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Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren

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From The Pastor's Desk



Wednesday, February 25 is Ash Wednesday. This is the first day of Lent. If you notice anyone with a smudge on their forehead on this day, that's because on Ash Wednesday some place an ash smudge on the forehead as a symbol of repentance and contrition. Lent of course is simply the 40 weekdays before Easter. 'Lent' is an old English term meaning 'to lengthen daylight.' I'm all for lengthening daylight and for the days to warm up.

As we begin to think about Easter and what all that means, it makes Lent a natural time to reflect on our lives and our need for repentance. And, are we sorry (contrite) for our sins? It's a good time to examine ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit to help us see our constant need for repentance, all of us.

Last month I mentioned what it looked like outside on a typical Indiana mid-winter afternoon. This month I'll tell you about the beautiful weather Angie and I experienced in Florida the week of February 9-16. We did have some cloudy days, even foggy, but some afternoons it got into the high 70's and even up to 81 or so one day-it felt warm compared to here. We got a bit of sun, saw dolphins and manatees and ate plenty of good food. We had a good visit with Keith our son, and his wife Stacey. A restful week, but we're both glad to be home.

Also last month, we were looking forward to the Boxes of Blessings night, which is now history. What a great night of fellowship and of reaching out to others it turned out to be. Maybe not like we thought it might, but we learned that many of us know of folks who can use a hand if we just stop and give it a bit of thought.

Thank you for being the caring and concerned congregation that you are. I have no doubt that God is going to bless our efforts to live out our love for him and for Christ Jesus.

God Bless You All
Pastor Jay

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Musical
April 5th 6 PM
Decatur Church of God

Love Feast and Communion
April 9th 7 PM

Good Friday Services
April 10th 1 PM
First United Methodist in Decatur

April 10th 7 PM
Monroe United Brethren

Easter Sunrise Service
April 12th 7 AM
Salem Community Church

Easter Service at Pleasant Dale
April 12th 10 AM

Pancake and Sausage Supper



The men will be cooking up "the world's best" pancakes and sausage at the Men's Fellowship all-you-can-eat Pancake and Sausage supper on April 18th from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Freewill donations will be accepted with proceeds going to various projects supported by the men. Invite your family and friends to join you for an evening of great food!

Cemetery Association Meeting

The Pleasant Dale Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting at the church on Tuesday, April 7th at 7 p.m. They welcome your attendance and input.



It's Time For Camp!



Camp registrations along with ½ of the fee are due to Theresa Braun or the church office by March 15th to qualify for the early registration discount of \$20 (\$10 for campers/\$10 for the church). There is also a \$10 discount given for each additional camper from the same family. After March 15th, ½ of the full camp cost will need to be included with your camp registration.

Teacher Appreciation Banquet



The Ministry of Christian Education invites all Sunday School teachers and their families to a Teacher Appreciation Banquet in the fellowship hall following morning worship on March 15th. Your commitment to our Sunday School program is greatly appreciated.

Used Clothing Collection

Used clothing is being collected for Riverside Christian School in Lost Creek, Kentucky. Clean, wearable, up-to-date clothing is needed for children in Kindergarten through grade 12. Clothing can be left in the Progressive Class until April 19.



Preschool Applications Available



Preschool applications are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. A two day and three day class will be offered. Classes are filling fast, so if you are interested contact Susan Landis for a registration form or more information.

All Church Garage Sale

Do you have some items lying around you no longer use? Maybe some clothes your children have outgrown (or some of your own that have 'shrunk'!)? Why not donate them to the all church Garage Sale scheduled for April 25th from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Activity Center. Clean clothing along with workable items are needed. All proceeds from the sale will go to help complete and furnish our new Children's room. Plans are still being made so watch upcoming bulletins for more information.



Response Team Aids Families Of Crash



The Critical Response Childcare Team responded to the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in which 50 people were killed. The Critical Response Childcare Team is a part of the Children's Disaster Services ministry of the Church of the Brethren.

Team members included Judy Bezon, director of Children's Disaster Services, team leaders Don and Barb Weaver, and two other trained volunteers.

Children's Disaster Services was invited by the American Red Cross to be a part of their Critical Response Team in 1997. The Critical Response Childcare Team is a group of experienced Children's Disaster Services volunteers who have received additional training that prepares them to work with children after an aviation incident or other mass casualty event.

A six-member team is on call each month, ready to travel within four hours of deployment by the American Red Cross. When the volunteers arrive, they work in a Family Assistance Center, where those impacted by the incident participate in briefings and receive support from the Red Cross.

Since 1997, the Critical Response Childcare Team has responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and seven aviation incidents.

(Newline, Feb. 13, 2009)

"Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. If Jesus truly lives inside of us, then we need to be celebrating every day. We need to let the joy of Jesus and the compassion of Jesus shine through us every day of the year."

PD Library News March & April 2009

Check out the New/Donated items.



WOW Hits 2009 – 2 CD's with 30 of today's Christian artists and hits.

Selah Greatest Hymns – CD with 15 hymns

Point of Grace's How You Live – CD with "All the World", "How You Live (Turn Up the Music)", "Fight, and more.

PureNRG Live & More – DVD with 8 live performances and backstage moments.

The Rubyz – CD with Alexis, Cammie, & Marissa

The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything – VeggieTales DVD about what is a hero.

The Prince of Egypt – Children's VHS tape.

Multiple Blessings by Jon and Kate Gosselin and Beth Carson – Kate gives birth to twins and sextuplets in three years. She shares trusting God in seemingly impossible situations.

3:16 The Number of Hope by Max Lucado – Includes CD containing Chapter 1 from the 3:16 stories of hope, DVD with Chapter 3 and Lucado's West Point 3:16 sermon given on 9/11/07 and more.

Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon, author of the Mitford series – This is the first of the Father Tim novels.

Between Sundays – Fiction by Karen Kingsbury – A story of redemption and love where life's real victories are won off the NFL football field.

Every Now and Then – Fiction by Karen Kingsbury – September 11 Series – Alex shuts out everyone who loves him when his firefighter father dies in the twin towers. He is desperate to rid the city of heartache with his K9 dog, but he must rid his own pain first.

The Prodigal – Fiction by Beverly Lewis – Fourth in the Abrams's Daughters series. It is a mystery and love story interwoven with deceit, but "encompassed with the merciful threads that knot families together."

Midnight Clear A Novel – Jerry B. Jenkins & Dallas Jenkins – Near midnight five strangers cross paths, changing each other's lives forever. This is a modern day parable of simple acts of grace that make a definite difference.

Mother Teresa A Simple Path compiled by Lucinda Vardey – Mother Teresa says, "Everybody has got some good. Some hide it, some neglect it, but it is there."

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill – The Ten Booms' watch shop was a hiding place for the Jews. A betrayal sends the Ten Booms to a Nazi concentration camp. Corrie shares how God comforted her during this time.

Unveiling Islam by Ergun Mehmet Caner and Emir Fethi Caner – A gold medallion award book sharing an insider's look at Muslim life and beliefs.

Texts in Transit II by George F. Snyder, Kenneth M. Shaffer, Jr. and published by Brethren Press – 26 studies of the New Testament covering such things as gambling, divorce, remarriage, love feast holy kiss, slavery, and more.

45 Simple Object Talks for Children by Barbara Ebert and Ruth Shannon Odor – 20 preschool and 25 primary talks using everyday items as visual aids.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Kimberly Kirberger – 101 stories of life, love, and learning.

A Seahorse in the Thames – Fiction by Susan Meissner – Alexa falls in love with a carpenter that falls off her roof. Her sister is missing from a residential home where she has lived following an auto accident 17 years ago. It's a mystery about what caused the accident.

Before I Wake – Fiction by Dee Henderson – Women visiting Justice, Illinois, are murdered with their money and jewelry still in their room.

A Promise to Believe In – Fiction by Tracie Peterson – Three sisters operate a roadhouse in the wilds of Montana at the crossroads of two stage lines. Does a visitor turn out to be love for Gwen?

Living the Extraordinary Life by Charles F. Stanley – Nine principles to discover how to live the extraordinary life.

The One Year Book of Hymns by Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton – 365 devotional readings based on hymns of faith.

The Scribe by Francine Rivers – The time is after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Silas was the scribe to tell the stories of Peter and Paul's journeys evangelizing about Jesus after they were silenced.

Bygones and **Beginnings** – Fiction by Kim Vogel Sawyer – Two books in the Sommerfield Trilogy series that look at life and love in the Old Order Mennonite community of Sommerfield, Kansas.

The Shepherd's Voice – Fiction by Robin Lee Hatcher – Gabe comes home during the depression after serving ten years in prison. His father won't help him, but a lady rancher gives him a job and hope for love until a tragedy strikes again.

Responsibilities For March

Nursery Staff

Mar 1 INFANTS: Katie & Boomer Sprunger
TODDLERS: Dan & Christie Beer
8 INFANTS: Greg & Heather Schaffter
TODDLERS: Michelle & Brooke Parrish
15 INFANTS: Diane & Nicole Votaw
TODDLERS: Tony & Susie Landis
22 INFANTS: Shane & Alissa Mountz
TODDLERS: Matt & Melanie Hendricks
29 INFANTS: Donna Burkhead, Ruth Reinhard
TODDLERS: Brian & Anita Wendel

Wednesday Night Nursery

Mar 4 - Michelle Parrish & Alissa Mountz
11 - Ruth & Arland Reinhard
18 - Angie Carter & Tracy Donaghy

Hospitality Team

Narthex - Mark & Betty Mitchel
Welcome Center – March 1
Rhonda Tom – March 8 & 15
March 22 - TBA
March 29 - TBA
Activity Center – March 1
March 8 - TBA
March 15 - TBA
March 22 - TBA
March 29 - TBA
East Door – March 1
March 8 - TBA
March 15 - TBA
March 22 - TBA
March 29 - TBA



Children's Story

Mar 1 – No Story
8 – No Story
15 – Theresa Braun
22 – Spring Break – No Story
29 – Spring Break – No Story

Children's Church Leaders

Mar 1 - Shar & Alex Byerly
8 - Kendra Everett & Kristi Miller
15 - Dan & Mandi Herring
22 - Spring Break-No Children's Church
29 - Cindy & Nicole Moser

Fellowship Time Hosts

Discovery Class

Ushers

Shawn Moser, Shane Mountz
Lucas Everett, Roger Roth

Valet Parking Volunteers

Mar 1 - Craig Heyerly
8 - Mike Miller
15 - Brent Byerly
22 - Tim Hoffman
29 - Jed Carter

Sound Room Staff

Chris Steele
Dave Meyer

Special Music for March

1-Praise Band
8-Jenny Girod
15-Brad Byerly
22-Liz Landis
29-Pleasant Dale Praisers



March Birthdays

2 ----- Reagan Burris
2 ----- Thelma Arnold
3 ----- Alice Henschen
6 ----- Matt Burkhead
8 ----- Stan Votaw
8 ----- Madison Herring
8 ----- Edith Arnold
9 ----- Kurt Blake
9 ----- Joseph Dustman
10 ----- Kevin Bingaman
10 ----- Paul Hamrick
11 ----- Mykayla Rodenbeck
13 ----- Bob Neuenschwander
17 ----- Cindy Moser
17 ----- Anna Liby
18 ----- Conner Lengerich
18 ----- Herb Resler
19 ----- Dustin Mitchel
22 ----- Colton Mountz
24 ----- George Borne
27 ----- Sarah Duke
28 ----- Norman Chamberlain
29 ----- Sam Lengerich
30 ----- Cheri Gage
31 ----- Martha Yake
31 ----- Anita Wendel
31 ----- Joanne Romain



March Anniversaries

1 ----- Wayne & Edith Byerly
11 ----- Larry & Rhonda Tom
18 ----- Paul & Janice Hamrick
23 ----- Sam & Melanie Beer
25 ----- Dan & Morgan Zoeller
30 ----- Arland & Ruth Reinhard



Responsibilities For April

Nursery Staff

Apr 5 INFANTS: Brad & Jeremi Schortgen
TODDLERS: Kristi Miller & Kendra Everett
12 INFANTS: Sam & Melanie Beer
TODDLERS: Ryan & Amber Landis
19 INFANTS: Julie Crandall, Rachele Burkhead
TODDLERS: Teresa Vardaman, Cindy Moser
26 INFANTS: Jed & Angel Carter
TODDLERS: Shar & Haley Byerly

Wednesday Night Nursery

Apr 1 - Norm & Diana Chamberlain
8 - Betty Mitchel & Kendra Everett
15 - Katie & Boomer Sprunger
22 - Michelle Parrish & Alissa Mountz
29 - Jeff & Connie Shady



Hospitality Team

Narthex - TBA
Welcome Center - Shar Byerly
Activity Center - Larry Tom
East Door - Rhonda Tom

Children's Story

Apr 5 - TBA
12 - Easter - No Story
19 - TBA
26 - No Story



Children's Church Leaders

Apr 5 - Rachele Burkhead & Amber Landis
12 - Easter - No Children's Church
19 - Ryan & Amber Landis
26 - Holly Heyerly & Jenny Girod

Fellowship Time Hosts

New Life Class

Ushers

Craig Heyerly, Mike Miller
Ben Parrish, Brent Byerly

Valet Parking Volunteers

Apr 5 - Jeff Bluhm
12 - Ben Parrish
19 - Shane Mountz
26 - Craig Heyerly



Sound Room Staff Special Music for April

Sam Lengerich 5-Holly Heyerly
Clayton Lengerich 12-Choir
 19-Brooke Parrish
 26-Pleasant Dale Praisers

April Birthdays

2 - - - - - Ethan Mountz
3 - - - - - Piercen Harnish
3 - - - - - Ryan Landis
3 - - - - - Cindy Adler
5 - - - - - Blake Girod
5 - - - - - Dan Gentis
6 - - - - - Dwayne Vardaman
8 - - - - - Jerod Adler
8 - - - - - Eric Reinhard
9 - - - - - Randy Landis
12 - - - - - Pat Mitchel
13 - - - - - Mary Ellen Arnold
13 - - - - - Christy Eisenhut
15 - - - - - Jeff Shady
16 - - - - - Kirk Sorg
16 - - - - - Becky Durnbaugh
18 - - - - - Joshua Soldner
19 - - - - - Alice Ehrman
20 - - - - - Julie Soldner
21 - - - - - Jeff Bluhm
21 - - - - - Penny Gay
22 - - - - - Eric Braun
23 - - - - - Grant Rumble
23 - - - - - Cash Rumble
24 - - - - - Savannah Hendricks
25 - - - - - Becky Burris
26 - - - - - Hannah Everett
28 - - - - - Angel Carter
28 - - - - - Adam Noblitt
29 - - - - - Hugh Ehrman
30 - - - - - Ed Bryan
30 - - - - - Jared Fawcett



April Anniversaries

3 - - - - - Jed & Angel Carter
6 - - - - - Homer & Edith Arnold
8 - - - - - Roger & Nancy Roth
21 - - - - - Larry & Sandy Wellman
22 - - - - - Sam & Natalie Lengerich
23 - - - - - Paul & Jennifer Rumble
27 - - - - - Dale & Wanda Bieberich



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8 AM Deacons 8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship</p> <p>Activity Center reserved</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 PM Ministry of Trustees</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 PM Ministry of Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Truth Project</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 AM Toddler Gym</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 PM Ministry of Pastoral Care</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Jay at Camp Mack retreat</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Truth Project</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 AM Toddler Gym</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Youth at Winter Jam</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pastor Jonathan at youth conference 2:30 PM Church rented for wedding</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship Church Council after worship Teacher Banquet following worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Boxes of Blessings II 5:30 PM meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr. & Sr. High youth</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 AM Toddler Gym</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship</p> <p><u>Spring Break</u></p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>Disaster trip to</u></p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>Johnson County</u></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spring Break-No Wednesday night activities</p> <p><u>March 22-28</u></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers 6:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Adult study	2 10 AM Toddler Gym	3 Youth conference	4 in Chicago
5 Palm Sunday 8 AM Deacons 8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship 6 PM Musical @ Church of God March 3-5	6 6 PM Ministry of Trustees 7 PM Ministry of Pastoral Care	7 7 PM Ministry of Worship 7 PM Cemetery Association	8 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers 6:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Adult study	9 10 AM Toddler Gym 7 PM Love Feast	10 Good Friday 1 PM Service at First Methodist in Decatur 7 PM Service at Monroe United Brethren	11
12 Easter 7 AM Sunrise service at Salem 8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship Activity Center reserved	13	14 Pastor Jay at Camp Mack retreat	15 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers 6:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Adult study	16 10 AM Toddler Gym	17	18 4-7:30 PM Pancake/Sausage supper
19 8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	20	21	22 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers 6:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Adult study	23 10 AM Toddler Gym	24 Activity Center reserved	25 Church Garage Sale
26 8:30 AM Fellowship time 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	27	28	29 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers 6:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High youth 6:30 PM Adult study (Last till fall)	30		

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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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DON'T MISS THE MARCH 20 DISCOUNT DATE for registering summer campers. Give your completed registration forms and your share of the fee to your Camp Rep by Sunday, March 15th. The \$20 discount offered for many camps ends March 20. After that date campers will be accepted for the full fee.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help prepare camp for summer at Volunteer Work Camps, March 23-25 & April 20-22. Saturday workdays for prairie restoration are March 21 & April 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Camp at 574-658-4831 to volunteer. No charge.

Mothers and daughters, ages 5 and up, are invited to the **MOTHER DAUGHTER WEEKEND, March 28-29**. This year's theme is "Grandma's Kitchen." Many memory-building activities are planned. Fee: \$125 for mother & daughter; \$60 each for additional daughter or grandma.

WHY NOT SPEND A DAY AT A QUIET PLACE DURING LENT? To schedule a personal retreat or spiritual direction, call *A Quiet Place Prayer Center* at 574-658-3342 or director, Norma Miller, at 574-831-2423.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: children making summer camp decisions, families experiencing financial uncertainties, Camp staff & volunteers.

BUILD A DRUM workshop April 2-5. Design and build a beautiful-looking and sounding drum! Materials and instructional leadership provided. Contact Curt curt@campmack.org or 574-648-4831 for more information.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Team Leaders Training	March 7
Spring Quilting Retreat	April 16-19
Pastors' Sabbath	April 28-29

A Quiet Place Quote: “Without solitude it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life. We do not take the spiritual life seriously if we do not set aside some time to be with God and listen. – Henri Nouwen.