



**Pleasant Hill  
Church of the Brethren**

## Brethren Visitor

May 2010

### National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 by an act of Congress and signed by President Harry Truman. Congress later designated the first Thursday of May as the annual National Day of Prayer. Christians should pray regularly and faithfully for our nation and for the nations of this world, for our political and religious leaders, and for peace among all people.

On April 15, 2010, a U.S. District Court judge in Wisconsin, Barbara Crabb, issued a ruling stating that the National Day of Prayer violates the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment. This ruling will certainly be appealed and probably not stand, but it shows us our need to openly proclaim our faith. This year's theme for the National Day of Prayer is a fitting one: "For Such a Time As This," a quote taken from the Bible book of Esther.

I intend to be involved in two National Day of Prayer events and urge you to participate as well. I will participate in the public reading of the Scriptures in our County Seat of Ebsenburg and I will participate in "Celebrate One" at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown on May 6 at 7:00 PM. You may know of other events happening in our area. God bless you as you seek God's face in such a time as this.

*Pastor Phil*

### Do Children Belong In Church?

We at Pleasant Hill are so blessed. I think it was 7 years ago when we started to attend Pleasant Hill. We were looking for a church with an active Sunday School for our granddaughter, Ashley. After crossing off the local churches we decided to call my sister Debby. After hearing what she had to say we decided to try it that next week. She met us and took us to the various rooms.

It wasn't until spring that we heard of the activities the church had to offer, first the Easter Egg Hunt and then Vacation Bible School. Since we don't live close to the church, I asked if there was something I could do, since I could stay instead of going home. My daily job was taking care of little ones so I asked for the Pre K children. I have been working with this group ever since.

Anyone who has seen the closing program for Bible School can see how much enthusiasm and energy these children have. We only have a short time to teach them. Thanks to our Christian Education director, Children's Work Director, and Jamie, who is in charge of Sunday's Children's Lesson, these programs are being filled. When you watch the faces of the children during story time in church, Bible story time in class, and the puppets during Bible School, you know you have a hard job to fill, but they are learning. For those who only come to church, it is Jamie's lessons that must get through to the children, and they have. I have heard the children tell of what they learned to other people almost word for word. What a witness. Do children belong in church? Just watch the faces and actions of those around the parents who brought their baby to church. It brings smiles and touching and talking to these little ones. Every time you touch one of these children you are touching a future leader of the church. I once heard a member at a church say children don't belong in church. Sadly, that church may have only 10 children attending. We have that many in one class. Do children belong in church? YES. The next time you hear we need help for the children's programs at church, say yes, you are helping the future of the church. Without these children we would not have a church to look forward to.

*Janet Wallace*

### Sundays in May

#### May 2

Pastor Russ speaking

#### May 9

John 14:23-29

#### May 16

Youth Sunday

#### May 23

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

#### May 30

Romans 5:1-5

### OUR SHUT-INS

**AT HOME:** June Berg, Pauline Caton, Marian "Toots" Covalt, Bob & Anna Craft, Judy King, Gladys Kovach, Elsie Matula, Janet Roberts, Mabel Rose, Jean Snyder

**AUTUMNS VIEW:** Mildred Rager

**CAMBRIA CARE CENTER:** Lee Moore

**HARMONY HOUSE:** Agnes Mae Harrison

**LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE:** Margie Cameron, Virginia Rummel

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME:** Belva Rager

### HOSPITALIZED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:

Sara Oaks, Lois Rager, Jeanie Hockensmith, Gerald Rhodes, Emma Reed, Mary Goldberg, Stacy Rhodes, June Berg, Deloris Lonsinger

### NEXT COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING(S):

Monday, June 14, 2010

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** Monday, July 26

**NEXT DEACON MEETING:** Tuesday, June 1

### DEACON(S) FOR THE WEEK

May 02 – Jack and Carol Harrison

May 09 – Barry and Gail Miller

May 16 – Barry and Sandy Natta

May 23 – Robb and Pam Piper

May 30 – Randy and Debby Rager

### 8:00 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 02 – Jessie Rager

May 09 – Garrett and Taylor Harrison

May 16 – Jessica Gardner

May 23 – Sharon Allison and Tessa

May 30 – Garrett and Taylor Harrison

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 02 – Janet Wallace

May 09 – Jessie Rager

May 16 –

May 23 – Jessie Rager

May 30 – Janet Pudliner

### 10:30 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 02 –

May 09 – Shawn Davis

May 16 –

May 23 –

May 30 – Taylor Davis

### 8:00 AM FRONT DOOR GREETERS

May 02 – Jack and Carol Harrison

May 09 – Roger and Donna Swick

May 16 – Doug, Amy, Madison, Wyatt, and Rylie Swick

May 23 – Sharon Allison and Tessa

May 30 – Mike, Jessie, and Harlie Rager

### 10:30 AM FRONT DOOR GREETERS

May 02 – Tom and Mary Lou Thomas

May 09 – John, Misty, and Taylor Plunkard

May 16 – Jim and Shirley Cameron

May 23 – Tom and Mary Lou Thomas

May 30 – The Bintrim Family

### EAT-N-PARK COUPONS

The Auxiliary of the Brethren Home is selling \$10 Eat-n-Park coupons. The Home will make \$1 profit on each one sold. We appreciate your support. See April Mackell (536-1589) or Jean Rager (322-1158).

### SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Spring is a time of renewal. The days are longer and warmer and plants show signs of new life. It is a time to recognize God's wisdom in His care of the earth and of His children.

"See! The winter is past: the rains are over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

### STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Date	8:00 AM	Sunday School	10:30 AM	Offering
3-28	114	115	164	\$5,879
4-4	262 (Sunrise Service)	90	150	\$6,650
4-11	104	103	134	\$5,104
4-18	112	110	122	\$5,198
4-25	105	91	126	\$4,318

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

May 02 – Hannah Cameron and Hannah Davis

May 09 – Chad Cameron and Jordan Schroll

May 16 – Levi Peruso and Ashley Wallace

May 23 – Cassie Cummings and Paige Hunter

May 30 – Chase Davis and Austin Pudliner

The Acolytes begin serving their church when they are willing and able. This is a very special way to represent Jesus, The Light of the World! If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please call April Mackell at 536-1589, so the change can be made in the bulletin.

### WELCOME

We welcome these new members, who were baptized on Sunday, March 28, 2010: Katelynn Horner, Denise Shaulis, Michael Shaulis, Daniel Shaulis, Ed Kozuch.

### THANK YOU

We can't thank all of you enough for all your calls, cards, and most of all your prayers. God Bless each and every one.

The Carney Family – Emerson, Daisy, Loretta, Rod

### **GOD'S BLESSING**

Brendan Casey Beech and Bryce Lee Beech were born on Friday, March 26, 2010. The proud parents are Jonathan and Jodi (Rager) Beech. Grandparents are Randy and Debby Rager; great-grandparents are Laird and Jean Rager.

Keaton Zamir Myers was born on Friday, March 26, 2010. The proud mother is Codi Molchany. Grandparents are Jim and Cheryl Kinsey; great-grandmother is Rose Kisel.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Justine (Dishong) & Matthew Marye  
1832 Sea Star Way  
San Diego, Ca 92139-1176

### **NURSERY CARE**

A nursery staff person has been hired, and will be present in the nursery each Sunday during both worship services and Sunday School. Our regular volunteers will still be needed, as we would like to have two adults in the nursery at all times. We hope that a consistently staffed nursery will be more inviting for our parents; please take advantage of this opportunity.

### **PIG ROAST AT CAMP**

A pig roast will be held at Camp Harmony on Saturday, May 1, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children under 6. For reservations, contact Camp at 814-798-5885.

### **2 CENTS A MEAL**

The 2 Cents a meal bucket will be available on Sunday, May 2, as it is the first Sunday of every month.

### **COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

New Day's annual Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. The breakfast buffet opens at 6:30 AM, and the program will begin at 7:00 AM. For ticket information, or to reserve a table, call the New Day office at 535-8202.

### **BELL CHOIR**

Anyone wishing to participate in the bell choir should sign up in the Narthex. Practices will begin Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 PM.

### **RACE ALONG THE LAKE**

Camp Harmony is once again hosting "Race Along the Lake", a series of events for you to compete in. These include a 10k road race, 5k road race, and 5k walk. This will take place Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 AM. Registration and check-in will begin at 7:30 AM. An awards ceremony will take place afterwards. Snacks and beverages will be provided; bathhouse is available for use after the race. Contact Camp with questions.

### **MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

On Sunday, May 30, we will show a slide presentation of our loved ones who have passed away in the last year. We need the names of those you wish to have included, and 1-3 photos of each person. Please give these names and photos to Jessie Rager (or leave in the church office) by May 23. Late photo submissions are not guaranteed placement in the slide show. Please place photos in an envelope labeled with the name of the deceased and a name and phone number for the person the photo(s) need to be returned to.

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

We will honor our graduates during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 6. A form is included in this newsletter and is also available in the church office. Please use this form to provide graduate information for this special Sunday. High School, College, Trade School, and Graduate School graduates will be recognized.

### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

A bus trip is being organized to Women of Faith, which will be held in Washington. Tentative plans are to leave the parking lot of Rummel CoB around 6:00 AM on Friday, August 27. Conference tickets are \$89 per person, bus transportation is \$40 per person, and hotel rooms range from \$50 to \$100 per person. Please call Becky Toath at 467-8132.

### **SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP**

A bus trip is being planned to Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Joseph" on June 24. The cost is \$110 per person and includes transportation, the show, and family-style dinner at Hershey Farms. A deposit is required with your reservation. Please call Nancy Cernic at 539-1432.

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA**

The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will address five major items of business in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 3-7:

- Query: The Mission of Annual Conference
- Query: Guidelines for Implementation of the Congregational Ethics Paper
- Resolution Against Torture
- Revised bylaws for the Church of the Brethren Inc.
- Change in polity for appeals of decisions of the Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee.

Interim report from Standing Committee on the special response process will be brought as an information only item.



## CAMP HARMONY

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*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of  
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and  
with one another"*

### CAMP HARMONY SUMMER 2010 SCHEDULE

**June 1 – 18 – Staff Training**

**13 – 18 – Volunteer Work Week - Free Housing and Food for Labor**

**19 – Reunion Saturday – Official Start of Camp Harmony Summer Camp  
Service of Dedication for Staff**

**20 – 25 – 3/4/5 Mystery Camp**

3/4/5 Sports Camp

6/7/8 Sports Camp

Senior High Canoe Camp

**June 27 – July 3 – 3/4/5 Performing Arts Camp**

6/7/8 Performing Arts Camp

Senior High Performing Arts Camp

**July 2 – PAC evening performance**

**July 3 – PAC matinee performance**

**June 27 – July 2 – 6/7/8 Canoe Camp**

**July 6 – 9 – Sportsman Camp**

**6 – 8 – 3/4/5 – Beginning Adventure Camp**

3/4/5 – Short Experience

**9 – 10 – Parent/Child Camp**

**11 – 16 – 3/4/5 Intermediate Adventure Camp**

**18 – 23 – 6/7/8 Beginning Adventure Camp**

6/7/8 Trailblazers 1 Camp (Beginning Horse Camp)

6/7/8 Trailblazers 2 Camp (Advanced Horse Camp)

**25 – 30 – 3/4/5 Young Explorers Camp (GPS)**

6/7/8 Intermediate Adventure Camp

**25 – 28 – Junior High and Senior High Amplify Camp**

**August 1 – 6 – 3/4/5 Mega Camp**

6/7/8 Advanced Adventure

**August 13- 15 – Family Camp**

#### Kinderkритters Day Camps

**Every Week - June 21 through August 5**

**Monday and Tuesday – Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Whole Day**

**Wednesday and Thursday – Preschool - Half Day**

# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 6:00 PM C.B.Y.F.	3	4 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	5 Volunteers to CoB Home 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Promise Keepers 6-8 PM Youth Small Grp	6 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry 7:00 PM Celebrate One	7	8 4-7 PM Middle Taylor Twp Spaghetti Supper at Pleasant Hill
9 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 6:00 PM C.B.Y.F.	10	11 6:00 PM Mother and Daughter Banquet	12 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Promise Keepers 6-8 PM Youth Small Grp	13 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	14	15 Graham/Horner Wedding
16 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 6:00 PM C.B.Y.F.	17	18 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	19 Volunteers to CoB Home 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Promise Keepers 6-8 PM Youth Small Grp	20 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	21	22 Ryan/Deyarmin Wedding 9:00 AM Race Along the Lake at Camp Harmony
23 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 2-4 PM Spring Tea at Locust Grove CoB 6:00 PM C.B.Y.F.	24	25 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	26 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Promise Keepers 6-8 PM Youth Small Grp	27 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	28	29 Swupe/Watroba Wedding
30 MEMORIAL SUNDAY 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 6:00 PM C.B.Y.F.	31					

# May Birthdays

1 John Pudliner	11 Bernice Teeter	21 Amanda Yaworski
1 Scott Roberts	12 Averil Thomas	21 Mandy Burkey
2 Carl Allison, Jr.	12 Jim Cameron	21 Budd Brillhart
2 Jim Demchak	12 Kraig Reighard	21 Gene Paul
3 Thair Bush	12 Kody Reighard	23 Michelle Metzgar
3 Samantha Yurkovich	13 Bobby Allison	23 Braden Mostoller
3 Darlene Lewis	13 Bryan Swick	24 Fay Hunt
3 Shawn Davis	14 Stacy Speicher	25 Julia Carver
4 Gladys Kovach	14 Val Rummel	25 Jacob Lambie
4 Courtney Roberts	14 Kristen Speicher	25 Avery Cummings
5 Levi Cameron	15 Tammy Gaunt	26 Nicholas Hanley
5 Allan Harrison	15 Nathaniel Smith	26 John Plunkard
6 Susan Heider	15 Rylie Swick	27 Patty Blue
7 Roger Bush	16 Aidan Metzgar	27 Kris Goldberg
7 Deidra Lewis	16 Kristy Dishong	27 Mary Jo Poeta
8 Dan Hill	16 Delores Lonsinger	27 Dan Rhodes
9 Betty Browning	16 Jim Rhodes	28 Patrick Carr
9 Donna Rhodes	17 Riley Mostoller	28 Lori Kovach
9 Bob Thomas, Jr.	17 Tim Plunkard	29 Jim Gossard
9 Freddie Rummel	17 Angela Ziemba	29 David Myers
10 Tom Rager	18 Lori Perrine	29 Heather Sroka
11 Maya Perry	20 Jamie Bell	31 John Allison
11 Devin Williams	20 David Babal	31 Todd Rhodes

# Happy Anniversary!

1 Allan and Arlene Harrison	17 Jim and Janice Demchak
2 Jerry and Judy Rhodes	19 Justin and Christina Schrengost
5 Mark and Paula Roberts	20 Heath and Amy Ergas
8 Gary and Paulette Stevens	26 Matthew and Valerie Gustkey
10 Art and Joyce Harrison	25 Jason and Becky Lambie
12 Rocky and Susie Kelley	25 Mike and Blanche Lonsinger
13 Andrew and Betty Blaschak	25 Virgil and Val Rummel
13 Travis and LeAnn Rudge	27 Robert, Jr. and Shelly Craft
14 Ronald and Janet Wallace	30 Len and Kathy Ferenchik
16 John and Peggy Mathieson	