



PLEASANT DALE ECHO

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren

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From The Word



I am not a big fan of taking out the trash. I am always glad when Don steps in and collects all of the junk from the wastebaskets in the house and puts it in the trash can in the garage and takes it down to the dumpster. We have six wastebaskets in our apartment. Collecting and taking it to the garage isn't really a big deal, but I don't like to carry it to the dumpster and have to sling it over my head and into the container.

If I don't take care of food garbage on a daily basis it starts to stink. There are other things that need to be taken out but don't stink quite as quickly. There are other times that a major spring cleaning is in order to get into the corners and behind the furniture to clean out the dust and residue that is normally missed.

A friend posted this quote by Ruth Haley Barton on her blog recently, "The real question of the Lenten Season is how will I clear out the junk and garbage in my life so that I can be restored to God in some fresh way."

As I thought about that quote I was challenged to think about Lent and what junk do I need to clean out of my life. How often do I think about the things in my life that need to be taken out? There are some things in my life that need to be dealt with on a daily basis. There are other times that my life needs a major spring cleaning. God can't stand any of the garbage in my life. He sent Christ to clean up the stench in my life.

Paul in his letter to the believers at Colosse encouraged them to put to death the things of their earthly nature. He lists sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language. They were to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love. As you look at those lists, and as we move into the season of Lent, what junk and garbage do you need to clean

up? What will make room for you to be restored to God in some fresh way? The best part, when you collect the garbage, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross takes care of it, no trips to the dumpster are required. May God be pleased with our efforts to prepare for His work in our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Olinda

Pastor's Update

Jay noted last month in his article that we would be changing the format of the newsletter slightly. This particular space in the newsletter exists so that Pastor Jay, Pastor Olinda, and I can highlight a few of the things that are happening at church that we are particularly excited about. So this month it's my turn, and I have two important items to share with you.



A little over a year ago the MCE board at the church started dreaming of hosting an event specifically for married couples. Dan and Missy Gentis volunteered their time and energy to turn the board's dream into reality, and this past month Julie and I were privileged to be one of eleven couples who benefited from their hard work. The marriage retreat was held at Ft. Harrison State Park Inn in Indianapolis. The beautifully decorated inn and the snow covered landscape were the perfect setting for a weekend away. Our speakers, Dr. Tim Gardner and his wife, Amy, were outstanding. Also, The Chamberlains graciously shared with us one evening. Thank you Norm and Diana! In addition to all the detailed work they did, Dan and Missy added many creative touches, which made the weekend even more fantastic. This is a great new ministry here at Pleasant Dale! Thank you Dan and Missy for your willing hearts and your diligent investment to make this a truly special weekend!

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On March 21st, we will be welcoming a very special guest to Pleasant Dale. Our guest, Marilyn Laszlo, is a highly demanded speaker internationally and all across the States. She has authored two books and four DVDs. That Sunday morning there will be no Sunday School, and service will begin at 9:30. Marilyn will be sharing with us during the morning worship service. I have personally heard her before and can tell you that she is amazing! She has a marvelous gift for storytelling and a magnificent sense of humor. She is a captivating speaker who has led an amazing life! As a Wycliffe translator in the jungle of Papua New Guinea, she created a written language for a people that had none, and went on to teach them how to read the Bibles that were printed in their new language. Please plan to worship with us Sunday, March 21st at 9:30. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

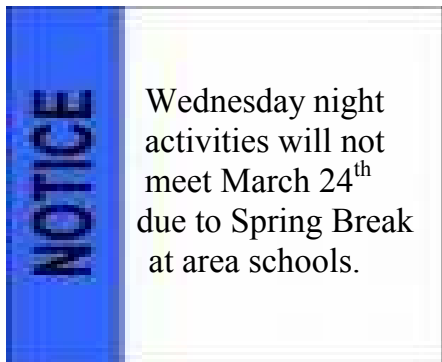
God is at work in this place! He is at work in our hearts, our lives, our families, and our community. God is using each one of us, and that includes you! Thanks for being a part of our church family.

In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Don't Forget!!!



Camp registrations along with ½ of the fee are due to Theresa Braun or the church office by March 14th to qualify for the \$20 early registration discount. Registrations turned in after the 14th will be accepted at the full camp fee. There is also a \$10 discount for each additional camper from the same family. Camp scholarship are available from the church so all children who want can attend camp. Contact Theresa with questions or if you need camp forms.



Library Notes



Do you need something to do on these cold winter nights? Check out the DVD's in the library.

These new books have been added to the library:

- Crazy Love by Frances Chan (highly recommended by Pastor Jonathan) - We have a choice to adjust how we live daily or stay the same. Crazy Love gives us many challenges
- UnCommon by Tony Dungy - Finding your path to significance
- Think No Evil - The story of the Amish School house shooting and an example of true forgiveness.

Disaster Response

A Disaster Response Team from Pleasant Dale will be serving in Winamac, Indiana, March 21-26. Two new builds along with a variety of repair work is currently being done. Contact Bill Gay to volunteer.



Faithbooking Class



“Faithbooking” will be one of the adult classes offered on Wednesday evening during March. The class will make mini albums. You may bring paper, embellishments, stickers, or use those provided. Please bring pictures of events you would like to have in a scrapbook such as Christmas, a birthday party, baby's arrival, graduation, the grandkids, etc. We could use any jewelry gift boxes, small gift boxes, mint tins, or chocolate boxes. If you have questions about the class or items needed contact Melanie Beer.

Mark The Date

The Men's Fellowship will hold their all you-can-eat Pancake and Sausage supper in the Activity Center on April 17th from 4-7:30 p.m. Mark the date and plan to attend!



Save the Date!

Put Your Faith in Action - Sunday, May 16th

- April 25th through May 23rd Pleasant Dale will be doing a sermon/Sunday school study about putting our faith into action



- May 16th our congregation will go out into our community and participate in a variety of service projects. The day will look as follows...

- Gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 am for a short prayer service
- 10am - go off in our groups into the community to serve
- 5:30pm - supper together at the church
- 6:30 - short service of praise and worship

- Shirts will be sold in the narthex from March 7th -April 11th. All adult sizes are \$8 a piece.

To learn more, go to www.putyourfaithinaction.org



Please contact Katie Sprunger or Mandi Herring if you have any questions or check out the booth in the narthex for more information!

Remember...**Don't Just Go To Church... BE THE CHURCH!**

Responsibilities For March

Nursery Staff

March 7

INFANTS: Betty Mitchel & Margie Teboe

TODDLERS: Brian & Anita Wendel

March 14

INFANTS: Trevor & Amie Sprunger

TODDLERS: Matt & D'Erin Landis

March 21

INFANTS: Ryan & Amber Landis

TODDLERS: Cindy Moser & Teresa Vardaman

March 28

INFANTS: Boomer & Katie Sprunger

TODDLERS: Shane & Alissa Mountz



Wednesday Evening Childcare

March 3 – Cindy & Shawn Moser

10 – Connie & Jeff Shady

17 – Katie & Boomer Sprunger

24 – No Nursery-Spring Break

31 – Diana & Norm Chamberlain



Children's Church Leaders

March 7 – Natalie Lengerich

14 – Amber & Ryan Landis

21 – No Children's Church

28 – Teresa & Anita Vardaman

Fellowship Time Hosts

Friendship Class



Ushers

Bo Neuenschwander, Glen Yager

Greg Schaffter, Jeff Bluhm

Valet Parking Volunteers

March 7 – Ben Parrish

14 – Tim Hoffman

21 – Boomer Sprunger

28 – Mycal Rodenbeck

Special Music for February

March 7 – Jeanne Leyse & Joe Burkhead

14 – Michelle & Brooke Parrish

21 – Moser Girls

28 – Pleasant Dale Praisers



Sound Room

Joe & Donna Burkhead

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
16 ----- Carter Michael
17 ----- Cindy Moser
17 ----- Anna Liby
17 ----- Mason Myers
18 ----- Conner Lengerich
18 ----- Herb Resler
19 ----- Dustin Mitchel
22 ----- Colton Mountz
24 ----- George Borne
26 ----- Caden McDonald
27 ----- Sarah Duke
28 ----- Norman Chamberlain
29 ----- Sam Lengerich
30 ----- Cheri Gage
31 ----- Martha Yake
31 ----- Anita Wendel
31 ----- Joanne Romine



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



Thank You

Thank you so much for blessing the clients of the Hope Clinic with the wonderful baby shower gifts. This ministry is truly a community effort and would not be possible without your prayers and support. We consider it an honor that you choose to join God's hand at work through the ministry of the Hope Clinic.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved	2 7 PM Ministry of Christian Ed	3 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	4 10 AM Toddler Gym	5	6
7 8 AM Deacons 8:30 AM Fellow- ship time 9 AM S.S. 10 AM Worship Activity Center reserved	8 6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved	9	10 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr & Sr High youth, Adult study	11 10 AM Toddler Gym	12	13
14 8:30 AM Fellow- ship time 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Teacher Banquet Camp Mack forms due	15 6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved	16	17 Mid Week Manna 5:30 PM Meal 6:30 PM Faith Troopers, Jr & Sr High youth, Adult study	18 10 AM Toddler Gym	19	20 1-4 PM Scrap booking in the Activity Center
21 8:30 AM Fellow- ship time 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	22 6:15-9:15 PM Perspectives Activity Center reserved	23	24 Spring Break-No Mid Week Manna activities	25 No Toddler Gym- Spring Break	26	27
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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! The \$20 discount offered for many camps ends March 20. After that date campers will be accepted for the full fee.

A volunteer is urgently needed to chair the Camp Mack Festival Silent Auction Committee. Call Phyllis at Camp for information or to suggest someone.

BUILD A DRUM Workshop March 19-21: Design and build a beautiful-looking and beautiful-sounding drum! Materials and instructional leadership provided. Contact Curt curt@campmack.org or 574-648-4831 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! All available adults are invited to help prepare camp for summer at the **Volunteer Work Camps:** March 22-24 and April 19-21. **Saturday workdays** for prairie restoration are scheduled

March 20 and April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call the Camp at 574-658-4831 to volunteer. No charge.

Mothers, daughters and grandmothers, too, are invited to the **MOTHER DAUGHTER WEEKEND**, April 10-11, 9 a.m. Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday. This year's theme is "What a Gem!" Build your relationships upon the "rock" of Jesus. \$135 for mother and daughter pair; \$60 each for additional person.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for children and parents making summer camp decisions, Camp staff & volunteers.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Team Leaders Training	March 6
Spring Quilting Retreat	April 15-18
Pastors' Sabbath	April 27-28

A Quiet Place Quote: "Old men ought to be explorers. Here or there does not matter. We must be still and still moving."— T.S. Elliot