

# Echoes

**Mexico Church of the Brethren**

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9:30 am—Worship Service  
 10:45 am—Sunday School

**Pastor Office Hours**

Mon: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Wed: 4:00 pm—8:00 pm

Fri: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Or by appointment

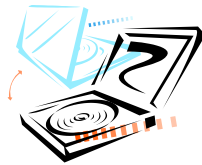
RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**  
 REMINDER:  
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS**  
**15th of every**

Office Hours:

Monday: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am– 12:00pm

Closed Tuesday-Thursday



*The Messages are on the webpage at [www.mexicocob.org](http://www.mexicocob.org). However, we will make you a dvd upon request. See Dave Collins or Lorie Bowman.*

**Sunday Services: December**

**Worship Leader**

Dave Dawalt, entire month

**Greeters**

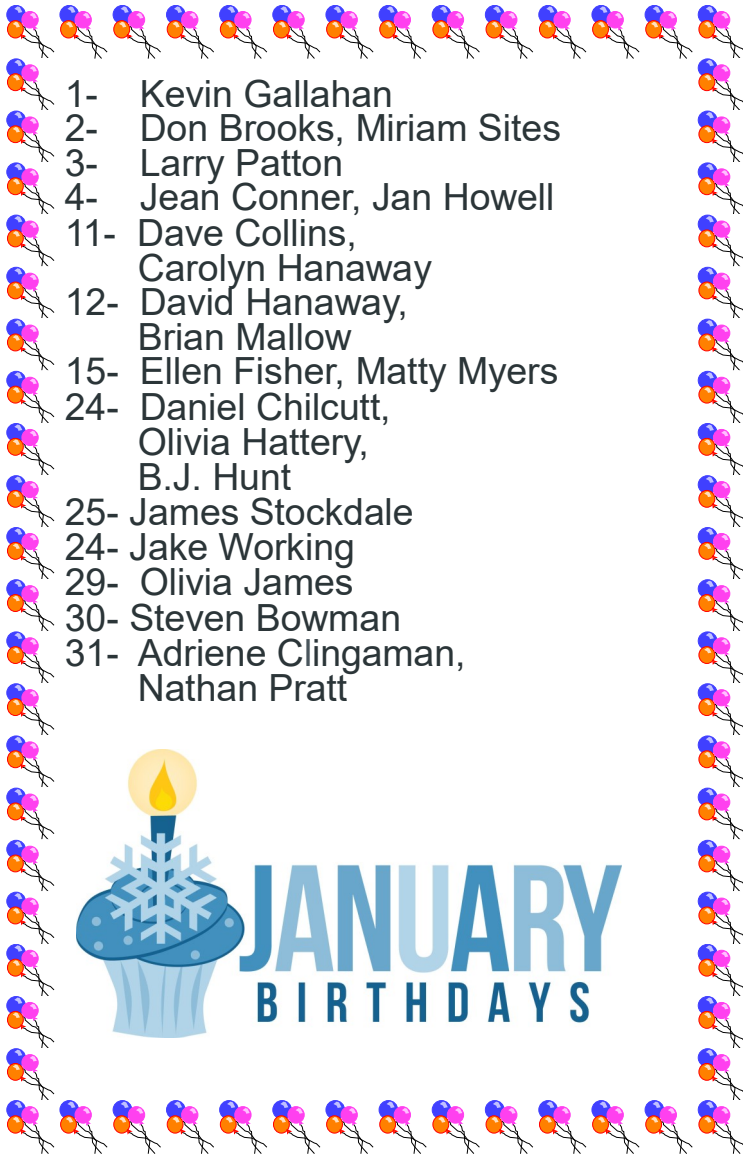
- 1- Jeff & Gina Hattery
- 8- Deidre & Trace Young
- 15- Bob & Coleen Kling
- 22- Steve & Lorie Bowman
- 29- Cy & Patsy Howell

**Children's Story**

- 1- Matty Myers
- 8- Evelyn Wray
- 15- Lorie Bowman
- 22- Sondra Bowman
- 29-

**Thank you for serving our church family in this way**





- 1- Kevin Gallahan
- 2- Don Brooks, Miriam Sites
- 3- Larry Patton
- 4- Jean Conner, Jan Howell
- 11- Dave Collins,  
Carolyn Hanaway
- 12- David Hanaway,  
Brian Mallow
- 15- Ellen Fisher, Matty Myers
- 24- Daniel Chilcutt,  
Olivia Hattery,  
B.J. Hunt
- 25- James Stockdale
- 24- Jake Working
- 29- Olivia James
- 30- Steven Bowman
- 31- Adriene Clingaman,  
Nathan Pratt



21- Don & Janice Kling



If we missed your special day let the office know. Simply drop us a note or an email.

## Wednesday Night Meal

January 4, 2017  
& January 18, 2017  
At 6:00 pm



We hope you will join us in these meals!

### Prayer Concerns:

**Pray for peace** within the church, help for each one of us to show the love of Christ.

Please pray for our **Ministry Team** and the **Board** as these members are working diligently for the Lord's will at our church.



- Ministry Team:** Janet Baker, Ellen Fisher, Gina Hattery,  
Glenn Conner, Steve Hostetler & Pastor Matty Myers
- Board Members:** Brook Milburn, Dave Collins, Lorie Bowman, Dave Dawalt,  
Audrey Davis, Katelyn Hattery, & Pastor Matty Myers

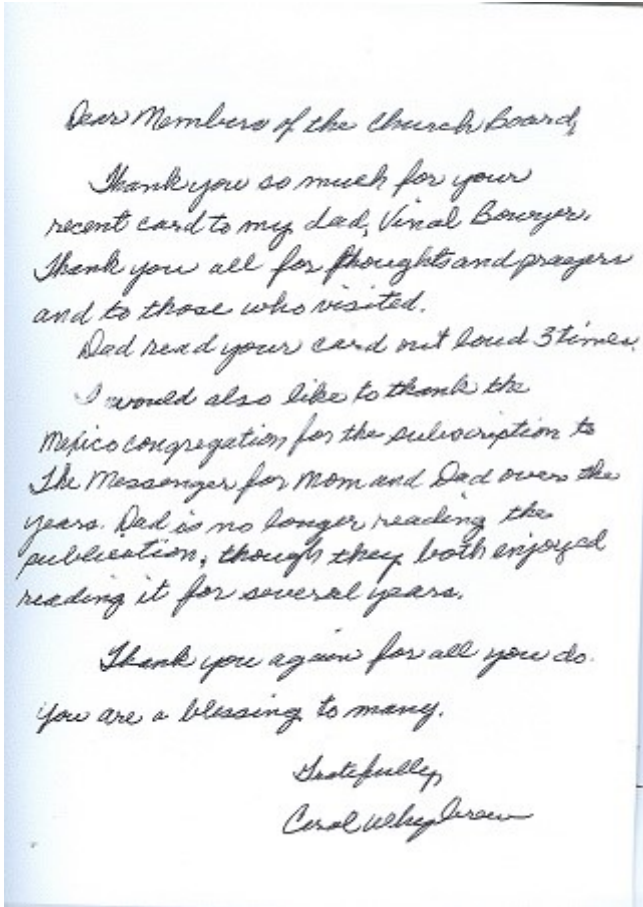
**Please remember these groups and individuals in your daily prayers.**

# Helping Hands!

Helping Hands are in need of specific items from our church! In helping them we help our church family and neighbors. Our church is asked to collect items on the **3rd Sunday of each month!** Here is the list of items they request from us!

**Canned Fruit, Cereal, Flour, Sugar, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Sanitary Napkins**

Please remember this important ministry!  
Thank you!



- Items needed by Open Arms**
- Baby diapers and wipes, Onesies 6 mo.-18 mo.
  - Socks, Kid's underwear and undershirts, socks, kid's Vitamins kid's allergy and cold medicine
  - Women's socks, undergarments. allergy and cold medicines
  - Kitchen Supplies-Bread, butter, cake mixes, icing, canned fruit, canned veggies, spices (lemon pepper, salt, garlic powder, pepper, baking powder), Kitchen towels, kitchen utensils (tongs, spatulas), large frying pans.
  - Cleaning Supplies-toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, window cleaner, Lysol, Laundry soap.

## Words of welcome

Welcome to worship in this new year of our Lord 2017! Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ.

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at \_\_\_\_\_ Church. May God bless our time together.

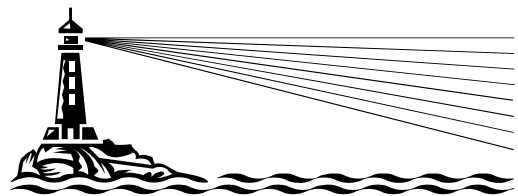
Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus. Welcome to this time of worship.

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24, ESV). Welcome!

Here we learn what is good and what the Lord requires of us: justice, mercy and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8). May you find blessing and inspiration as you hear God’s Word today.

“Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.”

—Jonathan Edwards



THE LORD IS THE  
**STRONGHOLD**  
OF MY LIFE.  
PSALM 27:1

A Big thank you to Men's Fellowship,

Amy and I would like to say thank you to the men who installed our walk-in shower. To those who helped unload it of the truck and helped get it in the house. I can't remember all who helped, but if you did thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are blessed to have such talented men in our church family.

In Christian love,

Butch and Amy Shaffer



A Big THANK YOU for all the cards, visits, food, and prayers. Also get well cards as well as the sympathy cards.

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To MCOB Men's Fellowship,

Jeff and I would like to thank you for installing a new shower for us. We are deeply grateful!

Love in Christ,

Jeff and Pat Hopper

To those in charge of Wednesday Night Meal,

Amy and I would like to thank you to all who help with them!!! Amy always enjoys them. It gives her a break from my cooking!!

Yours in Christ,

Butch and Amy

We cannot express our thanks enough for your kind donation. Many students in our community have been blessed because of your generosity.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Melissa Sailors

NM Elementary School Nurse

# Thank You!



## DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Prayer requests are listed on the South/Central Indiana District Facebook page each week.

January 1: South/Central Indiana District

January 8: Akron Church of the Brethren

January 15: Anderson Church of the Brethren

January 22: Andrews Church of the Brethren

January 29: Antioch Church of the Brethren

We ask you to remember our sister churches and denominational agencies in prayer. Those listed are suggestions for each week

# Donald E. Ritchey

*June 14, 1930 - December 6, 2016 (age 86)*

Rev. Donald E. Ritchey, 86, North Manchester, formerly of Mexico, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at Timbercrest Healthcare, North Manchester, where he had lived since 2007.

Born on June 14, 1930, in Palestine, Illinois, he was the son of Dolar C. and Lois Mary Teegarden Ritchey. Don grew up in Crawford County, Illinois, before his family moved to Darke County, Ohio, where he attended high school. Don had plans of becoming a dairy farmer and had started a herd of Guernsey cows; however, God had different plans for Don. At the insistence of his father, Don left the farm and headed to Manchester College. It became clear to Don that God had called him to become a pastor. The cows were sold, and Don completed his education at Manchester College.

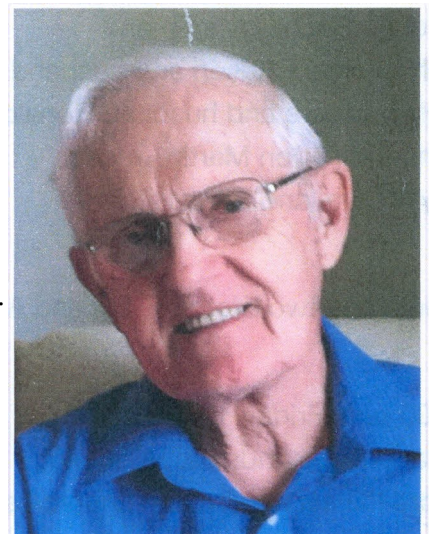
After graduating from Manchester College in 1952, Don went on to Bethany Seminary in Chicago. It was there where he met Mary Lenker, and on August 30, 1953, the couple were married at Don's home church in Ohio. They completed their education at Bethany Seminary, and as an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, they moved in 1955 to Hartford City, Indiana, where Don served as pastor of the Bethel Center Church of the Brethren for four years before being called to the Mexico Church of the Brethren in Mexico, Indiana. The Ritchey's served the congregation at Mexico from 1959 until retirement in June 1993.

During his retirement years, Don served as interim pastor for five different congregations while filling the pulpit for other congregations on many occasion. Together, Don and Mary also volunteered many months of service to Bethany Seminary, both in Oak Brook, Illinois, and in Richmond, Indiana, helping maintain the campuses with their maintenance and landscaping skills.

Over the years, Don and Mary oversaw the relocation of the Old Folks Home from Mexico to North Manchester, the building of the new church building at Mexico, and designed and built their own beloved home in the woods outside of Mexico. Don was an avid reader, gardener, photographer, and wood worker, building his own home and many cabinets and furniture. Together, Don and Mary traveled to several different countries and visited all forty-eight contiguous states with their traveling camper, which took them to Annual Conference each year for over forty years. Don spent countless hours working in his woods surrounding his home, and he continued his love of being outdoors by mowing the grass and mulching fallen leaves at Timbercrest each Summer and Fall. In addition to his outdoor volunteering, Don ministered to the residents and staff at Timbercrest and preached on many occasions for Sunday Morning Chapel.

Don is survived by three daughters, Donna Ritchey Martin and husband Tim, Myersville, MD; Deborah Ritchey Okeson and husband Edwin, Rockford, IL; and Dorothy Ritchey Moore and husband Ronald, Bryan, OH; and six grandchildren, Ben Martin, Jon Martin, Jacob Okeson, Robert Okeson, Ruth Ritchey Moore, and Anna Ritchey Moore.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill and Art Ritchey.



Provided by McClain Funeral Home



A good part of our later history involved Don Ritchey. I thought his obituary in the Echoes would be fitting.

Points of Interest:

- ◆ I never knew he was possibly wanting to be a dairy farmer.
- ◆ Mexico Church of the Brethren was the only church, he pastored as full time job, except his 4 years when he first started at Bethel Center.
- ◆ 34 years as our pastor. 1959-1993.
- ◆ Uncontrollable ambition
  1. Mowed his yard and the church, even the grave yard for a stint.
  2. Had a garden, planted roses
  3. Involved in building– made cabinets, chairs, tables for the church.
- ◆ Always fought a hearing problem. He done his best to over come it.

As a congregation we were fortunate to have found Don and likewise he was fortunate to have known and ministered all us.

Church Historian,

Glenn Conner

November 4, 2016

Dear Habitat Partners,

Thank you for your generous \$200.00 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Miami County, Inc. The purpose of Habitat for Humanity of Miami County is to make the dream of home ownership affordable. As a Christian-based organization, we believe this is pleasing to God.

I am pleased to announce we sold a home to our fourth family in Miami County last month. Your donation is making a positive difference in our communities!

Stanley Hall  
Treasurer

Habitat for Humanity  
of Miami County, Inc.  
P.O. Box 548  
Peru, IN 46970

# MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



# Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?  
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.  
Then read the completed Bible verse.

KEY: A E I O

" \_ \_ M TH \_ L \_ GHT \_ F  
TH \_ W \_ RLD. WH \_ \_ V \_ R  
F \_ LL \_ WS M \_ W \_ LL N \_ V \_ R  
W \_ LK \_ N D \_ RKN \_ SS."  
J \_ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV



# CALL ON HIS NAME



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

1 Alysa Hunt 	2 Paul Hunt	3 Dorothy Hunt	4 Chad James	5 Heather James	6 Olivia James 	7 Ayrton James
8 Brady James	9 Bob Kling	10 Jenny Kling	11 Tyler Kling	12 Riley Kling	13 Laina Kling	14 Don Kling
15 Janice Kling	16 Robert Kling 	17 Coleen Kling	18 Emily Kling	19 Georgia Korba	20 Beth Kraning	21 Kristopher Kraning
22 Kendra Kraning	23 Kayla Kraning	24 Greg Kraning	25 Candi Kraning	26 Conner Morris	27 Harold Kraning	28 Norma Kraning
29 John Kraning	30 Michael Marburger	31 Kyleta Marburger				