

Echoes

Mexico Church of the Brethren

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9:30 am—Worship Service

10:45 am—Sunday School

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

Pastor Office Hours

Mon: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Tue: 4:00 pm—8:00 pm

Fri: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Or by appointment

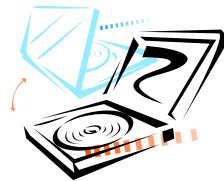


Office Hours:

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. However, we will make you a dvd upon request. See Dave Collins or Lorie Bowman.

Sunday Services: July

Worship Leader

2- Allen Fisher

9-16-23-30 Kyletta Marburger

Thank you for serving our church family in this way

Greeters

2 Gary & Janet Baker

9 Glenn & Donita Conner

16 Don & Janice Kling

23 Gervase & Kyletta

30 Bob & Coleen Kling

Children's Story

2 Children's Dare 2 Share

9 Evelyn Wray

16 Lorie Bowman

23

30





- 5- Peggy Owens
- 6- Janice Kling, Shirl McCollum
- 7- Allyson See
- 7- Katrina See
- 8- Reese Biehl
- 10- Amy Shaffer
- 13- Ginny Huddleston
- 14- Sondra Bowman
- 21- Robert Kling
- 21- Taylor Starkey
- 22- Bobby Pratt
- 27- Rebekah Milburn
- 31- Cassandra Hattery, Adam Starkey



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



- 4- Jason & Katrina See
- 14- Steven & Peggy Hostetler
- 14- Robert & Coleen Kling
- 14- Butch & Amy Shaffer
- 15- Larry & Kathy Patton
- 21- Richard & Sondra Bowman
- 21- Glenn & Donita Conner



Wednesday Night Meal



& July 5, 2017
 July 19, 2017
 August 2, 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 is 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!



Med Pugh new contact information

859-858-2808

1125 Lexington Rd

Wilmore Ky 40390



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.

DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR JULY

July 2 - Please pray with us for our nation and its leaders.

July 9 - Please pray with us for the Logansport COB and the Middle Pennsylvania District.

July 16 - Please pray with us for the Lower Deer Creek COB and the S Pennsylvania District.

July 23 - Please pray with us for Manchester COB and the Western Pennsylvania District.

July 30 - Please pray with us for the Marion COB and the Puerto Rico District.



World War 1

History has a strange way of coming full circle— Brenda Weaver called me and asked if I would serve on a museum group called “Worth Remembering”. I said I would, now guess what our first project was? Finding stories and decedants of what went on during World War 1. Now mind you we are running out of people who served in World War II and Korean War.

My first thought was, I know nobody that served, knew of no stories, and the Brethren were the last people interested in bearing arms.

Out of the blue comes the Messenger, our church publication, with a six page article of the treatment of the Brethren who were CO’s (Conscientious Objectors) were subject to imprisonment, beaten, shackled and jailed.

Excerpts from the article in the Messenger (June 2017):

It is sometimes forgotten that in the lead-up to the First World War, a large proportion of Americans were against that bloody and pointless contest between European Powers. Brethren, Mennonites and Friends who were drafted were persecuted, tortured, and even killed because they refused to take up arms.”

Worst of all Brethren were failed by their leadership. A special Annual Meeting was held January 1918 in Goshen, Indiana. A strong statement outlined in the biblical Brethren beliefs on war with a refusal to participate in any way. The government of the United States countered with a threat to arrest Brethren leaders unless they repudiated the statement. The response of the Brethren leaders who signed the Goshen Statement was to repudiate the statement.

-Original Goshen Statement-

“We further wage our Brethren not to enlist in any service which would, in any way, compromise our time–honored position in relation to war; also that they refrain from wearing the military uniform.”

-Retraction of the Goshen Statement-

“A man is entitled to his opinion and to the exercise of this own conscious, but he is not always at liberty to give utterance to or exploiting his opinion or to urge his conscious on the attention of others.”

Nevertheless, the disorganization and incoherent response of the Brethren leaders led to groundbreaking work by individuals like M.R. Zigler, Dan West, and Rufus Bowman who laid ground work for a cooperative plan between government and the peace churches for constructive alternative service.

As I wrap up this piece of history, you have to think of the time period (1914-1918). There were no TV’s, no radios, just coming out of the horse and buggy era, no electricity, no indoor plumbing.

But you had neighbors, church, and lots of children. World events were foreign to most. Times I’m sure were tough. Some how we persevered to 2017, just about 100 years from this awful war.

Church Historian,

Glenn Conner

Town Hall Meeting

June 11, 2017

Both the Board and the Ministry Team held this meeting. There were approximately 35-40 people present. Brook opened the meeting in prayer.

The Ministry Team gave updates:

The Worship Team (*Gina Hattery*)

Recently changed the order of worship to make it flow better and allow for greater worship.

We will have communion on July 9th 2017 during worship service.

On July 15, 2017 we will meet at 8:30 am to make communion bread for Octobers communion.

Working on Pulpit fill for June 25th and July 30th as the Pastor will be on vacation in June and July he will be at a mandatory TRIM Meeting.

Trustee and Property Team (*Steve Hostetler*)

Fire extinguisher have all been recharged or replaced.

New (long) tables were purchased and more are being ordered.

We are currently getting estimates on paving the parking lot.

New South doors have been ordered and will be installed soon.

Christian Education Team (*Ellen Fisher*)

VBS was yesterday (June 10, 2017). We had a good turn out and several volunteers.

On June 25, 2017 we will have Graduation Sunday.

We are in the process of getting Bibles for 1st graders for the late summer, early fall distribution.

Fellowship Team (*Janet Baker*)

Stocks coffee in the kitchen.

Organizes greeters for weekly service.

We will be updating the church mailboxes soon.

We are planning the Ice Cream Social

We help with most meals (Town Hall, Wednesday Night Meal, etc)



Stewardship and Service Team (*Glenn Conner given by Matt Myers*)

Gift cards (over \$500.00 in value) has been given to NM School and others in need.

We have assisted people in our community who have had a financial need.

Pastor Matt added that it has been a pleasure working alongside the Ministry Team (MT). He encouraged the congregation to see the MT or each individual if they have any questions/comments. Matt wished to express his Thanks to each one for all the hard work they have done.

The meeting then shifted to discuss Board topics. Brook Milburn spoke on how the Board meets regularly (generally every other week). It is still the goal of the Board to have the Constitution complete in the fall. The Governance Change document (that was passed out at the meeting, current copies on information table) will go in the constitution as well as an explanation of the changes we have made and why.

The discussion then shifted to paving the parking lot. The MT has discussed it, and the Board has approved it, so now the congregation needs to vote on if they prefer to pave it or not. It was mentioned that we do have the money to cover the fee, with money we have in savings. A comment was made by a member that if we don't pave it now it will deteriorate more. A vote by hands was taken, and an overwhelming majority agreed that we need to get it taken care of.

The meeting then went on to reflect on what has been going on here lately.

Attendance is up, including many visitors each week.

Budget concern now is how to spend the money, as opposed to not having the funds needed.

Working on property maintenance.

More community outreach

More people getting involved (we need to push for new people to become members)

Church has confidence in leadership

People are encouraging the pastor

Communication with congregation is open

The Board then encouraged the congregation to give us any feedback/questions.

Brook spoke about where our bulletin asks for us to pray for the following:

Peace within the church

Peace within our government

Pray Americans find God

Pray for God's will for us

Pray for our MT and Board



The Board feels the prayers are working . There is once again peace in our church. We feel we are acting according to God's will. And our MT and Board feels the prayers and appreciates them.

A member asked Matt how he feels on the almost one year of being here. The following are his highlights.

Couldn't be happier

He does get some negative comments, but those are countered by positive comments and cards.

He says it is fun, but can be stressful at times.

He tries his best to make a difference.

The difficult times inspire growth.

He has seen a lot of amazing things since he has been here.

When he came as a 'pulpit fill pastor' he felt that many people ran out the door, with little fellowship after service. He jokingly said that now we need to move people along with a cattle prod as we all love to chat after service. Very strong fellowship.

He meets with area pastors and they are encouraged by what we are doing here.

North Miami is happy when he comes through the doors. Our outreach is amazing and makes a huge difference in our community. In July he wants to do a Christmas in July as we gather sweat pants for NM students in the fall.

We have to grow in the church and expand out the doors, the school and the ball field is a great beginning.

He encourages any and all feedback to be given to the MT and the Board.

He loves what he is doing

A question was asked regarding how Dave Collins feels it is going.

He commented that he is working out the bugs, but it is getting easier.

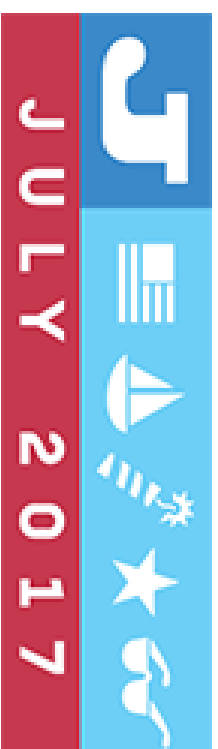
We are living within our budget


We thanked everyone for their attendance and then Brook closed the meeting in prayer.

Prayerfully submitted by

Lorie Bowman





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Josh Conrad
2 Les Cooper	3 Linda Cooper	4 Gene Correll 	5 Donna Correll	6 Chad Cox	7 Angela Cox	8 Laney Cox
9 Paige Cox	10 Abigail Cox	11 Aubrey Cox	12 Audrey Davis	13 Dave Dawalt	14 Renee Dawalt	15 Tony Dawalt
16 Jenny Dawalt	17 Cynthia Dawalt	18 Jillien Dawalt	19 Elsie Delaplane	20 Dave Donaldson	21 Bev Donaldson	22 Greg Donaldson
23 Robin Donaldson	24 Stephen Donaldson	25 Emily Donaldson	26 Lilly Donaldson	27 Liam Donaldson	28 Allen Durst	29 Mandy Durst
30 Kylie Durst	31 Allen Fisher					