



PLEASANT DALE ECHO

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren

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From The Pastor's Desk

Change is good!

Early in the year is a good time to think and plan, and sometimes make changes. Along these lines your pastoral staff Olinda, Jonathan and myself have been doing some thinking and planning and we are making a change you'll notice in future newsletters.



Beginning with next month's newsletter, you'll see two columns from us. One will be more informational in nature, the other devotional. The first article will include information about church events, projects or other news. In the devotional article, we'll focus on something we hope will help you in thinking about your spiritual lives.

We'll be sharing responsibility for these articles and each month a different person will have authored one of these articles. We hope you'll find this a refreshing change and something that brings more value to the newsletter for you.

Community Friendship Night

I don't know about you, but I thought last Saturday evening was awesome! I'm guilty of not dreaming big enough. Who knew we'd raise over \$16,500.00? Besides this wasn't it an absolutely wonderfully entertaining evening?

As I reflect a bit on that evening I'm moved by the fact that it was truly an evening of friendship. We are friends and we are sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ, and I get misty eyed thinking about that. What a privilege to share in these relationships.

As we've said before we are continuing to minister with the actual boxes of food, a new supply is available in the Activity Center. If you take one to someone, please tell us by filling out one of the informational sheets. We know there are ways we can expand this ministry. We've already helped with utilities, medicines and even a car. If you know of someone needing help with these types of things, please let us know. Stan Votaw, Marah Steele and myself are the committee that receives requests.

It is our sincere prayer that we can be helpful and be good stewards of these resources God has so richly provided us.

Let me conclude by simply thanking you all for your support of our ministries. This congregation is indeed a giving one and I believe God has blessed us as a result. When God first blessed Abraham here's what he said:

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3

God blessed Abraham and the nation Israel. Not just to make them feel good or enjoy some privileged status – but – so that in turn they would be a blessing to the nations. God blesses us not that we might enjoy some privileged status but so that indeed we might bless others. We will continue in this work.

God Bless You All

Pastor Jay

Wednesday Evening Classes

Wednesday evening adult classes scheduled for the coming months include:

- ❑ Wild game cooking led by Bill Gay, Mark Mitchel and Larry Donaghy will be held for three Wednesdays during February.
- ❑ A Sermon follow-up will meet with Pastor Jay on February 3rd.
- ❑ The walking/shape-up class will continue to meet.
- ❑ Faith booking, a scrap-booking class, will be led by Melanie Beer in March
- ❑ Dan Herring will lead a class on Developing Friendships for Faith Sharing in March.
- ❑ A Quilting class will be taught by Rejina Bluhm and Mary Ellen Arnold in April

Watch or more classes to be added

Did you know that...

- Bryce Hindenlang and Keagun Michael are on the front cover of the Camp Mack brochure?
- Faith Troopers is expanding? Watch for more details in the bulletin.
- It's time to register for summer camp? Check with Theresa Braun for more information.
- There are new Wednesday evening adult classes each month?

Hygiene Kits



Due to the recent earthquake in Haiti, Church World Service is in need Hygiene Kits. Pleasant Dale will be collecting kits for the next several weeks. Each kit should include:

- one hand towel (approximately 16"X28")
- one washcloth
- one wide-tooth comb
- one nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- one toothbrush in original packaging
- six Band-Aids
- \$2 to cover shipping

Do not add toothpaste. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added before kits are shipped. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. A box is located in the narthex for kits.

2009 Women's Fellowship Report

Income

Funeral dinners	\$ 625.00
Refund on kitchen cart	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 650.00

Expenses

Serving supplies	\$ 216.05
Funeral meals	289.44
Kitchen cart	<u>145.52</u>
	\$ 651.01

Balance forward	\$ 791.08
Income	650.00
Expenses	<u>651.01</u>
Current Balance	\$ 790.07

Summer Camp

It's time to start planning for summer camps at Camp Mack! Camp registrations along with ½ of the fee should be turned into Theresa Braun or the church office by March 14th to receive the \$20 early registration discount. Registrations turned in after the 14th will be accepted but will not receive the discount. There is also a \$10 discount for each additional camper from the same family. Camp scholarship are available from the church so all children can attend camp. Contact Theresa with questions or if you need camp forms. Camp dates and fees are:



Beginners (completed 1st grade)

June 27-29

Fee: \$141

Samplers (completed 2nd or 3rd grade)

June 10-12

June 13-15

July 1-3

Fee: \$141

Seekers (completed 3rd or 4th grade)

June 6-10 (four-day camp)

Fee: \$283

June 27-July 3 (six-day camp)

Fee: \$373

August 1-6 (five-day camp)

Fee: \$355

Finders

June 6-12 (six-day camp)

June 27-July 3 (six-day camp)

Fee: \$373

August 1-6 (five-day camp)

Fee: \$355

Followers

June 6-12 (six-day camp)

Fee: \$373

August 1-6 (five-day camp)

Fee: \$355

Youth Camp (completed 9th-12th grade)

June 27-July 3

Fee: \$345

Other specialty camps are also available. They include Creative Arts Camp, Percussion Camp, Pedal and Paddle Camp, Sailing Camp, Survivor Camp, Canoe Camp, H2O Camp, Eco-Adventure Camp and Eco-Challenge Camp.



Community Friendship Night



Thanks to everyone who made the evening a big success for our Boxes of Blessings ministry.



Responsibilities For February

Nursery Staff

February 7

INFANTS: Jed & Angel Carter

TODDLERS: Chris & Marah Steele

February 14

INFANTS: Natalie Lengerich & Kendra Everett

TODDLERS: Dan & Christie Beer

February 21

INFANTS: Dan & Mandi Herring

TODDLERS: Julie Crandall & Rachelle Burkhead

February 28

INFANTS: Bret & Brandy Grover

TODDLERS: Brian & Anita Wendel



Wednesday Evening Childcare

Feb. 3 – Penny Gay

10 – No childcare-Youth dinner

17 – Penny Gay

24 – Betty Mitchel

Children's Church Leaders

Feb 7 – Mike & Kristi Miller

14 – Dana Engel

21 – Holly Heyerly

28 – Dan & Missy Gentis



Fellowship Time Hosts

New Life Class

Ushers

Trent Sprunger, Brent Byerly

Tim Hoffman, Jed Carter

Valet Parking Volunteers

Feb 7 – Jeff Bluhm

14 – Mark Mitchel

21 – Bret Grover

28 – Mike Miller



Special Music for February

Feb 7 – Clayton Lengerich

14 – Ladies Trio

21 – Jenny Girod & Holly Heyerly

28 – Pleasant Dale Praisers

Sound Room

Chris Steele & Dave Meyer

February Birthdays

2 ----- Ethan Gentis
2 ----- Deb Brown
3 ----- Shawn Moser
7 ----- Liz Landis
7 ----- Mike Fawcett
7 ----- Ron Harnish
8 ----- Mandi Herring
9 ----- Matthew Landis
12 ----- Michelle Parrish
12 ----- Arvilla Rodenbeck
13 ----- Sarah Luginbill
13 ----- Paul Harden
14 ----- Lindsey Collier
15 ----- Craig Bieberich
18 ----- Kay Vardaman
19 ----- Evie Hoffman
20 ----- Wayne Byerly
22 ----- Mike Burris
23 ----- Dan Steele
23 ----- Alissa Mountz
24 ----- Rachelle Burkhead



February Anniversaries

7 ----- Calvin & Helen Miller
8 ----- Arnold & Jane Hirschy
19 ----- Larry & Jo Ellen Donaghy



Just Married

Congratulations to Caleb and Allison (Riecke) Soldner who were united in marriage on January 1st. Caleb and Allison's new address is 236 West Reade Avenue, Upland, Indiana 46989.



Thank You



I would like to thank all who have reached out to me and my kids. We have been truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you.

Traci Michael & family

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FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved	7 PM Ministry of Christian Ed	8:30 AM Seniors breakfast at The Brickhouse Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr. & Sr. High youth, Adult study	10 AM Toddler Gym	<u>Marriage retreat</u>	<u>February 5-7</u>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8 AM Deacons 8:30 AM Fellow- ship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship	6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved		5:30-7:30 PM Youth Valentine Supper	10 AM Toddler Gym		
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*“To be the front porch to our community...
where all can gather and be refreshed-
so we all may walk together with Christ.”*

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP MACK'S MARCH 5TH ANNUAL DINNER? Plan to enjoy hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 p.m. and the dinner at 7:00 p.m. The evening speaker is Michael Kauffman who will reflect on his 30 years at Camp Mack. Send names and \$20 per person by February 2nd. Preferred seating: is available for tables of six, seven or eight persons at \$300, \$350, and \$400.

NEW FOR 2010: The 2010 summer program brochure and the 2010 retreat brochure have been combined into one comprehensive 2010 brochure. Find information about summer camps as well as descriptions of camp-sponsored retreats and events plus registration forms in one brochure. This brochure was mailed to everyone on camp's mailing list in January. If you did not receive this brochure, please request one from your camp Rep. Plan several Camp Mack experiences for 2010.

THE SUMMER CAMPER REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DATE is March 20. Save \$20

YOU ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER:

Prairie Restoration days - March 20 and April 17

Remove trees, shrubs and evasive species.

Work camps - March 22-24 and April 19-21

Prepare camp for summer. Variety of jobs!

Call the Camp to let us know when you can come.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

Feb. 18-21 Quilt Retreat

March 6 Team Leader Training

March 19-21 Drum Workshop

April 10-11 Mother Daughter Retreat

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for:

Camp Mack Staff, Counselors & Summer Staff

Quiet Place Quote: “Prayer is like love. Words pour at first. Then we are more silent and can communicate in monosyllables. The soul converses with God with a single loving glance.” Carlo Carretto.