



# BRETHREN NEWS

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December 2013

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## *Living Faith Church of the Brethren*

*Continuing the work of Jesus...*

*Peacefully.*

*Simply.*

*Together.*

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310 N 250 W, FLORA, IN 46929  
9:00 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
10:00 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ 10:15 AM - CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
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PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO MAY BE UNABLE  
TO BE WITH US IN WORSHIP AT LIVING FAITH

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*Bill Miller*

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CREASY SPRINGS HEALTH CAMPUS

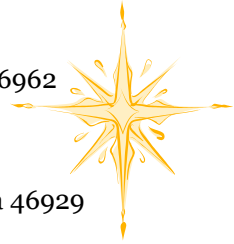
*Phyllis Lowery*

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*Genevieve Warnick*

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*Lois Ayres*

230 E Main St, Apt 108, Flora 46929

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842 S 250 W, Flora 46929

*Devon & Pauline Humbarger*

1213 W 150 S, Flora 46929

*Mary Jane King*

430 N Monroe St, Apt. 9, Camden 46917

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103 N Division St, Apt 9, Flora 46929

*Lois Matson*

307 S Third St, Flora 46929

*Margaret Moyer*

11 W Elm St, Apt 25, Flora, 46929

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215 N Division St, Apt 41, Flora 46929



SNOWBIRDS


*Robert & Sandra Johnson*

146 Raintree Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33906

*Charlie & Rose Mary Lybrook*

4242 W Hill Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92833




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|----|-------------------|---|----|--------------------|
| 2  | Joyce Whitman     |  | 13 | Cassie McLaughlin  |
| 4  | Jean Kingery      |   | 20 | Valerie Allbaugh   |
| 4  | Marjorie Sines    |   | 23 | Brian Simmons      |
| 4  | Virginia McKnight |   | 25 | Genevieve Warnick  |
| 5  | Robert Smith      |   | 25 | Ruthie Miller      |
| 10 | Cara August       |   | 27 | Kim Laxson         |
| 11 | Zach Turnpaugh    |   | 29 | Delaney McLaughlin |
| 13 | Kandy Cook        |   | 29 | Bonnie Maxwell     |
| 13 | Alivia Seward     |   |    |                    |

21 Todd & Jeanna Johnson



# January

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|----|-------------------|---|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Joyce Simpson     |  | 20 | Vicki Johnson     |
| 3  | Cheryl Shaffer    |   | 20 | Rose Mary Lybrook |
| 5  | Brenda Bonner     |   | 21 | Bunti Smith       |
| 6  | Adam Bonner       |   | 28 | Joann Reef        |
| 14 | Todd Trent        |   | 31 | Suzanne Hathaway  |
| 17 | Reva Disinger     |   | 31 | Travis Seward     |
| 19 | Nancy Clingenpeel |   |    |                   |



2 David & Vicki Johnson

10 Phil & Dawn Johnson

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If your anniversary or birthday was not listed here for December or January, please notify the church office.



*Message from...PASTOR JEFF*

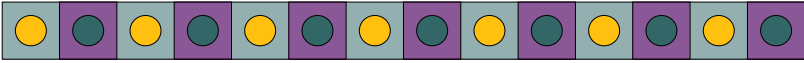
## **The True Meaning of Christmas**

Every year there are countless movies and television specials that end with someone learning the “true” meaning of the season. In those made for the season moments we are taught that the “true” reason for the season is something to do with caring for others, sharing, falling in love, spending time with family and friends, giving from our excess, maybe giving all that we have to those around us, and there may be others but that is the list that comes to mind as I type.

Kids know the real meaning of Christmas is found in cartoons and that they feel loved when they get the new toys that will be discarded by the end of Christmas Break. Teachers believe that it is about getting their sanity back to prepare for the run to spring break. Shoppers know it is about good deals, while the store owners know it is about yearly profits. Sunday school and many churches teach it is about wishing Jesus a happy birthday (He wasn’t born on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>). I actually like the sappy Hallmark Channel movies that have nothing to do with a biblical remembrance, but about framing “love” in the “magic and possibilities” of the season.

But all of these things at worst are blasphemous or at least fall short of the true meaning for the season. For sure we look to the manger where a baby was born to a virgin, but that manger scene only makes the Good Friday remembrance possible. It does not pay for my sins, offer me new life, enter into my heart with a Pentecostal revival, and it does not heal me of my physical and spiritual problems. It does say that God still cares for His creation and wants to save it. It does show that God is active and remembers His promises.

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You see, it is the beginning of the journey to the cross, a beautiful moment that points to an ugly but monumental event in human history when all of our dirty laundry is put on display.

This is not the victory, only the beginning of the comeback of the fallen. Yet so many of us have that Christmas morning kind of faith, which demands nothing of us and costs nothing for our redemption. Like a gift bought with a credit card that we enjoy on Christmas morning without any thought of the bill coming. Praise God because He saw the bill coming for you and I, He knew that we could never pay the bill and found a way to do it for us!!!!

What does your heart say “the true meaning of Christmas” is? Better question, what does your life say it is?

Christmas Blessing,  
Pastor Jeff

# Merry Christmas

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

with Communion

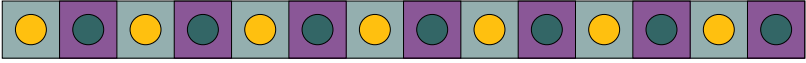
**December 24, 2013**



**4:00 p.m.**

and

**10:00 p.m.**



# *Schedule of Events*

- *Sundays - 6-8:00 pm 'Faith on Fire' Youth Group*
- *Tuesdays - 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study*
- *Thursdays - 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study*

DEC 1 ~ Food Pantry Collection

DEC 1 ~ 2p Logansport Hospital Christmas Party

DEC 2 ~ 1:15p BINGO at Carroll Manor

DEC 2 ~ 6:30p Choir Practice

DEC 6 ~ 10a - 2p Flora Thrift Shop

DEC 8 ~ 5p Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner

DEC 9 ~ 6:30p Choir Practice

DEC 9-12 ~ Carroll Co. Toy Store sorting

DEC 9-12 ~ Carroll Co. Food Basket (sort & fill)

DEC 11 ~ 5p Prison Ministry Sugar Cookies Due

DEC 11 ~ 7p CRT meeting

DEC 13 ~ Carroll Co. Toy Store distribution

DEC 14 ~ Carroll Co. Food Baskets (distribution)

DEC 14 ~ 10a - 2p Flora Thrift Shop

DEC 16 ~ 6:30p Choir Practice

DEC 11 ~ 7p Deacons Meeting

DEC 21 ~ 10a - 2p Flora Thrift Shop

DEC 22 ~ 5p-? Caroling

DEC 24 ~ 4p & 10p Christmas Eve Services

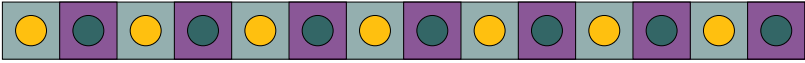
DEC 25 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC 28 ~ 10a - 2p Flora Thrift Shop



Snowflakes  
are one of God's  
most fragile creations,  
but look what they can do  
when they stick together.





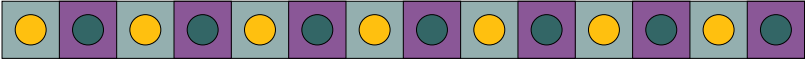
## It's A Wonderful Life Trivia Quiz

*Try your hand at these trivia questions about Frank Capra's  
It's A Wonderful Life*



- 1) "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" What is the name of the stumbling, bumbling, but very lovable angel who helps George realize what a wonderful life he has?
- 2) What is the name of the city where this story takes place?
- 3) "I wish I had a million dollars!" What two words follows this George Bailey quote twice in the film?
- 4) How much does Violet spend on licorice?
- 5) Which president's picture hangs in George Bailey's living room after the money was lost?
- 6) What is the name of the book that Clarence is reading in the beginning of the movie?
- 7) What does George pile high on Mary's sundae even though she says she doesn't like it?
- 8) Who lost the \$8,000?
- 9) Where is Mary working when George tries to find her after Clarence changes everything?
- 10) What does it mean when a bell rings?

*(answers on inside back page)*



### ***Reminder from the secretary...***

*Please let me know which method you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter:*

- A) Email*
- B) Printed Copy*
- C) Neither (don't care to get one OR will look at the link on the church website at [www.lfcobrethren.org](http://www.lfcobrethren.org))*

*Thank you,  
Deb Allbaugh*



### **2014 offering envelopes**

will be available beginning Sunday, December 22nd.

If you have not had the offering envelopes in the past but would like to start contact Janet Miller or Pat Spence

### ***NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE & BUDGET INFORMATION:***

Average Sunday School Attendance 37 (*year to date average 35*)

Average Worship Service Attendance 90 (*year to date average 95*)

Average Weekly Offering \$2142.50 (*year to date average \$2312.95*)

Average Bldg Fund Offering \$215.00 (*year to date average \$204.00*)

### **WHAT IS NEEDED FOR 2013 BUDGET**

Weekly Offering: \$2497.45

Weekly Building Fund: \$302.30





SERVING THE LORD IN DECEMBER

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*Greeters:* Sharon McCormick & Joyce Whitman  
*Worship Leader:* Vearl Turnpaugh  
*Chorister:* Janice Marvin  
*Nursery:* Shelby Disinger  
*Inner Ushers:* Glen & Nancy Clingenpeel  
*Outer Ushers:* Vernon & Sandy Cripe  
*Acolytes:* Cohen Miller & Travis Seward  
*Media Tech:* Jeff Cook

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*Greeters:* Dianna Mooney & Judy Roberson  
*Worship Leader:* Joyce Whitman  
*Chorister:* Kris Seward  
*Nursery:* Lacie Tomson  
*Inner Ushers:* Rod Seward & Dick Brown  
*Outer Ushers:* Jeff Cook & Tom Allbaugh  
*Acolytes:* Garrett Tomson & Mason Lipp  
*Media Tech:* Scott Miller

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*Greeters:* Rodger & Jane Replogle  
*Worship Leader:* Jeff Cook  
*Chorister:* Cara August  
*Nursery:* Joy Seward  
*Inner Ushers:* Joyce Whitman & Mary McDonald  
*Outer Ushers:* Sharon McCormick & Frances Lohrman  
*Acolytes:* Jacob Moss & Tanner Turnpaugh  
*Media Tech:* Zach Turnpaugh

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*Greeters:* Connie Hoffman & Suzanne Hathaway  
*Worship Leader:* Tom Allbaugh  
*Chorister:* Kris Seward  
*Nursery:* McKaylin Lipp  
*Inner Ushers:* Doris Oyler & Joyce Sibbitt  
*Outer Ushers:* Atlee Oyler & Jerry Sibbitt  
*Acolytes:* Karissa Tomson & Keighen Snavelly  
*Media Tech:* Scott Miller

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*Greeters:* Phyllis Haughs & Betty Nelson  
*Worship Leader:* Lorraine Popejoy  
*Chorister:* Mary McDonald  
*Nursery:* Alivia Seward  
*Inner Ushers:* Debbie Lipp & Pat Spence  
*Outer Ushers:* Kenny Lipp & Todd Johnson  
*Acolytes:* Mason Lipp & Travis Seward  
*Media Tech:* Jeff Cook



## National Youth Conference 2014

July 19–24, 2014

Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado



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### Online registration will begin January 3 at 7:00 pm CST

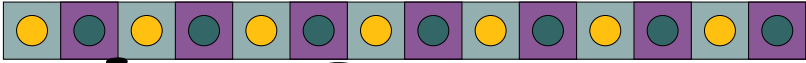
- ⇒ The registration fee is \$450. A non-refundable deposit of \$225 must be paid at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30.
- ⇒ The conference will begin with registration at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Thursday. Meals, lodging, and programming are included in the registration fee.
- ⇒ All youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college (at the time of NYC) are eligible to attend. All youth must be accompanied by an adult advisor.
- ⇒ Please send at least one advisor for every five youth. If you are sending female youth, please send a female advisor and if you are sending male youth, please send a male advisor. All adult advisors must be a minimum of 22 years of age. Children of participants, advisors and staff that are not eligible to attend NYC are not permitted.

### Living Faith Christmas Caroling

December 22 † 5pm - ???

All interested please meet at the church by 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the caroling – the more participating – the more people we can visit! There will be finger-foods and snacks available at the church upon your return from the cold. **\*\*\*If you know of someone who would enjoy a visit by the carolers, please contact the church office or Shelly Turnpaugh.**





# Wanna Be Worship

The Children's Church, 'Wanna Be Worship' is held weekly during worship time and is for Kindergarteners through Fifth Graders. The volunteers for the month of December are Jeanna Johnson & Joyce Simpson and the month's theme is... .. **The Gift of Advent**

The Gift Of Advent is a four-lesson group curriculum designed to give children a biblical understanding of Christmas...from the garden - to the manger - to the cross.



Each lesson focuses on a new gift that comes as a result of God's ultimate Gift - Jesus!

**Lesson 1: The Gift of Hope:** Our need for a Savior began all the way back in Genesis when sin entered the world. In this lesson children will read God's promises in Genesis 3:14-15 and Isaiah 9:6-7. They will learn how God had a rescue plan in place from the very beginning and why our hope should be in Christ alone!

**Lesson 2: The Gift of Wisdom:** Is just knowing about Jesus enough? The religious leaders knew the details of Jesus' birth, yet they did not go to worship Him. In this lesson children will read the story of the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12. They will learn the importance of putting their faith into action and what true wisdom requires.

**Lesson 3: The Gift of Love:** When God sent His Son to die on the cross, it was the ultimate example of love. Children will read from Ephesians 5 and discuss how we are to be imitators of God by walking in love as we follow His great example.

**Lesson 4: The Gift of Joy:** Like the angels proclaimed in Luke 2, Jesus' arrival is good news and should bring about great joy! Children will learn that the true meaning of Christmas is not something we should keep to ourselves. A Savior has been born! He is Christ the Lord!



# Holiday Tunes

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Away in a Manger

Choir of the Bells

Dominick the Donkey

Frosty the Snowman

Holly Jolly Christmas

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle Bells

Let it Snow

Little Drummer Boy

Little St Nick

O Holy Night

Rudolph

Santa Baby

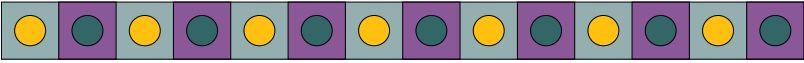
Silent Nigh

Silver Bells

The Christmas Song

The First Noel

Winter Wonderland



## Carroll County Christmas Baskets

Christmas Food Baskets is a community project coordinated by area churches and generously supported by civic groups, school children, businesses and individuals to assist those in need at Christmas. Many individuals and families in Carroll County were given a full basket of food, toys, and other donations for the holidays. These donations and gifts helped some families through another week while for others it meant Christmas could be celebrated. ***Here's how you can help:***

### \*\*\*YOUR DONATIONS

**Groceries:** canned fruit, vegetables, dry milk, meat, tuna and juice (no home processed or baked goods can be accepted); Pasta products and sauces; white and brown sugar; hot and cold cereals; shortening; peanut butter, jams and jellies; baby food and diapers; gelatins and puddings; cake mixes, baking mixes, cornmeal, flour, and Bisquick. All paper products; laundry and dish detergents, and facial soap.



**Other Items:** Coats, gloves/mittens, new toys, puzzles, books and games for older children and families (don't forget the batteries when donating toys that need them.)

**Monetary:** Send checks to Virginia Thompson, 3696 N St Rd 25, Delphi, IN 46923. Please make checks payable to "Christmas Baskets".

***Your donations may be dropped off at Living Faith Church***

### \*\*\*YOUR TIME (Volunteers Needed)

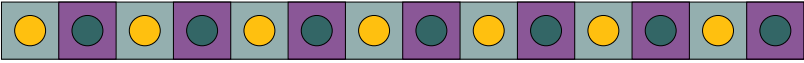
**Toy & Gift Sorting:** Dec. 9, 10 & 12 from 9 am - 4 pm, and Wednesday, Dec. 11 from noon - 6 pm at Honon Hall.

**Toy & Gift Distribution:** Dec. 13 from 1-5 pm Volunteers are needed all day at Honan Hall. A clean-up crew is needed from 5-7 pm

**Food Sorting:** Food sorting days will be Dec. 9, 10 & 11 at the Camden Community Building beginning each day at 9 am

**Fill Food Basket:** 50-60 volunteers will be needed to fill baskets on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm at the Camden Community Building. Bring a wagon or cart if available.

**Food Basket Distribution:** Each recipient will pick-up a box on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8 to noon at the Camden Community Building. (30+ volunteers needed.)



## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Evenings

*No bible study for the month of December*

Will start back up on Wednesday, January 8, 2014

*The men will be studying Philippians*

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

*The Women's Fellowship met 7:00pm November 12th at the church with 13 members present. Games were played and winners were Joann Reef, Janice Marvin, Pat Rolfs and Lorraine Popejoy. Refreshments were served by Wanda Best, Jeanna Johnson and Maureen Johnson. The next meeting will be ... ..*



### **Women's Fellowship Christmas**

December 8, 2013

5:00 pm

Delphi First Assembly of God



Women's Fellowship Christmas Party will be held on December 8, 2013 at Delphi First Assembly of God.

The group will be attending the Broadway-style Dinner Theater Production of  
"It's a Wonderful Life"

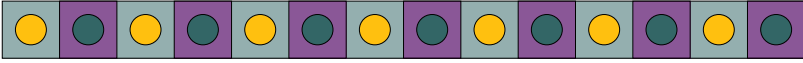
Hosted this year by Lorraine Popejoy & Glenda Allbaugh.

*Come join the fun and see what it's all about!*

This year Living Faith sent **23 shoeboxes** to the Operation Christmas Child!

*Thank You!*





Women's Fellowship  
Annual Pot Pie Supper  
and Bake Sale  
Profits: \$2435.00  
A Big Thank You to  
Everyone!!!



### **WF Provides For Many!**

In the past, profit from the Pot Pie Supper has been used for carpet cleaning, payments on the building loan, and other fellowship expenses. They help different people & groups with the Thrift Shop money received; such as, both Food Pantries, Christmas Baskets, Birth Right for Carroll County, the youth, different missions that come and speak to us, etc.

### **Flora Community Thrift Shop**

The **December  
Thrift Shop Schedule**  
has been posted. We have  
volunteered to work the  
following schedule:

Friday - December 6  
*sort & mark*

Saturday - December 14  
*cashier*

Saturday - December 21  
*tags*

Saturday - December 28  
*sacker*

*Thanks again* to all those  
who have helped the past  
few months to make this  
program such a success!

### **Women's Fellowship Funeral Dinner Work Schedule**

DECEMBER 2013

Pat Spence

Dianna Mooney

Mary McDonald

Carol Replogle

Francis McGill



**LITTLE JOHNNY**  
- Author Unknown -

*Little Johnny went to his mother demanding a new bicycle. His mother decided that he should take a look at himself and the way he acts. She said, "Well Johnny, it isn't Christmas and we don't have the money to just go out and buy you anything you want. So why don't you write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead." After his temper tantrum, his mother sent him to his room. He finally sat down to write a letter to Jesus.*

Dear Jesus,

I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle.

Your Friend,  
Little Johnny

*Now, Little Johnny knew that Jesus really knew what kind of boy he was (a brat). So, he ripped up the letter and decided to give it another try.*

Dear Jesus,

I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle.

Yours Truly,  
Little Johnny

*Well, Little Johnny knew this wasn't totally honest so he tore it up and tried again.*

Dear Jesus,

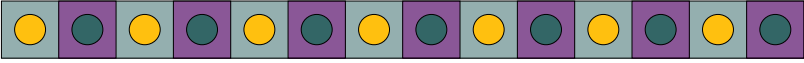
I've thought about being a good boy this year and can I have a new bicycle?

Signed,  
Little Johnny

*Well, Little Johnny looked deep down in his heart, which by the way was what his mother was really wanting. He crumpled up the letter and threw it in the trash can and went running outside.*

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*He aimlessly wandered about, depressed because of the way he treated his parents and really considering his actions. He finally found himself in front of a Catholic Church.*

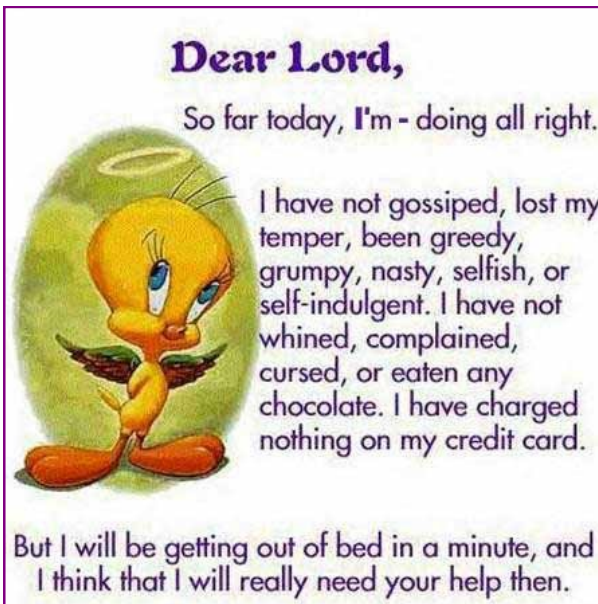
*Little Johnny went inside and knelt down, looking around not knowing what he should really do. Little Johnny finally got up and began to walk out the door and was looking at all the statues. All of a sudden he grabbed a small one and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter.*

Jesus,

I've broken most of the Ten Commandments, shot spit wads in school, tore up my sister's Barbie doll and lots more. I'm desperate. I've got your mama. If you ever want to see her again, give me a bike.

Signed,

You know who





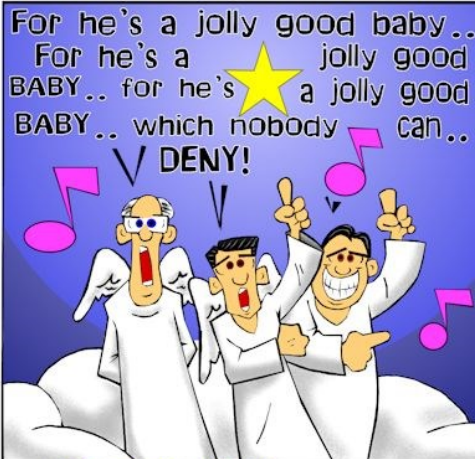
## 'RESTOCK' SUNDAY December 29, 2013

Throughout the year the Mission needs certain items more than others. Restock Sunday will help us with items we need to finish up the year and ready us for the new year. Items needed include:

- All Purpose Cleaner
- Disinfectant Spray
- Men's/Women's Deodorant
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Napkins
- Paper Towel
- Disposable Razors
- Black Pepper & Salt
- Disposable Diapers  
(sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6)



### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The **REALMS OF GLORY** Choir tryouts for the first Christmas night included this spirited ditty. But.. as we all know 'For he's a jolly good baby' never became a Christmas classic.

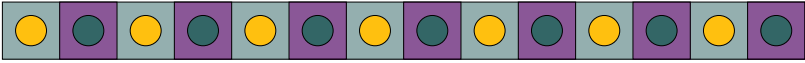
### LIVING FAITH CHOIR

*"What Sweeter Music"*

A Festival of Carols

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 22, 2013

10:00 am



# CAMP MACK C O R N E R



PO Box 158, Milford, IN 46542  
Phone: 574-658-4831  
E-Mail: [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org)  
Website: [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:** Register now for the **NEW YEAR'S PARTY at Camp Mack!** Fee increases after Dec. 6. Party from 2 p.m. on

Tuesday, Dec. 31 until noon on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2014. The theme is "Get Real." Get details and register online.

**CAMP MACK was FIRST PLACE WINNER in the PROJECT SPOTLIGHT CONTEST** sponsored by Beacon Credit Union, and received the \$1,000 grant. Many thanks for your online votes!

**FUNDRAISING DINNER:** Have you been to a Fundraiser for the Becker Retreat Center? See Becker Retreat Center plans and learn about the Growing from the Ashes Capital Campaign at the Fundraising dinner at Camp Mack on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Call Camp to make a reservation. Support the campaign! Your generous donations are needed.

**GET-A-WAY DAYS** – December 7<sup>th</sup> choices:

Williamsburg Wreathes and Swags, 9a-3p \$25

Christmas Ornaments, 9a-3p \$20

Christmas Cookies, choose 9a-1p or 12p-4p \$45

**CAMP MACK FESTIVAL 2013 REPORT:** After all income and expenses are accounted for, the 2013 CMF raised \$18,233.89 for camper scholarships and AV equipment in the Becker Retreat Center. Many thanks to all who helped make the Festival a success.

Camp Reps, mark your calendars! **CAMP REP MEETING** on Saturday, Jan 18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a brunch and receive 2014 program information and materials. Please plan to attend.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** God's Love to be evident in our lives; Funds needed for Becker Retreat Center.

***A Quiet Place Quote:***

*"The faith which pleases God is the assurance that when we turn to him we will find that All-satisfying Treasure."* John Piper



Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar  
 Continuing the Work of Jesus –  
 peacefully,  
 simply,  
 together.

### **December 1 - First Sunday in Advent**

In Advent we prepare. This isn't the kind of preparation we see in advertisements, but a preparing of heart and soul. Ask that God might shine a light onto our hearts that we may see plainly the times we lose hope in God's own redemption story.

### **December 8 - Second Sunday in Advent**

This week is part of the denominational offering emphasis in Advent. As you give, both in presents and offerings, consider how your gifts reflect the peace of Christ. How are you speaking that peace to those around you? Pray that your gifts may be part of growing God's peace at home and around the world.

### **December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent**

It's quite trite today to say that Love is a verb. Yet, Love is a way of life made known in the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In Advent we measure our own lives alongside the example of Christ. Where have you seen living examples of God's love? Pray for the courage to make your own life look more like Christ.

### **December 22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Those around us seem to think that Joy is about happiness or satisfaction. As we near the celebration of Christ's birth we are reminded that joy is a matter of abiding trust in the continued work of God- in times of strife and times of happiness. Pray for a renewed sense of trust and joy, both in your life and in your congregation.

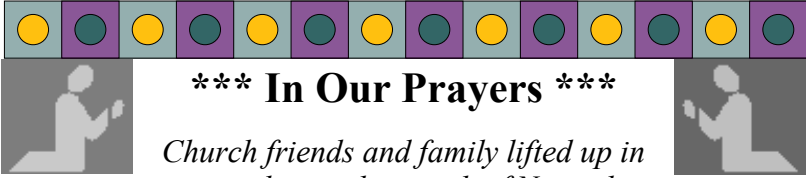
### **December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas**

For the church, Christmas has just begun. While those around us shift attention to the new year or the next holiday, we continue to celebrate Christ's birth. In prayer, ask what it may look like to expand the reality of Christmas beyond one day in December. How does your day to day life witness to the redeeming work of the Incarnation?

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*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



## \*\*\* In Our Prayers \*\*\*

*Church friends and family lifted up in prayers during the month of November:*

Jeff Herron, Roger Daugherty, Wayne & Reva Disinger, Dick McCain, Pauline & Devon Humbarger, Doris Duff, Phyllis Lowery, Robert Smith, Jean Kingery, Jean Hughes, Carol Replogle, Virginia Brown, Joan Reef, Barbara Adams, Mary Jane King, Virginia & Herb McKnight, Bob Dague, Myna Ruth Walters Family, Jim McDonald, Katie Cree, Frances Lohrman, Paul Davis, Jackie Davis, Delores Carson, Ernie Waltz, Isabelle Welker, Jimmy Self, Duke Davis, Job Losses at Franciscan Alliance, Mary Lou Johnson, Sick Family members of Pat Rolfs', Gerry Stingley, Carl Wagoner, Janet Everett, Jerry Cook, Kevin Stout, Vera Kay Rupp, Joe Spurgeon Family, Nancy Yates, David Cooper Family, Marvin Piercy Family, Addy Nichols, Tom McDonald Family, Bill & Ruthie Miller, Dan Burton, Heather Marvin, Duane Overholser, Kevin Cavanaugh, Lacy Pope Feltner, Clem Skiles Family, Wynema Caswell, Charles Shafer Family, Midge Wiegand, Don Robertson

### DECEMBER PRAYER GUIDE

#### **Learning by heart: The book of Philippians in just 39 weeks**

Many of us have heard stories of Christians throughout the centuries who during times of persecution and imprisonment relied on the passages of the Bible they had committed to memory. Whether we live through such harsh experiences or simply face the temptations and challenges to our faith that come from daily living, God's Word "learned by heart" is a precious treasure. I invite us all to focus on just a few verses of Philippians each week, "treasuring God's word in our hearts" (Psalm 119:11a).

Whether you actually memorize the entire book of Philippians, or selected passages, or simply spend time each day in prayer and contemplation, it is my earnest desire that through these scriptures Jesus may call us all to boldly "Live as Courageous Disciples."

—*Annual Conference moderator Nancy Sollenberger Heishman*

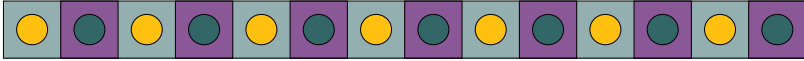
**Week of Dec. 1** - Philippians 1:25-28a

**Week of Dec. 8** – Philippians 1:28b-30

**Week of Dec. 15** – Philippians 2:1-2

**Week of Dec. 22** – Philippians 2:3-4

**Week of Dec. 29** – Philippians 2:5-6



## Living Faith 2013 Church Officers, Ministry Teams, Committees, & Delegates:

*\*Denotes the newly or second term elected 2013 Church Officers, Ministry Team & Committee members, and Delegates.*

<b>Moderator-</b>	Guy Studebaker
<b>CRT Facilitator-</b>	Jerry Sibbitt
<b>Clerk-</b>	*Sandy Cripe
<b>Treasurer-</b>	*Debbie Allbaugh
<b>Asst. Treasurer-</b>	Joyce Sibbitt
<b>Financial Secretary-</b>	*Pat Spence
<b>Asst Financial Secretary-</b>	*Janet Miller
<b>Faith Development- VBS Coordinator-</b>	Jeanna Johnson <b>*volunteer needed 2013-14</b>
<b>Fellowship &amp; Hospitality- Gifts Discernment-</b>	Joyce Sibbitt & Doris Oyler *Joyce Simpson, Scott Miller, Janet Miller, Joyce Whitman, Jeff Tomson
<b>Servant Evangelism- Missions Coordinator- Disaster Relief Coord.-</b>	*Joyce Simpson & *Deb Allbaugh <b>*volunteer needed 2013-15</b> Wayne Replogle
<b>Stewards-</b>	Robert Smith, Tom Allbaugh
<b>Worship-</b>	Kris Seward
<b>Pastoral Relations-</b>	<b>*position needed</b> , Rod Seward, *Vernon Cripe, Janice Marvin, Jeanna Johnson, Robert Smith
<b>Personnel-</b>	
	*Anne Moss
	*Roger Daugherty, Jim McDonald, Tom Allbaugh, Jerry Sibbitt, Jeff Tomson
<b>District Conf. Delegates-</b>	
	*Tom Allbaugh
	<b>*volunteer needed</b>
<b>Alternate Delegates-</b>	
	<b>*volunteer needed</b>
<b>Annual Conf. Delegate-</b>	
	Jeff Cook

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**Harold the Angel Sings!!  
glory to the newborn king!!**

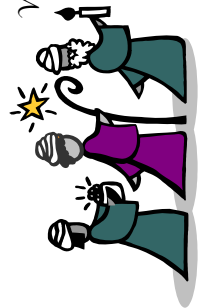
*Answers to It's A Wonderful Life Quiz:*

- 1) Clarence Oddbody
- 2) Bedford Falls
- 3) Hot dog!
- 4) 2 cents. "Two cents worth of shoelaces?"
- 5) Abraham Lincoln
- 6) The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- 7) Coconut
- 8) Uncle Billy lost it at the bank. The envelope containing the money got wrapped up in a newspaper which Uncle Billy left with Mr. Potter.
- 9) The library
- 10) An angel gets his wings!

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*We have seen his star in the east,  
and we come to worship him.  
~ Matthew 2:2*