



NEW ENTERPRISE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN JANUARY 2022

PASTOR'S PEN



There is a story about a grandfather who found his grandson jumping up and down in his playpen, crying at the top of his voice. When Johnnie saw his grandfather, he reached up his little chubby hands and said, "Out, Grandpa, out!"

It was only natural for the grandfather to reach down to lift him out of his predicament, but as he did the mother of the child stepped in and said, "No, Johnnie, you are in trouble and it's not time for you to get out. So you must stay in."

The grandfather was at a loss to know what to do. The child's tears and chubby hands reached deep into his heart. But the mother's firmness in correcting her son must not be taken lightly, for he knew that there was more going on here than met the eye.

But love found a way. The grandfather could not take the grandson out of the playpen, so he climbed in with him.

That is what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us at the manger and at the cross. In leaving heaven for earth, he climbed in with us.

Is this a time of longing, maybe trouble, for you?

How marvelous that we can lay it all out at the feet of Jesus. We can cry out, spill our guts, just like the writers of the psalms.

And Jesus understands and stays with us in our need. He holds us and cares for us, lifts us up and walks with us—in this life, and right on through death, into life after life.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — Hebrews 4:14-16

A PRAYER: Holy God, our days and times are in your hands. Help us to set aside our fears — of the unknown, of what we can't control, of death itself — to live in faith and trust with you. We ask for the courage to live with confidence in your empathetic love and saving grace, for the grace to forgive ourselves and others, for the boldness to pray, believing that you hear and answer us. Give us a spirit of hope, watching for your presence in our lives and in the world and responding to it with faith and love. For the sake of your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Marlys

HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH...



Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes on January 18th.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study is on a break while Pastor Marlys assesses your interest. Be sure to tell her if you are interested in resuming this activity!

New books added to the Church Library

Five books have been added to our Church library.

With Biblical learning in mind we have the following books placed on the left-hand side of the library...

MacArthur Bible Commentary
(copyright 2005)

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
(copyright 2015)

For Inspirational reading purposes we have 2 books on the right-hand side of the library...

Person of Interest by J. Warner Wallace
(copyright 2021)

Kingdom Men Rising by Tony Evans
(copyright 2021)

And for the Youth of our Church you will find the following...

Anxious for Nothing by Max & Andrea Lucado (copyright 2021)

Please stop by soon to check out these books or others you may find. Enjoy!

Sunday School: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday,
8:30am-1:30pm

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Woodbury Food Pantry
Food for January
Soup, Mac & Cheese dinners

Operation Christmas Child

Suggested items for January: WOW items



CHOIR PRACTICE

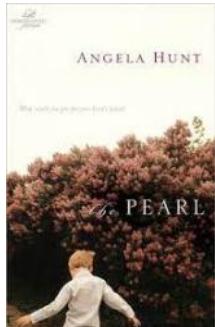
The choir will no longer be practicing on Wednesday evenings. We will meet at 10:00 am on the first Sunday of the month to practice the hymns for that Sunday morning.

2022 Church Directory

We are actively working on the 2022 Church Directory. A committee from the Deacons has worked to streamline it to include the more active individuals and we're also incorporating the changes you've provided us with. It will be available by the end of the month. Let us know about future changes you'd like to see in it.

BOOK/KITCHEN ITEM GIVE AWAY

There are books and hymnals (old books, circa the early 1900's) owned by the church that we're ready to part with. Before we donate them, we're offering church members and friends the opportunity to look through them and take what they'd like. The books will be available to look through and take home from January 9– January 23rd in the fellowship hall. Kitchen items will be put out on January 14th.



Letters from the Library

The Pearl

by Angela Hunt

"What would you give for your heart's desire?"

This question on the front cover of this book gives you a hint that this book will dig deep and move your emotions.

Using the loss of her son, Dr. Diana is swept by despair and denial to the personal need to correct the wrong done to her and her family. This sets her on a course of negative change resulting in not only the loss of her son, but of her family and her faith.

Modern medicine gives Dr. Diana the support that she thought she needed in spite of the contradictions and controversies it provided. She mentally, emotionally and physically battles medicine choices over her faith. The biblical story of Job and his understanding of God is an underlying theme of this story. Ending much like Job's story, Dr. Diana realizes her need for God and what He provides for each person...Rebirth, Restoration, and Renewal. Like the oyster who takes a grain of irritating sand and makes it a beautiful pearl, this book will renew negative issues into wonderful results.

~ Jeffie Singo, Church Librarian

CONCERT OF PRAISE

Community Music Service

Sponsored by the
Southern Cove/Yellow
Creek Ministerium

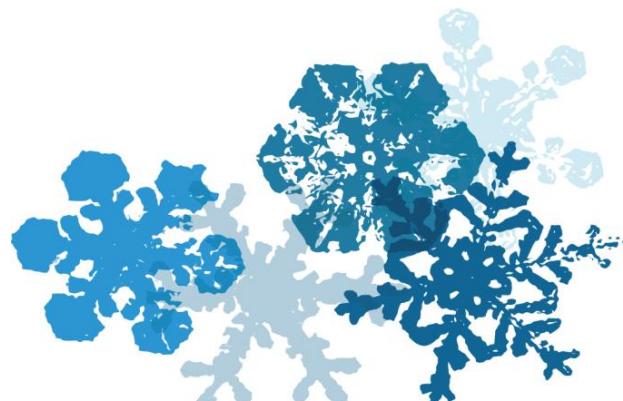
**Sunday,
February 6, 2022
7:00 PM**

New Enterprise Church of the Brethren
3729 Brumbaugh Rd; New Enterprise (814)766-2161

FEATURING THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP
TALENTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND CHOIRS
FROM SEVERAL AREA CHURCHES.

Southern Cove Ministerium Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday, February 6th we will participate in the annual So-Cove Ministerium pulpit exchange. This is a Southern Cove tradition when all the pastors switch pulpits for one week to preach and get to know other congregations, as well as build Christian unity and share in the ministry of Christ.



Children's Department

With the past few Sundays, the children in the Sunday School department have been preparing for Jesus' birthday.

First we have **snow globes** designed by each child....



Second we have the **Bethlehem scene** for Jesus birth. Each child drew the background of how they envisioned the scene and then added stickers or drawings to position the angels, people, animals and stars. Here are the results!



Donation to the Salvation Army

Missions Team and Children's Department

Generous donations by the **entire** Church have allowed us to give the Salvation Army monies to help local residents with heating, electrical and rent payments. This is a wonderful Christmas Gift from the heart.

Breakdown includes \$330.00 from the Missions emphasis for November and \$306.22 from the Children's Department collected over the entire year.

Thank you to all who gave for this project.



Thank you so much to all who donated throughout the year to Samaritan's Purse shoebox collections. Also, a big thank you to all those who came and helped put them together! We were able to put together 94 boxes with everyone's help! Please pray for the children who will receive the boxes!

It takes a lot of items to fill the shoeboxes and we like to fill them, so it's time to start planning for this year! We got a tip that McDonalds toys, toys that come in cereal, etc. are great fillers for the shoeboxes, so if you get these, hold onto them or put them in the box in the narthex if you're willing to part with them! Also, keep an eye out for good WOW items (such as Barbies, hammer and nails, sewing kits, harmonicas, dolls, solar powered flashlights, soccer balls with pumps, etc.) Also, toys such as Slinkys, jump ropes, tennis balls, stress balls, Etch-a-Sketch, etc. If you see a sale -- that's the perfect time to pick them up! The boxes are 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches, so just make sure the item can fit in them!

~Megan Hall , Shoebox Coordinator

Chaotic FUN Nite!



Chaotic Fun Nite was held December 8th and December 22nd. On December 8th, Debbie Ott from the Two Nickels Farm and Bakery came to do a cookie decorating demonstration. The kids decorated their own sugar

cookies to take home and enjoy.



On December 22nd, the Chaotic Crew met for a two hour Christmas event. The



Youth were invited to join them for the fun. They began the evening with Christmas caroling locally here in New Enterprise, decked with glow necklaces, glow sticks and glow bracelets. When they arrived back in the fellowship hall they

feasted on pizza from the Woodbury OIP, chips and lemonade. They finished the night painting Christmas ornaments and making Christmas decorations. Thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped out with both of these evenings. There will be no Chaotic Fun Nites scheduled during the month of January but we hope to be back to it in February or March when adult schedules permit.



MISSIONS

The December mission offering was designated for the Woodbury Food Bank. In addition to that, we collected essential items for them to hand out. Our total monetary amount collected for December was \$490. There were 275 essential items collected, \$200 additionally in cash for essential items, and \$370 in gift cards.

In January, our mission offering will go toward Brethren Disaster Response.

Mission Committee:

Ed Cooke, Stephanie States, Harry Brubaker, Jan Cooke, Martha Beach

District Youth Retreat I've Been Meaning to Ask...

Who: All Youth in Grades 9-12

When: January 28-30, 2022

Registration begins 7 p.m. Friday

Retreat ends 1 p.m. Sunday

Where: Camp Blue Diamond

What to bring: sleeping bag & pillow, Bible, flashlight, face mask, warm clothing for playing outside (we will sled if there's snow!)

Cost: \$80

Early Bird Discount: Pay only \$70 if you register by January 15!

Registration forms are printed out and available in the narthex!

Did You Know?

- In the Church of the Brethren we have about 99,000 members in almost 900 congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico, with sister churches in many countries.
- Brethren Disaster Ministries Rebuild engages a network of volunteers to repair or rebuild damaged homes for disaster survivors who cannot recover on their own. Local contact person: Terry Hershberger. (Pastor Marlys can easily connect you.)



Church of the Brethren National Youth Conference 2022

July 23-28 2022, in Fort Collins, Colorado

“Foundational”

Colossians 2:5-7

July 23 – 28, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado

National Youth Conference (NYC) provides high school aged students and their advisors the chance to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation and more!

Stay Informed and Excited about the Church of the Brethren

Don't forget to check out [brethren.org](https://www.brethren.org) and see what we are doing as a denomination.

The screenshot shows the Church of the Brethren website at <https://www.brethren.org>. The header features the Church of the Brethren logo and the tagline "Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together." Navigation links include "Who we are", "What we do", "Events", "News/Resources", and "Give". A search bar is also present. A banner at the bottom of the page reads: "Jesus in the Neighborhood": stories from our congregations. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Welcome to the Church of the Brethren" and the tagline "Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical love of Jesus Christ".

NECOB Winter Retreat at Camp Blue Diamond

Our annual NECOB Winter Retreat at Camp Blue Diamond will begin Friday, February 4th in the evening and continue until Sunday, February 6th. This is a fun relaxing weekend to spend in the Lodge enjoying the fire, playing games, putting puzzles together, sledding (if there's snow), hiking, reading books or any number of activities. If you've not yet signed up and you think it sounds like fun, please talk to Ken Ott for details.

January Anniversaries

3: John & Joann Dively
7: Richard & Alice Leach

HELPING HANDS FOR JANUARY

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Jan. 2— Brian Oakes
Jan. 9— Pastor Marlys
Jan. 16— Pastor Marlys
Jan. 23— Rev. Darwin Steele
Jan. 30— Pastor Marlys

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan. 2— Al Drenning
Jan. 9— Rich Clemens
Jan. 16— Kelly Baker
Jan. 23— Matthew Hall
Jan. 30— Shawn Shirk

ACOLYTES

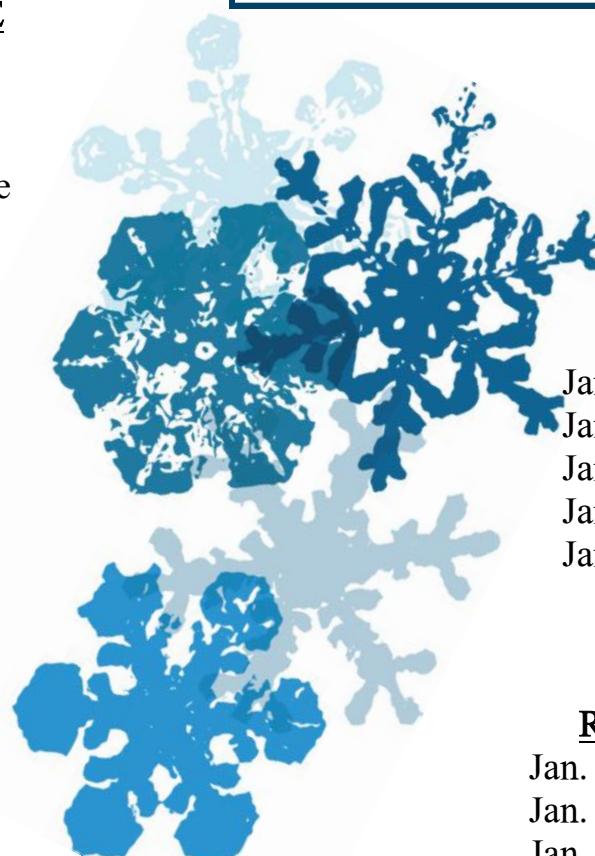
Jan. 2— Braden Cottle
Jan. 9— Avery Baker
Jan. 16— Isabella Baker
Jan. 23— Catherine Baker
Jan. 30— Isaiah Baker

GREETERS

Jan. 2— Ed & Jan Cooke
Jan. 9— Merle & Janelle Helsel, Connie Imler
Jan. 16— Ryan & Megan Hall, Jeff & Sara Browell
Jan. 23— Bill & Rita Baker, Dean & Elmira Grimes
Jan. 30— Mike & Karen Baker, Betty Sue Laird

January Birthdays

2: Lily Stenning
3: Ellie King
4: Elizabeth Detwiler, Beverly Leap
6: Hanley Boyd, Andrea Shultz
7: Carol Crawford
10: Mike Price
11: Onjoli Boyd, Elmira Grimes, Andrew Sollenberger
13: Rhianon Imler, Daniel Sollenberger
18: Catherine Baker, Remi & Bjorn Britt
22: Kasey Wright
25: Damien Baker, Rosella Boyd, Makayla Hall, Matthew Hall
27: Janell Reasy
28: Susan Dainty, Karolyn Mundy
30: Candy Imler



SOUND TECHS

Jan. 2— Ryan Hall
Jan. 9— Chris Hull
Jan. 16— Rick Defibaugh
Jan. 23— Matthew Hall
Jan. 30— Ryan Hall

RECORDING TECHS

Jan. 2— Mandi Cottle
Jan. 9— Rich Clemens
Jan. 16— Mariah Hall
Jan. 23— Mandi Cottle
Jan. 30— Rich Clemens

NURSERY

Unstaffed for now— parents are welcome to use it at their discretion.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jan. 2— Mandi Cottle
Jan. 9— Marjorie Lippincott
Jan. 16— Gary Hall
Jan. 23— Jeanne Defibaugh
Jan. 30— Mariah & Makayla Hall



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		<p>We covenant with God to witness in word and deed to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the New Testament, drawing people into a more personal relationship with God.</p>				
2 9:30am SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 6:00pm Youth	3	4	5 5:45 pm Wed Eve Celebration Meal	6	7	8
9 9:30am SS 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Youth	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30am SS 10:30am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	17	18 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study	19 Quilting Marianna's orders due	20 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	21	22
23 9:30am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00pm Youth 30 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00pm Youth	24	25 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study	26 Quilting	27 6am Marianna's Delivery 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	28	29