

# Creekside Church of the Brethren Connection

August 2018



*Now faith is the assurance of things  
hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11:1*

If you have been part of Creekside since 2004 or earlier, you may recognize the graphic at the top of this page and the verse from Hebrews 11. "We Walk by Faith" was the name of Elkhart City's capital campaign when we were raising funds to build the facility which is now Creekside Church. It was an exciting time in the life of our congregation: response to the campaign was robust, even though the campaign began before we had purchased land or made plans for the new building. We were walking by faith to go to whatever location God was leading us.

We have a similar opportunity to walk by faith with a campaign for our Community Ministry Grant. We are not raising funds, we are hoping to raise awareness: of our own gifts and strengths as a congregation, and of the gifts and challenges in our community. We don't yet have a clear road map of where God is leading us, but the direction is becoming clearer: through your input we know that you affirm Creekside's outreach, hospitality, and worship ministries as our strengths; we know that many of you have connections at Concord Schools and in senior services. We trust that once we begin, God will provide the conviction of what we cannot yet see clearly.

Just as we had a plan and concrete steps we had to take in order to be ready for a building project, we have some specific ways that we can exercise our faith for community ministry. You are invited to participate in prayer walking in two neighborhoods: the Willows, and Sherwood Forest addition. Prayer walking is "being on-site with insight." It means being in those neighborhoods in order to bless them, to see their setting and to be seen as representatives of Creekside. Your prayers do not need to be complicated: Anne Lamott's three essential prayers of Help, Thanks, Wow! are enough to begin. There are directions for prayer walking and maps of the neighborhoods in the Gathering Area. We will be exploring ways to be physically present and visible in the Concord Schools, as well.

Building a ministry is not exactly the same as building a church, but each of them takes commitment, participation, prayer and an openness to God's leading. Will you step out in faith for the sake of our community?

Blessings as we walk together.  
*Pastor Rosanna*

## PASTOR'S REPORT

I can't say enough how grateful I am for my congregation while I was at Annual Conference in Cincinnati. The flowers from Worship Team were a thoughtful reminder of your support and prayers. I have heard many positive comments from you and from others around the denomination about the Friday evening message, and although I mentioned two specific people from Creekside whose hearts are in the right place, I could have used many more of you as illustrations. As you know, I am in favor of a Bible with illustrations.

I have met with a number of teams and know that August will be a busy month. Gifts and Placement Team will be collating data from their survey, Followers of Faith has a Fish Fry which many of you will help with, Outreach is collecting supplies for school kits and will be passing out water and snacks at the Concord Invitational cross country meet. Harvest in the Seed to Feed garden has already begun, and will be even busier in August. I have been working with Joel McFadden to incorporate graphics and photos from Gary Arnold and Larry Ford into a 3½ minute welcome video which we can post on our website and give out as part of a welcome packet to guests and visitors. I plan to have this completed in time for the Fish Fry on August 18. Hospitality Team is planning their Block Party for Sunday, September 9.

When I contemplate all this activity, I am reminded of the lyric from *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* which says "all is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down." It is not only the work that we do but the spirit in which we do it which gives glory and honor to God.

Thank you for your work. I pray that the spirit of the Holy One will guide us in all that we do.  
*Pastor Rosanna*

## THOUGHTS FROM RON

As a congregation, we just finished the "asset-mapping" part of our Mutual Ministry Grant. During this exercise, we recorded the many assets and services that Creekside has to offer our community. Together we listed the activities and organizations that you, our members, are involved in outside of Creekside.

From the results of this activity, it's clear that we have been blessed with people who have a giving spirit and give of their time and energies to make our community a better place.

This information will help us discern where God is leading us in our new ministry. For some of us, this will require that we move out of our comfort zone. All of us may need to face some changes to experience the abundant life God wants for Creekside. Rather than facing change with fear we need to press forward with perseverance, eager to follow God's next steps for Creekside's life.

In John 14:12-16 Jesus said, "You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit." (CEB)

Believe that you can make a difference being the least likely person for the job. When we are willing to step outside of our comfort zone, God will choose the task he wants each of us to do and will be with us each step of the way. The prayer coming from your lips now will be asking God to help you step beyond your routines to do his will so that his light will shine to all the world.

Grace and peace,  
*Ron Nicodemus, Board Chair*

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP, AUGUST 5

Following worship on August 5 we will see a video wrap-up of Annual conference in Cincinnati, OH. You are invited to the Gathering Area to hear more from our delegate, Jan Nicodemus, and to ask questions about the activities of the Church of the Brethren. If you were in Cincinnati, please join us to share your observations and impressions.

Thank you for your support of our denomination, as we seek to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.

*Pastor Rosanna*

## VESPER SERVICE, AUGUST 26

Everyone is invited to an evening Vesper Service on Sunday, August 26 at 5:00pm. We will gather for refreshments and worship by the Creekside Prayer Garden, weather permitting. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray!

The service will begin around 6:00 pm. In addition to fellowship and worship, we will have a unique prayer practice which Pastor Rosanna experienced in Ireland. I hope you will join us!

*Pastor Rosanna for Worship and Fellowship Teams*

## BLOCK PARTY, SEPTEMBER 9

Mark your calendars for Creekside's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Block Party! Join us for an afternoon of inter-generational fun including music, a bounce house, corn hole tournament and soft serve ice cream. We will gather on the Creekside lawn from 2:00 to 5:00pm on Sunday afternoon, September 9.



Plan to invite your friends and visit with our neighbors!

*Pastor Rosanna for Hospitality and Outreach Teams*

## WANT TO PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE?

It is an honor and a privilege to share your faith with our children and youth. We, as a church want to be inviting to families, and offering Sunday School is one way we can be welcoming. As a Sunday School teacher at Creekside, you may have different children each week, and that is part of the fun! Sign up for a 3-4 month time period to teach a class by contacting Judy De Pue or another member of Christian Ed Team. There are openings in all age levels from preschool on up. Church of the Brethren curriculum is provided for you.

*CE Team: co-chairs Kathy Royer & Jan Weaver, Members: Rosemary Pletcher, Lodema Hoke, Jan Nicodemus, Betty Snyder, Judy De Pue*



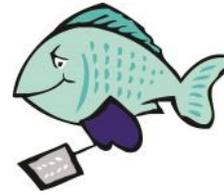
## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN:

The Volunteer Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of each month to knot baby comforters. We are small in numbers and would like to invite any other women to join us. The work is very easy. Come and have fun with us.

*Myrtis Justiniano*

# DAN'S FISH FRY

Sat. August 18, 2018, 4:30-7:30 pm



## AUGUST OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

August will be a busy month for the Followers of Faith/Outreach Team. Thanks in advance to the many people who help with outreach ministries at Creekside. Here is some information and updates:

**Seed to Feed Garden** We have already donated more than 600 hundred pounds of summer squash, cucumbers, and peppers to CCS. Tomatoes are ripening and will be ready to pick by early August. We'll need many hands to pick, wash, and process tomatoes: watch for announcements on Sunday morning and on the Phone Tree to see when you can help. Processing can be done seated in the Creekside kitchen: no cooking or canning is involved.

**Dan's Fish Fry, Saturday August 18** Pre-sale tickets, flyers and yard signs are available at Creekside. You are invited to donate bread, potato chips and sheet cakes the week of the Fish Fry. There will be sign-up sheets in the Gathering area for set-up and food preparation prior to the 18<sup>th</sup>, and to work on the day of. This is a great opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends who visit our church!

**School kits** Outreach is collecting donations of school supplies or money to purchase school supplies for Mennonite Central Committee. We will take donations through Sunday, August 26, and assemble the kits that day. You may donate money by marking your offering envelope "School kits." These kits are shipped around the world by MCC. We will gladly accept donations of the following supplies:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5x10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch marks optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

**Concord Cross Country Meet , Thursday August 23** This Junior High event is held at Oxbow Park. Volunteers are needed that afternoon to help with parking and to pass out water bottles and snack bags. Wear your Creekside T-shirt if you have one!

*Pastor Rosanna, for Outreach Team*



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Sharon & Don Mockler have a new great-granddaughter named Rosalee Anne Stout, born on July 2. Her parents are Libby and Andy Stout, and brother Frank.

## NEW ADDRESSES:

Extra copies of the 2018 Creekside directory are still available in the mailboxes or by request from the office. *Please make the following changes to your directory:*

Cal & Jean Graber *effective Aug. 1*  
1212 Waterford Circle, Apt. 409  
Goshen, IN 46526

Jan Vardaman  
28070 CR 24 W. #721  
Elkhart, IN 46517



# Praise, Blessing & JOY.



**Marti Thompson**

## J

### Jesus:

#### What song or Bible verse brings praise to mind for you?

"How Great Thou Art"

#### What do you love about Creekside Church?

I find Creekside to be an open, caring congregation. I felt welcome from the very first time I visited.

#### What is one prayer you have for Creekside?

That we could bring in more young families.

## O

### Others:

#### What ministry do you do for others?

Living at Greencroft, I have several volunteer opportunities to give encouragement and friendship to others. Since my husband passed away just two years ago, I encourage other recent widows. I am also on the scheduling team securing preachers and worship leaders for the two worship services on Campus each Sunday.

#### What connects you to other people at Creekside?

Worship, Fellowship time. Sunday School. Lunch with others.

#### What words of blessing or encouragement do you have to share with others?

Be thankful everyday for the blessings you have. I have spent time in the Philippines and saw for myself the plight of those less fortunate.

## Y

### Yourself:

#### What would you like to share about yourself?

After living in Milford for 40 years, my husband (Terry) and I moved to Greencroft in February of 2016. He was not well and passed away in August of that year. We have two children – Our son Rick lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife and three teenaged daughters. The oldest one, Megan, will be a new student at Goshen College this Fall (Yea!) and her twin sisters are 14. We have traveled to Baltimore many times over the past 18 years. Our daughter, Beth Ann has intellectual disabilities and lives in Elkhart with two other women. She is such a joy with her positive outlook on life.

#### What gives you joy?

My family and friends.

## CROSS GARDEN WALL RECONSTRUCTION

The natural stone wall that creates a raised planting bed around the cross along the driveway coming into Creekside was originally constructed in the spring of 2006 and was in need of repair.

The 2 side walls, the whole back wall and the corners of the front wall were taken down and carefully stacked to be put back. Volunteer workers from our congregation found a need to dig deeper for more finely crushed stone “bedding” before putting the wall stones back up and also made sure there was a row of buried stones all the way around for foundation, which meant digging even deeper and using more stone under almost half of the base.

108 hours of work went into the project in total. While Stephen and Judy De Pue logged many of those hours, the work could not have been completed without the help of Ryan Prah, Andrew Lund, Tim McFadden, Ted Foland, and Kurt Vardaman. Many thanks to all involved.

The finished product is again a tribute to those whom it honors: John and Lucille Clem, Mignon Fuller, Evelyn Heeter, Junior Kirkdorfer, and Joyce Gordon. (The cross itself and the plantings around it are in memory of Ralph Gordon, while the lighting is a tribute to Don Gordon.)

Judy saved a selection of small stones left over from the project to give out to each of the helpers and anyone else who wishes, to use as paper weights. Please connect with Judy to get one of those.



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITNESS TO THE HOST CITY

Thank you so much for participating in the Annual Conference *Witness to the Host City* in Cincinnati, OH.

Youth at conference sorted 20,000 items that were given to the First Step Home which is the only addiction treatment center in Cincinnati allowing children up to the age of 12 to live with their mother while she is in treatment.

Also, monetarily, \$9,800 was given to the home. I am proud to report that our congregation contributed the following:

Deodorant (10)	Toothbrush/toothpaste travel kits (5)
Shampoo/conditioner (8)	Bars of soap (32)
	Gift cards to Walmart and/or Kroger (\$30)

Thanks again for sharing Jesus with these women by participating in this collection.

*Jan Nicodemus, Creekside Delegate*

## EVERENCE UPDATE:

**Make Medicare an easy step** - Gain confidence and clarity about moving to Medicare with guidance from Everence, a faith-based organization that partners with our church. Attend workshops to learn your key steps to get Medicare, how to move from current coverage, and enrollment details and deadlines. Visit [everence.com/easy-step](http://everence.com/easy-step)

**Listen to new money podcast** - Young adults, you are invited to hear stories about money from your peers in the new podcast, *Smart Living, Simple Money*. If you are curious about money, values and practical ways to approach the big money questions, listen at [everence.com/smart-living-simple-money](http://everence.com/smart-living-simple-money), from faith-based Everence.

*Jan Nicodemus, Creekside Advocate*

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## HAPPENING IN AUGUST:

- 1** —Volunteer Fellowship, 9:00 am
- 5** —Annual Conference Wrap-up, after worship
- 7** —Finance Team, 9:30 am
- 8** —Feed the Children, 9:00-noon
- 9** —Outreach Team, 6:30 pm
- 11** —Church reserved, 10:00-6:00
- 18** —Fish Fry
- 21** —Church Board, 6:30 pm
- 22** —Worship Team, 10:00 am
- 23** —Concord Cross Country Meet
- 26** —Vesper Service, 5:00 pm

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## BIRTHDAYS

- Bueter, Adam 2
- Ludlow, Eileen 4
- Markley, Deana 4
- Lewallen, Karen 5
- McFadden, Joel 9
- Hadley, Amber 9
- Marcin, Alysa 12
- Wolf, Delores 12
- Schmucker, Chris 16
- Fritz, Tamara 17
- Vance, Kristina 17
- Houser, Eric 18
- McFadden, Tim 18
- Kohler, Joe 19
- Foland, Lynne 20
- Stutsman, Roger 23
- Barsoda, Marita 25
- Hoke, Michaela 25
- Jones, Dawn 25
- Hade, Trisha 26
- Foland, Ted 29
- Heeter, Garnett 30
- Connett, Justin 31



General Fund 2018	INCOME	EXPENSES	2018 BUDGET \$193,580 total
January	\$11,0825.25	\$14,928.43	\$16,132.00
February	\$12,038.00	\$12,991.80	\$16,132.00
March	\$18,036.35	\$15,799.33	\$16,131.00
April	\$17,206.00	\$18,055.60	\$16,132.00
May	\$11,567.10	\$13,362.66	\$16,132.00
June	\$16,288.80	\$10,997.33	\$16,131.00
<b>YTD total</b>	<b>\$86,221.50</b>	<b>\$86,135.15</b>	<b>\$96,790.00</b>

If you would like more information, you may contact Finance Team chair Roger Griffith or Treasurer Ted Noffsinger.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Ehret, Larry & Vicki 2
- Neal, Roger & Bonnie 9
- Noffsinger, Ted & Sue 9
- Vance, Cody & Kristina 18
- Vance, Joe & Patti 19
- McFadden, Tim & Rosanna 20
- De Pue, Stephen & Judy 23
- Vance, Jim & Kristen 27
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