What I meant was, does he beat you up?” the lawyer said. “No, I get up first every morning,” she replied. “So just what is your problem?” the frustrated lawyer asked. “My husband says we can’t communicate!” she said.

-via Rev. Sam Laswell, Redford, MI