

Pine Creek Church of the Brethren's THE PATHFINDER January 2012

"Sharing God's Love, Grace, and Word, with our Community, our Country, and our World, while building a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ."

Pathfinder Staff

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Pastor's Hours - Monday Through Thursday 8:30 am to Noon

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Sunday Worship - 10 am

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Dates to have information turned in
Monday **Jan 23rd**

June Maher

Deacons on Call

If you are attempting to contact Pastor Steve and are unable to reach him, you are encouraged to please call upon the "Deacon-On-Call" for January.

Larry & Renita Flickinger 574 784-2242

Witness commission mission of the month

In keeping with our call to serve has put together a monthly giving ministry. These are missions or organizations that we feel worthy of our love, prayers and especially our financial support. The mission for **December is Food Drive for the Walkerton Food Pantry.**

We will also be collecting food items for the Walkerton Food Pantry. Place your donations in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE COMING EVENTS

Sun 1/8 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm
Wed 1/11 Commission Meetings 6:00 pm
Church Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Sun 1/15 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun 1/22 Family Fun Night 5:00pm
Sun 1/29 Youth Meeting 6:00pm

New Adult Sunday School Class

Starting Sunday January 8th George Elia is going to start a Sunday School Class on the Book of Ephesians. The FROG/Philadelphia Farmers class will be meeting in the Sunday School room next to the kitchen. Come join us at 9:00am.

We do have a primary class taught by Lyn Sumpter, she would love to have your children experience learning about the life of Jesus Christ.

We also have a Jr-Sr High Youth class taught by John Hathaway

And last but not least we have the Koinonia, Inspiration & Christian Comrades class taught by Raymond Hartsough/Paul Kemble.

Come join us Sunday morning from 9am to 10am with Worship Service to follow from 10am to 11am.

Need member information

We had a couple ladies give us information on their lives and I'm sure there are many more of you that have interesting facts we would all like to know about. What brought you to Pine Creek, your hobbies or anything else you would like to share with us? Please take a moment to jot something down and put it in my mailbox here at church and let's all get to know one another.
June Maher

Family Fun Night Sunday, January 22nd at 5pm. Come fellowship and enjoy a finger food carry in meal with a movie to follow the meal. If you need more information contact Betty Hostetler, Diane Dent, Phylliss Scarborough or Norma Leslie. Invite your family and friends to join us for a fun filled evening.

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The CAMP REP MEETING SCHEDULED for Saturday morning, January 21 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. is the only Camp Rep meeting scheduled in 2012. All Camp Reps are urged to make it a priority! Be Camp's guests for brunch. Get your new materials and learn what's happening at Camp Mack! Prepare to share the news!

THIS YEAR CAMP MACK'S ANNUAL DINNER HAS MOVED TO MARCH 2ND. Hopefully weather will be better than at the end of January. Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship and entertainment and learn what is happening at Camp. Hear firsthand about financial needs related to the Becker reconstruction. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6:15 p.m. with the banquet at 7:00 p.m. Barbie Stenacker will be the guest speaker sharing about the Deaf Camp's partnership with Camp Mack. Piano and Violin dinner music will be provided by Pastor Ruth Yoder and her son, Ben.

SEE PICTURES OF THE BECKER TO BE. Keep up to date on Camp happenings! Check out the Camp Mack website: www.campmack.org. and/or the Camp Mack Facebook site.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR SUMMER STAFF, 18 years of age or older, with a heart for the ministry at Camp Mack. Applications are available at the Camp Mack website or persons may call or e-mail camp for an application.

THE FEBRUARY QUILT RETREAT is Feb. 16-19 for beginning and experienced quilters. Enjoy the peace of winter at Camp Mack!

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for committed summer staff and camp counselors.

Quiet Place Quote: "If the whole inanimate creation is eagerly looking forward to the appearing of Jesus, this same hope – even a brighter hope should grip your heart and mind." Joni Eareckson Tada.

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Mary Johnson Diaries

January 1888

William & Mary Johnson came to Indiana in April 1851...bought the farm, 120 acres for \$250 and moved into a log cabin in July 1851. They built the brick house (behind the present church) in 1860's. The brick was shipped from Pa. by rail. Retha Hostetler

1-Sun-Partly clear. Regular meeting here preaching by Father Rupel & A. Peters today ended a weeks meeting held by our home brethren.

4-Wed-Cloudy thawing. Br. John & Beccy Knisley & Sister Betsy Burns here on a visit and I was washing. Sam sold his last hogs at \$4 & 15 cents per hundred.

5-Thurs-Cloudy cold wind. William has a spell of choleric.

7-Sat-Foggy Sam to the Bend. Snowing very fast this afternoon.

8-Sun-Snowing some. William is better. Sam brought medicine from Dr. Daugherty in the Bend for is Uncle (William) Br. Mathias Baughman sick. Singing school at meeting house this evening.

12-Thurs-Snowing & blowing Sam hauling logs.

13-Fri-Clear cold blowing snow in piles. Finished my long rug this week.

15-Sun-cold 3 below zero meeting at West house too cold for us to go. Sister Mary Ann Cripe died this morning in Longmont, Colorado.

16-Mon-Clear 11 below zero I went up to Etta's & Maggies this afternoon had not been up for 2 weeks.

17-Tues-Cloudy we butchered one hog. Jacob & Sarah C. Hoover came back to Indiana from Sarah's old home in Maryland.

19-Thurs-clear. I washed in the kitchen first time this winter. Good sleighing Sam hauling stove bolts to LaPaz.

21-Sat-clear & cold meeting at Center appointed four Solisitors for Mission, church erection, & book & tract work James Brown, Jacob Hawblitzel, George Steel & Samuel Stowder. Father Rupel could not attend the meeting his hearing is so bad.

22-Sun-Clear & bright meeting at Center we did not go I had pains in my head. Emma Morris married to Br. Kring.

24-Tues-cold east wind washed flannel dress & roasted coffee
25-Wed-Snowing very fast Sam hauling cycamore (sycamore) logs the largest 3 Feet across.

27-Fri-clear & cold Sarah C. Hoover took her cow over to Hoovers.

29-Sun-Regular meeting preaching by Father Rupel & J. Knisely Granny Brenly berried at Dices berrening grave yard. George Long took us to evening meeting at Center in slay (sleigh).

30-Mon-Betsy & Benny Long came for me to go to LaPaz to a funeral of a man named Crum. The funeral was put off til noon on account of a little child's funeral was preached down the Michigan Rd. we came to the Luthern church to Funeral of Grany Dowls.

31-Tues-colder good sleding meeting at Center three baptised at noon. Sam was unhitching horses Charly ran away knocking him down & stept on his foot.

Sam & Etta – Harbaugh
Maggie - Harbaugh

Pine Creek Church Board Minutes December 7, 2011

Present – Tom Gardner, Steve VanHouten, Joy Davenport, Foster Davenport, Wayne Ayers, Ben Smith, June Maher, George Elia, Judy Gensinger, Betty Hostetler, Diane Dent, Norma Leslie, Phylliss Scarbrough, Regina Davenport, Nicole Dombek, Richard Peterson.

Absent – Bud Haag, Bev Braniff, Steve Davenport

Meeting was opened with prayer by (Chair) Tom Gardner at 7:07 P.M. Minutes from the Nov. 2nd and the Nov. 9th Church Board Meetings were read and with no corrections was approved by the Board.

Reports

Nurture Commission – (Chair) June Maher reported the “Hanging of the Greens” went well and would like to thank all who helped with the decorating. Also a thank-you to Wayne and Marilyn Ayers for the Dec. 4th Sunday Breakfast.

(2) Caroling will be Dec. 18th from 4pm to 6:30pm with soup being served afterwards. Christmas morning worship service will begin at 9:30am due to the Christmas Program.

(3) Nurture commission reorganized as follows – George Elia (Vice Chair), Bev Braniff (Secretary), Judy Gensinger (Member).

Witness Commission – (Chair) Regina Davenport reported that “Invite a Friend” was a huge success, a count of 85 attended the luncheon. Three families received food/drinks for Thanksgiving and the remaining money to be put toward the upcoming Christmas Adopt a Family.

(2) The Witness Commission is responsible for Publicity/Social Action appointments, calls will be made to individuals to see if they are willing to serve.

(3) Family Fun Night will be held Jan. 22nd at 5PM with a movie or Bible Trivia. The mission of the month will be Walkerton Food Pantry.

(4) Witness Commission reorganized as follows – Betty Hostetler (Chair), Phylliss Scarbrough (Vice Chair), Diane Dent (Secretary), Norma Leslie (Member).

Stewards Commission – (Chair) Foster Davenport reported the kitchen remodeling project is in the early discussion/planning stage.

(2) Stan Clark will be under contract for Church snow removal this winter. The Church insurance has been paid for 2012.

(3) Stewards Commission reorganized as follows Wayne Ayers (Vice Chair), Steve Davenport (Secretary), Bud Haag (Member).

Treasurer Report – Joy Davenport reported the checking account has a balance of \$49,622.53

Deacons Report – None

Youth Report – Nicole Dombek reported on the Nov. activities held by the Youth Group and their upcoming events for December. The 11th will be a bowling party, the 18th will be caroling and the 21st will be a Christmas Party.

Pastor Report – Pastor Steve reported on his Nov. visits/miles driven.

New Business – (Board Chair) tom Gardner reported to the Board that for Jan 1st Pulpit fill, he has a good list and should be able to fill our needs.

(2) The Church Board meeting in January will be held on the 11th at 7PM. Board retreat and goals for 2012 will be discussed at the meeting.

With no further business at this time, meeting was closed with Pastor Steve giving benediction at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Peterson, Clerk

A BIT OF HUMOR TO PASS ALONG

KIDS IN CHURCH

3 year old Reese: 'Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is His name, Amen'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

One particular four year old prayed, 'and forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who out trash in our baskets.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'because people are sleeping.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons Kevin, age 5, and Ryan, age 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said "Ryan, you be Jesus!'

A father was at the beach with his children when the four year old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked, 'He died and went to Heaven' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six year old daughter and said 'would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say, the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say', the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!'

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years, If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."