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Peace I Leave Unto You...by Pastor Paul

In John 14:27, Jesus assures His disciples when He declares:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

The word peace, when defined, means a state of national security. For the Christian, it means the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God. Let's face it, we live in a dangerous world. We live in a state of fear: fear of terrorism; fear of shootings in schools, and on the streets. Unfortunately, we also live in fear among siblings and spouses. To make matters worse, our nation is fighting wars, as well as fighting a fledgling economy. We do not live in a state of peace, but panic. Yet here, Jesus assures His disciples, as well as us, about the peace He leaves us, (and, If that is true, and I believe it is) then why is the news continually plagued with some type of tragedy?

I believe it is the result that the world has yet to accept

the peace that Christ has to offer. In other words, if the world would come to accept Christ as the Prince of peace, His peace would reign in their hearts and we would live at peace and in peace. We know from Scriptures that Jesus wept as He looked upon Jerusalem saying:



"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

The tears that flowed down Jesus' cheeks were not tears of joy, but sadness and sorrow. For Christ knew that He had come to bring peace—the peace which would ultimately be hidden from the eyes of those responsible for His crucifixion. If we want to have peace in our homes, in our communities, in our country, and in our world, it begins with us--we can make a difference by accepting the peace that He brings.

Easter Services

Lenten Services, 7 pm:

April 3, 2011: East Nimishillen: *It is finished...*
(John 19:30): John 11 Speaker: Bruce Jacobsen

April 10, 2011: Hartville Church:
Celebration of Choirs

April 17, 2011: Palm Sunday

April 21, 2011: Maundy Thursday—Reflections at 6:30 pm; Communion & Love Feast at 7 pm

April 22, 2011: Good Friday Service, 7 pm Eastwood

April 24, 2011: Easter Breakfast 8 am; bring a dish of fruit to share




April 24, 2011 Easter Service, 9:30 am; 11:00 Sunday school



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April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> Prayer, 9 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Every Sunday! </div>				1	2
						Alice Petry BD	Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 Volleyball, 4 pm Hartville CoB
3 Lenten Service, E. Nimishillen 7 pm	4	5 Deacon's Meeting, 6 pm Knitting with Nora, 7:00 pm	6 Quilting, 9-2 Women's Weigh Down, 6-7 pm	7 Calvin Nolt BD	8 Rick Tobias BD	9 Volleyball Tournament, 4 pm Hartville CoB	
10 Deadline for Easter Flowers Lenten Service, Hartville, Celebration of Choirs 7 pm Connie Moyers BD	11	12 Knitting with Nora, 7:00 pm	13 Quilting, 9-2 Women's Weigh Down, 6-7 pm Choir Practice, 7 pm Trevor Simpkins, Tyler Simpkins, Brazen Law BD	14 John (JC) Callaway BD Ron & Christine Adhikari Anniv.	15 Deadline: regis- tration for sum- mer camp due Jaxon Fuller BD	16 Church Cleanup (in and out) from 9-3 Volleyball Tour- nament, 4 pm Hartville CoB	
17 Palm Sunday 	18 Ali Konst, Jackson Callaway BD	19 Board Mtg, 6:30 pm Knitting with Nora, 7:00 pm Gil Stadler BD Larry & Joy Croston Anniv.	20 Quilting, 9-2 Women's Weigh Down, 6-7 pm Choir Practice, 7 pm Michele Gryder BD Harold & Esther Echelberry Anniv.	21 Maundy Thursday, Communion Service 6:30 pm Janet Coverdale BD	22 Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. May Evangel news due	23 Megan Warnick BD	
24 Breakfast 8 am Easter Service, 9:30 am 	25 Janice Simpkins BD	26 Knitting with Nora, 7:00 pm	27 Quilting, 9-2 Women's Weigh Down, 6-7 pm Joy Croston BD	28 Chris Brown, Kayla Flake BD	29 Arbor Day Jr. Hi Spring rally Camp Inspiration Hills Family Game Night, 6 pm David Gindlesper- ger, Paul Tobias BD	30 Jr. Hi. Spring Rally, Camp Inspiration Hills Free Meal 11:30-12:30 Tom & Christen Stockdale Anniv.	

Bulletin Board

Relay for Life Quilt

Karen Beaty made a quilt "in memory of or in honor of people dying or suffering from cancer." It will hang in the Cooper Cancer Center at Summa Hospital. She will be making another quilt; squares cost \$10. See her for more information.

Vacation Bible School—July 18-22

We are still looking for someone to lead in this year's VBS. If interested, please see Pastor Paul. Dara Law is willing to assist with questions you have.

New Baby! Congratulations to Matt and Jill Griffith who welcomed Victoria Janae March 1st. She weighed in at 7 lb. 10 oz and is 21 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are Gary and Linda Griffith.

Church Cleanup Put on your overalls and come Saturday April 16 from 9-3 to help clean the church, inside and out.

Pancake Breakfasts The March breakfast brought in a profit of \$301 from 50 people attending. There will be two more breakfasts this year: April 2 and May 7. Do come with your friends and family! Thanks to all the people who work hard cooking and serving each breakfast!

Information Please: Please notify the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you would like information in the bulletin. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Camp The camp schedule is posted on the bulletin board as well as this newsletter. Registration forms are on the table in the entry. Register before April 15 and save \$30. (Give to Pastor Paul by April 3) We are in need of a person to represent the camp for Eastwood. See Gary Griffith if interested.

Church Volleyball League Games played at Hartville CoB Saturday nights through April 19 at 4 pm & 5:30 pm.

Annual Conference, July 2-6, Grand Rapids, MI
Alice Petry is our delegate; Pastor Paul will be attending.

District Conference, July 29-31. We are still in need of a delegate to sit and serve at this conference. See Gary G.

National Older Adult Conference September 5-9, 2011; Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. A great conference—everybody who has gone has given it a thumbs up!
http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grow_adult_ministries_NOAC_2011

National Young Adult Conference for ages 18-35, May 28-30, Camp Inspiration Hills. \$95 prior to April 22; \$120 thereafter. Theme: "Re:Thinking Church" Acts: 2:1-4. Register online at www.brethren.org/yac.

Jr. Hi Spring Rally, April 29-30, Camp Inspiration Hills

Jr. Hi National Conference, June 17-19, Elizabethtown College. Cost \$150 before April 15, after that \$175.

Board Liaison Jerry Fuller, the Board Vice-chair is our liaison between the congregation, the board chair and pastor. Please direct your concerns and comments to him; he will relay them to the appropriate person or committee.

Family Game Night Friday, April 29, 6 pm. Come with your family for a night of fun and games—Bring a game and snacks to share!

Easter Flowers Maxine Belton will be taking orders for Easter flowers: daffodils, hyacinths (blue, white, pink), tulips (red, pink, yellow, white.) 4.5" bulbs are \$3.00; 6" bulbs cost \$5.00. Single lilies are \$6.00 and double lilies are \$12.50. Please indicate in memory of and/or in honor of. Make checks payable to Eastwood COB, with note: flowers. Orders and money due to Maxine by April 10.



Choir Practice Please meet for choir practice at 7 pm the following Wednesdays: April 13, April 20. See Debbie Brown

Thanks from Pastor Paul to the church for making it possible for him to attend the Pastor/Spouse retreat in February with Judy.

Lenten Service: Thanks to all who helped make for a wonderful first Lenten Service at Eastwood. 109 were served in the social hall, March 13.

Quilt squares Congregations are invited to create a block for the 2011 Annual Conference quilts. May 15 is the postmark deadline. See posting on bulletin board.

Kairos cookies Thanks to all who provided cookies for the Kairos Kookies #19 prison ministry which was the March 12-13 weekend.

Nursing Scholarships available through the Church of the Brethren. Deadline April 1!! Apply by April 1. www.brethren.org

Missions Spring Project: Hope Totes

Witness and Mission will be collecting "Hope Totes" during lent to go towards the Haven of Rest Ministries special Easter outreach ministry to needy and homeless men, women and children in our communities. The following new, *regular or large size items* are being collected for Hope Totes from now until **April 10, 2011**.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Soap

Shaving cream and disposable razors

Shampoo and conditioner

Deodorant

Lip Balm

Facial tissues

Hand or body lotion

Shoelaces

Brush and comb

Lip balm

Socks



Get together with others in your Sunday School classes as well as neighbors, friends, and co-workers to fill Hope Totes for thousands of needy individuals and households. Please do not put cash in the Hope Tote bags. If you would like your shopping done by others, please give your cash donations to Edith or Leone. Make checks out to Eastwood with memo note "Hope Totes." We have 75 available tote bags for you to use and invite everyone to help us fill them all!

Witness & Missions



Volunteer at Camp Inspiration Hills There are lots of ways you can volunteer at our district camp. Contact their web page for information: www.inspirationhillscamp.org.

Bring in your canned goods The "Witness Bin," in the lounge, located in the back of the Sanctuary, is an ongoing program of collecting canned goods and non-perishables which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. See Leone Gindlesperger or Edith Kieffaber.

Brethren Disaster Ministries A new disaster relief project opened in January and continues into the coming months. 15 volunteers per week are needed. A group from Eastwood went down the week of February 6. Alice and Larry Petry served there the month of February. Other Brethren Disaster projects are closing in 2011: Winamac IN and Chalmette, LA. See church web page.

Disaster Kits Continuing to be in need are disaster kits: school bags, hygiene kits, baby kits and clean-up buckets. These kits are processed through the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor. For directions on kits go to: www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main, or talk with Alice and Larry Petry, our local representatives.

Offering a Helping Hand The men of the church are available the first Saturday of each month to help out where needed. Contact John Konst.

Free Meal Program This program, headed by Sam Klingensmith, is on the last Saturday of each month from 11:30-12:30 pm. All are welcome. Looking for people to donate dessert for any given month.

Angel Food Ministries This program offers low cost meals. Go to their website to find a church distribution location close to your home: angelfoodministries.com.

Thanks for the pumpkin pie sales! The kitchen class collected \$410 that, along with other donations, were used to fill a suitcase with supplies for disaster kits for children. Any additional funds were used to make 23 health care kits, 8 baby care kits and 11 school kits. The kits will be taken to New Windsor in the near future. Thank you to all who helped! Debbie Brown

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
Charles Wesley





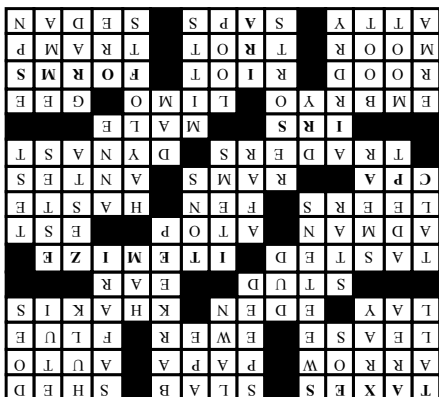
Gather 'Round Spring 2011 Calendar

Talkabout the Message of Jesus

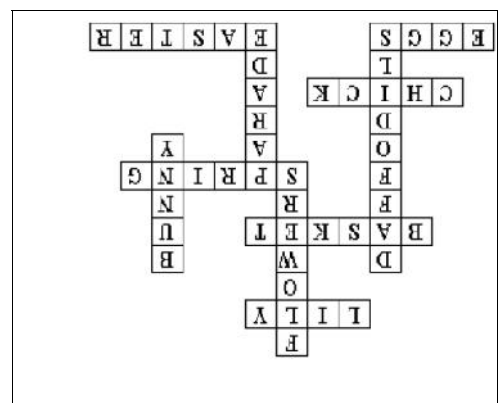
April 3–30

<p>3 Jesus angers the leaders Luke 20:1–26 <i>Thank you, God, for being with us when we need courage to do the right thing.</i></p>	<p>4 Talk about a time when you had the courage to do the right thing.</p>	<p>5 Read Luke 20:1–2. Why did Jesus go on teaching even when angry leaders wanted to stop him?</p>	<p>6 Jesus used a story to make a point. Read <i>The Cow of No Color</i> by Nina Jaffe, or <i>Tricycle</i> by Elisa Amado.</p>	<p>7 The tenants wanted all the grapes for themselves. Act out a different ending to the story and share a grape snack.</p>	<p>8 Which Caesar was in power during the time of Jesus?</p>	<p>9 Finish the sentence: I would like to stand up for _____ (person, cause, or a virtue).</p>
<p>10 The Lord's Supper Luke 22:1–27 <i>God, forgive us when we want to be first and best. Help us to remember Jesus' example.</i></p>	<p>11 Read Luke 22:19–20. How could bread help the disciples remember Jesus?</p>	<p>12 What Jewish festival did Jesus celebrate at the Last Supper?</p>	<p>13 Eat matzo bread or crackers to remember the unleavened bread Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper.</p>	<p>14 Luke 22:27 is a memory verse for this quarter. Tell about a time you helped someone or shared with someone this week.</p>	<p>15 Name someone who serves others instead of expecting to be served.</p>	<p>16 Which family quarrels have been about being the greatest?</p>
<p>17 Riding to Jerusalem Luke 19:28–40; 23:32–56 <i>Thank you, God, that you are with us even in our darkest, scariest times.</i></p>	<p>18 Read Luke 19:35–38. How do we welcome famous people today?</p>	<p>19 Why did Jesus ride on a donkey instead of on a horse?</p>	<p>20 Read Luke 23:44–49. What is the saddest part of this story?</p>	<p>21 Crosses have become a Christian symbol. Take a walk or bike ride through your community and look for crosses.</p>	<p>22 What natural phenomenon causes darkness during the day?</p>	<p>23 Make hot cross buns. Or put icing on bread in the shape of a cross.</p>
<p>24 Jesus is alive! Luke 24:1–12 <i>God of the living, fill our hearts with joyful songs.</i></p>	<p>25 Think about the first Easter morning. What can you hear, smell, and see at dawn?</p>	<p>26 Read Luke 24:2–5. Why were the women frightened?</p>	<p>27 The women brought spices to the tomb. Smell various spices in your cupboard.</p>	<p>28 Sing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" or another Easter song.</p>	<p>29 The date of Easter can vary between March 22 and April 25.</p>	<p>30 The other disciples didn't believe the women's story. Talk about what you find hard to believe.</p>

April Puzzle Answers



April crossword hint:
 The letter 'T' is encoded 'A'.
 April crossword answer:
 Isn't it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fool's Day and ends with cries of May Day?!



Eastwood Sunday School Paper Drive

We've been challenged! Sunday School Classroom Catalog Towers!



Our Goal:
to collect a minimum of two (2)
tons of paper each month!

**Which Sunday School class
can make the highest tower
with the total of all catalogs
and magazines collected?**

Each class should create their
own tower!

Stack the catalogs and magazines in your classroom; they do not need to be in a single pile! Several piles are better...towers can get very tall. Simply keep a running tally of each room's total inches and deposit the catalogs and magazines in the paper Retriever bin each week. See Amy Flake for details



Recycling Word Jumble

Have fun with this recycling word scramble and see how many of the recycling related words you can unscramble. Check your answers on Page 8.

QUESTIONS

1. PAREP
2. LOETSTB
3. ECRECLY
4. TCSIPLA
5. ATESW
6. EWEANSRPP
7. EUSRE
8. IGPNAGKCA
9. RECEDU
10. RETIENNMONV

ANSWERS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The Paper Retriever bin in our parking lot accepts the following types of paper:

- Newspaper
- Catalogs
- Office and School Papers
- Phone books
- Magazines
- Old/unwanted mail
- Bagged shredded paper

Please, **No** cardboard or chipboard
(cereal or beverage containers.)



Earth Day Facts

Every ton of recycled paper conserves 3 cubic yards of landfill space, saves 4,000 kilowatts of electricity, 6,000 gallons of water, almost 4,000 gallons of oil and reduces your organization's carbon footprint.

Uses of Recycled Paper

*Just over 48% of office paper is recovered for recycling. This becomes raw material for paperboard, tissue, and printing and writing papers. (Keep America Beautiful, 2006)

*Over 73% of all newspapers are recovered for recycling. Almost a third goes back into making more newsprint. The remainder is used to make paperboard, tissue, and insulation, or exported. (Keep America Beautiful, 2006)

*Approximately 1.5 million tons of construction products are made each year from paper, including insulation, gypsum wallboard, roofing paper, flooring, padding and sound-absorbing materials. (American Forest and Paper Association, 2002)

*Recycled paper can also be made into paper towels, notebook paper, envelopes, copy paper and other paper products, as well as boxes, hydro-mulch, molded packaging, compost, and even kitty litter. (EPA, 2008)

Camp Inspiration Hills

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2011

CAMP SCHEDULE



GOT SPIRIT?

Making God real everyday

Have you ever felt that there is something missing in your life? Deep within all of us is a powerful longing to know and experience the very presence of God in our everyday lives, yet we often do not know what to do

with that hunger. Join us this summer as we explore the mystery that is the Spirit of God; there is a way to satisfy that longing and experience the presence of God (without boredom) in the real world everyday!

INSPIRATION HILLS CAMP is a 226 acre Christian Camp and Retreat Center located in northern Ohio that is owned and operated by the Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren. The summer camp program is intentionally designed to provide campers with life changing experiences that lead to the formation of personal faith within a safe Christian community. The mission of Inspiration Hills is to provide a set-apart place in nature where people of all ages can grow in awareness of God and deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, so that in all aspects of Christian life we might continue the work of Jesus Christ, peacefully, simply, together.

Note: Eastwood provides scholarships for campers. The camp also offers scholarships for those in need. Go to the web page above for a registration form. Register by April 15 for a \$30 discount. There is also a multiple child discount of \$10 for each additional sibling.

April 9 or May 14	Volunteer Training All summer volunteers must attend one of these dates	
June 12-17	Staff Training	
June 19-24	Senior High Camp , Grades 9-12* (min age 14)	\$270
June 26-July 1	Junior High Camp , Grades 6-8* (min age 11)	\$270
July 10-15	Junior Camp , Grades 3-5* (min age 8)	\$270
July 10-15	Sr Worship Arts Camp** , Grades 8-12* (min age 13) (Previously known as Performing Arts Camp)	\$270
July 10-15	Bike Camp , Grades 8-12* (min age 13) Off site in Pennsylvania	\$270
July 17-22	Wilderness Camp , Grades 8-12* (min age 13)	\$270
July 13-17	Intergenerational Bike Camp , Ages 12 and up TBA Off site in Ohio. Minors must be accompanied by an adult	
July 24-27	3 Day Camp , Grades 1-3* (min age 6)	\$170
July 24-27	Work Camp , All ages \$170 Minors must be accompanied by an adult	
July 24-29	Jr Worship Arts Camp** , Grades 3-7* (min age 8) (Previously known as Performing Arts Camp)	\$270
August 1-3	Grand Camp Ages 3 and up Price for 2 grandparents & 1 child. \$40 each add'l child.	\$270



*Grade level is the grade just completed.

**All Performing Arts Campers must commit to performance availability on two weekends following camp, including attendance at the Northern Ohio District Conference in Ashland Ohio, July 29 to July 31, 2011.

The Deacon's Corner Prayer for:

Iva Teck, Kent Ridge Assisted Living
Jeanine Gray, Maplewood Care Center, Streetsboro
Dorothy Koval, health concerns
Jacob Ronca, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson
Galloway family upon Sue's father's death.
Carol Curry, Merrell's sister, cancer of the spleen
June Nolt, health concerns
Ruby Dosch, Sam Klingensmith's mom.
Harley Newman, health concerns
Tim Casto, recuperating from back surgery
Alice Ellesin, recuperating from surgery
Rachel Calloway, health concerns
Gary Lorenz, as he ministers to Akron First CoB.
Pastor Paul as he continues to minister to us on a daily basis.
Pray for Japan and all affected by earthquake and tsunami.
Pray for peace in Mideast.



April Nursery Schedule

	<u>9:20-10:40 am</u>	<u>10:40 am-12:10 pm</u>
April 3	Tom & Christen	Deb D. & Leone
April 10	Deb C. & Esther	Connie M. & Angela C.
April 17	Edith K. & Marilyn	Viki M & Jen & Anthony B.
April 24	Ida Gene & Karen W.	Judy & Sam

Condolences to Sue Galloway

Sue's father, Ernest, passed away on Sunday, March 6. His family were active at Eastwood before moving to West Virginia.

Condolences to Clovis Croston and her family

upon the death of her father, Alvin Perrine in February, 2011.

Continue to pray for those within our church and community going through financial difficulties. Also, continue to pray for our loved ones facing many physical challenges and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. As you pray for them, let them know that you are thinking of them and praying for them, either through e-mail, visitation, or a card.



Church Volleyball Schedule

Saturday	4:00	5:30	Bye
3/26	3 vs 5	1 vs 4	2 bye
4/2	3 vs 1	5 vs 2	4 bye
TOURNAMENT	4:00	5:30	7:00
4/9	A: Seed 3 vs Seed 4	B: Seed 2 vs Seed 5	C: Seed 1 vs lowest seed
4/16	D: highest seed vs lowest seed	Banquet	Championship Game D

Teams:

- Hartville/Mt. Pleasant
- Lakeview Lighthouse
- Eastwood
- Calvary Temple
- Springfield

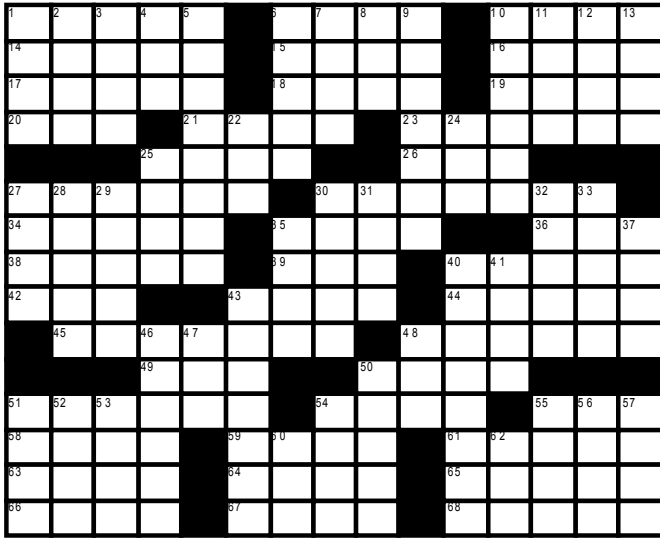
Games played at Hartville/
 Contact Judy Markland with questions.



Recycling Puzzle Answers
 1. PAPER
 2. BOTTLES
 3. RECYCLE
 4. PLASTIC
 5. WASTE
 6. NEWSPAPER
 7. REUSE
 8. PACKAGING
 9. REDUCE
 10 ENVIRONMENT



April Crossword Puzzle: April Bane



R L Turner, April, 2011

- 29 Defame
- 30 Objects
- 31 Heaps
- 32 Saltine cracker brand
- 33 Mr. Kefauver
- 35 Where the 3 Kings came from
- 37 Experiment
- 40 Barn attic
- 41 Green Gables dweller
- 43 Vacation spots
- 46 Use a hair blower
- 47 Arid
- 48 Obstruct
- 50 Baseball gloves
- 51 Writer Bombeck
- 52 Deliberate
- 53 Foot wear
- 54 Intertwine
- 55 Alum.
- 56 Austin novel
- 57 Sports channel
- 60 April 15 shelter
- 62 Miner's goal



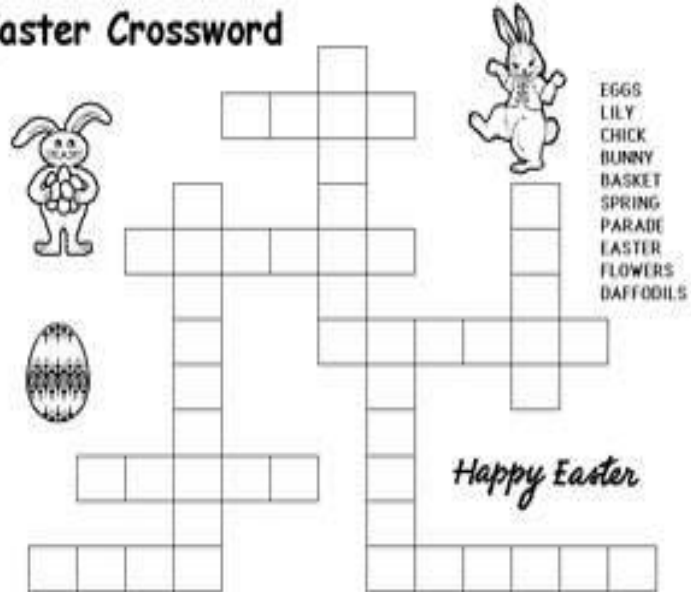
ACROSS

- 1 April duty
- 6 Block
- 10 Molt
- 14 Cupid's dart
- 15 The Pope
- 16 Vehicle
- 17 Charter
- 18 Water pitcher
- 19 Smoke duct
- 20 Amateur
- 21 Paradise
- 23 Military uniforms
- 25 Wall support
- 26 Serving of corn
- 27 Sampled
- 30 Form 1040 chore
- 34 Madison Ave person
- 35 Upon
- 36 Form 1040 abbreviation
- 38 Casts a sidelong glance
- 39 Bog
- 40 Rush
- 42 Popular man in April
- 43 Battering instruments
- 44 Initial bets
- 45 Bargainers
- 48 Ruler
- 49 April forms recipient
- 50 Having an x and a y
- 51 Fetus
- 54 Stretched car

DOWN

- 55 "To the right!"
- 58 Crucifix
- 59 Rampage
- 61 April documents to be filed
- 63 Make secure
- 64 Horse's gait
- 65 Hobo
- 66 What you may need if you are audited
- 67 Drains energy
- 68 Car
- 1 High in stature
- 2 Realm
- 3 Doctor's picture
- 4 Aurora
- 5 Adds sugar
- 6 Hasten
- 7 Urban spread
- 8 Imitate
- 9 Occupation on form 1040
- 10 Expedition
- 11 One that is bulky or unwieldy
- 12 Decorative needle case
- 13 Bucks wives
- 22 Flop
- 24 Actor
- 25 Heavenly light
- 27 Baby powder
- 28 Proficient

Easter Crossword



Crossword Puzzle Words:

- | | | |
|--------|--------|-----------|
| Eggs | Basket | Bunny |
| Lily | Spring | Daffodils |
| Chick | Parade | Flowers |
| Easter | | |

April cryptogram:

XKE'A XA ROOJNOJXRAS AMRA AMS

GNEAM

NV AMS ARZ USLXEK IXAM ROJXP VNNP'K

CRQ REC SECK IXAM DJXSK NV GRQ CRQ!?

2011 Annual and District Conferences

Mark your calendar to participate in the church's annual or district conference or both this year! The annual conference will be over the July 4th weekend, July 2-6 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Because the location is nearby—only a drive away, it would be a nice holiday get-away. Annual Conference exists to unite, strengthen, and equip us to follow Jesus. District Conference will be held July 29-31 at Ashland University in Ashland Ohio. Eastwood still needs a delegate for district conference. (see Gary Griffith)

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

July 28-31

Ashland Univ. Ashland, Ohio

2011 Moderator: Sherry Reese Vaught
(Maplewood Church)

2011 Moderator elect: Tom Zuercher
(Ashland Dickey church)

Grab the arms of your spouse and/or friends from Eastwood and plan on going down for part of or all of district conference!

Many enjoy making reservations and staying the entire weekend. Business is only held on Saturday, so it would be a one-day trip if you want to just take in the business meetings. Each evening has special services with invited speakers and performances by the district youth. There are insight sessions, a conference choir you can join and many activities for young people; Gary will be going down with our youth.

The college offers a wonderful cafeteria in the lower level of the Convocation Center, where the meetings are held. Parking is convenient, right by the center. Dorms are close by if staying overnight. An exhibit room, next to the meeting hall also presents items for the silent auction. (Last year, I think the proceeds went to Haiti.) Representing Eastwood in the district this year: Linda Griffith is on the district board. Gary Griffith, and Julie Shives are on the camp administration committee.

More information will be forthcoming: conference theme, speakers, etc.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE July 2-6, 2011 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Moderator: Robert Alley, retired
pastor from Augusta County, VA
Alice Petry, Delegate

Online registration for non-delegates began Feb. 22 at the conference site: www.brethren.org/ac. Those who register for Conference will receive a link to a housing reservation site. There are four hotels and one university dormitory available. Information about housing options including prices and locations is available now. After June 6, registration is on-site.

Annual Conference is an experience all in itself. It certainly opens you up to what the Church of the Brethren as a whole is doing. Adults who are not delegates will probably want to sit in a few business sessions, but do not have to sit in if they have other things on their agenda—like maybe fun and sun! There are book and exhibit rooms, morning Bible study, conference choir you can join, various special luncheons, worship services each evening, small group insight sessions in the evening, time to visit with people, as well as lots to see and do in the Grand Rapids area.

There are many fun things planned for our young people: service opportunities with local food banks, field trips to museums, the lake, amusement/water parks, concerts, fireworks as well as prayer time and meetings at the conference site, the DeVos Place and Grand Plaza Hotel.

Business sessions, worship, exhibit hall, conference café, and age-group activities will all be held at DeVos Place, as well as some insight sessions. DeVos Place is a state-of-the-art convention center located in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids. The hotel is connected to DeVos Place. All meal events, pre-conference meetings, and some insight sessions will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza.



Church provides grant for Japan

An initial grant of \$25,000 from the Church of the Brethren's Emergency Disaster Fund is being given in support of disaster relief work in

Japan. The grant will support work by Church World Service (CWS) and local partner organizations. "Usually CWS and Brethren Disaster Ministries do not respond to an international disaster in such a developed country," Roy Winter (Brethren Disaster Ministries executive director) said, "but the complexity and extent of this disaster simply demands we respond when the need is so great. The Japanese government is clearly leading the response effort, but our help is needed to meet the extensive need of so many who have lost so much."

The initial grant from the Brethren fund will provide emergency relief supplies at evacuation sites where basic needs of food, water, sanitation, electricity, and fuel are not being met. CWS is coordinating the response by working with partners such as the Japan Platform and the National Council of Churches in Japan. A relationship with the Japan Platform was developed during the response to the Indonesia tsunami in 2005.

BVS has two volunteers at the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, in an area less affected by the disaster. Also, BVS will be putting a BVSer in place soon at the Asian Rural Institute, north of the country, some 80 miles from the damaged nuclear plants. The institute (a grant recipient—\$3,000 forthcoming— from Global Food Crisis Fund) experienced

structural damage to some of the buildings.

Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits are being sent to Japan from warehouses in the region." These warehouses will be re-supplied from the Brethren Service Center" in New Windsor, Md., Winter reported. He highlighted this as a key part of the response for the Brethren. Go to www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_hygiene for information about how to collect and donate hygiene kits, which provide disaster survivors with simple but essential self-care items such as soap, towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, and more.

Go to www.brethren.org/Japandisaster for online giving to the Emergency Disaster Fund to support the relief effort, or send to Emergency Disaster Fund, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

A New Community Project Learning Tour returned from Southern Sudan on Feb. 18 after visits in the communities of Nimule and Narus.

The delegation was led by director David Radcliff and included 10 Church of the Brethren members. Hosting the group were the Girlchild Education and Development Association, and the Sudan Council of Churches. "We found the people buoyed by the results of the January referendum for southern independence," reported Radcliff. "For the common people, however, many of the same challenges remain amid the euphoria--the need for clean water, fire wood, education, and adequate food production in the face of a changing climate." For more go to www.newcommunityproject.org.



Northern Ohio Disaster Volunteer Newsletter

As spring approaches here are some things to think about taking action on. The Volunteer Work Weekend at Inspiration Hills is scheduled for May 6 & 7. On May 22-27, N. Ohio is scheduled to work at Ashland City, TN. There is housing for 15 people. We have four people who are interested in going. How about YOU?

We have received word a second project site in Tennessee may be coming. So, if a group wants to go and help, here is a chance for that experi-

ence. We have a youth group wanting to go to Tennessee. For general information, we had two churches spend a week working to help rebuild homes. One church traveled to IN and the other (Eastwood) went to Ashland City, TN.

Take time and look at the Brethren Disaster Ministries website. It has information that might be of value to all. Remember our homes and churches are not immune to a disaster.

We are taking names for the Tennessee trip now and need to know by May 8th if you are interested. Don't sit home and be wishing for something to do. Yes! You can go if you can just hammer a nail. This is truly a loving experience for all. Disaster Coordinators-Mort Curie and Brenda Hostetler, Hjbrenda@aol.com <http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BDM>

A Pitch in Time Saves Kline:

John Kline Historic property will be used as an educational site



Paul Roth, pastor of Linville Creek Church of the Brethren in Broadway, VA reported “exciting news” in December. The John Kline Homestead Preservation Trust which Roth has spearheaded since 2006, met a year-end deadline to raise \$425,000 needed to purchase the historic Kline family property located near the church.

The Harrisonburg, VA *Daily News-Record* on January 6 reported the sale of the property from Park View Federal Credit Union, which plans to develop adjacent property, to the trust. The trust “plans to use the property to teach visitors about Kline and the Brethren Church’s heritage,” Roth said in the report. It culminates a long campaign to save the house where Kline lived. Kline’s grave is located nearby.

Kline was a noted 19th century Brethren leader who traveled back and forth across Civil War battle lines to preach and carry out other services for the church. Suspected of being a spy due to his travels, he was shot while returning from one such trip in 1864.

*“John Kline was arguably the most beloved personality in Brethren History.”
Donald F. Durnbaugh*

This past fall the homestead hosted a number of events—including historical candlelight dinners—to raise funds and to highlight the peacemaking witness of Elder John Kline as the landmark 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War approaches later this year. Additional candlelight dinners are scheduled for March and April. For more information, contact Roth at 540-896-5001 or proth@eagles.bridgewater.edu.

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To Lead people into encounters
with the living Christ
To Nurture each other in Christ-like love
To Touch others through acts of service

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