

Pine Creek Church of the Brethren's

THE PATHFINDER November 2011

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

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Dates to have information turned in
Monday **Nov 21st**

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 November.

George Elia 574 656-8642

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 **November is Adopt a Family, more information will be coming.** You may make a donation using the Love Offerings in the Pews and write the mission on it and place it in the Sunday offering.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE COMING EVENTS

Wed 11/2 Commission Meetings 6:00 pm
Church Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Tues 11/08 Retired Friends & Neighbors at 11:00 am

Sat/Sun 11/12-13 Regional Youth Conference

Sun 11/13 Invite a Friend Sunday - Carry in dinner after Worship Service

Sun 11/27 1st Sunday of Advent

Carry in Dinner after Worship Service

Hanging of the Greens after the dinner

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

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY

Do you know someone, a neighbor, friend, or relative, who does not have a church family? Invite them to join you Sunday, November 13th and bring them to our worship service and then fellowship with us at the carry-in dinner after the service. We would love it if everyone would just invite one person to join us.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 27th is the 1st Sunday of Advent. Be sure to attend worship service and stay afterwards for a carry-in dinner. After dinner we invite you to stay, fellowship, and help decorate the church for the Christmas season.

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MANY SINCERE THANKS to those who attended, donated items for the auction, provided a booth, did a demonstration, brought entertainment or helped in any way to make the 13th Camp Mack Festival last month a great success. **Plan to be a part of the 14th Annual Camp Mack Festival on October 6, 2012!**

VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS are scheduled for November 5 and November 7-9. Come for a few hours, a day or the entire time. Meals and lodging are available. Contact the office for reservations.

PASTORS: Plan to be the guests of Camp at the fall **Pastors' Sabbath** at Camp Mack from 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8 to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9.

CAMP MACK ALTERNATIVE GIFT OPTIONS:

Consider a gift that could change a life! **Give a child a gift of summer camp** or give a Good as Gold certificate so that the recipient may choose the program of their choice. Or help to fulfill one of the wishes on the **Camp Mack Wish List**:

- A donation to the Becker Building Fund
- Funds for operation – as Camp serves without income from Becker Lodge.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY 2011: for those in 6th grade through high school. See friends from summer camp. Make new friends. Lots of awesome indoor and outdoor activities and an amazing worship service are planned. The main attraction is our own "Times Square countdown" with a ball drop and sparkling grape juice! The Party begins at Camp Mack on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2011: at 12:00 noon.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Rex and the Camp Mack Staff.

A Quiet Place Quote: "Contemplatives simply want to bathe in the ocean of love God has for his children, while the rest of us seem unfortunately content to experience that love drop by drop" Gary Thomas

The East House was built in 1866 on land given by Abraham Stump. Nearly 60 men helped to raise frame with spike poles with lumber being sawed at local sawmills. Retha Hostetler

1-Tues-clear William & Sam husking corn. Harry & Jacob H. to Plymouth Jacob & Sarah went to James Reeds this eve

3-Thurs-husking corn Sam brought his sister-in-law Lucy Nixon from Lakeville on a visit from Michigan.

6-Sun-regular meeting here preaching by J. Knisely & J. Waganan from 1 corinth. Harry C Johnson married to Amanda Caughman (Kauffman).

7-Mon-Sam & William & Harry Johnson finished husking corn.

Funeral of Levi Knepp's little girl at the Luthern Church

8-Tues-Cool Jacob & Sarah Hoover & Harry & Amanda Johnson started from Plymouth at 5 oclock this evening for Carroll Co. Maryland.

10-Thurs-cold west wind we heard this morning Pappy Rupel was verry poorly. William & I went to see him found him in his usual health it was Jacob Rupel form Walkerton that was sick.

11-Fri-Sister E. Long & I visited Anna Shafer she is some better

12-Sat-William went to the Bend with marketing

13-Sun-William & I went to see Br. Mowery this afternoon he is some better sitting up

14-Mon-cloudy I have not washed for over a year until today (She means the hired girl did the washing)

15-Tues-Cloudy herd from our Maryland friends they arrived safely. William working in the marsh.

18-Fri-clear received a letter from Sarah C. Hoover in Maryland. Boss a calf.

19-Sat-Commencet snowing & blowing and continued all day William & I went to church meeting at West house q2th chap of Romans read

20-Sun-Snowing & blowing drifting in great piles in places.

23-Wed-Cloudy & foggy Sam to Walkerton with a load of wheat for William 69 cents a bushel

27-Sun-colder snowing meeting at Center we did not go

30-Wed-cloudy we butchered 2 hogs Sam & George & Lucinda Long helpt.

District Conference / Different View

I have been a delegate for Pine Creek to several district conferences and I have to say this one was different. It was different in two ways. One the business and reports were not just the same stuff. Two, I saw conference in a different way. First let me report on the conference. The conference was held at the Middlebury Church of the Brethren. The opening of the conference was Friday night at 7:00 pm. Special worship music was provided by the Union Center Praise Team. The worship service message was given by Tim Harvey, the 2012 annual conference moderator. Tim's message was one of concern. He is concerned about the brethren as a body. This comes from the division and arguments that are taking place across the denomination on various issues. He's had phone calls and letters from people who are taking stands on issues no matter what annual conference has said or done and this troubles him. The business session of the conference started on Saturday at 9:00 am. I am not going to give an account of each action or report given but will provide you with what I think are important ones. If you would like to read all of the reports let me know and I will give you my conference booklet.

District Board Report: The board has spent a lot of time this year looking at how the district can be helpful and responsive when needed. Their report included several pages of information about district ministry.

Budget and funding: This year was not much different when it came to discussion about this item. There was concern raised by how the district continues to balance its budget using money out of its reserves. The proposed budget for 2012 totaled \$135,650. This was a 3% reduction from 2011 budget of \$140,000. The 2012 budget was approved.

Other business: The Board brought a recommendation that the Mount Pleasant Church of the Brethren be closed by the end of 2011 and the property sold. The Mount Pleasant congregation sent a letter to the board saying that do to the financial situation the congregation could not operate after 2011. The recommendation was approved.

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Other reports:

Camp Mack: This year was a different type of report about the camp. While they reported on the usual items such as funding, buildings and use of the grounds by churches there was an added item. This was a new and exciting area for use of the camp. This use is coming from two areas.

1. Other denominations besides the brethren.
2. Corporate use of the facilities.

It was reported that Camp Mack has become known as a great place to hold retreats and workshops. This is due to the upgrades and new buildings that allow it to host those sorts of things. The camp has a new building it is planning on constructing that will provide even more flexibility in the future.

Now for my thoughts on the conference, as I said, I saw things in a different view this year. Maybe its age or I was more attentive this time. Anyway here is what I came away with. As I sat through the opening Friday night I started looking around and thought wow, most of these people must be life time delegates. That is because I have seen them at every conference I have been to. On Saturday I again surveyed the area where the delegates sat and saw a few fresh faces but not that many. As the day went on I kept thinking about why the same people were representing their churches. It didn't dawn on to me that I could be counted as one of those people. As I talked to some of them it became clear that they had a passion for doing this kind of work. Now I didn't enjoy sitting inside all day when there is a festival going on just a couple blocks away and the weather was so beautiful, but I guess we have to do what God leads us to do. Each of us has been given gifts by God and he expects us to use them to continue his work.

What is yours?

Tom Gardner

**Pine Creek Church Board Minutes
October 5, 2011**

Present – Tom Gardner, Steve Van Houten, Joy Davenport, Foster Davenport, Ben Smith, Bud Haag, Norma Leslie, George Elia, Regina Davenport, Diane Dent, Phylliss Scarborough, Betty Hostetler, and Richard Peterson.

Absent – Bev Braniff, Youth Representative

Meeting was opened with prayer by (Board Chair) Tom Gardner at 7:05 P.M. Minutes of the Sept. 7th, Board meeting were read and after corrections were made, they were approved by the Board.

Old Business – Church Council meeting for Oct. 23rd, will be a carry-in dinner and the dinner will take place before the meeting begins.

Reports

Nurture Commission – (Vice Chair) George Elia reported that the “UPPER ROOM” subscription has been renewed.

“Hanging of the Greens” will be held on Nov. 27th along with a carry-in dinner.

Witness Commission – (Chair) Regina Davenport reported that Family Fun Night was attended by 28 people. Thanks to Denny Prout for leading music, Pastor Steve for leading devotions and to all for bringing food.

Oct. 1st Fish Fry was well attended by approx. 900 people and approx. profit is close to \$3800.

Crop Walk was attended by 13 adults, youth and kids, amount of money raised is unknown at this time.

Mission of the Month will be Millers Merry Manor in Walkerton.

Fall Festival Oct. 29th will be a carry-in dinner with “Pulled Pork” being provided. We still need candy and volunteers for games and posters.

Invite a Friend will be held Nov. 13th.

Stewards Commission – (Chair) Foster Davenport reported that the church well has been completely overhauled and passed by all inspectors.

The sound system in the Church sanctuary will soon be upgraded with some new equipment, hopefully this will resolve the sound problems.

Fran Hathaway will be taking over as Church Custodian. The Commission and the Board would like to thank the Prouts, for a job well done.

Treasurers Report – Joy Davenport reported that at the present time there is \$37,661.84 in the checking account.

Deacons Report – Pastor Steve reported there were 21 in attendance at the Love Feast.

Youth Report – Pastor Steve reported that the Youth Group meets every Sunday. There are 6 regulars plus guest who attend. The Youth Group participated in the Crop Walk and will be going to see the movie Courageous.

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

New Business

(Board Chair) tom Gardner asked for a motion to present the present 2012 Budget to the Church Council. Phylliss Scarborough granted the first motion and Norma Leslie granted the second motion, motion carried.

Motion was made to present David Gensinger for (Financial Secretary) position to the Church Council. Betty Hostetler granted the first motion and Phylliss Scarborough granted the second motion, motion carried.

Also present to the Church Council other nominee’s for Church offices

Oct. 30th Pulpit fill will be Nancy Herbster.

With no further business at this time, meeting was closed at 8:06 P.M., with Pastor Steve giving benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Peterson, Clerk