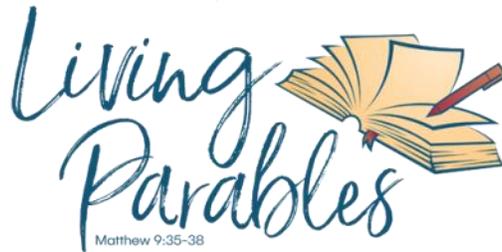


Creekside Church of the Brethren Connection

July 2018



I am excited about Church of the Brethren Annual Conference! This annual meeting is a generous helping of business, a scoop of reports, a couple dips of family reunion, sweet toppings of worship with some sprinkles of break-out sessions. Jan Nicodemus will be serving as our delegate; it is a special opportunity for me to be one of the speakers, and to have family and friends from N. Indiana make the trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. Creekside friends who cannot make the trip will still have an opportunity to take part in the sundae service: Creekside's Media Team will re-broadcast the Friday evening message on Sunday morning, July 8. We'll be using music and worship resources from that service as well.

Amidst the promotion and preparation, it might be tempting to lose sight of the theme of the conference, and the challenge which has been given to us by Moderator Samuel Sarpiya. Here is what he has to say about our lives as Living Parables:

Jesus' parables were stories that were cast alongside a truth in order to illustrate that truth, or the telling of a familiar story to illustrate big truths. A common description of a parable is that it is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

Jesus' life and actions provide the template for Brethren today. Being a Living Parable is the foundational call to be involved with the ministries of Jesus, which call us to work for peace, reconciliation and transformation of all things visible and invisible. As Living Parables, Christ calls us to learn how to share our lives in grace with others, and our sharing should be a source of grace for others. This kind of sharing is not about the telling of information, but by being present in a world that so desperately needs to see Christ in action.

In the coming months we will be exploring the assets Creekside bring to ministry with our community. We will be talking to leaders and neighbors to see what strengths and struggles they experience. These conversations are bound to push us outside the walls of our church building and outside of our comfort zone; this is what it means to **be** Christ in action and to be Living Parables.

Thank you for your prayers for the work and worship of Annual Conference, and for Creekside as we seek to be Living Parables and proclaim the good news of the kingdom! May our lives be an open book where our community can read the story of Jesus.

God bless you!
Pastor Rosanna

PASTOR'S REPORT

I have been involved in the usual round of meetings, worship planning and visiting this past month, but it feels like there are some big events on the horizon. I am grateful to Ron Nicodemus, Diane Lund and Karen Lewallen for their preparation and attention at an all-day meeting in Warsaw this month. They were given strategies and practice for interviewing leaders and neighbors in our community. We're still processing this information with the CMG Steering Committee, and will be sharing that with you in July. Please keep our Community Ministry in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School is always a lot of fun—and a lot of work. Thanks to Jessica Prah and the Christian Ed Team for their planning, and to all of the Creekside folks who volunteered.

At the end of this month I will officiate the wedding of Maggie Birr and Tyler Rush in South Bend. I have enjoyed getting to know them better, and it is a privilege to be part of their counseling, planning, and wedding celebration. Congratulations to Grandma Jan Birr and sister Emily, too!

We grieve with the family of Karen Stutsman. Karen passed away in Florida on June 15th; she and her husband Greg had been part of Winding Waters Church. I am working with Greg to plan a memorial service for Karen at Creekside the end of June. Many of you have fond memories of Karen's parents, Jeanne and Louis Brandon.

I am looking forward to Annual Conference July 4-8 (*see Pastor's Page this month*). Thank you to all of you who have been in prayer for my preparation and will hold me in prayer when I speak on Friday evening of July 6. It is wonderful that some folks from Creekside will be there in Cincinnati. I am hoping for listeners as attentive and engaged as some of you at Creekside; thank you for your openness to me and to the Word. May God's Spirit be in the speaking and in the listening.

Blessings for your activities this summer! Thanks for making Creekside part of what you do and who you are.

Pastor Rosanna

THOUGHTS FROM RON

Excitement is in the air. As we stand on the threshold of the possibilities for a Mutual Ministry God has instore for Creekside, the possibilities for this new ministry can at times seem overwhelming. I'm sure without God our steps might falter.

As we stand at this threshold and look before us at the future we cannot see, at the beginnings we can and cannot imagine, at the possibilities we can and cannot know, our hearts must be filled with trust and hope.

What is left for us to do is to prayerfully seek God's blessing for this journey. For this journey, God will be guiding our steps, walking beside us, before us, and within us as we step across this threshold.

I am reminded of God's faithfulness and power when I sing Eugene L. Clark's powerful song, "Nothing Is Impossible":

Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God;
Nothing is impossible when you're trusting in His Word.
Harken to the voice of God to thee; "Is there anything too hard for Me?"
Then put your trust in God alone and rest upon His Word--
For ev'rything, O ev'rything, Yes ev'rything is possible with God!

CAN I HEAR AN AMEN?

Ron Nicodemus, Board Chair

TABLE TALK, JULY 1

Please join us for a Table Talk following worship on Sunday, July 1. This is part of the process of Creekside's Community Ministry Grant, but unlike our June Table Talk, when we gave you a lot of information, this Table Talk will be for you to give us information. We want to know your strengths, your interests, what groups you are a part of, what dreams and prayers you carry for yourself and your church.

Plan to join us and see what we'll create together!

*Pastor Rosanna for Community Ministry Grant Steering Committee
Ron Nicodemus, Judy De Pue, Cary Kelsey, Karen Kohler, Jeff Vance, Karen Lewallen, Diane & Tim Lund*

BREAD & CUP COMMUNION, JULY 29

We will be sharing bread and cup communion during the worship service on Sunday, July 29. You'll be invited to seek fellowship with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ as we prepare. The Deacons and Worship Team will be making the preparations for the service.

Pastor Rosanna

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

National Youth Conference is July 21-26 in Fort Collins Colorado. This conference is held every four years, and is an opportunity for Brethren youth from around the country to gather for worship, service, and recreation. Youth from Creekside who will attend are Alysa Marcin and her friend Alexis Kerr, and Katelyn Harney and her friend Jeremy Perez; youth leaders are Anne and Roger Griffith. Creekside youth and leaders will be traveling by plane, flying from Indianapolis to Denver. Funds for this trip have been raised by your generous support of the Youth Spaghetti Dinner. Thank you for your support!



Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare for NYC, and that the time there may bring them closer to Christ, to other youth in the denomination, and to the wonder of God's creation. We hope it's a week when the participants are bound together and clothed in Christ. We are looking forward to hearing stories when they return!

Pastor Rosanna

OPERATION ARCTIC BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS

The church was a "cool" place for 14 active young children and several dedicated adults on the evenings of June 18-21. A huge thank you to Pastor Rosanna who did the opening and closing and Jessica Pahl who planned and organized the entire Bible School.

It would not have been a success without Lisa Vardaman, Judy De Pue, Cary Kelsey, and Deb Bode who taught. Craft projects were made fun by Diane Lund and Lodema Hoke. Food was provided by Betty Snyder, Lois Losee, and Jan Birr. Gary Arnold ran the sound system. Games were organized by Ryan Pahl. Other helpers were Emily Birr, Ray Bode, Annamae Hoke, and Michaela Hoke.

Thank you to everyone who donated time or materials!

Kathy Royer & Jan Weaver, Christian Education Team co-chairs



SEED TO FEED

Thanks to members and friends who have been working in the Seed to Feed garden at Creekside. The produce from our garden is donated to Church Community Services for them to share through their food pantry so that residents of Elkhart County can have fresh locally grown produce.

We are continuing to have weekly workdays through harvest. These are generally planned for Tuesday afternoons, followed by supper in the Gathering Area. There may be changes in schedule due to other events at Creekside or bad weather; check with Roger Griffith if you have questions about what whether we're meeting or what work you can do when you're available.

Seed to Feed coordinator Morgan Short will be our guest speaker at Creekside on July 22. We hope to learn more about the Seed to Feed program throughout the area, and to hear about special plans for the Seed to Feed in the 50th Anniversary year of Church Community Services. Elkhart City/ Creekside has been an important supporter of CCS through our Outreach Team and garden.

Pastor Rosanna



CAMP MACK CORNER

Camp registrations are still open. Summer campers may now register with an additional late fee.



CAMPS OFFERED IN JULY:

Finders	July 1-6 (7 spots remaining)
Youth Camp	July 1-7
Samplers	July 8-10 (FULL)
Seekers	July 8-13 (13 spots remaining)
Splash	July 8-13 (FULL)
Followers	July 8-13
Creative Arts	July 8-13 (8 spots remaining)
Dadirri	July 8-14
Culinary	July 15-20 (FULL)
Seekers	July 15-20
Finders	July 15-20 (13 spots remaining)

Golfers and Sponsors, plan to play and/or sponsor camp's Annual Golf Outing at McCormick Creek, Nappanee Indiana, August 11. \$75 per golfer (includes golf, prizes, beverages, and food. Registration at 8a, tee off at 8:30a. Go to www.campmack.org/supporting or call for a form.

Labor Day Family Camp registration is due by July 15th. Lodging is assigned on a first-come basis after health needs are considered, so the earlier you register the more likely you are to get your lodging choice. Registration fee: \$90 per family (\$100 after 7/15). Additional fee for lodging and meals.

Plan now for the October 6, 2018 **Camp Mack Festival!** Auction contact, Deb Roe, asks that each church email her at debra@campmack.org the items they can provide for the CMF auction. Why not fill a theme basket, make a quilt or comforter, offer an item well-known in your area or donate an antique? What are your specialties? Email Sue Freel, the Food and Crafts Chair, at suefreel@kampco.com, the list of food or craft items your booth will have.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Staff, for energy for this demanding ministry!
Campers, that they may experience God's love!
All of camp's hosted rental camps & guests

July 2018

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

HAPPENING IN JULY:

- 1** —Table Talk: Asset-Mapping
- 4** —Annual Conference begins, through July 8, Cincinnati
—Creekside office closed
—No Volunteer Fellowship
- 11** —Feed the Children, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 17** —Church Board, 6:30 pm



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
YTD total	\$69,932.70	\$75,137.82	\$80,659.00

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

BIRTHDAYS

Birr, Jan	2
Randall, Shelly	7
Yoder, Maya	7
Toops, Jarrett	8
Harney, Chris	9
Houser, Sara	10
Keenoy, Tyler	10
Muhlnickel, Don	11
Graber, Cal	13
Hostetler, Jerry	13
Gilliland, Marilee	14
Hendricks, Becca	16
Bryant, Lanette	17
Wilson, Chris	19
Thompson, Marti	20
Randall, Madeleine	22
Vance, Kristen	23
Nicodemus, Ron	24
De Pue, Judy	25
Harney, Scott	27

ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold, Brian & Kaylee	6
Markley, Lee & Deana	6
Gilliland, Walt & Marilee	7
Prahl, Ryan & Jessica	8
Nowicki, Tom & Kathy	11
Carlson, Kyle & Katy	14
Bueter, Adam & Stacey	17
Vance, Bryan & Jill	20
Kelsey, Cary & Betty	28

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