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Mon: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Tues: 12– 3:00 pm

Or by appointment





9:30 ann– Worship Service 10:45 ann–Sunday School



Wednesdays

9:00 am- 1:00 pm



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.



Just a reminder Daylight Savings Time is March 10th. Don't forget to Spring Forward!

Sunday Services in March

<u>Greeters</u>

- 3 Dave & Twila Collins
- 10 Rebekah Milburn & Allie Wildermuth
- 17 Mason Myers & Cain Clingaman

24 - Brook & Kim Milburn

31 - Jeff & Gina Hattery



Thank you for serving our church family in this way!



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: Adriene Clingaman, Kim Milburn, Gina Hattery, Kody Myers Glenn Conner, Steve Hostetler & Pastor Matty Myers
Board Members: Brook Milburn, Dave Collins, Lorie Bowman, Dave Dawalt, Audrey Davis & 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!

Easter Memorials

We will be taking donations again for Greenlawn Cemetery. You can find a basket at the back round table to make your donations beginning the week of March 10th through April 14th. Checks should be made to Mexico Church of the Brethren, **on the memo line please write Greenlawn Cemetery.** If you have any questions please see Gina Hattery.





A 65TH BIRTHDAY IS BREWING! Join us for some sweet treats and warm beverages as

we celebrate with **Rodney**.

WHEN: March 23rd WHERE: Mexico Church of Brethren: 4460 Mexico Rd TIME: 7 am to 10 am Please Omit Gifts

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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

<u>Kitchen Supplies-</u>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.

<u>Cleaning Supplies</u>-toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, window cleaner, Lysol, Laundry soap.



Our community children spend approximately 45 hours per week with our area teachers and other employees at the North Miami School System. For that reason we ask that you add the following people to your daily prayers.

Every month throughout the school year you will see one teacher/faculty from the elementary and one from the high school listed per week. Each day that week please lift the designated employee in prayer. Praying for the adults who influence our children will enable us to indirectly pray for the unnamed students as well.

During the week we also encourage you to pray for the school system as a whole.

Week Of	Staff	Staff		
March 3	Jan Eliason—Developmental	Peggy Graves—Elem. Therapist		
	Pre-School			
March 10	Sherry Hinkle—Elem Ed. IA	Carmen Kuhn—Supervisor/Therapist		
March 17	Karen Marks—Elem Psychologist	Jennifer Roach—IA Developmental Pre-School		
March 24	Kailyn Sorrel—Speech Pathologist	Ashely Stamper—Medical Asst. Devel. Pre-School		
March 31	Bryan Stewart—Elem Ed. Teacher	Heather Mersch—Elem Ed. Behavioral Specialist		





DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MARCH March 3 - Please pray with us for the Burnettsville COB and Northern Plains Dist. March 10 - Please pray with us for the Christ Our Shepherd COB and Northern Ohio				
District. • March 17 - Please pray with us for the Eel River Community COB and Southern C District. March 24 - Please pray with us for the Four Mile COB and Pacific Northwest Dis				
Check the South/Central Indiana District Facebook page for specific prayer requests				
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U.S. Postal Service History

Did you ever wonder when the Postal Service started? Well it started before we were even a country. It started in the American Colonies in 1639. A tavern owner was given permission by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to process and deliver mail from England. He charged 1 cent to handle every letter.

When the Continental Congress was established they created what we know as the Postal Service. Benjamin Franklin was our first Postmaster General. It was a cabinet appointment until the early 1970's when they renamed it the United States Postal Service.

The first stamps were issued in 1847 and required the stamps on parcels after 1855.

The Pony Express became one of the most colorful episodes in American postal history. In 1860 & 1861 horseback riders carried mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California in 8 or 9 days.

In 1864, the Post Office established the first railway Post Office. Postal clerks sorted the mail in special railroad cars while the trains moved across the country. Devices called "catching arms" attached to the cars enabled the clerks to pick up mail sacks from small towns as the trains sped by. The clerks tossed sacks of letters for the town onto the railway platform from the moving train. Rural free delivery started in 1896. In 1913 the Post Office introduced parcel post, insured mail, and COD services.

Since 1975 nearly all first class mail going more than 200 miles has traveled by air. In 1789 the United Stated had about 75 post offices. By 1901 the number of Post Offices had increased to almost 77,000.

The Postal Service today is one of the world's largest organizations. The agency operates about 30,000 post offices in the United States. It employs more than 650,000 persons and has an annual budget of about \$16 billion.

In 2016 the Postal Service collected \$71.49 billion in revenues. It also had its fifth straight annual operating loss, in the amount of \$5.59 billion, of which \$5.8 billion was the accrual of unpaid mandatory retiree health payments.

First class mail peaked in 2001, declining by 43% as of 2017 due to increasing use of email and the World Wide Web for correspondence and business transactions.

Approximately 40% of postal revenue comes from online purchases or private retail partners including Walmart, Staples, Office Depot, Walgreens, Sam's Club, Costco, and grocery stores.

Looking ahead with a 55 cent cost for a first class letter, I'm sure people will pay bills online and do things to avoid postal charges. It may not be feasible to be able to deliver mail daily to low volume places. Hours have already been slashed at local Post Offices, but I hope they keep as many Post Offices as they can.

That ole mailbox has been a great fixture in the country; can you imagine how people at the turn of the century looked forward to mail no matter what?

Today, I would like to outlaw that oversized post card advertisement that makes it hard for me to get my mail out of the box. Anybody agree? Email me that...it's not worth the 55 cents!

Historian-

Glenn Conner





DAYS OF EREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.

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What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

What you do:

- 1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
- 2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
- 3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
- 4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

Decode the days At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

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Day 1 (light) Day 2 (waters) Day 3 (land and plants) Day 4 (heavenly bodies) Day 5 (birds and water animals) Day 6 (land animals and people) Day 7 (God rested)								

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2