



New Enterprise Church of the Brethren

May 2021

Pastor's Pen



What Are We Waiting For?

There's an old story that six months after the owner of a small crossroads store was appointed postmaster, not one piece of mail had left the village. When deeply concerned postal officials from Washington, D.C. investigated, the local postmaster explained, "It's simple. The bag ain't full yet!"

Our bag doesn't have to be full for us to share some of our blessings with others. And our life doesn't have to be perfect to serve Christ and the church. If your bag isn't full and your life isn't perfect, that doesn't matter. Use what you have. Share what has so generously been given to you. Enrich the lives of others with what you now have and are, and soon you will find your cup running over with new meaning and joy.

May Jesus Christ be praised.

(Story from *Sower's Seeds Aplenty*)

Pastor Marlys



Some scenes from Maundy Thursday Worship

Left: The cross behind the altar reminded us of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

Right: A candle lighting station was added. Those who wished could come and light a candle in prayer. The flame reminded us of the light of Christ in a dark world.



Going on...

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study gathers each Tuesday morning at 10am.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

You are welcome to join either of these studies at any time!

Wednesday Evening Celebration Meal

Our next Wednesday Evening Celebration Meal will be held on May 5th, with the Little Bit Late Class hosting. After that we'll be taking a brief break in June & July and resume meals again in August.

The Men & Women's Bible Study Class have volunteered to host the meal in September. Thank you! If any other groups or classes would like to host a month, please let the church office know which month you'd like and we'll be so happy to put you on the schedule!



Operation Christmas Child

Our highlighted items for May will be soap (preferably Ivory, it floats) and washcloths.

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 May:
Canned pasta & Cereal

VBS IS COMING!! Turn to p. 4 for more details.



Come to Ken's Cabin on Saturday, May 22nd for an afternoon of fun and foil packs on the fire for supper. Bring a dessert or covered dish. Ingredients for the foil packs will be provided along with water bottles and soda.

A sign up sheet has been placed in the narthex (so we make sure to get enough foil pack ingredients) or tell Ken that you plan on coming.

Sensenigs to Go On Mission Trip

Lainee and Jake Sensenig plan to participate in Barbuda 180 Ministry, a part of Bonnie Floyd Ministries. They will be traveling to Barbuda (Not Barbados and not Bermuda, but Barbuda) later this summer.

To raise money for it, they have a few fundraisers planned. One through Original Pie Shoppe and the other will be a Marianna's fundraiser. We'll be placing order forms in the narthex in support of them to help them reach their goal of \$2,000 ea, which is the cost of the trip.

If you'd like to sell Marianna's subs on their behalf, order forms can be found in the narthex.

The Missions Team is also planning to take a special offering on their behalf to help with the cost of the trip.

Barbuda 180 Ministries works to restore and rebuild homes and lives and to renew hope.



From the Leadership Team

The topic of having flags in the church is one that is coming up more and more frequently; in our congregational forums, general discussion within the congregation and to members of the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team discussed the issue and has developed a process that will aid the Leadership Team in making a final decision. We are hoping this can be accomplished within the next few months.

The Leadership Team wants to approach any decision in the best way possible – knowing the sensitive nature of this topic within the congregation. Our desire is to develop a process that will allow everyone to more freely and openly share their own personal views and feelings. To develop this process, the Leadership Team met with our District Executive Pastor David Banaszak and a member of the district's Shalom Team. As it turns out, the Shalom Team member is a pastor in our district and their congregation went through a very similar process not all that long ago.

This process, to allow the Leadership Team to make a final decision regarding flags in the church, is outlined below.

- 1). There will be two opportunities for the congregation to personally share their views. These will be hosted following Sunday morning worship on May 16 and May 23. For these sessions, anyone from the congregation can meet with any one of four teams – who will be positioned in private areas of the church. Each team will be comprised of one member of the district Shalom Team and one member from our Leadership Team. The information provided to each team will be recorded on paper.
- 2). In lieu of these personal meetings with the teams, the Leadership Team will also be preparing paper forms on which the congregation can share their views in writing. A box will be placed in the Narthex into which the completed forms may be placed. At the end of each of the two sessions, ALL forms, will be turned over to our District Executive.
- 3). Once the District Office has received all of the forms, following the second Sunday of Sharing, the District will collate all this information and issue a summary report back to the Leadership Team. Copies of this summary report will also be made available to the congregation. Although ALL submitted forms are to include the individual's name, the summary report will contain NO names.
- 4). Once the summary report from the district has been received, the Leadership Team will meet, discuss the responses and attempt to reach a final decision – which will then be conveyed to the congregation.

Above all, may we approach this discernment process with continued prayer, seeking the mind of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek God's will in the life and ministry of this congregation.

~ Rich Clemens, Leadership Team Chair

MISSIONS

Our April Mission offering is going to Camp Blue Diamond. As of April 18th, we had collected \$582. Our mission offering for May will be collected for Love INC.

~ Ed Cooke, Missions Team Chair

Children's Sunday School



To celebrate Jesus' Resurrection the Children's Dept. hosted an Easter celebration. Games included "Corn Hole" (Jan Cooke), Bubble Competition (Ed Cooke), Bible Verse Bowling (Rita Baker) and "Wheel of Sayings" (Jeffie Singo). Prizes were awarded for all. An Easter Egg Hunt followed the games. Snacks, including WONDERFUL CUPCAKES made by Callie Miller were offered to end our celebration on a "sweet note". Thanks to all that helped make this a special day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Guess what? Vacation Bible School is right around the bend! Instead of a full week of traditional VBS, we'll be having 4 fun packed evenings of stories, crafts, snacks and activities. VBS will be June 8-11 (Tuesday thru Friday). Starting and ending times to be determined. Registration will be done online starting mid-May.

The NECOB Skit crew will be presenting the Bible story/lesson a night or two. One night will be "A Magical Experience gospel performance" by David Wayne. We are working and planning on some other surprises as well.

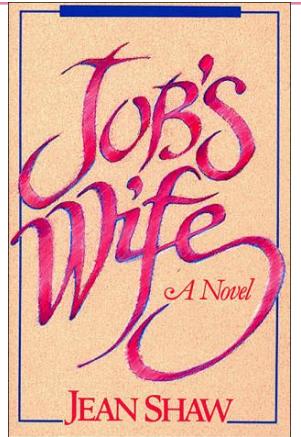
We'll be having new adventures this year so stay tuned for more exciting details. Check the bulletin and our church facebook page for updates. "

Letters from the Library

Job's Wife

by Jean Shaw

The book of Job has always been a mystery to me. How could a righteous man be put into the position of such misery? How could a man who had so much in his life be found later on a pile of trash, dung and ash with oozing wounds?



Job's friends tried to explain the situation with attention to what Job must have done wrong in his life. His wife knew better, knowing Job as a righteous man following God's statutes "to the letter". But as Job's friends continued to berate him, her pride in her husband decreased. As Job's questions to God increase so did hers. As she stated in Chapter 23, "I think there exists in each of us, deep down and hidden, the fear that there is some area of life which is beyond God's control. I have observed that it is usually some trivial matter which makes us doubt." Why is this?

God wanted to remind Job and all mankind that He is the maker of all the earth and everything on it..so He dared Job to ask questions directly to Him. As Job's wife recalled, "it was the most solemn of moments. We sat in the dung, each reflecting on our personal manifestations of pride. We had been children, babbling with an arrogance based on false wisdom. God was calling us to the maturity of silent contemplation."

With the clarity that only God can give, Job and his wife learned the following "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?..Of course, we could not. We have had to accept both. Looking back, there has been so little trouble and so much good. If we could only see around the corners of life, how easy it would be. But then there would be no exercise in trust. We would miss knowing about God's faithfulness."

Know that He is faithful no matter what you are dealing with at this point in your life. Know He is there for you.

~ Jeffie Singo, Church Librarian



Response to: Mac's History Tales – December 2020

To use the word that's been echoed thousands of times in the past year, 2020 was unprecedented. No one knew the pandemic would happen. No one knew when or if we'd get back to normal. No one knew Naomi was going to unexpectedly pass away.

Aunt Bird had a way of making everyone feel welcome no matter what. She also always knew exactly what everyone needed – something that has proven to continue past her life. I met the Sollenberger family through Aunt Bird's nephew, Nolan (Nevin and Laura's son), in 2014 and will be officially joining the family in December of this year. Aunt Bird immediately took me in like one of her own nieces and would always entertain me with stories of the Sollenbergers, New Enterprise, the schools, and the Church. She even would discuss our upcoming wedding plans with such glee.

The day Aunt Bird passed, Nolan and I sat in her yard petting Molly, all of us completely in shock. Looking back, I think we were trying to comfort Molly as much as Molly was comforting us. Nolan and I knew we couldn't let Molly leave the Sollenberger family. Molly IS a Sollenberger. Molly is basically Aunt Bird's child. With the family's blessing, we adopted Molly to love her as much as Aunt Bird did.

We made frequent trips back and forth to Aunt Bird's house to help Molly adjust to Aunt Bird being physically gone. Someone as special as Aunt Bird never truly leaves us, and her ability to know what everyone needs has continued to be one of her best skills even in the afterlife. The day after Aunt Bird passed, I heard the tiniest meow coming from a black kitten stuck in the tree in her yard. I returned the kitten to the barn cats and went back to Molly. This kitten had other ideas though. She ended up crawling up my body to sit on my shoulder, something none of my other cats throughout my entire life have done, and was constantly playing with Molly. Now, both Molly and the kitten – Boo – are part of our little family.

When we read Mac's History Tales from December, it was overwhelming to know just how many people cared about Molly which is absolutely a testament to Aunt Bird. Aunt Bird would be thrilled to know so many people were concerned about her baby and wanted to make sure she went to a good home. We are beyond pleased to let everyone know that Molly has adjusted well to her new life with Nolan, his family, and I and that she is still the most spoiled pup in all of Pennsylvania. Nolan's truck and my SUV have been outfitted with Molly covers and all the windows have her nose art from our car rides. Not too long after Molly joined our little family, we learned she had cancer. Thanks to Dr. Gail from At Home Veterinary Care, Molly is now cancer free and has a great prognosis for a long, happy, healthy future.

Aunt Bird always knew what everyone needed, and I have no doubt that Molly and Boo entering Nolan's and my life after her passing was a gift sent from Heaven directly from her. If anyone would have enough goodness saved up to send an immediate message from Heaven, it would be Aunt Bird. Through those two lovable pets, Nolan, his family, and I were able to grieve the loss of Aunt Bird and have a reminder of her spirit every single day.

This isn't your normal Mac's History Tales, but it isn't likely that anyone can duplicate what Aunt Bird provided for everyone. Just like she provided for the church, Aunt Bird was a main organizer for all Sollenberger gatherings as well. Now, it's all of our turns to set up and continue all the traditions Aunt Bird was so passionate about. This letter is a tribute to her "Mac's History Tales," but I suppose "Mac's History Tails" may be more appropriate for the topic of Molly and Boo. Thank you all for loving Aunt Bird enough to also love Molly. When it is safe enough for all of us to grieve and celebrate Aunt Bird's life together, we will be sure to bring Molly along to let everyone have a bit of love from Aunt Bird's favorite Sollenberger. Losing someone is never easy, but hearing stories about Aunt Bird from so many people has definitely helped all of us heal.

~ Danielle Funk (soon to be Sollenberger)

Thank You to Danielle for writing and submitting this article along with the pictures. (To the left: Molly. To the right: Boo.) We're so happy to hear that Molly is well loved, cancer free & has a new friend!





Anniversaries

- 4: Ethan & Onjoli Boyd
- 9: Rich & Patsy Clemens
Tim & Jennifer Dick
- 14: James & Beverly Wakefield
- 19: John & Barb Settemeyer
- 26: Mark & Karen Vannice

Helping Hands for May

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 2-	Pastor Marlys
May 9-	Pastor Marlys
May 16-	Pastor Marlys
May 23-	Pastor Marlys
May 30-	Vaughn Loose

WORSHIP LEADERS

May 2-	YOUTH
May 9-	Shawn Shirk
May 16-	Randie Kensinger
May 23-	Mandi Cottle
May 30-	Steve Cottle

SOUND TECHS

May 2-	Chris Hull
May 9-	Rick Defibaugh
May 16-	Matt Hall
May 23-	Ryan Hall
May 30-	Chris Hull

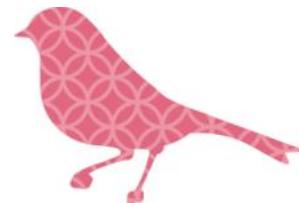
GREETERS

May 2-	John & Barb Settemeyer, Betty Sue Laird
May 9-	Bill & Rita Baker, Shawn & Stephanie States
May 16-	Mike & Karen Baker, Ray & Della Mae Grubb
May 23-	Lucas & Kari Baker, Rick & Jeanne Defibaugh
May 30-	Jamie & Janell Reasy, Joe & Whitley Furry



Birthdays

- 1: Thelma Albright, Kaylynn Leap, Kathy Mellott
- 2: Jon Bontrager, Kaylee Bawell
- 4: Morgan Corle, Leanna Hall, Travis Swope
- 5: Jordan Free
- 6: Harland Imler, Jesse Reighard
- 7: JJ McCabe
- 8: Halle Baker
- 11: Ashlyn Reasy, Jeffery Koontz
- 12: Kelly Baker, Barry Jay, Ariel Shope
- 13: Makenzie Snyder
- 14: Bill Baker, Janelle Helsel, Zach States
- 15: Roger Lippincott
- 16: Krista Foor, Mary Lu Furry
- 18: Daylynn Gochnour
- 20: Jeff Browell, Terry Hershberger
- 21: Janesa Bowman, Gale Hershberger
- 24: Earl Eshelman
- 26: Leanna Sollenberger
- 28: Dennis Shoemaker
- 29: Vaughn Loose
- 31: Wyatt Clouse, David Replogle



ACOLYTES

May 2-	Isabella Baker
May 9-	Catherine Baker
May 16-	Isaiah Baker
May 23-	Noah Baker
May 30-	Jonathan Browell

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

RECORDING TECHS

May 2-	Rich Clemens
May 9-	Mariah Hall
May 16-	Cottle Family
May 23-	Rich Clemens
May 30-	Mariah Hall

CHILDREN'S STORY

May 2-	YOUTH
May 9-	Juls Bratton
May 16-	Randie Kensinger
May 23-	Jeanne Defibaugh
May 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 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship /Spring Congregational Forum to follow 6:00-8:00 pm Youth	3	4 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	5 Quilting 5:45-6:30 pm Wed. Evening Celebration Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study	6 7 pm National Day of Prayer at Woodbury Community Center	7	8
9 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00-8:00 pm Youth	10	11 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	12 Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship, Shalom Team 6:00-8:00 pm Youth	17	18 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	19 Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	20 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	21	22 Ken's Cabin in the Afternoon
23 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship Shalom Tm 6:00-pm 9:30am Youth SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00pm Youth	24 30 31 Memorial Day Office Closed	25 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	26 Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	27 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	28 Fundraiser Pickup for Sennig Mission Trip	29