

VACATION

I dreamed that God took a vacation
He did not say where he would go,
He just packed his Spirit and left us,

He wearied and tired of much praying
And listening to every weak plea.
Two weeks were just what he'd been needing
Away from the world and me.

Just then I was faced with a crisis
My heart was in deep despair,
My pastor, my friend nor my neighbors
Could help with an answer to prayer.

Oh, how I just longed for his presence,
The touch of his soothing, calm hand;
To feel he was there close beside me,
And know that he would understand.

I woke up to find out I was dreaming,
And fell on my knees and I cried.
Oh, how I thanked God up in heaven
That he was still here by my side.

And again, it is time for vacations
I may go by land, sea or air,
Wherever I am on the Lord's Day,
I know I shall worship him there.

Author Unknown

A quick note: It seems that there has been a question as to who has been writing what was formally known as the "Pastor's Page". I started writing this page for the newsletter in May, starting with the Mothers Day article. Thank you for all of the kind compliments I have received from those of you who found out I am the author.

A couple of weeks ago I took a road trip to Nashville, IN. It was a perfect day, sunny, a little humid, just nice! The drive was peaceful and uneventful. I looked through some of the shops and then went into the Pottery Shop. There I saw a woman pick up a large lump of specially, pre-mixed clay. She began to massage it in her hands until it became soft and pliable. Then with a slight amount of force she threw the clay on the potter's wheel which was powered by a pedal activated by her right foot. She put her hands around the glob of clay and it went straight up and made a cone shape. She then proceeded to put her fingers into the point of the cone, all the while the wheel was spinning and her fingers caused a hole to form in the top of the cone. It soon took on the appearance of a bowl. Her talented and adept fingers made a pattern on the outside of the bowl. If it didn't meet her expectations she would cradle the bowl in her hands again caressing the clay and create a new pattern to her liking.

From the Pottery Shop I made my way to the Glass House. There I had the privilege of talking with the artist and he explained his craft. He uses long stems of glassware and liquefies it with an instrument that looks like a sophisticated blow torch. With another tool he guided the molten glass into intricate crystal shapes, some were crystal clear shapes and some had color added.

I thought about how God had created the earth and all that is in it. Then my thoughts went to His making a human. This human was made in His image, in His likeness. He breathed His lovely, pure breath into this human giving him life. But, as time goes on this human that was so perfect in the beginning lost its innocence and became distorted much like the bowl on the potter's wheel. God in His Sovereign love began to reshape this human back to what he was intended to be.

Like the glass blower, it took fire to refine this human. He went through trials and tests. Sometimes he failed miserably and sometimes he came through without a scratch. In the end he emerged into a beautiful person. Every part of him was divinely fashioned by God. By coming through the trials he became a strong person. The fire (Holy Spirit) refined him and he was pure as the crystal glass figurines. As I write this article, it brings hope. Hope that no matter what we do, how misshapen and bent out of shape we become we can ask for forgiveness and be renewed. God will take you into His loving hands, begin molding you anew and draw you close to Himself. What a wonderful place to be.

August 13th is a historical day in the Moravian Church. I wonder how far off course we have gotten since the birth of our denomination? One thing I do know is that the church is not the brick building we worship in it is the PEOPLE! People who are living, breathing and made in God's image. We have the potential to be holy as He is holy. Eph 4:17&24 explains how we should live as Christians. *"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, (24) ... You put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."*

We will be tried and tested through the fire, and we will come through victorious. Walk in love my friends and you as well as your fellow believers will find the peace you are seeking in this shaky world. Look up for your redemption draweth nigh.

Ronda Martin

THANK YOU'S

A special thanks to John Ziegler and Jane Keller who put together a very beautiful and uplifting July 4 worship service. Those who took part in the service were Boy Scouts: Jordan, Ryan & Spencer Seim; cub scout: Brendan Boewe, soloist, Mac Trotter; Readers: Ken Burnes, Kurt Heilman, Ken Chandler; special music: John Ziegler, Carol Ziegler, Mike Crull, the band; And the special Patriotic hymns.

The family of Paul Whipker would like to thank everyone for all the food, visitations, prayers, and concerns they received during Paul's illness and his passing. They were greatly appreciated.

To: *Marian Judy's Church Family*

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. They helped to make her send off a beautiful one. She would have been so pleased. She loved her church and had so many lovely memories.

There is a deep loss in the loss of our mom. She was so special by her gentleness, great humor and her ever ready smile. She was so positive and ready to help wherever needed.

We thank each and every one of you. Family of Marian Judy

Christian Friends:

Thank you for your love and prayers. I appreciate each prayer. It's so good to have God's family praying for you, when things aren't quite right. God Bless Love, Marge Imlay

Colleen Zollman would like to thank everyone for the prayers, call and cards She has received.

VOLENTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED WITH WORSHIP

Ronda Martin, Nancy Beaty, Lisa Epperson, Jenny Wallace, Sharron Harker, ZKurt Heilman, Ken Seim, Stephanie Gates, Michele Seim, Bob Schloss, Dee Lewis, John and Nancy Gilliland.

OOPS

We are so sorry we forgot **Sara Searcy & Tyocia Ziegler** on our graduation list printed last month.

HOSPITALIZED

Josh McClain

JOY

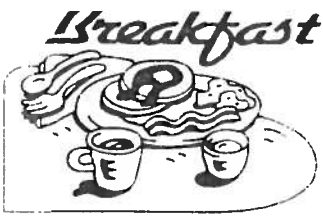
To Kenny and Abby Robinson Calender who were married on July 10.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

It is time to update our church directory. I your address, phone no. or e-mail address has changed in the last year, please call the church office and let us know.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S !!

Middle States Moravian Women's Retreat will be October 2-4 in West Salem, IL. Contact Nancy Chandler for details (812-378-4735).



APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

CEC wishes to show our gratitude to the membership for your support that has been shown to us throughout the years. We strive to bring new programs to you that meet your needs and interests.

CEC will show our appreciation to you by giving you a free breakfast on Rally Day Sunday, August 15th. The sausage and pancake breakfast will be served buffet style, from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM and at 10:00 AM we will go into the sanctuary for the Rally Day program.

This is an excellent way to introduce your friends to our church and begin building the Sunday school. The children who are moving up according to age into another Sunday school class will receive Bibles. Also, those children who have been coming but missed receiving a Bible will get one.

SEE YOU THERE!

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



In response to Christ's calling, **New Song Missions** offers loving homes and a private education for young children whose prospects are severely threatened by dysfunctional family situations. Located on 100 acres in beautiful Brown County, the New Song approach represents a proven and

fantastic news for children who deserve a second chance at childhood. Three homes are currently under construction on the campus, and hundreds of volunteers have donated countless hours building the homes and campus. If you would like to stay informed on New Song's progress, volunteer with the ministry, or provide financial or prayer support, please call the ministry at 812-372-9523 or contact New Song through their web site at www.NewSongMission.org.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

CERALAND PARK



DATE: August 28th

Time: 4:30 Games

5:45 Dinner

Place: Shelter house across from the putt putt golf course

Camping sites available

CEC will provide the drinks and chicken for the dinner. You can bring the side dishes and desserts. Come expecting to go home with a full tummy and lots of laughter and fellowship. We are working on getting entertainment for the evening too. Bring a friend! This is a great time to introduce them to our church family.

GOLF



To be announced Later! Call with any questions.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Sign in at the gate, present your "free pass", that you have previously picked up from the church office, go to the shelter house across from the mini golf course; sign up for the games and begin your evening of fun.

**If you are a camper, you can camp Friday and Saturday for \$21.00 per night/
Includes water and sewer.**

Pets are permitted in sites 102-325.

Sites are assigned on a first come basis.

\$4.00 additional per night per site/includes water, electric and sewer OR lake site.

For security purposes the front gate is locked form 10:00 PM-5:00 AM. Key rental is available at the Sports & Fitness Center.

Jr. High Youth News

Opportunities for faith, friendship, and fun are planned for students in grades 6, 7, & 8 this year. **The kick-off/planning meeting for all Jr. High Youth and their parents will be August 15 at 3 PM.** Ideas will be shared and discussed, and snacks will be served. Contact Dawn Wilson or Jessyca Swinford for more info.

Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the congregation and Kids For Christ families for the past three years of loving support. God has developed a great ministry for the 2nd – 5th graders of our church, and we pray His continued blessings on new leaders Abby Calender and Angie Chambers.

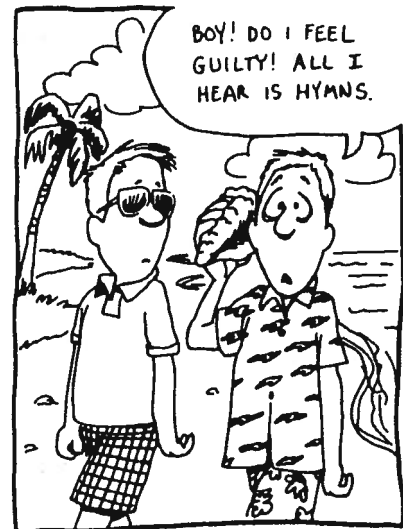


TAR HOLLOW

The campers attending Tar Hollow from Hope were: *Micah Wallace, Justin Wallace, Lindsay Huffman, Jarod Gearhart, Eric Lux, Sarah Sweet, Jordan Seim, Skylar Stubblefield, Kim Aquill, Hannah Hammond, Diane Hilycord, & Derek Wingle.*

Staff attending were: *Gary Huffman, Tom Lux, Richard Keller, JoAnn Keller, Amy Keller, Angela Hilycord, Jackie Runion, Tina Dodd, Jenny Wallace and Stephanie Baldwin.*

The campers thank the CEC and the Youth Group for paying part of their registrations.



WOMENS RETREAT AT MT. MORRIS

“Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life.” September 24th-26th at Mt. Morris.

Have you ever tried to do it all? Martha did. Have you ever wanted to grow closer to the Lord? Mary did. How can we do both, or isn't that the question?

The 2010 Woman's Retreat will ponder the challenges and opportunities of living with a Mary heart in a Martha world. In a culture that values productivity and doing it all, we find deep within ourselves a longing to nurture an intimate relationship with God, our Creator. How might we grow spiritually deep without making it one more thing on our list of things to do?

Based on the book of the same title by Joanna Weaver (Waterbrook Press: Colorado Springs, 2002), we will explore Luke 10:38-42 and provide opportunities to discover a balance between being and doing that fits into your temperament, season in life and personal goals.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Director of Congregational Leadership and Resources for the Western District.

AUGUST

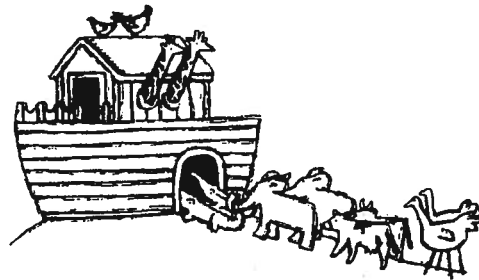
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Dick Herndon
Nicole Paetzel
- 5 Kim Baughman
Norma Clouse
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Melissa Smith
- 8 Lesley Boewe
Abby Walls
- 9 Nathan Eberhart
Trevor Frazee
Mark Hege
- 10 Jack Gambold
- 11 Grant Huffman
Alexander Schaefer
- 12 John Carr
Leanna Harker
- 13 Kayla Coombs
Keith Keller
Melissa Stam
- 14 Jennifer Embry
Connie Ray
Megan Swinford
- 15 June Berkenstock
Jeff Jackson
- 16 Jason Flora
Bradley Paetzel
- 17 Sawyer Shoaf
Steve Wallace
- 18 Steve Garrison
- 19 Darin Pruden
Nena Walls
- 20 Angela Templeton
- 21 Sam Harker
- 22 Linda Cleland
Kyle Dickey
- 23 Nathan Dickey
- 24 Jean Shull
- 25 Anthony Harker



- 26 Stephanie Baldwin
Garret Coner, Jr.
Jean Glick
Sara Searcy
- 28 Tammy Hege
Janet Vails
- 29 Doug Settle
- 30 Dana DeBaun
Brenda Carman



- 1 Anthony & Michelle Harker
- 4 Barry & Polly Trotter
- 7 Bill & Eve Esch
- 8 Daniel & Lesley Boewe
- 16 David & Sandy Spangler
- 17 Shawn & Melissa McNealy
- 20 Gary & Christine Huffman
- 21 Michael & Katie Prather
- 23 John & Connie Ray
- 26 Tom & Pat Dodd
- 31 Dave & Pat Baldwin



The Sunday school teacher asked the class how Noah might have spent his time on the ark. When no one answered she suggested that perhaps he'd done a lot of fishing. "What?" responded one of her pupils. "With only two worms?"

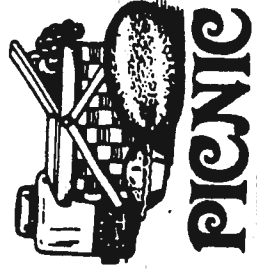
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 1 NO Snak-n-yak in Aug. 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship -- Infant Baptism	August 2 8:45am Campers & staff leave for Illiana 5:00pm Meal Site 7:00pm Preschool meeting	August 3 Illiana Junior Camp	August 4 August 2 - August 6	August 5 1:00pm Approx. time for Illiana Campers to return	August 6	
August 8 NO Snak-n-yak in Aug. 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship - Holy Communion	August 9 5:00pm Meal Site 7:00pm Joint Board meeting 7:00pm Sr. Hi Bible Study at Keller's	August 10 4:00pm MOC - private use 7:00pm Prayer Group	August 11 6:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00am Kiwanis	August 12 4:00pm Fellowship Hall - private use	August 13	August 14 4:00pm Fellowship Hall - private use
August 15 RALLY DAY SERVICE NO Snak-n-yak in Aug. 8:30am Appreciation Breakfast 10:00am Rally Day Program 3:00pm Jr. Hi Youth &	August 16 5:00pm Meal Site	August 17 7:00pm Prayer Group	August 18 10:00am Parlor - private use	August 19	August 20 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 4:30pm Wedding - Hege/Laudick	August 21
August 22 NO Snak-n-yak in Aug. 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 1:00pm Fellowship Hall-private 3:00pm MOC - private use	August 23 5:00pm Meal Site 7:00pm Preschool Open House	August 24 7:00pm Prayer Group	August 25 6:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00am Kiwanis	August 26	August 27 1:00pm Camping at CereLand 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:30am Golf ??? 4:30pm Church Picnic- Games 5:30pm Supper at CereLand	August 28
August 29 NO Snak-n-yak in Aug. 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:30am MOC - private use	August 30 5:00pm Meal Site	August 31 6:30pm CAF room- private use 7:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Wiggler's & leaders organ. mtg				

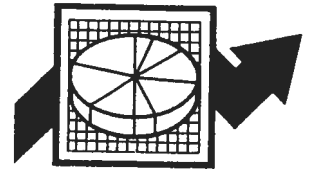


Financial Update

submitted by Diane Stafford, Treasurer

		June 30, 2010		Jan-June 2010
Budget Income	\$	20,468.94	\$	146,485.16
Budget Expenses	\$	16,763.01	\$	127,533.70
Net Budget Gain/Loss	\$	3,705.93	\$	18,951.46
Other Income	\$	1,063.76	\$	12,734.20
Other Expenses	\$		\$	1,772.80
Net Other Gain/Loss	\$	1,063.76	\$	10,961.40
Budget Gain/Loss	\$	3,705.93	\$	18,951.46
Other Gain/Loss	\$	1,063.76	\$	10,961.40
Total Gain/Loss	\$	4,769.69	\$	29,912.86

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financial Update For Morning Star Preschool

submitted by Diane Stafford, Treasurer

		June 30, 2010		Jun-10
Budget Income	\$	-	\$	-
Budget Expenses	\$	-	\$	-
Net Budget Gain/Loss	\$	-	\$	-
Other Income	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
Other Expenses	\$	-	\$	-
Net Other Gain/Loss	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
Budget Gain/Loss	\$	-	\$	-
Other Gain/Loss	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
Total Gain/Loss	\$	150.00	\$	150.00